

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, mostly cloudy, with occasional rain.

Royal Victoria, The Moth, Dominion, Fall of the Romanoffs, Fantages, Vaudeville, Variety, The Narrow Trail.

UKRAINIANS AND DON COSSACKS HAVE MADE TREATY OF ALLIANCE

Other Sections of Cossacks Join Group Opposing Bolshevik; Civil War Situation in Southern Russia Growing Steadily More Complicated.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The civil war situation in Southern Russia is growing steadily more complicated. The Ukrainians have concluded a treaty of alliance with the Don Cossacks, to which the Terek and Kukan Cossacks also have decided to adhere.

The Black Sea fleet apparently is in a state of bewilderment, not knowing whether to take orders from the Petrograd Government, the Kiev Bolsheviks or the Ukrainian Rada.

A Cossack army is reported to be advancing on Voronezh, 300 miles north of Rostov and 300 miles south of Moscow.

London, Dec. 21.—The opposition to the Bolsheviks in Russia apparently is increasing as reports of German support of the Bolshevik Government become more pronounced.

ENTENTE MISSIONS

London, Dec. 21.—With regard to the reported presence of Allied Military Missions in the Ukraine, it is asserted in a Petrograd dispatch that Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, visited the French Embassy in Petrograd and made representations that the presence of French officers in the Ukraine was impossible.

M. Noulens, the French Ambassador to Russia, replied that the French Mission was in the Ukraine at the request of Russia to supervise the formation of the national Ukrainian army.

The dispatch does not mention any other members of Entente Missions being in the Ukraine.

Little news regarding the peace negotiations has reached London.

Foreign Minister Trotzky is said to have told M. Noulens that if Germany should reject the proposal for peace without annexations and indemnities it would end the negotiations.

It is interestingly that in the Petrograd dispatches, every Government act is attributed to Trotzky.

ARGENTINA NOW IS EXPECTED TO ACT

Following Latest Exposure of German Intrigue in South America

Washington, Dec. 21.—A declaration of war against Germany by Argentina was regarded as almost certain in Latin-American diplomatic circles here to-day as a result of the new evidence of German trickery disclosed simultaneously in Washington and Buenos Ayres yesterday afternoon.

Luxburg, former German charge in Buenos Ayres, in a message dated August 1 last, informed his Foreign Office that President Irigoyen, of Argentina, at last had made up his mind to negotiate a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia for "protection against North America."

The "conference idea" is assumed to be the proposed Latin-American neutrality conference advocated by President Carranza and widely discussed in South America.

AVIATOR MISSING

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Department of the Naval Service announced to-day that Flight Sub-Lieut. S. S. Richardson, R. N. A. S., of Montreal, had been reported missing.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY REPORTED BY PARIS

Raid Repulsed by French; Quiet Along Front Held by British

Paris, Dec. 21.—Active artillery fighting on the Verdun front east of the Meuse River was reported by the War Office here this afternoon. The artillery was active also at points on the eastern end of the line, especially in the vicinity of Hartmanns-Werkopf and east of Thann.

The text of the report follows: "An important raid undertaken by enemy troops east of Fayet, in the region of St. Quentin, was repulsed completely."

"The artillery was active on the east bank of the Meuse River in the region northeast of Fleury, at Hartmanns-Werkopf, and in the sector east of Thann."

"The night was quiet on the remainder of the front."

BRITISH REPORT

London, Dec. 21.—A report from Field-Marshal Haig issued here to-day, says there is nothing of interest to report.

AMERICAN FORCES

With the American Army in France, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.) All alcoholic beverages, except light wine and beer, are denied to members of the American expeditionary force in France by General Pershing in General Orders issued to-day.

CONSCRIPTION PLAN BEHIND IN COUNT

Partial Tally in Australia Shows "Antis" With 200,000 Majority

London, Dec. 21.—(By Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—A cable from Melbourne states that half the votes have been counted in Australia. The present situation is that conscription has secured half a million votes, but 700,000 ballots have been registered against it.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 21.—Unless the soldier vote on the various fronts, which has not yet been counted, offsets the vote in Australia, the Government's conscription scheme has been defeated in a referendum by a majority of about 150,000.

London, Dec. 21.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—A dispatch from Melbourne declares that Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, in an address at a recent meeting in favor of conscription, stated that if the measure were defeated at the polls, Parliament, he believes, would make the men of Australia do their duty.

Is Stated Russian Terms Turned Down By Berlin's Agents

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of The Exchange Telegraph wires under date of Thursday.

Ground Was Retaken By Italian Troops

Rome, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground gained by enemy troops on Tuesday in the region of Monte Azzone, on the northern front, east of the Brenta River, has been retaken by Italian forces, the War Office here announced to-day.

Will Sink U Boats At a Quicker Rate Than Yards Operate

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to The Toronto Mail and Empire from London, says: "There is high authority for the statement that a scheme of warfare against the U boats shortly will be in operation which will ensure their destruction at a more rapid pace than Germany's possible maximum output."

Athens, Dec. 20.—Via London, Dec. 21.—French destroyers have sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY MADE PUBLIC BY TROTZKY; INFLUENCE IN FAR EAST

Petrograd, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 21.—Under the heading "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint armed demonstration against the United States and Great Britain in the Far East," The Ivestia publishes what it says is the text of a secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China.

The treaty, dated July 3, 1916, it is said, was to run for five years, automatically extending itself until a year after one party should express a desire to annul it. It was signed by Sergius Sazonoff, then Russian Foreign Minister, and Viscount Motono, Japanese Foreign Minister. The treaty stipulated "that the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except the contracting parties."

Article I is given as follows: "The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defence of China from political domination by any third power whatsoever, cherishing hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan, and therefore undertake, whenever circumstances necessitate, to enter into open relations based on full confidence, in order co-jointly to take the necessary steps to prevent the advent in China of such a state of affairs."

Article II.—In the event that, as a consequence of any measure undertaken by mutual consent by Russia and Japan on the basis of the preceding articles, any third power, as foreseen by Article I, should declare war against Russia or Japan, the other contracting party shall, on the first demand of its ally, come to its aid. Each contracting party binds itself not to make peace with the common enemy without obtaining the agreement of its ally.

Article III.—The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance, and the means by which such assistance shall be expressed shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties.

Article IV.—It must especially be kept in mind that neither party shall consider itself obligated in accordance with Article II, to give its ally armed assistance unless it receives guarantees from its allies to the effect that they will give it assistance to the extent necessitated by the seriousness of the possible conflict."

Washington Opinion. Washington, Dec. 21.—American officials here said to-day they had no knowledge of the so-called secret treaty between Russia and Japan outlined in a Petrograd dispatch, but they considered that to describe it as concluded on page 4.)

MASSEY'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION

Canada's Decision a Triumph, Says Prime Minister of New Zealand

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Prime Minister has received the following cablegram of congratulation from Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand: "Wellington, Dec. 20, 1917. "Prime Minister, Ottawa: "I regard result your election as triumph for Imperial cause and proof that Canadians determined to do their full duty in defending the Empire and bringing this great fight for freedom to successful and satisfactory conclusion. Congratulate senior Dominion most heartily. (Signed) "MASSEY."

Christmas Holiday. Ottawa, Dec. 21.—After the conclusion of Cabinet meetings to-day the majority of the Ministers will leave Ottawa to spend Christmas at their homes.

The Bolsheviks also accuse the Constitutional Democrats as being responsible for the looting of wine shops which caused serious riots in Petrograd, and claim the possession of documentary evidence which they threaten to publish later.

ARE INQUIRING INTO SHIPBUILDING PLANS IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 21.—Inquiry into the progress with the Government's shipbuilding programme was begun by the Senate Commerce Committee to-day with Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, as the first witness. Other early witnesses will be Vice-Chairman Stevens and John A. Donald, of the Board.

BILLY SUNDAY FOUGHT A HUN FISTICUFFS IN TABERNACLE

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Before a screaming, yelling audience of thousands of men and women here last night, Billy Sunday, when nearing the close of his revival here, fought a fast and furious fist fight with a German sympathizer on the platform of the revival tabernacle. While the exchange of blows was about even, Billy had decidedly the better of the argument before the crowd near the platform separated the contestants.

His attack came just after the evangelist had begun a vigorous attack on the Germans and their allies in this war. He had just said that he "did not think God would be on the side of a dirty bunch that would stand aside and see a Turk outrage a woman."

At this point there came cries of "Look out," and "Stop him," and a man pushed his way past Sunday workers who were trying to keep him off the platform and advanced threateningly on the evangelist.

Turning to see the cause of the interruption, Sunday crouched like a prizefighter and, looking like a ring general, launched an attack on the intruder.

Billy led for the face and missed. The stranger, who outweighed Billy by 50 pounds at least, landed a glancing blow on the face. Then Billy countered with heavy wallop to the body and head and the crowd was on the platform and tore the fighters apart.

BRING US PEACE, SHOUTED GERMANS

How Berlin Crowd Acted When Kuehlmann Leaving for Brest-Litovsk

London, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, with an important staff of officials, left Berlin yesterday for Brest-Litovsk amid scenes of enthusiasm, the crowd singing the German national anthem and raising shouts of "Bring us a strong peace."

It is stated that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakki Pasha, the Turkish Ambassador at Berlin and dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps. The Bulgarian delegates include Minister of Justice Popoff and M. Koseff, chief of the Foreign Office.

While the peace delegates are assembling, the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heartburnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates is in negotiation with the officers. The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, prints an unqualified denial and makes a counter-charge against the Constitutional Democrats, claiming that they are trying to undermine Trotzky and Lenin.

The Bolsheviks also accuse the Constitutional Democrats as being responsible for the looting of wine shops which caused serious riots in Petrograd, and claim the possession of documentary evidence which they threaten to publish later.

PROVINCIAL MEMBER SEEKS TO SET FORTH ATTITUDE OF QUEBEC

Francoeur, M. P. P. for Lotbiniere, Introduces Resolution About Province Seceding If Other Provinces Wish; Will Be Debated January 8

Quebec, Dec. 21.—That the Province of Quebec would be willing to secede from the Dominion Confederation if in the opinion of the other provinces it is an obstacle to the progress of Canada is the statement made in a resolution introduced in the Legislature of Quebec to-day by J. N. Francoeur, member of the Assembly for Lotbiniere, a Liberal. The text of the motion, which is to be debated on January 8, follows:

"That this House is of the opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept a rupture of the federation pact of 1867 if in the opinion of the other provinces the said province is an obstacle to the union and progress and development of Canada."

EXPECTED MEN CALLED UP WILL RECEIVE NOTICE BY MORNING OF DECEMBER 27

Toronto, Dec. 21.—By Thursday morning, December 27, it is expected the men called to the colors under the Military Service Act will have received their notices from the Government telling them when and where they are to report to begin active service. The Ontario registrar's office states that the notices are to be sent out in a few days from now.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—It is calculated that 10,000 men will be called from the Montreal Military District to the colors on January 3 next. Major-General Wilson, G. O. C., said that all arrangements had been made locally for the enforcement of the Military Service Act and for taking over the men and giving them the necessary training at the Guy Street Barracks.

Generous Provision For Forces Will Be Made at Washington

Washington, Dec. 21.—The army appropriation bill for the next fiscal year, on which the House Committee is to resume hearings January 3, probably will carry close to \$5,000,000,000 for the whole military establishment, exclusive of fortifications and field artillery guns, which will be provided for by the Appropriation Committee. The bill is expected to be ready about February 1. The total army appropriation estimates sent to Congress by the War Department aggregate \$4,619,000,000.

SERBIANS HONORED IN UNITED STATES

Military Mission Received; British and French Confidence in Pershing

Washington, Dec. 21.—Serbia's Military Mission to the United States was received here to-day with much ceremony. Escorted by cavalry, a party of American officials headed by Secretary Lansing met the Commissioners. Later the Mission was received by President Wilson and presented an autograph letter from King Peter.

MESSAGE FROM WILSON ABOUT THE RAILROADS

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will send a message to Congress recommending enactment of legislation to meet the transportation situation immediately after the holiday recess. Until it has been received, the President to-day requested that the Interstate Commerce Commission withhold making any investigation as provided under the Commerce resolution.

KUEHLMANN SENT AS BERLIN'S AGENT

Von Hertling Talks With Reichstag Members About Bolshevik Negotiations

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, yesterday received representatives of all the Reichstag parties, with whom he had a conference on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with the Bolsheviks. The Chancellor announced, according to a Berlin dispatch, that the Kaiser had authorized him to conclude peace and he had charged Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann to conduct the negotiations. The Government's plans for future negotiations were reviewed by the Chancellor and all the Deputies are said to have approved the guiding lines laid down.

According to the newspapers, the Independent Socialists were represented at the conference by Deputy Haase. This is the first time since the foundation of the party that it has been in direct intercourse with the German Government.

French Government Assisting American Forces to Utmost

Paris, Dec. 21.—A new American Department of the French Government, of which Jules Cambon, formerly French Ambassador to the United States, will be the director, has been formed to assist Premier Clemenceau, in giving direct attention to the requirements of the American expeditionary force and to any other American activities in France.

Although M. Cambon is not a member of the Cabinet, his functions will be as important as if he were a member of the Ministry. He will represent the Premier in all dealings with the highest American representatives.

ARRANGE WITH TROTZKY

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The British, Danish, French and Belgian consuls have visited Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, and arranged to have Russia extend courtesies to official couriers.

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STRIKE ENDS. Trail, Dec. 21.—The strike at the Consolidated Company's Smelter at Trail was officially declared off at a mass meeting of the strikers yesterday afternoon. **A BIG MAIL.** A French Port, Dec. 21.—A ship carrying 20,000 sacks of Christmas mail for the American troops in this country, arrived here yesterday from the United States.

FORTY MORE LUXBURG MESSAGES PUBLISHED

Lansing Sheds Further Light on German Intrigue in South America

Washington, Dec. 21.—Forty telegrams sent by Count Luxburg, of "Spurio-Venezuela" fame, former German charge in Buenos Aires, and constituting another chapter of the intrigues of German diplomacy in neutral capitals, were made public here yesterday by the State Department. One of the messages reveals that Luxburg had induced the President of Argentina to seek a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia, a "mutual rapprochement" for protection against North America. It also shows that Luxburg did everything possible to have Peru brought into such an agreement.

Evidence of the apparent pliability of the Argentine President and of the opposition of Minister of Foreign Affairs Puerreyron, is disclosed in many of the dispatches. Frequent reference was made by the charge to difficulty he was having in dealing with the Foreign Minister, but with emphasis was placed upon the ease with which he communicated with the President. In a statement accompanying the telegrams the Argentine Foreign Minister announced that there were three messages not published, as they related solely to Chile and Uruguay. They have been delivered to those Governments.

An indication of the means used by Count Luxburg to evade detection in communicating with his Government is found in one dispatch, where reference was made to his fear that the "secret wire" had been discovered. Another referred to an interruption of his wire to Mexico.

The following is the statement of the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs given out with the Luxburg telegrams: "The telegrams which appear here-with are among those the Argentine Ministry for Foreign Affairs received from the Embassy in Washington, of which the translations were made by the Department of State in the United States. There are three telegrams not published, as they relate solely to the republics of Chile and Uruguay. The Government has decided that it should not publish these telegrams, and has delivered them to the respective Chancelleries.

"The telegrams show a number of inaccuracies so surprising that no epithet will fit them, as they are at complete variance, both in substance and form, with the terms in which the negotiations were entered into, carried on and brought to a conclusion." The German charge's messages were sent during last July, August and September. All were addressed to Berlin and signed "Luxburg."

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE ALLIES' AIM IN WAR, DECLARES ASQUITH

London, Dec. 21.—In the Commons yesterday Mr. Asquith said he regarded the problems of finance and transport as the most pressing to-day. They were more formidable than a year ago.

"We ought to make it increasingly clear by every possible means," he said, "that the only interests we are fighting for are liberty and justice for the world as a whole through a free confederation of great and small states, which should all stand on a level footing and possess equal rights. A league of nations is the idea for which we are fighting and we will continue fighting for it with a clear conscience, clean hands and unwavering hearts."

TOTAL OF \$5,000,000 VOTED AT OTTAWA FOR HALIFAX RELIEF

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Government has decided to vote \$5,000,000 for relief of the Halifax sufferers. This includes the appropriation of \$1,000,000 already made. Announcement of the Government's intention is contained in a statement issued by Sir Robert Borden which says: "Including the \$1,000,000 already appropriated for immediate aid to those who suffered from the recent appalling disaster at Halifax, the Government intends to make a total contribution of \$5,000,000. As the calamity was the result of conditions arising out of the war, it is felt that a special duty rests upon the Government to afford immediate aid in this large measure. The Minister of Railways, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Naval Service and the Minister of Militia and Defence will visit Halifax immediately after Christmas."

REPULSE OF ENEMY REPORTED BY ROME

Rome, Dec. 21.—The War Office here reported last evening: "Between the Brenta and the Piave, after artillery preparation lasting for a long time, the enemy attacked yesterday afternoon on Monte Tasson, Col del Grano, but was completely driven back, suffering severe losses. A detachment which later attempted to storm Hill 1991 of Monte Salarolo was promptly repulsed by our fire.

"In the Cornet Valley, the enemy, employing artillery, attacked a redoubt, but did not succeed in occupying it. On the Aglajo Plateau there have been frequent duels and greater artillery activity.

"At Sasso Rosso, on the left of the Frenzella Valley, an attack against one of our advanced posts was repulsed and a few prisoners captured.

"At Piave Vecchia the local activity was intense. Several new hostile attempts to cross the river were frustrated. At Quattro Case there were brisk encounters between advanced posts. At Cortellazzo the enemy attacked in force our bridge-head, but our gallant troops drove him back and made thirty-five prisoners."

German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 21.—An official statement on operations on the Italian front issued here last night said: "Repeated Italian attacks against Monte Asolone, and newly captured positions adjoining to the west and east failed."

MADE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEN WAS FINED

Mankato, Minn., Dec. 21.—The statement that the United States might as well be under the Kaiser's Government as its own was among those charged to Frank J. Busch, a wholesale grocer who was arrested here on complaint of seditionous remarks. He told Judge Comstock that he was sorry "to prove it," at the judge's suggestion he bought \$4,000 worth of Liberty Bonds, subscribed \$100 to the Red Cross and gave \$50 each to the Knights of Columbus and the Y. M. C. A. Then Judge Comstock fined him \$500.

AWARDED MILITARY CROSS.

London, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Henry Strachan, Fort Garry Horse, who enlisted at Canterbury, Eng., in July, 1915, has been awarded the Military Cross. He was wounded last August. His next of kin is given as Mrs. A. Strachan, of Chauvin, Alta. He is unmarried and was a rancher before enlisting.

TO BREST-LITOVSK.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The Berlin correspondent of The Kolenische Volks-Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, says that Dr. Karl Helfferich, former German Vice-Chancellor, also is going to Brest-Litovsk for the peace parley between the Teutonic allies and the Bolsheviki Government.

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BRITISH GENERALS LOSE THEIR POSTS

Number Removed Because of Cambrai Reverse; Activities Along Front

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A special cable from London to The Daily Star says: "Chancellor of the Exchequer-Bonar Law told the House of Commons that he could not state how many generals had been permanently retired in connection with the recent operations in France.

"The declaration was made in reply to a query presented because of recent reports of a shake-up among the members of Field-Marshal Haig's staff. London newspapers have been reporting sweeping changes, presumably due to the British failure to prevent gains by the recent enemy offensive near Cambrai, which practically lost to the British all gains made in General Byn's great drive."

British Report. London, Dec. 21.—A report from Field-Marshal Haig issued here last night said: "Enemy troops raided one of our posts early this morning northeast of Hargicourt, and this afternoon under cover of fog enemy troops succeeded in capturing one of our advanced posts east of Messines. Other hostile raiding parties attempted to approach our lines during the day northeast of Armentieres and north of the Menin road, but were driven off by our fire. We captured a few prisoners and a machine gun.

"A few other prisoners were taken and many casualties inflicted on the enemy in the course of patrol encounters last night southeast of Cambrai.

"Our own and the enemy's artillery was active in the Bullecourt sector. The hostile artillery has shown increased activity southeast of Ypres."

Aviators at Work. London, Dec. 21.—An official report issued here last evening said British naval aeroplanes had dropped large quantities of explosives on works at Hruge on Wednesday, getting direct hits. Large fires resulted. Aeroplanes also bombed the Vlisshem aerodrome, securing direct hits. One enemy machine was destroyed and another driven down. One British machine failed to return.

French Report. Paris, Dec. 21.—The War Office here reported last night: "The two artilleries were moderately active along the whole front, the cannonading being more spirited in the region of Courieres Wood.

"In Lorraine a powerful German attack, preceded by a violent bombardment, north of Beilong, completely failed. The enemy left numerous dead on the ground.

"In upper Alsace we repulsed a surprise attack against our positions at Gluckervald, south of Altkirch.

"Yesterday German aeroplanes dropped bombs in the regions of Dunkirk and Calais. Four persons were killed and ten wounded."

BRONZE GUN TAKEN BY CANADIANS USED FOR MAKING V. C.'S

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—A bronze gun captured by Canadian troops overseas from the Germans will be used by the British authorities for the manufacture of Victoria Crosses. The gun in question was captured by the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion, and Sir George Perley, in a letter to Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, states that he has agreed to being turned over to the British authorities.

Sir George says that in the past it has been the practice to manufacture Victoria Crosses from bronze guns captured from the enemy. Modern guns, however, are nearly all made of steel, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain older weapons of bronze.

Sir George Perley, in authorizing the handing over of the captured gun, pointed out the desirability of letting it be known that Canada, and particularly the 5th Battalion, had provided the trophy.

BERMUDA AND JAMAICA ARE ASSISTING HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Governor Grant has received a message from Governor Wilcox stating that the Bermuda Legislature has voted \$500 for Halifax relief and that private subscriptions there total \$1,200.

The Lieutenant-Governor also has had a message from Governor Manning, of Jamaica, stating that the Legislature there had voted \$1,000 for Halifax relief.

THIRTY-EIGHT LOST LIVES IN SMASH

Sheppardsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—Thirty-eight persons were killed and thirty-nine injured when the Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear of a Bardonia, Louisville & Springfield accommodation train here last night.

ALLEGED TO BE SPY.

Regina, Dec. 21.—W. H. Schultze, said to be a resident of Sedgwick, Alberta, was arrested at North Portal, on the boundary line yesterday, according to information received at the United States consulate here. He is suspected of being a German spy.

WHITE'S MAJORITY.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Official figures for the constituency of Leeds, received here, show that Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, has a majority of 2,147. Previous unofficial figures gave the majority as 1,230.

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AT WORK NOW ON PLAN FOR WAR BREAD

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—An official of the local Master Bakers Association said last night that a committee of four of the association was at work on a plan for the introduction of war bread in British Columbia and that the suggestions evolved would in all probability be ready toward the end of next week. On the committee are two bakers of Vancouver and two of Victoria.

When completed the suggestion will be sent to the Food Controller's office at Ottawa, at the request of Prof. R. Harecourt, who was in this city on Wednesday taking up the war bread question with the local bakers as representative of the Food Controller. It is expected that any measure passed by the Government in connection with a war bread composed of a flour containing 10 per cent. of some flour other than wheat will be based upon the suggestions of the master bakers of Canada.

FROM THIS ISLAND TO SINGAPORE REGION

Duncan, Dec. 21.—Maurice Georgehan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Georgehan, of Sonoma, has left via Victoria for Singapore, near where he has been offered a position on a rubber plantation. Mr. Georgehan tried to enlist a number of times, but was turned down for defective sight. He had a good send-off at a dance given by his father and mother in the Odd Fellows' Hall on Monday evening last.

Food Conservation. It is expected that Miss Crease, of the Provincial Committee, will deliver an address on food conservation during the Christmas week in Duncan.

Home Burned. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. A. J. Bailey, of Tyee, Sidney, whose home was burned to the ground with all its contents on Saturday last. The insurance was very little. Mr. Bailey is at present in France, having joined the 1st Canadian Pioneers.

VETERANS' MESSAGE TO LIEUT.-GEN. CURRIE

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The army and navy veterans in Canada, through their president, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Caruthers, last night forwarded the following cable to Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, commanding the Canadian army at the front:

"Canada has heard and answered your prayer from the agency of the battlefield. Loyal Canadians, among whom the army and navy veterans have ever stood shoulder to shoulder, have decided by a resoundingly majority to stand by our gallant men till victory is achieved and enduring peace assured."

TRADE OF CANADA SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—A big increase in the trade of the Dominion is shown in the trade statement for November issued by the Department of Customs. For the eight months of the fiscal year which closed November 30 Canada's trade reached the tremendous total of \$1,855,157,821. During the similar eight months' period of 1916 the total aggregated \$1,495,555,942. For the month of November, 1917, alone the import and export trade of the Dominion reached \$285,541,563. For November last year it was \$186,066,351.

PEACE RESOLUTION.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—A dispatch received here from Vienna says the Austrian unterhaus has adopted by a small majority, a resolution introduced by the Czech and South Slav Deputies, in favor of a general peace on the basis of no annexations or indemnities, and for using Russia's good offices to convey such a proposal to the Entente Governments.

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SUIT BROUGHT BY CALGARY ALBERTAN

Calgary, Dec. 21.—A writ was issued here yesterday against G. L. Munns, a local real estate dealer, at the instance of The Calgary Morning Albertan. The newspaper asks for unstated damages on the grounds of slander. During the evening service in a Methodist Church last Sunday night, the officiating minister, Rev. G. Fallis, preached on the subject of the Union Government, and why his congregation should endorse the policies of the Union. During his remarks he mentioned The Halifax Chronicle and The Morning Albertan, as two of the leading Canadian journals endorsing the Government. He then remarked: "Are these papers bought by the Union forces? Does any one here believe that our morning Albertan has been bought?" G. L. Munns rose and remarked: "I believe that The Morning Albertan has been bought."

"Then, remarked Mr. Fallis, 'you are the man The Albertan is looking for, and you probably will hear from them to-morrow.' The congregation then applauded.

CHRISTMAS TREATS.

Duncan, Dec. 21.—This is the week of Sunday School treats—in Duncan. St. John's Church held its on Tuesday evening, with about 100 children. Carols were sung, recitations and songs by Gladys, Iris and Doreen Stock, Eva Fletcher, Valentine Kennel, Queenie Kennel, Iris Grassie, Tommy Henderson, Kathleen Townsend and May Tombs. Miss Monk and Miss Muriel Christmas played the accompaniments. The Rev. F. G. Christians, vicar, and the Rev. G. A. Bagshaw, gave short addresses.

After the concert gifts were distributed and a dance followed. Last night the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held its treat, and to-night the Methodist Sunday School will hold its annual entertainment.

VOTE IN QUEBEC.

Quebec, Dec. 21.—According to calculations made by the Soleil, the gross Liberal majorities in Quebec in Monday's election amount to 266,565. These figures include an available majority of 3,409 for the 17 acclamations in Quebec. In the 45 counties, where polling was held Monday the aggregate Liberal majority is placed at 153,451, and adding to this the average of 3,409 for each of the 17 acclamations, the total available majority for the Liberals in Quebec reaches the figure of 211,368. Deducting from this the majority of the three Unionists elected, the majority of 206,565 is arrived at.



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LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for an Act to be known as the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1917", providing for the following matters, and giving to the Corporation and the Municipal Council thereof the following powers:

I.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES

Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time, of all or any portion of any treasury certificates or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation, for a further term or terms not exceeding five years from the original date or dates of maturity of such treasury certificates or treasury bills; and notwithstanding that any such treasury certificates or treasury bills have been or may be issued subsequent to the first day of February, 1913.

II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES

(1) The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a tax sale during the latter half of the year 1918 of all lands in respect of which general or local improvement rates or taxes are unpaid for the year 1917 or any prior year, and the owners of which shall not have an agreement in good standing with the Corporation as hereinafter outlined.

(2) The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a tax sale annually after the year 1918.

(3) Power to be given to the Corporation to execute, at any time prior to September 30, 1918, an agreement with the owner of any land in respect of which such rates or taxes are in arrears, whereby such owner shall be allowed a period of ten years for the payment thereof, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Payment in full by the owner, at or before the expiration of such agreement, of all general or local improvement rates or taxes payable in respect of such land for the year 1918.

(b) Payment in full in each year thereafter during the term of the agreement of all such rates and taxes payable in respect of such land for such year.

(c) Payment by the owner of the arrears of taxes and interest included in such agreement, within 10 years from the date of the agreement, together with interest on such arrears at 5 per cent per annum, payable on the 31st September in each year.

(d) Provisions for partial payments of principal for sale in case of default in reinstatement of agreement if default occurs.

BLOW BY CANADIANS FEARED BY GERMANS

Enemy Thinks Offensive May Come; Christmas Mail for Canucks

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, Dec. 21.—While the Canadian front is quiet, that quietness is only comparative. The morale of the enemy troops on the whole is good at present. Their attitude during the last two weeks has been aggressive, though general indications still point to a continuation of the defensive policy on their part. Indeed, while Germany undoubtedly is concentrating additional forces in the Western theatre, and is reported to have brought new troops from Russia to this area, prisoners captured on our front declare that the enemy is apprehensive of an offensive by us.

Outside of military operations, the Canadian units are concentrating their attention upon the Christmas festivities. The Christmas mail is pouring in from Canada and England. The Canadian postal staff in the field has been increased by 20 per cent to meet the rush. It is confidently expected that by Christmas Day all the Christmas mail will have been delivered, thanks both to the efficiency of the postal service and to the action of the Canadian authorities in closing the Christmas mails at home on November 10.

CAILLAUX WILL SPEAK FOR THREE HOURS

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Chamber of Deputies will hold a special session Saturday to discuss Deputy Painsant's report on the decision of the committee of eleven to suspend the immunity of former Premier Caillaux and Deputy Loustalot. It is understood that M. Caillaux is preparing a three-hour speech in which he will expound and defend his entire policy before and during the war.

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LAY SOME BLAME ON SHELL CONTRACTS

Annual Report of Officials of the Dominion Bridge Company

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The Dominion Bridge Company's net profits for the year ended October 31 last, available for distribution, amount to \$1,186,436, as against \$2,763,280 in 1916, a decrease of \$1,576,844.

"Disappointing" is the term used by the directors in their annual report, with the disappointment due "very largely to unremunerative contracts for shells and other munitions work."

The percentage earned on the capital stock was 18.2, against 42.5 the previous year.

The successful completion of the Quebec Bridge contract does not enter into this report. With reference to the Quebec Bridge contract President Johnson states:

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CONSOLIDATION PLAN FOR ISLAND SCHOOLS

Expected Start Will Be Made With Duncan as Centre

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The Duncan Public School is a fine modern building, built on well-drained gravelly soil. It contains six classrooms and a manual training and a domestic science room, good basements and broad corridors. There are five teachers, with rather fewer than 150 pupils, and for reasons of economy the domestic science and manual training classes have been cut out and there is one other vacant class room.

Within easy reach of this school there are three rural schools, old, unsanitary, and expensive to upkeep and with about 70 pupils among them. Rather than build new schools the agitation is to begin with these and have the children driven in to the Duncan school. With the splendid winter climate no greater difficulties should be experienced than with the rural mail delivery, which gives satisfaction.

If all schools within a five-mile radius of Duncan were centralized in Duncan it is said that there might be one grade only for each teacher and systematic training in domestic science, manual training, agriculture and its allied branches. Also under the direction of the Medical Inspector a school nurse might devote at least a part of her time to looking after the welfare of the children.

With all who are interested in the schools in its favor there is every probability that in the very near future the experiment will be tried with Duncan as its centre. As the general scheme will cost less than is now at present and be much more satisfactory, some way will be found to equalize taxation and settle the proper proportions to be borne by the various School Boards and the Government.

The Cobble Hill Branch of the Cowichan Board of Trade brought forward a resolution urging the consolidated school plan for rural districts. This was endorsed at the last meeting of the central board and forwarded to the Minister of Education.

About two months ago at a special meeting of the Women's Institute, of Cowichan, held for the purpose of discussing the consolidation scheme, a similar resolution was unanimously passed.

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HOGS AND H. C. O. L.

Duncan, Dec. 21.—A letter has been received by the Duncan City Council asking that the restrictions with regard to the keeping of hogs within city limits be relaxed. Mutton at 50c a pound, and hardly to be bought at that price, and veal, pork and beef also high in price, will be quite as convincing as any argument as to the advisability, where possible, of keeping hogs or sheep.

LEMANN IN SWITZERLAND.

Zurich, Dec. 21.—General Lemann, the Belgian officer, who commanded the Liege forts when the Germans invaded Belgium, arrived here yesterday. General Lemann, in talking with the British consul, said:

"I have undergone three years captivity, but I have had two faithful companions which I bring back with me to Switzerland—hope and faith."

RUSSIAN PEASANTS AND THE ASSEMBLY

Congress Protests Against Arrest of Members by the Bolsheviks

New York, Dec. 21.—A cablegram saying that the Peasants' Congress in Russia adopted a resolution protesting against the policy of the Bolsheviks in arresting members of the Constituent Assembly was received here to-day by the Jewish Daily Forward from its Petrograd correspondent. The message reads:

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HON. FRANK OLIVER MAY BE A MEMBER

Edmonton, Dec. 21.—With thirty-four votes still to be counted in the West Edmonton constituency, the majority for Brigadier-General Griesbach, Unionist, over Hon. Frank Oliver, Liberal, has been reduced to 46. If the rate of Liberal gain continues, Mr. Oliver will carry the riding by a substantial majority. His total does not include 79 votes cast for him at McLellan, where an insufficient supply of ballots was provided and where written ballots were thrown out by the returning officer.

SENT TO JAIL.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Solomon Daniels, bogus priest and confidence man, who obtained \$2,000 in this city last spring by pretending to be a Syrian priest on a mission to Canada to raise funds for a new church in Syria, was sentenced to-day to imprisonment for 23 months on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

WHERE CARLYLE WAS WRONG.

Tom Carlyle is authority for the assurance that a lie cannot live, but some of the made-in-Germany varieties were doing well at last reports.—Washington Post.

This Store Will Be Open To-night, Saturday and Monday Until 9.30 p.m.

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Ten Dozen New High Collars

Are on Sale Tomorrow at 90c. Dainty Christmas Neckwear at 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75.

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Gifts for the "Wee Tots"

- Woolen Mittens at, per pair, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c. Wool Gaiters at, per pair, 40c and 50c. Gaiters of Corduroy, white and colors, at, per pair, 70c. Wool Booties at 30c, 35c, 40c and up to 75c. Wool Toques at 50c, 65c and 90c. Wool Overalls, with feet, at \$1.25 and \$1.35. Overalls, without feet, 90c up to \$1.35. Wool Jackets at \$1.10, \$1.50, \$1.75, up to \$2.75. Wool Shawls, white only, at \$1.25 to \$4.25. Rattles of various kinds at 15c to 85c. Covered Wot Water Bottles at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Bibs in large variety at 30c, 45c, 50c and up to \$1.25. Feeders at 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c.

A HALF-PRICE Sale of Worked-Centres Cushion Tops and Runners

- Regular \$6.00 for \$3.00. Regular \$5.50 for \$2.75. Regular \$5.00 for \$2.50. Regular \$4.50 for \$2.25. Regular \$3.00 for \$1.50.

These various pieces have served as models in the Art Needlework Section and are all worked by expert hands.

Knitted Shetland Wool Spencers—for Gifts at \$1.90

Any woman would appreciate one of these cosy Shetland wool knitted Spencers, in colors of black, white, rose, gold and mauve. All sizes are specially priced at \$1.90. On sale in the Greater Section.

Special Value at \$1.90 PLEASE SHOP IN THE MORNING

A Special Christmas offering of Dainty New Camisoles at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.25. A delayed shipment of Dainty Christmas Camisoles arrive in time for holiday shopping. They have all been marked at a very close margin of profit as the prices will indicate. Choose from colors of white and pink, trimmed with fillet and Val lace, at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.25. Boudoir Caps—Many Styles, at 50¢ to \$3.50.

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AN ADMIRABLE PROPOSAL.

The announcement by the Minister of Education of the plan devised by Dr. Westbrook and the British Columbia authorities for the training of returned soldiers, is the best news yet given out in regard to one of the most important problems of the day as it affects this Province.

The programme which has just been announced emphasizes the diversified character of the returned soldier question. It reminds us that land settlement proposals touch only one aspect of the subject and that even most of these do not deal with it on a practical basis.

LLOYD GEORGE'S FORMULA.

Mr. Lloyd George's formula of complete restoration of territory taken by the enemy and compensation for the damage done bars the door against the imminent effort by Germany to withdraw from the war before suffering military defeat and with sufficient advantages to save the face of Prussian militarism.

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In 1864 Prussia tore Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark. That theft encouraged her to strike at Austria two years later, and further increase her territory. The success of this coup fattered the more ambitious assault upon France for which the preparation was so perfect that von Moltke's great armies were on the march within forty-eight hours after the declaration of war.

Prussia the lesson it should have taught her in 1864 when she was despoiling Denmark. It must make her disgorge what she has stolen since that time—since the birth of the delusion that Germany's destiny can be won only by "blood and iron."

RUSSIA'S CIVIL WAR.

If the Ukrainians have formed an effective alliance with the Terek, Kuban and Don Cossacks, against the Bolshevik Government, as a Petrograd dispatch to-day asserts, almost the whole of southern and southeastern Russia has broken away from the de facto rulers at the capital and civil war has developed with a vengeance.

An alliance between the Ukrainians and the Cossacks, however, would have other than a direct military significance. It would exercise an enormous moral effect upon the whole of Russia and serve as a rallying point for the numerous other elements thoroughly disgusted with the Bolsheviks and desirous of getting rid of them before they ruin Russia.

As for the Cossack movement, it is spreading rapidly towards the north. It has cut the trans-Siberian railroad and thereby stopped transportation of provisions and troops between Siberia and Russia. If the Ukraine has fallen into line Kaledines will be able to make much more rapid progress and probably will attempt to get control of Moscow.

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to be danger of outbreaks nearer Petrograd, a danger which will become very real if the revolutionary movement in southern Russia continues to make headway. The real Russia seems to be about to take a hand in the decision of her fate.

GERMANY'S FUEL SITUATION.

The Amsterdam correspondent of The New York Times recently transmitted an article from The Vorwaerts reciting the seriousness of the fuel situation throughout Germany. The paper declares that the whole supply business is in chaos, and that the resultant misery in the cities especially in the poorer quarters is beyond description.

The Vorwaerts then says Berlin's municipal enterprises are in a bad position from this cause. The Berlin Gas and Electricity Works, and the city overhead and underground railways, are so scantily furnished with coal that they "live from hand to mouth."

After suggesting measures for improvement The Vorwaerts gives the following warning: "The misery, despair and bitterness increase from day to day, and all the authorities seem capable of doing is to preach economy. They evidently have no notion of the conditions in the workers' quarters in Berlin, but we have, and we, to whom the poor and poorest turn with their woes, we appeal to-day in the last hour to those responsible. We appeal to them in the name of humanity and political wisdom to do their duty, to do away with a situation which may any day bring about a catastrophe that will have results beyond the bounds of imagination."

Press Comments

LANSDOWNE'S MISTAKE.

The Marquis of Lansdowne says he consulted nobody about his letter. If he had consulted somebody possibly he would not have published it at this inopportune time.

WATCH YOUR CHANGE.

"Walk-away money," as the moving-picture ticket sellers call it, is making quite an addition to their income since the war tax went into effect, because so many persons ignore the coppers offered in making uneven change.

BOSTON AND HALIFAX.

Halifax is in a double sense our sister city. She is Canadian, a sister by race, by nationality and by geographical position as a foremost Atlantic port. Our people are bound to hers by a thousand ties of blood relationship, history, tradition and friendship.

WOULD BE CURIOUS INDEED.

Another court decision upholds the right of the United States Government to send troops abroad for service. The inability of the Government to defend itself has been a pro-German contention from the outset of the war. This contention is now pretty definitely put to rest. It would be curious indeed if the Government that was constitutionally restrained from defending itself until invaders actually landed on its soil!

THE NIGHT-HAVE-BEENS.

Conjectures about the night-haves are always tempting, but being wholly unverifiable, had better be kept within bounds. If the absent are always wrong, a rejected alternative is clearly always right; we know the evils that we have suffered, but not the difficulties that we should have encountered if we had taken the course that is recommended to us after the event as the infallibly right one.

CARDINAL MERCIER.

Nowhere in the fields of war, of politics, or of statesmanship has any man secured high position save to lose it, and even second-rate ability is now at a premium. But in the field of morals there has been one great hero, and only one, and he is Cardinal Mercier. A majority of the people of this country are not of the religious faith of the Belgian prelate, but all are filled with admiration for this grand old man of moral courage who has stuck to his post and fought the good

fight, and upon whom are now laid greater responsibilities than ever. Cardinal Mercier sits in his deserted palace alongside the ruins of the great tower of St. Rombaud, that glory of the middle ages which German guns destroyed, but no death-dealing missile can deter him from doing his duty as he sees it, and he needs all the help he can get.

NO PEACE WITH THE KAISER.

Whatever the Lansdowne letter may mean, therefore, American public opinion in its expression and comment should be clear that we can have no peace to which the Kaiser and Hindenburg and Ludendorff are directors of German imperial policy are parties. A league of nations to enforce future peace of the world with the Kaiser as a signatory would be a part whose German promises would be "written in water."

SEE WITH WORLD EYES.

Mr Joseph Chamberlain urged the nation to "think imperially." Now we must go further. We have left the parish pump behind. We must now look beyond even the bounds of the British Empire. We must, indeed, see with world eyes. We should have done so long ago. Germany's war strategy is directed with a single purpose. Her blows are delivered where they appear likely to be most effective. Her general staff is not hampered by consideration for the ambitions or the susceptibilities of different nationalities. It is true that the Kaiser has no allies. Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria are his vassals. They must obey when he orders. In war this is an enormous advantage. The Allies can only counter the advantage by using world eyes all the time, by realizing that the Allied armies must be one army if the German terror is to be destroyed.

THE MYOPIC AND THE FARSEERING.

It is idle to dream of social progress unless permanent peace can be assured. The radical difference between the myopic pacifists and the long-sighted patriots is that the first wants an immediate peace and the second wants a secure peace. The whole world would rejoice if the war could be brought to an end before Christmas. It is a thousand times better, however, to fight for another year, or many years, than to lay down arms only to pick them up again and restart the old dreadful business under conditions more favorable to the enemy. This is the conviction of the immense majority of the people of this country.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY MADE PUBLIC BY TROTZKY; INFLUENCE IN FAR EAST

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templating "joint armed demonstration against the United States and Great Britain in the Far East," was not borne out by the text of the published articles.

There is a possibility that the treaty referred to is the special convention concluded between Russia and Japan at about the same time as the so-called secret treaty. It was generally assumed here that the treaty contained some secret provisions, but its purpose was described as being to safeguard the rights of Japan and Russia in the Far East, to reconcile all outstanding issues between them, and generally to follow the lines of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

At the time it was supposed that the secret articles provided for the sale by Russia to Japan of all of the Manchurian railways south of Harbin, the transfer to Japan of navigation rights in the Sugari River, and the extension of fishing rights on the coast of Siberia.

Statement Expected. It is improbable that the United States Government alone will make any effort to secure an explanation of the meaning and purpose of these secret articles from the principals, but it is rather expected that one or the other of them voluntarily will come forward with a statement in that line.

Careful reading of the four published articles inclined officials to the opinion that the general purpose of the convention is somewhat in line with the existing British-Japanese treaty touching Far Eastern interests, and that it was designed to protect China from exploitation by any third power and was not expressly directed against the United States or Great Britain.

"Better Means."

London, Dec. 21.—One of the secret diplomatic documents published by the Bolsheviks, as reported in a Petrograd dispatch to The Manchester Guardian, is a message from M. Krupensky, Russian Ambassador at Tokio, concerning the conclusion of the Japanese-American agreement in regard to China. The Ambassador said he asked a Japanese official whether it was not possible that there would be a misunderstanding over the "special interests" of Japan in China. This official replied, according to the dispatch, that he considered this a possibility but believed Japan had better means of insisting on her interpretation than had the United States.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 21, 1892.

The voters' list for the municipal election show: North Ward, 1,422; South Ward, 875; Centre Ward, 764. For mayor, 2,556. A number of electors are qualified in more than one ward.

The service which will be held in the Reformed Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve will be in the German language, and will no doubt be very successful. The Church will be decorated for the occasion.

A board of arbitration, composed of Charles Hayward, of this city, William Crickway, of Vancouver, and E. C. Baker, umpire, was busy last week valuing the buildings on the lots extending from the NicTel Plate saloon, along Government Street to Yates Street, up Yates to Broad, and along Broad to the Y. M. C. A. building. The property was left in trust by the late George Johnston.

LIBRARIAN LECTURES TO NORMAL STUDENTS

Much Enjoyment and Information Secured From Addresses by Mr. Scholefield

During the past week Mr. Scholefield, of the Provincial Library, has given three most interesting and instructive addresses to the students of the Normal School and any others who wished to attend. These lectures were held in the auditorium of the Provincial Library and were all well attended.

In his first lecture, "Canada's Pacific Seaboard," Mr. Scholefield dealt during the first half with the attempts of the leading cartographers and map-makers of Europe to make an accurate map of the western coast of North America. Most of these maps were erroneous, but with the coming of the Spanish and English to this coast correct maps were gradually evolved. The provincial archives have a most interesting collection of these old maps, which Mr. Scholefield had thrown on the screen for the benefit of his audience.

The second part of the lecture dealt more particularly with the explorations of such men as Vitus Bering, Capt. James Cook, Capt. Vancouver and the fur trade as carried on by sea captains on this coast. "The Crown Colony of Vancouver Island" was the topic of Mr. Scholefield's second address. After dealing briefly with the extension of the fur trade into British Columbia from Eastern Canada Mr. Scholefield told the story of Fort Victoria—how instructions were received from the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company to build a fort north of the 49th parallel and how James Douglas selected the present site of Victoria after exploring the whole southern end of Vancouver Island. Here Fort Victoria was built and became the centre of the colony which gradually grew up.

Not only was the lecture interesting, but the pictures of the old settlers and the old city of Victoria which were almost all taken by Mr. Maynard, the father of the man who operated the lantern, were extremely illuminating.

In his last lecture, the subject of which was "The Crown Colony of B. C. and the Gold Rush of 1858," Mr. Scholefield took his audience on an imaginary trip along the route followed by the gold miners in the spring and summer of 1858. Starting from Esquimalt an old "stern-wheeler" was taken to New Westminster and from thence to Yale. There a stage coach driven along the Yale-Cariboo Road to Barkerville was illustrated. The scenery along the Fraser River canyon is truly stupendous and of great interest were the miners' claims and the simple, although effective, means of obtaining the gold.

Needless to say these lectures were heartily enjoyed by all who heard them and all were grateful to Mr. Scholefield and his operator, Mr. Maynard, for the patience and time which must have been taken by them in preparing them.

ALL APPEALS UNDER MILITARY ACT IN B. C. FIXED FOR HEARING

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—R. S. Lennie, Provincial Registrar under the Military Service Act, states that on account of the loyal and earnest support given him by the staff at headquarters, he is now able to announce that all appeals have been allotted and he expects to have the whole matter of the first call completed by February in all parts of the province. From here he will be ready for any new development.

SAYS CROWDS OF ALBERTA TOURISTS COMING TO COAST

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Ex-Mayor W. T. Henry of Edmonton, arrived here yesterday on the C. N. R. and left today for Victoria with his family. Mr. Henry is the war-time mayor of the Alberta city, having been mayor from the latter part of 1914 to the expiration of his third term this Fall. He refused the nomination for 1918.

STRIKES IN NOVEMBER.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Sixteen strikes involving 98 firms and 2,485 employees took place in Canada during November. The total time lost was estimated at 24,844 working days, as compared with 32,500 days in October and 23,469 days in November of last year. Nine strikes were terminated during the month.

We Close Saturday 1 p.m. In compliance with the Law of the Land, and as an appreciation of the efforts of our Employees we close at 1 p.m. Saturday. We shall be Open As Usual To-night Until 9.30 SPECIAL Cut Glass Fern Dishes Reg. \$10 Values for \$5 Here is something special in an ideal gift article—beautiful Cut Glass Fern Dishes at half regular prices. Beautiful glass, attractive styles and one of the best values we have ever offered. There are only a limited number, and we advise that you come early if you want one. A genuine \$10.00 value at only \$5.00 Sewing Table and Desk Regular \$25.00 for \$12.50 Here's a Real Bargain from the Furniture Department, and something in the way of a gift article that would bring much pleasure to any of the army of women who are "doing their bit" by sewing and knitting for the boys. This is a splendid Sewing Table style that is also convertible into a writing desk. Made in fumed oak. Regular \$25.00 value for only \$12.50 Two Doll Bed Specials Doll Bed, in white enamel finish. Four-poster style. This is an exceptionally well built and well finished bed—a strong, substantial bed that will stand lots of hard use. Just a few at this price. Reg. \$5.00 for \$4.00 Here is a pretty doll bed style at a bargain price. White enamel, with dainty chintz insert; well made and nicely finished. These are large size, 30-inch. Only 3 at this price. Reg. \$3.50 for \$2.80 Weiler Bros., Limited Government Street, Near Post Office

OUR LETTER BOX FLIGHT-LIEUT. GORMAN. To the Editor.—Just a few words in appreciation of Flight-Lieut. Joe Gorman, the news of whose untimely death came as a great shock to me. Joe and the writer spent their boyhood days together in Ottawa South, then Rideauville. We played hockey, football and baseball together, and together we joined the old 3rd Battery (Joe was bugler) when organized under Major Morrison. Of late years I have been out of touch with Joe, but to one who knew him as I did as a true friend and comrade, you will realize the loss of loss I feel. Please pardon this writing as I am at present in sick bay, and writing in bed is not conducive to one's best efforts. J. L'VALLEE. R. N. C. V. R. Esquimalt, B. C. TO "JOE." Well done, old boy! From "one less worthy, ha!" Thy trials are over, passed beyond the veil. The great reward is thine. Let thy youth's friend Thy life and noble sacrifice commend. A sportsman always, worthy of the name. A clean, consistent player of the game. And when the strife is o'er, the victory won. May Canada be proud of such a son. And in the land thou gave thy life to save. May alien hands deck reverently thy grave. J. L. V. BREWSTER OPPORTUNITY. To the Editor.—With the all but extermination of the dyed-in-the-wool Liberals, as evidenced last Monday, with the triumph of loyalty, patriotism and unionism over the forces of extreme partisanship run mad, with the citizenship of British Columbia, voting its sentiments in no meaningless terms, with the manhood and womanhood bursting the narrow confines of party and uniting upon great principles, what does it mean if not political emancipation? Never can we descend again into the meaningless mass of party prejudices and old political alignment, nor waste time, energy and means in fighting phantoms. With the best of both political extremes united let us look to the future with hope and surety that a brighter political atmosphere has been created, that in politics men will be men and women women, and united up the great questions which are paramount to the nation's welfare. We see it. The Honorable Leader of the Provincial Government saw it, and saw it more clearly on Monday last. Let us hope that in that clearness of vision he sees still further and will apply to his Cabinet the same principles, that Sir Robert has adopted. The public sees, and will see, more clearly within the very near future, and demand as high a standard of loyalty, patriotism and honor in the British Columbia Government it has emphatically endorsed in Federal affairs. On to Unionism, Brewster, and we are with you. On, Brewster, on! ERNEST A. HALL. BIG CARGO OF WOOL. Boston, Dec. 21.—A cargo of Australian wool valued at \$7,000,000 has reached this port. It is the first lot to be released by the British Government since last spring.

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Fashionable Fur Stoles of Black Wolf. Each, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00.

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Vicuna Fox Sets, in both white and tan, a set, \$17.50, \$18.50 and \$20.00.

—Mantles, First Floor

A Pair of Dent's, Perrin's or Trefousse Gloves-- Sure to Please

For these are the best makers in Ladies' Gloves. They have a world-wide reputation for quality and every lady appreciates wearing a pair.

We append a short list of the different styles and prices. If you are not sure of the correct size, send a Spencer Glove Scrip.

Real Chamois Gloves, in natural and white. A pair, \$1.50.

Cape Skin Gloves, in tans only, 1 dome. A pair, \$1.75.

Glacé Kid Gloves, in tans, brown, black and white, also white with black points. A pair, \$1.75.

Cape Skin Washable Gloves, in tans, white and putty. A pair, \$1.90.

Dent's Chamois Gloves, selected skins and very fine values, in white and white with black points. A pair, \$1.90.

Dent's and Perrin's Gloves, glacé kid, in black, white, brown, tan, grey, also black with white points and white with black points. A pair, \$2.00.

Dent's Cape Skin Gloves, in tans only, 1 and 2 dome. A pair, \$1.90.

Fleece-lined Mocha Gloves, misses' sizes. A pair, \$1.50.

Cape Skin Gloves, 1 dome, tans only, all sizes. A pair, \$1.50.

Glacé Kid Gloves in black and white also white with black points. A pair, \$1.50.

Cape Skin Fleece-lined Gloves, 1 dome and tans only. A pair, \$1.50.

Mocha Fleece-lined Gloves, greys and browns. A pair, \$2.00.

Mocha Fleece-lined Gloves, in greys and browns, fur wrist. A pair, \$2.50 and \$2.75.

Misses' Glacé and Cape Skin Gloves. A pair, \$1.35.

Woolen Gloves, seamless knit, in grey, brown, tan, navy, white and black. A pair, 85c.

Woolen Gloves, in all shades. A pair, 50c.

Children's Woolen Gloves, in all colors. A pair, 35c and 40c.

Women's Cape Skin Gloves, with strap wrist, extra quality. A pair, \$3.50.

Women's Chamois Gloves, strap wrist, in white and natural. A pair, \$2.75.

—Gloves, Main Floor

The Rebuilding Sale of Boys' Suits and Overcoats Continues

It has been a very busy week with us in this department, but busier ones are ahead of us to-morrow and Monday, for many parents are taking advantage of this Sale and buying their Boys' New Suits and Overcoats for Christmas gifts—and Suits and Overcoats make most practical gifts at this season, to say nothing of the great opportunity afforded to save.

Visit this department to-day and examine the bargains for yourself.

Balance of Our Stock of Boys' Overcoats Grouped Into Four Prices, \$7.95 \$8.95, \$9.75, \$10.95

This represents the entire balance of stock, and values that were formerly selling up to \$16.75. There is a good selection of styles, materials and sizes—that is if you shop to-day. For you will readily understand that we cannot sell several hundred garments within five days without the sizes in some styles getting somewhat broken-up. So don't run the risk of disappointment. Buy to-day.

Sizes 8 to 13 years; formerly priced to \$11.50. **\$7.95**

Sizes 14 to 17 years; formerly priced to \$13.50. **\$8.95**

Best Quality Materials. Sizes 8 to 13 years; formerly priced to \$15.00. **\$9.75**

Sizes 14 to 17 years; formerly priced to \$16.75. **\$10.95**



Our Boys' Norfolk Suits Are Clearing at \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50

Very smart yoke Norfolk effects, with bloomer pants, finished with Governor fasteners at knee. Suits all boys appreciate, and your boy will welcome one for his Christmas gift. A splendid selection of patterns and shades to choose from—all nice durable quality fabrics.

Sizes 6 to 12 years; formerly priced to \$6.50. **\$4.50**

Sizes 13 to 16 years; formerly priced to \$7.50. **\$5.50**

Better Grade Materials. Sizes 6 to 12 years; formerly priced to \$8.95. **\$6.50**

Sizes 13 to 16 years; formerly priced to \$9.75. **\$7.50**

—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

\$1.50 Embroidered Pillow Cases, a Pair, \$1.00

A very special Christmas offer. A nice quality Cotton Pillow Case with a good linen finish, scalloped edges and embroidered in about twelve different designs. These will make splendid Christmas gifts.

—Linen, Main Floor

Christmas Candy Specials

- Hard Mixed, a lb., 25c.
- Cream and Jelly Mixed, lb., 25c.
- Bon-Bon Mixed, lb., 35c.
- Favorite Mixed, lb., 35c.
- Assorted Chocolates, lb., 35c.
- Jellies, lb., 40c.
- Glacé Cherries, lb., 95c.
- Glacé Fruits, lb., \$1.00.
- Candy Canes, each, 5c and 10c.
- Peppermint Bulls'-Eyes—Reg. 40c for 25c.
- Plain Butterscotch—Reg. 50c for 25c.
- Almond Butterscotch—Reg. 40c for 25c.
- Maple Croquettes—Reg. 40c for 25c.
- Turkish Delight—Reg. 40c for 25c.
- Assorted Bon-Bons—Reg. 40c for 25c.

NOVELTIES

- Crackers up from 25c.
- Stockings up from 5c.
- Novelty Boxes, each, 5c and 10c.
- Fancy Boxes Chocolates up from 25c.
- Novelties, each, 10c, 15c and 20c.

—Candy, Main Floor

New Novelty Handbags and Purses

Make most pleasing gifts. We are showing a wonderful assortment of new designs, some fitted with extra change purse or card wallet, others with mirror and lined with fancy silks. Come and look them over and solve your gift problems here. Prices range \$1.00 to \$17.50.

—Selling Main Floor

Bookland in Toyland Well Worth a Visit

For the Books in this department are specially suited for children's gifts. There are Books on all subjects and suitable for all ages. The prices, too, most reasonable. Included:

- Painting and Drawing Books, nicely boxed, specially priced at 35c and 50c.
- Little Folks Tracing Books. Each, 15c, 25c and 35c.
- Burgess Bedtime Story Books. Each, 50c, 3 for \$1.35.
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- On our 35c, 25c and 15c Tables there's a selection of Books unequalled elsewhere for values. Well worth a visit alone.

- Boys' and Girls' Annuals. Each, \$2.50.
- Chums, \$2.50.
- Chatterbox, \$1.25.
- Scout, \$2.50.
- The Blue Book of the War. Edited by Herbert Strang, \$1.00.
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- One of the best values in Bookland is a series of books, beautifully illustrated, for tiny tots. Each, 50c.

—Bookland, in Toyland

All Mechanical Toys at Special Clearing Prices



7 o'Clock Special To-night

All Toys must be cleared by Christmas. So to-night we place on sale all mechanical toys at greatly reduced prices. Motor cars, artillery wagons, gunboats, motor trucks, trains, dogs, etc.

- Regular 50c values for **38c**
- Regular 75c values for **63c**
- Regular 1.00 values for **79c**
- Regular 1.25 values for **95c**
- The Overland Flyer, clockwork, trains, with rails—
- Regular \$2.25 value for **\$1.95**
- Regular \$2.65 value for **\$2.29**
- Regular \$3.50 value for **\$3.19**
- Pianos—
- Regular 75c value for **68c**
- Regular 90c value for **75c**
- Regular 1.25 value for **99c**
- Regular 1.75 value for **\$1.49**
- 25c Games for 25c.
- Including Halma, Parchesi, Military Checkers, Peter Coddies, Lord Fair, Nations and Authars.
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- Toy Fiddles—
- Regular 50c for **35c**
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- Pop Guns—
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- Sandy Andy and Dumping Sand—
- Regular to \$1.50. **78c**
- Clearing at **78c**
- Kindergarten Sets—
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7 o'Clock Special To-night

Children's Rattan Rockers to Go at \$2.65, \$2.95, \$3.15

Strong, well-made Chairs of brown rattan, in three different designs. These are Chairs that give long service—there's nothing to unravel or get untidy. Give your little boy or girl one for Christmas.

On sale sharp at 7 p.m. to-night in the Furniture Department.

- Regular \$2.50 Rocker for **\$2.65**
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—Furniture, Fourth Floor

Wheel Goods Have Arrived

Delayed Shipment of Tricycles, Speeders, Autos, Express Wagons and Row Wagons

A complete range in styles and sizes. Owing to the hold-up on railway these goods were greatly delayed in transit. There being but two days left for Christmas shopping, we place them on sale immediately at

Prices to Create Very Quick Selling

Shop early and make sure of yours.

—Toyland, First Floor

A Special Christmas Offer in Men's Sweater Coats

20 Dozen \$5 Garments to Go Saturday at... \$3.95



We were fortunate in securing 20 dozen of these fine quality Sweater Coats at a very special price, so we place them on sale to-morrow at a price that will create very quick selling.

These Coats are made in two styles as follows: Medium weight quality, made from 75 per cent. woolen yarns, nicely knit and well finished. Style features the popular shawl collar and side pockets. Sizes 36 to 44. In shades Oxford with maroon, plain shade Oxford, brown, grey and fawn.

The other style is finished with military collar and in sizes 34 to 44. The plain shades are fawn, maroon, myrtle and khaki, also grey with maroon, fawn with brown, fawn with myrtle, Oxford with maroon and brown with fawn. Regular \$5.00 values, for \$3.95.

—Selling, Main Floor

Foxy Grandpa Books 35c Each

Laugh and Live, by Douglas Fairbanks, \$1.00.

—Bookland, in Toyland

Men's \$1.75 Underwear, \$1.50

A nice heavy wool mixture, elastic rib, in natural color. Sizes 34 to 44, in both shirts and drawers. A regular \$1.75 grade. Saturday, a garment, \$1.50.

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Reception Xmas Cakes, per lb. 40¢
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Raspberry and Black Currant Wine, quart bottles... 45¢

We Close TO-NIGHT at 9.30

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Best Heavy Rubber Hot Water Bottles, regular \$1.75,
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Crown Bath Soap, regular 15c cake, for..... 10¢

Fresh Spinach, 4 lbs. 15¢
Large Ripe Tomatoes, per lb. 17¢
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PARTY AT "RESTHAVEN"

Convalescent Soldiers Entertain Num-
ber of Visitors From Town at
Christmas Gathering.

"Resthaven" Military Hospital for a
few hours last night shed its "hospital"
air and became an abode of happiness
and laughter on the occasion of its
Christmas party. The men had work-
ed hard, and effectively decorated the
dining room and wards with appro-
priate decorations of greenery and
holly, and they and their guests were
impressed with the true Christmas fes-
tive spirit.

An excellent programme was given
by the "1918 Galettes" who went out
with Mrs. L. T. Davis. Miss Eva Hart
contributed several vocal selections in
her own inimitable way, and Capt.
Pierce, the medical officer of the in-
stitution, won hearty applause for his
humorous ditties, sung to his own
banjo accompaniment.

One of the most important features
of the entertainment was the distri-
bution of gifts from the huge Christ-
mas tree, every patient receiving a
gift.

After a bounteous repast of good
things, the floor was cleared for dan-
cing and to the strains of music played
by Miss Ella Simpson, everyone
"tripped the light fantastic toe" until

Just Received

A new lot of Silk Dresses
burgundy, taupe, fawn, navy,
cream, etc., specially priced for
holiday trade at \$12.50, \$15.50
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About \$400 Netted for Red
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In an atmosphere redolent of the
Christmas of pre-war days with all the
trite attributes of yuletide festivities in
the shape of holly, a gaily-decorated
Christmas tree and the inevitable
Santa Claus, the Oak Bay Red Cross
Branch held their bazaar at the Oak
Bay Hotel yesterday afternoon. The
pre-war illusion was dispelled, how-
ever, when one caught sight of the fa-
miliar Red Cross, with its poignant
association of the battlefield and the
war hospitals, and again when one re-
alized that the comparatively few
males present were either of the
schoolboy age or men past the so-
called prime of life.

The general arrangements were in
the hands of the convener, Mrs. Bul-
lock-Webster, and from 2.30 until 6
o'clock the ground floor of the hotel
was a scene of bustling activity, the
various stalls being surrounded with
eager buyers. The drawing room the
Misses Doris Reid and Mary Ratten-
bury had charge of a booth at which
holly was sold. The lounge was, for
the nonce, given up to the sale of
things to tempt the inner man—or
woman, Mrs. R. H. Powell and Mrs.
Percy Abel presiding over a table de-
corated with holly and red-shaded silver
candelabra, on which was a tempting
array of home-made cakes, bread and
cookies. At the opposite stall the
Misses Watson, Neame and Tooker
sold delectable candies and fudge, and,
as a "side-line," had charge of the
sale of a doll's house—a gift of R. W.
Crompton—which was the mecca of the
small girls. This doll's house was won
by Mrs. Grayson and netted \$24.

In addition to the booths, one room
was given over to the progressive card
games, under Mrs. Rattenbury's man-
agement, twenty-four tables being ar-
ranged for bridge and five hundred
holly was won by Miss Gallatley and
Mrs. Topp captured the prize for five
hundred—a dainty bead bag. Tea was
served at holly-decked tables in the
dining room and Mrs. Floyd, who had
charge of the arrangements in that de-
partment found no respite, so constant
was the stream of visitors, nearly three
hundred taking tea. She was ably as-
sisted by a corps of energetic workers,
including Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Cooper,
Mrs. Gunter, Mrs. Niven, Mrs. Curtis,
Mrs. Wollaston, Miss Crowther and
others.

Drawing For Raffles.
During the afternoon the drawing
took place for the "New Year" raffle
which, under the capable manage-
ment of Mrs. Myers, 1000 tickets had
been sold. Of these the boys of St.
Michael's School had sold 175, and for
this reason the task of drawing the
winning numbers was allotted to Mas-
ter Hugh Beck, of this school, P. F.
Curtis superintending. Following were
the winners: Coalport teapot, J. A.
Virtue, ticket No. 73; Dresden vases,
P. F. Curtis, No. 452; lace dress, Wing
Lee, No. 578; thermos flask, Mrs.
Oates, No. 118; framed water-color,
Allison, No. 104; cricket bat, Mrs.
Tilton, No. 379; percolator, Mrs. E. M.
Mason, No. 672; bonbon dishes, M. E.
Young, No. 586; egg-boiler, P. F. Cur-
tis, No. 472; electric toaster, Mrs.
Thomas, No. 156; doll, Miss N. C. Gib-
son, No. 574; set of cutlery, Hugh
Beck, No. 960; books, Louis Hyndman,
No. 609; table-centre, Miss Lee, No.
484. A sack of potatoes auctioned by
Mr. Virtue went to Mr. Russell, who
made the highest bid, viz., \$2.50. The
iced Christmas cake was won by Mrs.
Boulton.

Arranged by Mrs. R. W. Hanning-
ton, who also acted as accompanist,
musical programme was rendered dur-
ing the afternoon, to which vocal solos
were given by Mesdames Harry Briggs,
Duncan Campbell and J. Hinton; carols
sung by Mrs. Bristol Bennett, Mrs. H.
Briggs and Mrs. Campbell; pianoforte
selections by Mrs. Semple, and violin
solos by Mrs. Bristol Bennett. Miss
Ora Pearson contributed an amusing
monologue from "Mrs. Wiggs, of the
Cabbage Patch."

The handsome sum of \$425 was re-
alized by the affair, and of this sum \$40
was made by the raffle of the doll
donated by the Misses Anna and
Catherine Bartlett, while the doll
given by Miss Marion Wilson was sold
for \$25. The committee in charge of
the arrangements wishes to express its
most grateful thanks to Mr. Virtue and
the staff of the hotel, the B. C. Elec-
tric Company, and to all those who
assisted in making the affair such a
splendid success.

Back to Mainland.—Hon. J. W. deB.
Farris, Attorney-General, returned to
Vancouver on last night's boat, and is
not expected back at his office in the
Parliament Buildings until after the
Christmas holidays.

Gene to Vancouver.—Hon. John
Oliver, Minister of Agriculture and
Railways, left the city on last night's
boat for Vancouver, and will return to-
morrow morning.

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OAK BAY SCHOOL

Fine Programme Given Twice Yester-
day Will Be Repeated To-night;
to Aid Red Cross.

A creditable ambition is shown by
the Oak Bay High School in giving its
term-closing in the form of three per-
formances in aid of the local branch
of the Red Cross. The matinee and
first evening performance were held
yesterday, and the final performance
will be given to-night. There was a
big attendance yesterday and the vari-
ous numbers on the excellent pro-
gramme were received with enthu-
siasm.

The proceedings opened with a se-
lection by the school orchestra, who
also gave instrumental selections in
the latter half of the programme.
Physical drill by four boys and four
girls, the winners of the Strathcona
meat competition, was given with
much smartness and precision. An
amusing little French farce, "La Con-
ference Interrompue," was cleverly
acted by Louise Hayward, Wollaston,
Marion Morrison, Lena Keay, Frances
Palmer, Dora Simpkin, Jessie Moffat,
Glady Brindie, Petra Bekker, Mary
Malins.

The glee singers, including Nellie
Hopps, Frances Hewett, Dorothy Mc-
Diarmid, Ina Tait, Rita Orniston,
Ruth Esquiberson, gave harmonious
renditions of "The Song," "Long Trail,"
and "Aloha Oe." Two of the most in-
teresting numbers on the programme
were the Russian dance by Lena Keay,
Helen Nicholson, Mohra Terry, and
Winnie Gilmer, and the Cossack dance
by Winnie Gilmer and Lena Keay.
Both dances were gracefully executed,
and both received well-merited ap-
plause and demands for an encore.

Very effective costumes were worn
by Dolly Spencer, Lena Keay and
Frances Hewett, who gave several
songs from "The Mikado," which were
received with much interest. Shakes-
peare's "Henry V.," revealed much
dramatic talent among the young per-
formers, the second scene was replete
with humor. The dramatic programme
was as follows: Bardolph, Goodacre,
Nym, Beale; Pistol, Adams; Boy,
Dorothy Wilkinson; and Dame Quickly,
Alleen Bowron.

The pupils hope that with a big at-
tendance to-night, they will be able to
hand about \$150 to the Red Cross.

Social & Personal

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzpatrick, of
Ladysmith, have been spending a holiday
with friends in Vancouver.

Mrs. P. W. Anketell-Jones has re-
turned to Victoria after spending a
few days at her residence at Che-
manus.

Mrs. Fred Huebeck, of Winnipeg,
who has been spending a few days in
Vancouver, has arrived in Victoria to
join her daughters, Mrs. Carey.

Major and Mrs. Westurne-Bunbury,
who have been living in the officers'
quarters at Work Point Barracks, have
now taken up their residence at 485
Lampson Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bassett have
been over to Vancouver for a few days
this week. During their stay in the
Mainland city they were guests at the
Hotel Vancouver.

Among the out-of-town visitors to
the closing exercises of St. George's
School last night were Mrs. Brinsley
Rice and Mrs. J. H. Whitton, of
Duncan, both of whom have daughters
attending the school.

The marriage was celebrated in Van-
couver yesterday of Jack E. Hinder-
marsh, of Nanaimo, and Ida McKenzie,
youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
John McKenzie, of Nanaimo. Mr. and
Mrs. Hindmarsh expect to return to
Nanaimo, to-night, where they will
make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Girdwood, of Moss
Street, held a reception on Wednesday
evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs.
Stead, of Nanaimo, whose marriage
took place that morning. The bride
and bridegroom left later on the mid-

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Christmas Gift Suggestions

Women's Eider- down Bathrobes at \$6.95

One style comes in ripple
eiderdown, in square
neck style, fastened
with cord girdle, and
finished with self-col-
ored satin. Choose from
saxe, coral, sky and red,
\$6.95.

Another model is shown
in floral eiderdown,
with large square col-
lar, turn-back cuff, and
with trimming of cord
girdle and satin. Col-
ors are mauve, saxe
blue, navy or grey,
\$6.95.

Silk Crene de Chine Camisoles \$2.00

In flesh or white, with
wide yoke and shoulder
strap of shadow lace.
The Camisoles are espe-
cially well finished and
are provided with two
rows of ribbon and lace
on yoke. Special, at
\$2.00 each.

Boudoir Caps

A splendid variety of
pretty styles, in fancy
striped or plain tuck-
ed net. Special, 50¢ each.

Dotted Swiss Muslin, in all-white or mauve, pink or blue, trimmed with heavy lace, and finished with loops of ribbon, 85¢ each.

Caps of Fancy Printed Silk Ninon, in shades of pink, blue, mauve or maize, lined with white net and finished with bow of wide ribbon and frill of lace, \$1.00 each.

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Gloves of Dependable Merit for Gifts

Trefousse French Kid Gloves, in
oyster white, in all sizes for wo-
men, at \$1.85 a pair.
Trefousse French Kid Gloves, 2-
dome, in black, white and col-
ors. Special, \$2.00 a pair.
Trefousse French Kid Gloves, in
pique sewn style, with needle
points, in black, white and col-
ors, at \$2.25 a pair.
Trefousse Very Fine Quality Kid
Gloves, in pique sewn, with
3-cord heavy points; black,
white and colors, at \$2.50 a
pair.
Women's 2-Dome Snede Gloves,
in heavy quality, tan or black.
Special, \$1.85 a pair.
Women's 1-Dome Cape Gloves
with pique seams, in splendid
quality for street wear; all
sizes. Special, \$1.75 a pair.

Give a Down-Filled Comforter

McIntock's brand, down fill-
ed, thoroughly ventilated and
odorless, covered with best qual-
ity art sateen in beautiful color-
ings. All are full bed size.
72x60. Special, \$7.95 each.
72x66. Special, \$9.75 each.
72x66. Special, \$10.75 each.
72x66. Special, \$13.75 each.

Christmas Hosiery

Women's Fibre Silk Hose, in
black and white, at 50¢ a pair.
Women's Fibre Silk Hose, in
black and white, at 60¢ a pair.
Fibre Silk Hose, in black, white
and colors, \$1.00 a pair.
Finer Grade, in black, white and
colors, \$1.50 a pair.
Fine Silk Hose, in black and
white, \$1.75 a pair.
Pure Silk Hose, in black, white
and colors, \$2.25 a pair.
Pure Silk Hose, in black and
white, \$3.50 a pair.
Black Silk Heavy Grade Hose, in
black only, \$4.50 a pair.
Novelty Silk Hose
Shown in various styles, includ-
ing stripe, ring effects and
plaids, and in embroidered
fronts in black, white and lead-
ing colors; 95¢, \$1.35,
\$1.75 and \$2.50 a pair.
Silk Lisle Socks, in white, pink
and sky. Sizes 4½ to 9½; 65¢
a pair.
Silk Socks, in white, pink and sky.
Sizes 4½ to 6½; 85¢ a pair.
Silk Stockings, in white only.
Sizes 4½ to 6½; 85¢ a pair.

Christmas Gift Handkerchiefs in Pretty Boxes

Excellent Assortment
For Women
White Lawn, with colored
border, 3 in box, 25¢.
White Mull, with em-
broided corners, 2 in
box, 35¢.
White Lawn, colored
rolled edge, with col-
ored embroidered cor-
ners, 3 in box, 45¢.
White Lawn, hemstitched,
with white embroidered
corners, 3 in box, 50¢.
Fine White Lawn, with
white or colored em-
broided corners, and
colored rolled edge, 3 in
box, 65¢.

For Children

Mull, with pink, blue or
mauve borders, 3 in
box, 25¢.
Silk, with colored de-
signs, 3 in box, 25¢.
Muslin, with embroidered
corners, 2 in box, 25¢.
And other attractive de-
signs, 2 for 35¢, 2 for
40¢, 2 for 50¢.

Silk Scarves

A worthy showing of
most popular styles and
colors at interesting
prices.
Plain Fibre Silk Scarves,
in all wanted shades, at
\$2.50.
Fibre Silk Scarves, with
combination colors
across ends, at \$3.75.
Roman Stripe Fibre Silk
Scarves, at \$4.50.
Extra Wide Plain Fibre
Silk Scarves, in various
colors, at \$5.00 and
\$6.50.
Pure Silk Scarves, with
combination color stripe
at \$8.50.

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night boat for Vancouver, where the
honey-moon is being spent.

E. C. Mayers, who has been associ-
ated with the legal firm of Bodwell &
Lawson for some time, is severing his
connection with them, and in the New
Year will leave for Vancouver to join
the firm of Ross & Lane, barristers
and solicitors. Mr. Mayers is at pres-
ent conducting a case in Dawson, Yu-
kon Territory.

Mrs. Baird, of Andover, N.B., widow
of the late Senator, George T. Baird,
who has been the guest of her sister,
Mrs. (Dr.) J. H. King, left yesterday
for Vancouver. Mrs. Baird had intend-
ed going on to California, but may
now decide to spend the winter
months in Victoria and Vancouver.

Miss E. Harris, Mrs. H. Roberts,
John Graham, of New Westminister,
and Frederick Taggart, of Vancouver,
will be the soloists for Handel's orator-
ic, "The Messiah," which is to be
given in Nanaimo on Sunday, Decem-
ber 20. A. Dunsmore will conduct and
will have the assistance of Mrs. H.
McIndoo at the organ and Miss Grace
Morgan at the piano.

One of the most interesting social
functions of the Yuletide season will
be the dance to be given at the Em-
press Hotel on December 27. The affair
is under the auspices of the Hollywood
and Fairfield Red Cross, and the com-
mittees of the both branches have been
working energetically to ensure the

enjoyment of all who attend. The pro-
ceeds will be used to swell the Red
Cross Fund for Halifax relief.

Mrs. George Simpson was presented
at "Resthaven" last night with a hand-
some clock, the handwork of a re-
turned man, on whose behalf Major
Harvey made the presentation. The
little ceremony was accompanied by a
happy little speech of appreciation of
Mrs. Simpson's interest in the returned
men, to whom she has been generously
giving dancing lessons.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnishes
by the Victoria Meteor-
ological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 21.—5 a. m.—The bar-
ometer is high over the Pacific Slope and
fair weather is general, except a few
falling at Prince Rupert and cold weather
continues in Northern B. C. Zero
temperatures prevail in Northern Alberta
and Saskatchewan and snow is reported
in Manitoba.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 37;
wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .05; weather,
cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.39; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum,
34; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Nanaimo (Entrance) E.—Barometer,
30.21; temperature, minimum yesterday,
36; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.26; tempera-

ture, maximum yesterday, 21; minimum,
18; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.22; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 20; minimum,
10; wind, calm; snow, .64; weather, clear.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.62; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 34; mini-
mum, 28; wind, 6 miles E.; snow, .21;
weather, snowing.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.22; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 26;
wind, 10 miles E.; rain, .01; weather,
cloudy.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.25; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28;
wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
Temperature.

Max. Min.
Penticton 37 21
Cranbrook 35 20
Grand Forks 25 12
Nelson 25 12
Calgary 29 13
Edmonton 29 13
Qu'Appelle 24 4
Winnipeg 24 10

THRILLING DEEDS OF SOME RECENT V. C.'S

One Corporal Takes Pill-Box and Forty Prisoners; Contempt of Danger

REMARKABLE EXPLOITS OF THIS GROUP OF RECIPIENTS

Deeds of heroism for which the King has awarded the Victoria Cross are related in a supplement of The London Gazette issued a short time ago. Several of the recipients won the Cross for storming "pill-boxes" and killing or capturing the garrisons. One corporal accounted for over 30 of the enemy, while a Worcestershire private entered a pill-box alone and returned with a machine gun under his arm and followed by 40 Germans who had surrendered to him.

The official list is as follows:
Rushed the Garrison.
Major (Acting Lieut.-Col.) Lewis Pugh Evans, D.S.O., R. Highlanders, commanding Linc. Regiment. Lieut.-Col. Evans took his battalion in perfect order through a terrific barrage, personally formed up all units and led them to the assault. While a strong machine-gun emplacement was causing casualties, and the troops were working round the flank, Lieut.-Col. Evans rushed at it himself and by firing his revolver through the loophole

forced the garrison to capitulate. After capturing the first objective he was severely wounded, but refused to be bandaged, and re-forming the troops, pointed out all future objectives, and again led his battalion forward. Again badly wounded, he nevertheless continued to command until the second objective was won, and, after consolidation, collapsed from loss of blood. As there were numerous casualties he refused assistance, and by his own efforts ultimately reached the dressing station.

Killed 6 and Captured 21.
Sergt. William F. Burman, Rifle Brigade (Stepney, E.) When the advance of his company in attack was held up by machine-gun firing at point blank range he shouted to the men next to him to wait a few minutes, and going forward alone to what seemed certain death, killed the enemy gunner and carried the gun to the company's objective, where he used it with great effect. By this exceptionally gallant deed the progress of the attack was assured. About 15 minutes later it was observed that the battalion on the right was being impeded by about 40 enemy, who were enfilading them. Burman, with two others, ran forward and got behind the enemy, killing six and capturing two officers and 23 other ranks.

Contempt For Snipers.
Sergt. John J. Dwyer, Australian M.G. Corps. In attack Dwyer, in charge of a Vickers machine gun, went forward with the first wave of the brigade. On reaching the final objective he rushed his gun forward in advance of the captured position in order to obtain a commanding spot. Whilst advancing he noticed an enemy machine gun firing on the troops on our right flank. Unhesitatingly he rushed his gun to within thirty yards of the enemy gun and fired point blank at it, putting it out of action and killing the gun crew. He then seized the gun and, ignoring the snipers from the rear of the enemy position, carried it back across the shell-swept ground to our front line and established both it and his Vickers gun on the right flank of our brigade. Dwyer commanded these guns with great coolness and when the enemy counter-attacked our positions he rendered great assistance in repulsing them. On the following day, when the position was heavily shelled, he took up successive positions, by one exception his Vickers gun was blown up by shell fire, but he conducted his gun team back to headquarters through the enemy barrage, secured one of the reserve guns and rushed it back to our position in the shortest possible time.

Sergeant's Haul of Huns.
Sergt. Joseph Lister, Lancashire Fusiliers (Reddish, Stockport). When advancing to the first objective, his company came under machine gun fire from the direction of two "pill-boxes." Seeing that the galling fire would hold up our advance and prevent our troops keeping up with the barrage, Lister dashed ahead of his men and found a machine gun firing from a shell-hole in front of the "pill-box." He shot two of the enemy gunners and the remainder surrendered to him. He then went on to the "pill-box" and shouted to the occupants to surrender. They did so with the exception of one man, whom Lister shot dead, whereupon about 100 of the enemy emerged from shell-holes further to the rear and surrendered. This N.C.O.'s prompt act of courage enabled our line to advance with hardly a check and to keep up with the barrage, the loss of which might have jeopardized the whole course of the local battle.

Attacked Pill-Box With Revolver.
Sergt. Lewis McGee, late Australians. His platoon was suffering severely, and the advance of the company was stopped by machine-gun fire from a "pill-box" post. Single-handed McGee rushed the post armed only with a revolver. He shot some of the crew and captured the rest, and thus enabled the advance to proceed. He reorganized the remnants of his platoon and was foremost in the remainder of the advance, and during consolidation of the position he did splendid work. He was subsequently killed in action.

Bomber's Exploit.
Sgt. John Molyneux, R. Fus. (St. Helens). During an attack which was held up by machine-gun fire Molyneux organized a bombing party to clear the trench in front of a house. Many enemy were killed and a machine gun captured. Having cleared this obstacle he jumped out of the trench and called for someone to follow him, and rushed for the house. By the time the men arrived he was in the thick of a hand-to-hand fight; this only lasted a short time, and the enemy surrendered, and, in addition to the dead and wounded,

between 20 and 30 prisoners were taken.

Cleared Out a Pill-Box.
L.-Sgt. John Harold Rhodes, G. Gds. (Tunstall, Staffs). He accounted for several enemy with his rifle as well as by Lewis gun fire, and, upon seeing three enemy leave a "pill-box," he went out single-handed, through our own barrage and hostile machine-gun fire, and effected an entry into the "pill-box." He there captured nine enemy, including a forward observation officer connected by telephone with the battery. These prisoners he brought back with him, together with valuable information.

Reckless Bravery.
Cpl. Ernest Albert Egerton, Notts, and Derby, R. (Longton). Conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty when, during attack, owing to fog and smoke, visibility was obscured, and, in consequence, the two leading waves of the attack passed over certain hostile dug-outs without clearing them. Enemy rifles, assisted by a machine gun, were, from these dug-outs, inflicting severe casualties on the advancing waves. When volunteers were called for to assist in clearing up the situation, Egerton jumped up and dashed for the dug-outs under heavy fire at short range. He shot in succession a rifleman, a bomber and a gunner, by which time he was supported and 29 of the enemy surrendered. His reckless bravery relieved in less than 30 seconds an extremely difficult situation.

Garrison and Guns Captured.
Actg.-Cpl. Fred Greaves, Notts, and Derby, R. (Balborough). Seeing that his platoon commander and sergeant were casualties, and realizing that unless a concrete stronghold was taken quickly his men would lose the barrage, Greaves, followed by another N. C. O., rushed forward, reached the rear of the building and bombed the occupants, killing or capturing the garrison, and taking four enemy machine-guns. It was solely due to the personal pluck, dash and initiative of the N. C. O. that the assaulting line at this point was not held up, and that our troops escaped serious casualties. Later at a most critical period, when the troops of a flank brigade had given way temporarily under a heavy counter-attack, and when all the officers in his company were casualties, this gallant N. C. O. quickly grasped the situation—He collected his men, threw out extra posts on the threatened flank, and opened up rifle and machine gun fire to enfilade the advance. The effect of Greaves's conduct on his men throughout the battle cannot be over-estimated, and those under his command responded gallantly to his example.

All Resistance Smashed.
C.-Cpl. Filip Konowal, Canadians. His section had the difficult task of mopping up cellars, craters and machine gun emplacements. Under his able direction all resistance was overcome, and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. In one cellar he himself bayoneted three enemy and attacked single-handed seven others in a crater, killing them all. On reaching the objective, a machine gun was holding up the right flank, causing many casualties. Konowal rushed for the emplacement, entered the emplacement, killed the crew, and brought the gun back to our lines. The next day he again attacked single-handed another machine gun emplacement, killed three of the crew, and destroyed the gun and emplacement with explosives. This non-commissioned officer alone killed at least 15 of the enemy, and during two days' actual fighting carried on continuously his good work until severely wounded.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PERVADES MARKET

Seasonable Poultry and Produce Displayed to Advantage of First Day

The bleakness of an inclement winter's day did not suffice to subdue the spirit of Christmas that pervaded the Victoria Public Market this morning. The dreary exterior of streets on which a steady rain was pouring gave place to the more cheerful aspect that confronted the shopper as he or she wended their way to the market headquarters. Even to the most unobservant, it appeared quite evident that a complete transformation had been worked upon the more or less unattractive quarters in which the City Market is situated. Bright colors and fancy hangings on all sides covered the prosaic frame-work of the many stalls, while the freshness of a profusion of holly with its copious supply of berries added much to the first impressions gained by the visitor.

Despite the restraints placed on the shopper as a result of the very unsettled weather, not a few of the vendors remarked during the course of the morning that patronage was, under the circumstances, fully up to their expectations. Indeed, business appeared at several intervals to be brisk, and the prevailing opinion on the city's first Christmas Market Day was one of satisfaction, tempered with the hope that Saturday and Monday, on which occasions the market will also be open, might be more favorably treated by the elements.

All produce and poultry that are the accompaniments of the Yuletide season were much in evidence. The supply of turkey and geese appeared adequate with the demand while fruits and vegetables held their customary place of importance as among the foremost articles of sale. Special Christmas confectionery, holly and flowers were also displayed to advantage.

The number of stallholders present to-day was very large in spite of the fact that Friday is not a regular market day. To-morrow it is expected that the accommodation of the building will be taxed to capacity.

Prices obtained were as follows:
Fruit—Pears 8 lb. 25c.; apples, 8, 10

10 DAYS' SALE

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED

For Saturday and Monday Buyers

10 DAYS' SALE

Do not leave your shopping until the last minute. Try and get in to-day or Saturday. We are giving special prices on all lines in Men's Wear. Compare our prices and you will plainly see the great saving. We will be all ready to do business from 8.30 in the morning until 9.30 in the evening.

Startling Prices on All Lines for Men and Young Men

Extra Special Offer in Overcoats

10 only, Men's Overcoats, in heavy tweed cloths, with reversible collar. Just the Coat for auto driving. Regularly priced at \$22.50, Sale price

\$13.75

Here is a List of Xmas Suggestions—All Subject to from 10 to 20 per Cent Discount

Fancy Suspenders, 75c. \$1.00. \$1.50 and \$2.00	Suspender Sets, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Knitted and Fancy Silk Neck Scarves, \$2.50 to \$7.00	Men's Plain or Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c. to 75c.
Silk Hose Supporters, all colors, 50c. to \$1.00	Men's Lined or Unlined Gloves, all shades, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes, \$7.50 to \$12.50	Men's Hats, in all the leading shapes, \$3.00 to \$5.00
	Men's Collar Bags, \$1.25 to \$3.00

Why Not Buy Him a New Shirt—It Makes a Splendid Gift

We just placed in stock twenty dozen Men's Shirts that we had bought specially for the Xmas trade. The patterns are very exclusive, and we are giving reductions on all lines. Values as low as... \$1.00

\$25 Men's Suits, Sale Price, \$15

Thirty-Five Men's Suits, in neat pattern, made of imported cloths; hand tailored, featuring the latest styles as well as good, staple business suits. Values up to \$25.00. On sale at \$15.00

Christmas Neckwear to be Cleared at About Half-Price

Fifty Dozen Men's Beautiful Silk Neckwear, showing the latest designs and shapes. Values 75c and \$1.00. Christmas Special ... 50c

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Neckwear, Sale Price 90c

Sixty-Five Dozen Men's High Class Neckwear, extra well finished, and featuring some striking patterns. Values up to \$1.25. Sale Price is 90c

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Meat—Young mutton, lb., 29 to 35; veal, lb., 18c. to 20c.; beef, lb., 15c. to 25c.; pork, lb., 20c. to 25c.; chicken, lb., 22c. to 25c.; fowl, lb., 27c. to 30c.; ducks, lb., 35c.; geese, lb., 35c.; turkeys, lb., 45c. and 50c.
Fish—Cod, lb., 15c.; soles, lb., 12c.;

smelts, lb., 12c.; fresh herring, lb., 7c.; smoked black cod, lb., 20c.; smoked haddock, tips, lb., 7c.; kippers, lb., 15c.; blazers, lb., 10c.

CONSERVING GOLD SUPPLY IN STATES

Washington, Dec. 21.—The use of gold coin as Christmas gifts has been almost entirely eliminated this year. By means of a campaign of education the people have been made to appreciate the need of conserving the gold supply in bank vaults, according to reports to John Burke, Treasurer of the United States. The banks have persistently declined to give out gold on demand, explaining to their customers

that the tendency of persons to hoard gold pieces given as Christmas presents for weeks or months has always had a serious effect in depleting the aggregate gold reserve.

BANK CLERKS AND MILITARY SERVICE

Toronto, Dec. 21.—In the hope of obtaining a ruling which may be applied with regard to the application of bank clerks for freedom from military service, Lieut. Greer left here for Ottawa yesterday to take up the matter with Mr. Justice Duff. The status of mailmen also will come up for consideration.

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2. The Half-Holiday Act is not a "Scrap of Paper."
3. It is a democratic law, and we are in the war for Democracy.
4. To keep open in disobedience to the law, is unfair to the small shopkeeper who cannot afford to pay a fine.
5. We must be consistent, otherwise can we blame the man who endeavors to evade Conscription or any other law?
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The Metropolitan Methodist Church was comfortably filled with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience of parents and friends of the scholars

BACKACHE, LUMBAGO AND RHEUMATIC TROUBLES

Dear Mr. Editor—I wish to state that I suffered greatly from backache, lumbago and rheumatic troubles. I used "Anuric," the latest discovery of Doctor Pierce for backache and kidney troubles, and I can cheerfully recommend the "Anuric Tablets" to anyone suffering from any of these maladies.

Yours truly,
J. F. GARNER

NOTE: It is now asserted with confidence that these painful effects due to uric acid in the system are entirely eradicated. A new remedy, called "Anuric," has been discovered by Dr. Pierce, and is the cause of a drainage outward of the uric acid with which it comes in contact within the body. It will ward off backache, headache, and the darting pain and aches of articular or muscular rheumatism—of those diseases which are caused by too much uric acid, such as gout, asthma, sciatica, renal calculus. "Anuric" prolongs life because old people usually suffer from hardening and thickening of the walls of the arteries, due to the excess of uric acid in the blood vessels.

Dr. Pierce, who is director and chief physician at the "Invalids' Hotel" and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., has been testing this wonderful medicine for the relief of over-worked and weakened kidneys. The relief obtained by sufferers has been so satisfactory that he determined to place "Anuric" with the principal druggists in towns where people could get this ready-to-use medicine. "Anuric" aids nature in throwing off those poisons within the body which cause so much suffering, pain and misery. Scientists assert this remedy is 37 times more potent than Hilda. Send 10 cents for large trial package. "Anuric" is building up a reputation as good as Dr. Pierce's other well-known medicines which have been proved reliable during nearly fifty years, such as Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the Ills of Women, Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, the Liver Regulator, and Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for red blood.

DECISIONS GIVEN IN EXEMPTION APPEALS

Courts Rule That Bible Students Must Do Non-Combatant Service

The following is a list of the decisions given, to date, by the Appeal Tribunals presided over by Mr. Justice Gregory and Judge Lammiman in Victoria.

Some of the cases "allowed" are being appealed by the military representatives. In most cases the claims "allowed" are for the period while claimant continues in his present occupation those "allowed," without dates mentioned, are practically all farmers. It will be noted that ten applicants are "exempted from combatant service," but have to serve in some other capacity. The majority of these latter cases are those of members of the Bible Students' Association.

In the following list "A" stands for "Allowed," and "D" for "Disallowed." It appears that, up to date, out of the 156 cases mentioned here, 76 were allowed, 10 exempted from combatant service, and 71 either postponed, appeals withdrawn, or claimants placed in other than class I.

The List.

Cases heard by Mr. Justice Gregory:
C. Dussault (appeal withdrawn).
W. S. Fawcett (A. to 1-6-18).
M. W. Matheson (D).
G. Spence (A).
R. Strong (D).
W. Elliott (A. to 1-6-18).
W. J. Gibbs (A).
H. Robinson (D).
S. A. Tibbitts (D).
Thos. Dunn (D).
John Robson (A).
E. H. Williams (A. to 1-6-18).
P. B. Ross (A. to 1-6-18).
F. Crocker (appeal withdrawn).
S. T. Calvin (A).

M. W. Colvin (D).
W. A. McKay (A).
E. B. Chapman (A).
P. L. D. Chapman (A).
J. Casey (A. to 1-6-18).
A. J. Christie (D).
T. Connor (A. to 7-2-18).
K. Crawford (D).
T. Martin (A).
W. J. Heaton (A).
T. Hooton (D).
A. Lecours (D).
W. A. McKay (A).
F. J. Roche (A).
N. M. Angus (A. to 1-6-18).
E. F. Sewell (exempt from combatant service).

J. J. Vandermonde (D).
J. Watt (A).
W. N. Wells (D).
J. H. Luske (D).
K. C. Drury (appeal withdrawn).
C. W. Graham (D).
E. B. Borden (A).
R. A. Potter (A).
J. Phillips (A).
J. Lamb (A. to 1-6-18).
W. Young (D).
F. A. Milne (D).
R. P. Webber (A. to 1-6-18).
W. Phillips (A).
F. Young (D).

A. Goddard (A. to 7-2-18).
G. "Ray" (A. to 10-1-18).
S. McKay (D).
R. Sims (A. to 7-2-18).
H. W. Bate (postponed).
J. Carson (D).
E. V. Stead (A. to 1-6-18).
E. L. Paepke (postponed).
C. E. Rand (D).
T. E. Landy (A. to 1-6-18).
R. C. Hall (A. to 1-6-18).
C. R. Stout (A. to 1-6-18).
W. L. Cole (A. to 1-6-18).
B. W. Murgford (A).

J. H. Webber (A).
A. J. Sommer (A. to 1-6-18).
W. H. Mee (A. to 1-6-18).
H. F. Laseby (A. to 1-6-18).
A. Masters (postponed).
G. Wilson (D).
F. L. Muttie (A. to 1-6-18).
F. F. Brown (A. to 1-6-18).
P. Blanche (A. to 1-6-18).
R. D. Lemmax (D).
E. A. Hiscocks (A. to 1-6-18).
S. J. Herd (D).
Geo. Severs (A. to 1-6-18).
J. T. Lewis (A).
J. C. Corke (D).
J. C. Williamson (D).
G. A. Wigmore (exempt from combatant service).

H. Thompson (D).
F. M. Moffitt (D).
R. H. Meldram (A. to 1-6-18).
V. C. Graham (A. to 4-1-18).
D. A. Nairne (D).
H. C. Bickell (exempt from combatant service).
H. Pearce (A. to 1-6-18).
E. H. Rattan (D).
R. W. Mackintosh (D).
G. H. Swain (D).
O. Smith (D).
G. W. Neville (D).
C. E. Sommer (A. to 1-6-18).
J. H. Ford (exempt from combatant service).

S. T. Dallas (D).
List in Other Court.
Cases heard by Judge Lammiman:
H. F. Woodman (A. to 1-6-18).
T. B. Blair (D).
J. H. Coverdale (exempt from combatant service).
E. Munday (A. to 1-6-18).
F. C. Slater (D).
H. Munday (exempt from combatant service).
J. Newall (A. to 1-6-18).
G. Mowat (A. to 1-6-18).
D. Masters (A. to 1-6-18).
J. C. Price (exempt from combatant service).
R. T. Murphy ("B" Category).
G. A. Morgan (A. to 1-6-18).
C. R. Booth ("E" Category).
A. Morrison (D).
H. M. Irwin (D).
F. J. Drake (D).
J. W. Stephenson (D).
A. Spottis (D).
E. H. Pimley (A. to 1-6-18).
C. G. Harris (D).
E. Kemp (D).
S. Hobbins (D).
B. C. Lambert (D).
L. Woodward (A. to 1-6-18).

- W. J. Houlihan (A).
- M. L. Sweeney (A. to 1-6-18).
- E. D. S. Durrant (D).
- E. H. McColl (A. to 1-6-18).
- J. C. Joyce (D).
- J. B. Jameson (A. to 6-6-18).
- W. A. Knight ("E" Category).
- J. E. Todd (D).
- A. E. Spragge (A. to 1-2-18).
- A. Bell (D).
- H. S. Flett (A. to 1-2-18).
- J. E. Alderson ("E" Category).
- W. G. Underdown (D).
- Stuart Smith (A. to 4-1-18).
- R. H. Wigmore (Exempted from combatant service).
- C. S. Leask (D).
- S. Jenkins (D).
- J. M. L. Alexander (D).
- E. Masters (D).
- Wm. Christie (D).
- Wm. Cammave (D).
- Harry Dixon (A. to 1-6-18).
- Chambers D. Smith (Exempt from combatant service).
- J. H. Bartlett (Exempt from combatant service).
- H. Cox (A. to 1-6-18).
- R. Burns (A).
- W. G. Gerow (A. to 1-6-18).
- H. McGarrison (D).
- E. S. Kilarston (A. to 1-6-18).
- E. S. Colette (A).
- G. Mann (D).
- S. Bate (D).
- H. J. Campbell (D).
- M. R. Woodburn (A. to 1-6-18).
- C. W. White (A. to 15-2-18).
- R. V. Jenkin (A. to 1-6-18).
- Y. Palmer (D).
- E. C. Preston (D).
- Thos. Banks (D).
- C. J. Bishop (D).
- W. J. King (D).
- W. McMichael (D).
- A. E. Crossman (D).
- W. H. Grimm (D).
- W. Maw (D).
- R. Stark (D).
- G. A. Alderson (A. to 1-6-18).
- Geo. Cameron (A. to 1-6-18).
- J. A. France ("D" category).
- F. Lannan (A).

RED CROSS WORK

There was a meeting of the Oak Bay Red Cross Committee on Wednesday night at the Municipal Hall. P. F. Curtis, president, in the chair. The secretary reported the following amount received since the last meeting, November 23:

On hand from last month	\$ 15.00
Mrs. Harvey Combe	25.00
Mrs. E. A. Neam	25.00
Miss Cowley	2.00
Mrs. S. Gunter	2.00
Mrs. Bruce	2.00
Victoria Golf Club donation proceeds of competition	186.00
Mrs. Currie	5.00
Master Tumard	5.00
Mrs. Dauphine	2.00
Mr. Bullock-Webster	15.00
Mrs. Shallock	5.00
Mrs. J. D. MacLean	5.00
Mrs. O. Bunting	5.00
Sundries	5.00
Sale of bag given by Mrs. Powell	2.50
Sale of Gerrard's speech, per P. F. Curtis	2.50
Oak Bay High School, proceeds of basketball games held November 28, 1917	10.25
Raffle of lamp given by Mrs. Bartlett	2.45
Sale of potatoes grown by P. F. Curtis	23.75
New Year's raffle, per Mrs. T. H. Myles	100.00
Sale of dresses given by wife of last month's raffle	15.00
Anonymous donation	1.00
South Hampshire Road Circle, per Mrs. Philip Gosnell, monthly subscription to Prisoners of War Fund	5.00
Misses Roberts, monthly subscription for two prisoners	10.00
Halifax Relief Fund	25.00
P. F. Curtis	25.00
E. C. S. George	10.00
Mrs. A. W. Tuckey	10.00
Mrs. and Mrs. W. J. Gosnell	10.00
Mrs. Shallock	5.00
Miss Payne	2.00
Mrs. Hancock	75
Contents of collecting box in Water Commissioner's office	13.35
Payments, head office	\$28.90
W. May, cartage	25.00
Diagon Printing Co., monthly subscription	12.50
Singer sewing machine	4.00
Balance	476.00
	\$28.90

LIFE OF KITCHENER COMING NEXT WEEK

Biographical Film Depicting Career of Soldier-Statesman to Be at Variety

A great many times people have inquired through the columns of this paper why it was not possible to get films other than those made in America, and in each instance cited the fact that there were a large number of cinematograph productions being turned out in the United Kingdom which should be available. With the entry of the United States into the World War on the side of the Allies all these demands have ceased, but we are again reminded of British productions in the coming to the Variety Theatre all next week of the great national film of British Empire history depicting the life of the late Lord Kitchener, produced by Windsor Films, Ltd., of London, and brought to this country at no small expense in order that the people of this far western colony may be able to see one of the greatest productions since the advent of the silent drama.

What better opportunity to show the merits of British films could be found than the life history of the greatest leader the Empire has ever known. Every incident is shown with remarkable attention to detail. Three different actors represent Kitchener at different periods in life. From Omdurman to Downing Street, from Palestine to Khartoum; Kitchener talking affairs of state and finance with Baron Rothschild, disguised in the more picturesque, if less characteristic garb of an Arab out in the desert. So each incident is portrayed. The council chamber at the Foreign Office with the members sitting when Kitchener hurriedly visits England in order to obtain authority to advance on Khartoum; Lord Salisbury and Lord Lansdowne questioning him; before Omdurman, where the great chief formed an edifice of state and finance with Baron Rothschild, disguised in the more picturesque, if less characteristic garb of an Arab out in the desert. So each incident is portrayed. The council chamber at the Foreign Office with the members sitting when Kitchener hurriedly visits England in order to obtain authority to advance on Khartoum; Lord Salisbury and Lord Lansdowne questioning him; before Omdurman, where the great chief formed an edifice of state and finance with Baron Rothschild, disguised in the more picturesque, if less characteristic garb of an Arab out in the desert. So each incident is portrayed.

CIVIC SALARIES

Council Refers Petition for Restoration to Incoming Council.

The Council at last evening's meeting dealt with the petition of fifty-five civic employees for a restoration of salaries to the figures which prevailed before the reduction of 1915.

It was pointed out that the restoration would only entail an additional 30 cents on \$100 taxes.

The Council referred the matter to the Incoming Council without debate.

Whistfully realizing the difficult position of the Council in its striving after retrenchment, we think that, on consideration, you will agree with us that there is a certain amount of unfairness in trying to accomplish that object at the expense of the corporation officials and trust that you will see the reasonableness of our request, the petition stated.

Standardizing of Supplies—The City Council last evening adopted the report of a committee on the standardization of supplies which will determine the character of the supplies to be ordered in 1918.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head.

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, laxative Eucalypti can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo" W. GROVE'S sign. Nature is on his side.

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The LIFE of Lord Kitchener

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Just at this crisis, a big Rodeo is to be held in a nearby city. A cash prize is offered for the principal event—a "jump in the saddle and away" race—and the outlaw determines to enter himself and his Pinto pony. In doing so he knows he is taking a tremendous risk, as the peculiarly marked pony is known to the sheriff and his deputies; but goaded by necessity he takes a chance, and in the presence of a crowd leaps into the saddle.

It is during this wild ride with its thrills of contesting cowboys that excitement rises to its highest pitch.

DRAMATIC INCIDENTS IN "THE MOTH," AT ROYAL

"The Moth," presenting Norma Talmadge, the well-known moving picture star, which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria, will be presented again for the last time to-night and to-morrow. The picture is a comedy drama and is one that should please motion picture patrons. The story deals with a young lady who fancies herself a modern Cleopatra, and in the end finds that she is just a human being of the present age. The picture is abounding in emotional possibilities and dramatic incidents and the plot is calculated to give the charming young star an opportunity to add one more artistic interpretation to her already large list of successes.

The balance of the programme includes a very funny comedy in which is featured Fatty Arbuckle in "Oh, Doctor!" This well-known comedian is making a host of friends after each presentation of his new releases and there is no doubt that he is at the present time one of the most popular picture stars before the public to-day.

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In the Screaming Comedy
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For That Boy of Yours.—A sled, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50; pocket knife, 15c to \$2; good tools, razors, shaving brushes. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Boxing Day—Dance at Alexandra ballroom, Wednesday evening, 8:30 o'clock, December 26. Numbers drawn for Christmas parcels. Good fun. Something new. Ladies, 25c; gents, 50c. Ozard's Orchestra. Dance given by Mrs. J. J. Boyd.

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A Big Benefit Dance for the Halifax Relief Fund, Hippodrome Hall, Saturday, Dec. 23, \$1.00 per couple.

A Dandy Present.—A side-opening nickel-plated kettle put up in a nice holly-covered box, \$1. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Raffle Nets \$7.25 for G. W. V. A.—The members of the Great War Veterans' Association wish to express their grateful thanks to Mrs. Brasier and the ladies of the L. O. B. A. No. 209 for a cheque for \$7.25, the proceeds of a raffle conducted by the Queen of the Island Chapter of the order.

Children's Aid Home.—A deputation from the Children's Aid Home will be received on Thursday at 7:30, to hear reasons for submitting a money bill for the proposed new building for the Children's Aid Home. Plans have already been prepared, and the City Council will hear the arguments before agreeing to proceed with the necessary by-law.

Leaves Subject Over.—The Nanaimo City Council at Tuesday evening meeting decided to hand over to next year's Council the task of providing the money to put the Athletic Club building into condition for the use of the citizens of Nanaimo, who a few months ago voted for the purchase of the property with the object of making use of the same as a community centre.

Nanaimo and Conservation.—J. W. Gibson, provincial organizer of the Food Conservation Committee of Canada, visited Nanaimo on Tuesday and in the evening met the City Council and a committee to the local Board of Trade in connection with the organization of a general committee in Nanaimo with the object of Food Conservation. The committee will increase its membership to about 20 and organize into sub-committees with the object of raising a campaign of education among the public showing the necessity of conservation and the elimination of all waste.

Other appointments announced are: James B. Gillat, of Sandspit, County of Atlin, to be Coroner; William Irvine, of Nelson, to be Police Magistrate; Dr. Paul Ewert, of Golden, to be medical health officer of the Golden district; Mrs. Margaret Bayne, of Vancouver, to be superintendent of the Industrial Home for Girls, in the place of T. H. Collier; Francis H. Harrison, to be chief clerk in the office of the Auditor of Disbursements, Victoria; William J. Leary, of Hyalak, County of Atlin, to be Stipendiary Magistrate and Coroner for Queen Charlotte Island; Olney J. Reid, of Chilo, to be justice of the peace; Edward A. Crease, of Nelson, barrister, to be Stipendiary Magistrate, Police Magistrate and Judge under the Small Debts Court Act for that city.

Our Christmas Suggestions

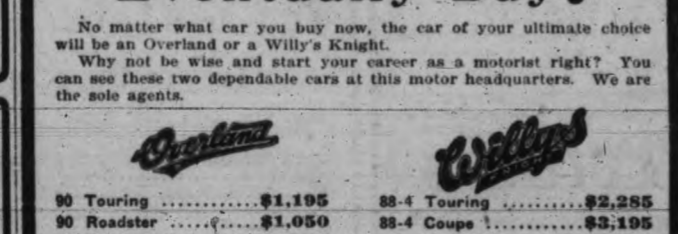
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Turkey Shoot, Dec. 23, Esquimalt Gun Club, Admiral's Road.

Revision Court.—The court of revision and appeal under the provisions of the "Taxation Act" and the "Public Schools Act" will be held for Salt Spring District, at Ganage, on January 8, at 10 a. m.

Deputies for Election.—The City Council last evening elected A. S. Ashwell, James Bell, H. J. Hopkins, William Lorimer, W. N. Mitchell, J. P. McCullum, W. H. Preston and Frank Willis as the Deputy Returning Officers for the municipal election. There were 16 applications for the position.

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Laundry By-law.—The Laundry By-law, as revised for the purpose of meeting the objections of Chinese laundrymen, was introduced into the City Council last evening, and given but a few minutes consideration, it being after 11 o'clock. It will be considered further at the next meeting on Thursday.

Provincial Appointments.—Formal announcement is contained in the current issue of The British Columbia Gazette of the appointment to the office of Superintendent of Provincial Police of William Graham McEynn, formerly warden of the Oakalla Prison Farm, and the transfer to the latter position of the former Superintendent of Provincial Police, Colin S. Campbell.
Other appointments announced are: James B. Gillat, of Sandspit, County of Atlin, to be Coroner; William Irvine, of Nelson, to be Police Magistrate; Dr. Paul Ewert, of Golden, to be medical health officer of the Golden district; Mrs. Margaret Bayne, of Vancouver, to be superintendent of the Industrial Home for Girls, in the place of T. H. Collier; Francis H. Harrison, to be chief clerk in the office of the Auditor of Disbursements, Victoria; William J. Leary, of Hyalak, County of Atlin, to be Stipendiary Magistrate and Coroner for Queen Charlotte Island; Olney J. Reid, of Chilo, to be justice of the peace; Edward A. Crease, of Nelson, barrister, to be Stipendiary Magistrate, Police Magistrate and Judge under the Small Debts Court Act for that city.

WARD ONE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the above association will be held in the Arcade Building, Saturday, 22nd, at 8 o'clock.
Business: Election of officers.

PRESENTATION MADE TO DR. S. F. TOLMIE

Staff of Health of Animals Branch Extend Good Will to Member

A pleasing ceremony took place at the Victoria office of the Health of Animals' branch yesterday afternoon when Dr. Simon F. Tolmie, the newly-elected member for the Federal House, was presented with a handsome traveling bag with accessories and an illuminated address. The gift was that of the twelve members of the staff at the head of whom Dr. Tolmie has been for several years' past.
Dr. Tolmie, in response to the warm terms of good will expressed in the address, referred to his long association with the members of the staff and eulogized the hearty and loyal support they had always given him. It was naturally a source of keen regret that he was leaving the work with which he had been so long associated. He felt proud, however, of the exhibition of confidence which had been extended to him by the electors on Monday last, and in his new sphere he hoped that his services would be of benefit to this city as well as to the Dominion as a whole. Come what might he would indeed always remember the pleasant associations between himself and the staff of the Health of Animals' branch.

The address with which Dr. Tolmie was presented reads as follows:

"Dear Sir,—We, the members of the Health of Animals' branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, cannot allow the occasion of your retirement as our chief to pass without expressing to you our sense of personal and public loss; personal, in that we lose a kind and considerate chief; public, in that your recognized ability throughout your native province, as Chief Inspector and Livestock Commissioner, leaves a void that is very difficult to fill. We wish you every success in your unselfish and patriotic endeavor to serve our country in this hour of pressing need. Long may you be spared to continue to do so. As a token of our regard, we remind you, as you journey, of the members of the Health of Animals' branch who served under you in British Columbia.

(Sgd.) MARIE R. CAMUSA.
"Hon. Secy. of the Branch."

The Beehive closes 1 o'clock Saturday.

Entertaining F. B. Riley.—Commissioner Armstrong, of the Victoria and Island Development Association took Frank Branch Riley, the Portland lawyer, who addresses the Rotary Club yesterday, for a drive to the Saanich Observatory to-day.

Appointments Rescinded.—An announcement in The B. C. Gazette of this week states that the appointment of H. A. Wilkes, of Fernie, as a coroner for the district of Fernie, has been rescinded, and the resignation of Frank Glover, of Golden, as a justice of the peace, has been accepted.

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Case Terminates.—Resuming the hearing of the Food Regulation case against K. Metro, of the Marlzland Cafe, for selling bacon more than once in one day, Magistrate Jay was assured by H. A. Dibble, when recalled this morning, that the Denver sandwich contained ham. If it was not ham it does not know what ham is. "I have eaten ham for a good many years," Mr. Dibble remarked. Magistrate Jay said he was satisfied with the evidence of the waitress and the cook, that the material the informant had eaten was pork, not ham. He dismissed the case.

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"Mum's the Word."—Mum's the word" replied John Morrison when Sgt. Fry ran him in on Johnson Street yesterday, and wanted to know where he got the bottle of whisky he was carrying. He will be required to put up \$50, or surrender his liberty for a period. Constable McPherson accompanied the sergeant.
Qualified Assayers.—Successful candidates at the recent examination of assayers under the Bureau of Mines Act are announced by Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, as follows: J. R. Davidson, E. A. Meale, A. W. Satterfield, under section 2, sub-section 1. D. G. Bissett, G. L. Kidd, J. E. C. Stroud, W. K. Thompson, under section 2, sub-section 2.
Two More Cases of Dolls in Day.—At the Beehive, Baby Dolls with hair.
Drawing To-night.—The drawing for the raffles of jewellery, etc. in aid of the Prisoners-of-War Fund will take place to-night at the "Halifax Relief Shop" in the Belmont Building. This store will close finally at 9 p. m., before which time it is hoped that all the articles in the store will have been sold. The various raffles will all be drawn this evening.
A Haven of Refuge.—The thirsty ones among the longshoremen have some comfort in the Japanese boats yet, and in dealing with one of their number who was told by Magistrate Jay this morning to go, and offend no more. It transpired that the whisky

flasks recovered on the accused when he had been arrested were of Japanese manufacture. He was prepared to bet \$50 that such brand could not be bought in Victoria. There were no offerings; as policemen in the presence of the Court are signally ignorant of whisky.
Creditor's Meeting.—A meeting of the creditors of the Victoria-Vancouver Importing Wine & Liquor Company, Limited, will be held at 203 Central Building, on December 27, at the hour of 3:30 o'clock.
Automobile Accident.—Driving home to Fowl Bay, E. Harris, of 1777 Lillian Road, last evening had his automobile struck by the car of Mr. Stewart, Cadboro Bay, who was going north, at the corner of Richardson and Moss Streets. Mrs. Harris was shaken, and both cars were damaged.
Visits Sooke Lake.—On account of the exceptional condition produced by the heavy downpour at Sooke Lake the Water Commissioner to-day took the first available opportunity to see for himself the conditions which prevail. At Humpback Reservoir matters have already been adjusted.

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Druggist Handed Over Unstamped Proprietary Articles to Government Representative.
A rather remarkable prosecution under the Special War Revenue Act came before Magistrate Jay to-day. The accused, Hubert E. Wallis, of the Hillside Pharmacy, at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Quadra Street, was summoned for selling bottles of a proprietary article without the war tax stamps upon them.
J. A. Alkman had asked for an adjournment till Thursday to call evidence. Defendant did not see what reason there was for keeping him away from his premises another day, as he had been obliged to lock up in order to attend the Court. The facts were simply that knowing the Government inspector by sight, he had supplied the bottles without stamping them, believing that the material was required for analysis. It never occurred to him that it would be regarded as an ordinary sale.
The Magistrate said he should like to hear more of the matter, and would adjourn the proceedings till Thursday, as requested.

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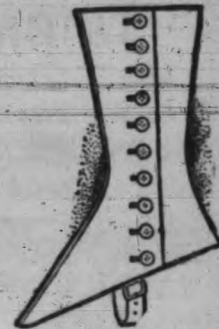
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SPORTING NEWS

Rugby Match To-morrow To Aid Halifax Relief

V. I. A. A. Will Play University of B. C. at Royal Athletic Park at 2.30; Band of R. C. R. Will Be in Attendance; Crowd Expected From Vancouver

Entirely aside from the fact that a revival of rugby should prove an attractive event, the statement made recently that the game will be played for the benefit of the Halifax Relief Fund should be sufficient to insure a large crowd at the Royal Athletic Park to-morrow afternoon. The inter-city rugby contest between the fifteens of the V. I. A. A. and the University of British Columbia will commence at 2.30 o'clock and furthermore the game will be played, rain or shine. The management of the local athletic club made the statement this morning that patrons need have no fear even if the worst of weather conditions prevail as the large covered grand stand would be at their disposal as a protection from the elements. The club executive has been successful through the courtesy of Major Bunbury in securing for the afternoon the band of the Royal Canadian Regiment. The ball will thus be kicked to the tune of martial, patriotic and possibly lighter airs.

Rooters Coming. A very successful work-out was held last evening at the Club rooms at Victoria West and Captain Boyd is confident that his fifteen will make a very decided showing when the ball is kicked off to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. McClellan, who is the secretary of the U. C. University team, writes that there will be a large crowd of rooters come over from the Mainland with the team, and it will be seen from the following list of the University players that they practically have a representative Vancouver team. Here it is: Full-back, Benny Cronn; three-quarters, Bullard, Morrison, Lord and Hunter; five-eighths, McLellan; half-backs, Jardine and Brown; forwards, De Pencier, Hutchison, Kemp, Gourley, Grass, James and Meckison. Spares, Buscombe, Ross and Colgan.

The following brief notes on the various members that will compose the local squad will be of interest to followers of the game.

Mr. Tucker—Full back, height 5.7 in., weight 158 lbs. A player of over 15 years experience; previously was on Bidsford Devon team, and on Edmonton, Alberta fifteen. Tucker is a very good player, and is a sure kick, and should give a good account of himself.

E. Worth—Three-quarter, height 5 feet 9 in., weight 175 lbs. Formerly played with Naval Harlequins, Devonport and H.M.S. Cornwallia. Also with Sir John Jackson's team. He is reputed to be a speedy and reliable rugger.

Flight-Lieut. Ken McDonald—Three-quarter, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 165 lbs. Formerly was star full-back of J.B.A.A. team, a speedy and heady player possessing unusual kicking abilities.

Vic. Noble—Three-quarter, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 160 lbs. A former star player of the 1915-6 High School team.

Billy James—Three-quarter, height 5 ft. 6 in., weight 145 lbs. Played with Victoria Welsh team, and with the Aberavon team in Wales. He is a clever three-quarter of the Welsh type.

Lieut. Robertson—Half-back, height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 157 lbs. One of the best halves in B.C. Formerly he played with the Alenby School team, England.

Dave Grubb—Half-back, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 170 lbs. A sterling player who has made quite a reputation for himself while playing with University School and High School teams.

Harold Lineham—Five-Eighth, height 5 ft. 5 in., weight 135 lbs. One of the present High School stars who is making his initial appearance in senior Rugby. Great things are predicted of this youngster.

Harry Boyd (Capt.)—Forward, height 6 ft., weight 221 lbs. Late of Blackheath team, England, and of Victoria Welsh team. Boyd is a tower of strength in the scrums and line out.

Wm. Coat—Height 6 feet, weight 205 lbs., formerly played with J.B.A.A. and

TEAMS THAT WILL PLAY TO-MORROW'S CONTESTS

Senior Soccer. Garrison—Hooper; Laughlin, Gale; White, Lynn, Pickett; Burton, Frankish, Filmore, Hughes, Holmes. V. I. A. A.—Jelliman; Elliott, Brown; Moulton, Ferris, Hay; Alcock, Knight, Daniels, Stott, Lomas; reserve, Baker. Victoria Wests—Peden; Whyte, Shakespeare; Allen, McKinnon, McLeod; Sherratt, Cummins, Peden, Peden, Petticrew. E. M. C. H.—McMinn; Gomm; McAdam; Moncur, Pitt, Bowers; Kroeger, Bloom, Townshend, Tipper, Southin. Navy—Jasper; Cronin, Rutter; Brynjolfson, Jenkins, Bone; Hillier, Walters, Davis, Main, Cozier.

Victoria City representative team in 1907-8. A great worker in the scrum where his weight and enormous strength should greatly help the locals.

Sergeant Watson Goward—Height 6 ft., weight 175 lbs. A former member of the Malone, Belfast team, who has played in Irish trial matches who can be depended upon to play the usual rugged Irish type of play.

Douglas Fletcher—Forward, height 5.11, weight 172 lbs. Played in England with Alderman Newton school team in Leicester, also captain of the late Em-bross Soccer team, who is a fast worker and clever dribbler.

Roy Robinson Goward—Height 5.9, weight 156, a High School player who possesses speed and tackling abilities.

Tom Winsby, forward, height 5.8, weight 160 lbs., formerly played with J. B. A. A., and is a willing worker in the scrum.

Bill Lynch—Forward, height 5.9, weight 165 lbs. An American player who has formerly played with Stanford University, and with Los Angeles Athletic Club in American football. Lynch is one of the best tacklers on the team, and is a hard worker.

Bob Harvey—Spare man, height 5.10, weight 160 lbs. A young promising player who has gained a good name for himself while a member of University School team.

ALL-STAR TEAM WAS CHOSEN YESTERDAY Representative Eleven Should Make Fine Showing Against Vancouver.

The selection committee appointed by the Victoria and District Football Association to make up the eleven that will journey to Vancouver for the first inter-city soccer match on New Year's Day, met yesterday afternoon, and the results of its deliberations were made public to-day.

The task before the committee composed of Messrs. Youison, Davis and Sergeant Major Bradley was no easy one; but their findings should prove satisfactory to Victoria footballers in general.

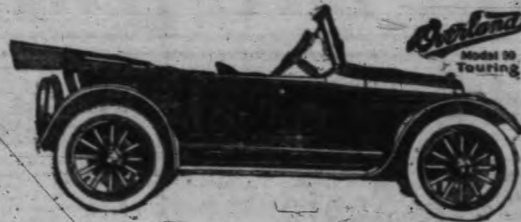
The team selected is composed as follows: Goal, Jelliman, V.I.A.A.; backs, Whyte and Copas, Victoria Wests; half-backs, Allen, Victoria Wests; Pitt, E. M. C. H.; Jenkins, Navy; forwards, Sherratt, Victoria Wests; Frankish, Garrison; Peden, Victoria Wests; Davis, Navy; Caslie, 5th Regiment.

To these men has been allotted the task of upholding Victoria's reputation on the soccer field, when the inter-city contest is played at Vancouver on New Year's Day.

CHANCE AT THE CROWN OF WORLD'S CHAMPION New York, Dec. 21.—"Stick your nose to a contract, crawl through the ropes and draw down \$10,000 plus a chance at the heavyweight crown," was the substance of a message sent to Fred Fulton by Jack Curley, the boxing promoter, acting on behalf of a wealthy New Yorker, who is keenly interested in the Red Cross and who believes that Willard's offer to box for the Red Cross must not be allowed to go unaccepted.

Meanwhile, over in Philadelphia, Matt Hincel, the Cleveland promoter, declared that he would guarantee the Red Cross \$1,000,000 for a bout between Willard and Fulton, providing it is held in New York, Philadelphia and Cleveland, and allowed to go 20 rounds.

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PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS STAGED A REAL HOCKEY MATCH

Walter Small Showed a Come-back in Winnipeg Ice Game Last Night

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Playing a game that was somewhat of a revelation to the 1,200 hockey fans for speed and stamina, the amateurs defeated the professionals 11 to 8, in an exhibition patriotic contest here last night. It was the first conflict of the season, and considering the short practice the amateurs showed amazing form. End to end rushes and fast combination tea-

tured the play throughout. Dick Irvine and Harry Scott were the best of the professionals. The game was hard fought, with the professionals holding their own until well on in the last period, when the superior condition of the youths told its tale, and they won out in a walk. Walter Small showed a real comeback, and did a lot of useful work for the professionals. Kean and Field handled the game. The lineup: Professionals—Binney, goal; Small, point; C. Laughlin, cover; Scott, rover; B. Irvine, centre; Wilson, right; Margies, left. Amateurs—Morrison, goal; A. Irwin, point; W. Laughlin, cover; Brown, rover; Sparrow, centre; O'Meara, right; Irwin, left.

VANCOUVER SOCCER. The Vancouver and District Football Association has arranged the following games for Saturday's play in the Mainland league: Western Canada Shipyards vs. I.L.A., Powell Street; Leach; Hearts vs. First Depot, Campbell Street; Webster; Coughlan vs. Naboba, Athletic Park, Murphy.

NIGHBOR WILL NOT BE ON ICE THIS SEASON

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Frank Nighbor, the Ottawa sensational forward, who is in Toronto with the Royal Flying Corps, will not play for his team when they meet the Torontos here Saturday night. Nighbor received a letter last week ordering him to report for practice in Ottawa, but he being in the army this was easier than performed. It was impossible for Frank to go east and therefore he has been unable to practice. The other day he received a letter from the Ottawa management ordering him to report at the Arena Saturday night, prepared to play against the Torontos. Nighbor informed them that he was not in condition and would not play.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—As a result of the poor showing of Gomers Hebert and Brock at Montreal, Manager Querré will either sign "Eddy" Moran, of Quebec, or Collette, former goal-keeper of the ex-champion Riverdales.

FIVE FINISH MATCHES AT NEW YORK TOURNAMENT

New York, Dec. 21.—In the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament here last night, five finish matches were decided as follows: Hans Fuerst, of Switzerland, threw Hans Assam, of Cuba, in 13 minutes 5 seconds; Yousoff Hussane, of the Balkans, defeated Charles Pospisil, of Bohemia, 11.42; Sula Hevonpa, of Finland, threw Henry Vogel, of Saxony, 12.47; Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, threw Fred Plakoff, of Finland, 13.42; Ed "Strangler" Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., threw George Manick, of Serbia, 5.37.

WILL BE ENCOURAGED. New York, Dec. 21.—There is every indication that athletics for the American army will be quite the thing from now on if the schedules of those organizations which are foremost in their efforts in behalf of Uncle Sam's soldiers go through as successfully as those which have been in the order of things up to date.

MORNINGSTAR LEADS IN BILLIARD MATCH

Detroit, Dec. 21.—Ora Morningstar, of this city, outplayed Walker Cochran, of Chicago, in two blocks of 15.2 ball line billiards, here yesterday, and went into the lead 1,299 to 1,134 in the 1,300 point match. The match will end to-day.

UNCLE SAM NEEDED. But for Hans bingles this might be a dull winter. Just as we settle down to grow serious over the war news, along comes Ban with another of his propositions to Uncle Sam, and it's all off. Barnum never had anything on Ban. No matter how absurd a scheme he thinks up, he's always ready to top it with one a little funnier next week. However, Ban must be up against it now. If he can think of any bigger scream than his plan to turn the American League over to Uncle Sam, and let Sam run it and slip the club owners a small dividend, he's a bird. That's all.

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SENIOR SOCCER

V. I. A. A. vs. E. M. C. H., at Beacon Hill; referee, Payne. Garrison vs. Victoria Wests, at Work Point; referee, Goward. Infantry vs. Navy, at Willows; referee, Sergt.-Major Jones.

VICTORIA TEAM FOR RED CROSS FOOTBALL

Game at Beacon Hill on Christmas Morning Will Benefit Worthy Cause

For the big Red Cross soccer match that will be played at Beacon Hill on the morning of Christmas Day the following players have been selected to represent Victoria, against the Army and Navy: Jelliman; Whyte, Copas; Allen, Ferris, Hay; Sherratt, Cummins, Peden, Knight, Caskie.

The local league is very anxious that the Christmas Day game should prove a special attraction. The fact that a collection will be taken for the Red Cross will commend the project to Victorians, and the accompaniment of fair weather should draw a large crowd for the Yuletide contest.

Owing to the circumstances over which they had no control several of the players announced yesterday on the lineup of the Army and Navy team will not be able to play, and the personnel of the aggregation will undergo several changes. Capt. Henstock, of the 5th Regiment eleven, was not able to make a final announcement early this afternoon, of those new players who would be on the line.

COAST LEAGUE IS NO LONGER COAST LEAGUE

The California-Utah League—that's what they're calling the Coast organization, now that Portland is a member of the Northwestern League.

With all of the teams but Salt Lake City in California, the Southern organization certainly has no right to the title of Coast League. The Northwestern is much more entitled to be known as the Coast League, as the league takes in cities from three states and British Columbia. It is certain that, with Portland in the Northern circuit, the Northwestern has a much brighter future than the Coast, and when the war is over followers of baseball in this section expect to see this league have an equal, if not higher, rating than the former "Coast" League.

Of course, the Coast will still be called the Coast League, and the Northwestern the Northwestern, but unless the two leagues are merged into one after the war, the circuit as this end of the Coast will be known as the big minor league of the Far West.

GOLFERS TO ORGANIZE.

New York, Dec. 21.—In all probability the day is not far distant when there will be a seniors' golf association in Canada, patterned somewhat along the lines of the local organization. At all events they have been talking that way in the Dominion, even to discussing the probable age limit, the suggestion being made that because of the comparatively restricted field 50 years might be better than 55, the minimum here. Already there has been some correspondence between those interested in forming a Canadian Association, and Frank Freshbery, the well-known Apawamis golfer, who accomplished such able work as chairman of the tournament committee of the body which holds its annual reunions at Rye.

IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1906.—May Bronson and Freddie Cole fought a ten-round draw at Lafayette, Ind.

1909.—Sailor Burke knocked out Jack Brown in the first round at Danbury, Conn.

1909.—Knockout Brown and Pal Moore fought a ten-round draw at New York.

1910.—Freddie Welsh won on a foul from Jim Driscoll in ten rounds at Cardiff, Wales.

1911.—Leach Cross outpointed Knockout Brown in ten rounds at New York.

1911.—Chicago Knockout Brown defeated Fritz Holland in ten rounds at Oakland, Cal.

HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY MEN DETERMINED TO DEFEAT VANCOUVER

Determined to return, the provincial champions, the rugby team of the Victoria High School left for Vancouver this afternoon to engage the King George ruggers in the Thomson Cup match. The game will be played to-morrow morning at Brockton Point, and it is certain that enthusiasm will be not less keen here than on the actual scene of the contest. The local boys know that they will have a hard fight against the strongest team on the mainland; but they are confident that a demonstration of their best team and individual play will prove a little too much for the Vancouver fifteen.

ATHLETE WOUNDED.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Lieut. S. A. Mowat, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mowat, of Vancouver, has been admitted to the No. 24 Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, suffering from wounds. He has been overseas for two years, and has latterly been attached to the Royal Flying Corps. During his first year at the front Lieut. Mowat served in Egypt, where he organized the first baseball team ever seen in play in that country. He was well known in athletic circles in Vancouver. His father is serving in the home guards.

KENNEL CLUB SHOW.

The Terminal City Kennel Club will hold a parlor show at Vancouver on Wednesday evening at the Carlton Hotel, commencing at 7.30. It will be open to all breeds of dogs, three months old and up. This show will take the place of the one at first arranged for New Westminster on December 21, but which has been postponed until January 19.

WILL BE MANAGER.

New York, Dec. 21.—William "Wild Bill" Donovan, manager of the New York Americans, for the last three years, will be manager of the St. Louis Nationals this season, according to persistent but unconfirmed reports received to-day. Miller Huggins, manager of the Cardinals, recently was named as Donovan's successor here.

RED CROSS TO BENEFIT BUT NO TITLE CONTEST

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Jess Willard will box for charity but not for the championship. He made that clear to-day when he specified that his proposed "million dollar" Red Cross bout should be limited to ten rounds with no decision and no title at stake. Jess further declared that the fight should be held in some big city, preferably Chicago, and should be staged in a ball park because of the large seating capacity. This would mean that the match would have to be held in warm weather.

The champion suggested that a committee of five newspapermen select his opponent.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr. Gwillim and family, of Strassburg, Sask., are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Wm. Forsythe and Mrs. Forsythe, of Alliance, Alta., are at the Dominion Hotel.

H. Calcutt and L. Q. Coleman, of Morley, Alta., are new arrivals at the Strathcona Hotel.

F. W. Shaver, of Moose Jaw, Sask., registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

J. W. Flaherty, of Bainbridge, is stopping at the Strathcona.

P. W. Garrett and G. S. Garrett, of Pender Island, arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

R. H. Sweeting and Mrs. Sweeting, of Gull Lake, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

H. G. Smith is a new arrival at the Strathcona from Westholme.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Norington, Mr. and Mrs. C. Horre, A. R. Greig, R. H. Pond, R. Clements and A. S. Black are Vancouver guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. W. Alexander and Mrs. Alexander, of Regina, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Topham, of Togo, Sask., are at the Dominion.

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L. J. McNicol and family, of Nokomis, Sask., are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

A. M. Twidale, Mrs. Twidale, W. E. Morris, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Hanman and W. C. Morris, of Elmira, Alta., are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

R. E. Pinney and Mrs. Pinney, of Port Renfrew, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

A. Hutton, Mrs. Hutton and Lorne Hutton, of Claresholm, Alta., are visiting

Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

R. H. Miller and Mrs. Miller, of Saskatoon, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Robert Hill and Mrs. Hill, of Govan, Sask., registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

W. H. Santer and family and L. H. Behn and family, of Star City, Sask., are at the Dominion.

A. Frewing and family, of Killam, Alta., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion.

ARRIVAL OF PATRICK MAY MEAN DEPARTURE OF "PETE" MULDOON

Spokane has been dropped from the Northwest Hockey Association.

Lester Patrick and Ran McDonald, two of the best players in the Northwest, may go to Seattle to bolster the Metropolitans in their pennant fight.

Also Pete Muldoon, pilot of the Metropolitans, may leave Seattle to return to Portland as manager of the Rose Buds.

Those three pithy stories are submitted for the Seattle hockey fans.

Muldoon's leaving is dependent upon the acquisition of Patrick. It is said the popular Pete is rated one of the best men in the game, and should he leave Seattle, fans will regret his passing. Patrick is one of the few men who could console Seattle fans for Muldoon's loss.

FIGHTERS RAISE BIG FUND FOR SOLDIERS

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—More than \$7,000 was raised here at the Philadelphia sporting editors' boxing benefit to aid the national smoke fund for soldiers and sailors. There were nine boxing bouts in which three world's champions made their appearance. They were Mike O'Dowd, middleweight; Benny Leonard, lightweight, and Pete Hermann, bantamweight.

The results were: Battling Murray defeated Battling Leonard, Frankie Conway defeated George Christian, Benny Leonard defeated Fred Kelly, Johnny Tillman defeated Billy Ralph, Pete Hermann and Gusie Lewis drew, Little Bear defeated Young Buck Fleming, Red Doland and Paul Boyle drew, Mike O'Dowd defeated Jqz Welsh.

NO TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 21.—The annual covered courts invitation tennis tournament of the Longwood Cricket Club will not be held this winter, officials of the club said to-day that as the grade players were now in the country's service it would be impossible to arouse enough enthusiasm to warrant having the tournament.

EASTERN HOCKEY

N. H. L. Standing.

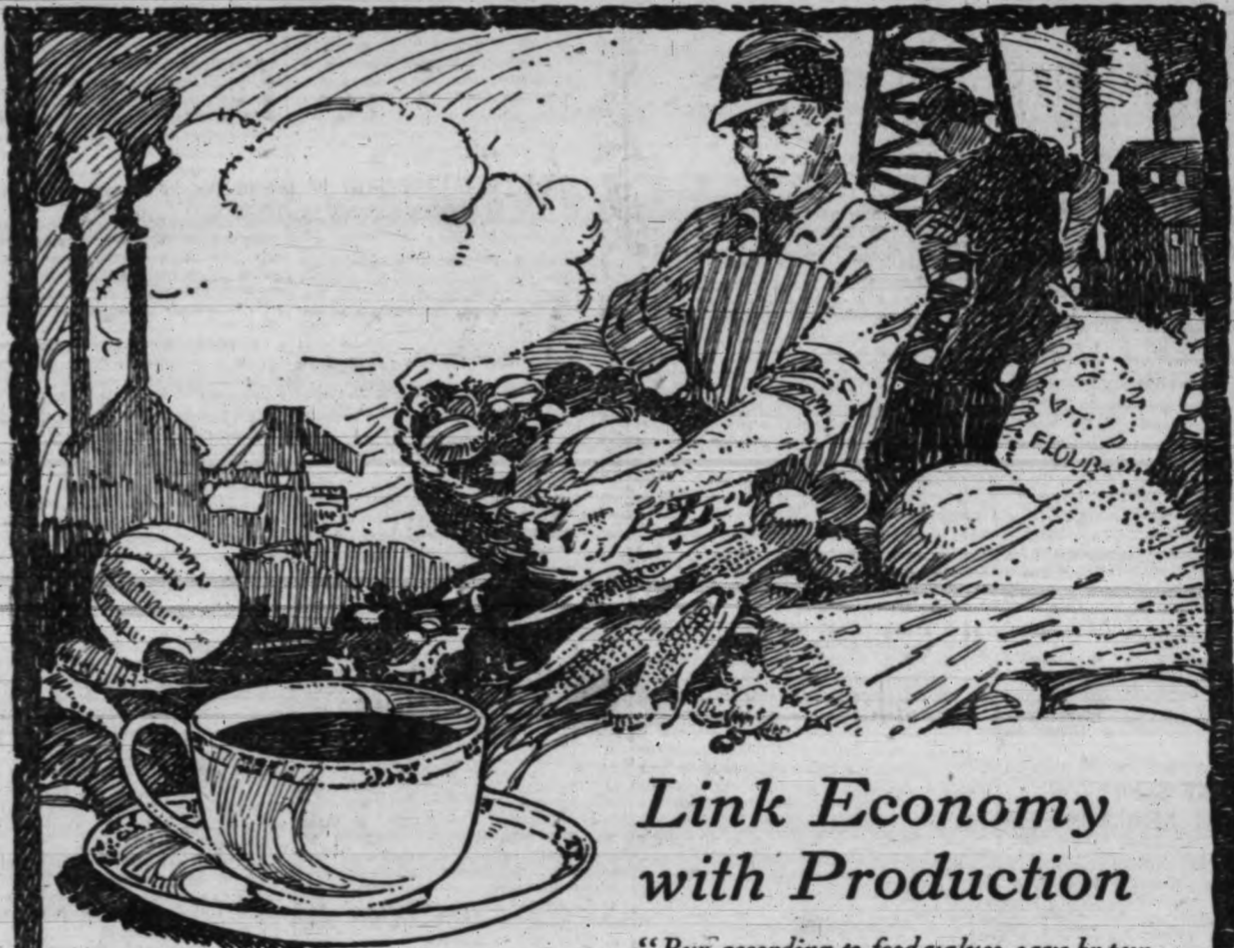
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Wanderers	1	0	10	9
Ottawa	0	1	7	9
Torontos	0	1	8	10

FORMER LOCAL MAN STILL A STAR



WALTER SMILL

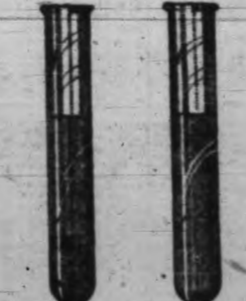
Well-known in Victoria sporting circles, is stated to have made a real comeback last night at Winnipeg when he played for the professionals against the amateurs in a hard-fought hockey match on the ice.



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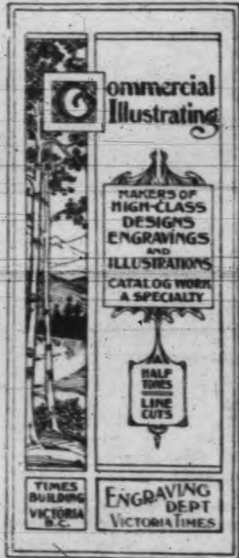
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F. W. ADAMS, Secy.-Treasurer, Victoria, B. C., 17th Dec., 1917.



ESQUIMALT RESPONDS TO URGENT CALL FROM STRICKEN HALIFAX

The officers and men of the ships at sea and shore establishment of the Esquimalt Dockyard have generously donated a sum of \$1,175.62 in aid of the sufferers in the Halifax disaster.

The officers and men of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, Malaspina, Galiano and Algerine contributed the sum of \$868.80, which amount has been forwarded to the president of the canteen committee H. M. C. S. Noabe. This committee is administering the relief fund for all naval sufferers.

The remainder of the total, \$305.82, contributed by the Dockyard officers and employees, including staff officers and reserve staff officers, has been forwarded to the Halifax General Relief Fund.

IS MARINE SURVEYOR AT NEW YORK PORT

Captain W. G. McLennan, a Vancouver resident and brother of R. P. McLennan, who was formerly master of the steamer Damara and later of the steamer Frankdale, trading out of Liverpool, is now located at New York acting as marine surveyor for a big steamship line, according to news received by his son, Roy McLennan, formerly of the 5th Battalion.

APPROVAL NEEDED.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Railroads in the United States desiring to withdraw from joint rate agreements must obtain specific approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission if the withdrawal would mean an increase in rates, the Commission ordered today.

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VICTORIA MANAGER IS REMOVED TO NEW YORK

Prospects Bright for Future Extension of Company's Plant at This Port

Admitting that the Foundation Company proposes to establish another large wooden shipbuilding plant on the North Pacific coast, W. I. Bishop, manager of the company's plant at Victoria, is back from an extended visit to the East. Mr. Bishop, who has been in charge of the Foundation Company's yard here since the beginning of the past summer when the first of the keels of the I. M. B. ships were laid down at the Point Hope plant, has been appointed to take charge of the company's new shipbuilding programme on the Atlantic coast with headquarters at New York. He will remain here until the first wooden hull under construction for the Imperial Munitions Board is launched, and expects to leave for New York on January 1 to take full control of the Foundation shipbuilding programme on the Atlantic coast.

With the departure of Mr. Bishop from Victoria the local yard will be placed under the supervision of Bayly Hopkins, manager of the Company's Northwest District, with headquarters at Seattle. The actual operation of the local plant will be under the control of Dean Johnson and Mr. McCormick. Mr. Bishop informed The Times waterfront man this morning that the location of the proposed new plant had not definitely been decided upon, but intimated that it rested between Puget Sound and the Columbia River districts.

Questioned regarding the company's plans here, Mr. Bishop intimated that it was quite possible that the Victoria plant would be extended in the future, but on that point nothing definite could be said.

In addition to its plant at Victoria, Hope, the Foundation Company had a plant at Portland with ten ways and another at Tacoma with ten ways. The Tacoma and Portland plants are building forty auxiliary-powered wooden vessels for the French Government. In addition the company has contracts for ten wooden ships from the United States Shipping Board in Victoria via wooden steamers, and is being built by the company for the Imperial Munitions Board.

Outside the forty vessels contracted for with the French Government, the Foundation Company holds an option on forty more, and prospects of forty additional ships later. Seattle seems to be favored as the location of the new plant, but the location will depend on a number of factors, including facilities for getting lumber, ability to obtain adequate labor, and general advantages of site.

The new plant will have ten ways and when in full operation will employ 1,700 men. Contracts are reported to be pending that will duplicate the orders for ships the company now has on hand. The Foundation Company has a large shipbuilding plant in Newark, N. J., and plans to establish a steel shipbuilding plant on the Atlantic coast.

SCHOONER DAMAGED IN BATTLE WITH STORM

The gasoline schooner Anvil has been towed into Astoria by the steamer Daisy Freeman, after having battled for two days with a terrific gale off the Oregon coast. During her fight with the elements the seams of the schooner opened, and her hold was flooded. The pumps became choked and the Anvil wallowed helplessly until the Daisy Freeman saw her distress signals and took her in tow.

PACK EXCEEDS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

Total Pack of All Varieties of Salmon Estimated at 1,557,435 Cases

Despite the gloomy outlook of the canners during the earlier part of the season, the British Columbia salmon pack for 1917 establishes a new record. The sockeye run failed to come up to expectations, but the deficiency in this respect was offset by the catch of pink and chum, which varieties of salmon were not in great demand before the war. The pack of 1917, estimated at 1,557,435 cases, shows an increase of about a quarter of a million cases over any other pack in the history of British Columbia's canning industry. The previous best year was 1913 when the season's pack totaled 1,352,961 cases. The greater part of the 1917 pack is destined for delivery in Europe.

By divisions the season's pack was as follows: Fraser River, 577,983 cases; Skeena River, 292,218 cases; Rivers Inlet, 85,392 cases; Nanai River, 119,495 cases; Vancouver Island, including Lummi Bay and Nootka, 275,824 cases; outlying districts, 294,529 cases.

The Fraser River, in 1913, for former big year, yielded 752,059 cases, showing a falling off of 34,071 cases this year as compared with the previous year. Last year, however, the Fraser River produced only 308,149 cases.

The Skeena River pack last year was 227,153 cases. This season's pack on the Skeena shows an increase of 68,961 cases of pink or humpbacks. In the big year of 1913 the Skeena River yielded but 150,955 cases, including every variety of salmon.

The Rivers Inlet pack this year, exceeded the previous year by 9,319 cases, and exceeded the 1913 season by 41,879 cases. The Nanai River pack this season was lower than the 1916 pack by 7,797 cases, but greater than the pack of 1913 by 24,605 cases.

This season's pack of the Vancouver Island canneries was greater than in 1916 by 123,871 cases, this being attributed to the operation of additional canneries which took advantage of the fall fish runs. It is significant that the Vancouver Island pack this year almost equals the Fraser River pack. For a big run years the sockeye pack at all British Columbia points was small.

QUEEN LEAVES WITH CAPACITY LIST FOR CALIFORNIA POINTS

Entering the Victoria service for the first time this year the Pacific Steamship Company's steamship Queen left port at 11 o'clock last night bound for San Francisco and Wilmington. She carried a total of 358 passengers, and of this number 77 boarded the steamer here.

The bulk of the passengers were composed of Canadian prairie farmers and their families seeking warmer climates after disposing of the past season's crops.

The local agents are experiencing considerable difficulty in securing reservations for prospective travelers, so great is the rush for bookings. Every steamer of the Pacific Steamship Company is booked to the limit by the date of departure.

"If we had half a dozen ships we could fill them all," is the comment made by the agents.

INVESTIGATION HELD TO-DAY INTO MISHAP TO STEAMER GRAY

Preliminary investigation into the stranding off Cape Calvert of the Victoria Whaling Company's steamer Gray was held to-day by Capt. J. D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner. The inquiry was instituted immediately following the arrival of the Gray from the West Coast. The officers of the ship submitted evidence before the commissioner in private.

MOTOR VESSEL NUUANU IS REPORTED ASHORE

Wireless distress calls were picked up late last night from the motor schooner Nuuanu, which was reported aground two miles north of Hueuema, Ventura County, Cal. The vessel was reported to be stranded on a sandy beach. The Nuuanu is operated by John Barneson & Co., of San Francisco.

WILL NOT DISCOURAGE WOODEN SHIPBUILDING

Policy is Announced by United States Shipping Board

Washington, Dec. 21.—In a definite statement of policy the shipping board announced that it would not discourage construction of wooden ships for private account where their building would not interfere with the government programme. Permission will continue to be refused for construction of steel ships and passenger ships.

In granting permission for private construction of wooden ships the board will give preference to American owners. Private building of barges and tugs will be encouraged in every way possible.

By resolution at its meeting the committee called on Chairman Hurley for the following information: "An itemized statement of all contracts for both steel and wooden ships with the full name of each contracting person, firm or corporation, when organized and when in operation and the name of the shipbuilding under such contract has been or is being carried on."

"The number of ships constructed, where and by whom built.

"Number of ships now under construction, where and by whom, and the proportion of work done.

"Copies of all shipbuilding contracts.

"What ships are being built in private yards for other than government account and by whom."

PROMOTION REFLECTS RECOGNITION OF WEST

R. M. Calkins, New Vice-President of Chicago-Milwaukee System, Popular on Coast

Transportation men at Seattle, and in the Northwest generally, are jubilant over the appointment of R. M. Calkins, a westerner, who has worked up from the bottom rung of the transportation ladder to the important post of vice-president in charge of both passenger and freight traffic of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system, with headquarters at Chicago. According to Frederick O. Finn, local agent of the company, who recently returned from Seattle, Vice-President Calkins is shortly due back to Seattle on his first trip of inspection since taking over his new office, and a banquet is being arranged in his honor, at which the Northwest transportation fraternity will be fully represented.

The appointment of Mr. Calkins as Vice-president is the most important change that has taken place since H. E. Byram became president of the Chicago-Milwaukee system. The appointment of Mr. Calkins is interpreted as the recognition of the west and the building up of the western end of the system. In taking charge of both passenger and freight departments, Mr. Calkins succeeds J. E. Hilland and E. S. Keeley. Among the successive positions held by Mr. Calkins since he started his railroad career are: Agent at Ottumwa, Ia.; Kansas City, Mo.; divisional freight and passenger agent at Mason City, Ia.; general freight and passenger agent of the Des Moines Northern and Western, at Des Moines, Ia.; assistant general freight agent and general traffic manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway, a subsidiary road of the Chicago-Milwaukee system.

He went to Seattle in 1909 and prior to his recent promotion was traffic manager of the Chicago-Milwaukee system with headquarters at the Puget Sound port.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns: Date, Time High, Time Low, etc. for December.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p. m. to the top at 12:55 p. m. and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily. J. NAPIER-DENISON, Superintendent.

BIG RESULTS IN DEEP SEA FISHING

Catch Last Month Realized Value of \$2,145,240; British Columbia's Quota

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The total catch of sea fish in the whole of Canada during the month of November realized a value of \$2,145,240 at the point of landing, according to a statement issued by the Department of the naval service. In November, last year, the total catch was valued at \$1,074,398. The great increase in value of the catch is largely accounted for by the fact that prices paid to fishermen this year are much higher than they were last year. A comparison of the price paid for two staple fishes, cod and haddock, now and in November of 1913, shows an increase of 35 per cent for cod and 114 per cent for haddock.

On the Atlantic coast fishing was carried on during November under rather unfavorable weather conditions and as a consequence the quantity landed was barely equal to that of a year ago. The total catch of cod, haddock, "hake" and pollock in eastern Canada, during November amounted to 190,564 hundred weight, which is 400 hundred weight less than November, 1916. On the Pacific coast weather conditions generally were not very favorable. Fall salmon fishing during November resulted in a catch of 168,464 hundred weights against 98,979 hundred weights for the same period last year, while the herring catch for the month amounted to 89,247 hundred weights, as compared with 71,274 hundred weights. The total value of fish landed in British Columbia during November was \$1,599,031, against \$586,509 during the same month last year.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

One and One Third Fares for Round Trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Final return limit, January 3rd, 1918. For full information, tickets and reservations, call on or address E. E. BLACKWOOD, General Agent, 1224 Government St., Phone 456, or A. D. Charlton, A. G. P. A., Northern Pacific Ry., Portland, Ore.

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SEQUEL TO THE BAN ON MEDICATED WINE

Druggist Firm Commences an Action for Libel Against Mr. Findlay

Prohibition Commissioner Findlay has this morning been served with an interim injunction, granted by Chief Justice Hunter in Vancouver yesterday, in which he is restrained from placing the ban on the sale of medicated wines, pending the result of an argument to be held before His Lordship on January 4 next.

The injunction was issued in a libel suit which the Druggists' Sundries Company has started against Mr. Findlay for a pronouncement which was published in The Vancouver World on December 15 in the form of a Victoria dispatch.

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CHARGES RENEWED AGAINST CONDUCT OF CITY MARKET

Majority of Council Approves Emergency Market Days for Holidays

ALDERMEN FAIL TO AGREE ON MANY POINTS

Alderman Johns told the City Council last evening that in his opinion the stallholders at the city market would be warranted in asking for the market to be kept open every day, provided there was the supply and the demand.

He was speaking to a motion confirming the plan of the stallholders to meet thrice weekly during the present holiday season.

This formed the subject of criticism in one of the letters of H. A. Dibble, Secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association. In another letter Mr. Dibble made allegations against the conduct of the market. He charged that it had ceased to be a producers' market as laid down by the by-law and had become a traders' market; that it was dominated and controlled by traders and speculators, and that this sort of thing was known to Alderman Johns, Chairman of the Market Committee; that well-known brands of chocolates, high grade perfumes, sachet powders, face cream, bread and cakes, tea, marmalade and canned goods were being sold every market day in contravention to the by-law and that a certain stallholder financed by a professional man of this city had imported a large quantity of turkeys and fowls and was holding them in cold storage to be released on the market within the next few days; that allowing the market to keep open on extra days under the direct auspices of the city during the holiday season was unfair to the local merchants who have been given no latitude under the closing laws.

Competitive Privileges. Alderman Cameron doubted whether the Council should allow the market in competition, on the merchants' best business day of the holidays. It was never thought to give the stallholders exceptional opportunities at the Christmas season. It was unfair to the traders, yet on the other hand with the stallholders' arrangements made, they could not legitimately refuse the stallholders admission to the market on the following day. He would move an amendment only to allow a departure to Friday and Saturday of this week, and next, in other words, on December 21 and December 22, as well as December 23 and 24, the latter two regular days.

Two Principles. Alderman Cameron sympathized with Alderman Sargent, but was not prepared to go the whole length of the amendment. He believed it would be better to divide the issue of the date and of the character of the goods sold. When there was a good prospect of the market being a success, it should be open to trade, irrespective of formal regulations.

Alderman Johns: "Hear, hear." Alderman Cameron went on: "Apparently there are abuses creeping in, which should be checked." Alderman Walker declared that the Council must stand by the decision of the Market Committee. The issues named in the communications were absolutely distinct.

Alderman Christie observed that the secretary was acting for the Association and not for his individual opinions in taking this line. Stallholders were in some respects true to the city, as he knew some were supporting departmental houses outside Victoria, and in some lines the market had departed from the spirit of its foundation.

Alderman Sargent said the real issue was the question of the statements made in the letters that "it was largely a traders' market." Those statements were based on facts, it could not be denied.

On the division regarding the market days, Alderman Sargent and Christie voted for the amendment, which was defeated, and Alderman Johns' motion to leave the days as advertised was carried.

Charges Denied. Discussing the charges made in Mr. Dibble's letter to the effect that the market had become a "traders' market," Alderman Johns stated: "The charges made are absolutely false, so far as I have been able to ascertain by investigation." He said that he had found that the allegation with regard to a poultry dealer importing birds to the Island to sell at the market was untrue absolutely.

"The Retail Merchants' Association are not supporting the secretary," asserted the alderman, declaring that the Association was controlled by its officials.

"We are checking the market and do not know it," he went on, in arguing that in compelling the owners of produce to sell only articles of local production it would end in closing the market. He would like to see the by-law amended to allow the sale of articles in part produced on Vancouver Island.

The letters and correspondence were all filed except that from H. A. Dibble, making direct charges, which was tabled for the Market Committee to make a report.

GOT BOTH IRON AND STEEL

A visiting French representative declares that Germany "went to war largely to get French iron. Well, she has had a lot of French iron and steel in a fashion she did not exactly anticipate."—Chicago Herald.

CANNOT YET AGREE ON EXTENSION PLAN

Long Discussion on Alderman Sargent's Tax Delinquency Relief Scheme

"We want to adjust our burdens, we want to build the Johnson Street Bridge, salt water baths, the new Children's Aid home, and sewer works, and you will not get people to do that if the people are burdened down with the pressure of taxation. If we can find a scheme to do justice in regard to delinquency taxes, a scheme which will be workable, and at the same time beneficial to the city's interests, putting us in a position to carry on, and conduct a little development, it will be well." This was an introductory observation made by Alderman Sargent at the City Council last night in explaining his Local Improvement Delinquency Tax scheme. His proposal he wished to see added to the draft private bill.

The alderman's proposal, in brief, is to assess the levy for the non-permanent work over ten years, and the permanent work over the ensuing twenty years.

Difficulties in Way. He hoped to have seen the principle embodied in the City bill. The Council had started out with the principle of settling the question, but all that had been done might, unless the Local Improvement delinquencies were adjusted satisfactorily. He pointed out how assistance could be given under the scheme.

Illustrating what might be done, he read some figures with regard to a lot on Shelburne Street, assessed at \$130, with improvement charges against it of \$750.

Alderman Andros objected that the extension of the length of the life of the by-laws would jeopardize the sale of future debentures, owing to the variation of the terms after issue and sale of the bonds.

Prolonging Agony. "We must do something which will not prolong the agony," interjected Alderman Walker.

Alderman Sargent had been frequently interrupted, and he now appealed to the aldermen to give him an opportunity to state his case.

The Mayor ruled that they must leave the alderman undisturbed.

Alderman Fullerton alluded to the circumstances under which local improvement had been inaugurated a dozen years ago, and the arguments for short term by-laws. The plan would be all right if the work was being done, but very hard to operate now, he thought.

Alderman Johns was very critical of the readjustment proposed.

Alderman Andros foreshadowed the real difficulty of the problem would be to decide what lands should have adjustment. He believed that before some of the people could be expected to take "advantage" of the proposal, it would be necessary to have them examined for their sanity.

The Mayor was assured that the extension of time for repayment would never be acceptable in the worst cases.

Drastic Remedy. Alderman Cameron declared that some assumption of the delinquencies must be made by the city, and believed the best course would be to follow the precedent of 1892, when Mayor Heaven went to the Legislature, not the rate-payers, and secured authority to borrow money to assure the liabilities of the city.

EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS

Total Cases Which Came Before Boards of the Province Up to December 19.

The following are the figures for the total cases which came before Exemption Tribunals in the Province to date of December 19:

Appealed by military	116
Allowed	8,892
Disallowed	3,813
Total	12,821
Appeals made by claimants	1,664

The "Allowed" totals include the medically unfit for Class I, all Class B, C, D, or E men whose cases have come before the medical boards, and also the cases where exemption has been allowed for certain periods.

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MAY REVERSE COURSE ABOUT SWINE RAISING

Council is Urged to Help Hog Production; Clean Seed Wheat

There may be some reconsideration of the attitude of the City Council adverse to the relaxation of the rule prohibiting pigs being kept within the city limits, as a result of last evening's meeting. The question came up after a letter urging hog production had been read from W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Alderman Johns thought it was regrettable that the communication had not come in before the Council discussed the question and came to an unfavorable decision. He recommended that the letter should be laid on the table to permit the matter to be taken up by the Council by resolution.

This course was adopted.

Seed Wheat. The Deputy Minister also asked the Council to handle through the market the distribution of clean pure seed to the farmers on the Island, a course which will be followed if the Market Committee finds satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Alderman Sargent thought the department officials should be encouraged to take up with the Food Controller the question of importation of cheap grain to the Pacific Coast from the prairies, in order that the farmers could secure cheap feed for hog raising.

Referred to Committees. The whole question was referred to the Market Committee and the Seed Committee, Alderman Sargent stating that it ought to be taken up with the transcontinental railways. The question of cheap feed for hogs will be combined with that of generally adding to swine production.

GARBAGE-FED HQGS

Straight Garbage Pigs Make Gain Equal to Those Eating Wheat Middlings.

Eight pigs, averaging 52 pounds each, were selected for a garbage feeding test at the Iowa Experiment Station by Prof. John M. Eppard, of whom The Breeder's Gazette says that "whenever a problem of swine feeding arises, he goes out and puts the question to the pig."

The test was planned in anticipation of the garbage disposal problem at U. S. Army cantonments. The animals were offered an average of 22 1/2 pounds of garbage daily, and consumed 13 1/2 pounds, which they converted into 6 1/2 pounds of live pork. They did this for 70 days, averaging 130 pounds on August 28. Then they were divided into two groups for the next 30 days, one group receiving garbage as before, while the others were self-fed all the wheat middlings they wanted, in addition to the garbage.

Garbage as Good. The animals on middlings consumed the grain, eating less garbage, but made no better gains than the pigs on straight garbage, leading to the conclusion that grain should be fed preferably corn—only when there is not enough garbage to go round.

Garbage is not difficult to feed if pens and troughs are kept scrupulously clean. With hogs at \$30 per hundred-weight, the garbage from a kitchen serving 100 persons would be worth \$1.15 for the first 70 days of pig feeding, and 83 cents for the next 30 days. Twenty-cent hogs will pay nearly a cent a pound for garbage, and the kitchen refuse from a single big cantonment will make 750,000 pounds of pork in a season. These results have been given to farmers and others who have taken garbage contracts.

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	CEDAR CHESTS—SPECIAL, \$7.75 Useful for storing Furs, Shirts, waists, Silks, Etc. Thoroughly moth-proof, upholstered in best English Cretonne, with padded top, finished in white enamel, mahogany, or finished to order. Shop early for these.

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MINISTER OF FINANCE, DEFINITE ON MATTER, Answers Vancouver Story Suggesting Government Backing Down on Amusement Tax.

LOCAL NEWS, Is GAZETTED.—The current notice of the Canada Gazette contains notice of the appointment of Hon. J. A. Macdonald as administrator of British Columbia until January 10, 1918.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, Next-of-Kin Association Plans Fine Entertainment for Soldiers' Children on December 27.

Answers to Times Want Ads., NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST POST OFFICE.

But Delay in Delivering Letters Lesser Evil Than Delay in Reinforcements, ALLISON TRIAL ECHO, Late Director of Canadian Puget Sound Co. Interested With Sir Sam Hughes' Friend.

OBITUARY RECORD, The funeral of the late Robert Clark was held from the residence at Sluggers yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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BIG LUMBER CUT IN THIS PROVINCE

Opinion is It Has Approached 1,500,000,000 Feet During Year

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—With the approach of the Christmas week many of the lumber mills of the province are closing down for the annual repairs made at this season of the year and to accommodate employees who invariably take a rest of a week or two at this time.

PORTLAND PAPER ON CANADIAN ELECTION

Portland, Dec. 21.—The Portland Oregonian comments as follows upon the election in Canada.

Borden, Canada has voted to go 110 limit of her man resources to win the war. "Having a population of a little over 8,000,000, Canada has sent about half a million men to the war, yet she is willing to contribute the last available man between 19 and 45 to keep up the fight until Prussianism is crushed.

BOURASSA WRITES OF THE ELECTION

What Leading Quebec Nationalist Has to Say Following Contest

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Announcing that he belongs neither to the party of the victors, nor to that of the vanquished, Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist chief, has analyzed the results of the general election in Le Devoir.

He claims that the victory of the Union Government is real and significant, and would have been secured without the audacious acts preceding the election. The results, he says, prove that the majority in English Canada want to keep the Unionist Cabinet in power and approve, on the whole, of its war policy.

COAL SITUATION IN CALGARY SERIOUS

Calgary, Dec. 21.—The coal situation in Calgary has assumed a most serious aspect, with the local dealers refusing all orders for domestic coal of a quality such as is turned out by the large producing mines of the Crow's Nest country and other fields in Alberta.

MANY WESTERNERS GO EAST FOR CHRISTMAS

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Six Canadian Pacific Railway trains from Vancouver and Winnipeg arrived at the Union Station to-day. This is the greatest volume of travel in years from the West at Christmas time.

NAMES CONFUSED IN DEPORTATION REPORT

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Word was received from Nogales authorities to-day that the German-Mexican banker deported yesterday as an enemy alien by the Department of Justice officials was Simon Bley and not Adolfo Bley, as reported. Adolfo Bley is now in San Francisco.

LAND INSPECTION CEASES FOR WINTER

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Because of the fact that winter has come to the upper country most of the interior inspection of land by officials of the Land Settlement Board has ceased for the time being, but they are busy in other directions, according to a statement made by Hon. John Oliver, Provincial Minister of Agriculture.

TO THE JURY

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—The case of Albert Kalschmidt, of Detroit, and five other persons charged with conspiracy to destroy property in the United States and Canada, went to the jury at noon to-day in the United States District Court here.

FORTY-SIX LOST LIVES IN SMASH

A Bad Railway Accident Occurred Last Night in Kentucky

Shepherdville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when the Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear end of a Louisville, Bardonia & Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railway station here had reached 46 to-day.

The wreck, which is said to be the worst in the history of the L. & N., occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here. It had gone only a short distance when the other train came into sight traveling at a high rate of speed.

FISHERMEN ASKING FOR MORE MONEY

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Deep-sea fishermen want greater returns for their labor. To-day representatives of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union are meeting here with representatives of the cold storage companies and the owners of independent halibut boats fishing out of Canadian and United States ports, pressing their claims for increase in the amount paid them for ground fish.

GERMAN STATEMENT ON ITALIAN FRONT

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Seven Italian attacks against the recently captured Austro-German positions in the region of Monte Azoule yesterday were repulsed, the War Office here reports. Italian efforts to advance at other points on the northern front also failed.

STORY SCRUTINEERS WERE BADLY BEATEN

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Special officers have been sent to Verner and Sturgeon Falls by the Attorney-General to look into the story that mobs attacked the scrutineers on Monday on their way home from the polls and that some were badly beaten. The authorities at Sturgeon Falls wired the Minister of Militia for help.

A GERMAN FARMER WAS FOUND DEAD

Nanaimo, Dec. 21.—Charles Merich, a German farmer of the Parkville district who failed to appear in court here on Wednesday to answer to a charge of using abusive and seditious language which was preferred against him, by Enumerator Rushton of that district and for whose arrest a warrant later was issued by the magistrate here, was found this morning by relatives who are neighbors lying dead on the floor of his cottage.

CHICAGO STOCKYARDS INQUIRY GOES ON

Washington, Dec. 21.—Testimony to show that J. Ogden Armour is part owner of the Chicago Stockyards Company was given to-day at the Federal Trade Commission's inquiry into the packing industry, and it was said the next thing to be developed was the extent of the interest of other packers in the same concern.

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THREE AVIATORS KILLED AT CAMP IN TEXAS TO-DAY

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21.—Three British aviators in training here, were killed this morning when two machines collided in the air.

FIRST GROUP OF MEN ON JANUARY 3

Balance of the First Draft Day by Day as Convenient

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Men called to the colors on January 3 as the first draft under the Military Service Act will receive their notices within the next few days.

FURTHER EVIDENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Utilization of women agents throughout the world formed a salient part of an alleged conspiracy to foment revolution against the British Empire, according to testimony given here to-day by the wife of Saran Gada Das, a high caste Hindu, at the trial of 31 persons charged with conspiracy in the proposed revolution.

SPOKANE PAPER ON CANADIAN ELECTION

Spokane, Dec. 21.—Commenting on the election in Canada, the Spokesman-Review says in part: "Cases, by voting into office a Parliament controlled by the new Unionist majority before the outbreak of the war, a resolute answer to any fears that the Dominion has weakened in its determination to carry out, at any cost, its part in the war."

SPECIAL PAPER FOR AMERICAN TROOPS

Paris, Dec. 21.—The London Daily Mail yesterday began the publication of an American edition from the office of its Paris edition. The new edition will be for Americans in France and will carry special cables and a page of mail news.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT CHICAGO RECEDE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The grain men have talked for several weeks of a readjustment of the corn market through establishing a maximum and minimum price, resting it as a good thing, but it was not until the meeting in New York Wednesday that it took definite form.

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COST OF LIVING STILL GOING UP

Further Increase Shown in Labor Department's Report for November

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Chesapeake & Ohio 42 1/2
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Chic. R. I. & Pac. 47 1/2
Coal. Fuel & Iron 28 1/2
Coca Gas 28 1/2
China Copper 29 1/2
Cal. Petroleum 192 1/2
Chile Copper 132 1/2
Corn Products 24 1/2
Distillers Sec. 34 1/2
Erie 132 1/2
Gen. Electric 122 1/2
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H. W. W. 21 1/2
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Granby 62 1/2
Gt. Northern, pref. 82 1/2
Inspiration Co. 24 1/2
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Lehigh Valley 62 1/2
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BRITISH COLUMBIA MANUFACTURERS NOW ASK ABOUT C. N. P. R.

Ask That Dominion Government Assume and Carry Out Contractual Obligations.

VANCOUVER ISLAND IS A CONTINUAL SUFFERER

Following up communications from the Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, His Worship the Mayor and the Victoria Board of Trade, the Manufacturers' Association of British Columbia have now added their voice to the general chorus requesting that the Dominion Government proceed to make good the contractual obligations of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway in respect of Victoria city and Vancouver Island.

The Association's Communication. "As the Government of Canada has

taken over the control of the Canadian Northern Railway this Association feels that some of the conditions in connection with this railway should be brought to the attention of the Government, especially insofar as Vancouver Island and the city of Victoria is concerned.

"You are aware that by an agreement made between the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian Northern Railway, dated June 17, 1910, the Canadian Northern Railway contracted to include the city of Victoria in their system with an extension of Barclay Street, and also contracted to provide first-class passenger, mail and some harbor in or near the city of Victoria.

"That Distinguished Train Load. "The Canadian Northern Railway Company completed this line to the Pacific some two years ago, and ran a through special train carrying Senators and members of Parliament to the Coast. So far as Vancouver Island is concerned, however, no work has been done, and we would ask that the Government take completion of the work immediately into consideration, as it was provided by the said agreement that the work on Vancouver Island should proceed concurrently with the work on the mainland, and be completed by the 1st of July, 1914.

"The non-completion of contract on Vancouver Island is causing and has caused considerable disappointment to the citizens of Victoria and to settlers along the right-of-way of the Canadian Northern Railway on Vancouver Island, and it is confidently expected that the Government now having taken control of this railway will proceed immediately to carry out the covenants of the Canadian Northern Railway insofar as Vancouver Island is concerned.

"This letter is written by this Association endorsing the action and correspondence of the Board of Trade, Victoria, and in addition represents the opinion of the manufacturers of Vancouver Island, with the support of the manufacturers of the whole Province of British Columbia, and we would esteem it a favor if you could give us some assurance that the question will be thoroughly investigated, and if complaint is well-founded that the Government will see its way to remove the complaint, and carry out the agreement entered into by the Canadian Northern Railway Company and Government of the Province of British Columbia."

DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION

Annual Event of Association at Chilliwack Expected to Beat Records.

The next annual convention of the British Columbia Dairymen's Association, which will be held in the city of Chilliwack on Wednesday and Thursday, February 6 and 7, 1918, promises to be one of the best in the annals of the Association.

The policy of the Association of having the annual convention in different dairy sections, instead of continually in the same place, has been amply justified, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo having each previously had it in turn.

A forecast of the programme now being arranged indicates that some of the best authorities on dairying, co-operation, and kindred subjects, will be present to deliver addresses during the different sessions.

The third annual Creamery Butter Exhibit will also be held at this time, and it is expected that this will be the largest show of B. C. creamery butter yet seen in the province.

T. A. F. Wiancko, Dairy Instructor of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, is acting secretary of the Association, from whom further information and full programme may be obtained.

Schools Close To-day.—All the public schools closed to-day for the Christmas holidays, and will remain closed for two weeks. Exercises were held in several of the schools.

WILL PROSECUTE ALL BREACHES OF STATUTE

Municipal Warning to Storekeepers Concerning Half-Holiday To-morrow

Numerous requests have been made to Mayor Todd to-day as to the intention of the civic authorities with regard to to-morrow afternoon, as to whether the city intends to enforce the Weekly Half Holiday.

His Worship issues a statement to-day that the city authorities having no discretion in the matter, instructions have been given to the police to take the names of all proprietors who remain open after 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, except the usual exempt trades, and prosecutions will follow.

Those storekeepers who have been already fined will be subject to a fine of \$50, and those who have been fined twice will be subject to a penalty of \$100, these penal conditions being set by statute, and no discretion is given the magistrate.

Judging by public advertisement, the police will have a busy time to-morrow afternoon.

MARGARET JENKINS

Interesting Closing Exercises Took Place Last Night; Proceeds \$120.

The closing exercises were held in the school auditorium on Thursday evening. The hall was filled to overflowing with parents and friends who evidently appreciated the very varied programme. The little people in their sketches and songs gave great pleasure.

It was charming to see the naturalness and earnestness with which they played the parts of coons, brownies, little mothers, etc. The bigger boys were very entertaining in their dialogue, "The Lifelike Statue," and sang several songs, including a parody on "Tipperary," the words of which were composed for the occasion and are given below:

Parody on Tipperary. Up to Sir James Douglas School came boys and girls each day.

Feeling glad and happy as they ran along the way. But a message from the School Board filled their youthful hearts with care.

And the boys got excited and they said it was not fair.

Chorus. It's a long way to Margaret Jenkins, It's a long way to go; It's a long way to send a school boy, In the sun, or rain, or snow.

Good-bye, Sir James Douglas School mates big and small; It's a long, long way to Margaret Jenkins, The best school of all.

Johannie wrote a letter to his cousin Tommy O, Saying "It's the limit" where that school is built, you know.

Supposing now the School Board wish the little boys to kill, I'd advise them to remove it to the top of Shottobolt's Hill.

Tommy wrote a neat reply to cousin Johannie O, Saying "That's the school you bet where I would like to go."

Though the way is long and weary, I'm not old or lame; By a short cut through the graveyard, I shall get there all the same.

Come now my lads and lasses small And let us all unite, For school and home and country dear To serve and work and fight.

Obedient to our Principal And loyal to our King, We'll not grow weary on the way, But cheerfully we'll sing 'Tis a long way, etc.

A number of people were turned away at the door owing to lack of accommodation. The proceeds amounted to about \$120.

SOME INCREASES IN CIVIC FIXED CHARGES

Summary of Estimates for 1918 Shows Contract With Departing Year

The civic estimates, as filed last evening for 1918, show a total of \$1,766,482, as compared with \$1,724,742 in the present year. There are small increases in the debt, the vote for City Institutions, the Education, and Works Departments, and decreases in salaries, miscellaneous, Board of Health, and Waterworks.

The debt figure set out in the accompanying table does not, of course, include the whole of the fixed charges of the city. To the figure of \$465,695 mentioned below must be added \$95,811 for interest and sinking fund on schools, which swells the vote for education in a way calculated to confuse citizens unfamiliar with the necessities of the regulations. There is also interest and sinking fund on the waterworks, \$290,885. The fixed charges thus aggregate in 1918 the large total of \$762,191, as compared with \$746,412 in the current year.

Comparative figures are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Service, 1917, 1918. Rows include City debt, Municipal Council, Legal Department, City salaries, City institutions, Buildings, Miscellaneous, Education, Board of Health, Works Department, Waterworks.

The votes for city institutions are as follows: Store, \$2,970; Cemetery, \$5,093; Parks, \$18,326; Pound, \$2,450; Police, \$74,170; Fire, \$137,494; Library, \$16,905; Street Lighting, \$41,959; Public Market, \$4,489; Aged Men's Home, \$12,322; and Labor Bureau, \$1,250.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Bishop of Columbia Presents Prizes at Term Closing; Big "Honor-Roll."

The Bishop of Columbia presented prizes to a number of pupils at the closing exercises of the Boys' Collegiate School. The prize list follows:

4th Form. First Division Form Prize, presented by P. F. Curtis; Barclay, major. Second Division Form Prize, presented by P. F. Curtis; Ross. Divinity, presented by Bishop Schofield; Ellis, major.

3rd Form. Form Prize, presented by Mrs. Crump; Ellis, minor. Mathematics; Harris. Divinity; Cleward.

2nd Form. Form Prize, presented by P. F. Curtis; Fell, major. Divinity, presented by Mrs. J. S. Bowker; Ridley. English, presented by F. H. Warren; Morris, minor.

1st Form. First Division Form Prize: Schofield. Second Division Form Prize: Marwick. Spelling, presented by R. H. Bates; Deans, major.

Special Prize, presented by Mrs. E. O. S. Schofield; Nixon. In his address Bishop Schofield referred to the honor roll which includes the names of 88 "old boys." Of this number six have made the supreme sacrifice.

"Muggins" Breaks Record.—"Muggins," the famous canine collector of the Red Cross Society, who is such a familiar figure to Victorians, yesterday exceeded his previous record for single day collections by fifty-two dollars.

When his box was emptied at the Red Cross headquarters this morning it was found to contain the splendid sum of \$475. The money represents the result of collections made by him on a visit to two boats which were in port, and also at his down-town stand and brings his total collections to over \$6,000.

TEAMSTERS' WAGES IN CITY OF VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The teamsters' and chauffeurs' union here met last night and accepted an agreement prepared by the wholesale employers making wages \$20, \$22 and \$23 a week, with a nine-hour day, time and a half for overtime and seven hours on Saturdays. There is no closed shop clause in the agreement and no set period for its life.

The wholesale section of the union, through its committee and the union secretary, Birt Showler, has been negotiating with the different wholesale employers. The men have been receiving an average wage of \$70 a month.

ON PAROLE

McNeil Island, Wash., Dec. 21.—Maury Diggs, who has been serving a sentence in the federal prison here, left for his California home yesterday, having been paroled by the prison parole board. Diggs, with Drew Caminetti, was convicted of violating the Mann white slave law. Caminetti was given the freedom by President Wilson recently.

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Each and every one of them a useful gift. Handsome Neckwear, Gloves, Good Wool Sox, Pyjamas, Fine Shirts, etc., just such goods as he would select for himself. Read the list—

Christmas Neckwear

will please you. at 75c and \$1.00. You'll find it an extra fine display at these popular prices. Large Wide-End Styles in entirely new designs, floral, figured and stripes. All good shades. 75c and \$1.00.



Novelty Neckwear

Handsome Highest Quality \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00. The latest creation from the leading style centres. Big Wide-End Shapes, very finely made; shape retaining. A handsome gift for any man. \$1.25 to \$2.00.

Every Man Likes a Pair of Nice Gloves

Tan and Grey Mocha, wool lined, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Tan Caps, wool lined, plain snap or strap fasteners, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.50. Unlined Tan Caps, Dent's and H. B. K. makes, \$2.00, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Unlined and Silk Lined Tan and Grey Mocha and Suede, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Wool Gloves, in all colors, knitted or snap wrists, \$5c, \$1.00 to \$1.50.



Men's Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs

Irish Linen, new initials—\$1.00. 2 in neat box \$1.25. 3 in neat box \$1.50. Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs, each, 35c and \$1.00. Irish Lawn Handkerchiefs, 5 in nice box \$1.00. Mercerized Khaki Handkerchiefs—Large size, each \$1.25. Khaki Handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c.

OUR SPECIAL ALL-WOOL SWEATER COAT

at \$6.00 and \$6.50. Two pounds weight of wool, which gives you an idea of their good value; full size, with convertible collar. All good colors; \$6.00 and \$6.50.



STANFIELD'S AND TURNBULL'S UNION SUITS FOR MEN

In Heavy Cotton and Wool Garments. Elastic rib, form fitting, smooth seams. Start him enjoying real underwear comfort in these popular Union Suits. \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 to \$5.00.



MEN'S FLANNELETTE PYJAMAS

Soft, Warm Garments, neatly trimmed with frogs, materials in very neat patterns and nice colorings. A practical gift for his home comfort. Extra values \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50.

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Advertisement for 'K' Boot Shop. Notice to Our Customers. The "K" Boot Shop The People's Shoe Store The Old Country Boot Store Closes on Saturday 1 o'clock Open on Monday to 9.30 p. m. Special Inducements for Shopping on Monday

Advertisement for Audit Bureau of Circulations. NUMBER 1104 DATE October, 1916. Audit Bureau of Circulations. This certifies that The Victoria Daily Times is a member of this Audit Bureau of Circulations and is entitled to all the privileges thereof subject to the By-Laws and Regulations of said Association...

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A Christmas Event You Cannot Afford to Miss



DELIVERY SERVICE.

In City six deliveries per day, all out-lying portions four-deliveries per day.

This Store Will Be Open To-night, Saturday and Monday Until 9.30, Closing Christmas Day and All Day Wednesday

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Christmas Eve a special Santa Claus delivery wagon will leave our store.

Christmas Special

Plain and Fancy Silks, Regular \$3.75 for \$2.98 Yard.

\$2.98
Yard

A fine range of Plain and Striped Silks in the latest designs and colorings. This will afford an opportunity to give a length of the highest grade silk at a moderate cost: 36 inches wide. Regular \$2.75 values. Saturday, yard, \$2.98.
—Silks, Main Floor

Christmas Specials

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 3 in Box, Special, 49c. Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 12 in Box, Special, 98c.

200 Boxes of Handkerchiefs in all-white embroidery, colored embroidery with fine cord edge or white embroidery with imitation Armenian edge. Charming boxes with views on covers. Saturday, per box, 49c

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs of extra good quality, with 1/4-inch hem. Put up specially in dozens in pretty Christmas boxes. Saturday, per box, 98c
—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Christmas Special

Ladies' Sport Silk Scarves Saturday at \$1.98.

A timely bargain if ever there was one, 60 only of these beautiful Sport Silk Scarves in various colored striped effects on white grounds. These are ideal for Christmas Gifts. Special Saturday at... **\$1.98**
Each
—Neckwear, Main Floor

Christmas Special

60 Only, Pillow Slips, Special Saturday at 59c Each.

59c
Each

60 Only of these Embroidered and Drawn-Thread Pillow Slips, with scalloped and hemstitched ends. Make useful presents. Saturday morning, each, 59c.
—Staples, in Basement

A Pair of Kid Gloves Is a Worth While Christmas Gift

The New Novelty Glove in Perrin's make, made of fine French kid in black and white with fancy white and black stitchings: pique sewn, soft cuff, strap at wrist and one pearl dome fastener; sizes 5 1/2 to 7. Price, \$2.00.

Fine Glace Kid Gloves in various shades of tan, black and white, also tan with heavy black points and black with heavy white points; oversewn seams and two dome fasteners; all sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/2. Price, \$1.75.

Dent's Cape Gloves, of splendid quality leather; shades of tan and brown, with pique sewn seams and one dome fastener; sizes 5 1/2 to 7. Per pair, \$2.39.

Children's Cape Skin Gloves in tan and mastic, also grey, suede, with pique sewn seams, one fastener at wrist. Suitable for Christmas gifts. Sizes 1 to 4 1/2. Price, \$1.50.

Perrin's Washable Cape Gloves, in white, red, tan and the new shade, "mastic," made with heavy fancy embroidered backs, pique seams and fastened with one dome fastener. Can be washed in hot water very satisfactorily; sizes 6 to 7. Price, \$2.25.

Dent's Chamois Gloves, made of specially prepared washable chamois leather, pique sewn and fastened with two pearl buttons at wrist; sizes 5 1/2 to 7. They wash well and are very satisfactory. Price, \$1.65.
—Gloves, Main Floor

Christmas Special

Ladies' Umbrellas, Regular to \$8.50 Values for \$4.95.

20 Only of these Umbrellas, with silk and fine Gloria covers, long, straight handles, mounted with sterling silver, in various patterns. Reg. \$5.50 to \$8.50. Saturday... **\$4.95**
Each
—Umbrellas, Main Floor

Christmas Special

50 New Washable Bedroom Rugs, Reg. to \$3.25, for \$1.69.

\$1.69
Each

These dainty Bedroom Rugs were taken from our regular stock for Saturday's selling and are worth to-day up to \$4.50. Some are reversible rugs with scene or nursery designs, others are hit and miss styles, with band borders. Colors blue, pink, green and tan. Sizes 36 x 62, 39 x 50, 27 x 54 and 24 x 48. Regular to \$3.25 values. Saturday, \$1.69.
—Second Floor

Christmas Specials

Ladies' Bags, Regular to \$16.50, Saturday, \$6.95. Ladies' Bags, Regular to \$7.50, Saturday, \$3.95

9 Only of these Bags. Some are made of heavy moire silk with Oriental leather trimmings; others are leather with fancy colored leather trimmings. Regular \$10.00 to \$15.50 values for... **\$6.95**

This lot comprises Leather Bags, Black and Colored Beaded Silk Bags and Fancy Black Leather Hand Purse. All new shapes and colors. Regular \$5.00 to \$7.50 values for... **\$3.95**
—Bags, Main Floor

Christmas Special

Ladies' Voile Waists, Regular to \$3.50 Values for \$1.98.

Handsome Voile Waists in a host of pretty styles. They are trimmed with fine laces, insertions and organdie, some are imitation hand-embroidered. Cut in V or square neck, with large novelty collars; sizes 34 to 44. Regular to \$3.50. Saturday... **\$1.98**
Each
—First Floor

Christmas Special

Regular \$7.50 Bath Robe Blankets for \$5.95.

\$5.95
Each

15 Only of these beautiful Robe Blankets, made from heavy elder velours. A fine range of floral and Indian designs to choose from in many effective color combinations; size 72 x 90. Complete with cords. Regular \$7.50 values. Saturday, each, \$5.95.
—Staples, in Basement

Handkerchiefs Are Exceptionally Appropriate as Christmas Gifts

Swiss Handkerchiefs of fine quality. A big variety of designs, the La Rose in varied lines, the San Marino with pretty embroidered corner and various others. Price, 55c, or 3 for \$1.00.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs with hand-embroidered sprays and fillet, gimpure and real Armenian lace edges, scalloped and straight effects. Price, \$1.00.

Dainty Handkerchiefs, arranged in folder, specially nice for mailing, all hemstitched, with embroidered corners. Folders at 69c, 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Ladies' Lawn Handkerchiefs with fine hairline stripe, narrow colored hem, striped borders and embroidered corners in colors and white. Price, 10c.

HANDKERCHIEFS FOR DADDY, THE BIG BROTHER OR THE FIANCE
Irish Hemstitched, of generous size, of very special qualities, 25c and 35c. Also a full range of initials, 35c.
Men's White Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, full size, 3 for 25c and, each, 15c.
—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Christmas Special

Penman's Cashmere Hose, Regular \$1.25, for 95c Pair.

Penman's super quality, white and black cashmere Hose, very fine all-wool. Made with garter top and double heels and toes. Sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2 and 10. Regular \$1.25. Saturday, pair... **95c**
Each
—Hosiery, Main Floor

Christmas Special

Fibre Silk Tams, Regular \$1.75 Values for 98c.

98c
Each

These are splendid for the schoolgirl or misses. Made with button on top and tassel on side. Colors rose, sky, pink, maize, paddy and white, also various two-tone effects. Regular \$1.75 values. Saturday, 98c.
—First Floor

Christmas Special

Ladies' Crepe Night Gowns, Saturday, 69c.

Hardly anything could be more suitable as a gift than one of these dainty floral crepe Nightgowns. They are made in slipover style and prettily trimmed with lace. Colors, pink, sky and mauve. Regular \$1.25 values. Saturday, ... **69c**
Pair
—First Floor

Christmas Specials From Santaland

2 Only, Model Yachts—Regular \$9.50, Saturday, \$5.98.
2 Only, Model Yachts—Regular \$7.00, Saturday, \$4.95.
7 Only, Model Yachts—Regular \$4.25, Saturday, \$2.95.
The above Models are fully rigged.
12 Only, Rocking and Platform Horses in dapple grey, slightly imperfect. Saturday special, \$2.95.
3 Only, Soldier Equipments, just the thing for the young lad. Regular \$2.00. Saturday, \$1.25.
5 Only, Folding Doll Buggies, Regular \$5.50, Saturday, \$3.95.
3 Only, Folding Doll Buggies, in larger size. Regular \$7.00. Saturday, \$4.95.
These carriages are well made and have rubber tires.
—Santaland, in Basement

Christmas Specials

Special Prices in Ladies' Evening Gloves. Ladies' Glace Kid Gloves at \$1.00 Pair.

Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves in the well-known Trefousse make, 16 and 20 button length, with oversewn seams and three dainty pearl fasteners at wrist; black and white, in sizes 5 1/2 to 7.

Ladies' Glace Kid Gloves, in white, tan and black, with oversewn seams and two dome fasteners at wrist. A good fitting Glove in a full range of sizes from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2. Special, Saturday, pair **\$1.00**
—Gloves, Main Floor

14-Button Length—Reg. \$3.00 and \$3.25 for... **\$1.98**
20-Button Length—Reg. \$4.00 and \$4.50 for... **\$2.98**

Dainty Neck Fixings Suitable for Christmas Gifts

High Neck Collars with jabot in net and lace, plain or trimmed with lace; also turn-down collars in satin, wash silk, Georgette crepe and crepe de chine. Many pretty shapes. Price \$1.00.
Smart High Neck Collars with Jabot, made of Georgette crepe, plain lace and spotted net; also turn-down collars in Georgette crepe, satin and lawn, many shapes including the new long front effect. Price \$1.75.
—Neckwear, Main Floor

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"McLintock's" Crib Comforters, "Down Filled"—Crib Comforters, covered in fine quality art sateen, in many dainty floral designs, with pink and blue panels. Size 36 x 48. Each, \$4.50, \$4.75 and \$5.50.
"McLintock's" Comforters, for single and Three-Quarter Beds—These Comforters are well filled with best purified down, covered in art sateens, in many choice colorings, with panels in old rose, China blue, moss. Size 69 x 79. Each, \$7.75, \$8.75, and \$9.00.
—Staples, in Basement