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LULL UNTIL AFTER GREEK ELECTIONS

Period of Quiet Has Set in on Front in Macedonia.

ALLIED FORCES IN STRONG POSITIONS

In Motherland Promotion of Haig Over shadows All Other War News.

London, Dec. 16.—On the Macedonian front there has set in a lull which well-informed observers at Athens believe will extend until after the Greek elections on Sunday.

The retirement of the Anglo-French forces has ended and they now occupy strong positions north of Salonica, where thus far their opponents have made no effort to disturb them.

The German forces probably would need some time to prepare for any assault on these positions, particularly as light artillery and mountain guns would not suffice. Few heavy guns, if any, seem to have arrived near the frontier.

In Masterly Manner.

The entente capitals view with satisfaction the masterly manner in which the retirement was conducted and the comparatively small losses of the allies.

In London the retirement of Field Marshal Sir John French from command of the British forces in France and Belgium temporarily overshadows other war news. The new chief, General Sir Douglas Haig, who is almost the youngest general in the British army, enters upon his duties with a high reputation. He has seen more hard fighting than any other general in the British army.

WILL HAVE LOST USE OF SPEECH BY THEN

Burgomaster Max Writes to Paris Regarding Banquets in Future

Paris, Dec. 16.—"I greatly fear I shall have lost completely the use of speech before the banquets which you speak of my presiding over in the future," says Burgomaster Adolphe Max of Brussels in a letter sent to a friend from the German fortress at Glatz, in which he has been confined for the last year.

The burgomaster, whose disagreement with the German military authorities at Brussels led to his imprisonment, says in his letter that army officers imprisoned at Glatz are permitted to mingle freely, but that for some reason he is unable to fathom, he has not been allowed to come in contact with them.

Paris newspapers, in publishing the letter, ask whether President Wilson, King Alfonso or Pope Benedict can not intervene to alleviate the lot of the burgomaster.

GOMPERS TO TESTIFY AGAINST PLOTTERS

New York, Dec. 16.—The grand jury which has been investigating the Franz von Rintelen conspiracy to incite strikes in munitions factories will reconvene on Monday. It was stated at the federal building to-day.

Sampel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be the first witness called.

GERMAN MUNITIONS DEPOT BLOWN UP BY FRENCH

Paris, Dec. 16.—German artillery displayed feeble activity last night, according to the official statement issued to-day.

"Our artillery between the Oise and the Aisne replied effectively, and our trench guns blew up a German munitions depot near Quenoyvillers," the statement says.

GREAT INCREASE

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Figures given out by the provincial department of agriculture to-day show an estimate of the total grain crops of Manitoba during 1915 of 234,191,333 bushels. Last year's total was 139,626,763 bushels. Of this year's total, wheat accounted for 95,662,916 bushels, as compared with 52,491,579 bushels in 1914.

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Bank clearings here during the week ended to-day were \$79,698,995. During the corresponding week last year the clearings were \$44,954,489, and the corresponding week two years ago, \$56,573,919.

RUSSIA WILL HAVE HUGE ARMY AT THE FRONT NEXT SPRING

London, Dec. 16.—"General Martynovitch, the Montenegrin leader and close friend of the czar, has returned here from Petrograd," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Rome. "He says the recovery of Russia is amazing. Nearly 4,000,000 new and well-equipped troops will be ready for the spring campaign."

EXPECTED SAILORS WILL MAKE CHARGES

Men on Minnesota Say There Was Incompetency in Handling Engines

COMPLAIN ALSO ABOUT SLEEPING QUARTERS

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—John K. Bulger, United States supervising inspector of hulls and boilers, who is investigating at Seattle the condition of the steamship Minnesota when she left that port and questioning the local inspectors who allowed her to put to sea, is expected back in San Francisco the latter part of this week. As head of the steamship inspection service on the Pacific coast he may exercise the prerogative of taking charge of the investigation here before it passes up to him from Local Inspectors Dolan and Gutierrez.

Officially, Inspector Bulger is stated to have been in Portland during his two weeks' absence from San Francisco. It is known, however, that much of the time has been spent in Seattle.

Members of the fire room crew of the Minnesota who bore the brunt of the trouble accompanying the constant blowing out of boiler tubes, repeatedly charged, following the arrival of the vessel here, that the boilers were in a poor condition when the ship left Seattle. The ship hardly had passed out to sea when the first tube exploded, and after that tubes blew out on an average of six a day.

According to Inspector Dolan, however, the blowouts did not necessarily result from mechanical defects. Dirt, or grease in the water, or salt water pumped into the boilers by mistake, could have been responsible for the numerous miniature explosions which eventually resulted in the disablement of the steamship.

Will Charge Incompetency.

That open charges of incompetency in handling of the Minnesota's machinery will be made by the crew so soon as the members are granted shore liberty is certain. The firemen and water tenders have complained of the treatment accorded them to newspapermen who have boarded the ship here. Not only do they find fault with the boilers, but they complain of the food and sleeping accommodations. Sixty of the fire room crew were forced to sleep in one room in the fore-castle which formerly had been occupied by the same number of Chinamen.

The fact that two separate inspections of the Minnesota were made before she was allowed to depart from Seattle would divide the responsibility should it be shown the boilers were defective at the start. Inspectors Lord and Whitney passed on the vessel at Seattle for the government inspecting service, and the board of marine underwriters also gave her a clean bill to go to sea.

FRENCH COMMISSION VISITING CANADA

Govt. of France May Place Heavy Orders Following Investigation

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—A French deputation of prominent citizens of France will undertake immediately an investigation of purchases for the French government in the Dominion. The commission will conduct its inquiries in three cities—Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. Starting at Toronto, it will go into the question of the cost of various materials required by the French government, covering a wide range of articles and taking into consideration the cost of transportation. It is possible that the visit of the commission will result in further heavy orders being placed by the French government in the Dominion. The question of financing such orders in Canada probably will be considered also.

The members of the commission are M. Armour, members of the French chamber of deputies; M. Le Scur, delegate to the ministry of agriculture; M. Choiffleur, of the Credit Foncier; M. Vivien, director of the Nationale Credit; and M. Theriez, secretary of the Syndicat of Spinners.

WILL NOT AGREE TO LONG DISCUSSION

American Govt. Will Not Be Jockeyed by Austrian Government

VIENNA'S REPLY ON THE ANCONA UNSATISFACTORY

Diplomatic Relations Between Two Countries Stand at Breaking Point

Washington, Dec. 16.—The reply of the Austro-Hungarian government to Secretary Lansing's note on the sinking of the Ancona is regarded, on the basis of the unofficial reports received to-day from London and Amsterdam, as wholly unsatisfactory, unacceptable and disappointing to the United States. Diplomatic relations between the two countries safely may be described as standing at the breaking point.

Awaiting Text.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are reserving comment until they have the official translation of the text at hand, but it is stated authoritatively that the United States will enter into no exchange of opinions as to the Vienna foreign office is represented as suggesting, and absolutely will decline to discuss the facts of the torpedoing and shelling of the Ancona by an Austrian submarine, which caused the loss of American lives.

No official word had reached the state department to-day that the Austrian reply had been delivered to Ambassador Penfield, but the news dispatches containing excerpts were taken in official quarters as sufficient evidence that the rejoinder is on its way to Washington.

From such parts of the unofficial text as are contained in the news dispatches, officials this forenoon considered the reply vague in many respects, but they were not prepared to decide whether that had been caused by the translation.

Will Be Refused.

The suggestion for an exchange of opinions, the virtual request for a bill of particulars of the American complaint against the action of the submarine commander and the proposal for a discussion of the facts, were clearly set forth, however, in the unofficial text, and officials of the state department who have knowledge of its policy in the crisis unhesitatingly declared that all would be refused. It was made clear that the United States does not propose to enter into a diplomatic discussion which would have possibilities of being prolonged almost indefinitely. The outline of the reply was regarded as disappointing because some American officials had been led to believe by predictions from Germanic quarters that it would be favorable, or at least would propose something which the United States could accept.

No Room For Discussion.

As Secretary Lansing based the representations in his note upon the official statement of the Austrian admiralty itself, American officials are at a loss to understand where there is much room for discussion or dispute of facts.

News from Vienna recently that the submarine which sank the Ancona, is missing led some officials to believe that a new element had been introduced into the dispute which had promise of carrying some weight. That point, however, seems to have been disregarded in Austria's answer so far as officials can judge from the unofficial text received here.

Officials to-day expressed the belief that taking as a basis the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the Ancona had been shelled, torpedoed and sunk while passengers were still aboard, there would be little room for discussion of Secretary Lansing's contention that the commander had violated the principles of international law and humanity, and that it had been "wanton slaughter of defenceless non-combatants."

They pointed out that a thoroughly unsatisfactory and unresponsive reply from Austria would bring diplomatic relations between the two countries to a crisis because of the closing words of Secretary Lansing's note, which declared that "good relations between the two countries rest upon a common regard for law and humanity," and that "doubtless Austria, appreciating the gravity of the case, will accede to its (the United States) demand promptly."

Strongest Note.

Specifically the note demanded denunciation of the sinking of the Ancona as an "illegal and indefensible act," punishment of the commander who "perpetrated the deed," and payment of an indemnity to those Americans who suffered. The note stands as the most vigorous of all the American correspondence of the war and was not equalled even by the note at the close of the submarine controversy with Germany.

Austria's diplomatic relations with the United States since the recall of Ambassador Dumba for his connection with plots to cripple American munitions plants have been maintained by the embassy here with Baron Zweidlenik as charge d'affaires.

GERMANS FROM U. S. TO COMMIT ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN ITALY

Milan, Dec. 16.—The Secolo asserts that the British government has warned Italy that German emissaries have left United States ports with the purpose of committing acts of violence in Italy, particularly against merchant shipping. In this connection the Secolo calls attention to recent fires on a steamship at Naples and on the docks at Genoa.

MORE WITNESSES AT SAN FRANCISCO

Federal Grand Jury To-day Resumed Investigation of Bomb Plots

FURTHER REVELATIONS ARE EXPECTED SHORTLY

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Nearly a score of new witnesses were called to-day by the federal grand jury when it resumed its investigation of the German bomb plots, in which the German consul-general here was involved.

Following the indictment of Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, C. C. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornell on charges of misuse of the mails and conspiracy to destroy commerce with foreign countries by means of fire and dynamite, so many new features have developed that further revelations, and possibly indictments, are looked for.

The affidavit of Johannes Henrikus Van Koolbergen, published first in the Providence (R. I.) Journal, is to form an entire chapter in the investigation. It was learned to-day that Van Koolbergen will not be a witness, it is believed, as he is now serving a term in prison in Lethbridge, Alberta, for forgery.

Furthermore, it has been pointed out that the crime which Van Koolbergen in his affidavit declares he was hired to commit by Baron von Brincken and the German consul-general here, would have been a crime in Canada, and therefore, of course, no concern of the United States government.

What the grand jury and United States District Attorney Preston now desire to find out is something about the numerous leakages of information which have sprung all over San Francisco in connection with the Koolbergen affidavit and other features of the investigation. Newspapermen, as well as private detectives, have been subpoenaed. It has been learned.

Bopp Denies All.

Suffragettes' Paper Has Been Suppressed By Police in London

London, Dec. 16.—The police last night seized all the type and copy for the current issue of Britannia, formerly The Suffragette, the official organ of the Women's Social & Political Union.

"The authorities took exception to our comments on Sir Edward Grey and a certain British general in the Balkans," said Miss Annie Kenny, of the suffragette organization. "They can not suppress us. When there is an intrigue we shall expose it, whatever happens."

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Bank clearings here during the week ended to-day were \$62,967,863; in 1914, \$24,962,799; in 1913, \$33,536,184. For two consecutive weeks the clearings here have passed \$60,000,000.

200,000 SOLDIERS AT SALONICA NOW

Correspondent States That is Number Allies Have at Greek Port

NEXT MOVE IN THE BALKANS AWAITED

Serbian Reorganizing to Continue Fight, States Serbian War Minister

Paris, Dec. 16.—The advance bodies of the retiring Franco-British troops have reached the outer defence works of Salonica, according to a Petit Journal dispatch from Salonica.

Paris, Dec. 15.—A division of the Serbian army, escorting 18,000 Austrian prisoners of war, has arrived at Tirana and El Bassan, in Albania, according to a dispatch from Janina, Albania, to the Havas Agency.

Serbian Reorganizing.

Rome, Dec. 15.—The Messagero's Salonica correspondent interviewed General Bionvitch, Serbian minister of war, who stated that the Serbian army still was intact and would not abandon the fight. The retreat had been orderly, and although the Serbians had been compelled to abandon their heavier guns, they had saved all their smaller pieces.

The army of General Goltkovich had retreated through El Bassan, Albania, while the second and third armies had arrived at Scutari, Albania, through Montenegro.

"Within two months," said the war minister, "the army will be increased by 100,000 men."

200,000 at Salonica.

London, Dec. 16.—The next move in the Balkan theatre of war occupies the attention of the Athens and Salonica correspondents of the British press.

There are 200,000 entente troops at Salonica, according to the Daily Mail, whose Salonica correspondent says that the retirement of the allies was carried out with such brilliancy that the large forces of Bulgarians were unable at any point to overtake and defeat them.

According to the correspondents of the Times and the Morning Post, the entente forces will halt on the line from Karasuli, in Northern Greece, on the Vardar river, to Killindir, Greece, which they will hold until the Salonica positions are fortified.

To Greece.

The correspondent of the Morning Post says on the authority of the Bulgarian minister at Athens that Glogaj and Dolran, Southern Serbia, both of which are in the hands of the Teutonic allies, will be surrendered to Greece.

The Athens correspondent of the Times says he believes the whole position turns on whether the Bulgarians invade Greece.

Bulgarian Claims.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The report of the Bulgarian headquarters staff, dated Dec. 15, as received here to-day, is as follows:

"The Bulgarian troops have stopped temporarily at the Greek frontier their pursuit of the enemy."

"The Bulgarians took as prisoners 1,234 soldiers, among whom were 18 officers. They also captured 14 cannon, 62 ammunition cars and much war material."

German Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Austro-Hungarian troops, pushing their advances in Montenegro, have reached the vicinity of Bjelopaje, on the Lim river, about twenty miles west of the Serbian border, it was announced to-day by army headquarters.

MANY RESOLUTIONS MUST BE DEBATED

Reichstag Must Sit Longer Than Anticipated Because of General Unrest

London, Dec. 14.—"There is every reason to believe that the German reichstag will have to sit much longer than was expected in order to deal with the pressing discontent among the masses," says the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News. "In order to appease these clamorings, it will need to handle no fewer than one hundred and thirty resolutions dealing with the social policy, which will require delicate handling, the demands of better pay for the soldiers and sailors and better provision for the relief of war families."

BOWSER CABINET IS NOW IN OFFICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cannot Escape Responsibility For Conditions Brought About by Predecessors in Office, Says the Liberal Leader; Dissatisfaction in Conservative Circles With Choice Made by the Premier; Breakers Ahead.

As has been forecast in the Times several times, and as was exclusively announced in the capital yesterday in its columns, Hon. W. J. Bowser has at last got rid of his leader, and the mantle of the premiership has fallen upon him.

The presence and political foresight of the leader of the Liberal party, H. C. Brewster, has been again demonstrated. On Monday he accurately read the eulogy of the then coming premier over the renewing of a loan for ten years as being virtually the announcement that Sir Richard McBride was down and out and Mr. Bowser in control.

The number of supporters of the government who are plainly not in the secrets of the administration, notwithstanding their pretensions, is proven to be very many. Times and again during the past month especially, the story published in the Times has been ridiculed, and these "close friends" of either the old or the new premier have declared that there was nothing in the reports of a change. The Times, as always, was certain of its information, and results ever prove it to be so.

No Improvement.

There is only one topic of conversation in Victoria to-day, the war being usually dismissed with a brief reference to the "man in the street," whose opinion, after all, is that of the general electorate, that the new cabinet is not improvement on the old, and in any case it cannot escape responsibility for the mismanagement of the one which has just gone out of office, and in which the new premier was a leading spirit and the old and new minister of lands a prominent figure. The Bowser ministry is not ready with a statement of its policy nor with its plans for an appeal to the country, which is a bad augury for its success.

As the Times predicted, two of the new ministers whose entry into the government was certain are A. C. Blumfeldt, of this city, and Charles E. Tisdall, of Vancouver. There were, for the other vacancies which were formerly shadowed, over thirty choices, and each one of these members had cabinet ambitions. As to his friends and constituents, there was, of course, no question of the fitness of each for any one of the portfolios. This has already been the cause of no little heart-burning, and one of the most bitter of these factional squabbles is breaking out in Victoria.

The Liberal Leader.

"The formation of a new cabinet has not strengthened the position of the government," said Mr. Brewster, in discussing the situation with a representative of the Times this morning, "nor can it afford to the general public any measure of confidence in the future. In point of integrity and ability the new members of the administration are of the same piece as the old ones whom they are succeeding, while it is very doubtful if they have the personality and magnetism of the retiring members. After the extravagant eulogy of the new premier by the government organ on Sunday it is hardly any surprise to hear of the dethroning of Sir Richard McBride taking place so soon."

"The question will naturally arise in the mind of every elector why, with the formation of a new cabinet, and with the clean slate that is supposed to be put before the province, the attorney-general should announce that he is going to bring on bye-elections when the life of the present parliament is so near a close? Why does he not, in a fair and frank manner, put his policies before the people, and make a general appeal for their support in such a fashion as to permit of an intelligent vote being cast either for or against his administration? It is not the attitude of a strong man who has confidence in his colleagues and his policy to attempt, at the very beginning of his career as leader of a government, to avoid a direct appeal and resort to all the political trickery that bye-elections under such circumstances would mean."

"He has all the conditions and machinery in his favor, and he avoids the constitutional practice of a new government throwing itself on the will of the people, and taking a fair test of public sentiment at a general election. Instead of that he notifies the people of the province that he and his new government will attempt the unfair method of bye-elections at the expiry of the life of a parliament, knowing that all the influence and machinery power of the government can be and will be brought to bear on a few constituencies, and that his new ministers will go to the country with all the favoring conditions of the possibility of the concentration of the machine, the advantage that a minister has in appealing for election or re-election, and the near approach of the close of the life of the parliament."

Cannot Escape Responsibility.

"It must not be forgotten by the electorate that no matter what strength might be brought to the cabinet and no matter what policy the new government might promise to carry out, it cannot escape from the consequences of the acts of the outgoing administration, nor can it refuse to take all responsibility for the condition to which the province has been brought. The record of the McBride-Bowser government is something that cannot be forgotten or minimized, and the junior member of that combination need not hope to draw any herring of an eleventh-hour repentance across the path."

"The Liberal party awaits the issue with unabated confidence, knowing that if given the opportunity the people will not stop at any half measures of house-cleaning, but will demand an entirely new administration, free from all the taint that will spoil Mr. Bowser's every effort towards successfully patching up the old cabinet."

"The people of British Columbia will do well to ponder over the old query, Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?"

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SAYS AMERICAN LINES SHOULD GET BENEFIT

Representative of Washington Would Require Aliens to Enter Through Ports

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Humphrey, of Seattle, to-day introduced a bill to correct immigration abuses along the Canadian border. It provides that no alien who has entered Canada by a seaport on the Pacific coast shall be permitted to enter the United States except at some Pacific coast port. It makes practically the same provision relative to Chinese eligible to enter the United States who come across the Pacific to Canadian ports. The Chinese ports of entry on the Pacific are to be designated by the secretary of labor.

"Under the present situation," said Representative Humphrey, "aliens go into Canada at Vancouver and are transported across the continent by the Canadian railroads and enter at points along the border in Washington, Idaho, Montana and states further east. Their destinations are places in the United States and I propose to require them to make the journey overland by our roads instead of Canadian railroads. All the expense of examination is borne by the United States, as they are examined at our immigration office at Vancouver before proceeding eastward and our railroads and our people should get the benefit of that travel."

"The Chinese in like manner are landed at Vancouver and sent east over Canadian lines and they should be required to land at a United States seaport."

\$1,000,000,000 IN GOLD IN THE BANK OF FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 16.—According to the Mattin the stock of gold held by the Bank of France yesterday reached a total of 5,000,000,000 francs (\$1,000,000,000), a world's record.

The appeal to the public to turn in its gold brought in 1,300,000,000 francs (\$260,000,000) in twenty-four weeks. Last week alone more than 50,000,000 francs (\$10,000,000) in gold was exchanged for notes.

AUSTRIANS THINK LESS TENSION EXISTS

Vienna, Dec. 16.—The situation as regards Austria-Hungary and the United States is considered here to have become less tense since the reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona was dispatched.

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RESULTS ACHIEVED IN TWO AIR-RAIDS

British Attacked Aerodrome at Hervilly; French Bombarded Camp at Habsheim

London, Dec. 16.—The following report from headquarters of the British army in France and Belgium was made public last night:
"Last night the enemy exploded a mine to the southeast of Ypres. The crater, however, was occupied by our bombers, who drove off an attack. South of Messines we seized an enemy barricade with trifling loss.
"To-day our artillery has been active and has caused considerable damage to the enemy trenches.
"The enemy artillery has been active near Ypres.
"Our aeroplanes raided the Hervilly aerodrome successfully. There have been ten combats in the air, in the course of which an enemy battleplane was driven down by our reconnaissance machines. One of our machines was forced down within our lines."

French Air Raid.
Paris, Dec. 16.—The following official communication was issued last night:
"The usual cannonade occurred along the front.
"In the Ban de Sapt our artillery dispersed a column of 400 men who were changing positions to the north-east of La Fontenelle.
"A flotilla of 13 French aeroplanes bombarded the German camp at Habsheim, to the east of Muelhausen, Alsace. Shells dropped on the hangars reached their objective. Of the 15 enemy machines which chanced to be on the ground at the moment of the bombardment, five took to the air and attempted without result to give chase to our squadron.
"The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening:
"Our batteries caused the explosion of an important depot of munitions near the 'chateau de Blackaert'."

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SIR DOUGLAS HAIG SUCCEEDS FRENCH

Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in France and Belgium

HAS HAD LONG AND VARIOUS EXPERIENCE

French, Relieved at Own Request, Commands Armies in United Kingdom

London, Dec. 16.—Field Marshal Sir John French, who at his own request has been relieved of the command of the British forces in France and Belgium, has been succeeded by General Sir Douglas Haig. Since the landing of the expeditionary force, Sir Douglas Haig has commanded the First Army, and has been mentioned repeatedly in dispatches by his chief, whose place he has taken. The change had been expected in some quarters for some time, and it was announced in the house of commons yesterday that a statement would be published immediately.
Field Marshal Sir John French becomes commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom. For his 18 months' service at the front he has been created a viscount of the United Kingdom.

War Office Statement.
The announcement of the war office making public Sir Douglas's appointment, reads as follows:

"General Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French in France and Flanders. "Since the commencement of the war, during over 16 months of service and incessant strain, Field Marshal French has most ably commanded our armies in France and Flanders, and he has now, at his own instance, relinquished that command.
"His majesty's government, with full appreciation and gratitude for the conspicuous services which Field Marshal French has rendered to his country at the front, have, with the king's approval, requested him to accept the appointment of field marshal commanding-in-chief of the troops stationed in the United Kingdom, and Field Marshal French has accepted that appointment.
"The king has been pleased to confer upon Sir John French the dignity of viscount of the United Kingdom."

That there might be a change in the supreme British command on the western front had been hinted at for some time. These hints increased with the recent appointment of General Joffre as commander-in-chief of all the French armies. Mr. Asquith announced in the house of commons yesterday that the elevation of General Joffre had no bearing upon the substitution of Gen. Haig for Field Marshal French. He said:
"Some changes are in the course of being made, and will be announced almost immediately. They have no connection of any kind with the changes made by the French government with regard to General Joffre's functions."

Gen. Haig is 54.
General Sir Douglas Haig is 54 years of age, nine years younger than his former chief, and won his spurs as a cavalry officer. His first commission was in the 7th Hussars in 1885, and, as has been the case with most British officers of high rank, he saw service in the Sudan, India and Africa. He was chief of staff officer to Sir John French during the Colchester operations, when the British cavalry solved a difficult task in trying to round up the mobile Boer commanders. Later he was given command of a group of columns, and after the South African war was made inspector-general of cavalry in India, one of the most coveted commands for cavalry officers in the British service.
After a few years of staff duty in England, he became chief of staff in India, and at the outbreak of the war was general officer commanding at Aldershot. From there he took the first army to France.
Several times during the war General Haig has come in for high praise in the dispatches of the field-marshal he is now succeeding. At the battle of the Somme his conduct was distinguished by Field Marshal French as "bold, skilful and decisive."
In November of last year Sir Douglas, then a lieutenant-general, was promoted to the rank of general for distinguished service in the field.
Field Marshal French, in his dispatches to the war office during the famous retreat from Mons, credited Sir Douglas with having extricated his corps from a difficult position at Landrethies.
General Haig is a Scotsman. He won his first honors under Kitchener in the Sudan, where he was brevetted major on the field for gallantry at Atbara and before Khartoum.
Since the beginning.
Field Marshal Sir John French has been in charge of the British forces on the continent since the outbreak of the war.
He is one of the best known of the British soldiers and always has had the reputation of being a skilful and dashy leader of men. Sir John was born in 1852. He served for four years in the navy, but not liking the sea, he joined the militia and through it entered the army.
He has seen wide service. During the famous Ulster movement in March, 1914, Field Marshal French, then chief of staff of the British army, resigned his commission. He was one of the signatories of the memorandum to Brigadier-General Gough giving guarantees to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight the Ulster Unionists, and regarding the re-

BRITISH WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Efforts of Germans and Turks Against Egypt Will Fail

Rome, Dec. 16.—The Turco-German threat against Egypt is becoming more grave daily, in the belief of military men here.

The construction of a railway line from Damascus to the Egyptian frontier has been pushed with extraordinary speed, it is stated, and it is expected that it will be finished by February 1, there being only fifty miles more of track to lay before the Sinai peninsula is reached. This railway, which has double tracks, is considered by military men to permit of a concentration of 500,000 men in one month, together with the necessary supplies and ammunition, at the Egyptian frontier.
About 300,000 Ottoman troops, commanded and drilled by German officers, already have been concentrated between Alexandria, Aleppo and Homs, it is stated. Army engineers are laying miles of pipes for carrying drinking water across the desert and also are providing material for the construction of bridges with which to cross the Suez canal.
Turco-German embassies are said to be urging the Senussi tribesmen to attack Egypt from the west, while an attempt also is being made to induce the Abyssinians to march into Sudan. German officers are reported to be acting as propagandists, organizers and military instructors.
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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The following casualty list was issued last night:
Second Battalion—Wounded: Cpl. E. H. Handyside, Prescott, Ont.
Dangerously wounded: Pte. Wm. McCarthy, Scotland.
Third Battalion—Previously reported missing; now killed in action: Pte. Frank Farrent, England; Pte. C. H. Williams, England.
Fifth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. John Esson, Scotland.
Seventh Battalion—Wounded: Lieut. J. G. Murray, Belleville, Ont.
Tenth Battalion—Suffering from shock: Pte. Harry Foster, Moose Jaw, Sask.
Thirteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Geo. Pass, New Glasgow, N. S.
Seriously ill: Pte. K. W. Hutt, Milton, N. S.
Wounded: Pte. A. Murray, Scotland.
Sixteenth Battalion—Suffering from shell fire: Pte. P. Kirby, 1214 Gladstone avenue, Victoria, B. C.
Twentieth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. H. Enright, England.
Twenty-first Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Harry Lewis, Ottawa.
Twenty-second Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Arthur Guay, Quebec; Pte. V. Desroches, Montreal.
Wounded: Pte. Francois Masscotte, Three Rivers, Que.
Twenty-fourth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. John Nee, Boston; Pte. A. M. Cruickshank, Scotland.
Twenty-fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Cpl. Jas. Glover, England.
Twenty-sixth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. A. H. Steeves, Hopewell Hill, N. B.
Thirty-sixth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. H. B. Gibben, Ingersoll, Ont.
Thirty-eighth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. J. Kenefick, Howesville, Ont.
Lord Strathcona's Horse—Seriously wounded: Pte. J. F. Bagshaw, England.
Twenty-eighth Battalion—Unofficially reported prisoner of war: Pte. F. Doucher, Montreal.
First Canadian Mounted Rifles—Died of wounds: Pte. John Kennedy, Creemore, Ont.
Second Canadian Mounted Rifles—Slightly wounded: Lieut. R. S. Warley, England.
Wounded: Cpl. Robt. Lees, England; Pte. W. Tyler, England; Pte. W. Flowers, England.
Third Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded: Pte. Jas. Macdonald, Scotland.
Royal Canadian Horse Artillery—Died of wounds: Cpl. Arthur Dalgleish, Scotland.

GERMAN STATEMENTS.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—That the Greek consul-general, who has been absent from Turkey for a year, is about to return, was stated here yesterday. The post of Greek ambassador to Turkey, which has been vacant since last spring, will be filled by Dr. Kallergis.
Publication of the document by the government as a slight on himself, he resigned. Sir Douglas Haig then became chief of staff, but at the outbreak of the war Field Marshal French was appointed to command the expeditionary army.

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ANGRY THAT GERMANY CAN NOT HAVE PEACE

Helferich Says Responsibility for Continuation of War Lies Upon Allies

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Addressing the reichstag, Dr. Karl Helferich, secretary of the treasury, said: "Responsibility for the blood which will flow from now on, for the misery which comes upon the world, for the danger to which civilization is exposed, falls not upon Germany, but upon those who can not resolve to draw the conclusion from Germany's military successes which no one can dispute any longer. The responsibility falls upon those who, in their foolish and criminal illusions, still speak of annihilation and partition of Germany and a war of exhaustion.
"We stand like rocks on the soil of the home country, and in the columns of the British empire are written in glowing letters the same words as were written on the wall of Belshazzar's palace."

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT TO RAISE A BATTALION

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Another battalion, the 151st, is to be recruited in the Rainy River district, with headquarters at Kenora. Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, of Kenora, will command it.
Capt. H. A. Rutan, son of Col. Rutan, D. O. C., and formerly of the 92nd Battalion, has been promoted to the rank of major and transferred to the 94th Battalion at Port Arthur.
Militia orders yesterday gave notice that properly qualified Indians who offer themselves are to be recruited.

ESTATE OF THE LATE CAPT. GUY DRUMMOND

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The will of Capt. Guy Drummond, son of the late Sir George Drummond, Montreal, filed in the Surrogate Court here, shows his estate to be valued at \$1,061,139, of which \$522,000 comprises stocks and the rest his quarter interest in his father's estate. His Ontario holdings amount to \$53,500 in stocks. The will divides equally his share in his father's estate among his mother and two brothers; \$20,000 goes to McGill University; \$10,000 to churches and charity institutions; \$10,000 to each of twenty different persons and \$20,000 to his friend, George Barclay. His widow receives the balance.
Capt. Drummond was killed at the front in France on April 22 of this year. The will was made on August 14, 1914.

Operations Failed to Cure Kidney Disease

Mr. John E. Pumfrey, Farmer, Verooy, Sask., was twice operated on in an English hospital for kidney disease. Urinary troubles grew worse and caused excruciating pain. He now states positively that he has been cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and is enjoying excellent health.
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MT. EDITH MAY BE MT. EDITH CAVELL

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—No decision has been reached yet by the geographical board of the Dominion with regard to the proposal to change the name of Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, to Mount Cavell, in honor of the nurse who was murdered in Belgium by the Germans. The suggestion to change the name of the mountain was made first by Sir Richard McBride, but no formal application was made to the board. On the other hand, a number of protests were received from people who object to the proposal.

It is understood that the geographical board has before it the alternative proposal of perpetuating the memory of Miss Cavell by changing the name of Mount Edith near Banff, to Mount Edith Cavell. This mountain, approximately five miles north of Banff, has an altitude of 8,340 feet. The altitude of Mount Robson, is 11,988 feet.

BASELESS CHARGE BY A GERMAN PLOTTER

New York, Dec. 15.—The charge that a Bridgeport, Conn., factory accepted a contract with the British government to supply the British army with dum-dum bullets, was made yesterday in an affidavit filed with Assistant United States District Attorney Knox by Dr. Herbert Kilmale.

Dr. Kilmale is one of the six men indicted with Robert Fay on charges of conspiring to blow up ships carrying munitions of war to the allies. His affidavit is in support of a motion for a separate trial and the appointment of a commission to take evidence in his behalf in Germany.

A similar motion was made for Ernest Bronkhorst, another of the indicted men.

TURKISH CLAIMS.

Constantinople, Dec. 15.—The following official statement was issued last evening: "Mesopotamia theatre—The furthest houses of Kut-el-Amara, situated on the right bank of the Tigris, were taken by storm on December 13. One of the hostile monitors was sunk. "Dardanelles front—There have been artillery engagements and conflicts with bombs and aerial torpedoes."

WHAT DYSPEPTICS SHOULD EAT

A PHYSICIAN'S ADVICE
"Indigestion and practically all forms of stomach trouble are, nine times out of ten, due to acidity; therefore stomach sufferers should, whenever possible, avoid eating food that is acid in its nature, or which by chemical action in the stomach develops acidity. Unfortunately, such a rule eliminates most foods which are pleasant to the taste as well as those which are rich in blood, flesh and nerve giving properties. This is the reason why dyspeptics and stomach sufferers are usually so thin, emaciated and lacking in that vital energy which can only come from a well fed body. For the benefit of those sufferers who have been obliged to exclude from their diet all starchy, sweet or fatty food, and are trying to keep up a miserable existence on gluten products, I would suggest that you should try a meal of your next meal, eat what you want at your next meal, take some of the bisulphated magnesia as directed above, and see if I'm not right."

AWAITING TEXT OF AUSTRIA'S ANSWER

Wilson and Lansing Saw Press Dispatches Regarding Note on Ancona

Washington, Dec. 15.—Early to-day the state department had had no official word from Vienna, whatever on Austria's reply to the note on the sinking of the Ancona. Secretary Lansing read the London dispatches containing excerpts of the Austrian rejoinder, but received any comment until he had received the full official text from Ambassador Penfield.

It was made clear authoritatively, however, that if the whole text of the reply was in the same tone as the cabled extracts, it would be regarded by the United States as unsatisfactory. It was made plain that the United States will not accept the suggestion of entering into diplomatic correspondence which may be prolonged.

One official of the state department who spoke with full knowledge of its policy declared positively that the United States would not enter into any exchange of opinions as Austria's reply suggested, and would absolutely refuse to enter into any discussion of the facts.

Lack of Information. The official overnight dispatches contained no indication that the reply had been delivered to Ambassador Penfield or that it was on its way to the United States. Official telegrams, however, have been generally behind the news dispatches in most of the diplomatic exchanges with the Germanic powers because of difficulties of transmission and the long and intricate work of coding and decoding.

President Wilson read the outline of the reply as contained in the London dispatches as soon as he reached the executive offices, but there was no indication of how he regarded it.

It is known, however, that both the president and Secretary Lansing regarded the cabled extracts, while they might be indicative of the tone of the whole reply, as too fragmentary to warrant comment.

Among officials the general impression prevailed that the tone of the cabled extract did not seem to forecast a favorable tone of the reply as a whole. Still in the absence of the full text, final opinion was reserved. Those officials closest to the president still are of the opinion that a thoroughly unsatisfactory reply from Austria will endanger the continuance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Berlin Papers. Berlin, Dec. 15.—The transcript of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona case reached Berlin so late that only a few of the morning newspapers were able to print it. There were no comments on the communication. A general lack of interest in the matter would appear to be indicated by the fact that the papers print the note on an inside page or give it only a secondary position on the front page.

Hamburg Papers. Hamburg, Dec. 15.—The newspapers Hamburger Fremdenblatt and Hamburger Nachrichten comment at length on the note sent by the United States to Austria concerning the sinking of the Ancona. The Fremdenblatt says: "The note has caused extraordinary surprise in Germany, not only because of its harsh tone, but also because of its contradictory contents. The Ancona was fired on because she tried to escape, she did not try to escape because she was fired upon first."

The Fremdenblatt thinks that the note cannot be explained by the immediate occasion that gave rise to it, but says that probably the president's temperament was strongly influenced by general vexations such as occurred recently. "But the president," declares the paper, "in view of the responsibility resting upon him and also in justice of the judgment which he claims for himself, must after all attach more value to frank joint efforts to clear the atmosphere than to a momentary explosion of passion."

The Fremdenblatt proposes a joint investigation of the circumstances of the case as a step towards reaching an agreement.

The Nachrichten finds no trace of particularly sharp language in the note, but says it thinks the gentlemen in Washington "are incorrectly informed regarding the incident."

170,000,000 BUSHELS FROM HEAD OF LAKES

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 15.—The total shipments of grain from Port Arthur and Fort William from September 1 to December 15, the official close of navigation, were approximately 170,000,000 bushels, or 20,000 tons a day during that period, a world's record.

We are two men each of us, what is seen and what is not seen. But the unseen is the maker of the other.—Blaise Pascal.

LEFT TACOMA NIGHT OF BIG EXPLOSION

Crowley Departed Four Hours Before Barge Was Destroyed at Seattle

Tacoma, Dec. 15.—United States secret service operatives employed in tracing the operations of anti-allies bomb plotters in Tacoma, Seattle and along the entire Pacific coast, have revealed here that C. C. Crowley, now under indictment in San Francisco with other foreign agents for complicity in gigantic plans to destroy munitions and factories throughout the country, made a hurried flight from Tacoma only a few hours before the blowing up of a barge load of dynamite destined for the Russian government, in Elliott bay, Seattle, May 30.

It also has been revealed that Crowley made his headquarters while in Tacoma for several days, and held frequent conferences with a suspected woman spy, at the Van Noyes hotel. From this hotel Crowley directed the operations of L. J. Smith, alias Walter Brown, who has confessed participation in the bomb plots, implicating Crowley and "higher-ups" in the employ of the German government, and other spies who were in the Pacific coast operations at the time, federal officials declare.

Secret service men have taken a facsimile from the hotel register of Crowley's signature and also a copy of the signature of the woman, whose name is withheld and who is believed to have aided Crowley and Smith here. The woman who was here registered at the same hotel at the time that Crowley did, is believed by federal agents to be the woman now under arrest in San Francisco. The samples of her handwriting have been sent to the federal authorities at San Francisco.

Crowley, the register shows, was a guest at the Van Noyes hotel from May 25 to May 30. Several guests at the hotel are able to recall, and have informed the secret service men, that on Saturday night, May 29, Crowley received a telegram while he chatted in the lobby of the hotel, hastily excused himself, and asked the clerk to check him out, saying he had received a hurried summons from "his partner."

Smith was "Partner." Smith had been known to the hotel guests as the "partner," government agents declare.

Crowley, according to the federal officials, left Tacoma in great haste between 9 and 10 p.m. Saturday night, May 29, carrying a small suitcase which he had taken from his room. He left directions for the handling of other baggage. The explosion occurred in the Seattle harbor about 1:30 a.m. on May 30.

John Mellen, who was manager of the hotel at the time, has stated that Crowley and the woman aroused suspicion at the time because of their hurried passages in and out of the hotel during all hours of the day and night. They were never in each other's company, but the mysterious woman's entrance into the hotel at divers times was always followed closely by that of Crowley. The woman spoke to Crowley in the hotel lobby, it is stated, but never so much as gave evidence of a desire to make acquaintance with other guests. She left the hotel a week after Crowley had disappeared.

After taking a tracing of Crowley's name, the secret service operatives warned the clerk to keep the book out of sight and watch it carefully, explaining that they believed someone might come in to the hotel and tear out the page bearing Crowley's name.

NOTE FROM ALLIES TO GOVT. OF CHINA

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—Italy's ratification having arrived, Japan has forwarded to China the note from the entente powers relative to the re-establishment of the Chinese monarchy. The note is of a soothing nature, but emphasizes the necessity of the maintenance of peace in China and the determination of the entente nations to protect their rights in the case of outbreaks.

MRS. HAWKES TO SERVE TEN YEARS IN PRISON

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The order-in-council committing the death sentence passed on Mrs. Hawkes, of Wetaskiwin, to imprisonment for ten years has been signed by the governor-general.

The case of Mrs. Elizabeth Coward, of British Columbia, has not been finally disposed of yet, but it is believed she will escape the gallows.

TORONTO SOLDIER HAS SPINAL MENINGITIS

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Spinal meningitis has broken out again this fall in the military camp at the exhibition grounds. Pte. C. W. Allen, of the 1st Battalion, has been sent to the hospital. He was one of the many men quartered under the grand stand who suffered from influenza. It is the first case since the troops returned from Niagara camp.

HUGE FORD DIVIDEND.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 15.—The distribution of a 600 per cent. stock dividend and an increase in the capital of the company from \$1,000,000 to \$20,000,000 were authorized at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Ford Motor company of Canada, Limited, held here yesterday, it was announced.

SIR F. E. BARKER DEAD.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 15.—Sir Frederick Eustace Barker, former chief justice of New Brunswick, died yesterday. He was born in Sheffield in 1838 and was a member of the house of commons from 1885 to 1887, representing St. John.

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AUSTRIANS DISGUISED AS RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The following official communication was issued last night: "Western front—Near Ikskul an enemy aeroplane dropped bombs. In the region of Jacobstadt the artillery duel has increased in violence. In the Riga district our artillery at several points dispersed enemy workmen engaged in fortifying their positions."

"On the Dniester in the district of Ualcchia, north of Orzeszki, scouts of one of our cavalry regiments encountered enemy scouts wearing Russian tunics and caps. On being hailed by our scouts the enemy opened fire, to which our scouts replied, partly exterminating and dispersing the disguised Austrians."

"Caucasian front—On the Hamadan road our troops continue the pursuit of the Turco-German force. A delegation of inhabitants of Hamadan and influential Khans has come from Hamadan to ask our troops for protection against the rebels."

SAYS TEUTONS ARE FRIENDS OF GREEKS

Zurich, Dec. 15.—"The central powers cannot suffer the entente to create a second Calais at Salonica," declares the Vienna newspaper Neue Freie Presse. The paper adds: "If the entente allies intend to remain at Salonica, Greece is relieved of all obligations to defend her soil against the advance of the central powers. If Greece is too weak to defend herself, she will find a true friend in the Germanic league."

ITALIAN DESTROYER AND TRANSPORT SUNK

Rome, Dec. 15.—The Italian destroyer Intrepido and the Italian transport Re Umberto have been sunk in the Adriatic Sea by drifting mines, according to an announcement made in a semi-official note. All the men of the crews were saved with the exception of forty men aboard the transport and three on the destroyer.

CANADIAN CHAPLAIN STATES IMPRESSIONS

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—"I have had contact with the eastern and the western fronts and the impressions I got were that the allies are superior to the Germans in every way. We have them feeling very bad. They are feeling very nervous. There is no doubt at all about our superiority. We are superior in artillery, in morale and in men. They have found it out, too," said Major the Rev. T. J. Thompson, who arrived in the city last night after six months at the front as chaplain.

"The feeling of the Canadian boys in France," he continued, "is that they are on the spot where the death blow to Germany is to be given, and that they are going to be in at the death."

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RAID WAS MADE BY ITALIAN AVIATORS

Rome, Dec. 15.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In the Concel valley the batteries on Iardano fired on the positions on Monte Veis recently captured by us and already strongly fortified. They did no damage. "Yesterday one of our air flotillas made a raid on the valley of Chapovane, in Idria, dropping bombs and darts on the enemy's camps and barracks. Our daring aviators, flying low in spite of the anti-aircraft artillery, fired quick-firing guns on the camps, causing a panic. Our airmen returned uninjured."

EXPECTED KING PETER WILL MOVE TO ITALY

Paris, Dec. 15.—It is reported from Rome that King Peter, of Serbia, will move to Italy. A Rome dispatch to the Mattin says the king has accepted Italy's offer of the palace at Caserta, near Naples, which is now being prepared for his use.

It is stated that the family of King Nicholas, of Montenegro, is coming to Rome. King Nicholas himself will remain in Montenegro.



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SIR RICHARD'S RESIGNATION.

Whatever may be the qualifications of Sir Richard McBride for the post of Agent-General for British Columbia in London, or the meritorious features of his record, it is idle for his panegyrists to say that he did not leave the ship of state until he had piloted it safely to port.

The wave of depression which struck the continent a short time ago found British Columbia deplorably unprepared. It was not equipped for a siege.

THE NEW PREMIER.

The succession of Mr. Bowser to the Premiership surprised nobody. With rare exceptions he had discharged the duties of first minister during Sir Richard's visits abroad and a year or so ago it became quite evident that he was squaring his shoulders for the mantle of his chief.

that when the government first countenanced the organization for election purposes it anticipated the extreme lengths to which the operations of the machine would be carried, but having encouraged the system it could not break it up.

Our contemporary in its appreciation of Sir Richard's services declares that he brought his railroad policy to a successful completion. This is not correct. Even the main line of the Canadian-Northern railroad has not been finished according to the contract ratified by the people of this province six years ago.

Of Sir Richard personally and of his qualifications for the post of agent-general we can speak in a happier strain. He has a thorough knowledge of this province. He has an attractive personality, is uniformly courteous and has an enviable gift of making friends.

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MR. TURNER'S RETIREMENT.

After nearly forty years of service, conscientiously rendered and valuable in results, to this province, Hon. J. H. Turner, well stricken in years but still mentally vigorous, is retiring into private life.

THE KING OF GREECE.

The king of Greece has, temporarily, we hope, taken the place of the Turk as the Sick Man of Europe. However, the Unspeakable One will come into his own again.

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man spies, assassins or incendiaries. Henry need not expect the eagle to scream a protest. He ought to know that for "ways that are dark" the Teuton is more peculiar than the Chinese.

Senator Lodge has replied, and apparently with effect, to the spread-eagle outburst of Senator Hoke Smith. Mr. Lodge says it is far more important that America should extend protection and guarantee security to American lives than to American property.

Austria has obligingly announced her complete willingness to discuss with the United States for an indefinite period and in wide ramifications the points which have been raised in connection with the destruction of the Ancona. The Junior Hun evidently can see no valid reason why the case of the Ancona should not be placed in juxtaposition to the case of the Lusitania.

What about Harry Price? Is no provision to be made for his future? Considering his services to the party in the days when its fortunes were at the zenith, labors which of course were purely "honorary" and actuated by a spirit of the most exalted patriotism, surely some security might be found for him!

Naturally some scoffers will say that that half million dollar palace, with ground rents and taxes annexed, was specially erected in order that there should be perfect harmony between the station of its future occupant and his official environment.

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The entire balance of our beautiful French Felt Hats now grouped into this one low-priced offering for a quick clean-up. The former prices of these Hats varied from \$5.75 to \$7.50, and there are some excellent bargains to be secured.

Exceptional Offerings in Silver Plated Novelties and Cutlery on Sale Friday

To-morrow morning we place on sale an exceptional purchase of Silver-Plated Novelties and Cutlery at prices equal 30 to 50 per cent below regular values. These goods are all of a reliable quality, very dainty and serviceable in design, and there's a very wide assortment to choose from.

Warm Eiderdown Flannel Dressing Gowns, \$4.75 and \$5.75

A most useful Christmas gift, and one that would be thoroughly appreciated, is one of these warm, cosy Dressing Gowns. They are made from beautiful quality eiderdown flannels in two-tone shades, with satin trimmings and finished with girdle.

A Big Display of Useful Novelties and Furnishings for Men

In the large windows on View street we make our annual Christmas display of useful Furnishings and Novelties for men that will be found most appropriate for gift-giving.

- Kid End Suspenders, in a large variety of webs, in fancy stripes. Each suspender packed in separate fancy box. A pair... 50c
President Suspenders, in pretty fancy boxes. A pair... 50c
Fancy Combination Sets, braces, armbands and garters, in fancy soft boxes. A box... \$1.50

Reliable Makes in Women's Gloves

That make most acceptable gifts at Christmas time. Our stocks comprise all the best known makes and qualities, which we offer at lowest prices possible.

Harrison Fisher's Books

Published at \$3.50. Clearing Friday at 90c. Only ten of these Handsome Books left, and to clear up the lot we offer them at rare bargain prices.

New Jap Silk Waists, Special at \$2.50 and \$3.50

Just received and on sale to-day is a new range of White Jap Silk Waists that are extraordinarily good value at the above prices. The silks used are of a good weight and finish, and qualities that will launder well.

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- 1 Bottle H. B. Fine Old Scotch.
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- 1 Bottle H. B. Fine Old Rum.
- 1 Bottle H. B. London Dock Port.
- 6 Quarts H. B. Imperial Beer.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 16, 1890.

Passengers by to-day's train from Nanaimo had a novel experience en route from Duncan. After Kokish was passed the low country in the neighborhood of Cowichin flats was found to be covered with water, the result of the melting of a two day's snow storm, and rain. The whole flat was like a sea, the water being two feet over the rails, and nearly up to the fire bars of the locomotive. For two miles the train plowed through the water, which was washing the car steps.

At the meeting of the directors of the Royal Jubilee Hospital yesterday Miss B. Crickmay, formerly of the Victoria hospital, Chelsea, Eng., was appointed matron. Miss Summerfield resigned. Arrangements were made for a service on each Sunday afternoon. Final arrangements were made for the amalgamation of the Jubilee and French hospitals.

George P. Baldwin and H. S. Calcutt, who have recently been doing business in Victoria, state in an interview at Seattle that there is a strong feeling towards annexation on Vancouver Island, and the merchants prefer to sell American to Canadian articles.

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Provided they are in the same direction and at the same time. Local dealers find they can double their sales on certain products by pushing with the manufacturer's newspaper advertising.

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ASKED FOR OPINION ON TAX SITUATION

The formal application for an opinion by the city council on the delinquency certificate proposal of the Union of B. C. Municipalities determined upon at the Chilliwack convention has reached the city hall to-day in a letter from H. Bose, secretary-treasurer.

This certificate scheme was fully explained in September. It is a proposal to give the municipal authorities power to issue certificates against the credit of the unpaid taxes, such certificates to be negotiable documents therein, and redeemable at any time.

The present law limits the municipality's redress for delinquency to tax sales. Beyond this proposal, which was carefully considered by a special committee of the union, which included the city comptroller of Victoria, there is a third method of redress. It is to give the municipality a privilege to borrow a percentage of the delinquent taxes, in the form of a loan against them. The advantage of the last form is absence of publicity, which will be inevitable in the certificate system.

The matter will be reported to council on Monday. The subjects will engage the attention of the aldermen prior to streets committee to-morrow. A deputation from the Retail Merchants' association has a double mission, to deal with the proposed early closing by-law, and the complaint that the rules affecting the market being for primary producers have been violated by the butchers—or at least some of those holding stalls there. To investigate the latter complaint it is necessary to hear the specific charges which may be advanced by the association.

Some information is being gathered this week about the inner workings of departments for report to the estimates committee next week, in cases where salary votes were laid over for examination into the requirements for 1916.

Foresters to Meet.—The Canadian Order of Foresters will hold their regular monthly meeting to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in Orange hall, Yates street. Members requested to be present.

Get Holidays.—The employees of the Western Union Telegraph company are to get annual holidays. Those who have been two years in the service will get two weeks, and those who have been one year will get one week, with pay.

Car Ferry Slip.—The harbors and navigation committee of the board of trade met a committee of the development association yesterday afternoon, and decided to urge on the Dominion government the necessity of building car ferry slips at the outer harbor.

Blue Cross Entertainment.—By kind permission of the manager the Oak Bay theatre will be given over to the Blue Cross society to-morrow. There will be a continuous moving picture show in the afternoon, beginning at 3.30, and a variety entertainment in the evening at 8 o'clock. At both performances tickets will be sold at 10 cents each for a new "Baby" Singer sewing machine which is to be raffled for the Blue Cross fund.

Concert at Empress To-night.—For the Ladies' Musical club concert to be given to-night at the Empress ball-room there will be three accompanists, Mrs. Gibson and Miss Rita McTavish, for the solo numbers, and Miss Pim for the choral numbers. The latter will be the occasion for the first appearance of the club choral, composed of between thirty and forty ladies' voices under the conductorship of Mrs. Davenport. Mr. Parsons will be at the organ. Soldiers and sailors will be welcomed as guests of the club, and the general public will be admitted for the small fee of twenty-five cents.

Fortnightly Whist Drive.—The fortnightly whist drive of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's and Caledonian society took place last evening at the home of Mrs. Ward, South Turner street, and was a very enjoyable occasion. There was a good attendance of members, and after the evening's play prizes were awarded to the following winners: First lady, Miss Burman; second lady, Mrs. Marks; third lady, Miss Carmichael; first gentleman, J. Balmade; second gentleman, W. Ward; third gentleman, R. McIntosh. Delicious refreshments were served, and the guests departed expressing their appreciation of the hospitality they had received.

SCHOOLS CLOSING FOR XMAS VACATION

Closing Exercises Are in Progress in Many City Schools

To-day and to-morrow are great days in the public schools everywhere throughout the province, for school books have given place to Christmas decorations, entertainments, and carols. The scholars are happy with the anticipation of pleasure to come.

The school trustees have busy days on these occasions, for there are many functions to attend, and expressions of reasonable greetings to be exchanged in a variety of forms. Some of the functions started yesterday, but the majority are planned for to-day and to-morrow.

Among those reported to the school board for the invitation of trustees are Pembroke street, Girls' Central and Spring Ridge, in progress this afternoon. Kingston street occurs this evening at South Park school. Spring Ridge exercises are being held at George Jay school.

To-morrow King's road, Quadra street and Victoria West schools' exercises all will be held in the morning, and the North Ward function also takes place to-morrow. Burnside held theirs yesterday afternoon.

There are a great many Christmas functions to follow after school closing, to which the pupils are looking forward. Owing to the way in which the dates fall this year, there are six days before Christmas day for holiday.

Only a few changes have taken place in the staff this term, two high school and two graded school teachers having been appointed. The term has seen one new domestic science department brought into use, and a new temporary school built and occupied at the Children's Aid home. It had been hoped long before this date to have removed the frame school at King's road, and to have replaced it with a substantial building, but the trustees decided not to spend the money to the credit of the loan at the present time.

In Oak Bay some change will occur after the holidays at Monterey avenue school, as the principal is going on active service. Probably a temporary appointment will be made by the Oak Bay board.

The alterations in a number of the Spanish school buildings to give better sanitary accommodation for pupils will be paid for by an advance from the municipal funds, to be repaid out of next year's school levy.

One or two changes are forecasted at Linnop street school, one of the staff having transferred to the city high school.

TO AID FRIENDLY HELP.

Concert and Dance to Be Given at Masonic Hall, Esquimalt, on Saturday.

A concert and dance will be held at the Masonic hall, Esquimalt, on Saturday evening next in aid of the Esquimalt Friendly Help society. The programme that was given last Saturday evening at the old Victoria theatre under direction of Mrs. Harry Pooley will be repeated. Mrs. Pooley again to have direction of the proceedings. R. H. Pooley, M. P. P., will preside. The various items are well worth having repeated, and good support is hoped for. The one change on the programme will be that Miss Collins will play in an instrumental duet with Miss Sturpnel, violinist, instead of giving a pianoforte solo. The entire proceeds will be devoted to the Esquimalt Friendly Help fund.

CYCLISTS' PLATOON LEAVES.

Lieut. Sellers and Detachment Left Last Night for Toronto.

Lieut. Sellers, formerly of the B. C. Horse, left last night for Eastern Canada in charge of another cyclists' platoon which was mobilized at Work Point, and for several weeks past quartered at the drill hall. The detachment, which had a strength of thirty, will take the place of the first platoon formed here under Lieut. Cameron, which has been for several months training in Toronto.

Christmas Toys Wanted.—Donations of toys for the soldiers' children who are to be entertained at a Christmas tree on December 22 at the High School gymnasium will be gratefully received either at the High school (Camosun Street entrance) or may be left at Campbell's Drug store. Gifts should be suitable for very small children and should be designated as for a girl or boy, the age being designated. More toys were received by the Women's Canadian Club executive yesterday, but in order that each of the more than 1,200 children may have something from the tree still more toys are needed. The Christmas tree entertainment will begin at 2 o'clock, on Wednesday, December 22.

Tartan Club Dance.—Last evening at the Connaught hall employees of Gordon's, Ltd., to the number of about 180, met and spent a very enjoyable four hours with dancing and social pastimes. Mann's orchestra supplied the music, and the following worked hard in arranging the general details of the entertainment: Mesdames Walker, Moore and Heywood, and Messrs. Lowe, Leal, Oakley and R. W. Gray (convener). One of the features of the entertainment was the delicious supper which was provided by the ladies of Gordon's store. The proceeds from the function, after clearing the expenses, are to be devoted to some of the patriotic funds of the city. It is intended to hold another dance of the kind in the spring, owing to the popularity and success of last evening's entertainment, and as on the present occasion the proceeds will be used for patriotic work of some kind.



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Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.

Cameron & Galwell's Auto Ambulance, the most up-to-date ambulance in the city, is at your service. Phone 693, 185 or 186. The same numbers will bring that taxi-cab, express wagon or anything else you may want in the trucking or draying business.

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

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Retrench by having things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant. Gramophones especially.

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

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Bonbon Crackers, from 20¢ to \$12.00	Holly, nice berries, 50¢ per lb.
Boys' and Girls' Stockings from 5¢ to \$2.00	Dessert Raisins, a large range of prices from, per lb., 15¢ to 40¢
Chocolates, fancy boxes, from 10¢ to \$4.50	Empress Mince, 50¢ Meat, 4-lb. pail.
Mistletoe, per lb., 75¢	Heinz Pure Mince, 95¢ Meat, large jar.

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Heinz Apple Butter, per jar, only 19¢	Pure Clover Honey, lb., 19¢
Blue Label or Heinz Catsup, per bottle, 24¢	Pure Honey in comb, each, 22¢ and 25¢
H. P. Sauce, per bottle 22¢	Old Dutch or Lux, 3 pkts. for, 25¢
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A. E. Settergren, of Seattle, is at the Dominion.

J. B. Millar, of Edmonton, is at the Dominion.

R. C. Gibbs, from Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

John Johnstone, of Lake Trail, Courtenay, is stopping at the Dominion.

Kenneth L. Thomson, of Galiano Island, is a guest of the Dominion.

George Sherwood, of Montreal, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey and children, of Swift Current, are at the James Bay hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Harris, of Ganges Harbor, are guests at the James Bay hotel.

E. Gammen, chief of police of Prince Rupert, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

A. A. Cox, the Vancouver architect, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. F. H. Price, of Duncan, is in the city and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

J. H. Monk and E. Coulson, of Salt Spring Island, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. C. Palmer McAllister, of New Westminster, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

M. F. Moss, from Seattle, is visiting in the city and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Dougan and Mrs. A. C. Faulkner, of Cobble Hill, are staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. GIBBONS were in the city yesterday from Hillbank, guests at the Empress hotel.

H. A. Hooper, from Vancouver, is in the city on business and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

W. J. Brown, from Carstairs, Alta., registered for himself and Mrs. Brown at the Strathcona hotel.

A. Fortier and Mrs. Fortier, of Moose Jaw, are visiting Victoria and are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Miss Ella L. Garvin, from Fort Angeles, is visiting in the city and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

J. H. McMillan and Mrs. McMillan, of Cumberland, on their honeymoon trip, are guests at the Dominion hotel.

Geo. W. Green, Miss Viola Green and Miss Josie Green, of Lethbridge, Alta., were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

Fred C. Hill and A. R. Bloomfield, of the Pacific Railways Advertising company, are over from the mainland and are at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ashley, of Toronto, who have been touring in the south, have arrived in Victoria and are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Thos. Langan and family and H. W. Teater and family, of Caselman, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion before taking up their winter residence in Victoria.

The Metropolitan Methodist church was well filled last evening on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Mildred Whiteley, daughter of John Whiteley, of Yorkshire, England, and Gilbert Cobe, petty officer at Esquimaux. The wedding took place from the Y. W. C. A., where the bride had been staying, and she was liberally pelted with rice by the residents there as she drove away for the church. She wore a simple going-away costume, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her bridesmaid was Miss Teevee. Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott performed the rite. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom left by the midnight boat for a short honeymoon on the mainland. On their return they will take up their residence at Craigflower road.

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They stain the immaculate deep with innocent blood. They kill the nursing mother and her child; Their misbegotten crimes on ebb and flood With infancy have curdled and defiled The sweet, salt waves of ocean while their plea Is our august ideal: the Freedom of the Sea.

Shall the red story of the Spanish Main In reels of horror and damnation grim By their command be acted o'er again? Shall the blue waters at our ramparts rim Beat bloody on old England and cry out The German freedom they do lust to bring about?

Fate will not yet that one egregious race Still harboring within its savage soul The dream of dead barbarians, disgrace Our seas—our seven cleansing seas that roll Upon the round earth's breast. She judges them By what they rent and void upon the deep sea's hem.

And since they make the patient sea a grave And laugh to hear a drowning woman cry. What though the New World beg that they may rave Unfettered on the ocean, or the sky. With all its worlds, entreat their liberty? Freedom herself is dead so long as they are free.

Tyrants, learn first the Freedom of the Earth. The rights of nations and the right of man— Heir to the sacred spirit that at birth Enkindles all things human! Break your ban On truth and justice and the solemn oath Kingdom to kingdom swore, in sight of Heaven both.

Ride we on honor's steady, stainless wing Above the mists, to gaze with naked eyes Where herald Children of the Morning sing A dawn of near and glad epiphanies. And read upon their sun-bright banner's scroll Blazoned in dayspring fire, "The Freedom of the Soul."

—Eden Phillpotts.

Among the news items circulated by the embassy in New York to show Germany's staying-power is the announcement that the subscriptions to the German Derby for 1914 are one hundred and forty-five, or nearly as many as for this year. But the Americans are believed to be more impressed with the number of entries secured for the British Derby.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS

A Swedish farmer, who lived on his wheat farm in Minnesota, was taken ill, and his wife telephoned the doctor. "If you have a thermometer," answered the physician, "take his temperature. I'll be out and see him presently." An hour or so later, when the doctor drove up, the woman met him at the door. "How is he?" asked the doctor. "Well," said she, "As ban put the barometer on him like you tal' me, and it say 'Vary dry,' so Ae give him pitcher of water to drink, and now he ban gone back to work."

He was an abled-bodied Englishman, out of work, and made a genial request for a little assistance. It was perhaps natural for the donor of two-pence to inquire whether the recipient had contemplated enlisting in the army. "I'd go like a shot, sir," came the answer, "but I've such a hot temper, and when I read what them Germans 'ave done I can't hold myself in. No, sir, if I was at the front I couldn't 'elp committing outrages on 'em. I'm best at 'ome."

Labor in one rural district was hard to get, so the manager of a small factory had to take on an untrained man. He handed the new employee over to the foreman to be taught his work. A day or so later, he met the foreman and inquired as to the novice's progress. "I hope he is getting on all right," he said anxiously. The foreman, who had not found the new man very receptive, replied angrily: "Got on! There's been a lot of getting on! I have taught him everything I know myself and he is still an ignorant fool."

They had been discussing the war, and what would happen if even the middle-aged married men had to go. Naturally, they were trying to discover how they could support their households. "At any rate," said one, with an air of false modesty, "if the worst came to the worst, I could keep the wolf from the door with my singing."

"That's true enough," Mrs. Howell, agreed her envious neighbor. "Particularly if the wolf has any ear for music."

Into the room of a country editor came a bluff old farmer with his eighteen-year-old son. "I've come for a little information, sir," he said hopefully. "I shall be delighted to do what I can for you," was the polite reply. "Well, this son of mine wants to go into the literary business, and I thought you would be able to tell us if there was any money in it. It's a good line, isn't it?" "Ye-es," replied the editor hesitatingly. "I've been at it myself for a good many years, and—"

Tourist (at ancient rural hostelry, coming down to breakfast with a haggard, unrested appearance): "Last night, madam, you informed me that the great Duke of Wellington once stayed at this hotel. Is it a fact?" Landlady: "It is, sir, a solemn fact. He slept in the werry room you occupied last night." Tourist: "Was it just the same then as it is now?" Landlady: "Just the werry same." Tourist: "Same bed in it?" Landlady: "The werry identical bed." Tourist: "And the Duke of Wellington slept in it? He actually slept in it?" Landlady: "Ain't that what I'm a-tellin' yer? The Duke of Wellington actually slept in the werry bed what you 'ad last night." Tourist: "Great Caesar! No wonder they called him the Iron Duke!"

Oh, but life is difficult! When you loosen the tangle in one place, you tie a knot in another.—H. G. Wells.



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LANTERN TOUR IN WEST OF ENGLAND

Rev. J. G. Inkster Speaks of Bristol and Other Cities; Their History and Churches

Lieut. Governor Barnard, in presiding at a lecture given by Rev. J. G. Inkster at the First Presbyterian church last evening, at which the collection was taken for the Red Cross funds, gave some statistical information to the audience on the progress of Red Cross work here. He paid a tribute to the great assistance afforded by the ladies' auxiliary of that church in the making of supplies.

Mr. Inkster, who formerly resided at Bristol, England, gave an illustrated lecture on the city and district. Starting with the Cabot tower which overlooks the city of churches, chapities and chimneys, Mr. Inkster reminded his audience that it commemorated the expedition of the "Matthew," under the Venetian John Cabot, which sailed from Bristol bridge, and eventually effected a landing in Cape Breton Island in June, 1497, being the first English expedition to land on what is now British North America. A number of fine views illustrated the quaint old houses, the wonderful architectural gem, St. Mary de Redcliff church, and the cathedral. The story of Chatterton, of the preaching of Wesley, and the eloquence of Burke necessarily belonged to the most cursory record of Bristol, as well as allusion to the princely munificence of Edward Colston, whose memory is perpetuated in the Dolphin, Anchor and Grateful society dinners. From the city the lecturer took his listeners out to Clifton, showed them pictures of the down and college, as well as of the graceful suspension bridge which joins the two sides of the Avon Gorge, one of the most popular places for suicide in the United Kingdom.

Bath came next, views of the Roman baths, rediscovered through the archaeological zeal of the late city architect, and the Abbey church being shown. In the latter case Mr. Inkster had the west front depicted, with its representation in stone of the vision of Jacob. The third picture of Bath showed the Circus, now the Harley street of the city, colloquially known as the "pill box," from its circular shape and its need of doctors. Then the lecturer journeyed to Wells, with its marvellous cathedral, the favorite picture from the palace garden being thrown on the screen. Then in succession Weston-super-mare (the Brighton of Bristol), Tintern Abbey, Chestow castle, and some of the Devonshire watering places were depicted. Mr. Inkster concluded with some reference to the village life of England, and in doing so quoted the lines from the "Deserted Village": "How happy he who crowns in shades like these A youth of labor with an age of ease."

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ROYAL VICTORIA.

Hazel Dawn in "The Masqueraders" was the attraction at the Royal Victoria this afternoon for the first time, and will be seen again to-night and for the balance of the week. It is an interesting story that is told in this five-part adaptation of Henry Arthur Jones' play. Hazel Dawn has the part of Dicie Laronis, the girl of good birth but without means who marries a man of wealth because of his wealth and ignores the offer of marriage of the man she loves. James Kirkwood is the producer, and he has selected backgrounds of English atmosphere that truly fit the tale. There are other good pictures on the same programme which is above the average.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

A most unusual feature is booked at the Columbia theatre for the last three days of the week in the five part Pathe Gold Rooster play, "Mary's Lamb."

Richard Carle, who was responsible for the remarkable success of the play on the contemporary stage, is playing the leading role, supported by an exceptionally strong cast of Pathe players.

Those who have seen the photoplay version predict an even greater suc-

cess for it than for the stage production, it being a striking feature full of laughs and original situations.

Many will remember this side-splitting comedy in which Richard Carle appeared here some time ago at \$2 prices, and will welcome this opportunity of again seeing this famous comedian in his greatest Broadway success. The usual Columbia Country Store will be held to-morrow night, when a number of special prizes will be given away.

"THE ETERNAL CITY."

The eight-part picturization of Hall Caine's celebrated romance of modern Rome, "The Eternal City," now running at the Dominion aptly illustrates the amazing powers of the screen for visualizing the great works of literature and the drama.

It is of interest that at the time Hugh Ford was producing the stage version of "The Eternal City," Edwin S. Porter, one of the pioneers in the art of the silent drama, had just completed the first connected photoplay ever presented. Through an unusual chain of circumstances, the man who produced the first dramatic unit in motion pictures became producing manager for the Famous Players Film company, and when a year ago Hugh Ford abandoned legitimate production to

devote his time to the creation of film spectacles he also became associated with the Famous Players.

Messrs. Porter and Ford went to Italy to collaborate on the production of "The Eternal City," and thus the creator of the first photoplay and the producer of the first stage presentation of "The Eternal City" found themselves



working together on the photo version of that subject.

This also is the first film characterization of Pauline Frederick, who has attained great personal distinction in "Innocent." She was chosen to portray Donna Roma, the central character in the play, because of her Latin appearance and emotional power. With reproductions of many historical spots in Rome never before filmed, the photoplay presents an illustration of Hall Caine's romance which enhances the dramatic effects of the story.

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IF THE BOOT WERE ON THE OTHER FOOT

What a condition of conspiracy and of perfidy to international obligations is revealed even in the introductory testimony in the case of Bueenz and other Germans in New York yesterday! If the government proves its case Captain Boy-Ed and his fellow operators must be found guilty of making scraps of paper of ship clearance papers and manifests, of charters and of the articles of incorporation of manufacturing companies, as well as of their pledges of loyalty and respect to the government to which they were accredited. For them there was nothing in sight or thought except the "necessities" of Germany. The rights of the United States were the merest dirt under their feet.

Let us see what it is that these German representatives have from the beginning done and assumed. We can do this best by supposing that an American ambassador to Germany should enter into and direct schemes for provoking strikes in Krupp's works at Essen, that American consuls and attaches should engage in similar work, that American agents should report to American consuls in Germany that they had withdrawn so many men from one establishment, that they had got so many to go on strike in another, and that an explosion or a fire would be possible in a third; that concurrently with these activities numerous explosions and fires should occur in German factories and warehouses and on German vessels; that Americans in Germany boasted or threatened that by a certain date every establishment of a certain kind in that empire would be closed; that the German government was compelled as a matter of prudence to place guards at railroad bridges and tunnels to prevent their destruction by American incendiaries; and that, in brief, something resembling a reign of terror was created by American conspirators in Germany.

Let us suppose that American agents in Germany felt themselves warranted in playing fast and loose with German navigation laws and regulations; that they spent large sums of money to hire or corrupt sea captains, clerks, and all manner of underlings, in such a way as to deceive the imperial authorities and set their orders and requirements at naught. When all this came out, what are we to suppose that the German government would do? No particularly vivid or versatile imagination is needed to picture the prompt results. These would comprise: concentration camps for Americans in Germany; firing squads for those who were caught at their tricks; expulsion of all officials who were so much as suspected of complicity, an ultimatum to the American government, and the clearest possible information that Germany, at any rate, was not "too proud to fight." Those are some of the things which would happen, if the United States were to do to Germany what she is doing to us. And the world at large would say that it served us right.

The government at Washington, as represented by President Wilson and Attorney-General Gregory, has been slow in taking up these outrages upon

American authority. This does not seem to be a wonder, in view of the way in which the continuance of the outrages reflects on the vigilance, vigor and courage of the administration. Boy-Ed, Von Nuber, Albert and the rest have been permitted to keep this business up for the last fifteen months, apparently with no more thought about it at the White House than there has been about the wholesale murder of Americans by the wanton and barbarous destruction of the Lusitania. But at last the government has been drawn into the performance of its legal duty in prosecuting the violation, fifteen months ago, of port regulations at New York. The revelations, though they do not by any means include the worst things done by German agents in this country, are sufficiently clear to show that the United States government cannot long postpone the hour of its action. If the chief conspirators cannot be held legally responsible, they must be cleared out of the country.—Boston Transcript.

At a country station a little child, owing to the rush of a crowd of trippers, was pushed over in front of an outgoing train. Quick as a flash a working-man jumped into the four-foot, threw the child on to the platform and scrambled up himself, but scarcely quick enough, as the engine in passing rolled him over on the platform. Several people hastened to his succor, but he rose uninjured, and with a face expressive of extreme concern drew out of his pocket a colored handkerchief

containing his day's victuals, which he cursorily examined, and then ruefully exclaimed, "Confound it! Just my luck!" "What is the matter?" "Why, I've broken two eggs and a rhubarb tart, and it's all mixed up with my tea and sugar."

"I would like twenty-five good cigars for my husband." "Yes, madam; how would you like them—strong or—?" "Oh, strong—very strong! The last he had all broke in his waistcoat pocket."

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SPORTING NEWS

ARISTOCRATS ARE FAVORITES OVER VANCOUVER FOR TO-MORROW'S GAME

Manager Patrick Will Probably Place George Box at Centre; Portland Plays Seattle To-morrow

With one victory tucked away Lester Patrick is confident that his aggregation will duplicate their performance of Tuesday night against Vancouver on the local ice to-morrow night. Yesterday the local players were idle, nursing the bruises sustained at Vancouver, but to-day all the players were out in uniform and went through a strenuous workout. As yet Manager Patrick has not decided upon his line-up, but it is very likely that Box will be placed in centre ice, and Riley and O'Leary on reserve. In Tuesday night's game Box played a wonderful game, and is entitled to start at centre ice to-morrow evening.

The local players express their confidence in winning, they certainly do not under estimate the strength of the Millionaires. They are a strong aggressive team, and despite the fact they have dropped three consecutive games, they will be well up in the running at the finish. As for Victoria they did not look exceptionally strong against Seattle on the local ice, but as Lester Patrick stated, his players were not accustomed to each other's play, and they will continue to show improvement on Vancouver ice on Tuesday the team looked like an entirely new aggregation, and displayed brilliant form in all departments of the game. A feature of their work was the combination they displayed.

Seattle, with first place in their possession, will visit Portland to-morrow, where the Rosebuds are confident of taking revenge on the visitors for their defeat at the hands of the Metropolitanans on Tuesday night. A victory for the Seattle septette would give them a substantial lead in the P. C. H. A. race, while on the other hand a reverse would again tie them up with the Rosebuds for the league leadership. The teams will line up as follows:

Portland	Seattle	
Murray	Goal	Holmes
Irvine	Point	Rowe
Johnson	Cover Point	Carpenter
Outman	Rover	Foyston
Dunderdale	Centre	Morris
Harris	Right Wing	Wilson
Tobin	Left Wing	Walker

BLEWETT RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LEAGUE

No Startling Development at League Meeting Held Yesterday

Seattle, Dec. 14.—Robert L. Blewett was re-elected president of the Northwestern Baseball league at the annual meeting yesterday afternoon in the Butler hotel. This action was strictly in accordance with the advance dope, but the action of the directors in giving him a term of three years was not only a surprise to Mr. Blewett himself but to the entire lobby, sitting outside and industriously figuring on the outcome of the proceedings.

The significance of the three-year term is that there is no underground work going on to form an all-Coast league. President Bob Brown, of Vancouver, said after the meeting that he had not thought of extending Blewett's term of office more than one year, but that when President Dugdale, of Seattle, suggested the idea it struck him and all the other directors as a good one, and they accepted it without a dissenting vote.

Up to this time the Northwestern league has had a president, secretary and treasurer combined in one person. There has not been a vice-president. Yesterday the directors created the office of vice-president and elected J. Stanley Webster, of Spokane, to the office.

No definite action was taken in the matter of a circuit. There was considerable talk about mileage and other points that would arise in case Butte or Missoula or both were taken into the league. Missoula apparently had the lead over Helena. Finally President Blewett was appointed a committee of one to investigate railroad rates as affecting the Montana situation and report at a later meeting.

The following directors were present yesterday: President D. E. Dugdale, Seattle; President Bob Brown, Vancouver; President Joe McGinnity, Tacoma; President F. C. Farr, Spokane. No trades were made yesterday. President Farr told President Dugdale he was willing to take Tealey Raymond over to Spokane as manager, and President Dugdale said he was satisfied to have him remain in Seattle.

Bob Brown informed the other directors that he was in the market for trades. All his old players are on the market.

College baseball, football, track, rowing, basketball and hockey schedules will be submitted to the members of the association to prevent conflicting dates.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 14.—Salaries of baseball players in the Southern association during the coming season will be limited to \$2,800 under a rule adopted to-day at a meeting of directors here. A limit of fourteen players was fixed and the regulation guaranteeing visiting teams \$75 a game was abolished. The directors re-elected R. H. Baugh, of Birmingham, president of the league.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Fire last night destroyed the old Emeryville race-track. A spectacular blaze, visible for miles around, forestalled the wreckers who had already begun to raise the building.

Two other places closely linked with the history of the track were wiped out by the flames—Paddy Lynch's, outside the Harlan street entrance, a resort known to every turfman, and "Poverty Row," an auxiliary group of stables.

AMATEUR TEAMS MEET AT ARENA TO-NIGHT

Western Scots Oppose V. A. H. C. in First Game of City Championship Series

Promptly at 7 o'clock to-night the curtain will rise on local amateur hockey, with the 6th Battalion Western Scots' septette opposed to the Victoria Amateur Hockey club representatives. In the first match of the series for the Senior City hockey championship. The teams have agreed upon the best three out of five matches to decide the championship. The soldiers can boast of three strong players in Lieut. McDiarmid, Sergt. Young and Sergt. Morton, but little is known of the other members of their lineup. Lieut. McDiarmid was formerly a member of the Shortt, Hill & Duncan team. Sergt. Young played with Y. M. C. A., and sergeant Morton was a member of the Carter & McKenzie team which won the Commercial league championship last season. All the members of the V. A. H. C. team are very well known. An admission fee of thirty-five cents will be charged for those who wish to take in the game and afterwards to skate. For those only desiring to witness the hockey match an admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged. Charlie Burnett will officiate as referee. The teams will line up as follows:

Western Scots	V. A. H. C.	
Pte. Arbuthnot	Goal	A. Straith
Sgt. Young	Point	Christie
Lt. McDiarmid	Cover Point	Wickson
Pte. McDonald	Forwards	G. Straith
Sgt. Morton	Forwards	W. Kley
Cpl. Falconer	Forwards	Smith
Pte. Kehny	Forwards	Davidson
Ptes. Peters, Cowley	Subs	

ENGLISH GOLFERS WILL TOUR STATES NEXT YEAR

New York, Dec. 14.—Golfers are keenly interested in a report that Henry Vardon and several other famous English professionals will tour America during the coming season. Vardon, Taylor, Ray, Braid and other former holders of the English open championship, played a series of four-ball matches throughout England during the past summer, turning the net receipts over to war relief funds.

If proper arrangements can be made by a quartette of these players the plan is to have them tour the United States and Canada during the 1916 season with the same ultimate use of the gate receipts. Most of the professionals mentioned are past the age where their services would be acceptable in trench warfare, but they are understood to be eager to turn their golfing ability into material assistance for England during the continuation of the war. Ray, Vardon and Braid had engaged passage to this country last summer, but the sinking of the Lusitania caused them to abandon the trip.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 14.—In the poorest game of senior hockey ever played in Regina, the Victorias defeated Moose Jaw by a score of 16 to 4 last night.

TITLE BOUT ARRANGED.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Articles of agreement binding Jess Willard, the world's champion pugilist, to a match March 4, at New Orleans, with Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., for the world's championship were signed here to-day.

Under the articles of agreement Willard is to receive \$32,500 win, lose or draw, and Fulton is to get \$7,500, with a provision that in lieu of the lump sum he can elect to take 15 per cent of the profits if the receipts amount to more than \$50,000 and 10 per cent of the moving picture rights.

The agreement makes the fight a twenty-round contest, to be fought before the new West Side Athletic Club of New Orleans. The agreement was signed by Tom Jones for Jess Willard, Mike Collins for Fulton and Thomas S. Andrews, of Milwaukee, for the New Orleans Athletic club. The referee will be chosen later.

COBB IS IN CLASS BY HIMSELF

Again the American league statistics show that Ty Cobb, the Georgian Peach, is way out in front of the American league sluggers, a position he has held for the past seven or eight years. Cobb had a big year in 1914, when he batted .420. This season he led the other outfielders in batting, number of runs scored and stolen bases. The following is Cobb's record since 1911, and the other American league batters who pressed him for the batting honors:

1911	Cobb	.420
	Jackson	.402
	Crawford	.378
	Collins	.365
	Lajoie	.365
1912	Cobb	.385
	Jackson	.355
	Speaker	.353
	Lajoie	.348
	Collins	.348
1913	Cobb	.370
	Jackson	.372
	Speaker	.366
	Collins	.345
	Baker	.336
1914	Cobb	.368
	Jackson	.368
	Speaker	.378
	Jackson	.338
	Baker	.319
	Hoblitzel	.319
1915	Cobb	.370
	Collins	.352
	Speaker	.322
	Fournier	.322
	McInnis	.314
	Veach	.314

AFTER COLLEGE PITCHER.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Branch Rickey, of the St. Louis American league team, said to-night he hoped to get the services of Paul Des Jardien, the University of Chicago pitcher, now on his way from the Orient with the maroon team. It was reported recently that Des Jardien has accepted a position as coach at the University of Chicago, having decided not to enter professional baseball. This following an announcement that the Chicago National league club had about concluded negotiations with the varsity pitcher.

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MACK WILL SELL BAKER TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Trade talk was resumed to-day with the arrival of Connie Mack, of the Athletics, and Manager Donovan, of the Yankees.

Soon after his arrival Connie Mack said he would sell Third Baseman Baker to the highest bidder.

A report on the Cleveland situation after the famous home-run hitter, but it was generally believed that Charles Comiskey would outbid all others in his effort to land Baker for the White Sox.

Mack said he was tired of the stream of talk about Baker's disposal.

"I want to get rid of him," he declared.

Col. Jacob Ruppert and Capt. Huston at a meeting with Mack in President Johnson's office made the first definite offer for Baker. Later Comiskey expected to confer with Mack.

A report on the Cleveland situation was made to-day by John E. Bruce, secretary of the national commission, who has been investigating on President Johnson's behalf the club's affairs. Charles Somers, president of the Cleveland club, is eager to procure league backing as the head of the club for another year, and will take his fight to the floor of the convention, it was said.

Everyone Wants Good Drinks at Christmas

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The "New Drink"

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WELSH APPEARS AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The capacity of Loe's Winter garden, 2,600 or more, was packed to the limit last night for a boxing show, under the auspices of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Fund, with the appearance of Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion of the world, as the star feature. The programme was made up of short bouts, between local professionals, and was the first professional boxing show in Toronto, other than club affairs for years. Tommy Madison, of Montreal, met the champion and got the worst of the bout.

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Consignment of Spalding's famed HOCKEY STICKS. Inspection invited.

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WOLGAST IS "ALL IN."

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HAVE NOT YET AGREED ON TERMS OF PEACE

New York, Dec. 14.—The future status of big league baseball will be decided at a peace conference of representatives of the National American and Federal leagues here to-morrow, if the expectations of the magnates who have framed the tentative agreement after three years of war are fulfilled.

Members of the National league here in their annual meeting are waiting to-day for the arrival of the conference committee appointed by the American league to ratify the proposed terms of peace.

No authoritative statement has been made of the terms of peace.

Chief among "knotty" problems remaining to be solved is that involved in the demand of President Gilmore that organized baseball must take over the \$300,000 payroll of the Federal league.

News that the American league in its Chicago session yesterday agreed to terms formulated by National and Federal league members here was welcomed by the members of both leagues.

CHAMP. RETAINS TITLE.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 14.—Owen Daily, of Minden, Nebraska, world's lightweight champion wrestler, defeated Milton Harnden, of this place, yesterday. Harnden gave up when Daily took the first fall by a toe hold in 31 minutes. Harnden's left ankle was broken and he could not return to the mat. Two thousand people watched the match.

SOMERS WON.

Portland, Dec. 14.—Al Somers, of Portland, is the light-heavyweight champion of the northwest following a six-round victory over Earl Mielhus, former Pacific coast amateur light-heavyweight champion, here last night. Somers had a shade the better of the argument throughout and was credited with a knockdown in the last round. The winner will be matched with Billie Weeks, of Vancouver, B. C., Canadian middleweight champion.

TINKER RESTS EASY.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federal champions, submitted to an operation to-day for stone in the kidney. The report from the hospital was that Tinker was resting well after the operation.

REICH SCORES KNOCKOUT.

New York, Dec. 14.—Al Reich knocked out Sailor Carroll in the first round of their go at the American Sporting Club last night. Reich weighed 212 pounds, while Carroll tipped the beam at 194.

PRIZE RING POSSESSED ABNORMAL FREAKS

Odd Characters in Boxing Game Were Numerous in Days Gone By

While the great majority of the professional boxers of to-day are well built, athletic, normal young men, who have taken up the game because of its financial possibilities, there are left a few mental and physical freaks who are reminiscent of the good old days when the game seemed to attract all sorts of abnormal and nutty ginks.

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CHAMPION HURDLER MAY NEVER RUN AGAIN

Los Angeles, Dec. 14.—Fred Kelly, Olympic high hurdler and one of the greatest athletes in the world, may possibly have his leg rebroken. About two months ago Kelly fractured his leg playing football. At first it was considered only a minor injury, and it was believed it would heal in a short time. It has since been learned that the limb probably will have to be rebroken. Leo Livernash, whose leg was broken in the same game, has now sufficiently recovered to be back on the football field. His injury was considered more serious than that of Kelly's. However, the latter did not know that the bone was broken, and walked on it for three or four days, and this may be the cause of the complications. Should the limb be rebroken, it will probably put an end to Kelly's track career.

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**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
MORE DELIBERATE**

Gift-Giving This Year Takes the Form of Practical and Useful Presents

"Trade in general is better, but Christmas trade is much lighter. There might be more enthusiasm, but it is going out in other things, charitable effort, preparing the Christmas trees for the soldiers' children, working for the soldiers' wives and making things for the soldiers themselves."

This was the reply given by a well-known local merchant when asked if there was any sign yet of the old-time "Christmas rush." And the expression was repeated in various forms by other merchants approached by the Times during the present week on the same matter. Each and all have noted a marked change in the character of the trade as compared with December in years gone by—people are buying the practical and useful rather than the ornamental and superfluous. The element of the personal has given place to an altruism again in shopping. The little vanities of the home, the concession to the human weakness for luxury in dress and surroundings, are being conscientiously ignored by nearly all who have purse-strings of their own and something to control therewith. So simple, practical gifts are going to the family, and the near relations and friends. And the surplus (which is often the major portion) is being spent in buying gifts for some poorer family, some orphaned child, or some little one whose father is away on the battle fields of Europe fighting for king and country.

Suitable Stock.
There was not the same demand for the higher-priced gifts, stated one of the merchants interviewed. But the dealers in most cases had been prepared for this contingency, and their stock was of a kind which would not suffer by the fact that shoppers were confining their purchases to the more modestly-priced articles. And a glance at the display was quite convincing proof of the wise judgment of the manager of this old-established Government street business, who has learned through long years' contact with the Victoria public just what they are prepared to buy several months in advance of any particular season.

Gloves, because they are always needed and have really changed little in price despite the turndown in those countries which are their chief source of supply; neckwear, because the styles this year give it greater prominence than for many seasons past; silk scarves and sweaters, both almost indispensable to a people who live much out of doors; fancy hosiery and taffeta silk undershirts, which have both come back into vogue with the mid-Victorian roominess of skirts; umbrellas, a dire necessity just now; handkerchiefs, woollens, blouses, hand-bags, elder-down dressing-gowns, even raincoats and costumes, all these things are finding a bigger sale and the trinkets and trifles a smaller sale than for many years past.

Happy But Quiet.
Last Christmas no one had much idea of how things were going to go. There was a hesitancy up to within two weeks of Christmas, then at the very last moment most people decided to conduct the festive occasion along the usual lines. And a "rush" ensued. This year the character of the occasion was pre-decided, and there is little doubt that in most households it will be a happy but relatively quiet fete day. Money is being spent. The dealers in furs, which are never an inexpensive gift, have proof of the fact that some very handsome presents are being made in this form this year. And coming back to the ladies' outfitters generally the extent of the sale of maribout sets is another evidence that this particular luxury of dress still has its devotees. And yet both furs and feathers are very largely imported, the latter from France, the former from England, in their dressed form now that other sources of supply have been cut off by Britannia's dominion over the seas.

As far as ladies' apparel is concerned it is many years since dress has been so pretty and feminine as now. And had it not been that work-parties for the Red Cross and other patriotic undertakings have so largely usurped the place of the social gatherings there might have been much more in the way of expenditure on the appurtenances which are part of the well-dressed woman's perquisites.

Home Furnishings.
In the furnishings of the home it is the useful and practical which is finding the readiest sale too. Electric-tongs, easy-cooking appliances, substantial cutlery, all part of the improved but essential equipment of the home, are having a ready sale, while for supplementary luxuries there are still things practical such as table-lamps, dinner and tea-sets, brass trays, brass jardinières, children's table sets, and things of the kind that afford quite a wide range for the well-filled purse.

"Raffles seem to bring as many customers as anything else," one merchant admitted smilingly. He had had a constant succession of articles to raffle for one society or another in aid of some patriotic fund. The money which was handled in this way perhaps indicated one reason why people have spent less on pretty picture frames and fluffy pincushions than usual.

The Children's Season.
Of course Christmas is essentially a children's time. But even last year quite a number of the churches and Sunday schools and other institutions which are strongly interested in children established a custom of giving rather than receiving. The little folks were to bring presents rather than receive them. These would in turn be

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Minister of Public Works.



HON. LORNE CAMPBELL
Minister of Mines.

collected and sent to the Orphanage or the Day Nursery or some of the other institutions that care for small people. This has meant a modification in toy-giving, and the purchase instead of useful things. But despite this the toy-shops have a gala appearance which draws longing glances from small people who chance to pass. Last Saturday brought many shoppers from the country districts, and numbers of juveniles, who look forward to the annual privilege of seeing the shops in their Christmas array, visited the toy emporiums. Most of the instruments of sound, it is safe to estimate, have been well tested by this time, as everything from horns to dying pigs were "tried out."

Note has already been made in these columns of the source of the present toy supply. It is all summed up in one line: Nothing is coming from Germany, anyway. Real "groceries" are still finding things "made in Germany," and are not the least bit shy about complaining to the managers, sometimes demanding that they throw out the stock. This is as unreasonable and futile as for the government to ask every housekeeper to throw out all the china made in Germany or Austria that is in their possession. Doing so would not effect either of these enemy countries. Shunning the shop-keeper

who carries "made-in-Germany" wares can hurt only one person—the good Canadian shop-keeper himself. Nothing is being received in this country from Germany. No one would risk the consequences by buying in Germany, even if such a thing were possible.

New Sources of Supply.
Side by side with the left-over imported stock of last year is to be seen the substitute stock which is gradually being supplied by Canadian manufacturers and from Japan. Among the former, for the decoration of the Christmas tree, is a new thing which has not been seen here before—candy beads in strings. These are colored with vegetable dyes, quite wholesome, and highly effective for decorative purposes. They are made in Canada, moreover. French papier-mache dolls and rubber dolls, Canadian and Japanese metal toys, trumpets, trains, etc., Canadian-made go-carts and wooden wagons, conical animals made of braided straw, and remarkably cheap mechanical playthings made in Japan are crowding the market to the perpetual exclusion of the German-toy trade. And for the little people this year Christmas in Victoria is going to be more than usually interesting for several reasons.
There is no urgent appeal to the

ALL READY FOR BIG TOURNAMENT TO-NIGHT

Lieutenant-Governor Will Arrive Promptly at 8 o'Clock; the Programme

Everything is now in readiness for the great naval and military tournament which starts to-night at the horse-show building, Willows camp, and continues to-morrow night. The last touches were put on the interior of the building to-day, and, gaily decorated with bunting and flags of the allies, together with masses of evergreen, it has assumed a bright and festive appearance.

In honor the lieutenant-governor will take his place in the grandstand promptly at 8 o'clock this evening, and on the stroke of the hour the performance will begin.

Motor cars will approach through the main gate of the camp, and will turn to the left to the horse-show building. In order to obviate any unnecessary crowding and mudds after the show, the chauffeur and occupants of each car will be given duplicate numbers. On coming out from the show, the occupant will tender the number card to the attendant at the door. With the aid of the military police, it is hoped that a good deal of the usual inconvenience in this regard will be avoided.

The programme for the evening is full of entertaining items, some of them entirely novel to Victoria. Included is the musical ride by officers and non-coms. of the 11th C.M.R., finishing with a grand charge with lances at "the engage"—a dash which will give the audience a very fair idea of a troop of cavalry going into action.

Then there will be gun-mounting, a competition with 6-inch loaders, a centipede race, tugs-of-war, escalading and so on through a lengthy list of absorbingly interesting events.

The programme follows:
Grand March of Contestants—Headed by the massed bands of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion, Western Scots, C.E.F., 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Slatter, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F.

Centipede Race—Teams of eight men astride a 10-ft. pole. Entries: H.M.C.S. Rainbow, H.M.C.S. Shearwater, Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., "B" Section, No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F.

Competition with 6-inch Loaders—For challenge cup. Teams from H.M.C.S. Rainbow, Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

The pipes and drums of the 67th Battalion Western Scots, under Pipe-Major Wishart, will play a march, strathspey and reel.

Tug of War—First pull. Entries: H.M.C.S. Rainbow, H.M.C.S. Shearwater, Royal Canadian Regiment, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., "B" Section, No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F.

Exhibition of Physical Drill by 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., 50th Regiment, Highlanders of Canada.

Blindfolded Squad Drill—Teams of eight men and N.C.O. Entries: Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment, 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., 50th Regiment, Highlanders of Canada, "B" Section, No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F.

The fife and drums of the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Sergeant-Drummer Rooney, will play.

Escalading by the 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., under Major H. D. Meredith-Jones.

Tug of War—Second pull.

Wrestling on Horseback—Teams of four men. Entries: H.M.C.S. Rainbow, H.M.C.S. Shearwater, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., Naval Field Gun Display by Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

Comic Field Gun Display by 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery.

Tug of War on Horseback—Entries: 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery.

Musical Ride by 11th Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., under Captain W. D. Bruce.

At intervals during the tournament the bands of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Slatter, 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, under Bandmaster Smith, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Fink, and 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Rumsby, will play selections.

"God Save the King" by massed bands.

public from the merchants, as in times gone by, to "do your shopping early." Additional clerks have been added in all departments of the big stores for weeks past, but no mad rush was anticipated nor hoped for. The steady, constant nature of business is more than compensating for the customary high pressure.

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If you are spending CHRISTMAS in EASTERN CANADA or the United States why not travel, at least in one direction, by A New Train, via A New Route, through A New Country

HUGE MAIL SHIPMENT ARRIVES ON MAKURA
Xmas Ship From Antipodes Has 510 Bags for This Port; Docking This Afternoon

Their Side of the Case. This is what the crew has to say about the part they played in the wreck.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE
San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The schr. W. H. Talbot, from Lucknow, with 887 tons of copra to Atkins, Kroll & Co., arrived to-day.

Canadian Pacific Ry. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS
VICTORIA to VANCOUVER and return. \$2.70

Bringing the largest shipment of mail which ever arrived from the Antipodes, the Canadian-Australian liner Makura, Capt. Phillips, brought up at William Head at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and is expected to tie up at the ocean docks at 5:15 o'clock.

About 5:30 p.m. the first information came from the Tofino telegraph office saying: "N.R. Wreck reported on Chesterman's beach. There were miles of difficult country between Tofino and the actual scene. We were just about to have supper, but rushed off just as soon as we could get ropes and lanterns to where we were informed the wreck was. It was very dark when we started, but we all carried lanterns and took turns to drag and carry ropes over the miserable excuse for a road, in single file, not having room to pass one another. We made a point opposite the beach, and then plunged into the bush, making a bee-line for the beach, directed by the sound of the surf. Through bush and swamp, often up to our waists in mud and water, under and over all kinds of obstacles, strained and half blinded by bush and pit-falls, we moved on.

GERMANS MAKE PLANS FOR TRADE EXPANSION
North German Lloyd Intends Operating to This Coast After Great War

ATLANTIC SAILINGS TO ENGLAND In Connection With Northern Pacific Railway

Making Good Time. The Makura is making her schedule without difficulty, despite the heavy weather between Honolulu and this coast. The British admiralty has requisitioned many of the Union Steamship company's boats, and as a result the services have to be maintained with fewer boats.

"We arrived at the beach about 8:30 p.m. We were not lost. It looks a long time, but anyone who knows this part of the country knows the impassable nature of it. We examined the beach from one end to the other, found nothing, and again took to the bush for False bay, another very difficult piece of travelling. The wind continually putting out our lanterns. We searched False bay and found nothing.

SHIP IDLE ON COAST
Chartering of Eurania Removes Last Empty Vessel; Men Are Making Fortunes

Day Steamer to Seattle THE S. S. "SOL DUC"

ALL HANDS SAVED
New York, Dec. 16.—Captain Loughlin and the crew of 18 of the American steamer Lucy Neff, which foundered yesterday off the Delaware coast, arrived here today on the British steamer Chase Hill. The Lucy Neff sprung several leaks during a gale Dec. 14.

"Coming back part of the crew searched the beaches towards Tofino, but of course with no results. We had on our sea-boots, oilskins, etc., and were in a tired condition, but every man of the crew did his best and was eager and willing to go anywhere, but up till after 5 a.m. we did not know where the wreck was, as we had no word or message to tell us the location of it.

NOT A SINGLE GRAIN
Ship Idle on Coast
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The Union Steamship Company
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TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, For, Due. Includes sections for DEEP SEA ARRIVALS, DEEP SEA DEPARTURES, and COASTWISE SERVICES.

THE TIME BALL
The time ball on the Belmont building will be raised halfway at 12:45, at the top at 12:55, and dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

TIDE TABLE
Date: December. Table with columns: Date, Time, H.U. Time, H.U. Time, H.U. Time, H.U. Time.

THE MIDDY.
He stands five four three-quarters in his socks. He's rather more than midway in his teens.

To increase your profits increase your sales. To increase your sales advertise in the daily newspapers. Bill Wise

Mrs. O'Toole proceeded down the village, and caught sight of her neighbor's signboard, with the following inscription: "Washing and Ironing Done."

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HOW HOLLAND HAS PREPARED FOR WAR

Requirements as Made Plain in Great Struggle Have Been Studied

The Hague, Dec. 16.—The restriction by the Dutch government of the movements of metal workers who were intending to go to Great Britain to take advantage of high wages in the munitions and shipbuilding plants there, has called attention to the position of the Netherlands in connection with war supplies.

The enforcement of the regulations was a surprise to the workmen concerned, several thousands of whose comrades had been employed in German munitions factories since the beginning of the war. The labor representatives who conferred with the government officials were told that the action of the authorities was necessary because so many men were leaving whose service would be invaluable to the country in case of need, and that the prohibition of emigration is now applicable without regard to which country they wish to go.

The Metal Workers' union has entered an energetic protest against the stoppage of its members' emigration, and has brought forward statistics to show that many of them are out of work in this country. At the same time the union demands, in case the order should remain in force, an increase of 35 per cent. in the men's wages, and the government is considering the problem thus brought forward, as it affects the workers in the government factories.

Arms and Ammunition.

For many years some of the Dutch newspapers have been calling attention to the necessity of establishing efficient arsenals and ammunition factories under Dutch state control to provide sufficient war material for the Dutch army under all conditions, instead of leaving the military forces of the country, as hitherto, dependent on foreign contractors. Possibly as a result of this agitation, the state since January, 1913, has possessed an arms and ammunition factory on the Hembrug, at Amsterdam, and an arsenal at Delft. These state institutions have been extended recently to include the construction of certain parts of flying machines and sea mines, but the entire output is based on the requirements of the small Dutch army on a peace footing.

Much has been done, since the beginning of the war to place the Dutch army in a position to cope with modern conditions of fighting. Under the circumstances the government deems it unwise to publish even approximate figures as to what has been done, but it may be taken as a fact that the Netherlands are prepared for most eventualities.

Rifles Enough.

The army possesses a good rifle, rather light as compared with others in use in Europe, and the country has enough of them to arm all its trained infantrymen. Rifle ammunition, too, is on hand in satisfactory quantities, reckoned on the basis of the immense numbers of cartridges fired off in modern engagements. Several private factories are engaged in manufacturing still further large quantities of these, as well as artillery ammunition, under the supervision of the munitions committee of the government.

As to the Dutch artillery, the army experts have followed closely the operations going on all round. They have made their calculations as to the number of shells to have ready for each piece of ordnance, and in all probability have provided for even greater quantities of shells than were considered indispensable by the French and German gunnery experts before the opening of hostilities. Provision was then made by the French for each piece of field ordnance sent on active service to be supplied with 575 shells. The Germans, on the other hand, calculated that 398 was an ample supply. Both have proved almost incredibly below the actual requirements and the Dutch gunners are understood to have taken full cognizance of this fact.

Much Accomplished.

As to the guns themselves, the Dutch have come to the conclusion that their artillery must be strengthened, and it is believed that much already has been accomplished in this direction, both as regards light and heavy field pieces and machine guns. The ordinary field guns in use in the Dutch army do not differ very greatly from the Austrian 8-centimetre weapons. They also have a very light field piece of 6-centimetre calibre, handy for use in broken ground such as is found everywhere in the Netherlands. As to heavier mobile pieces, some of the fortress guns are capable of being provided with field carriages, and in this way guns of 10,

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12 and 15-centimetre bore could be placed in the field.

In Holland the guns of the field artillery many times have to be carried by water and the guns are often exercised in this transportation. In every irrigation canal are numerous shallow flat-bottomed scoops used for the carrying over of cattle and manure. These are put to use by the artillery men. Two of them are placed side by side and made fast. The gun and its carriage are then slipped aboard along planks used as runners, each of the scoops holding two of the wheels. In this way most of the difficulties of the ground, when cut up by canals, are overcome.

CHOOSING BRIDE FOR PRINCE OF WALES

Speculation in London; No Princess of Hohenzollern Associations Eligible

London, Dec. 16.—Speculation as to royal marriages, always a lively topic of gossip, has been increased since the war began, for the field of possibilities so far as the royal houses of Great Britain and Russia are concerned has been narrowed by the war. Thoughts of marriage between the princes or princesses in Buckingham Palace with anybody of Hohenzollern associations are now out of the question. Meanwhile the Prince of Wales is in his twenty-second year, his brother Albert is 20, and the Princess Mary passed her eighteenth birthday in April last. The three younger brothers range from 15 to 16 years of age, so their brides need not cause their royal parents any concern yet awhile.

The choice of the next queen of Great Britain is of such importance that even this great war can not obscure the popular interest in the selection of a wife for the Prince of Wales, and it is recalled that while he is 22 now, his father was married to the Princess of Teck when he was 28 years old and his grandfather married Queen Alexandra when he was not as old as the prince is now. The exceptionally late age at which King George was married may in part have been due to the fact that the heir to the throne, the Duke of Clarence, did not die till 1892, and his brother, the present king, was married the next year.

That there are five boys in the royal family is a fact that widens the field of speculation. A weekly paper in its last issue, for example, published the portraits of the two beautiful Roumanian princesses, with the hint that they might later be better known in Britain, a safe and indefinite suggestion in the circumstances.

Similarly it is equally vague to make suggestions with regard to the large royal family in Petrograd, but all the gossip selects no mate either for the Prince of Wales or Princess Mary. The scheme of the Hohenzollerns in placing their children in so many of the royal families of Europe has been the subject of many articles in the British press during the war, and it has been pointed out how this has affected the diplomatic situation in Holland, Sweden, Bulgaria and Greece. Meanwhile there has been no wedding in the immediate royal family since the king's sister Maud married King Haakon VII. of Norway in 1896.

BETHMANN-HOLLWEG'S REPLY ABOUT ARMENIANS

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Fifty delegates, representing all the Protestant churches in Germany, waited on the German chancellor, to express their anxiety as to the fate of the Armenians. The chancellor replied that the German government would always consider it one of its greatest duties not to allow a Christian people to be persecuted on account of religious beliefs.

THE DEADLY TORPEDO.

The principal type of torpedo used in the present war is known as the automobile torpedo, the cost of which varies from \$4,000 to \$5,000. The length is from 14 feet to 20 feet and the weight half a ton or more. The steel body being cigar-shaped and consisting of four sections, firmly screwed together.

These four sections are known as the warhead, which is one-eighth of the total length and carries the explosive charge of from 200 pounds to 300 pounds of gun cotton; the air reservoir; the balance chamber, which contains the mechanism which actuates the horizontal rudders of the tail and so keeps the torpedo at its correct depth, which is, of course, set before the weapon is fired; and the buoyancy chamber, which also contains the gyroscope, for correcting any deviation of the missile from the line of fire. The torpedo shell travels under water at a depth of about 14 feet and at that depth shows very little disturbance of the water on the surface. Recently, however, the German submarines have been sending torpedoes out at a depth of nine feet, which enables them to strike vessels drawing less water than the ordinary battleship.

There seems to be no protection against torpedoes at present. The torpedo net is still used in the British navy. This is strung from booms and surrounds the ships at a distance sufficient to prevent the shock of the explosive from injuring the hull. It seems, however, that the torpedoes in the present war are equipped with cutters which tear through the net and permit the torpedo to pass through unexploded.

"Cheer up, old boy," advised the married man. "You know 'tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." "Yes," agreed the rejected suitor, jingling a bunch of keys in his pocket, "better for the florist, the confectioner, the messenger boy, the restaurant waiter, the taxi-cab man, the theatrical manager and the jeweler.

MAGIC BAKING POWDER



SEATTLE OFFICIALS SEARCH FOR LAUNCH

Americans Left Vancouver With Ten Chinese to Smuggle Into States

Seattle, Dec. 16.—Slipping away under cover of a heavy fog on Tuesday night, a launch containing two Americans and ten Chinese which the white men had engaged to land on American soil, eluded the immigration officials at Vancouver, B. C. To-day government and police patrol boats are searching every harbor and inlet of Puget Sound for trace of the smugglers' boat. Local immigration officials were notified yesterday that the launch had left Vancouver shortly before 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. The government boats Scout I and Scout II immediately put out from Seattle with immigration inspectors on board, and the search, which began yesterday, is still in progress. The city police launch patrol is aiding in the search. Orders have been issued to arrest all persons aboard the launch whenever it is found.

AUSTRO-GERMAN PLANS.

Paris, Dec. 16.—That several Brandenburg and Saxon regiments have been sent to Galicia to co-operate with the Austrians against the Russians there is the statement made in reports received here from Austria.

Reinforcements have been dispatched to von Hindenburg, it is claimed.

FEELING AGAINST UNITED STATES.

Returning travelers from England and France tell us that the people of those countries are very bitter against Americans on account of their cold-blooded attitude toward the war. Richard Harding Davis reports it as a matter of his own observation that the attitude toward us in France is one of contempt, which after the war may grow into hostility. The feeling undoubtedly exists. We can understand the feeling a little better, perhaps, when it is expressed by the French. The English are so intensely aroused, and feel so passionately that the cause of the whole English-speaking world, with its free institutions and its exalting of the power of the individual, is at stake as against Prussian militarism and collectivism, that they consider that this cause is as much ours as it is England's. Rudyard Kipling, smarting under the loss of his son in the war, expresses this sentiment when he says, "D— all neutrals!" The English will get over this when the war is over. The case is different with the French. They are taking a more logical and less passionate view of the war than any other nation, and consequently it is one that will be harder to remove. As a people they possess the gift of grace, and they do not forget our contributions and the efforts of Americans to relieve their wounded and destitute. But they look at the heart of things here, and they see the flood of Germanism which has risen in the Upper Mississippi valley and washed with its threatening tide the very threshold of the government at Washington, and they are beginning to believe that their friends in this country are outnumbered by their enemies. They have yet to see the slightest sign in anything that President Wilson has said or done, that he has any other than a sordid view of the struggle. We cannot be surprised that the French marvel at this brand of neutrality. We must be officially where we are, on neither one side nor the other, and we must be prepared to support the consequences of this position. No one certainly not the Kaiser—is going to love us when all is over. Since it is now a matter of "America First," we must be prepared to keep it a matter of America First right along. We may regret misunderstandings, but we may be certain that they will exist.

Boston Transcript.

The officer of the day entered a guard-room and found it empty except for a private, who, stripped of his shirt and trousers, was lounging on a chair, smoking a clay pipe. "Where's the officer of the guard?" demanded the officer angrily. "Gone across to the non-com's mess to have a drink, sir," replied the private, saluting smartly. "And the sentries?" "In the canteen," "Then, confound it, what are you doing here?" "Me, sir, was the calm reply. "I'm the prisoner!"

EXTRA GUARD AT PLANT AT TACOMA

Threat That du Pont Powder Factory Would Be Blown Up

Tacoma, Dec. 16.—Extra precautions to prevent the blowing up of any part of the local du Pont powder plant have been taken following the posting of a notice on one of the magazines that it would be blown up at 1 o'clock this morning. While the scheduled explosion did not occur, the notice was considered sufficient reason for putting an extra cordon of watchmen around the plant and for calling on Sheriff Longmire for a number of special deputies. The du Pont officials were inclined to look on the notice as a hoax, but nevertheless deemed it sufficiently serious to take these precautions. The notice was posted on Sunday, it became known to-day, but the fact was kept quiet until the extra guard had been engaged.

VIENNA GOVERNMENT HOPING FOR DELAY

London, Dec. 16.—The Westminster Gazette says in regard to the Austrian reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona: "Taking its cue from the German correspondence about the Lusitania, Vienna's purpose is clearly to temporize and involve the American government in a tedious exchange of documents, until presently the American mind will have forgotten the incident." "The real question is whether the United States is or is not tired of this kind of thing."

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GELDARD—On the 15th inst., at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, John Geldard, aged 59 years, born in Scarborough, England, a resident of this city for the past eight years, late residence 1621 Quadra street. He has been employed by the B. C. E. Ry. Co. for some time past. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss, besides a widow, three sons, William and Fred, of this city, and Jack, who is now on active service, one daughter, Margaret, of this city, and a mother, one brother, Walter, in England.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, 1612 Quadra street. Ten minutes later services will be held at St. John's church, Quadra street, under the auspices of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and Par West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, K. of P. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate. Interment Rose Bay cemetery.

PASSED AWAY.

REVELLY—At Vancouver, B. C., on the 14th inst., Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. Gowen and the late Charles Gowen, and relict of the late Captain Revelly, all of this city.
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ARE RETURNED MEN PROPERLY TREATED?

Indignation Voiced Last Night by Soldiers at Meeting; Some Cases of Hardship

Are the soldiers who have returned from the front getting the consideration they ought from the government? This question has now become of paramount importance on account of several stories of financial hardship suffered by men who have returned from the trenches, culminating in a meeting last night of wounded men, which was very much akin to an indignation gathering. A good deal of bitterness was shown.

Everybody will agree that it is the government's duty, and not only its duty but its privilege also, to see that the men who have sacrificed much for the cause of the empire are properly cared for on their return. It is the very least the nation can do in gratitude to those who have given up all in the great service of liberty and freedom. It is a trust which assuredly should not be betrayed.

But that this trust is not being properly observed in several quarters is quite apparent from stories told by the men themselves. Naturally soldiers do not desire to give their names, as trouble with the authorities would probably ensue, but there is no reason whatever for hiding the facts, for only by knowledge of the true state of affairs can a remedy be sought and applied.

A well-attended meeting of returned soldiers was held last evening at the Camosun building, Langley street, and after a speech by Lieut.-Col. Andrew Haggard it was decided to form a British Columbia Veterans' Club. All the returned soldiers present signed the first roll. They will be given honorary membership for one month, and then will be charged an entrance fee of five dollars, and a monthly subscription of one dollar. Lieut.-Col. Haggard told of the formation many years ago of a similar organization in London, with which the local club will obtain affiliation.

During the evening several of the men back from the trenches voiced their grievances, accusing the authorities with neglect, and with failure to live up to the obligations contracted when the men enlisted. There was a fairly general complaint that no pay had been received, and that no satisfaction could be obtained.

One man complained that he had been given transportation to Kamloops, but no arrangements had been made for his food on the train. His pay from the government was weeks overdue, and he could not find anyone in authority who could get it for him.

"They promise you all kinds of things before you enlist," said another, "but they don't want you any more when you get back."

Another soldier said he had got \$40 on landing in Quebec, but had not received a nickel since. Another got \$20, and since had had to get along as best he could. These cases quoted are but a few of numbers of similar complaints which are now common property, and which show a disgraceful lack of appreciation on the part of the responsible authorities of the needs of those who have done "their bit," and in many cases, have been scarred for life in the greatest war of all time.

Complaints to the Mayor.

A complaint was laid before Mayor Stewart to-day to the effect a man who held a certificate from the medical examiners at Quebec, setting forth a definite limit to his stay in hospital, was made, soon after his arrival to feel that he was an object of charity rather than a subject for proper treatment.

One man went so far this morning as to tell the Times that he had nothing but the uniform in which he stood up.

"How," he asked, "am I to get work under these conditions? And how am I to subsist without any money in my pocket? I am somewhat thin skinned, and these innuendoes hurt, so that I am forced now to choose either poverty or else charity of the most obvious sort."

John Day, secretary of the Welcome club, who introduced this particular soldier to the mayor, showed a list of names of men who were being fed by sympathizers, they not having the wherewithal to provide themselves even with the bare necessities of life. Mr. Day undertook to see Dr. Young, chairman of the provincial branch of the hospitals' commission, and the city health officer, Dr. Hall, who is also the examining medical man for the military authorities.

From the accumulative mass of the evidence on the subject, there is no doubt that the men are suffering considerably from the carelessness and over-formalism of the government, and are being forced to undergo the pain of worse wounds than those sustained on the battlefield—the wounds that are forced to receive charity when they deserve the best that the country can offer them.

DEATH CLAIMS AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN

John Geldard, Resident for Eight Years, Passed After Short Illness

A familiar figure will be missed from the lodge room and the street in the passing of John Geldard, of 1621 Quadra street, whose death took place at the Jubilee hospital last evening, following a short illness. He was 59 years of age.

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President of the council—Hon. William Manson, M. P. P. Having accepted offices of emolument under the Crown Hon. Messrs. Tisdall and Campbell are no longer members of the legislature and will have to go back to their constituencies before they can sit in the house again. Hon. Mr. Flumerfelt will have to be found a seat, presumably by the resignation of Sir Richard McBride from the representation of Victoria. So far Sir Richard is still senior member for the capital.

In Victoria there are loud murmurings of dissatisfaction, and many after man of the Conservative party is asking what the premier was thinking of to bring in an outsider, a man who has never been in the house nor even a candidate for election at any time. The friends of H. B. Thomson are indignant that a member who has been in the house since 1907 and who has been so steady and unwavering a supporter of his countryman, Sir Richard, and who is a businessman, should be passed over. The reason is, of course, that Mr. Thomson is too good a friend and admirer of the late premier to suit the present head of the government.

The new minister of finance is interested in many financial and industrial concerns, being best known probably through his connection with the Granby smelting works and for having, as Parker Williams stated in Vancouver the other day, made of the Boundary country a miniature Balkan state, where a man with a good Anglo-Saxon name cannot get work. In this city some years ago Mr. Flumerfelt was connected with a boot and shoe factory, and labor men are recalling to-day that his actions there do not give much hope for any activity in the furtherance of a white British Columbia from Mr. Bowser's minister of finance. Mr. Flumerfelt was president of the Victoria board of trade many years ago.

The surprise of the cabinet is the transfer of Hon. Thomas Taylor from the portfolio of works to that of education, and educationalists of the city are exceedingly caustic in their remarks on this step to-day. In fact, there seems to be an idea in some quarters that he cannot possibly be intended as a permanency in that position. This took the form in one case of a speculation as to who was likely to be made the minister of education permanently. Mr. Taylor has been in the house since 1908, when he was elected upon appointment as the first minister of public works. Hon. C. E. Tisdall, who succeeds Mr. Taylor in the works portfolio, was in the house in the days of non-party government for a term, and then was out for some years until he was again

elected in 1909, as one of the members for the city of Vancouver. He is a retail merchant, fishing and sporting goods being his specialty.

Hon. Lorne Campbell is connected with several companies exploiting the water powers of the province, one being the West Kootenay Power & Light company, which has harnessed Bonnington Falls and sells power to towns and mining camps throughout the Boundary country. He is a resident of Rosland, has represented that city and the surrounding country since 1912.

Hon. William Manson enters a cabinet for the second time, but wisely has taken a position which does not expose him to the possibility of a repetition of the experience of the former occasion. He entered the McBride government as minister of education and provincial secretary just nine years ago, and at the general election following a couple of months later he was defeated in Alberta by the present Liberal leader. On his defeat Dr. Young was promoted to the portfolio.

No dates have yet been set by the new premier for the bye-elections to fill the vacancies in the house for Vancouver and Rosland, and the prospective one in Victoria when the late premier's victory.

Sir Richard McBride has not decided upon the date of his departure for his new post in London, by the way Premier Bowser speaks of the present government "offering" this to him—but it will doubtless be within a few days. Hon. J. H. Turner has made his resignation to take effect from December 31. It is understood that the salary attached to the position, now \$19,000 a year, is to be very much increased, and that a retiring allowance will be made for Mr. Turner.

The agent-general who is retiring from that post after an occupancy of 17 years, spent many years of his life in this city, and was one of its pioneer business men, founding the house of Turner, Boston & Company in 1865. He was often spoken about as a political possibility, and finally he entered the legislature in 1886 as one of the members for Victoria, becoming minister of finance in the A. E. B. Davie ministry the year following. He remained a minister under the premierships of Hon. John Robson and Hon. Theodore Davis, and in 1895 he became premier himself. In 1898 he was dismissed from office by Lieut-Governor McInnes and then led the opposition for two years, until appointed to the London office.

It was remarked to-day by a gentleman interested in education that every ministry in this province seemed to make a dead end upon the portfolio of education, appointing a new man to it no matter how many other portfolios were left alone. He reckoned up well over a dozen changes that have taken place in the last twenty years.

The old ministers are still at their offices to-day, clearing up their correspondence, and getting ready to leave, while all the new men are here to take charge.

ITALIAN EXPEDITION LANDED IN ALBANIA

Rome, Dec. 16.—The landing of Italian troops in Albania has been successfully completed, according to official announcement to-day.

It is stated, unofficially, that the expedition, comprising 120,000 infantrymen and cavalrymen, has been landed at Avlona, Durazzo and San Giovanni di Medua, Albania. An army corps will be stationed at each place.

SENDING FOOD BY PARCEL POST NOW

Plan of Germans in States; British Will Stop It

London, Dec. 16.—"Being sent large quantities of food are considered to Germany by parcel post from the United States and we are in communication with our ambassador at Washington on the subject," Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, informed the House of Commons to-day.

The under-secretary added that other steps had been taken to deal with the matter effectively.

The Citizens' Committee for Food Shipments to Germany and Austria announced in New York last week that it had delivered to a United States post office its first packages of food, consisting of condensed milk, lard and rice, to be shipped as first class mail matter.

"These parcels, the committee said, were for starving children in Germany and Austria."

EMBARGO PLACED ON EXPORTATION OF HAY

None to States; Canada's Surplus for Horses of Allied Armies

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The government has decided to place an embargo on the exportation of Canadian hay to the United States, hence until the embargo is lifted, no hay will be allowed to be sold across the border.

The reason for this embargo is to conserve the exportable hay supply of the Dominion for the use of the allies, by whom it is in great demand. The government has been paying from \$13 to \$15 a ton for hay for shipment overseas, and it is not considered that the placing of the embargo will create any serious hardship for the farmers and hay-dealers of the Dominion. It is not possible to commandeer hay because of the fact that it is widely distributed throughout the country and because any farmer whose stock was so threatened might very easily claim that it was all required for feeding his own animals. It is impossible to fix the prices which farmers and speculators may charge. The embargo, however, it is believed, will have the effect of holding the price even.

So far considerable quantities of Canadian hay have found their way to the United States, and much of this probably has been re-exported to the allied countries. The embargo goes into force immediately.

Official Statement. At 1 p.m. Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, issued the following statement:

"An order-in-council was signed to-day prohibiting the exportation of hay to all destinations abroad other than the United Kingdom, British possessions and protectorates, France, Italy, Japan and Russia, except Baltic ports. The British government recently expressed a very urgent desire that the hay in the country be conserved in order that the needs of the expeditionary forces should be supplied as fully as possible.

"The department of agriculture has been acting in these matters for the war office for the past year. Practically the whole of last year's crop available for export was secured for the allies. During the last three months shipments have been heavier than during the corresponding period of 1914. After making allowances for hay required for consumption in Canada until the new crop comes in, it is believed that there will be little, if any, more hay available than there was last year, and that every ton of it will be needed for the empire's use.

"Under this arrangement the substantial prices which have been or would be received by the farmers for their hay will not materialize, and it is not thought from either the business or patriotic standpoint that there will be objections raised."

MR. WILSON WILL BE MARRIED SATURDAY

Washington, Dec. 16.—A marriage license for President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt was issued to-day at the local bureau and the wedding will take place Saturday night at Mrs. Galt's home here.

The Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of the Episcopal church which Mrs. Galt attends, will officiate. President Wilson is a Presbyterian.

The license, which was obtained by Chief Usher Isaac Hoover, of the White House staff, gives the president's age as 69 and Mrs. Galt's as 43.

THE JOY OF "KICKING."

Both the British people and the American people, at all times, in full possession of all their liberties, are much more prone to abuse the free privilege of speech and the free exercise of opposition than any other peoples in the world. Indeed, it is possible to find few other peoples to abuse those privileges without earning and receiving severe punishment from the governing powers over them. No man in Germany, for example, could say and do the things that any man in England can do and say without finding himself in jail, not to mention losing his head.

MADE ADMISSION TO THE CALGARY CHIEF

Koolbergen Confessed He Had Plotted With Germans in San Francisco

Calgary, Dec. 16.—That J. H. von Montford, the Calgary German who was sentenced to one year's imprisonment on a charge of forgery a short time ago, is von Koolbergen, wanted as a star witness in the San Francisco bomb plots case, is the information supplied by Chief of Police Cuddy, who states that the much-talked-of German plotter has made this admission to him. It had been rumored around the police station that von Montford was an emissary of the Germans, but outside of cross-examination by Joseph Shaw during the trial, when von Montford refused to answer questions as to whether he had had anything to do with the German embassy in Washington or with plots against Canada, no confirmation of this theory was advanced.

Made Admission. Chief Cuddy, however, stated to-day that von Montford had admitted to him that he had been co-opted with the German plotters in San Francisco. The chief said that before being taken to Lethbridge, von Montford told him that he was one of the men who had plotted in San Francisco to destroy bridges and railways in Canada and also munition plants in the United States. Von Montford was a resident of Calgary for some time, and his wife, whose direction of a letter that he wrote to her husband led to the belief that he was the much-wanted star witness, is at present in the city.

Letter From Wife. Lethbridge, Dec. 16.—Absolute proof that von Montford, the German who was sentenced a week ago at Calgary to one year for forgery, and is now in the provincial jail here, is the man von Koolbergen, who is wanted as star witness in the prosecution in San Francisco of von Brincken and Crowley for bomb outrages on the Pacific coast, has been obtained in a letter written to him by his wife from Calgary, which is addressed to him in the name of Koolbergen. The man may be taken by Canadian authorities under guard to San Francisco if he is needed, but no arrangement regarding this has been made as yet.

Koolbergen formerly was a C. P. R. employee and is supposed to have been agent here for Baron von Brincken, of San Francisco.

BULGARIA AND GREECE ARRANGE NEUTRAL ZONE

Sofia, Dec. 16.—A neutral zone extending two kilometers on each side of the Greek frontier has been agreed upon between Greece and Bulgaria, according to an official announcement made here to-day.

The announcement says: "Bulgarian armies, by the capture of Monastir and Resna, having approached the Greek frontier, the Bulgarian government, wishing to avoid any possibility of accidents between advanced posts and Greek frontier guards, proposed to the Greek government that a neutral zone be formed by the retreat of troops on each side two kilometers from the frontier. "Greece replied, accepting."

Monastir and Resna are in South-western Serbia. The statement contains no mention of the approach of Bulgarian troops to that part of the frontier of Serbia which the Anglo-French forces crossed in retiring and it is not clear whether the neutral arrangement announced extends to this easterly territory of the war zone.

SAYS RUSSIAN TROOPS MOVING FROM BORDER

London, Dec. 16.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin quotes the Posters Lloyd, of Budapest, as declaring that it has reliable reports that the Russians are removing from the Besarabian-Romanian frontier the greater part of the troops which were stationed there.

Telegraphic communication between Russia and Roumania has been stopped, according to advices to the newspaper.

GERMANY STRENGTHENS HER GRIP ON TURKEY

Paris, Dec. 16.—Telegraphing from Athens under date of December 15, the correspondent of the Havas News agency says: "A diplomatic authority here gives out the news that the Ottoman government has consented to the appointment of two Germans as under-secretaries of state in the finance and police departments of the Turkish administration."

ZWEIDENIK SAW LANSING.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Baron Zweidenik, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, had no official dispatches from Vienna this forenoon regarding Austria's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona, but after reading the news dispatches went to the state department and conferred informally with Secretary Lansing. Previously Zweidenik had inquired what the attitude of the United States would be toward an unacceptable reply.

Soon after noon the state department began to receive a long dispatch from Ambassador Penfield. Officials said it was not the Austrian government's reply to the Ancona note, but was a personal report of an informative nature on the situation from the ambassador himself.

KILLED CANADIANS WHILE PRISONERS

Germans Beat to Death Two of 25th Whom They Had Captured

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 16.—Private Wm. S. Maloney, of Inverness, N. S., attached to the 25th Battalion (Nova Scotia), writing home, says:

"In the 25th Battalion there were two brothers whose names I cannot mention. These two men were out on a listening post between the trenches and both were captured by the Germans. The cruel enemy tied them together, and by means of a long rope they would let them go some distance and then pull them in again till the poor fellows were nearly dead. Then they took a bolt out of a rifle and hammered them to death.

"Later in the night some of our fellows crawled out on their hands and knees and found the two bodies, fearfully mangled, and the rifle bolt was lying near them. These two unfortunate men were natives of Glace Bay."

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—A strong close followed a wide bull market to-day. December closed at 102 and May at 112, a gain of 1c for December and 1c for May. Oats closed with December at 34 and May at 42 to 4.

Cash demand was pretty good all morning, with premiums steady for No. 1 Western at 47c over the December month. There seemed to be a pretty fair buying on account of western millers. Export houses bought also, though not in large volume. The uncertainty of all rail shipping continues to be a factor. Any export business reported was from stocks at St. Paul, where competition is still serious. The market on futures was strong and the public were again buyers. American farmers are credited with being speculative on our market as well as their own. The spread between May and December widened on Winnipeg and narrowed on other markets. At the high point Winnipeg May was four cents over December.

Table with columns: Wheat, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec; Open, Close, High, Low.

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.) Montreal, Dec. 16.—Carriage Factories common was the strong feature in today's local trading, selling up from 45 to 51, and losing only a fraction of this at the close.

The balance of the market was heavy and lower, especially in the late session, traders being afraid of the weakness in the American market. Distortions issued by the Dominion Bridge company's directors showing net earnings of \$1,341,371 for the year ended October 31, although better than expected, had very little effect on quotations. Market-wise much depends on the tone of President Wilson's next note to Austria on the Ancona case.

Table with columns: High, Low, Last, Bid, Asked. Includes items like Ames Holden, Bell Tel, Brazilian Trac, Canada Cement, etc.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Includes items like Amn. Marconi, Buffalo, Can. Car Pdy, Do. pfd, etc.

Phoenix Beer—3 qts. for 25c. For eyes were not exactly straight, and someone commented upon it, and asked Long if he had noticed it. "No, I do not," he replied. "Why, she is so cross-eyed that recently when I sat next to her at a dinner she ate off my plate."

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NO OFFERS MADE IN CORONATION TO-DAY

Interest Arayed on One Side of This Stock and None for Sale

There were no offerings in Coronation this morning, while the bid price held strongly at the same level of ten cents. It has been interesting to note the manner in which shares of this stock originally for sale have dried up in the local market, sentiment having favored absorption on all occasions. There was little of note pertaining to others of the list, but there was no let-up in support for Standard Lead, and generally prices evinced an inquiry helpful to a higher range.

Indicated weakness in Lucky Jim was an outcome of diminished buying power, which in this instance was a poor quality, although later pressure was perhaps more apparent than real.

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Includes items like Blackbird Syndicate, Can. Copper Co., Can. Car. & R., etc.

SELLING ON UPURNS BUT UNALTERED TONE

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 16.—The final figures in the government report do not materially change its last estimate of total crop, which is 1,011,500,000. No mention is made of any damage to the quality of wheat, which is estimated at from 300,000,000 to 320,000,000 bushels. Price Current says the winter wheat region is not showing the much heralded increase in quantity; that instead, the receipts are much smaller than last year, and that while Northwestern receipts are liberal, they are showing a marked falling off. Even allowing for general realizing on upturns, the tone of prices was quite firm to-day. Outside buying orders were very much in evidence and a continued upward trend was the result.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Includes items like Wheat, Dec, Jan, Feb, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 16.—Lead, 54 1/2; spotter, \$17.20@17.75. Copper firm; electrolytic, \$19.75@20. Iron firm; No. 1, \$19.50; No. 2, \$19.25; No. 3, \$19.00. Tin strong; spot, \$28.00.

METAL MARKET

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Current Rates of Interest are allowed on deposits in the Savings Department of the Bank of Montreal. Deposits of \$1. and upwards are received in this Department.

MOTOR GROUP SHOWED INITIAL STRENGTH

Stock Market Weakened as Trading Progressed and Longs Sold

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 16.—Frequently it is argued that strength of one or more specialties while the market as a whole is at a standstill allows for distribution of long lines just previous to a break in prices. The motor group showed early strength for the session, and when support was withdrawn from the list in later trading, prices generally assumed a downward tendency and dragged quite noticeably in some cases. It was not easy to ascertain how far the bear element enforced their position, but selling for long account was quite a factor.

Table with columns: High, Low, Bid, Asked. Includes items like Alaska Gold, Allis-Chalmers, Do. pref, etc.

Table with columns: High, Low, Bid, Asked. Includes items like Nat. Lead, Nevada Cons., New Haven, etc.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Includes items like Jan., Feb., March, etc.

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Includes items like Amn. Marconi, Buffalo, Can. Car Pdy, etc.

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RETIRES AFTER NINE YEARS IN MINISTRY

Hon. Dr. Young Has Had Oversight of Many Branches of Public Service

Hon. Henry E. Young, M.D., LL.B., who retires from the administration of the department of education, has been in the house since the general election of 1903, retaining his seat for Atlin throughout, and was minister of education and provincial secretary from February 27, 1907. He had been practicing in Atlin for some time when asked by Sir Richard McBride, at the outset of his career as premier, to contest that seat as one of his supporters. A straightforward and thoroughly loyal support has been given to his chief ever since, as everyone who knows Dr. Young realizes would be the case.

Dr. Young's attention has been devoted to the duties of the education department with especial zest, his university training and general culture fitting him for the oversight of that branch of the public service. His personal inclinations leading him to watch its needs with assiduity. While his colleagues frequently did not see eye to eye with him in his plans, and were unwilling to grant the large votes for education that he desired, he succeeded in having the appropriations increased almost fourfold before he left office.

When Dr. Young took charge of the department the annual vote was in the neighborhood of \$400,000, a beggarly amount for all the demands upon the province in that regard. He insisted upon this being increased, and by dint of constant urging upon his fellow members in the cabinet and securing the support of the members of the house he had the satisfaction of seeing the annual vote gradually rise to \$944,000 in 1912-13, \$1,311,070 in 1913-14, and to \$1,594,000 in the current fiscal year. He also had manual and technical training and domestic science included in the curriculum of the public schools.

The establishment of the University of British Columbia will always be connected with Dr. Young's tenure of office as minister of education, and he had the satisfaction of seeing the first year of its teaching begun before he gave up his portfolio, in spite of the starving of the institution by the government, and the decision not to do any building at present beyond the one or two small buildings for which contracts had been let before the falling of the vote made it impossible to carry out works which were not going to help the machine. It is to the credit of Dr. Young's regime, too, that the two normal schools in the province were established. That in Victoria was advocated by him for a long time against strong opposition in the cabinet from the new premier and other mainland members, although there could be no doubt of the justice of the claim of the capital city to it.

On the other side of his duties, as provincial secretary, Dr. Young had a multiplicity of matters to look after. He gave faithful attention to all, but he probably worked with more personal satisfaction towards the development of the province's facilities for the treatment and care of the mentally ill, which were woefully inadequate and out-of-date when he took charge. It is now admitted that the hospitals at New Westminster and Coquitlam are not surpassed by any, and that in situation and equipment they afford every aid to those unfortunate enough to require care. The farm attached to the institution is well-stocked, and it has been Dr. Young's aim there to make it produce all the farm and dairy stuff needed in the hospital, give the opportunity to patients for healthy, out-of-door employment, and to some extent make the hospital self-supporting by the sale of surplus produce.

The assignments to hospitals through the province given by the province has been materially increased under Dr. Young's administration of the department, and the number of resident physicians at outlying points has been greatly added to. He has had, as well, the direction of the provincial board of health.

In this city the institutions which came under his oversight were the provincial museum and the printing bureau. The legislative library, why no one knows, is in the department of the attorney-general, but the provincial secretary has had to do with the collection of archives. Through the zealous efforts of E. O. S. Schofield, provincial archivist and librarian, there has been gathered together an invaluable collection of historical documents and data of every kind. In the museum the collection has been constantly added to, and is now so extensive that probably not one-third of it can be shown at a time. Dr. Young had planned for a museum building, which would be placed on the Government street frontage of the parliament grounds, over the boiler-room. This is one of the plans which the extravagance of the McBride-Bowser administration has rendered impossible for the time. At the other end of the legislative pile is the printing bureau. The equipment has been modernized since it came under Dr. Young's care, and it is the envy of printers.

Dr. Young, of course, still remains a member of the legislature. There he has always taken a foremost place as a speaker. There is no more finished or eloquent speaker in the house, although he does not often favor the members with any prolonged remarks, and what he has to say is ever worth listening to, whether his hearers agree with him or not.

In his letter of resignation to the retiring premier, Sir Richard McBride, Hon. Dr. Young says: "I would ask you to please accept my resignation of the portfolio of provin-



HON. DR. YOUNG.

cial secretary and minister of education which I have had the honor to hold in your cabinet for the past eight years. "I would like to take this opportunity of saying that I cannot fully express to you my appreciation of your personal friendship as evinced to me during these years, nor of the very active encouragement you have invariably given me in the work of my departments. Any suggestions that I may have made at various times in regard to the work have been received by you with interest and consideration, and I can only express my regret that on this, the eve of your resignation of the premiership of the province, our official relations will cease. "As my chief in office and as the leader of the Conservative party, I have been in a position to have been honored with your confidence, and while regretting our official severance, I also regret very much indeed that British Columbia will be deprived of your services, which have proved so valuable during the past years of formative life of the province."



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SHELL-MAKING.

To the Editor: With regard to the training of munition workers, about which we have so much controversy, it may interest your readers to know that in Great Britain the three factories making shells for the war, i.e., Armstrong-Whitworth & Co., Vickers, Sons and Maxim and the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, did not employ machinists on this class of work.

This branch of engineering has never been recognized as a turning job by the employers, although the Amalgamated Society of Engineers tried hard to get hold of it, and the men employed on this work were classed as skilled laborers. These men were picked from the handy men in the shop and were given a short training on the machine they were to run, and the only machinists employed in this part of the factory were engaged in the more particular work of making and adjusting tools and in repairing and keeping up the machines.

Further, it may be stated that a period of two weeks' training is sufficient to impart to men and women the necessary knowledge to handle any operation or operations performed on the shells such as are being made here in Victoria, and proof of this is given at the present time in the enormous number of both sexes who are engaged in this work in the old land, and who probably did not know what a shell was like or had ever seen a lathe.

The machines are exactly the same as the drilling machines and lathes in use here and lend themselves to break down or loss of efficiency just as easily.

For the Trades and Labor council to say that they have a number of skilled men on their books is directly at variance with their former statement to the school board when they said that they wished these classes formed and had a number of men ready and willing to go in for a course of this training. Where did all these men spring from in a matter of two weeks? Are the Trades and Labor council afraid of what the German officials of the International Association of Machinists will say? (Their headquarters are in the United States, not in Canada.) Are Victoria machinists (Canadians, Brits, etc.) real patriots, or does their patriotism extend only as far as their pockets? A real dyed-in-the-wool machinist would be ashamed to fear the competition of a man who has had two weeks' training in a few simple operations and would be the first to repudiate the idea if it were put up to him. If the Trades and Labor council have the men, where do they keep them hidden? The employers are all in need of men installing more machinery, and will need more still. The country is crying for shells for the German machine and his hellish followers from devastating our motherland and colonies and the Trades and Labor council say: "We are afraid it will spoil the trade."

Our city fathers certainly did the wrong thing when they refused the use of the city blacksmith shop for the necessary training for munition workers. What urgent repairs that the city shops could handle, should be allowed to stand in the way of the work urgent and necessary for our country's

welfare? What damage could be done to the machinery that a few dollars would not pay for? The men are to have competent instructors who would allow no carelessness.

One more point. The city council, by voting a sum of \$250,000 to the war loan, tied up enough money to equip and operate a machine shop capable of handling 100,000 shells in a year, and which would give them a profit of 10 per cent to 30 per cent, at the end of the first year after all plant and expenses were paid for. This plant would employ over fifty men whose wages would be spent right here in Victoria. Here is a chance to be patriotic in a practical manner and employ returned soldiers as well. You cannot hinder a man from digging his own garden; would you then try and prevent a soldier making his own ammunition?

W. J. C. TOMALIN.

216 Central Building, Dec. 15, 1915.

TRADES UNIONS.

To the Editor:—Please permit me to reply briefly to Mr. Day's letter in last night's Times. He says first that I am opposed to the trades unions' attempt to make conditions better for the class to which I belong. But their attempts thus far have made their last state worse than their first. Is he aware that there are hundreds of thousands of workers who can always command more than what he is pleased to call the standard wage—the wage for which they are forever agitating, instead of getting down to real business and making themselves more efficient. He knows perfectly well that any rustic will be welcomed with open arms into the unions, provided he can put up the \$20 entrance fee. For fear of another outburst on Mr. Day's part I ought to say that his fee varies. A first-class painter arriving in this city would be required to pay \$20 entrance fee and \$3 for a permit to start work, otherwise the rustic with the ready cash gets the job.

Does Mr. Day think that strikes better our position? Last month trades unionists in Canada lost through strikes 11,313 days. Now there was never a strike without an agitator. Let him figure this out in cash, and then continue the sermon on "bettering our position." In only a few instances did the strikers get a fraction of a rise in wages, and it will take some years to recover this lost 11,313 days. I suppose even he will admit that we, the non-unionists, are so much to the good by working steadily along—and saving entrance fees and monthly dues.

With regard to Mr. Day's statement that the majority of the workers on his list are non-union men, I flatly disagree. I agree that the recent tests imposed by the British mission were stringent, but it is a fact that far more non-union workers passed the test than did union men. Does Mr. Day still extend his sympathy? Let the workers alone, friend Day. We need no sympathy; we need no agitators, nor can we afford strikes. Instead of restricting output, increase it, and wages will adjust themselves. Last year trades union officials were fined \$252,130 for interfering with non-unionists. Small wonder there are no funds available under the unemployment benefits. Last year again, trade unionists in Canada paid \$2,250,000 for the privilege of being trades unionists. After deducting the salaries of 2,180 officials, or agitators, most of the balance went to the United States headquarters, which is largely run by Huns. If Mr. Day can prove that one-fifth of this huge sum has ever found its way back to Canada, we will, with the editor's kind permission, reopen the discussion, but not otherwise. The average worker positively cannot afford such frenzied finance.

WALTER FOSTER.

Dec. 15.

"I wish, John, that I had had more sense when we were engaged," said the wife thoughtfully. "Then I wouldn't have destroyed all the letters you wrote to me in the eighteen months of our courtship." The husband smiled in a grateful way. "I knew you would be sorry for that some day," he said. "Indeed I am," was the reply. "I need a little extra money very badly just now, and a man called to-day to buy old paper. How wasteful we were." And automatically his hand sought his pocket. A resourceful woman seldom has to ask for money straight out.

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WHEN CHURCHILL DEPARTED FOR THE BATTLE FRONT

Few things in Winston Churchill's comparatively short life, crammed as it has been with the very stuff of drama, have been more dramatic than his quiet leaving for the front. Within a day or so of his ovation in the house of commons he appeared at the railway station wearing his officer's uniform and sword. "His mother and wife," the little London dispatch says, "were about the only ones to see him off on the dark, foggy, gloomy morning. He was practically unrecognized as he stood on the platform." Perhaps down his heart he would have preferred a noisy congregation of followers to neutralize the pang of parting. Even former cabinet ministers and national favorites are only human at such crises, and the best of soldiers dread these exultant farewells more than all the shells and shrapnel of a war-mad world. But so much the more reason, it may be, why they should face them alone, without interruption of extraneous help; since, having once gazed with steady eyes into bursting hearts, the sight of bursting bombs comes like a comedy relief. In case Mr. Churchill seems not to have spared himself the ordeal, so that in this respect at least, he amply bore out his assertion: "I'm simply joining my regiment as any other officer does, and there's nothing more in it than that." But if one ceases for the moment to contemplate the son and husband in the hero of this incident and sees only the former first lord of the admiralty, still smarting, despite his "vindication" in the House, under the responsibility for defeat and useless sacrifice of life, then it must appear that there is a great deal more in it than that. Inevitably, then, will come the temptation to put into his mouth the words of the tragic Sidney Carton: "It is a better thing, I do than I have ever done; it is a greater rest I go to than I have ever known."—New York Tribune.

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"HANDY ANDY" REVIVED AT CHRISTMAS PLAY

University Schoolboys and Masters Take Part in Entertainment Last Evening

"Handy Andy" has been a popular character in the nation for a long span of years, and he was brought back to special favor last evening through the medium of the Christmas play at the University school. Crowds of the big parents and other friends filled the big gymnasium for the occasion, and for two hours the amusing and artless Handy kept everyone entertained.

The role was very cleverly played by A. R. Dobson, and listeners, young and old, were delighted with the manner in which their conception of the part was presented. Simple, garrulous, blundering, and unconsciously witty the immortal invention of the late Samuel Loyal lived again out of the pages of the popular boy's book. And the same was true for the most part of all the well-known characters who appeared in the course of the no less than nine scenes that W. R. Floyd has devised in his dramatization of the story.

There was Squire Egan, very grand in knee breeches, brocaded vest and powdered wig and the part was dignified yet humorous in the hands of A. Tomlinson. Handy Andy was on the stage practically all the time, as he becomes a popular hero. But Squire Egan ran him a very close second, and was a foil as well for the red-haired dependent. Other humorous parts fell to A. K. N. Oxenham, who was Mr. Murphy; A. Helmecken, the drawing; J. B. P. Fanning, the jovial Edward O'Connor; J. de Pencier as Dick Dawson, very clever as one of the intriguers, and V. Thurburn, although appearing only a short time, gave a highly convincing bit of acting as the irate Squire O'Grady. L. Pickard, one of the smaller boys, quite audibly filled the role of Simon, the small servant.

Three of the most popular characters of the play were Oonah Rooney, Mad Nancy and Fanny Dawson, parts filled by W. Hyams, D. Small and P. H. Benson respectively. Mad Nancy had a highly dramatic part to sustain, and was helped by a tragic expression and a bonnet of quite original design. Oonah Rooney was flaxen-haired and winsome, but uttered her sweet coquetries in a voice of many dimensions. Fanny Dawson was as graceful and dignified as any daughter of Squire Egan's should have been, and was present with everyone else at the last curtain fall, where Handy Andy was found heir to unexpected fortune, a mother and a betrothed.

The realism of the play was enhanced by the elaborate costuming, due to the generosity of J. W. Tolmie, who very kindly lent the players all that they required in the way of wigs and the dress of the eighteenth century. The staging also required considerable forethought, as no less than five settings were needed, three of which were interiors. Mr. Tomlinson successfully carried this out in his capacity of stage manager, ably assisted by H. Davis. S. Corson was property manager, and electric lighting was managed by Messrs. King and Shaw, two of the students.

Beside the play there were a number of songs by the school Glee club, conducted by Rev. F. V. Yenables, and accompanied by A. R. Dobson. The numbers were "O Canada," "The Men-Street Song" and "March of the Men of Harlech." All were sung with spirit, enthusiasm, and a very nice sense of harmony. At the close of the evening "The School Song," the words of which were composed by the late Capt. R. V. Harvey, one-time master of the school, was sung by the whole school, after this inspiring chorus the national anthem being joined in by the entire gathering.

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RESERVE DECISION ON WILSON HOTEL CASE

License Commissioners Suspend License of Queen's Hotel Till December 31

The attention of the license commissioners was occupied for a considerable time yesterday afternoon with the objection raised to the renewal of the license of the Wilson hotel, owing to the comments of Mr. Justice Clement at the spring assize in the Brennan stabbing case.

James McEwan, on behalf of some reform associations, had made a statement at the previous hearing that if the board renewed the license in the face of the judge's remarks, it was taking a grave responsibility. The board had before it Edward McAvooy, the licensee.

Mr. McEwan put in a certified copy of the stenographer's report of the judge's observations. The allegations made were that the premises "were conducted in defiance of law" and "frequented by immoral women and equally immoral men."

The mayor said the allegations of drunkenness were not supported in the police court hearing, and J. A. Aikman, who defended Brennan at the trial, indicated that there was no additional evidence of that character presented on the occasion of the assize hearing.

Under these circumstances the license confined his explanation to the allegations of "immorality," as Commissioner Foreman indicated that the board would like some answer to the insinuation that the place was a resort of women. McAvooy stated that the cafe was used like all other cafes for the accommodation of the public, and women came there, but in all suspicious cases he had stopped the sale of liquor with food. His statement was supported by the evidence of the inspectors, Messrs. Hatcher and Greig.

had now no further interest in the hotel.
An adjourned session will be held shortly to hear cases unfinished yesterday.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Dec. 16--5 a.m.--The barometer is falling in advance of an ocean storm area which is causing southerly gales on the coast. These may extend to the Straits and Sound. More snow has fallen in Cariboo, and fair, cold weather prevails in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity--Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly; unsettled and mild, with rain.
Lower Mainland--Easterly and southerly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.
Victoria--Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 40; wind, 15 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
Vancouver--Barometer, 29.89; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 36; wind, 19 miles N. E.; rain, .04; weather, rain.
Entrance--Barometer, 29.84; temperature, minimum yesterday, 40; wind, 34 miles E.; rain, .16; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops--Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .08; weather, clear.

Barkerville--Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 27; minimum, 22; wind, 19 miles S. W.; snow, .30; weather, cloudy.
Prince Rupert--Barometer, 29.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 34; wind, 24 miles S. W.; rain, .20; weather, raining.
Crescent--Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .01; weather, raining.
Portland, Ore.--Barometer, 29.13; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 39; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
Seattle--Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco--Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 53; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Temperature.
Max. Min.
Cranbrook 35 25
Penticton 34 24
Nelson 31 21
Calgary 24 8
Edmonton 23 zero
Qu'Appelle 18 8
Winnipeg 15 zero
Toronto 21 8
Ottawa 24 11
Montreal 41 21
St. John 39 21
Halifax 40 21

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:
Temperature.
Highest 45
Lowest 31
Average 39

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory.
From 5th to 14th December, 1915.
Victoria--Total amount of bright sunshine, 17 hours and 12 minutes; rain, .44 inch; highest temperature, 49 on 8th and 12th; lowest, 34 on 14th.
Vancouver--Total amount of bright sunshine, 9 hours and 30 minutes; rain, 2.90 inches; highest temperature, 51 on 12th; lowest, 35 on 10th and 14th.
Nanaimo--Total amount of bright sunshine, 13 hours and 30 minutes; rain, 1.71 inch; highest temperature, 47 on 12th; lowest, 32 on 9th.
Kamloops--Total amount of bright sunshine, 3 hours and 5 minutes; rain, .04 inch; snow, 1.31 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 8th; lowest, 24 on 11th, 12th and 14th.
New Westminster--Rain, 2.28 inches; highest temperature, 47 on 8th; lowest, 33 on 19th.
Penticton--Precipitation, .26 inch; highest temperature, 44 on 9th; lowest, 29 on 13th and 14th.
Nelson--Precipitation, .33 inch; highest temperature, 41 on 9th; lowest, 21 on 10th and 11th.
Cranbrook--Snow, 7.00 inches; highest temperature, 41 on 9th; lowest, 5 above zero on 13th.

Barkerville--Snow, 2.50 inches; highest temperature, 23 on 11th, 12th and 14th; lowest, 2 below zero on 19th.
Prince Rupert--Rain, .34 inch; highest temperature, 44 on 10th; lowest, 30 on 14th.
Atlin--No snow; highest temperature, 44 on 14th; lowest, 6 below zero on 11th.
Duncan--No snow; highest temperature, 4 on 9th; lowest, 25 below zero on 14th.

ARTILLERY DUELS.

The clever young Britisher who writes "war stuff" in Blackwood's Magazine under the name "The Junior Sub," writes with a humorous twist about the so-called "artillery duels" engaged in in Flanders. He says that the boys in the trenches every morning clean up their dew-rusted rifles and work hard in repairing the fortifications that the persevering Tonton has managed to throw down since the day before. This work is done with sand bags. And each afternoon the subterranean burrows are occupied while the gunners of both armies, safe in the rear, indulge in what they humorously call the "duel."

"The humor arises from the fact," says the subaltern, "that they fire, not at one another, but at us. It is as if two big boys, having declared a vendetta, were to assuage their hatred and satisfy their honor by going out every afternoon and throwing stones at one another's little brothers." And here is another bit of genuine English humor from the same article. One young officer says, "You can't blame them for losing off their big guns. It must be great sport," and an older, and a wiser man replies, "They tell me it's a greatly overestimated amusement, like posting an insulting letter

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"Yea," said the bride of a week, "Tom tells me everything he knows, and I tell him everything I know," "Indeed!" rejoined her ex-rival, who had been left at the post. "Then the silence, when you are together, must be oppressive."