

WEATHER FORECAST

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—increasing easterly to southerly winds, continued mild with rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Dominion—Peter Pan, Capitol—The Navigator, Coliseum—The Loves of Mary Queen of Scots, Playhouse—Cinderella, Royal—Beauty and the Beast, Columbia—The Desert Outlaw.

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THE TIMES EXTENDS NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE TO MAKE LOAN PAYMENTS TO CANADA AS NEW YEAR BEGINS

France to Repay Loan of \$5,500,000 and Belgium to Repay \$2,300,000 Loan; Greece to Hand Over Interest on Loan Amounting to \$282,000.

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable)—New Year's Day will see big payments made to Canada through the High Commissioner's office here. The French Government will pay off the Canadian loan of \$5,500,000 to-morrow. The Belgian Government will liquidate its loan from Canada, which totals \$2,300,000. The Greek Government also on New Year's Day will pay the interest on Canada's loan to Greece, the interest amounting to \$282,000.

NEW MEASURES BY MUSSOLINI CHIEFS OF ITALY

Rome Paper Says Government Determined to Defeat Its Opponents. Another Paper Says Voice of the Country is Being Stifled at Present.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Commenting on the meeting of the Italian Cabinet yesterday, the Popolo d'Italia says the decisions taken by the Ministers show the Government is determined to act firmly and to triumph over all attempts to provoke or embarrass it. The official communique stated it had been unanimously decided the Government would take all necessary measures to safeguard the moral and material interests of the country. The Tribune thinks the communique shows the Liberal Ministers will maintain their portfolios, and that Premier Mussolini is determined not to yield to the moral issue. The Mondo, which is not among the Government's supporters, says: "If the Government proposes to adopt further restrictive and arbitrary measures to prevent the voice of the country and the rights of justice—prevailing, we raise—prudent and contemptuous protest, affirming these proposals would make the responsibilities of the Government even heavier."

DEMANDS ARE MADE BY LEON TROTSKY

Soviet War Minister Wants Opponents Removed From War Council. Wants Followers of His Who Were Dismissed Restored to Offices. London, Dec. 31.—Leon Trotsky, Russian Soviet War Minister, is still in Moscow, according to newspaper dispatches received here by way of Helsinki and Copenhagen. Trotsky is said to have declared himself willing to leave the Soviet capital if his dismissed adherents are reinstated in their old positions and not exposed to reprisals, and if his opponents in the Supreme Revolutionary War Council, especially General Frunze, are removed from the Council. It is believed an agreement will be reached, the dispatches add, but Trotsky's friends are of the opinion the reconciliation will not endure.

Vancouver Thugs Took \$275 From Man in Street

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Held up at the point of a revolver by two masked men at the corner of Pender and Homer Streets shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, W. Slavert was relieved of \$275 in cash, his overcoat, coat and hat. Slavert reported to the police shortly after the robbery that he was carrying his overcoat on his arm, and while one of the bandits covered him with a revolver, the other seized the overcoat and tore Slavert's coat and hat from him. In the inner pocket of the suit coat was a pocketbook containing the money. The bandit searched the suit coat rapidly, found the pocketbook, which he transferred to his own pocket, and then, bundling up the clothes, the two warned their victim to be quiet and disappeared.

CALLS ON CHINESE TO SAVE COUNTRY; DR. SUN YAT SEN



Peking, Dec. 21.—Sun Yat Sen, former head of the South Chinese Republic, with its capital at Canton, has arrived here and has issued a pamphlet asserting he does not want political power and calling upon the people to "save the country." Dr. Sun's pamphlet declares the state of his health forbids any political activity at the present time.

COLOGNE NOTE TO GERMANY IS SENT BY ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Allied Council of Ambassadors this afternoon approved the text of a collective note to Germany regarding the postponement of the Cologne evacuation, which was to have taken place January 10 under the Treaty of Versailles. It was decided not to publish the text of the note until the communication had been delivered to the German Government. The reasons given in the note for the extension of the occupation are understood to be briefly these: Conviction on the part of the Allies that Germany has not fulfilled her military obligations under the Versailles Treaty; the impossibility of her fulfilling them by January 10; the disproportion of the proportion in which she has fulfilled them up to the present, and finally, the necessity for the Allies to await the general report of the Inter-Allied Control Commission so as to be able to judge what may be expected of Germany in the future.

ZIONISTS ARE EXILED BY SOVIET LEADERS

Beginning of New Campaign of Persecutions in Russia is Reported From Moscow. Many Sent to Siberia; Many Are in Prisons Awaiting Decision as to Destination. London, Dec. 31 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)—New persecutions, arrests and expulsions of Zionists, Zaire Zionists, Zionist Socialists and members of the Maccabees are taking place in various parts of Soviet Russia, according to reports received here from Moscow. A great number of Zionists were exiled to Siberia. Large numbers are kept in the prisons awaiting decision of their place of exile. Of the Zionists arrested in the city of Homel, six were exiled to Solovetkin and five to Turfan and one was permitted to proceed to Palestine.

Vancouver Bank Clearings in Year Were \$803,051,359

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The 1924 bank clearings here were \$803,051,359. The December clearings were \$68,513,190. The past week's clearings were \$11,294,929. New Westminster, Dec. 31.—The bank clearings here during the year 1924 were \$30,518,486. The December clearings were \$3,589,924. The clearings during the past week were \$489,916.

MEASURES AT U.S. PORTS AGAINST BUBONIC PLAGUE

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Public Health Service has invoked a rigid health inspection programme applicable to ships reaching any United States port from New Orleans, San Pedro or Oakland as a precaution against the spread of bubonic infection among rats which has been discovered in those three cities. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 31.—The entire western waterfront here is under quarantine as the result of the discovery of a small number of rats infected with bubonic plague.

VICTORIA WELCOMES 1925 AS YEAR WHICH WILL SEE CITY'S GREATEST ADVANCE

Substantial Basis for Optimism and Confidence in Future, Which is More Marked than at Any Other Time in City's History; Big Developments are Pointed to; the Best Year Since the War, Predicts Premier Oliver.

EXTRA POLICE TO KEEP ORDER IN NEW YORK

400 Additional Patrolmen For Work on Broadway and Other Crowded Streets. New Year Festivities Marked by Marine Police-run Runner Battle. New York, Dec. 31.—A gun battle between marine police and gun runners aboard a motorboat which cost \$200,000 of champagne early today inaugurated the offensive against the flow of liquor into New York for the New Year celebration. The battle, during which fifty shots were fired in a fifteen-mile chase off the Battery, ended with the capture of the boat and five prisoners.

IDANEZ SCORED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR

Madrid Paper Claims A. P. Moore Condemned the Campaign Against Alfonso. Madrid, Dec. 31.—The newspaper ABC has published a statement alleged to have been made by Alexander P. Moore, United States Ambassador to Spain, deprecating the accusations made against King Alfonso by Vicente Blasco Ibañez, the Spanish author. The statement also pays tribute to King Alfonso's activities during the World War.

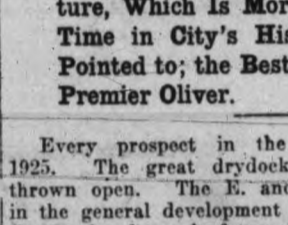
NEW COUNCIL TO BE SWORN IN ON FRIDAY

Before His Honor Judge Lampman, Mayor-elect Pendray and the new aldermen will be sworn in at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

TWO BANKS TO-DAY IN DES MOINES, IA., CLOSED THEIR DOORS

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.—Two Des Moines banks, the Mechanics' Savings Bank and the Commercial Savings, closed their doors to-day and were taken over by the State Banking Department, the cause in each case being given as prospective or actual heavy withdrawals of public and private funds.

MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE HEAD OF GERMAN CABINET



FIST FIGHT TO-DAY IN FRENCH CHAMBER

Socialist and Democratic Deputies Clashed During Amnesty Debate. Paris, Dec. 31.—The Amnesty Bill, as amended by the Senate, came before the Chamber of Deputies this morning and within half an hour had led to fist encounter between Deputies Simon and Raynaud, Socialists, and M. Balant, a member of the Democratic group, who was shouting opposing interpretations of the deputy who was speaking. They got in their work so rapidly that the ushers were unable to separate them, before Raynaud was bleeding freely from the nose.

DRIVERS TO GET LICENSES SOON

Automobile drivers' licenses in British Columbia will not be ready for two or three weeks yet, Attorney-General Manson announced to-day. Before they are issued, Mr. Manson will confer with automobile clubs and discuss with them the exact form which the license cards should take. He is anxious to print on the back of the cards a brief synopsis of the chief regulations of the Motor Act so that drivers may have these constantly before them.

Bank Robber in Washington Town Quickly Captured

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 31.—A lone bandit at noon to-day held up the Aberdeen National Bank, obtained \$4,500 in cash and was captured in a drugstore two minutes after he had left the bank. He gave the name of Pete Couris. The money was recovered.

Daring Robbery in Guelph, Ont., To-day

Guelph, Dec. 31.—A daring robbery was committed here early this morning when the plate glass window of the firm of Keeler & Handley was smashed and furs valued at about \$1,000 stolen. The trick was done so quickly that a policeman just a block away who heard the crash of the glass had scarcely started in the direction of the store when he saw the robbers' car dash past him.

AGENT IN LONDON WILL BE LINK BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS

New Official Will Be Attached to High Commissioner's Office and Will Keep Australian Cabinet Informed of Political Developments in Britain; Will Place Australian Views Before Departments of London Government. London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable)—The Government of Australia, according to The London Times, will shortly appoint a special representative to be attached to the office of the Australian High Commissioner in London. It will be the special duty of this official to maintain permanent contact with the British Cabinet and with the Foreign and Colonial Offices here. Australia's special representative thus will be in a position to keep his Government informed practically every day of the principal political developments here. It will also be his duty to place the views of the Australian Government before the respective departments of the British Government. The plan has the approval of the British Government.

RETURNS HOME TO GERMANY FROM U.S.; DR. OTTO WIEDFELDT



ASKS R. C. WATSON BE GRANTED BAIL

Seattle Council's Application in Nanaimo Robbery Case Will be Opposed. Seattle, Dec. 31.—With the positive identification of a photograph of Ross C. Watson, former Seattle detective, held by the local police, as that of "L. C. Jordan" of the Nanaimo bank bandits, by the clerk in a Victoria, B.C. hotel, British Columbia officials to-day declared their chain of evidence against Watson was complete and sufficient to warrant his extradition to Canada for trial. The new identification of Watson was followed by the filing in the King County Superior Court here this morning of an application for bail for Watson by George H. Crandell, his attorney. The application will be heard before Superior Judge Mitchell Gilliam on Friday. It sets forth that Watson is entitled to be released on bail and asks that the amount be made reasonable.

MINISTER SAYS FRANCE MEANS TO PAY WAR DEBTS

Clement Assures U.S. Ambassador Government Not Contemplating Repudiation. Asks Application of Principle of Dawes Scheme to the Settlement. Paris, Dec. 31.—Finance Minister Clementel called on United States Ambassador Herrick this noon and presented a copy of the Minister's intention of France's finances, calling particular attention to the seven paragraphs in which he stated France had no thought of repudiating her war debts, sought to justify her claims for leniency of treatment and asked the application of the principle of the Dawes plan to the settlement. FIRST OFFICIAL ASSURANCE. Washington, Dec. 31.—Ambassador Herrick's report of his conversation with Premier Herriot on the question of the Franco-American debt reached the State Department to-day and is understood to contain the first official assurance to be received here since the question entered its present phase that France does not intend to repudiate her obligations to this country.

NIAGARA FALLS DEATHS IN YEAR 1924 WERE EIGHT

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 31.—Eight persons committed suicide by throwing themselves over Niagara Falls during 1924, according to definite data. Of these, three were women. There is also a record of an unidentified man having gone over from Luna Island, but no body was found.

TRADE OUTLOOK IN BRITAIN IS BRIGHTER FOR YEAR 1925

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable)—Most of the leading industries of this country look forward to the year 1925 with unqualified optimism. There has been a large increase recently in money circulation and the overseas trade is showing gradual expansion. There are hopes of reduced taxation, better Dominion Trade and improved European conditions, and these encourage a feeling of cheerfulness on the eve of the New Year. The cloud that has hung over the cotton trade for some time shows signs of lifting through the partial settlement of European continental affairs and better purchasing power

MUNICIPAL HEADS INVITED TO CHURCH

Mayor-elect Pendray, the members of the City Council, School Board and heads of civic departments are invited by Dean Quainton to attend Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. This municipal service was inaugurated here on the first Sunday after the new council takes office a year ago by the many generations in England, where the council members attend church the first Sunday after November 9.

DECREASE IN BIRTHS IN CANADA REPORTED

Reports From Eight Provinces For June Last Showed Total of 12,715. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Canada's birth-rate decreased in June 1924, as compared with June of last year, according to a report of the Bureau of Statistics to-day. These returns, however, do not include Quebec, which is not included in the registration area. Births in June 1924 were 12,715 as against 13,393 in June 1923. In all the eight provinces which comprise the registration area, there was a decline in the number of births when the two months were compared.

STEAMSHIPS DELAYED

London have had severe trials in the storms in Great Britain are still increasing in many parts of the country and the gales have been renewed the last day or two. Hundreds of telephone poles are down. In a number of towns letters are being delivered by boat owing to the floods. The London-Carlisle express trains are being held up at Penryn as a result of the submergence of the railway tracks. At Monmouth the occupants of numerous cottages are marooned by the flood and they are being served with food and drink from boats. Men on horseback are busy rescuing the women and children from the flooded areas.

FOOD CARRIED BY BOAT TO OCCUPANTS OF ISOLATED COTTAGES AT MONMOUTH

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TOOK ITS DEPARTURE

The man of the house called neighbors to his assistance. Armed with bathrobes and ropes, they tried to drive the intruder away and, failing that, they tried in vain to lasso it. Then they settled down to await developments. The bull had entered the premises early in the evening. It remained there until daylight the next morning, when it made off on its own account.

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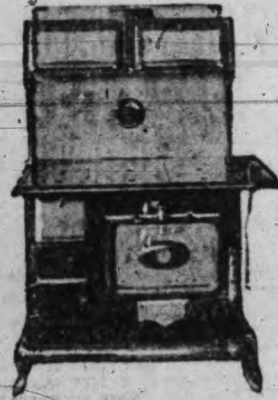
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**VICTORIA WELCOMES 1925
AS YEAR WHICH WILL
SEE CITY'S GREATEST
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of Winter. So, too, if we get the right mental attitude we can find our way through foggy days and dismal nights, knowing that it can't last. The world has got to go on. If we want a civilized world we must pay the price of civilization. Play the game. If we want Bolshevism it only means going on the rocks, wrecking the ship and reverting to barbarism.
"Keep smiling and play the game and wish each other a Happy New Year, feeling it. Make up your mind to try and help to make it a Happy

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

NEW Year's Eve Frolic, Chamber of Commerce, this evening, 9 to 2. All star orchestra. Novelties, etc. Admission 50c. 5692-1-155
FOR Sale—Gurney Oxford Chancellor Range, in splendid condition, owner leaving town. A bargain for \$18. Phone 3922X. 5692-1-157
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PREMIER OLIVER

"On behalf of myself and colleagues in the Government, I wish you all a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.
"There has been a steady increase in industrial and commercial development during the past three years and notwithstanding the present seasonal unemployment, the prospects for 1925 are better than they were for the year now closing.
"Harbor improvements and the construction of grain elevators.
"Wharves and piers at Vancouver.
"The construction of a grain elevator at Prince Rupert.
"Very good prospects for a grain elevator and the completion of the drydock, as well as other improvements at Victoria.
"The declaration of the Peace River district must have more direct transportation facilities.
"The proposed extension of the mountain sections of the Canadian Pacific Railway.
"The extension of existing and the construction of new hydro-electric power plants.
"The stabilization of the timber manufacturing industry and the increased activity in metalliferous mining.
"All these are but the outward expression of the spirit of confidence and optimism which will tend to make 1925 the best year since the commencement of the World War. The high price of wheat will encourage greater production, a larger volume of tonnage for our railways and a larger volume of both exports and imports, while lower interest rates upon borrowed capital will tend towards making money more easily available for both industrial and commercial expansion.
"I believe brighter days are in store, and my earnest desire is that we all take full advantage of the opportunities as they are and as they become available."

MAYOR HAYWARD

"In conveying my New Year's greetings to the citizens of Victoria, I do so with the honest feeling that the end of a long period of depression is in sight, and confidently anticipate that the year 1925 will commence a span of solid and substantial progress, not only for the City of Victoria, but the whole Dominion.
"There is a rising tide of optimism in business circles throughout the world. Consequent upon the settlement of their political affairs for some time to come, conditions in Great Britain and the United States are daily improving, and as our own prosperity is so closely interwoven with that of these two great nations, the present favorable outlook makes it certain that we can expect an early improvement in our own local business prospects.
"The great natural resources at our door are a guarantee that Victoria cannot fail, but become an important industrial port. The developments at present under way for increasing our already numerous attractions as one of the finest tourist cities in the world assure us that in the coming year we shall be the mecca for thousands of visitors, bringing a rich harvest to our own business firms of all kinds and also the great transportation concerns which are giving such striking evidence of their faith in the future of Victoria.
"With the loyal co-operation of all citizens and generous support for public bodies working for the good of the city, we can face the New Year with confidence, and I trust that the bright promises for our future will be speedily fulfilled.
"To all Victorians and the stranger within our gates, I wish in all sincerity—A Happy and Prosperous New Year."

MAYOR-ELECT PENDRAY

"In assuming the high office as Mayor of the City of Victoria, I do so with the feeling of confidence that I have the whole-hearted support of my fellow citizens.
"We are assured already of the opening of the great drydock, Victoria's unique Crystal Garden, the building and operation of Victoria's first Grain Elevator, and the opening of the Island Lumber Assembly Plant at Ogden Point. These make a sound foundation for the year's success. But they are only the beginning of 1925 activities. As each new proposition is brought up for our decision, let's consider it with a single eye to Victoria's general welfare, sure in the knowledge that what is good for the city as a whole must be good for its citizens individually.
"With the continued support and co-operation of the citizens of Victoria, I look forward to a year of real progress and prosperity.
"In conclusion, I wish the citizens of Victoria a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

C. P. W. SCHWENGER

C. P. W. Schwengers, president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce:
"The people of Victoria have to-day a more substantial basis for optimism than at any other time in their past history—for more in view of the many tangible developments transpiring or about to take place directly bearing on our future prosperity. It is just as we shall translate the creation of such a sentiment into our own actions that we shall advance or retrogress."

REFUNDS TO POLICE STRIKERS ARE URGED

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable)—For five years the case of the policemen who went on strike in Liverpool and other English cities and were dismissed in consequence has been kept alive in the public mind by judicious propaganda. The strikers of five years ago having been repentant since and ever hopeful of being reinstated in their former positions.
A committee of the Government which has been inquiring into the matter now recommends that while reinstatement is impossible, the strikers might receive back the amounts they contributed to the superannuation fund, which was compulsorily deducted from the pay while they were in the police service.
"Man can effect no great matter by his personal strength, but as he acts in society and conjunction with others."

**DEDUCTS COST
OF LIQUOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

**Government Takes Cost of
Proceedings From Cities'
Liquor Money**

That the Government has adhered strictly to its legal right to charge municipalities for the cost of enforcing liquor laws within their boundaries when municipal police fail to do so was made known to-day, following the distribution of liquor profits this week. From the liquor money sent to Vancouver \$22,219 was deducted as the cost of provincial liquor law enforcement. Victoria has paid \$5,542 for the same purpose, it was learned. Varying amounts have been deducted from the liquor money sent to other municipalities but these two are the heaviest payments.
On a per capita basis, Cranbrook and Prince George, however, have paid the highest price for law enforcement. In both these places the cost of enforcing the law has absorbed their entire share of the liquor revenue.
"This is no new departure," Attorney-General Manson declared to-day when questioned about the Government's action in making the municipalities pay for the cost of using provincial police for municipal law enforcement. "We have the right under the law to charge the expense of the police work to the municipalities and we see no reason why we shouldn't do it. If the municipalities want to avoid these payments their remedy is simply. They have only to enforce the liquor laws themselves. If this were done there would be no occasion for the provincial police to step in and do the work."

**DEPOSITS IN BANK
SEEM TO DWINDLE**

**Books Showed Home Bank
Total Increased as End of
Year Approached**

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Cross-examination of R. P. Gough, vice-president and director of the Home Bank, on trial in the county criminal court here on charges of making false returns of the bank's affairs, was continued by D. L. McCarthy, K.C., prosecutor, this morning.
He was asked concerning the transfer of bank property to the holding company.
Mr. Gough thought it an ordinary transaction in which there was no loss to the bank.
In 1922 the general manager of the bank had said deposits were growing although the deposits for that year amounted to \$15,600,000 as against \$19,473,000 during the year 1919.
Mr. Gough could not explain the reason, nor the reason why the deposits increased towards the end of the fiscal year, and then dwindled again a few days after the end of the year.

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AT THE THEATRES

KEATON GOES DOWN TO SEA IN SHIPS AND DIVING SUIT

"It was worse than a Turkish bath in Yuma," says Buster Keaton, speaking of the diving suit he wore during the filming of his latest Metro-Goldwyn comedy, "The Navigator," which is at the Capitol Theatre.

While making "The Navigator" Buster chartered the Buford, a 450-foot liner of the Alaskan-Siberian Navigation Company, and anchored it off Catalina Island.

Buster and his two cameramen, Byron Hock and Egin Lester, used a special underwater photographic apparatus, and took some marvelous submarine scenes in the Catalina sea gardens.

Buster, while beneath the waves, tried to crank up the screw of the giant steamship in flivver fashion, fought a gigantic octopus and several sharks, to say nothing of dodging swordfish, riding on the back of a flying fish, and traveling on a surf board towed by a whale.

Between times he tried to splice cable on the bottom of the Pacific, searched for pieces of eight in the rotting ribs of a sunken Spanish galleon (not gallion), shoveled 315 tons of coal a day into the six funnels of the Buford, and when he wasn't working under water or below decks, he could be found tinkling with the monkey gaff, the cross jackyard, or the sparker boom on the mizenmast of the Buford.

Donald Crisp, who formerly sailed six of the seven seas, directed Buster's newest comedy, while Joseph Mitchell, Jean Hayes, and Clyde Bruckman, furnished the scenario.

Kathryn McGuire is the heroine, "The Navigator" is presented by Joseph M. Schenck.

AT THE THEATRES

Dominion—"Peter Pan." Capitol—"The Navigator." Coliseum—"The Loves of Mary Queen of Scots." Playhouse—"Cinderella." Royal—"Beauty and the Beast." Columbia—"The Desert Outlaw."

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STAR ENTERTAINS ENTIRE COMPANY ABOARD HIS YACHT

Bert Lytell, the star of "The Meanest Man in the World," has a hobby. He likes a crackling good game of hand ball and is willing to take on a swimmer any day. But Bert's real hobby is sailing on the high seas.

The star has a beautiful yacht named "Camara," and every time he has a day off he hops to the water front near Los Angeles.

During the production of "The Meanest Man in the World," Lytell entertained the other members of the company on several yachting trips. One of these trips lasted four days and the entire company had the time of their lives as Commodore Lytell piloted them across the channel to Santa Catalina Islands. On this trip was Blanche Sweet, Bryant Washburn, Lincoln Steedman, Helen Lynch, Maryon Aye and a host of others of the "Meanest Man" company, including Edward F. Cline, their director. Lytell began his sailor life at the age of six, when he overruled a canoe on Lake Michigan. The "Camara" can boast of having had on board more stars of the silent drama than any other yacht sailing in the Pacific waters. There is not a weekend but that she is loaded down with star material.

"BLOSSOM TIME" IS BACK ON WAVE OF INSISTENT DEMAND

At the Royal on Thursday, January 8, the lovely operetta, "Blossom Time," which gave such uncommon delight to a huge outpouring of theatregoers when seen here last season, returns for one night on a wave of insistent demand.

This demand manifested itself before the recent engagement was concluded in the pleas of hundreds of patrons who were turned away unable to secure seats during that engagement.

It is pleasant to record that the same splendid company of exuberant artists will again portray the charming romance written about the life and love story of Franz Schubert, the great composer, and sing the really beautiful songs adapted by Sigismund Romberg from the masterpieces of the great composer himself. The Messrs. Schubert are bringing exactly the same company for this return engagement that was seen here before.

The cause of "Blossom Time's" extraordinary vogue in this city, as well as New York and every other large city, are not difficult to discover. In one feature alone—that of its lovely music—it takes a plane set far above any production of the

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"LOVES OF MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS" AT THE COLISEUM

"The Loves of Mary Queen of Scots," at the Coliseum, show this week.

Every scene, every historic castle, and every "Blossom Time" is reproduced and, with the incidents, were photographed on the spot in all cases; never have more beautiful backgrounds been seen. The costumes are simply wonderful, designed and made from authentic research. The armor and stude sets must have cost a fortune. In no particular is there anything incorrect or unsuitable. The casting is inspired. Fay Compton looks the Queen and the impulsive woman of many loves, and her sister, Nell Coleman, bears a striking resemblance to the best-known portrait of Queen Elizabeth, and her dress, to the minutest detail, is an exact reproduction of that in the picture. The four ladies-in-waiting are charmingly played by Betty Fair, Nancy Kenyon, Dorothy Fane and Julie Hartley-Milburn.

ORIGINALS ARE RETURNING HERE IN BIG REVUE

The smashing new revue of the Originals, "Stepping Out" with many of the Original Dumbbell favorites and several new soldier artists of prominence, will open a three-day engagement at the Royal Victoria Theatre on Monday evening next. So successful has this particular production been that it has evoked very favorable comment even from American critics, although so far it has been presented in this country only. Several critics from United States newspapers who witnessed performances of "Stepping Out" both in the East and West, were not slow in adding their meed of praise to the many Canadian critics.

This is not to be wondered at, for in "Stepping Out" Canada's soldier entertainers, have struck an entirely novel note in the revue line. Of course, "The Boys" would have to have something about the Great War in any production of theirs, but we are not going to tell you what it is at this stage. We may say, however, that it will prove not only a surprise but a decided attraction in the number called "Heroes," which has both a prologue and an epilogue. So many old favorites of past productions will be seen here with the company that it is hardly necessary to mention one in particular. But the glorious Gene Pearson, who last year created such a distinct impression with this company by "Her" magnificent singing that we would like it known that "She" has a number of brilliant song hits and wonderful gowns. Leonard Young has turned out something entirely different this year. He is again appearing as the "Duchess," while Bob Anderson, Alan Murray, Jerry Braxford, Jervis Langley and Percy Campbell are all old favorites, and there are many new ones, too, including Lionel Broadway, Norman Blume, Thomas Dunn, Gus McKinnon, Jimmy McDonald and Fred Gordon.

VICTORIA BARITONE ACHIEVING SUCCESS

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Cheesey, the outlaw leader. They escape on horseback. They are pursued. They fight desperately, hopelessly against overwhelming odds. Both men are wounded. Their last shot spent. Then the dam bursts and sweeps their assailants away, "sensationally saved" is right.

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COLUMBIA TO-DAY

A Blazing Story of Desert Trails

Buck Jones in "The Desert Outlaw"

Houdini, the Handcuff King. Has Nothing on Buck in This Picture. MONKEY COMEDY "MY PAL!"

"PETER PAN" IS NEW PARAMOUNT FILM NOW AT DOMINION THEATRE

For over half a year, the quest for a play to portray the title role in the Paramount film version of "Peter Pan" excited universal interest. Suggestions for the part poured into the Paramount studio from the four winds.

Seventeen year old Betty Bronson finally won the role, selected by James M. Barrie, the author, himself in competition with some one hundred aspirants for this much coveted dramatic prize. Among them were some of the world's greatest actors. According to Barrie, pretty Miss Bronson is the ideal "Peter Pan."

Ernest Terrence, the scout of "The Covered Wagon," and Lois Wilson's ranch, foreman in "North of 36," is cast as Captain Hook, the pirate chief. Virginia Brown-Fairie is cast as the little fairy, Tinker Bell. Cyril Chadwick is Mr. Darling and Anna May Wong portrays the Indian girl, Tiger Lily. All the aforementioned

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DOMINION ALL WEEK

J. M. Barrie's Fairyland Fantasy "Peter Pan"

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New National Boys' Parliament Planned

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—A resolution unanimously favoring the plan of holding a national boys' parliament in Ottawa was adopted at the closing session of the Manitoba Older Boys' Parliament here last night. Six representatives were selected for the "Federal Parliament."

PUBLIC WORKS TO AID UNEMPLOYED

But Ontario Government is Not Prepared to go Farther Than That

Toronto, Dec. 31.—In stating the position of the Ontario Government in regard to unemployment, Hon. G. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, who is acting as Premier, has told Premier Greenfield of Alberta in a telegraphed message that the Cabinet will not regard the existing situation as a provincial problem in excess of the recognition which already has been given it by the institution of public works in Toronto, Northern Ontario and other provincial points.

TORONTO UNEMPLOYED

Toronto, Dec. 31.—In the opinion of the spokesman of a deputation of unemployed which interviewed Attorney-General Nickle, Hon. G. H. Henry and Hon. F. Godfrey, the unemployment situation in this city is rapidly getting out of hand, due to a lack of co-ordination on the part of those benevolently inclined.

Moderator Gives New Year Message

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Rev. Principal MacKinnon of Halifax Presbyterian College, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in a New Year message addressed to Presbyterians of the Dominion, points out that for the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, 1925 beckons with an expectant hand.

Immigration Total For Eleven Months Was Over 121,000

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Immigration to Canada from all sources for the first eleven months of the present year totalled 121,655, according to a statement issued by the Department of Immigration and Colonization. Of that number, 56,325 were British, 15,857 from the United States and 49,473 from other countries. The total movement was 9,946 less than for the same period last year, a decrease of one per cent. This difference was more than accounted for by the fact that a movement of 11,799 British harvesters in 1923 was not repeated in 1924. When allowance is made for the harvesters' movement, British immigration shows a slight increase over last year.

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ALL THE EXPECTATIONS with which the peoples of the world set out twelve months ago may not have been realized in the year which closes to-day. Peaceful and progressive individual and national ambitions may have been thwarted in many respects.

Twelve months ago the blot of European discord was an ugly shape. German obstinacy and a studied disregard for Treaty obligations thickened the military atmosphere and hindered the return to a normal state of affairs.

The British Empire may well regard 1924 as an exceedingly important year. The world has seen it in miniature at the great exhibition at Wembley.

In the twelve months which come to an end to-day Canada has made excellent progress. Her money is at par in the United States. Her exports have grown.

British Columbia is wider awake than ever she has been before. Her people are now realizing what it means to possess open harbors all the year round.

The New Year will be a banner one for the City of Victoria. To

the vision and enterprise of the Canadian Pacific Railway much credit is due. Its Amusement Centre and the addition of two palatial steamers to its coastwise fleet are practical expressions of the company's belief and confidence in the future of this locality.

EXIT 1924 COUNCIL
MAYOR HAYWARD'S admirable review of the activities of the City Council for the year which ends to-day is worthy of some comment.

The Council of 1924, being composed of human beings, made its share of mistakes, but no more than its share. In fact compared with most other representative bodies throughout the country it showed up very well.

THE AGENT-GENERAL
MR. F. A. PAULINE WILL take to his new duties as Agent-General for British Columbia in London a ripe experience of British Columbia's affairs and a thorough understanding of its needs in every sense of the term.

In view of the excellent work of his predecessor, to which the late Mr. Wade gave most of his waking hours, the task which faces Mr. Pauline should be nothing like as arduous or exacting as it might otherwise have been.

Mr. Pauline is the fortunate possessor of a personality which adequately equips him for taking his place in the official life of the Empire's metropolises.

DR. FRANK CRANE
ON
"Being Pleasant"

THERE are few who realize that the greatest contribution we can make to the world is being pleasant.

But they are not the only ones who do others can be found who do it quite as well. There is talk of our efficiency in business and in other directions of activity. These may be necessary in a way.

WORDS OF WISE MEN
Happy the man, and happy he who can call to-day his own. He who, secure within, can say To-morrow, do thy worst, for I have lived to-day.

Be cautious with whom you associate and never give your company or your confidence to persons of whose good principles you are not certain.

WHO'S WHO IN HISTORY TO-DAY
ROMAN EMPEROR, SON OF AND SUCCESSOR TO MARCUS AURELIUS, was killed on December 31, 1924.

JOHN WYCLIF
Celebrated English religious reformer, called "The Morning Star of the Reformation," died on December 31, 1384.

ALEXANDER WINCHELL
American geologist, was born on December 31, 1824. After graduating from Wesleyan University, he became connected with the University of Michigan.

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and to the point.

RADIO BROADCASTING
To the Editor:—Without any intention whatever of criticizing the programme provided at the City Temple every Sunday evening, and with every assurance that I, as well as hundreds of others, appreciate it immensely, there is just one suggestion I would like to make.

SAANICH ELECTIONS
To the Editor:—Last year Ward 4 Ratepayers' Association had the honor of approaching Mr. R. Macneil asking him to stand for the re-election of the council.

MALAHAT ROAD IS BADLY DAMAGED BY AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC
Serious damage, which will probably run into many thousands of dollars, has been done to the Malahat road by traffic which has passed over it since the thaw set in.

KAMLOOPS MEMBER IS INSURGENT OF BOYS' PARLIAMENT
An echo of the days when F. W. Anderson was member for Kamloops in the Provincial House, was heard Monday night at the session of the Second Old Boys' Parliament here.

THE WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Published by the Victoria Meteorological Office
Victoria, Dec. 31, 4 a.m.—The barometer has been abnormally low over Northern British Columbia, and mild frosts are being reported.

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CHRISTMAS UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS
It is Midsummer Down There Just Now

By WILL LAWSON
Christmas with the snow on the ground, the frost sparkling and big logs blazing on the open hearth!

They are open-air folks down there. Summer is their delight, and Christmas is the crown of Summer, as it were, though it really marks the beginning of the steady, dry warm weather.

While the city has this substantial population, the state of New South Wales, of which it is the capital, has barely 3,000,000 people.

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of Sydney at Christmas, but before they achieve this loss of individuality the street car conductors of the railway cars have some funny experiences, strange questions to answer and rare reminiscences to confirm or shatter.

There are always races at Christmas and trips to the mountains, which are not ranges and peaks like the Rockies, but lofty tablelands with sharp drops over some of the thousands of feet.

The holiday air of the Australian Christmas has a fascination, but after one has tasted the Canadian article, a feeling of homesickness deepens, that this is the proper season for Christmas.

The Tuberculous Veterans' Association held their general meeting Tuesday night. The branch was called upon to name a nominee for the position of Parliamentary representative, and it was therefore necessary to select a member of the association who would be most capable in advocating the cause of the tuberculous veterans and dependents before the Parliamentary committee on pensions and re-establishment in connection with the forthcoming session of the Federal Legislature.

President A. E. Harrison of the local branch submitted his report of the splendid work accomplished by the T.V.A. since its inception, and expressed the sincere gratitude of the Victoria unit for the generous spirit of co-operation on the part of the citizens and the public generally.

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draughts, is apt to upset the liver. But, hot weather or cool, the lightest of clothing is all that is required at Christmas in Sydney, unless it rains.

The inconspicuous part is when families and parties sit down to the same Christmas dinner as Canadians sit down to, with the omission of turkey, which is a rare table bird in Australia.

The Salvation Army Subscribers' Department on Vancouver Island, represented by Emma Fox, is the recipient of a Ford coupe, which has been presented by a friend, who recognizes the value of the work carried on by this organization.

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the citizens and the public generally. He also thanked the many organizations for their Christmas and New Year greetings, and the T.B. committee (Victoria Women's Institute) for their many acts of kindness to the association and the T.B. patients in hospital.

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PARLIAMENTS HAVE CHANGED MANY COVERED

The year just closing may well be called election year. In Great Britain Ramsay MacDonald was early established in the saddle and for nine months held office, only to be thrown out in one of the greatest victories ever won by the Unionists. In France, Poincaré's power began to wane and his appeal to the electors in May cost him his office, and he made way for Herriot. In the United States unprecedented scenes were witnessed at the nominating conventions and after a hectic campaign the Republicans were returned to power but so many were the groups against him that he was unable to form a Coalition Government and there was renewed talk of a monarchical movement.

GREAT BRITAIN

The year opened in Britain with a complex political situation. The appeal of Stanley Baldwin to the country had resulted in the standing of the parties being as follows: Conservatives, 259; Labor, 191; Liberals, 155; Nationalists, two; Sinn Féin, one; and various, seven. The Conservatives had changed a large majority of seventy-seven into a minority against all parties of ninety-seven. Premier Baldwin decided to await an adverse vote in the Commons and he reassembled on January 8 and a week later the King opened both Houses in State. On January 21 a vote of No Confidence was carried by a majority of seventy-two. Baldwin resigned and the King sent for Mr. MacDonald. His first public statements was that he had no intention of introducing a capital levy measure, as "the time was not opportune," and The Daily Mail appealed for fair play for the new Labor Government.

The Labor Government early met with trouble. The Miners' Federation voted to terminate the national wages agreement and strike for higher wages, a railway strike disrupted the country, and as this was settled a national dock strike. The ravages of a foot and mouth disease among cattle seemed difficult to check, and by the end of January the sum of over \$12,000,000 had been paid in compensation for slaughtered animals. On January 23 the personnel of the new Mount Everest Expedition was announced and work was continued on the excavations of the tomb of Tutankhamen, the inner shrine being removed and the wonders of the sarcophagus revealed on February 2. The Prince of Wales fell from his horse and breaking of his collarbone on February 8 aroused wide comment.

The Unionists confirmed Mr. Baldwin in the leadership of the party on February 11, and on the following day Parliament reassembled and Premier MacDonald outlined the Government policy. A week later the Government was saved from defeat on a vote on air defence by the Speaker refusing to put the MacDonalds' motion to the vote. The statement of Arthur Henderson, made during a by-election at Burnley, regarding revision of the League of Nations, and the Labor Government was rescued from an adverse vote on the Poplar Guardians' issue by the support of the Liberals. Winston Churchill agreed to stand as independent candidate for the Abbey division of Westminster, and after a close fight he was beaten on March 20 by forty-three votes. Lord Curzon resigned a grant warning in the House of Lords with regard to the situation in India. Meanwhile negotiations proceeded all through February for settling the threatened dock strike. The strike was called on February 16 and on February 24 the dockers voted to accept the proposed terms of settlement. Trouble with the Egyptian Government caused Howard Carter to seal up the tomb and abandon work in Egypt.

X THORNY PATH

The Government was bitterly attacked by Lloyd George for its proposal to reduce the German reparations levy from twenty-five to five per cent which, however, was cancelled on March 10. The Government met its first defeat on March 18. On March 18 the Prime Minister announced the abandonment of the Singapore scheme. There was criticism of the Labor Government for increasing the salary of the Lord Privy Seal (Mr. Clynes) from £10,000 to £12,000 per annum on March 10. The strike of London motormen and carmen commenced on March 23. Terms of settlement were agreed upon on 1,900 men struck as well as 2,000 Welsh met with still more steeply, and on March 25 MacLaren began his world flight by air from Calcutta.

The Labor party was called to treat a thorny and uncertain road during April. After several trials a committee of the building trade was named and reported in favor of Government scheme for building 2,500,000 additional houses within the next fifteen years. The Budget was neither revolutionary nor socialist, but rang the death knell on the Imperial preference duties. The Lausanne treaty with the Commons on April 11 without a division, Baldwin arguing that it was the best treaty obtainable, as no country was anxious to fight.

As a result of the recognition of the Soviet Government on February 23 an Anglo-Russian conference began at London on April 24. Meanwhile the cost of unemployment was going up by leaps and bounds, having risen from \$15,000,000 in 1913 to \$39,000,000 last year. After long negotiations the miners agreed not to strike. An April 23 the great Empire Exhibition at Wembley was opened with ceremony. A nation of shipyard dockers only lasted ten days, but did much economic damage. On April 16 the Mount Everest Expedition arrived at Pheri Dzong and on May 2 MacLaren had arrived at Karachi. The Mount Everest men reached their base camp on May 16. Subsequently two of the members were killed in the final dash to the top and the expedition was once more abandoned.

May was a quiet month in British politics. A proportional representation bill was defeated on May 2 by a minority three votes, and on May 14 a discussion on a motion favoring nationalization of the mines ended in a defeat of the proposal by a majority of ninety-six votes. On May 29 the Conservatives moved a vote of censure on the Labor Government for its failure to deal with unemployment and agreed to give Labor a little more time to make good. Coal miners, transport workers and bus and streetcar operatives continued their negotiations for higher wages. The King and Queen of Rumania and the King and Queen of Italy were visited

Progressives, came to Ottawa for a consultation with Premier King and there were many rumors about both of the visitors joining the Federal Cabinet. Nothing, however, came of the conference, and the two Westerners went home. In the midst of a cold spell, Canada was discomfited at the news that the Cape Breton coal fields had been entirely shut down, owing to labor troubles, and the stoppage had an immediate effect on prices.

Early in February a pact was signed by the United States and Canada which was drafted for the purpose of putting an end to the activities of thieves along the international border. On February 1, the Quebec Legislature finally passed the bill that gave \$10,000,000 to the Bank of Hochelaga as a loan in connection with the taking over of the National Bank. On February 4 R. G. Wilson and R. McC. Oakley, officials of the Australian Government, came to Canada for the purpose of negotiating a treaty between Britain and Australia. On the same day the Supreme Court began the hearing of a case in which the validity of the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan in taxing grain futures was brought into question. On February 11 Premier

On July 15 the important Jubalad Treaty with Italy was signed in London and on the following day the Allied conference met at the Capital to consider how the Dawes plan could be put into operation. On July 23 the Allies decided to ask Germany to send a representative to the conference, which was accepted. Before this, on July 3, Ramsay MacDonald had had a most friendly meeting with Herriot in Paris. On July 28 the King reviewed the fleet at Spithead. On July 16 De Valera was released from prison.

THE TUNNEL SCHEME
On June 30 the Labor Government was defeated for the seventh time on division but refuses to resign. Diplomatic relations between Britain and America were suspended during June. Britain made a formal protest on June 20 to the United States, protesting against the elevation of its guns in Mr. Baldwin's Government was carried by a majority of seventy-two. Baldwin resigned and the King sent for Mr. MacDonald. His first public statements was that he had no intention of introducing a capital levy measure, as "the time was not opportune," and The Daily Mail appealed for fair play for the new Labor Government.

STRAINED RELATIONS
On August 3 Mrs. Evans was shot dead at Rosale, Mexico, and relations with that country became even more strained. The German delegates to the reparations conference reached London August 5. The London conference came to a close on August 16, with the initialling of the agreement. Ten days later it was approved by the French Senate. On August 23 the Reichstag passed the necessary laws for its signing, and on August 28 it was signed.

POLITICAL EVENTS
The Parliament reassembled on September 26, and the Labor Government, deserted by the Liberals, was defeated by 164 votes to 104 on a motion to set up a committee to investigate the dropping of the prosecution of the Communist editor, J. R. Campbell. On October 14 Parliament dissolved on October 15. A series of elections were issued with 1,393 nominations for 618 seats; on October 29 the polling took place after one of the bitterest elections ever witnessed in Britain. A feature of the campaign was the publication of a letter said to be signed by Zinovieff, official of the Russian Communist Party, in which he urged the army for the "triumph of the cause of the workers." The final figures were: Conservatives, 411; Labor, 150; Liberals, 46; various, 12. This gave the Conservatives a clear majority of 211 over all other parties and meant not only a complete reversal of the majority but also a complete reversal of the Liberal Party, whose leader, Mr. Asquith, was defeated. Before dissolving the Commons the Irish Boundary Commission Bill, introduced on October 21, the Prince of Wales arrived home after his trip to the United States and Canada.

On November 4 Ramsay MacDonald gave his resignation to the King. Premier Baldwin made the announcement of his Cabinet included Winston Churchill as Chancellor of the Exchequer. On November 16 Britain requested the postponement of the League of Nations protocol until March 8 so that the Overseas Dominions could be consulted.

A special session of the British Parliament was called on the night of November 23 to consider General Allenby's report, but it was announced that the situation was well in hand. Warships moved to Alexandria on November 24. A trade treaty between Great Britain and Germany was signed December 29. MacDonald was again appointed leader of the Labor Party. Austen Chamberlain had his first interview with Herriot as Foreign Secretary on December 8. The Secretary of the Throne, in which much interest to the Dominions was included, was read in the Commons on December 10. Invitations were sent to the Dominions asking them to attend an Imperial Conference. Early next year to discuss a co-ordinated foreign policy for the Empire, and the Geneva protocol.

On December 11, Premier Baldwin announced a new Social Policy of Modified Empire Preference; on December 23 the giant London-Paris express aeroplane crashed at Croydon, killing eight persons.

CANADA

The year in Canada opened with expectation of dull times and prospects of trouble in the Cape Breton coal fields. One of the closing acts of the year was that an arrangement had been reached, to which Premier Tachereau was consenting party, by which the Bank of Hochelaga absorbed the National Bank, a large loan being made by the Province of Quebec in order to take over the weaker brother. On January 2, Sir Lomer Gouin, who had just resigned from the Premiership, joined the Federal Government after his withdrawal from the Premiership. He was subsequently named as Minister of Justice.

On January 3, L. P. Brodeur, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, died, and his place was eventually taken by Hon. N. Perceux. On January 9, Premier Dunnington of Saskatchewan, and Mr. Crear, leader of the

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Supreme Court at Ottawa. Decided that the Manitoba Grain Futures Act was ultra vires. Aemilios Jarvis, Sr., arrested in connection with the Ontario Provincial Bond conspiracy on May 12, was subsequently sentenced to six months imprisonment, and with Smith was fined \$600,000. May 15 Hon. Walter Mitchell, St. Antoine, resigned as a protest against the budget. On May 16, after sixteen hours debate, the Budget passed by 125 to 53, providing for an expenditure of \$400,571,000. At the beginning of the month Canada had sent a note to Secretary Hughes protesting against the further diversion of the Great Lakes waters by the Chicago drainage canal. On May 20 Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen was approached to become chairman of the Ulster Boundary Commission, but refused, as had Sir Robert Borden previously. On May 20 the appeal of Walter Muir, a New York boy, for murder at Valleyfield was heard and dismissed, and his hanging on July 11 created much discussion in the United States regarding Canadian justice. Manitoba decided to appeal the Grain Futures Act decision on May 23. On May 28 another party of Hebrideans arrived for the West, and

On July 10 the Governor-General, Lord Bessborough, returned to Canada. On July 11 the Ulster Boundary Commission was opened. On July 12 the "Arctic" sailed on a scientific expedition to the North. On July 16 Saskatchewan voted against a bond-drift policy, while on July 14 Mount Grant high peak in Jasper National Park, was climbed by two Canadians and one American. On July 17 British Columbia sold its second issue of \$2,000,000 5 per cent bonds. On July 19 Private Desmond Burke, 19 years old, Ottawa, won the King's Prize at Bialay. The federal parliament closed on July 19.

On August 2 Ottawa gave a civic reception to the King's Prize Winner, named a commission to try and solve Montreal Protestants' school problem regarding Jewish children. On August 4 the Royal Muskoka Hotel was destroyed by fire. On August 5 bands in Montreal held up a mail wagon and stole \$30,000 registered mail. Eight arrests were subsequently made and accused are now before the courts. The British naval squadron arrived in Halifax on August 6 and joined in celebrating the 15th anniversary of the landing of Cornwallis,

press voted to strike on September 8, and walked out. September 12, the Railway Commission reported that a shortage of wheat from Ottawa caused prices to jump. On September 17 the Railway Commission reported that the Crow's Nest Pass agreement, the trial in connection with the Home Bank failure opened on September 9. The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress concluded on September 15 and opened on September 20. City managers gathered in Montreal on September 23 for their convention and on September 25, E. W. Beatty, president of the C.P.R., made a plea at Iroquois Falls for outside capital in Canada. Undergraduates from Cambridge University made a debating tour in September and the Oxford debating team came in October. The Prince of Wales entered Canada on September 4 after a strenuous holiday in Long Island, visiting his Alberta ranch afterwards going to the coast. Miss Margaret Bondfield, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Labor, visited the MacDonald Government, visited the Dominion regarding immigration matters, and in December her report strongly favored the MacDonald Government. Judge Anglin was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court this month, and was sworn in on October 14.

The amalgamation of the Standard-Sterling Banks was announced on October 2. The Prince of Wales drove his special train for twenty miles en route to Vancouver on October 3. Clarence E. Sittell, private secretary to Sir Adam Beck, was arrested at Niagara Falls for cashing a cheque for \$29,825 belonging to the Ontario Hydro Commission. He made charges against the Commission and its president which were investigated and disproved. Sittell was acquitted on a charge of piracy in connection with a rum ship, on which J. M. Isaacs, Winnipeg lawyer, was supercargo. Mrs. Jane Lewis, who sent five sons to the war and lost three unwept Verduin's war memorial on October 5, Canada's apple crop was reported to have a shortage of 400,000 barrels on October 10. A wholesale plot to smuggle Chinese into Canada was uncovered by arrests in Victoria on October 13. On October 14 Sydney H. Jones, Home Bank auditor, was found guilty of negligence. On the same day Mr. Justice Newcombe and Binfret were sworn in as Supreme Court judges. The Prince of Wales arrived in Ottawa on October 16 and on October 17 Sir Robert Borden was installed as Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston. Ontario remained "dry" after its plebiscite on October 21. The Governor-General and Lady Argyll visited Quebec at that time, and the Prince of Wales bade farewell to Canada on October 23. Charles Matthews was sent to prison for two years for breach of trust in connection with the Ontario Provincial bond scandals at the close of the month. On October 23 Sir Campbell Sturt founded the Canadian Journal Club at Versailles, the speeches being heard by radio in Canada. On October 23 Peter Verduin, head of the Doukhobors, was charged with a bomb explosion on the C.P.R. train near Nelson, B.C., his funeral the following Sunday being attended by many thousands of followers. On October 31 Albert James, a member of the British Parliament, passed the murder of his half-brother, nearly three years previously, was acquitted.

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COMMISSIONS TRAVEL

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PRIDE OF THE SEA

Trade reports from Victoria in June showed that port business had increased over 100 per cent. Mr. Justice Wilson, on June 6 secured Montreal police in connection with the bandit-rail, and this resulted in, first an aldermanic probe, and then a royal commission, which started to probe police administration on October 6 and continued until the middle of December. The British naval squadron arrived off Victoria at the beginning of the month and was visited by 12,000 people. The Daughters of the Empire held their convention at Toronto on June 2, while the Presbyterian Assembly opened its jubilee meeting on June 2. Charges against Hon. James Murdoch in connection with withdrawal from the Home Bank were aired by E. Guis Porter, M.P., on June 4, they were subsequently investigated by a committee which exonerated the minister on June 26. Gust Porter resigned his seat in West Hastings and in the by-election was defeated. On June 4 Professor Hanting, discoverer of Insulin, was married, on June 16, 8,000 Rotarians attended their Convention in Toronto. On June 29 British Columbia declared against the sale of beer by the glass. On July 26 the Church Union Bill was passed by a majority of 52 in the Commons, to become effective on June 15, 1925. On June 28 the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island was rebuked for reserving judgment on provincial legislation which he failed to ratify and not sub-

the celebrations lasting two weeks. The British Association for the Advancement of Science held its annual meeting in Toronto during the week. On August 18 France bestowed the Legion of Honor on six Canadians, including Premier Tachereau and Hon. A. Davin. On August 15 Squadron Leader MacLaren arrived at Prince Rupert, B.C., after abandoning his world-flight. On August 19 the British Naval Squadron reached Quebec, and the same day directed a cabinet meeting on November 14. Cl. A. Barnard, of Montreal, a second director of the Home Bank was found guilty and sentenced on November 1 to 12 months imprisonment. On November 19 the B.C. Legislature enacted a measure providing for flogging as a punishment for drug trafficking. The natural resources of Alberta was before the Cabinet on November 21 at Ottawa. On November 21 there was a seizure of \$490,000 in illicit opium at St. Sulphur, a notorious swindler from Chicago named Koretz was captured at Halifax, where he had been posing as a millionaire for two years. Directors of the Home Bank were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment on December 1 and appealed. Figures published on December 3 from Ottawa showed the Dominion for first six months of fiscal year. Mr. Mitchell, a newly settled farmer in Saskatchewan won the first prize at the world fair at Chicago on December 4. On December 12 it is announced that 3,000 more Menonites will take up farms in the West next Spring.

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BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily and Johnnie's Surprise

By Howard R. Garis



Didnt Santa Claus bring you anything? asked Johnnie

However, come along if you wish. But what about your brother Billie?

FINALS OF WALTZING CONTEST AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO-NIGHT

Among the outstanding attractions for New Year's Eve in Victoria to-night will be the grand carnival dance at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, starting at 9 o'clock and ending at 2 o'clock.

MISS MARGARITA NICHOL ATTENDANT AT SMART WEDDING

Marriage in Vancouver Last Night of Miss Edith Letson and Mr. Beverley Baxter

Many Victoria guests were invited to the wedding of Miss Edith Christina Letson, eldest daughter of Mrs. J. M. K. Letson, 1546 Burnaby Street, and Mr. Arthur Beverley Baxter, son of Mrs. James Bennett Baxter, Toronto, and editor of The Sunday Express of London, England, which took place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, last evening at 9 o'clock.

VETERANS HOSTS AT CHRISTMAS TREES

While the years are slowly weaving a span of memory over the happenings of the Great War, the veterans who survived that world-conflict have not forgotten the children of the men who made the supreme sacrifice.

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS

Yesterday afternoon the Army and Navy Veterans' Association held its annual Christmas entertainment series after dinner. Over 150 kiddies and their mothers sat down to the Christmas tree which the Moose Lodge had presented to the Orphanage at its party given to the kiddies.

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On December 29 at St. Paul's Garrison Church, Esquimalt, the Rev. F. C. Chapman celebrated the marriage of Eustace Markham Carden, son of the late Eustace Carden (P. & O. S.S. Aden), and Mrs. Carden, of 25 Pembrooke Road, Kensington, England, and Dr. Lucy Theodora Badcock, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Badcock and Mrs. Badcock, of Walgrave, Northamptonshire, England.

ESQUIMALT KIDDIES ENTERTAINED BY HYGIENE COUNCIL

About sixty children and their mothers were entertained last evening at a Christmas party given by the Esquimalt Child Hygiene Council at the assembly hall, St. Paul's Garrison Church.

SOOKE HARBOR

Mr. Albert Wilson has returned from visiting in Victoria.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Elford were the host and hostess at a Christmas reunion at which they attended Mr. Elford, Mr. T. Elford, Miss Doreen Elford, Mr. T. Elford and Walter Elford, Mr. T. Elford and Walter Elford, Mr. T. Elford and Walter Elford.

FOOTWEAR GIFTS

See the Christmas Display and Special Values at MUTRIE & SON'S 1205 Douglas St. Phone 2904

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Vancouver Island News

OPTIMISM IN SHAWINIGAN LAKE IS KING AT COURTENAY

Christmas Season Brisk; Future is Full of Promise

Six Inches of Snow Helps Old Fashioned Yuletide Up-Island

Irrepressible optimism in the town of Courtenay is a cheerful outlook that is general throughout the small thriving city of the Comox Valley...

TRANSPORTATION QUESTION

Although a certain amount of business which Victoria has gotten from Courtenay goes to Vancouver it would appear to be the exigencies of transportation rather than inclination that forces Courtenay merchants to deal with Vancouver...

A PIONEER'S VIEW

T. Booth, one of the pioneers of the district is among its greatest boosters, speaking both from the standpoint of business and of the scenery...

INCURABLE OPTIMISM

Incidentally the snow was greeted as appropriate to the Christmas season and as a relief from the cold "welcomed" the snow...

Public Library MAKES PROGRESS

Special to The Times

Shawinigan Lake, Dec. 31.—The annual meeting of the Shawinigan Public Library will be held in the S.L.A.A. Hall on January 12...

ALBERNI

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Alberni, Dec. 29.—The annual Christmas tree and closing exercises of the Beaver Creek and Alberni schools were held in the former building...

ON TUESDAY LAST THE R.A.O.B. LODGE

gave a children's tree for the members' children, which was very much enjoyed by all. A large number sat down to supper, after which games were played for the benefit of the youngsters...

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE OF THE ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

was held in the school room on Wednesday night. Supper was served to the members of the school, after which a short programme was rendered by the scholars...

THE SANTA CLAUS FUND COMMITTEE

had a busy time in the early part of the afternoon, assembling and distributing the Christmas hampers to the needy ones. Some twenty-four families in the district were helped...

JAMES R. MOTION WAS A PASSENGER ON SATURDAY'S MAIL

on Saturday's mail on his way to Courtenay, but he never got to Courtenay, but he did get to Vancouver, where he is now staying...

MISS BRENDA SMITH IS SPENDING HER VACATION VISITING FRIENDS IN COURTENAY

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MISS MARGIE MILLIGAN, WHO HAD BEEN SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH HER PARENTS HERE RETURNED TO NANAIMO ON SATURDAY

Miss Margaret Hamilton, who is attending school in Victoria, is spending her holidays with her parents at Beaver Creek.

MR. AND MRS. H. N. WOOD AND DAUGHTER SPENT CHRISTMAS AT NANAIMO WITH MR. WOOD'S PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wood and daughter spent Christmas at Nanaimo with Mr. Wood's parents.

NANAIMO, DEC. 30.—THE CITY COUNCIL LAST EVENING RESOLVED TO SUBMIT A REFERENDUM TO THE CONNECTION WITH THE NEXT MORNING

the by-law authorizing the ravine of a concrete bridge at the cost of \$50,000. Permission was given by a vote of four to two.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY GIVEN 239,000 ACRES IN WESTERN PART OF COUNTRY

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Through an agreement reached between the Federal Government and the Hudson's Bay Company the latter has been awarded 239,000 acres of land in the fertile belt of Western Canada...

TENNIS CLUB DANCE—THE ST. PAUL'S TENNIS CLUB NEW YEAR DANCE IS ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 6

at the assembly hall, St. Paul's Garrison Church. Ozaard's orchestra has been engaged. Refreshments will be provided.

Canadian Government Merchant Marine Vessel Leaves For Europe To-day

After loading 1,000,000 feet of lumber here for the steamer port railway, the Canadian Government Merchant Marine vessel, Canadian Pioneer, left for Europe to-day.

European agents of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine have

been already booked for the Canadian Pioneer's return trip to this Coast. If the same degree of efficiency is maintained by the agents and the ships in their co-operation, as has been shown in this new service, there is no reason, officials believe, that the return run will not prove highly profitable as a commercial venture.

The lumber shipments to the United Kingdom and Western Europe have been encouraging during the last few months and have shown a slight increase over former sales.

For the first time in a long time, the shipping interests in British Columbia look for a rise of trade to Europe and the Canadian Government Merchant Marine will come in for a share of this business. It is hoped, the great proportion of lumber export is to Europe and the United States, and it is advisable that Canadian ships should have the transportation of this produce.

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WAITING FOR MAILS AT VANCOUVER



EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA

The Canadian Pacific liner Emperor of Australia will be slightly delayed in Vancouver owing to the lateness of the arrival of mails on No. 3 transcontinental, it was stated here this morning by L. D. Chetham, district passenger agent Canadian Pacific Railway.

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\$18,000 Fire Loss In Saskatchewan

Weyburn, Sask., Dec. 31.—The village of McTaggart, about nine miles northwest of Weyburn, had a disastrous fire at an early hour yesterday morning when the buildings on the west side of Main Street were completely wiped out. The loss is estimated at \$18,000.

Officials Announce That Repairs Are Now Almost Completed at Esquimalt

According to officials of the Pacific Salvage Company the steamship Tajiana will take water to-day. The Victoria Machinery Depot has had the contract for the repairing of the ship, and the Pacific Salvage Company is fully satisfied with the work done.

FEARS NEW ERA IS JEOPARDIZED

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SEATTLE SHIPPING

Seattle, Dec. 31.—The steamship Admiral Rogers of the Pacific Steamship Company arrived yesterday from South-east Alaska with ninety-five passengers and a large cargo, consisting of canned salmon and frozen fresh fish.

POSITIONS BY WIRELESS

ESTEVAN 8 p.m.—MAKURA, 4,660 miles from Victoria, outbound. PRESIDENT JEFFERSON, 1,842 miles from Seattle, inbound.

Eight Persons in Caucasus Region Frozen to Death

Baku, Dec. 30.—Heavy snow-storms and bitter cold prevail throughout the Caucasus; entailing considerable loss of life and causing much suffering and inconvenience. Baku is entirely buried in snow and all work in the oilfields has ceased.

All-India Moslem League Has Meeting

Bombay, Dec. 31.—Presiding at a meeting of the All-India Moslem League, Said Raza Ali, a member of the Council of State, declared there was unanimity among all parties in seeking attainment of home rule for India in its history.

CONGREGATIONS VOTE ON CHURCH UNION

London, Ont., Dec. 31.—The Hyde Park Presbyterian congregation here decided to join the United Church without a vote when only one dissenting voice was raised.

CONGREGATIONS VOTE ON CHURCH UNION

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Presbyterian congregation votes in Ontario on church union were: Harmony, Algoma, 24 for and 0 against; Richards Landing, Algoma, 61 for and 3 against; Hinton Beach, St. Joseph Island, unanimous for union.

CONGREGATIONS VOTE ON CHURCH UNION

Toronto, Dec. 31.—According to reports received at church union headquarters here up to midnight last night, seventy-three congregations voted in favor of church union and nine against.

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Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 31.—Voting on church union in the Prince Albert Presbyterian was as follows: Pathlow Charge, Ebbelton and 39w-anrball unanimous in favor of union; Birch Hills, 25 for, 1 against; Kintinow, 48 for, 4 against. The vote at Kintinow has been protested, it is stated.

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Calgary, Dec. 31.—Church union vote results were as follows: Banff United Church, against, 13 to 5; Red Deer, Knox, against, 20 to 5; Macleod, Knox, 55 to 3; High River, for, 42 to 22.

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Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 31.—Johnston Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, with a membership of eighty-four decided last night to enter the United Church of Canada without taking a vote.

STERN LESSON FOR BANDITS IN CHINA

Number of Mutinous Soldiers Executed at Kalgan After Trial For Crimes. Peking, Dec. 31.—The 460 looters and incendiaries tried and executed at Kalgan, were shot, according to latest information, in the interest of military discipline.

Brigade to be Disbanded; Mutiners Who Escaped Are Being Hunted

The chief of staff at Kalgan and other officers, having only a slight connection with the looting, it was declared, are being held for future disposition by the military court. In addition the mutiny brigade has been ordered disbanded and orders issued for apprehension of mutineers who fled and escaped capture. These will be "doomed to such a way as to give warning to others," the report said.

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BANK ROBBER WAS KILLED IN ALABAMA

Wounded Constable and Railway Agent in Fight in Station in Mobile. Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31.—An unidentified man, believed to be the man who robbed a branch of the Marine Trust and Banking Company of New Orleans of \$13,000 on Christmas Eve, was shot and killed in a fight here yesterday, but not until after the man had seriously wounded Charles Ferrer, a special railway agent, and Patrolman Walter Fritole of the Mobile police force. The shots that killed the man were fired by Detective Gibby Wilcox after a running fight from the platform of a Pullman car through the station to a fruit wharf, where the man dropped dead.

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The sum of \$2,033 was taken off the man's body, mainly in twenty-dollar bills. He also had two pistols said to have been stolen from the New Orleans bank.

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A notebook found in the man's pocket bore the name of W. E. Wright and had been pinned in place of the bullet which killed him. In this notebook was an entry which stated he had killed a man by the name of Thomas Griffin in Des Moines, Iowa, on November 16, 1923, and that two innocent men had been convicted for the crime and were now in prison in Des Moines. Griffin is now in Des Moines on a charge of murder.

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"Unless the few rights we have, besides the innumerable obligations under the Versailles Treaty, are safeguarded, the doors again will be opened to the Bolshevism on the right and left and the era of understanding begun in 1924 will give place to distrust and animosity," the speaker declared.

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Dr. Stresemann characterized as illogical the suggestion of some of the Control Commission officers that certain industrial plants be dismantled, or converted into munition plants in the event of war. He said it was against the interests of all nations to place time and money in the production of munition plants in the event of war.

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Social and Service.—A social will be held at Wesley Church this evening under the auspices of the Men's Association, commencing at 8 o'clock. This will be followed at 11 o'clock by a watchnight service.

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The Garden City Women's Institute will hold the usual five hundred drive next Friday in the Marigold Hall. Play to commence at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to members and friends of the district.

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NEWS IN BRIEF
Old timers and their friends will gather at the Agricultural Hall, Saanich, to greet the new year to-night. Miss Thain's orchestra will play tunes of long ago.

Much interest is being taken in the grand New Year's Carnival at the Cowichan Amateur Athletic Club, arranged by Mr. McConnell, under the patronage of Mr. Stewart. M.P.P. Mr. C. H. Dickie, M.P.P. Mrs. Dickie, Mr. C. F. Davis, M.P.P., Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Islay Mutter.

The Victoria Radio Club will not hold the regular monthly meeting for January on Friday next, on account of proximity to the New Year holiday. The meeting has been postponed until Friday, January 3, when a large attendance is expected.

Three months in jail for retaining possession of stolen goods was the sentence passed upon A. Parkinson in the Esquimalt police court today. J. Bullock, a young lad found in company with Parkinson and similarly charged, was given suspended sentence and a warning to mend his ways.

Two more burglaries were added to his record last night by the cracksmen who have garnered a lean harvest from twenty-seven homes in the city and district. In both cases the burglar "jimmied" the window shades complete, high-grade aluminum kitchen outfit, consisting of two pairs of sheets, pair wool blankets, white bedspread, two pairs pillow cases, floor covering, 21½ curtains, curtain pole and window shade.

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HAPPINESS SHINES IN CHILDREN'S EYES IN ROTARY PARTY

Nearly Seven Hundred Children and Mothers Club's Christmas Guests
Five hundred and seventy happy children, guests of the Victoria Rotary Club at the annual Christmas tree party yesterday afternoon, filled the Chamber of Commerce auditorium and annex to capacity, and their evident pleasure and delight more than repaid the members for the time, money and effort devoted to the occasion.

TUNEFUL WELCOME
As the children arrived they were greeted with the joyous music of an orchestra, and at once taken to their allotted seats at well laden tables. A plentiful supply of Christmas crackers provided the children with a most enjoyable and interesting time. The club had planned to entertain upwards of 800 children, and the efforts of the Friendly Help Association to see that most slighted were overlooked were most appreciated.

LAUN-MAKING TURNS
A Funch and Judy show opened the entertainment portion of the program, being followed by Lieut. Colette of the Canadian navy with a comedy act, and M. J. McKenna, who with his ventriloquist, Santa Claus then "blew in" from the North Pole, and after greeting all the guests in his hilarious manner, he proceeded to sing the hymn, "The Christmas Carol," which he sang with a photograph of the happy scene, with the giant Christmas tree and glittering, multi-colored tinsel drapings.

At 5 o'clock, after two hours of fun, the children were marshalled from the main hall to the committee room of the Chamber of Commerce suite, where Santa Claus presented every youngster with toys.

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UNION OIL COMPANY ACQUIRES VALUABLE BUSINESS CORNER

The Union Oil Company of Canada announced the purchase today of the northeast corner of Yates and Blanshard streets, 60 by 70 feet.

HOUSE GALLERIES FLEET TO HEAD OF LEGISLATORS

Premier John Oliver Tells Boys' Parliament of Political Opportunities
Two members of the Provincial Legislature visited the Older Boys' Parliament now in session, in the Legislative Assembly Tuesday—Hon. John Oliver, Premier, and J. W. Jones, M.P.P. of South Okanagan.

Continuing Mr. Oliver declared that there was a great opportunity for older men to give place to the younger. He congratulated them upon the splendid order and decorum which he had witnessed there every success in their work.

Much business was transacted in the sittings Tuesday afternoon and evening. Recommendations were made to the National Boys' Work League urging for the extension of the list of badges to include such subjects as journalism and the radio.

HOWARD LANG, Minister of Devotion Affairs, created a deep impression when he introduced a resolution urging the use of daily Bible reading and prayer by every boy connected with the Canadian Standard movement, and when he undertook, in his official capacity, to correspond with the members and the groups concerning the matter he conducted the business.

NEW ZEALANDER PLEASED WITH CITY
A tribute to the popularity of Victoria is contained in the accompanying letter, which has been received by Manager Thomas Stevenson of the Dominion Hotel, and which is self-explanatory.

PET SHOW
Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association show, which is to be held at the under way, and every detail for the care of the birds, and the show, is now complete.

Rockefeller Gift To Art Museum
New York, Dec. 31.—John D. Rockefeller Jr. has given stock of the Standard Oil Company of California, valued at approximately \$1,000,000, to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Robert de Forrest, president of the museum, announced.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC PROCEEDED HEARINGS IN POLICE COURT

Joseph Bayley Denies Receiving Government House Liquor
At the close of a two and a half hour preliminary hearing in the City Police Court today, Joseph Bayley, who claims the lightweight boxing championship of Canada, was remanded to the request of his counsel until Friday so that bail could be arranged in the event of a committal.

The accused was charged with retaining possession of a case of liquor taken by another from Government House, knowing it to have been stolen, and elected trial before a higher court. Asked if he had anything to say, Bayley replied, "Only that I am innocent." Witnesses in the hearing were bound to appear at a higher court if required.

Harry M. Amburath, acquitted yesterday of a similar charge, took the stand for the prosecution. Witness stated that while he was in Room 415, Douglas Hotel, Joe Bayley and Donald Skene came into the room. Witness was under the impression that the accused had picked up a case that had been under his bed. Shortly afterwards both men left the room. Witness did not see whether the case was carried out or not.

Donald L. Skene repeated evidence given by him in former cases, and asserted he had a general conversation with the accused in which he understood Bayley to say that he could use the whisky spoken of. Witness removed a case from Government House to Room 415 Douglas Hotel, and asserted that this was later removed by himself and Bayley to another room, where the accused to another by Bayley. Witness asserted that Bayley paid him \$25 for the case, which was one of two taken by witness without authority from Government House.

On cross-examination witness admitted he had been drinking freely, but affirmed that he knew what he was about. Witness told his remembrance of two conversations said to have been held with Bayley and Bayley in one of which Bayley denied having bought the liquor. Witness asserted Bayley told him he had scratched the label off the bottle, and that he was a visitor in the city, took the stand to tell of supplying a \$20 American bill to the accused Bayley at the latter's request. This had been in the club at Government and Yates Street.

Heavy Sunshine Record for 1924
Meteorological Report Showed 2,298 Hours of Brilliant Sunshine For City
After a comparatively dry eleven months, December with its abnormally heavy rainfall of 6.27 inches brought the year just ended to a close with an average annual precipitation of 56.27 inches. On the other hand the sunshine was 125 hours above the average, a total of 2,298 hours of bright sunshine being recorded for the year.

Installation of Officers.—At the last regular meeting of Queen of the Inland Lodge No. 209 the installation of officers took place. (acting installing officer): Sister Gupta, W.N.; Sister Sadler, D.M.; Sister Hay, chaplain; Sister Armstrong, recording secretary; Sister Estemarc, financial secretary; Sister Griffin, treasurer; Sister Davis, first lecturer; Sister Doherty, second lecturer; Sister Dineley, director of ceremonies; Sister McVie, inside guard; Sister McIntyre, outside guard; Brother McVie, guardian; Sister Winter, first committee lady; Sister Armstrong, Past Mistress; Sister Winter, with the Past Mistress Jewel, after which a social evening was spent, refreshments being served. At the close of the next regular meeting on January 15, 1925, a New Year gathering will take place.

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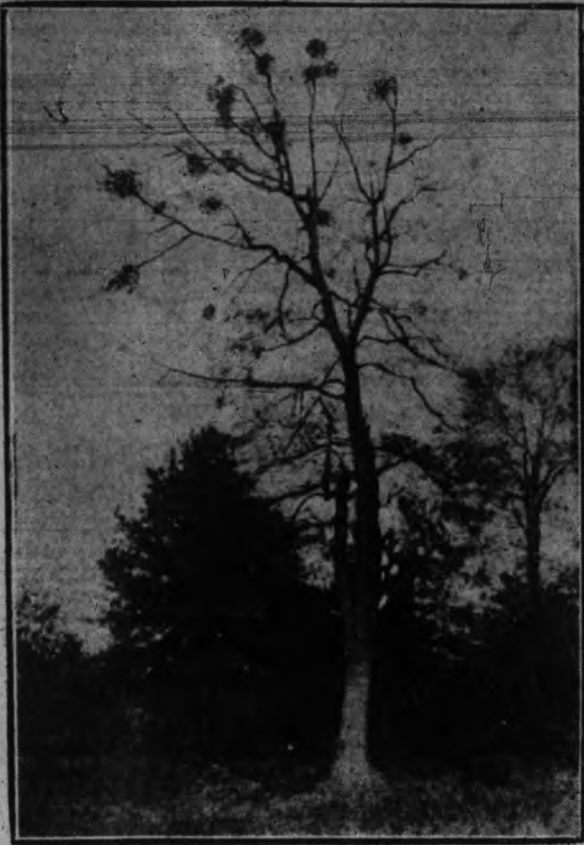
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OBITUARY
There passed away early yesterday morning at his home, 1082 View Street, Mr. Joseph Clark, aged seventy-three years. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and had been a resident of the city for forty years. The late Mr. Clark was very well known, as he was employed for many years by the C.P.R. Company, and also by the C.P.R. as foreman of the ship carpenters. The remains are deposited at the chapel of the Funeral Home, where services have been arranged for Friday at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay cemetery.

Glass For Garden Ready For Shipment; Roof Steel Coming
More than 600 newspapers have already published stories and pictures about the Crystal Garden here, the Canadian Pacific Railway Publicity Bureau has notified Basil Gardom, supervising engineer for the C.P.R. western hotel system. Mr. Gardom, who is in the city in connection with the contract, gives some indications of progress in connection therewith, about the Crystal Garden. The glass for the Crystal Garden will leave England on January 2, he told the Times today. Lord & Burham, St. Catherine's, Ont., will shortly ship from their factory the



HOW THE NAUGHTY MISTLETOE GROWS—Nest-like clumps of mistletoe grow on a gum-wood tree in Pennsylvania. The American species is a parasitic shrub and a common theory is that birds eat the berries and fly to neighboring trees depositing the seeds in the bark with their beaks.



"MR. ZERO"—Urban Ledoux, the "Mr. Zero" of New York's unemployed army, who on Sunday led a company of 250 workless into the Camp Memorial Church and obtained permission from the rector and congregation to allow his homeless followers to sleep in the building. He has since sought to stage a pick and shovel dance in church.



WIFE THOUGHT DANGEROUS—Count Michael Karolyi, leader of the Hungarian Republicans, who is in Paris as spokesman for his colleagues and whose wife is now in America, stricken with typhoid fever. Her admission to this continent was strenuously opposed on the ground that she might spread communist propaganda.



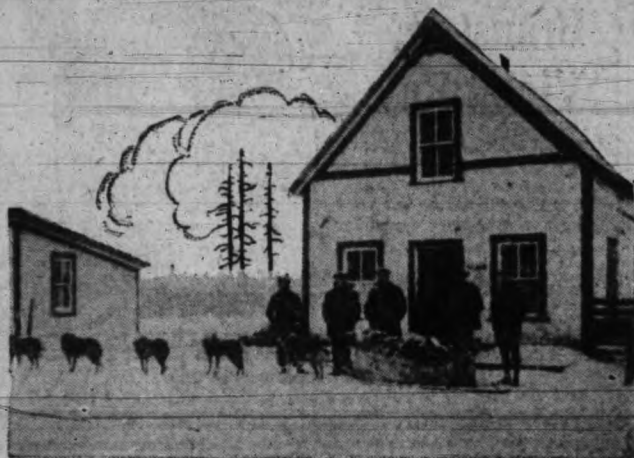
THE IRISH BOUNDARY COMMISSION—Grave issues are almost certain to arise from the report of the royal commission now studying the boundary problem as it exists between Ulster and the Irish Free State. The three members of the commission are shown above. They are, from left to right, J. R. Fisher, whom the British Government appointed to represent northern Ireland when Ulster declined to name a representative; Mr. Justice Peckham of South Africa, chairman of the commission; and Professor Eion MacNeill, Free State Minister of Education and Dublin representative on the board.



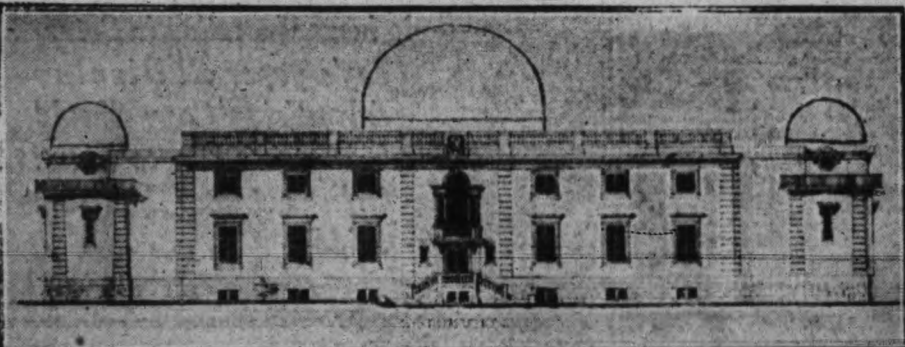
ART OR WORK?—Miss Carolyn Norton Lewis has started a new field for women. As an artist she figured that there was room for vast improvement in the advertising signs that decorate our streets. So she has taken up the job, and is here shown on her first work, painting an outdoor sign on Fifth Avenue.



LEADING "DOUKS"—New picture of Anastasia Veregin, who was trained for twenty-two years to succeed Peter Veregin as leader of the Doukhobors. Peter Jr. was elected, but he hasn't been found, so Annie may get her chance yet. She acted as spiritual leader for six weeks following Peter's death.



READY FOR COLD JOURNEY—This dog team is ready to leave the post office at Ft. McMurray on a 1,700 mile trip down the Mackenzie river basin to the Arctic Coast.



PROPOSED NEW OBSERVATORY FOR VARSITY—The above is an architect's drawing of the west facade of the proposed astronomical observatory to be erected by the University of Toronto, when funds permit. It will be situated in the ten-acre park which has been donated by the city council for this purpose, the park being on the east side of Bathurst Street, midway between St. Clair and Eglinton Avenues.



BRITISH WELCOME AND WELFARE LEAGUE SECURES HOSTEL—This thirty-roomed building, overlooking the Allan Gardens, Toronto, has been purchased by the Ontario Government, and will be turned over to the British Welcome and Welfare League, who will furnish it as a hostel where tired, travel-worn families of British newcomers may find a welcome, a refreshing night's sleep, a meal or two, and much-needed friendship and counsel upon their immediate arrival in Toronto.



ADMIRAL'S WIDOW—Mrs. George Dewey, widow of the late Admiral Dewey of Manila Bay fame, is seen here leaving the White House, following a call at the Executive Mansion.



NO PLACE FOR WEAK HEART—Mayor Hills of Toronto, officiated at a unique affair after a dizzy ride from the ground, 350 feet up to the top of the new Metropolitan building. His Worship hoisted a Union Jack to the top of the flag pole, which stretches far into the sky. The mayor, Commissioner Ross, John J. O'Neill, Superintendent Daly and members of the press are shown swinging out into space on their dizzy ride.

SCHOOL DAYS

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By DWIG



STAGE STAR WEDS—Miss Madge McCarthy, a former Canadian girl, who made a distinct hit on the Broadway stage in Ed. Wynn's "Perfect Fool" and Flo Ziegfeld's popular "Follies," and last week became the bride of Earl Hampton, moving picture and legitimate stage actor, in Chicago. Following the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Hampton are to appear jointly in a New York production. Miss McCarthy was born and educated in Toronto.

WHY CAN'T IT BE CUT DOWN IN 1925?



HOCKEY, BOXING, GOLF, FOOTBALL, SPORTING NEWS, BASKETBALL, CRICKET

Cougars Off For New Year's Game On Mainland Ice

For the third time in less than two weeks the Vancouver and Victoria hockey teams will face each other to-morrow afternoon. The game will be played on the Mainland ice and on Saturday night the two squads will be back here for their fourth engagement in fourteen days.

Hard Tussle is Expected by Lester's Boys, Who, However, Are in Fine Shape

So far the Maroons are unable to defeat the Cougars in their four opening games. In the opening clash on Winnipeg ice Victoria won by 4-2. A week ago Monday the Cougars squeezed through by 1-0. On Christmas Day the Cougars ran through Frank Patrick's redhairs for a 2-1 victory.

FOYSTON, FREDERICKSON AND WALKER WILL START ON LINE; MAROONS ARE HOT

The Cougars are leaving on to-night's boat for the Mainland in order to be there in time for the New Year's matinee. Every man jack is in fine shape, three workouts this week having put an edge on their play. On Monday the Cougars enjoyed a rip-snorting workout and yesterday they paid more attention to the plan of attack against the Maroons. To-day they skated a little to keep their muscles limber for the game.

THE STARTING LINE

Lester Patrick announced this morning that he would start Loughlin and Fraser on the defence, and Walker, Frederickson and Foyston on the line. This is the team that lined up against Vancouver here on Christmas Day. The other players, Halderon, Meeking, Anderson and Hart will spell their brothers when the time is right.

OTHER TEAMS BUSY

All other clubs in the W.C.H.L. will be in action to-morrow. Saskatoon will visit Regina and Calgary pays a return visit to Edmonton.

Firpo Will Meet Gibbons in Bout In London Ring

London, Dec. 31.—The National Sporting Club has made offers to Tommy Gibbons, the St. Paul fighter, and Luis Firpo, the Argentine, for a bout next Saturday.

Woodward Runs Out Winner in Eastern Billiards Tourney

Montreal, Dec. 31.—A. P. Woodward, well-known local professional billiard player, earned the right to travel to Winnipeg to compete in the second round of the Canadian billiard championship when he won his first round match from Frank Pretley, last night, 1,500 to 1,274.

FOLEY IS MATCHED

Seattle, Dec. 31.—Dixie Lahood, of Butte, Mont., inter-mountain bantamweight champion, will meet F. J. Foley, Canadian contender, in a six-round main event of next week's card at Crystal Pool.

All Courses But Uplands to Open Up For Holidays

All local golf courses will be open for play to-morrow with the exception of Uplands. The secretaries of the Victoria, Colwood and Ineslay Park clubs have announced that their fairways and greens are in fairly good shape after the frosts, but the Uplands secretary stated this morning that the frost had gone a long way down on their course, and consequently could not be opened for play.

Seattle Looking Forward To Visit Of Victoria Team

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Two Hockey Games In National Loop; One Game Switched

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Verdict Was Unjust States Kid McCoy

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Kid McCoy, convicted of manslaughter Monday night in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Thea Tilton, pleaded in court today that he was unjustly convicted.

Tilden's Protege Reaches Finals in Boys' Net Singles

New York, Dec. 31.—Edward Jacobs, of Baltimore, fourteen-year-old protegee of William T. Tilden, will seek the national boys' singles championship today when he opposes Frank Shields, of Silver Beach, N.Y., in the final round of this division of the indoor tournament at the Seventh Regiment Armory.

Foley Now Wants Chance to Knock Martin For Title

Manchester, Dec. 31.—Jack Allen, manager for Vic Foley, Canadian bantamweight champion, has sent challenge to Eddie Martin, of Brooklyn, for a fifteen-round bout for the world's championship. Allen has offered Martin \$10,000 to meet Foley here.

Hillclimb at Mount Douglas Postponed on Account of Mud

Owing to the muddy condition of the ground the Victoria Mountain Club has postponed its annual hillclimb at Mount Douglas to a later date.

Three Interesting Football Games On Tap For To-morrow

An interesting social program is scheduled to-morrow for the Sons of England and the Sons of Scotland. The game will be played at 10:30 o'clock in the Royal Athletic Park.

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HOPE TO HOLD THREE TITLES: WALKER, MIDDLE AND LIGHT HEAVY.

This is the fifth of a series of intimate articles on champions of the prize ring and their favorite bouts. These articles are being written expressly for The Times by Joe Williams, nationally known sports writer.—Editor's Note.

It isn't taking much away from the big guy to say that Mickey Walker the Jack Dempsey of the welterweights. Walker is just as great in his class as Dempsey is in his. And, curiously enough, Walker and Dempsey are great pals and fight much alike.

Dempsey is a two-handed mixer. So is Walker. Dempsey likes his left hook best, Ditto Mickey.

Walker came near joining Dempsey as a stable mate in last Summer. Walker's manager and buddy, Jack Bulger, died. Walker wanted to join the Dempsey entourage but Jack Keenan, who manages the heavy weight, wasn't responsive.

Walker, a youngster, is still some degree short of perfection. Great as he is now, experience will make him greater. Walker has not fought often. Every other Thursday, between 3 and 5, he seems to commit some new outburst which incurs the wrath of the New York Boxing Commission, and is expelled.

As a result of this, Walker has been comparatively little money so far. What promised to be his biggest money harvesting effort was called off when Archie Bridden, a Cleveland, lightweight champion, broke a thumb on Pal Moran's head at Cleveland.

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1925 TO BE BIG YEAR FOR VICTORIA

This City Now Getting Off to
the Best Start it Has Had
in Decades

Eleven Reasons Are Given For Recrudescence of Optimism Here

Victoria starts the year 1925 with the brightest immediate prospects that it has had for nearly two decades.

Business passed its low point more than a year ago.

During the early part of 1924 it was building the foundation for its upward movement and along with the western and southern part of this continent the business improvement began to be sensed during the latter part of the year.

Outside of the general improvement over the rest of the continent, which will be more strongly reflected here as the months go by, there are these particular reasons why Victoria is getting off to a better start than ever as the city enters the new year.

1. A lumber assembly plant is to be erected at the Outer Docks; the orders for the equipment have already been let.

2. A grain elevator is to be built, which will greatly increase the activity of the port.

3. Several important industries, such as the Western Cooperaage Co. now established here.

4. Work has started on the Crystal Palace Garden, which means that by next May Victoria will have the most unique "Amusement Centre" on the American Continent.

5. The two new Canadian Pacific Railway Ferry steamers, which will be the finest of their kind on the Pacific Coast, will soon be in operation.

6. Tourist travel is increasing rapidly, and as a direct result more people are making their homes here.

7. While California has for some years been the retiring centre for the Middle West of the Continent, it is now being found that our Victoria climate is more healthful for people of our race, and with the spread of this knowledge increased numbers will make this place their home.

8. Opening of the greatest drydock on Pacific Coast.

9. A quickening of the demand for real estate and houses.

10. Better feeling spreading as a result of the improved financial condition of the Prairies through the increase in grain prices.

11. Prospects for big developments in the mining district of northern British Columbia, many of the chief mines of which are controlled almost entirely by Victoria capital.

The foregoing are all reasons why the future of Victoria as a great residential, commercial, educational, industrial and tourist city and seaport is certain.

PACIFIC'S DAWNING

It is the morning of the Pacific. The nations of its far-flung shores are awakening to a great day. Young and virile countries, feeling the strength of rapid growth, arise in new might. Ancient empires, potentially the most powerful of the earth, are throwing off the sleep of lethargy.

Twelve hundred millions of people, the world's greatest majority—white, yellow, brown, black—look out upon the broad Pacific and behold a vast new realm of commerce, a new theatre of world events.

They see the vision of the prophetic Seaward taking form. A vast region that will become the chief theatre of human activities and events in the world's great hereafter. And of Roosevelt: "The Mediterranean Era died with the discovery of America; the Atlantic Era has reached the height of its development; the Pacific Era, destined to be the greatest, is just at the dawn."

Swiftly the Pacific Northwest is establishing itself as the principal western gateway to the fast-growing commerce of the Pacific.

RING OUT the OLD

Our New Year's wish
Is simply this
May fortune smile upon
you
May all good luck follow
you
May joy fill your cup
Till its brim o'erflows.

The Royal Bank of Canada

RING IN the NEW

May fortune smile upon you
May all good luck follow you
May only joy come your way
On this bright and happy day

Bank of Nova Scotia

Ring out the old
Ring in the new
Ring out the false
Ring in the true

May the
New Year Bring You
Prosperity and Happiness

Canadian Bank of Commerce

We have gained another
milestone. All good befall
you till we reach the next.

The Bank of Toronto

May all your wishes old and
new
May all your fondest hopes
come true
May all your worries be but
few
And health and wealth attend
you.

Union Bank of Canada

When'er this world seems
dark and drear—
Smile awhile and while
you smile
There's miles and miles of
smiles
And life's worth while
because you smile—
And then you'll have a
glad New Year.

Imperial Bank of Canada

May this year be happier
than nineteen twenty-
four

And may each coming
year be brighter than
the year before

Bank of Montreal

The bells ring
cheer
The bell ring
near
Hark ye, and
hear
A Happy New
Year.

Royal Financial
Corporation
Limited

To you whose welfare we
strive to serve, we extend
our warm appreciation
and cordially wish you a
New Year of Prosperity
and Happiness.

Royal Trust Co.
Belmont House, Victoria, B.C.

May you receive your full
share of the Coming
Year's Prosperity
is the wish of

The Canada Trust Co.
Pemberton Building

1925

The lad on the left
With lusty yells,
Pulls on the cord
And rings the bells.
The chimes he is ringing
Just fill us with glee,
For they really are
Spelling Prosperity

Pemberton & Son

Established 1887
Bonds for Investment

May your sorrows of twenty-
four
Be forgot and come no more
May good friends greet you
May old friends meet you
May joy and happiness be
here for all
Life and meritment for both
great and small
Let's welcome nineteen twenty-
five!

British Columbia Bond
Corporation Limited

723 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

May your friends be tried and
true
May your enemies be few
May this year nineteen twenty-
five
Be the one in which you'll
thrive
And may it bring joy to you.

A. E. Ames & Co.



Wall Street

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 31, 1924
(Supplied by two local stockbrokers over direct New York wires)

Wall Street went home this afternoon to enjoy its New Year's Eve with stocks at their highest level of the year. This year was not the break in the final week of the year that has been characteristic of the last couple of years.

The market continued strong today with a number of specialty stocks soaring into new ground. Radio Corporation was one of the features of the market, being up twenty points in the last few days.

General opinion is that the stock market is going considerably higher before Spring, and that another leg of the upward movement is due to be started on any time after New Year's.

The last six months have been a bad time for bears. They have been the only gloomy people around, outside of the short-horn bulls who are out of their stocks early in the rise and then had to pay more for them to get them back.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—After the grain markets turned around to-day and staged a fast recovery, the December options, wheat and corn, both went out within 2 1/2 cents from the top price paid during their whole careers.

Two-dollar wheat is still being talked in some quarters, but there are not as many bulls around as there were around Christmas time.

The houses here are all cautioning their customers against buying, and the bulges are urging them to their own interests to wait for good breaks before taking any risk.

Logan and Bryan point out that the general run of foreign news is more bearish. Broomhall made an estimate that the principal European bushels went by July. This estimate was much lower than his recent figures.

The Canadian visible showed an increase of 600,000 bushels which did not tend to give the market any more support. The selling by longs has been a big factor.

The big advance in wheat prices stripped the foreign demand too much and at the present our prices are too far above those of the southern hemisphere, which will be present wheat now for several months.

Less there is evidence of more active foreign buying the market will drag lower until we again get on a competitive basis.

Building permits for the year 1924 in Victoria aggregate \$588,000, as compared with \$1,050,161 in 1923. The figures do not indicate a decrease in actual construction in the twelve months, but only an apparent one, as the large bank buildings and other structures were started in 1923, and construction at the company's yards, and for the amusement centre, the first unit permit being for \$220,000.

Only three large permits, out of the 432 issued this year, were for large totals, namely \$106,583 for the last section of the east wing of the Jubilee Hospital, \$119,062 for the Victoria Gas Company's new gasholder, under construction at the company's yards, and for the amusement centre, the first unit permit being for \$220,000.

That there has really been a greater number of buildings started in 1924 than in 1923 is proved by the fact that in 1923, 297 permits were issued, 35 less than the current year.

Of the value of the permits—less the value of the permits—less the amount allowed for repairs—\$512,866 has been invested in frame buildings, and \$245,135 in buildings of brick, steel and concrete.

There have been forty-five new residences constructed, the majority

NEW YORK STOCKS

Table of New York Stock Exchange prices for Dec 31, 1924. Columns include High, Low, Bid, Ask, and various stock symbols like Allis-Chalmers, Allied Chem, Am. Sugar, etc.

WINNIPEG GRAIN

Table of Winnipeg grain prices for Dec 31, 1924. Columns include various wheat and flour grades and their prices.

DECEMBER GRAINS

Table of December grain prices for various locations like Chicago, St. Louis, and Minneapolis.

Montreal Stocks

Table of Montreal stock prices for Dec 31, 1924. Columns include various local and foreign stocks.

FEAR WHEAT PRICES AT DANGEROUS LEVEL

Winnipeg, Dec. 31 (Over R. P. Clark Lead Wire)—Export demand continues very light, but this is to be expected at this time of the year.

At the present time the foreigner is supplying his requirements for wheat from Argentina, which is cheaper than North America.

Wheat prices are at a dangerous level, and are well held. The European situation is very bullish with their requirements much larger than last year and exporters are of the opinion that later on in the season the foreigner will be forced to come here to supply his needs.

With two or three exceptions this market has steadily advanced during the last six months until prices declined on a general ground, and declines are only natural to look for during the quiet season.

It is estimated that about twelve million bushels have been thrown into the local pit Monday and Tuesday, but these offerings have been well absorbed on the decline, passing into stronger hands.

We do not believe the decline is fully over and would continue to advise extreme caution in buying operations for the present.

AT FORT ST. JOHN
Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Marjorie Hyndman of this city and J. D. Cadogan, mail carrier in the Peace River Block, have arrived safely at Fort St. John, dispelling safety anxiety which was felt for their safety when they were considerably overdue on their trip from Rolla to bitterly cold weather.

Retail Market

Table of retail market prices for various commodities like Apples, Bananas, Beans, etc.

VICTORIA STOCKS

Supporting bids were put in for Dunwoody on the local market after yesterday's sudden drop and to-day's closing quotations were 50 better at \$4, with offerings at \$4.50. Glacier Creek was bid 23 and offered down to 25.

Terminus sagged again, with bids dropping four points to 35. Brokers predict that the shake-out will be over after New Year's and the market turned in the other direction.

To-day's prices on the local market are:

Table of local market prices for various commodities like Apples, Bananas, Beans, etc.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 31.—Foreign exchange steady. Quotations in cents. Great Britain—Demand 473 1/2; cables 473 1/2; 60-day bills on banks 470 1/2.

France—Demand 5.42; cables 5.42 1/2.

Italy—Demand 4.25 1/2; cables 4.25 1/2.

Belgium—Demand 4.98 1/2; cables 4.99.

Holland—Demand 23.81.

Norway—Demand 15.98.

Sweden—Demand 25.54.

Denmark—Demand 17.61.

Switzerland—Demand 19.47.

Spain—Demand 13.87.

GREAT INVESTMENT DEMAND PUTS SECURITY PRICES UP TO HIGHEST LEVEL IN YEARS

Professionals Even Sold Their Securities After Election, Underestimating Capacity of Market; Securities Bought by Public When Fear of Adverse Legislation Was Removed.

New York, Dec. 31 (AP)—A boom of unprecedented proportions carried stock prices to the highest levels in years in the closing weeks of the year.

Railroad shares were foremost in the advance, many of them touching the highest prices ever recorded. Not since the early part of the present century, when Harriman and Gould struggled for the control of the leading western transportation systems of the country, has Wall Street witnessed a railroad market of such breadth and volume as took place in the last two months of the year.

An enormous investment demand, apparent year after year through fear of adverse legislation, broke forth like a flood in the few weeks following election, when it became apparent that the so-called radical bloc had lost the balance of power in congress, that the administration looked with favor upon railroad consolidation, and that the roads had been successful in increasing their net earnings through a reduction in operating costs.

Tangible evidence of this improvement furnished on stocks of some of the southwestern carriers, stimulated the demand, which came from large institutions and individuals as well as a myriad of small investors.

Industrials shared in the advance, the largest gains being recorded by the securities of those companies whose earnings gave definite indications of business improvement.

ADVANCE ALMOST STRAIGHT UP
Professional traders admittedly were surprised by the magnitude of the buying power, as indicated by the fact that stocks in which they had built up large paper profits in the early fall were sold heavily in the few days following the election, on the theory that they could be repurchased later at lower levels.

While some of the gains were an almost perpetual one for about six weeks, the market was taken away from the professionals, who were forced to buy for stocks at prices above what they sold them for in order to participate in the upward swing.

One of the curious features of the rapid advance was the fact that it was accompanied by a relatively slight increase in brokers' loans, which was construed as an indication that the stocks were being taken over "by the street" and put in strong boxes. Wall Street brokerage houses actually found themselves with more business than they could conveniently handle, despite an average increase of eleven per cent in brokerage commissions, which added millions of dollars to their coffers.

Fluctuations of the steel shares reflected the course of business, the low state of operations in the steel industry forcing the Bethlehem Steel Corporation to suspend its dividends on its common stock.

The United States Steel Corporation's regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent, and an additional extra of 1/4 of one per cent, each quarter, the stock selling at the highest level since 1917.

COPPER STAGES COME-BACK
Most of the oil shares lost ground, due to the unsettled trade conditions caused by the over-production of crude. The Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company, one of the largest of the independent oil companies, announced a dividend in half, and several others were forced to omit their payments.

Copper shares showed signs of activity and strength as the year closed, after a long period of relative depression, due to the inability of the producers to earn substantial profits.

BANK CLEARINGS IN YEAR INCREASE BY \$3,000,000

Victoria bank clearings increased \$3,000,000 this year over those of 1923, according to the totals issued at noon to-day by the Victoria Clearing House.

The clearings here for 1924 total \$108,146,581. For 1923 the total was \$105,229,803.

Bankers say that from the figures the low point in banking was apparently reached last year and during the early months of this year. Since then the business trend has been upward.

The total bank clearings for 1924, month of December, were \$7,895,812. For the four business days of the week ending to-day, the total clearings are \$1,459,764.

FARMERS HOLDING GRAIN THIS YEAR

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—F. R. Durant, of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, estimates that on December 31, 1924, there were 127,920,000 bushels of grain on the farms of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana still to be hauled to market.

The Monarch Elevator, Company of Minneapolis has reports indicating that this year will be the largest in storage elevators at country delivery stations. In addition, the company has reports that there remains 50,000,000 bushels of spring wheat yet to come off the farms, according to estimate, the remainder being flaxseed, barley, rye, oats and corn.

Valuation of the grain that has not yet left ownership in the farmers has increased greatly in thirty days. Wheat in the Minneapolis cash market is about 75 cents a bushel higher than November 1, rye 25 cents, flaxseed 45 cents, barley 12 cents and corn 25 cents higher.

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Radio declared initial dividends of \$2 on common for year 1924, also a quarterly dividend of \$1 on common, placing common on \$4 annual basis. Estimated Radio Corp. sales will be over \$50,000,000 this year against \$22,000,000 in 1923.

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LEAD DEMAND FORCES PRICE UP

News From New York is New Year's Cheer to Owners of B.C. Mines

New York, Dec. 31.—American Smelting & Refining Company's advance of lead at New York to 9.50 cents a pound from 9.25 cents has been followed by a general advance throughout the country.

St. Louis price is 9.25 cents, though the largest producer continues to sell moderate tonnage materially under the market in an attempt to prevent too high prices.

Buying of lead continues in good volume, but mainly on average price contracts. Direct cause of the advance is the extraordinarily high prices being paid abroad for lead.

London prices of prompt, 6.42 1/2 is equivalent to 9.10 cents a pound gold for lead, highest gold price ever paid in peace time for lead in Europe.

It is feared this continued soaring of lead price in Europe may result in defecting some American lead abroad unless American price is kept distinctly above foreign quotation. A 3/4-cent differential plus freight, it was believed, is not sufficient to prevent some buying here by exporters to protect themselves from further losses on short sales in advance of the further phenomenal advance abroad should continue. Domestic consumption is so high that not a single pound of lead can be allowed to be exported unless a destructive runaway market is to be staged.

To prevent this runaway condition American Smelting has for several weeks been selling lead in the Eastern field that it could make 25 to 50 cents a hundred more by selling at St. Louis.

ZINC GOES TO YEAR'S HIGH
Zinc is at new high for the year 1924 figures will, this will probably amount to approximately \$1,000,000, as compared with \$1,014,944.374 in 1923. The increase in the value of domestic exports was therefore approximately \$85,055.515.

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SERIAL STORY THE MARRIAGE SCALES

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TO-MORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Genevieve Kembe
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

The year begins—that is the calendar year and not the astrological year—with a rather inauspicious planetary configuration. It may be best to defer all purely workaday affairs until more fortuitous auspices should be postponed, as the sagittaries are for possible misunderstanding or misrepresentation. The tendency to rash and quarrelsome acts should be held in leash and any idea of litigation abandoned. Speculation is under unfortunate rule and those in the employment of others are enjoined to safeguard their positions.

Those whose birthday it is may have a year calling for careful and conservative management. Speculation should be avoided as well as litigation. The contumacious and impulsive spirit should be subdued and more than ordinary precaution taken in signing contracts and in all manner of dealing. A child born on this day may be quick, impulsive and high-spirited, with a tendency to rash acts and extravagance. Veracity should be instilled in infancy.

After the manner of well-bred men, these two never discussed personalities: Neither knew whether or not the other was married, though Cullum judged that Charles was since he had a house somewhere in a fashionable suburb. They lunched at the club, much less frequently since Cullum had met Doris, and played several rounds of golf together on the afternoon when the actor was free. Charles, missing his companion on numberless occasions, gleaned in a vague way that he was doing a bit of extra work which necessitated his presence in town on certain afternoons. But it never occurred to him to question the young man about his activities, any more than he would have occurred to Cullum to ask Charles what his yearly income was. Cullum was naturally reticent about himself. He had an engaging modesty, unlike many of his profession, and sincerely believed that his personal affairs could not possibly be of interest to anyone.

THE NEW BROADCASTER AWAITS



WHEN ROMANCE BECOMES REALITY

Mariana was sauntering home at the close of a warm Spring day, charmingly gowned in one of the soft primrose chiffons she so often effected. A broad-brimmed hat wreathed with yellow orchids framed her dark hair, and the frivolous sunshade, tilted uselessly over one shoulder, was of primrose and heliotrope silk.

She had been to pay a dinner call in the neighborhood, having no alternative diversion since the limousine, in which she had planned a drive. Was unexpectedly out of order and the carbon was being burned out of the engine of the smaller car.

As she strolled up her own beautifully-tended driveway, she was wondering whether some one at the club would give Charles a lift, or if he would come home in a taxi.

Rounding a curve well shielded by a clump of rhododendrons, she discovered Charles in the act of descending from an unfamiliar car. A young man behind the wheel, in golf togs, had turned about to call a last greeting.

Unwarned by any tumultuous clamor of her senses, Mariana came

TIMES CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

The instigator of this crime went abroad for some of his words, but found them already adopted in this country.

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HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
 Every number in the form represents the beginning of a word, reading either horizontally or vertically. If there is a black square to the left of the number, the word is horizontal; if above it, the word is vertical. The same number may be used to begin both a horizontal and a vertical. The definitions for the correct words to fill the form are found below, with numbers corresponding to those on the form. Run through the definitions till you find one that you recognize, and then insert that letter for each white square. This will furnish several cross-words to the words linking with it at right angles. Continue in this manner till the form is completely filled. If you have solved the puzzle correctly it should read both horizontally and vertically with words corresponding to the definitions. The correct solution of to-day's puzzle will be printed in the next issue of The Times.

HORIZONTAL

1. An absolute monarch.
2. Transfix.
3. A habitual drunkard.
4. Show.
5. A personal pronoun.
6. Vehicle.
7. Toward.
8. Bring forth young.
9. Short fibres on surface of rug.
10. Lector.
11. Strike lightly.
12. Old horse.
13. One-half cent in Japanese money.
14. Corrode.
15. To convert into leather.
16. Wood boring tool.
17. Long snake-like fish.
18. Title of knighthood.
19. To appoint.
20. Indefinite article.
21. Title.
22. Father.
23. Bread softened in a liquid.

VERTICAL

1. Conquer.
2. Roman weight of one pound.
3. A machine separating cotton fibre from seed.
4. Indefinite article.
5. Smallest particle of an element existing alone.
6. A color.
7. An artificial drink.
8. Dayour.
9. Matter in the aeriform state.
10. Drag with great effort.
11. Pronounced through the nose.
12. Relationship.
13. Sty.
14. To catch.
15. Female parent.
16. Scandinavian god of thunder.
17. To challenge.

BRINGING UP FATHER



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and the contemplated party. But when Mariana left him alone directly after giving him his coffee and went up to her own sitting-room he surmised that she was probably making up a guest list for the forthcoming entertainment.

Had he seen her he would have been distinctly puzzled. Like another Juliet, Mariana leaned on the rail of the balcony outside her sitting-room window. She stared across the moonlit terrace. The scent of early roses, of honeysuckle and magnolia floated up to her, challenging her with the immortal gambles of youth and beauty, and love.

She was suddenly afraid. To dream of Romance is one thing. To have it come riding into

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one's life, embodied in a flesh-and-blood reality, to find it personified by a slim, dark young man with incredibly good looks and a golden voice, is quite another story—and a disturbing one if one is a dutiful wife and the dark young man is not one's husband.
 To be continued

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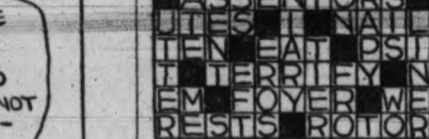
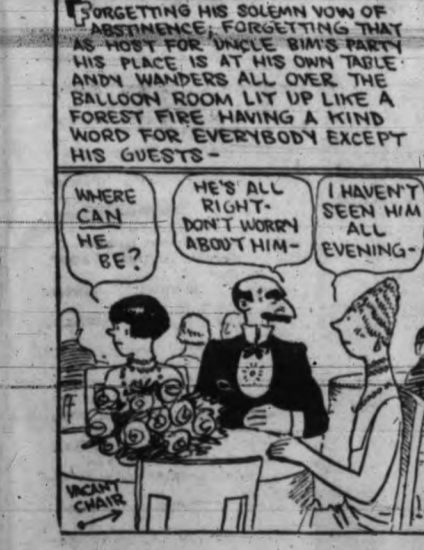
NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO C.P.R. EMPLOYEES
 President Beatty Pays Tribute to Services of Numerous Workers

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Over 100,000 employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway, scattered all over Canada and in various other parts of the world, received the annual New Year message of E. W. Beatty, president of the system. In it Mr. Beatty draws attention to the fact that 1925 is the fortieth year of the company's operations, and gives due credit to the officers and men whose loyalty and work have enabled it to perform its task of serving Canada.

The message reads:
 "On this, the first day of the fortieth anniversary of the driving of the last spike at Craigellachie, which linked the Dominion of Canada by one railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we look back on an era of steady growth and look forward with optimism to new opportunities for service to our country. The year just past has not been without difficulties and the company's operations have been conducted for a considerable portion of it under depressed commercial conditions and consequent lesser traffic. The loyal service of the officers and men has enabled the company to maintain its position and perform its important and diversified public duties with credit. Two factors of great importance, however, stand out as necessary to our operations during the coming year, namely, the maintenance of the reputation of the company's employees for efficiency and courtesy in the performance of their duties and the reduction of costs of operation in every way possible.

It is my sincere wish that each officer and employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway may enjoy abundant health and happiness during 1925 and the years to come."

THE GUMPS—BRING IN THE CHECK—THROW OUT THE WRECK



Answer to Yesterday's Cross-word Puzzle

Cardinal Giorgi Died Yesterday; Was Sixty-eight

Rome, Dec. 31.—Cardinal Oreste Giorgi died of pneumonia at his residence in the Palazzo Casarini here yesterday in his sixty-ninth year. He was born in Valmontone, Italy, and was created a cardinal December 4, 1914. He held the office of Grand Penitentiary of the Holy Roman Church.

DAILY RADIO PROGRAMMES

- CFCT—Fletcher Bros., Victoria (410)**
 At 3 p.m.—Studio Concert programme. Soprano solo, by Miss Letta Gody, "In the Garden of My Heart" (Ball); "LOVE" (Theater); "Sweetheart" (Verdi); "The Rose Song" (Verdi); "Kashmiri Song" (Pinder); "For You Alone" (Geel); "The Rose Song" (Johnston); "Where Shadows Gather" (Wood); Baritone solo by Ernest Hammond, "Honest and Truly"; "Doodle-doo-doo"; "Dina" (McGill); "Sylvia" (Oley Spinks); "Dumpty Boy" (Overthly); W. N. Kelly, of the Victoria Natural History Society will give a talk on the Migration of Birds.
 Mrs. Grace Deaville, accompanist.
KLX—Oakland Tribune, Oakland (309)
 From 1 to 1.30 p.m.—Musical concert by Dorothy Hawley, American Theatre organist, radiocast from the theatre by direct wire.
 From 3 to 5.50 p.m.—Woolman's Californians playing at Sweet's Ballroom, Oakland, radiocast by direct wire.
 From 6.50 to 9.30 p.m.—The American Theatre orchestra playing the overture to the Paramount picture, "Peter Pan," followed by incidental music.
KVO—Mike Brennan, San Francisco (423)
 From 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Children's hour. Stories by Big Brother of KFO, taken from the Book of Knowledge.
 From 7 to 7.30 p.m.—Rudy Selger's Fairmont Hotel orchestra, radiocast by wire telephoo.
 From 8 to 9 p.m.—Dance music arranged by Jack Thomas.
 From 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.—Programme arranged by Jack Thomas.
 From 12 midnight to 1 a.m.—E. Max Bradford's Victoria orchestra playing in the Palace Rose Room Hotel.
KFRC—Radiocast Studio, San Francisco (260)
 From 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.—Special New Year's Eve dance programme by Paul Kelly's orchestra, playing in the Trotatore Roof Garden Cafe.
KGW—Morning Oregonian, Portland (480)
 At 8 p.m.—Concert by Colburn Concert Orchestra, radiocast by courtesy of J. P. Finley and Son.
KGO—General Electric Company, Oakland (312)
 From 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.—Special New Year's Eve dance programme by Henry Halstead's orchestra and soloists.
- HOTEL ST. FRANCIS, SAN FRANCISCO.**
KHJ—Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles
 From 6 to 6.30 p.m.—Art Hickman's Concert Orchestra from the Biltmore Hotel.
 From 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.—Children's programme, presented by Prof. Walter Sinyor, vice-president and director of the American history. Dick Winslow, screen writer and reporter, Baby Muriel MacCormac, screen actress, solo by Ernest Hammond, "Honest and Truly"; "Doodle-doo-doo"; "Dina" (McGill); "Sylvia" (Oley Spinks); "Dumpty Boy" (Overthly); W. N. Kelly, of the Victoria Natural History Society will give a talk on the Migration of Birds.
 Mrs. Grace Deaville, accompanist.
KFAE—Washington State College (330)
 From 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Musical programme.
KFOA—Rhodes Department Store, Seattle (425)
 From 6 to 8.30 p.m.—The Seattle P.L. concert.
 From 8.45 to 11.15 p.m.—Hopper-Kelly Studio Co. musical programme.
 From 10 to 11.15 p.m.—The Seattle Times orchestra playing the overture to the Paramount picture, "Peter Pan," followed by incidental music.
 From 11.30 p.m.—Dinner concert, Pittsburgh Athletic Association, radiocast by wire telephoo.
 At 1.15 p.m.—Programme, University of Pittsburg.
 At 2.30 p.m.—Concert.
 At 11 p.m.—Watch night service, WJW—Chicago (834)
 At 6.35 to 7 p.m.—Children's bedtime story, Uncle Sam's radio stories.
 From 7 to 7.30 p.m.—Dinner concert, Congress Hotel.
 From 8 to 9 p.m.—Alice Barno, soprano; Natalia Virgarnini, mezzo soprano; Sallie Menkes, pianist; Art Lincoln, KTW.
 From 9.45 to 2.30 a.m.—Midnight revue, Conn-Sanders Original Night Hawks.
WEAF—New York (Eastern 482)
 From 8 to 9 p.m.—Dinner music, WEAF instrumental quartette.
 From 9.15 to 10 p.m.—Services, United Synagogue of America.
 From 10 to 11.15 p.m.—Felix Garcia, pianist.
 From 1.30 to 1.45 p.m.—N.Y. Philharmonic orchestra concert.
 From 10 to 11 p.m.—Oriental society of Christian Science Institute.
 From 11 to 12 p.m.—Meyer Davis Mido Venice orchestra.

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SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

On Monday night, December 23, the Esquimalt Methodist Sunday School held its annual Christmas entertainment, commencing with a supper at 6 o'clock, when about 100 teachers and scholars sat down to enjoy the contents of the well-filled tables. After the supper, a successful entertainment was held, the programme being as follows: Christmas carol by the school; Punch and Judy show by Mr. Farmer; piano solo by Elsie Deaville; solo, Donna White; recitations, Mrs. Dearborn, Wilkinson

road, "A Christmas Story" and "The Boy Executioner"; Minnie Troupe, under direction of Mr. Warren, sang "Surprise Party," a quartette of girls from Wesley Church; trio in Welsh language by three girls; duet by Miss Daniels. Deaville acted as chairman. At 9 o'clock Santa Claus appeared, and to the joy of all, especially the younger children, read Christmas cheer. Each child received a jar containing candies, nuts, oranges, etc. The proceedings came to a happy conclusion with the singing of the National Anthem.

LUTHERAN SERVICE

A most delightful Christmas programme was given Sunday evening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Princess Avenue, and Chamber Street, by the members of the Sunday school assisted by the choir. The church was filled to capacity for the festive occasion and many expressions of the highest appreciation to the pastor and to members of St. Paul's Church at the close of the service. According to Lutheran custom, dating back over four hundred years to the days of Luther, the biblical story of the Christ Child was retold in verse and song, excluding all elements of pagan origin and other irrelevant features of entertainment. The church was attractively decorated for the festive service. The chancel was reconstructed into a snow-covered stable, and within was the manger and the Babe, while overhead the Star of Bethlehem shone brightly, casting its shining rays from a soft, bluish sky on the snow beneath. At the close of the service gifts of books, boxes of candy, oranges, and nuts were distributed to the members of the Sunday school, and bags containing candy, oranges and nuts, together with booklets were given out to the other children present. A Sylvester Eve service will be held this evening at 8 o'clock and the holiday decorations will be in evidence for this service.

New International Labor Agreement Is Being Ratified

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Senate yesterday passed a bill authorizing the Government to ratify the Washington Labor Conference agreement regarding child labor in factories. The measure was adopted with the understanding, however, that the Government would not promulgate the ratification until certain other states also had ratified the agreement and time had been given for the required modification of laws.

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Will be Harbor of Refuge For Heretical Sects, Says Rev. David Lister

Rev. Dr. McLaren Declares Presbyterian Church Will be Strong After Disruption

The United Church ministers will not be pledged to teach and preach any system of truth, but are left to themselves to sound forth any kind of doctrine that by their special process of reasoning they can extract from the Bible to which is not given the place of full inspiration and final authority. All the heretical sects claim to base their beliefs on the Bible, and therefore the new church will be a perfect Cave of Adulam; it will be a harbor of refuge for the Unitarian, Christian Scientist, Spiritualist, and devotees of any-sec that may seek shelter under its folds, for no creed but the entrance, and no machinery exists for their expulsion.

So spoke Rev. David A. Lister of Nanaimo, formerly of this city, at a well-attended meeting at First Presbyterian Church schoolroom last evening in opposition to church union.

The meeting was peculiar in that it was not called under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church Association and was held in a church which is supposed to be overwhelmingly in favor of union. Thanks for this unusual circumstance was accorded to Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson, who presided. The speakers were Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren of Vancouver, and Mr. Lister. The latter explained some of the problems at the outset facing a minister opposed to church union. Mr. Lister stated the battle was raging warmly in his own church at Nanaimo, with the unionists strongly entrenched. The majority of his church session, he stated, refused to allow a meeting to be called to take the vote on church union, declaring it was unnecessary. Several of the leading members had deserted his church, and had gone over to the Methodist churches at Nanaimo. They had withdrawn their subscriptions, impoverishing the church, and he had not received a salary for two months. He criticized such "underhand" methods and said he would never support union.

CRITICIZES ASSEMBLY

He declared: "Instead of first trying to alter the standards of our church that it might go into union in an honest and straightforward way, the General Assembly simply ignored its own standards, turned its back upon them, and joined hands with other religious bodies in their effort to create a new and bigger church. Because of this fact, the General Assembly has no claim to represent the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and we who resist its action and stand by the standards and defend its constitution, are the true Presbyterian Church, both in the sight of God, and by decision of the highest courts of the Empire."

The stamp of God's approval has been impressed too long upon the Presbyterian Church, the purposes of God have too long been accomplished through it, the spiritual vision it continues to follow is too bright and clear, to allow anyone to lay the union of his heart than any union of creedless bodies can ever destroy its divine testimony, or divert it from its heavenly course," Mr. Lister said.

A LONG CONTROVERSY

"For over twenty years the union of the Presbyterian Church with the Methodist and Congregational Churches has been under discussion and has always had its opponents as well as its supporters," said Mr. Lister. "Sometimes the discussion has been vigorous and voluminous, and sometimes languid and little. Unusually recently it had been regarded by the great mass of members in all the churches as being more or less academic in character and unlikely ever to emerge into the region of accomplished facts. That impression has disappeared and it is now recognized by all that there will come into existence on June 10 next a new religious denomination known as the United Church of Canada, consisting of practically the whole of the Methodist and Congregational Churches and a section of the Presbyterian Church. During these twenty years of agitation two efforts were made to find out the will of our people on this question. In 1911 a vote was taken which showed 115,000 of our members in favor of union and 50,000 opposed to it. This was considered by our General Assembly as a large minority to try to force into union, and proceedings were arrested for a number of years. Again in 1918 the church voted, with the result that the advocates of union increased their vote by only 600 where their opponents increased by 23,000. The movement was arrested, and the General Assembly resolved to wait until a year after the war to see what light could be gathered from the experience through which they were passing. It was naturally expected that another vote would be taken before any final decision was arrived at. The General Assembly, however, evidently did not like the brilliant light the votes were casting on the situation, and, turning their back upon that light, they plunged into the darkness, finally resolved on union, drafted Church Union Bill, not for the consideration of mem-

bers of the church or even of the church courts, but for presentation to Parliament. This bill radically amended in Parliament, finally passed and came into effect on December 10, so far as voting is concerned. By this act opponents of union are recognized, not only as possessing political rights in the Presbyterian Church, and power is given to the members, which had previously been denied them by the General Assembly, to determine by a secret ballot, whether they will vote themselves out of the union, into which the Assembly proposed to force them, but whether they will vote themselves out of the union. Every congregation therefore has not only the right to vote, but in my opinion it is a duty bound to exercise that right and to restore our church is justified in attempting to place obstacles in the way of a congregation exercising that right.

Mr. Lister proceeded to remark: "It is asserted that the Presbyterian Church in entering the union will not lose its identity as a Presbyterian church, but will continue just as at present. What does a statement like this mean? It seems to me that to make a claim of this kind is a denial of the very principle of union. If each denomination is to maintain its separate identity within the united church that will not be union at all, but merely federation. It would indicate that the advocates of union do not really want union, except in name—they want to keep their distinctive identity."

IDENTITY LOST

"It passes the wit of man to understand how three different churches can be united into one and yet each maintain its identity, and more than three different rivers can flow into the same sea without losing their identity. An attempt to do this is issued by Unionists to work unwary members into union, but it is not one that can be defended on the higher ground of Christian ethics. The legal counsel of the Unionists paid little regard to such tactics when he said:

"In our view the basis of union and the bill provide for a union of the negotiating churches, and upon the passing of the act these churches would cease to exist."

A LEGAL FICTION

"It is evident therefore, that it is not true to say there will be no Presbyterian Church in Canada after June next. No one knows that better than Unionists themselves. It is only by a legal fiction and by the path of evasion that they can reach a conclusion of that kind. All the indications to-day point to the likelihood of there being a strong Presbyterian Church after many of our numbers have left to join the new denomination. Our church will be smaller in numbers, but I believe it will be greater in energy and spiritual power than ever before. It will remain true to its standards and will continue its distinctive testimony in fellowship with the great Presbyterian mother church all over the world.

"I do not bury the old church until we are new and yet, secure the new is worthy to take its place. I am not satisfied on that score, and until I am I will stay by the old church," said Mr. Lister.

HAD CHANGED VIEW

Rev. Dr. McLaren reviewed the history of the Union movement in its discussion in the General Assembly as one who had first favored union, but when he found it would be so conducted as to leave a schism in which thousands of Presbyterians would remain outside, he declared he would not support it.

That minority would be forty per cent, judging by some statistics, opposed a policy of going forward at the price of rending the Presbyterian Church.

He traced the origin of the Presbyterian Church Association as an organization crystallizing the opposition to church union. Was the General Assembly truly representative of democratic people when forty per cent voted against union, while there was only eighteen per cent against in the assembly itself? He criticized some of the clauses in the legislation recently before the Parliament of Canada, and provincial legislatures. He declared that the proposal to inflict a wrong to-day could not be justified by repeating the coercive features of the act half a century ago of the union of the Presbyterian bodies in Canada. If that were done to bring branches of the same tree together, how much worse was the offence to enforce the union of churches with different creeds and church management.

The speaker acknowledged that the situation had been complicated by the formation, in many of the outlying communities of union congregations, but he contended that the Assembly should have appealed to these congregations to be satisfied for a time with the large measure of advantages they had already secured.

CHURCH POLITY

Turning to the church's government, he declared that the polity of government by a Presbytery was the only direct succession from the early church, which with apostolic benediction had survived to the present day. He was sorry to see the proposed transference of power away from the Presbyteries in connection with ordination. Another point he stressed was the settlement of ministers with a congregation, pointing out that the settlement committee would have full power to act, and need only to notify the church courts, but the right of appointment to a ministry would lie solely with the settlement committee.

He stated that the arrangement opened up an opportunity for all kinds of wire pulling in pastoral changes.

He concluded by a declaration that Presbyterians would gain little by the sacrifices entailed, and that the primary object of healing denominational differences, and saving men and money would not be accomplished. As a Presbyterian church was certain to remain as an entity after next June, why sacrifice its place in religion and the world for the union church? Let them not think the Presbyterian Church, after the disruption next summer, would be an insignificant thing. It would start as an important organization, more of many who were grasping at shadows, and leaving a church with a creed and a magnificent history for an identity which would be merged in that of which they had as yet no assured

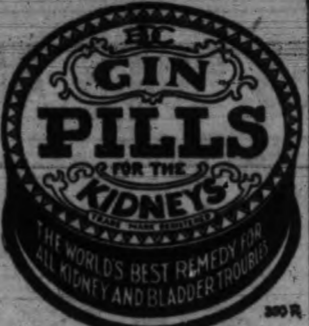
REDUCED COST OF VICTORIA SCHOOLS

Administration Carried on at Cost of \$3,000 Less Than in 1923

That the school board of Victoria had cut its estimated expenditure by \$3,706.55, the total expenditure being \$466,474.45, was reported to the board at its meeting last evening by Trustee J. L. Beckwith, who showed that the operation of the schools during the year had been conducted with economy. In 1923 the total expenditure was \$469,181.04, a sum of \$2,706.59 more than in the dying year.

Reduction in the number of teachers cut the salary list from \$343,521 to \$340,122.87. On the other hand more work has been done for some years on buildings and grounds, as was shown in the report recently published in The Times, including the large expenditure on the High school grounds recently.

The members took the opportunity, as it was the final meeting of the year, to express their acknowledgments to the chairman, Trustee George Jay, and to voice their regret at the defeat recently of Trustee A. G. Smith, who will be the only member of the outgoing board not to sit in 1925. Tribute was paid to the educational experience and judgment of Mr. Smith, his former position as



principal of the High school, and his present connection with education in the city having fitted him particularly to be of assistance in the board's work. Recognition of the work of Inspector George H. Deane and Secretary W. F. C. Pope was also voiced.

Y.M.C.A. Will Hold Annual Open House On New Year's Day

On New Year's afternoon the directors and staff of the Y.M.C.A. will hold their annual open house for all the members and friends of the association. From 3 till 5.30 o'clock there will be an informal reception in the main lobby while at 5.30 o'clock there will be an attractive musical and gymnastic programme in the gymnasium. The musical programme will be under the direction of Professor Watts and the "Carry On" orchestra, assisted by

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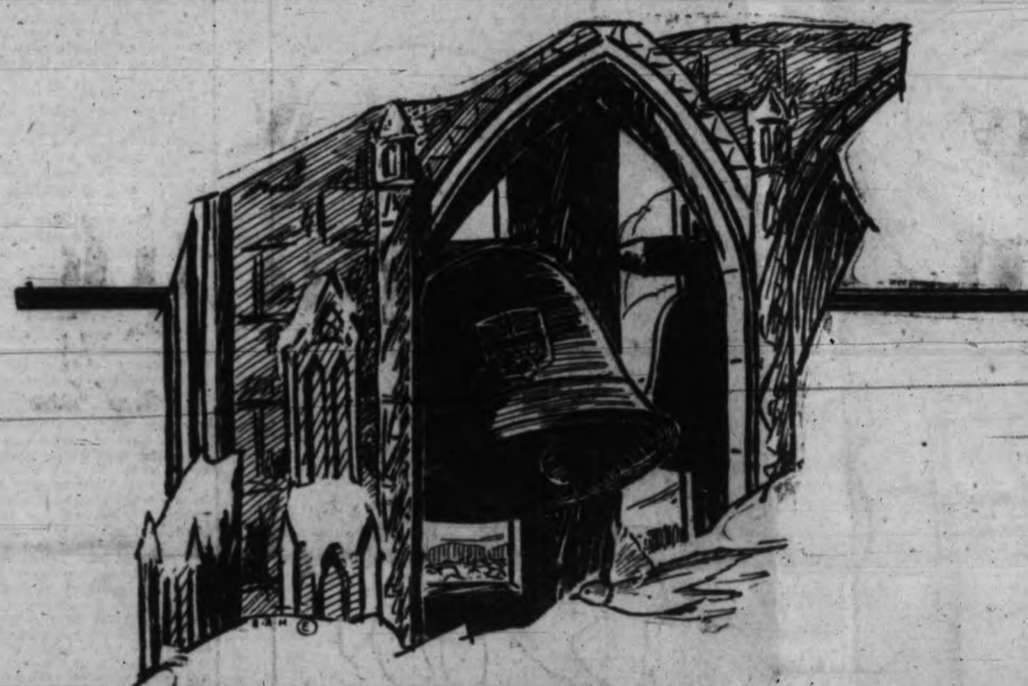
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POTATO EMBARGO OPPOSED
Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States Embassy in London has been instructed to make representations to the British Government against the recent order prohibiting the importation of potatoes from the United States into Great Britain on account of a potato bug.



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