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GERMANS IN FALLING BACK HEADING FOR DROCOURT-QUEANT LINE, BUT IT IS NOT IN A COMPLETED CONDITION

Making Effort to Delay British Advance in Northern France While Work on New Auxiliary Line is Finished; Stiff Fighting Along About Two-Thirds of British Front To-day

With the British Armies in France, April 13.—Via London (By a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Under improved weather conditions there was stiff fighting along virtually two-thirds of the British front to-day. In addition to the gain made in the new terrain between Hargicourt and Metz-en-Couture, the British are making progress farther north. Another mile of the Hindenburg line southeast of Arras has been taken, as shown by last night's official communication, giving a total width of three and one-half miles to the turning movement at the top of this famous position. In falling back the Germans are making in the direction of an emergency auxiliary line to the rear of the Hindenburg line called the Drocourt-Queant line. Work on this position is far from complete and the Germans seem to have had no idea of using it except as a last resort. They are now fighting under orders to delay the British advance at every possible point to permit completion of the work of making the new position defensible.

On retiring from the Somme last month the Germans apparently expected to hold all the Hindenburg line running southeast from Arras in front of Cambrai and through St. Quentin and Laon. The important point at the northern end of this line was the Vimy ridge. There is no doubt that the Germans never expected to be driven off that ridge by a frontal attack, as was done by the Canadian forces last Monday.

Emergency Measures.
Anticipating a northern offensive, however, and the possible outflanking of the Vimy positions, the Drocourt-Queant switch running north from the Hindenburg line was planned.

In the meantime the Germans, driven back from their old positions, were endeavoring to dig themselves in at various places, especially in front of Monchy-le-Preux, in which process they suffered heavy losses from the British artillery and machine gun fire. It is rather difficult to explain the exact situation where the attacks concentrate on arbitrary German field positions rather than on towns or villages, but in modern warfare the taking of a bit of trench or a strong point which is marked only on war maps may be of far greater importance and significance than the capture of a well-known city.

More Than Mile.
Toward the southern end of the British line, northwest of St. Quentin, an attack was made to-day over an extended front, and at some places the British advanced more than a mile. Various important places, including Gouzeaucourt, were captured.

In the meantime the Canadian forces farther north fought their way through the wood located on the eastern front of the Vimy ridge.

The Canadian forces are loud in their praise of the Scottish troops who fought south of them in taking the ridge. The killed men everywhere kept pace with the troops of the Dominion, giving invaluable assistance in winning the great victory.

It was estimated to-day that the captured guns number more than 160.
Wild Statement.
London, April 13.—In a dispatch last night from British Headquarters on the Lens-St. Quentin front in France, the Reuter correspondent there said: "The Germans are claiming they took a thousand prisoners as the result of a counter-attack at Bullecourt, but I have reason to believe that this statement is as wild as most of their recent announcements to this effect."

GERMAN SUBMARINE HIT MINE AND SANK

Those on a Dutch Ship Witnessed Death of Craft Off Ireland

New York, April 12.—The destruction of a German submarine through striking a mine while shelling a British horse transport, was described last evening by an eyewitness, an officer of a Dutch steamship, recently arrived. The Dutch ship was rounding the Irish coast, the officer said, when the submarine appeared and started after the British vessel. Shells from a deck gun brought the transport to a stop and the men were talking to the boats as the submarine approached. Suddenly there was heard a heavy explosion. The U boat was lifted out of the water and, turning in the air, plunged downward bow first. The officers of the Dutch ship were of the opinion that the submarine struck a German mine.

TATE TAKES CARE OF CAMPAIGN FUND

That Was Part of His Duty, He Tells the Committee To-day

WILL BE REPORTED TO HOUSE FOR CONTEMPT

Legislative Press Gallery, April 13.
"I was to take care of campaign funds," declared D'Arcy Tate, K. C., vice-president and general counsel of the P. G. E. Railway Company, answering questions from S. S. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the Department of Railways.

Mr. Tate denied the committee's ruling that he must tell how much he paid to campaign funds and what funds benefited, and he will be reported to the House for its action.

Mr. Tate was called to explain what the purpose was of two payments of \$50,000 each from P. Welch to him on January 18, 1915, and transferred to private ledger. He stated that he got these on his own personal account from John W. Stewart in connection with the inception of the P. G. E. H. arrangement with Stewart was to turn over the franchise for the road to Foley, Welch & Stewart and secure a traffic arrangement with the G. T. P. This was part of his commission in the matter.

Half Million Commission.
It took a lot of pressing by Mr. Taylor to ascertain what this commission was to be. In the end Mr. Tate stated that his commission was to be \$500,000, irrespective of any further sum for the Peace River extension, and 25 per cent. of the capital stock of the road. The whole of that half million had been paid in cash, and he had made good his undertaking.

Customary Contributions.
A good deal of questioning from Mr. Taylor was required to get the witness to say whether he was to do anything with the money. Mr. Tate repeating several times what his arrangement with Mr. Stewart was and contending that it was a private matter.

"I was to take care of incidental expenses and make the customary contributions to campaign funds," said Mr. Tate in the end. "I was to take care of campaign funds."

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ARTILLERY WRECKED THE GERMAN FRONT

Preliminary Bombardment in Battle of Arras Was Titanic; Preparations for Attack

London, April 12.—(By F. A. McKenzie.)—Wounded arriving here Wednesday were mainly those injured during the preliminaries of the great advance. They describe our preparations for the overwhelming artillery bombardment which began nine days ago, gradually increasing in intensity until the last three quarts.

Titanic guns gave final quistus to the main German points and advancing troops filled the roads until three days before Monday; then, every man and shell being in position, the roads were cleared and filed ambulance advanced in orderly procession, filing stations to enable them to deal with the wounded in the quickest possible fashion. Casually clearing stations behind the lines had already been evacuated and base hospitals emptied in order that the wounded could obtain treatment with a minimum of travel. The men say the whole machine worked without a hitch. Everything was perfectly synchronized.

Lieut. H. L. Bloomfield was with a company outpost at work before the attack began, when Germans turned a machine gun on him. Bloomfield ordered his men to lie down and he himself moved up but slipped and sprained his ankle. He is now in hospital in London grumbling at the trivial accident which plucked him at the last moment from the battle.

One feature of our preliminary preparation was the careful exploration of the German front. As it was necessary that the men be thoroughly familiar with the German positions, so day and night companies moved out in "No Man's Land" until they were familiar with every hillock. They say everyone started the advance with supreme confidence, realizing that our preliminary preparations had made the German front a wreck.

"DIAMOND JIM" DEAD.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 12.—James B. Brady, of New York, known as "Diamond Jim" Brady, died here to-day after a long illness. Mr. Brady was a contractor in railroad supplies and was reputed to be extremely wealthy.

AUSTRIA TOO IS TRYING FOR PEACE

Known in Washington She, as Well as Bulgaria, Making Effort

SWISS SOIL SCENE OF NEW ATTEMPTS

Washington, April 13.—Austrian and Bulgarian representatives are endeavoring to approach the Entente diplomats in Switzerland on the subject of peace.

Press dispatches to-day reporting Bulgarian efforts in this direction developed that it is known here not only that Bulgaria has taken soundings, but also that there has been similar action in the name of Austria-Hungary. Whether the two countries are working separately or together is not known, nor has any reference been made to the attitude of Germany or Turkey.

Officials here see in the Austrian and Bulgarian action merely an expression of weariness with the war and anxiety to bring it to an end without, however, involving any indication of desperation on their part which would make them propose terms acceptable to the Entente. As a result there is every evidence that the informal efforts now being made mark merely a step in the long road that will lead eventually to peace and do not offer hope of real negotiations in the near future.

NAVY OF STATES IS NEARING 70,000

Great Recruiting Campaign Recently Launched Beginning to Show Results

Washington, April 13.—The tremendous recruiting campaign for the navy is beginning to show results. During the first twelve days of April a net gain of 4,871 men for the regular service was recorded. The figures for the last two days of that period were respectively 535 and 555 men, showing the steady increase in the daily average of applicants.

The total enlisted strength now is approaching the 70,000 mark. President Wilson already has authorized recruitment to 87,000, the maximum allowed by law, and pending legislation will provide for a total force of 127,000, including the coast defence reserves, the only present volunteer element.

When the 87,000 figure is reached it is possible that subsequent enlistments will be permitted "for the duration of the war," which would enable the active service to be filled up with war volunteers.

AMERICAN SOLDIER GUARDING A TUNNEL SHOT FROM AMBUSH

San Francisco, April 12.—Private Murphy, a member of a military guard protecting a Western Pacific Railroad tunnel in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, was shot three times last night from ambush with a high-power rifle, according to information reaching Western Pacific officials here to-day. Officials said no attempt was made to damage the tunnel as far as could be learned.

Murphy was taken to Elko. He is seriously wounded, it was said. The man who fired the shots escaped.

FINANCING RED CROSS OF UNITED STATES

Washington, April 13.—President Wilson to-day invited a group of leading men from different parts of the country to meet in Washington on April 21 to consider means of financing the American National Red Cross for its responsibilities toward soldiers and non-combatants.

SPAIN IS DEMANDING AN INDEMNITY FROM GERMANY FOR VESSEL

London, April 13.—A demand for an indemnity for the sinking of the Spanish steamship San Fulgencio has been made on Germany by the Spanish Council of Ministers, the Madrid correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company cables.

The San Fulgencio was torpedoed without warning, being the first Spanish ship to be sunk by the Germans under these conditions. A London dispatch of Wednesday said the Spanish Government had made a strong protest to Germany.

BRITISH FORCE WAY ONWARD SOUTH OF CAMBRAI; FRENCH GAIN SOUTH OF ST. QUENTIN

ALVENSLEBEN NOW LIVING IN SEATTLE

Life Insurance Agent; Now Says He is Not German Count

Chicago, April 12.—The sudden disappearance from his Chicago headquarters of Count Alvo von Alvensleben, who two years ago at Seattle vigorously denied, when refused entrance into Canada, that he was the head of the German spy system on this side of the Atlantic, is the cause of considerable speculation here. Federal officers were non-committal. The count formerly was a lieutenant in the German army.

At the hotel at which he was staying it was said yesterday he had not been seen for three weeks. At his office it was said he had gone suddenly without leaving any explanation.

The count bobbed into publicity nearly three years ago, when on August 23, 1914, Canadian Immigration Inspector Reed, at Seattle, refused to permit him to re-enter Canada at Victoria, B. C., on the ground that he was a "German spy and high in the councils of Kaiser Wilhelm." Previously he had been located at Victoria, but had left at the outbreak of hostilities between Great Britain and Germany.

He was discovered in Chicago on September 7, 1915, and at that time insisted that he was representing German commercial interests solely, and belittled the efficiency of the German spy system.

In Seattle.
Seattle, April 12.—Alvo von Alvensleben, alleged cousin of Kaiser Wilhelm, alleged German count, alleged head of Count von Bernstorff, alleged millionaire, alleged German spy, is none of these things, by his own statement.

The sometime titled German, who once was worth a million or two and represented other millions in British Columbia investments, is at present a life insurance agent in Seattle and hopes to be allowed to remain such during the war period. He started in that business yesterday, because he wanted to work, as his various business enterprises have not shown any profit since the war began.

For two hours the somewhat mysterious von Alvensleben entertained a reporter with some account of himself and his affairs. He denied having any connection with the German secret service, although admitting freely that he is a Prussian, and proud of it. He said it was ridiculous for people in Washington and Chicago and other places to be worrying about his "disappearance." He said he had not conferred with von Bernstorff before the latter sailed for home. In fact he denied many of the most interesting rumors and bits of gossip about himself and his adventures.

Not a Count.
Alvo is not a German count, a fact which will prove disappointing to many society matrons in various parts of the United States, for he has usually been called such, though he says it is not his fault.

According to his own statement, he came to the Pacific Northwest fourteen years ago. He slept in a ten-cent lodging house in Seattle, and worked in a sawmill. He went to British Columbia, went into the fishing business and made money. Presently he was running a good business. He went back to Germany and interested German money in his plans and his dreams for commercial conquest in the Northwest. The young German, who had come to Seattle without a dollar, came back to Vancouver with \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000 of German money for investment.

All Brazilians in Germany Are Urged to Depart at Once

Rio Janeiro, April 13.—Foreign Minister Muller has cabled the Brazilian Minister in Berlin asking him to urge all Brazilians in Germany to leave the country within 24 hours.

A decree has been issued withdrawing the exequatours of the German consuls in Brazil. The Ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy conferred at length with Dr. Muller to-day.

An official inspection of the German ships seized in Brazilian ports shows that important parts of the engines are missing, rendering the vessels practically useless.

Gouzeaucourt Village and Wood, Sart Farm and Gauche Wood Taken by Haig's Troops; French Move on Between Somme and St. Quentin Railway

London, April 13.—German positions on a wide front in Northern France extending from a point north of Hargicourt northwards to the village of Metz-en-Couture have been captured by British troops after severe fighting, the War Office announced to-day. Among the positions captured are the Sart farm, Gauche Wood, the village of Gouzeaucourt and Gouzeaucourt Wood.

The text of the announcement follows: "We attacked last night in the region between St. Quentin and Cambrai. After sharp fighting we captured the enemy's positions on a wide front from north of Hargicourt to Metz-en-Couture. We now hold the Sart farm, Gauche Wood, the village of Gouzeaucourt and Gouzeaucourt Wood.

BORDEN ATTENDS WAR COUNCIL AGAIN

Inspired by Reception at Edinburgh; Reference to Mr. Page's Words

London, April 12.—Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues from Canada attended the session of the Imperial War Council held to-day.

Speaking to the Canadian Associated Press, Sir Robert said he was greatly inspired by the wonderfully cordial reception and the warm welcome extended to him in Edinburgh, not only by civic and university authorities, but by the citizens generally.

"Eloquent reference was made," said Sir Robert, to the magnificent achievement of the Canadian forces in capturing the Vimy ridge in Northern France, which hitherto had defied assault, and also to the great part which the Canadians have taken in the war. The close ties which unite Scotland to Canada, and the fine contribution which Scotland has made to the up-building and to the development of Canada also were emphasized by several of the speakers.

"During my stay in Edinburgh I visited a soldiers' club and had an opportunity of addressing the members, many of whom were wounded Canadians."

Page's Words.
Speaking of the American Club luncheon and the "Pilgrims' Dinner," both of which he attended, Sir Robert recalled gratefully the inspiring references made by the American Ambassador to Canada—"the neighboring nation of the sunlit continent across the Atlantic." The Daily Mail, describing this incident, says Mr. Page's passing reference to Canada evoked a hearty demonstration, the company rising and waving handkerchiefs and serviettes for a full minute in the direction of Sir Robert Borden.

GRAND DUKE BORIS, COUSIN OF NICHOLAS, HAS BEEN INTERNED

Petrograd, April 13.—Grand Duke Boris, a cousin of the former Czar, was arrested at army headquarters and sent to Tsarskoe Selo, where he has been interned.

A Petrograd dispatch on April 11 announced that the recent arrest of Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, a cousin of the former Emperor, together with a group of personages in the entourage of Grand Duke Boris, was said by the police to have led to the discovery of a plot in which the Grand Duke and two unnamed Grand Dukes were involved for the proclaiming of Grand Duke Nicholas as Emperor of Russia.

CROWD IN BRAZIL WRECKS OFFICES OF PRO-GERMAN PAPER

Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 13.—The offices of the Diario Alemão, a pro-German organ, were wrecked last night by a concourse of pro-Entente sympathizers. The presses were destroyed.

SEEDING IN MANITOBA.

Pierson, Man., April 13.—Seeding is in progress in the Pierson district this week. Some of the farmers here from 25 to 40 per cent of their wheat is

During the night our troops carried out a successful raid southwest of Loos. Enemy dugouts were bombed and considerable damage was done to his defences. In the neighborhood of Ploegsteert a hostile raiding party came under our machine gun fire, failing to reach our trenches.

It is 9 miles from Hargicourt to Metz-en-Couture. This sector is on the new front between Arras and St. Quentin where the Germans took up positions after their retirement. It is northeast of Peronne.

French Gains.
Paris, April 13.—French troops made a successful attack this morning on the front south of St. Quentin. The War Office announced this afternoon that the Germans resisted desperately, but the French captured several lines of trenches, taking prisoners and a considerable number of machine guns.

French troops also made further gains east of Coucy-la-Ville, taking prisoners and booty.

The text of the report follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise our troops this morning attacked German positions south of St. Quentin. Notwithstanding desperate resistance by the enemy, we carried several lines of trenches between the Somme and the St. Quentin railway. We brought back prisoners and a number of machine guns.

"South of the Oise our advanced troops made progress east of Coucy-la-Ville and took prisoners and material.

"There was artillery fighting in the region of Aisne and in the Champagne.

"Near Verdun two surprise attacks were made by enemy troops. They were broken up by our fire."

SWISS CRITIC LOOKS FOR A SEA BATTLE

Following Pressure on Germany, Increased by Entry of States

Berns, April 13.—The military critic of the Basel Nachrichten believes that the entrance into the war of the powerful American fleet will "sooner or later lead to a revival of an aggressive sea policy against Germany, and probably will culminate in a gigantic battle which will put the Dardanelles fight in the shade." The writer says the Entente fleets will find behind the German coast defences "an opponent who knows what disastrous results the success of such an Anglo-American undertaking would have for his Fatherland."

This observer believes that if the United States should attempt to transport troops to Europe, Germany would abandon her submarine campaign in the Mediterranean and mass all her available U boats against the American transports. He is dubious of the present value of the United States as a military aid to the Entente and says the standing army, the only present force fit for modern warfare, is needed at home to watch Mexico. He calculates, however, that the United States has 15,000,000 men of military age whom it can equip and train, and that the Entente has acquired an ally who may prove the decisive factor in the war.

DIES IN MONTREAL

Montreal, April 13.—The Rev. Canon Frederick Renaud, rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church, died here this morning in his 69th year. His son, Major A. L. H. Renaud, was killed in action at Courcellette, France.

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COMPULSORY SYSTEM ADOPTED IN JAMAICA

Kingston, Jamaica, April 12, via New York, April 12.—The Legislature has passed a bill providing for compulsory military service. Four members who opposed it said that they were not opposed to the principle, but thought that the volunteer system was working well enough. Registration, under the law will begin shortly. No man between the ages of 18 and 41 who is fit for military service will be allowed to leave the island except as a soldier.

PATROL SHIP SUNK.

London, April 12.—The Admiralty announces that a patrol ship struck a mine and sank in the Channel on Monday. Two officers and 14 men are missing.

C. N. R.'S EARNINGS.

Montreal, April 12.—The gross earnings of the Canadian Northern Pacific for the first week in April amounted to \$736,200, an increase of \$59,200. This brings the gross earnings of the three big Canadian roads up to \$4,781,968, an increase of \$167,482, or 3.6 per cent.

GEN. DOBELL'S FORCES WILL CAPTURE GAZA

Fall of That Point Will Facilitate Movement in Palestine

London, April 12.—Following up their recent victory in Palestine, the British forces under General Dobell have occupied additional Turkish territory in the neighborhood of Gaza to a depth of 15 miles, according to dispatches from Cairo.

These gains were made by mounted troops and detachments of the Egyptian Camel Corps, operating from a point immediately south of Gaza, the fall of which is imminent. Many Ottoman prisoners have been rounded up, considerable booty has been taken and all the new positions consolidated. With Gaza in British hands, the march up the Mediterranean coast will be much facilitated and the laying of the supply railroad behind the advancing forces may be continued.

Additional troops from the battlefield from which the main Turkish army was routed indicate that the enemy's loss in prisoners and casualties was fully 8,000, while the British dead numbered fewer than 400. One hundred and ninety British are missing. They were patrols who succeeded in entering Gaza, but lost touch with their supports in the fog.

Against Mosul.

The news from Petrograd of a stubborn battle under way in the Caucasus between Turkish and Russian forces suggests that the Russian command is co-ordinating its offensive against Mosul with pressure from the north through Armenia.

MOVED ON SOUTH OF ARRAS-CAMBRAI ROAD

British Took Villages; Vimy Ridge Cleared by Victorious Canadians

London, April 12.—The War Office gave out the following report last night:

"South of the Arras-Cambrai road our troops this afternoon stormed the villages of Henin and Wancourt, with their adjoining defences, crossed the Cojeul River and occupied the heights on the eastern bank.

"Further progress was made during the day north of the Scarpe and on the last part of the Vimy ridge held by the enemy.

"Our gains reported this morning have been secured and our position strengthened.

"In the course of patrol encounters last night northeast of Epehy, in which we secured a few prisoners, a large enemy detachment came under the effective fire of our infantry and suffered heavy casualties.

"During the fighting on Monday and Tuesday we captured prisoners from all the infantry regiments of six German divisions, namely, the 7th Reserve Division, 1st Bavarian Reserve Division, 14th Bavarian Division, 11th Division, 17th Reserve Division and 18th Reserve Division. The number of prisoners from each of these divisions exceeds 1,000.

"In spite of the exceedingly bad weather for aerial work, our aeroplanes were active again yesterday. They seized every opportunity to harass the enemy troops with machine gun fire. One of our naval squadrons, while escorting British bombing machines, was heavily attacked by a number of hostile aeroplanes and did exceptionally well. Without suffering any loss itself, it destroyed three attacking machines and drove down three others in a damaged condition.

"Altogether four German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday and five others were driven down damaged. Six of ours failed to return; three others were brought down."

Canadians' Victory.

Canadian Headquarters in France, April 12.—Via London, April 12.—(By the Canadian Overseas Correspondent).—From the last position held by them on the Vimy ridge the Germans were swept this (Thursday) morning after one of the most fiercely contested engagements in which the Canadians recently have taken part.

This morning at 5.30 o'clock during a blinding snowstorm, an assaulting column was sent to drive the enemy from the height known as "The Pimple," occupying a dominating position on the ridge to the northeast of Souchez. Though wearied by the constant struggle against the enemy and the elements for the last four days, the men responded splendidly. Swarming up the height, they attacked the enemy forces, which included troops especially brought up to hold the position, among them the Fifth battalion of the Prussian Grenadier Guards.

The Germans were under orders to hold the position at all costs. The Canadians were not to be deterred, however. Over the shell-ploughed land under machine gun fire, they climbed to the summit, and by 7 o'clock the flower of the German army were fleeing to the east and seeking shelter in the village of Givenchy-en-Gohelle.

This victory, the second within a week, gives the Canadian army absolute command of the entire ridge. Monday's success opened the way by the capture of Hill 145. That hill is the highest point of the ridge. It had to be secured before the attack on "The Pimple" could be made with any hope of success.

By to-day's victory on the part of the Canadians, and the victory of the British, who carried Bois-en-Hache, on the west side of the Souchez River, the entire valley of Souchez is in the hands of the Allies, and the Canadians look down on the enemy's positions on the plain of Douai.

BRAZIL MUST WATCH GERMAN INHABITANTS

Officials at Washington Reflect on Possibility of an Uprising

Washington, April 12.—Officials in Washington who spend practically all their time in watching developments in the states of South and Central America would not be surprised to see civil war break-out in Brazil. It was said to-day that a possible development of the action of the Government at Rio de Janeiro in breaking diplomatic relations with the German Empire and of the probability of war is revolt by the states of Santa Catharina, Parana and Rio Grande do Sul, the three southernmost states of the country, all dominated by Germans, and in which the German language not only is spoken but taught in the schools and where German customs are rigidly preserved.

It was asserted by an authority on South American problems to-day that a person may travel 150 miles west from Port Alegre, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, and find the language of the people is German. To Germans and their descendants is attributed the great development of these regions, in which the principal arts were founded by Germans. Brazilian employees in German business houses are requested to learn German in order to retain their positions.

"The German peril" for more than two generations has been a leading political question in Brazil and has even engaged the attention frequently of the United States, which has had in view the integrity of the Monroe Doctrine. It has been suspected that the Germans in the three states of Southern Brazil might attempt to separate from Brazil and establish an independent government, or offer the territory they inhabit to the German Empire as a colony. It would be a foothold of no inconsiderable importance upon the American continent.

It was admitted in Brazilian circles to-day that should the German element in Brazil desire to rebel they might raise an army of nearly 200,000 men by inducing Germans or persons of German descent in other South American provinces to join them. But it was believed to be impracticable for the Germans to muster more than 100,000 men, although this number would constitute a dangerous menace to Brazil. To mollify even that force, it was said, Poles would have to be persuaded by the Germans to join them, they being second numerically to the Germans in the three states. In Rio Grande do Sul are more than 200,000 Germans and in Santa Catharina, 20 per cent. of the population is German.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 12.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. R. F. Bromage, Troasacks, Sask.; Lieut. J. N. Eaton, Calgary; Pte. H. Johnson, Iceland; Pte. O. Blackstead, England.

Died of wounds—Pte. F. Basset, Markdale, Ont.; Pte. R. Bernack, England; Cpl. A. W. Dinnie, Radisson, Sask.; Lieut. J. Hunter, Grimsby, Ont.; Sergt. D. Jones, England.

Died in military hospital at Quebec—Cpl. H. Burdon, no address.

Died—Pte. H. Fry, Hartney, Man. Missing—Lieut. A. Malcolm, Winnipeg.

Wounded and missing—Cpl. G. Fowler, North Vancouver.

Wounded—Lieut. J. G. Watson, England; Lieut. G. E. Murray, Weyburn, Sask.; Lieut. W. J. Hickey, Australia; Lieut. E. A. Burns, Toronto; Lieut. P. Palmer, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Lieut. O. M. Pease, Toronto; Pte. H. Towle, Midford, Ont.; Pte. R. Storey, England; Pte. J. Starks, Scotland; Pte. J. Stonefish, Aldershot, Ont.; Sergt. F. Smith, Toronto; Pte. A. May, Quebec; Pte. F. Thomas, England; Pte. J. Butler, Montreal; Pte. G. W. Wood, England; Pte. A. B. Nelson, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Goddard, Winnipeg; Pte. C. Cox, Hamilton; Pte. G. E. Fox, 550 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. G. Dubois, Quebec; Pte. C. A. Thorpe, 1305 Pembroke St., Victoria, B. C.; Sgt. J. House, England; Pte. H. Cohen, Russia; Pte. P. K. Lauson, Battleford, Sask.; Pte. A. W. Wilkie, Toronto; Pte. P. Giroux, Montreal; Pte. F. Leblanc, Quebec; Pte. P. Graham, Toronto; Pte. W. J. Maddox, England.

Wounded; remained on duty—Pte. S. J. Palmer, Kelso, B. C.; Pte. F. W. Jones, England; Pte. D. Stratton, Hillsboro, Ohio; Pte. J. Farrell, Thamesville, Ont.

Seriously ill—Cpl. H. Hildreth, Ridgewood, Ont.; Pte. R. Stoneham, Alliston, Ont.; Pte. W. Valentine, Port Arthur.

Suffering from shell shock—Pte. C. Wiggery, Halifax; Pte. J. White, England.

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NAVAL CONFERENCES HELD AT WASHINGTON

Washington, April 12.—New impetus was given plans for naval co-operation between the United States and the Entente Powers to-day by conferences between Secretary Daniels and American naval officers and Vice-Admiral M. E. Browning, of the British navy, and Rear-Admiral R. A. Grasset, of the French navy. American warships first will undertake the patrol of the entire Atlantic coast from Panama northward, possibly even including Canada, permitting the withdrawal of the British and French patrol vessels and using naval bases of those nations in the South Atlantic if necessary.

Naval officers have expected that Germany would extend her submarine activities sporadically to this side of the Atlantic and announce a formal blockade of Boston, New York, the mouth of the Delaware, the mouth of the Chesapeake, Charleston and Savannah. The flotilla of motor patrol boats now being assembled, and a number of submarine trap nets will be relied upon chiefly for protection of the sea coast and harbors.

It is understood British and French ports in Europe will be opened to American ships, when the need arises, and eventually an American naval station probably will be established on the Irish coast.

VORWAERTS WOULD SETTLE WITH RUSSIA

Amsterdam, April 12.—The Berlin Vorwaerts commenting on the programme of the Russian Provisional Government urging support of the war, says:

"The account between Austria and Germany on the one side and Russia on the other can be settled on the basis of the programme drafted by the Russian Government without shedding more blood. Neither Germany nor Austria intends to humiliate Russia or to retain for herself any portion of the occupied territory. The Russian manifesto shows the strength of Russian currents running in the same direction to be very great. To meet them is the duty of the German Government."

SPEAKS OF HINDUS.

Winnipeg, April 12.—At the Great War Veterans' convention yesterday, in discussion on the exclusion of Oriental labor from Canada, Delegate Rowe Whittow, of Toronto, said he had traveled practically all over the world and would like to put in a word for the Hindus who, he said, were among the most loyal sects in the Empire. If Canada had the indenture system of labor as in South Africa and other parts of the Empire, the whole trouble would be eliminated.

WARSHIPS SHOULD BE ANSWERED AT ONCE

San Francisco, April 12.—The commander of the 12th Naval District, with headquarters here, has requested that all newspapers published in the Pacific Coast cities of the United States publish in a conspicuous place for at least one week for the information of westerners that all craft approaching, or when in the vicinity of an American man-of-war are warned to answer immediately all calls given by the man-of-war. Failure to do so will be dangerous. Boats having no business to transact with a man-of-war should keep where the channel allows, at least 200 yards out.



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French Report

Paris, April 12.—The following official report was issued last night:

"There was nothing to report during the course of the day except some activity by both artilleries, especially south of the Oise and north of the Aisne. There have been rain and snowstorms along the greater part of the front.

A Belgian communication said: "At various points on the Belgian front a feeble cannonade was in progress."

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Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 16th March, 1917.

Fire Engine For Sale

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, April 23, 1917, for the John Grant Fire Engine, and old Wagon Gear. Particulars can be obtained from the Chief of the Fire Department. All tenders must be addressed to the City Purchasing Agent, and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Fire Engine." The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent,
Victoria, B. C., April 10, 1917.

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Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, April 23, 1917, for 41 Summer Uniforms for the Police Department. Particulars can be obtained from the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed, and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Police Uniforms." A marked cheque equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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TWELVE THOUSAND FORESTERS WANTED

Call for Men of the Woods Becomes More Insistent Than Ever

Ottawa, April 13.—About 12,000 more men are requested from Canada for overseas forestry battalions. They will be sent overseas in drafts of 100 as soon after enlistment as possible. In Western Canada, recruiting depots have been established at Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Edmonton, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

The method of enlistment and drafting for service overseas as indicated in the above dispatch was put in operation as soon as the call went out for 5,000 additional men for the Forestry Battalions. That the number is now increased by a further 7,000 gives some idea of the tremendous value to the armies in the field of this branch of the service. While recruiting returns for woodmen throughout the Province are eminently satisfactory, it is anticipated that with the recent relaxation of the qualifications for service with this branch, British Columbia will be able in spite of her recruiting record so far, to contribute her full quota.

Vancouver is acting as a clearing house for the various drafts being raised throughout the Province, with Major Montzambert, a returned officer of the 29th Battalion, in charge. Lieut. Vigor is recruiting in Victoria with an office on Government Street. In view of the insistent call for still more men for the forests, he is planning an even more energetic campaign for the city and the surrounding district. So far Victoria and the immediate vicinity has sent a great number of men to the Forestry battalions.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Philadelphia, April 13.—The second death as a result of the explosion Wednesday night in the Frankford arsenal, where small arms ammunition is manufactured for the Government, occurred to-day. The victim was Joseph Miller, a civilian 21 years old. The explosion was accidental.

A GERMAN RAIDER IN GULF OF MEXICO

Report Reaches Galveston; Said to Have Appearance of Sailing-Ship

Galveston, Texas, April 13.—Information that a German commerce raider, in the guise of a sailing ship, has entered the Gulf of Mexico was reported to-day in Galveston.

News of the raider's entrance into the Gulf was received from an unnamed British steamship in a radio message to a ship which has arrived here. The news reached here shortly after the announcement that a German submarine was operating in the eastern part of the Gulf.

The raider is said to have entered the Gulf through the Yucatan Channel.

Many Reports.

Washington, April 13.—Many reports of German raiders and submarines lying in wait near American ports to destroy commerce reached the Navy Department to-day through civilian channels, but official confirmation was consistently lacking. The most persistent report was that of a German submarine in the South Pacific.

MURDERER ESCAPED.

Juneau, April 13.—Edward Krause, who was convicted recently of the murder of Captain James O. Plunkett, and who was under sentence to be hanged May 11, escaped from the Federal Jail last night about 9 o'clock. He had sawed two bars of the cage in which he was confined, and walked out of the building through three open doors. Krause was accused also of murdering William Christie and a Japanese named K. Yamamoto.

KILLED NEAR HAMILTON.

Hamilton, April 13.—John Brick, a son of License Inspector Brick, was killed and four persons more or less seriously injured when their automobile plunged over an embankment on the Toronto-Hamilton highway one mile west of Burlington this morning.

RUSSIA WILL HAVE AID FROM STATES

Washington Considers First Duty to Entente is Owning to Russia

Washington, April 13.—The American Government is directing efforts toward assisting the newly-democratized government in Russia to strengthen its position, lessen internal troubles and quickly bring Russia's latent forces to bear against Germany.

Reports to the Government say the difficulties of Russia are many and that Germany's principal object is either to bring about a separate peace with Russia, or failing in that, to stir up internal troubles and exert unusual military pressure from without.

One of the principal objects of the Administration's desire for expedition in getting authority from Congress for a large bond issue is to extend a loan to the new Russian Government.

Other ways of helping Russia are being studied. Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, a close personal friend of President Wilson and long interested in the development of Russia, is now on his way to that country.

The needs of France, Great Britain and the other members of the Entente alliance are not being forgotten and everything possible will be done for them, but they are understood to agree that Russia should get assistance first.

Washington, April 13.—Eventually American warships probably will relieve those of the Allies in all North and South Atlantic waters on this side of the world.

It is assumed two naval officers of Britain and France here yesterday furnished much first-hand information as to the state of the Entente powers have found most effective in dealing with the submarine peril.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON HONORED

London, April 13.—The Pilgrims of Great Britain last night gave a dinner in honor of Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador. Viscount Bryce, President of the Pilgrims, presided.

Among the speakers was Ambassador Page, who dealt with the entry of the United States into the war and declared that he was stirred to the depths of his nature by the American companionship in arms with Great Britain and her allies.

Viscount Bryce declared that the United States, in quitting the isolation she has cherished since the days of Washington, had taken a step that was full of significance for all time to come.

Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, said Great Britain and the United States, through their association, would bring greater things for the world.

Much enthusiasm was evinced over the entry of the United States into the war.

MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM COAL CREEK MINE

Fernie, April 13.—Four more bodies of miners were brought down from Coal Creek last night, making sixteen in all that have been recovered. The bodies of James Smith, Frank Smith, his son, H. J. Haydock and Joseph Atkinson were the ones viewed by the coroner's jury this forenoon.

The rescuers now are working at the face about 1,000 feet from the entrance to the mine. All the bodies recovered show marks of flame, some of them having been badly burned.

The funeral of Albert Barter took place from Christ Church yesterday.

More bodies have been located, but the difficulties to be overcome are great and recovery takes much time and herculean labor.

ACID STOMACHS ARE DANGEROUS

Nine-Tenths of All Stomach Trouble Said to Be Due to Acidity

A Physician's Advice on Cause and Cure.

A famous physician whose successful researches into the cause and cure of stomach and intestinal diseases have earned for him an international reputation, said the course of a recent lecture that nearly all intestinal troubles, as well as many diseases of the vital organs, were directly traceable to a deranged condition of the stomach which in turn was due nine times out of ten to excessive acidity, commonly termed sour stomach or heartburn, which not only irritated and inflamed the delicate lining of the stomach, but also set up gastritis and stomach ulcers. It is interesting to note that he condemns the use of patent medicines as well as of medical treatment for the stomach, stating that he and his colleagues have secured remarkable results by the use of ordinary bicarbonate of soda, which, by neutralizing the acidity of the food, removes the source of the trouble. He contends that it is foolish to treat the stomach itself as it would be for a man who stepped on a tack to rub liniment on the foot without first removing the tack. Remove the tack and the foot will heal itself—neutralize the acid and the stomach troubles will disappear. Irritating medicines and medical treatments useless, so long as the contents of the stomach remain acid; remove the acidity, and there will be no need for medicine—the inflamed lining of the stomach will then heal itself. Sufferers from acidity, sour stomach or heartburn should get a small bottle of blaudine from their druggist, and take a teaspoonful in a quarter of a glass of hot or cold water after meals, repeating in fifteen minutes, if necessary, this being the dose which the doctor has found most efficacious in all cases.

PERSIUS WRITES OF ACTION OF STATES

German Naval Critic Says Military Strength Not to Be Ignored

Amsterdam, April 13.—Captain Persius, writing in the Berliner Tageblatt, criticizes those Germans who treat the entry of the United States into the war lightly.

"It would be a fateful mistake," he said, "to regard the economic strength of the United States as the only important factor for the enemy. The military strength of the United States is not to be met with a shrug of the shoulders; otherwise we shall make the same mistake as we did about the military strength of Britain."

Otto Hoetsch, a prominent German political writer, reviewing the German-American clash in the Kreuz Zeitung, contends that Germany has a perfect right to make her own international law as far as submarines are concerned, and also in regard to neutrals, for whose future interests, he says, Germany is fighting. Herr Hoetsch charges that the United States was never neutral from the beginning of the war, which he says would have been over long ago if the United States had not abetted the Entente. He continues:

"Germany, in always trying to avoid a German-American conflict, played into the hands of our opponents. The German Embassy in Washington should be blamed for this. It was the weakest spot in the whole diplomatic service. Apart from its glaring mistakes, the Embassy lacked an understanding of American psychology, the best proof of this being the failure of the whole German propaganda. It is to the Kaiser's lasting merit that he made every effort to hold the friendship of the United States. We can not blame him because the United States is against us, but we do blame the German-Americans, who do realize that the Fatherland is deeply disappointed in them."

SAYS TUBERCULOSIS WORST DISEASE FOE

New York, April 13.—Tuberculosis is the greatest-disease peril of modern warfare, says Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, state commissioner of health, who has just returned from an exhaustive study of the problem in France. Dr. Biggs was sent by the Rockefeller Institute at the invitation of the French Government.

In a speech last night at a dinner of the society of the alumni of Bellevue Hospital, he said:

"The soldiers are not living in the open-air tents, where conditions would be favorable to those with weak lungs, but are in the trenches, living in dugouts, or huddled together in villages not far from the firing line."

He estimates that between 39 and 40 per cent. of the French prisoners who have returned from Germany are suffering from tuberculosis. There are 15,999 cases of the disease in the French army and from 400,000 to 500,000 cases in France to-day, he asserts.

"What is true of France, I understand," said Dr. Biggs, "also is true of Austria-Hungary and Russia."

WAR VETERANS SEND MESSAGE TO BYNG

Winnipeg, April 13.—Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm a motion to send a message of congratulation to the Canadian forces in Northern France was carried without a dissenting voice by the Great War Veterans last night. It was called to Lieut. Gen. Byng.

Serjt-Major Robinson, D. C. M., of Vancouver, with 29 years of service and having fought in five campaigns, in moving the resolution, said the delegates to the convention, as men who had helped to lay the foundation for the present deeds in France, were delighted beyond measure to see such a magnificent and history-making structure being built upon it. He urged the delegates to be loyal to their trust in preparing to welcome their comrades when the latter came home, and in the meantime to see that their dependents at home are well cared for.

AMERICAN FLAG ON LINE.

Paris, April 13.—The American uniform and the Stars and Stripes will soon be seen in action on the French front.

The War Office decided that the Lafayette Air Squadron, composed almost exclusively of American aviators, in the future will be permitted to wear the American army uniform. On their aeroplanes will be painted the American flag.

AWARDED DAMAGES.

Winnipeg, April 13.—In the damage case of Mrs. E. Elliott versus the Winnipeg Street Railway, the jury yesterday awarded Mrs. Elliott \$4,000 and costs for injuries sustained in a fall when she attempted to board a car last December. The case will be appealed.

SUBMARINE BROKE DOWN.

New York, April 13.—Among the passengers arriving here to-day on a Spanish steamship was Captain J. A. Kimball, a New London pilot, who was on the American-built Spanish submarine Isaac Perle when she left a Connecticut port on February 26 for Spain under convoy of the steamship C. Lopez y Lopez. The engines of the submarine, Captain Kimball said, broke down when she was about 1200 miles out and the submarine was taken in tow by the steamship and put into the Azores for repairs.

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Ottawa, April 13.—The Soldiers' Land Settlement Bill, which will provide for a free grant of Dominion land to veterans of the Imperial forces coupled with a provision for a loan to be advanced under supervision of \$1,500 or \$2,000, will be presented to the House by Hon. W. J. Roche, Minister of the Interior, who with Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, has had charge of its preparation. It is understood that its terms were settled and approved by Sir Robert Borden before he left Canada for England, and a full memorandum of its provisions was furnished J. Bruce Walker, of the Department of the Interior, who went to London for the purpose of representing Canada on the Imperial Immigration Board.

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GAMBLING WITH THEIR NERVE

Carl W. Ackerman, one of the American news correspondents who left Germany with former Ambassador Gerard, says the war will last as long as the Kaiser is able to gamble with the nerve of the German people.

How long can Wilhelm keep this desperate game going? Mr. Ackerman says it cannot survive a decisive defeat in the field.

many at war than anybody outside of the Central Empires.

These factors, therefore, emphasize the importance of the operations now in progress on the western front. Last year the German line on the Somme was on the verge of irreparable disaster.

To-day the Allies have renewed their attack upon another section of the front. The British have stormed German positions between Hargicourt and Metz-en-Couture, two points nine miles apart and northwest of St. Quentin.

CANADA'S RAILWAY PROBLEM

Apart from the war and the questions arising from it, the most important problem confronting the Canadian Government lies in the railroad situation.

stations, terminals, offices, etc. with consequent reductions in staff; concentration of work in shops and elsewhere; larger purchases, and therefore lower prices, of all materials and supplies.

ACTION VS. WORDS

"Mr. Bowser stated he was sorry that he could not see any merit in the bill except, perhaps, the provision for the establishment of resident district engineers and the retention of the late Government's policy in regard to roads and trails.

Having said this and much more of the same kind Mr. Bowser wound up by announcing that he was going to vote for the second reading of the bill. If the measure was as weak, ineffective, infantile, absurd and grotesque as Mr. Bowser said it was, his duty, of course, was plain.

Lieut.-Col. Armand Laverne says he is willing to help recruiting for home defence, but is still opposed to sending Canadian troops overseas. Laverne is a shining light in the constellation which revolves around Henri Bourassa.

The morning paper holds Sir Wilfrid Laurier responsible for the failure of Quebec to make a larger response in recruiting. What about Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues? They are the Government of Canada, and having kept the Opposition at arm's length throughout they are particularly responsible for the whole situation.

The chief of Hun military critics does not share the official view that the United States can be ignored in the war. He recognizes the republic as a factor, and blames the late German embassy at Washington and the German-Americans for the fact.

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Bernstorff has been selected as the govt to shield the Kaiser from the impending wrath of his subjects.

No Canadians were included in Mr. Welch's contracting entourage. That fact apparently was regarded by the late Government as a recommendation, for Canadians in its eyes seem to stand away below par.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger now modestly assumes "that each side will regain its own territory." Dreams of possession of a large part of Belgium and of a big slice of France, including iron and coal deposits, "necessary for the economic development of Germany," seem to have vanished.

One of the late Vancouver members received a sub-contract on the P. G. E., but nobody appears able to say why.

Mr. Cowper now speaks of the Government as the "other side." He thus has proclaimed himself to be a follower of Mr. Bowser, the father of the Dominion Trust illegality which before the election was the main basis of Mr. Cowper's criticism of the late Government.

The Kaiser was reported some time ago to have intimated to Constantine of Greece that he had better forget everything else and look to the security of his throne.

Submarine "frightfulness" is achieving certain results in a gradually diminishing ratio, but it has not affected the transportation of men and supplies across the Channel to the British armies in France.

Sir Thomas Tait's ability to recommend a solution of Canada's great railroad problem is recognized on every side. Yet, strangely enough, the Government was afraid to entrust him with enough power on the National Service Board to appoint even his own secretary.

After all, experience is the best teacher. Mr. Cowper already has appealed against the ruling of the Speaker twice. A few more times and he will have the rules of debate down fairly well.

Comments of German papers on the war are about as intelligible as those of a prize fighter who has just "come to" after receiving a knockout blow.

In France also winter seems to be lingering long in the lap of spring. The world cataclysm may have upset the whole balance of nature.

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To-night's Lecture at Empress.—At the Empress Hotel to-night, under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor (who will take the chair) and Mrs. Barnard, the French Red Cross Society, and the Alliance Francaise, Baroness d'Anethan, whose husband for many years prior to his death was in the Belgian Embassy in Japan, will lecture in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund. Her subject, as already announced on several occasions, will be "Sidelights on Belgium and Its History." Mrs. Macdonald Fahey has arranged a musical programme, which will include the singing of the Belgian National Anthem, written by the actor, Jenneval, at the time of the separation of Belgium from Holland in 1830. The Baroness has given this lecture in Japan, and was very largely instrumental in giving the impetus in that country to the Belgian Relief work which is now carried forward by the Japanese ladies themselves. It was after hearing the address that Miss Twada, one of the three Japanese girls sent by the Empress of Japan to be educated in America, and now one of the most advanced of the "modern" school in her own country, came forward and begged for suggestions as to how the women of Japan could help. One of the big undertakings for a week and cleared several hundred pounds, the old Dalmeo families lending their dolls, wonderful heirlooms, which gave additional interest to the exhibition.

Liberals to Meet.—The next regular meeting of Ward L. Liberal Association will take place on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock, in the rooms, Arcade Building.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been issued to William Johnson for a private garage on Stanley Avenue, and to J. Keith Wilson for alterations at the Wilson Hotel, Yates Street.

Re-opening of Schools.—Since the city schools re-open after the holidays on Monday, notice is given by the City Health Officer in The Times advertising columns of the procedure to be adopted, following the fumigation of schools as a result of the measles epidemic.

Speedy Trial.—In the case of Rex versus Chow Jim and Chow Poy, who are charged with robbery with violence by Lim Duck Quia, the accused appeared in the County Court this morning and elected to take speedy trial before His Honor Judge Lampan on Tuesday next, April 17.

The University Platoon.—This is doubtless the last opportunity for men of education and character to go overseas with a draft carefully recruited under university auspices. Preliminary training at Work Point is offered to nearly all recruits, while their special courses will be taken in England. Those interested should write at once to Lieut. Jordan or Sgt. Eastman at the University of B. C., Vancouver.

"Superfluities" Motor.—Tickets for the raffle of the electric motor given to "Superfluities" by J. W. Morris will be on sale early next week. The car can be seen in town nearly any time, as "Superfluities" are running it about the streets daily to advertise the raffle. Or it will be on view at Messrs. Jameson, Rolfe and Willis' Garage, Courtney Street. The machine is in perfect running order.

Lights Were Out.—Three cases of infringement of the motor law were dealt with in the Police Court this morning. H. D. Rees and "Burick & Bayley" were each fined \$5 for allowing their motors to remain on the street after dark without the tail lamp burning. The similar charge which was laid against a man by the name of Anderson was remanded until tomorrow to allow the appearance of the accused.

Mr. Brewster Would Not Stoop.—Neither would any other sensible man stoop to trim his lawn when he can get a long-handled clipper for \$2.50 and \$2.75. Made of best English steel. Call to-day and see them. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Entertain Aged Ladies.—The inmates of the Home for Aged Women were entertained by the Young Peoples Society of the Congregational Church on Wednesday evening. A musical programme was given, the following artists assisting: Vocalists, the Misses Scowcroft, Hadfield, Hole, Nightingale and Mr. Daniels; reading, Miss Hughes; dir. Miss Scowcroft and Mr. King; violin selections, A. Daniels. Refreshments were served by the ladies, and the proceedings came to a close with the singing of "God Save the King."

Changes of Partnership.—Notice is given in the B. C. Gazette that Green & Burdick Brothers, Limited, intend, at the expiration of one month from the first publication of this notice (April 11) to apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for his approval to change the name of the Company to "A. C. Burdick & Co., Ltd." Notice is also given that Burdick Brothers, Ltd. intend, at the expiration of one month from the first publication of this notice (April 11) to apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for his approval to change its name to "Burdick Brothers & Brett, Ltd."

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO DAY

A meeting of the managing committee of the James Bay Athletic Association was held at the club rooms last night. Twenty-six members were added to the list.
A few hardy enthusiasts upon the subject of hygiene have begun bathing off the rocks at Beacon Hill Park every morning, rain or shine.
The steamer, Mystery returned from Clayoquot last night with 175 seal-skins and several passengers. Trouble has developed among the crews of the sealing schooners, chiefly among the Indian hunters.

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Prof. Odium, M. A., B.Sc., at the invitation of Rev. A. deB. Owen will speak on Bible subjects and the events now occurring from a British Israel point of view in the Church of Our Lord, Humboldt Street, on Sunday next, morning and evening; also Monday evening. On Tuesday evening he will speak in Centennial Methodist Church.

New Justices of the Peace.—Joseph Willis, of Cascade, in the County of Yale. Philip W. Fau-Vel, of Burnaby Lake are appointed justices of the peace, and John Joseph Gillis, of Merritt, M. D. C. M. is appointed a coroner.

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Examination for Assayers.—In accordance with section 12 of the "Business of Mines Act," examinations for efficiency in the practice of assaying will be held in this city on May 14 and on such following days as may be found to be necessary.

Appointments.—The following appointments are gazetted: William Maxwell Smith, of Deroche, to be Superintendent of the Agricultural Credits Commission from April 1, in the place of William Manson, resigned; Eliotte Seymour Stokes, Solicitor, to be Deputy Registrar-General of Titles, from April 1; James Kerr, of Rock Creek, to be a Court of Revision and Appeal for the Kettle River Assessment District, in the place of Henry Nicholson deceased.

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1912 Overland, runabout	\$325
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Consciously or unconsciously a great many are said to be ruled by what neighbors think. "What will people say?" This question was made the title of a very interesting drama produced in five reels by the Popular Players Company, with Olga Petrova in the role of a young woman who follows the dictates of worldly wisdom rather than her better judgment. It is in all respects a first rate photo-drama. The director made every scene interesting and every now and again there is an ingenious bit of camera work that pleases by reason of its novelty.

Mme. Petrova is emotionally impressive, and arrayed in magnificent costumes throughout the various scenes, never fails to captivate her audience. She is splendid in this production, which will win for her greater popularity than ever.

WINNIPEG JUVENILES

Kiddies From Prairie Capital Entertained Full House at Royal Victoria.

Those who missed hearing and seeing the Winnipeg children at the Royal Victoria Theatre last night missed a treat. With one solitary exception the children were all very young, but they performed like professionals, only better. There was a freshness and delicacy of touch that is not usually found in the professional vaudeville.

The Royal was packed to the doors, the fame of the youngsters having spread as a result of the entertainment of the previous evening, and there were many who attended on both occasions. In spite of the fact that one or two of the tots seemed to have strained their voices a little, the entertainment was delightful in every respect. Humor of the right kind prevailed throughout.

Unlike so many entertainments, this one was all it was said to be by its promoters. Had the kiddies remained another night or two it is certain that they could have commanded large audiences, for their fame was only beginning to spread when they left.

At the close of the first part a bouquet of flowers was presented to each member of the company.

THE MAJESTIC.

Not the least item on the week-end programme at the Majestic is a film entitled "The Gate of Death," in which that fearless railroad star, Helen Gibson, has some remarkable adventures. The popularity of these episodes are gaining ground every week, each one of which is a complete story in itself.

Helen Gibson's feat in this number of the "Hazards of Helen" railroad series comes when she slides down a construction camp chute in a small carrier and shoots across the top of a speeding freight train. Besides this stunt there are other tense moments in this reel. There is some exciting fighting when two crooks try to get a satchel containing the pay roll for the mining camp. It is with this satchel that Helen takes a chance on her life. The story is melodramatically interesting.

AT THE MAJESTIC TO-NIGHT.

In "The Pencil Clue," third episode in the "Grant, Police Reporter" newspaper series by Robert Welles Ritchie, George Larkin, as Grant, unravels a

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The screened mystery story moves fast in this film, and tells of the unaccountable death of an aged lawyer. Suspicion points toward his partner, however, when the stenographer tells the reporter what she saw. With a heavily pencilled line as the clue, Grant proves that the old man died from the effects of poison on the point of a pencil. The pencil-point having been prepared by the junior partner. Ollie Kirby plays the part of the stenographer. The junior law partner is played by Director Robert Ellis. Others in the cast are Arthur Albertson, William McKee and G. Chira.

Singing "Creation."—The solo vocalists for the performance of the "Creation," to be given on May 8 at the First Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Mr. Jackson Hamby, will be Miss Eva Hart, soprano; R. Mackenzie, tenor; Gordon Hicks, baritone. Mr. Harry Charlesworth will be at the piano and Jesse Longfield at the organ. The chorus, which has been rehearsing steadily for the last three months, numbers about one hundred voices. The work will take nearly two hours to perform.

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Ginty, E. A. Lee and F. H. Price, of Duncan, are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pitt and family are down from Cobble Hill and are stopping at the Strathcona Hotel.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Miss King, of the Patriotic Service Committee, J. O. D. E., is leaving tomorrow afternoon for California for a few weeks' holiday.

Capt. the Rev. Dr. Campbell, chaplain to the troops, celebrated at "Breadalkane" yesterday afternoon the marriage of Harry Laird Cornish, of San Diego, California, and Alice Myrtle McDermott, of Seattle, Washington. The principals were accompanied by Frank H. Manogue and Mrs. C. D. Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell left by the evening boat for Seattle, and will make their home in San Diego.

At the First Presbyterian Church vestry the marriage was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 of Eda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zaccarelli, late of Wellington, B. C., now of Oakland, Cal., and Dominico Gallasso, of Nanaimo, whose parents live in Italy. The couple were unattended, and Rev. J. G. Inkster officiated. The bride wore a pretty traveling suit of grey cloth. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Gallasso left for Vancouver, and in the near future will take up their residence at Extension, B. C.

Mr. Leslie Grossmith, who is related to the famous actor, family of the name, has come to Victoria to make his home here. Mr. Grossmith, following the family tradition, has a penchant for the stage, and is equipped with a musical versatility which should make him a very welcome addition to musical circles in the city, being solo pianist, composer and orchestral director. It is five years since he left London, Eng., since when he has made a professional tour through Eastern Canada and the United States. Before leaving the Old Country he made tours through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, giving entertainments, which comprised in most instances humorous skits at the piano. He has also toured quite extensively in India and Australia.

AT THE HOTELS

J. Charlton, of Seattle, is at the Dominion Hotel.

A. J. McMurtin, of Ladysmith, is at the Dominion.

Mrs. Hine, of Mara, B. C., is at the Dominion Hotel.

H. C. Gates, of Minneapolis, is stopping at the Dominion.

Oscar R. Knorr, of Chicago, is at the Strathcona Hotel.

H. Shepherd, from Nanaimo, is at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. H. Clark, of New York, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

E. Brooks, of Seattle, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

H. Campbell, of Hazelton, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

D. H. Cox and Mrs. Cox, of Vernon, are at the Dominion Hotel.

G. B. Burroughs, of Calgary, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

R. D. Vanzant, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

F. C. Wolner, of Montreal, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Hugh Barclay, of Souris, Man., registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

W. F. Groszkler is down from Cowichan Lake and is at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Whetham, of Seattle, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

J. E. Carr, of Wellington, is in the City and is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

C. W. Lees and Mrs. Lees, of Sumnerland, are new arrivals at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos W. Butchard, of New York, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ormond T. Smith, of Duncan, are at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Black, of Toronto, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Athelston Day arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday from Cowichan Bay.

Mrs. Nelson and Miss Nelson, of New York City, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Frederick H. Rhodes, from James Island, registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

Rev. A. C. Waaler, of Port Angeles, is visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

W. A. Vinables and family, of Kuntay, Korea, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

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The amount asked for is set within the reach of all, a monthly subscription of from ten cents to one dollar being asked of each and every person residing in the district.

As is well-known, the "GREAT DRIVE" is to commence very soon, with its consequent heavy casualty lists, and as RED CROSS PRODUCTS are mainly wanted at these times of great stress, the Branch hopes that there will be a liberal response to the appeal of the collectors.

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Donald, Mrs. J. K. Lacey, A. B. Caloi, John Borio.

J. E. Lowe and Mrs. Lowe, of Ladysmith, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Kennedy and family, of Prince Rupert, B. C., are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

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AGAIN HE APPEALS FROM THE SPEAKER

Junior Member for Vancouver Appeals to Think Rules Were Not Made for Him

Legislative Press Gallery, April 12.

The junior member for Vancouver appears to forget that he ever wrote a letter asking for a job for a member of his family or else he is anxious to see what it looks like some months after.

Incidentally he would seem to have an idea that the rules of the House are not made for him and when the Speaker makes a ruling that does not suit him he acts as a pettish child.

As soon as prayers were over today he rose to a question of privilege and moved for an order for any letters from himself to any member of the Government asking for a position for any one of his family.

Out of Order.

Mr. Speaker went ruling that this was not a matter of such importance as to warrant its being brought up without notice. The honorable member, however, had every right to place his notice on the order paper and bring it up in the regular course.

The honorable member rose again and was proceeding to discuss the ruling when Mr. Speaker reminded him that there could be no discussion on a ruling by the chair. If the member was not satisfied with the ruling he could appeal from the chair.

The recalcitrant member at once stated that he proposed to appeal and he proposed to read from Bourlet. He did not appear to be aware that the authority on rules and procedure in this House is May and not the eminent Canadian constitutionalist, but it did not matter anyway, as he lost his place and had to forbear inflicting a longer speech upon the House.

Speaker Sustained.

On motion to sustain the chair the member in question, the other dissenting member from Vancouver and the Opposition leader voted nay and demanded a division.

The junior member for Vancouver relied on Rule 55, but the Minister of Agriculture pointed out that this did not have anything to do with bringing down correspondence.

The Speaker was sustained on the following division:

Yeas—Anderson, Bell, Yorston, Buckham, Hanes, Macdonald, K. C. Mobley, Jackson, Willson, Nelson, Macdonald, M. A., Brewster, Oliver, King, Keen, Farris, Hart, Sutherland, Manson, Thompson, MacLean, Pattullo, Sloan, Walters, McGeer, Barrow, Stewart, Pauline, Hall—25.

Nays—Bogoy, Schofield, Jones, McDonald, A. Rose, Bowser, Rose, Hayward, Cowper, McIntosh—10.

The junior member for Vancouver moved for correspondence regarding the dismissal of Deputy Game Warden Stewart, of Mission.

Lost Temper.

Angered by the attitude of Government supporters and by the remark that the House might as well see how far they would go, the junior member lost his temper and, addressing the Attorney-General, against whom he has some sort of spite, said "this is a type of the evasion I want to protest against, where ministers elected to reform matters and be trustees for the people give false information."

The Speaker at once called him to order and reminded him that no member could charge a minister with wrong-doing.

Hon. Mr. Oliver called on the member to withdraw his offensive remark.

Mr. Bowser wanted to know if it was assumed that a member could not charge a minister with wrong-doing.

"When members on the Liberal's side charged ministers with wrong-doing they followed it up with a motion for an investigation," said the Minister of Agriculture. "Let my hon. friend take that course" (Cheers).

How Answers Prepared.

"There is no objection to the motion passing," said the Attorney-General. "As to the suggestion of the Sixth Member for Vancouver I do not desire to make any remark. I do not think the time will ever come when I shall receive any commendation from the hon. the Sixth Member for Vancouver, using the word in the parliamentary sense (hear, hear). The hon. gentleman suggests that answers to questions are not given correctly. From the information I receive in the department the practice has been that when questions are asked they are referred to the head of the branch of the department for preparation of an answer. In this case I did so."

"The Department here or the Department somewhere else?" Mr. Cowper asked.

"The chief clerk of the Department," Mr. Macdonald went on, ignoring the interruption, "to whom the Leader of the Opposition gave a testimonial the other day, had the questions referred to him for answer. If the questions refer to matters outside the Department, as the Agricultural Credits Commission, for instance, they are sent to the chairman of the board for answer. Technically, we are responsible for the answers. It is just possible that the informant of the Department might give incorrect information, wittingly or otherwise. Responsible heads, in the case, gave me this information. They told me that hitherto I do not know the practice in the past, there were so few questions asked—they had so answered questions. They did not make any inquiries in the deputy game warden's office in Vancouver, and finding nothing on file in the Department they gave me these answers."

Minister Responsible.

"It may very well be that on file in

the game warden's office in Vancouver, if there is anything about stating the game warden's age, it may be there. I do not know as to that, but inquiry will be made, and, as I say, there can be no objection to the motion. If there was any mistake the mistake was mine—I say that frankly, because I am willing to share any blame as the head of the Department—but to suggest that there was anything witting and intentional on the part of the head of the Department is something that might come from the hon. the sixth member for Vancouver but, I venture to say, would not come from any other hon. gentleman. (Applause.)

Will Investigate.

"It seems as if the hon. gentleman had armed himself with the information that there is such correspondence as he asks for in the Game Warden's office in Vancouver. I do not know whether any of his peregrinations went further. If there was any collusion between officials and others I must look further into the matter and I would not hesitate to take any action the circumstances may warrant." (Applause.)

Inquiry Bill.

The Premier, moving the second reading of the Vancouver Inquiry Bill, said it had taken some time to secure jurists who would take this inquiry. The Government had no part in the preparation of the bill, which was presented to the House as it had been drafted by counsel for the proposed commission. The measure gives complete, free and untrammelled scope to the commissioners, so that they could go fully into the aggravated conditions existing.

Sifted to the Bottom.

"I am in hopes," said the Premier, "that this bill will, when enacted into law, give an opportunity to clear those conditions in Vancouver and British Columbia which have had a detrimental effect and have created considerable heart-burning and ill-feeling. We desire to create a tribunal of whose motives there can be no question, and of whose impartiality there can be as little, and which can be trusted to make a complete inquiry and bring in a report."

"The Government's object is to have the matter sifted to the bottom, let the blame fall where it may. I have little to say as to the bill. The Government desires to make it so thorough an investigation as will remove a sore place that does and must exist and get down to the true facts and ensure findings on these. No matter where the fault falls it will be satisfactory to the people of the Province to have it definitely fixed. It is regrettable that it was not possible to bring in this measure at an earlier date, but this was not possible."

The regular Opposition made no move to continue the debate, but Dr. McIntosh, one of the insurgents from Vancouver, got the floor for tomorrow.

BOWSER VOTES DOWN HIS OWN CONSCIENCE

Condemns Mining Measure as Impracticable and Then Votes for It

Legislative Press Gallery, April 12.

The mining bill of Hon. William Sloan's was under fire by Mr. Bowser today, but the Leader of the Opposition was obviously laboring his criticism. Following him the House heard Dr. Sutherland and Hon. T. D. Pattullo in support of the measure.

Mr. Bowser said that one of the most important and most lasting of the industries of British Columbia was mining. With metals at their present price, especially, this was so. Shareholders had to do their share but the Government had to do its part. The Minister of Mines was to be congratulated on his attempt to do something, but after all his bill was theoretical and not practical. To quote an American mining authority whom he had consulted, the bill was the finest piece of utopian legislation ever drafted.

Terms of Union.

The late minister (L. A. Campbell), an experienced mining man, had gone into this matter and had found the difficulties so great that all the result he could come to was the adding of mining and miners by roads and trails. As to a mineral survey of the province, the Leader of the Opposition maintained that the Government was duplicating the work of the Geological Survey and relieving the Dominion Government of its obligation under the terms of union. There was no reason or justification why any Government should relieve the Dominion.

"There is no desire to relieve the Dominion Government," said Hon. Mr. Sloan, "but the work of the Geological Survey has not been in keeping with the terms of union." (Hear, hear.)

A Joke.

Mr. Bowser, while apparently objecting to the bill as theoretical, went on to object to their being so few mineral survey districts (six) and to the location of the survey stations in each district. He complained that for Kootenays the station was in Revelstoke, and insinuated that the member for that riding was being consoled for not being a minister by having a mining engineer placed in the riding.

J. W. deB. Farris (Vancouver) wanted to know if the Opposition Leader seriously suggested that Revelstoke, on the C. P. R. main line, was selected as centre of the district because the respected member for that riding was not a minister.

The Leader of the Opposition intimated that he might cross swords with the honorable gentleman some day in Vancouver, not to his own discredit. Incidentally, it may be remarked that Mr. Bowser seemed for

the moment to have forgotten that on the civil vote Mr. Farris stands as Fourth Member for Vancouver by a majority of over one thousand over Mr. Bowser, who was never elected at all, and that on the final vote, by reason of which none Mr. Bowser secured a seat, Mr. Farris has a majority of 461 over him.

Strained His Conscience.

Mr. Bowser concluded thus: "I reluctantly support the second reading of the bill. I very reluctantly support the second reading of the bill in the hope that when it goes into committee it will be improved. It strains my conscience to vote for its second reading because it is not of a practical nature."

Dr. Sutherland.

"No doubt the Hon. Leader of the Opposition changed his mind considerably after he consulted his American friend and after he talked to some one of business ability," said Dr. Sutherland (Revelstoke), who was greeted with cheers from the Liberal benches when he rose. "I only want to take up a few moments in considering what he and the member for Nelson said, and in emphasizing the principle of the bill. We have heard a great deal of criticism, so-called, from the Leader of the Opposition. If he knows as little about the rest of the province and about this bill as he does about the district to which I belong he knows very little. (Hear, hear.)"

"We have in the survey district of which Revelstoke is to be the centre three mineral belts, eastern, south-western and central, and the district runs one hundred miles north of that city. Taking the arguments of the member for Nelson and the Leader of the Opposition we are asked to subscribe to the claim that because the southern portion of the district has been developed, that alone is a reason why the northern portion should not be developed.

Revelstoke the Centre.

"I do not need the assurance that I have from competent mining engineers that Revelstoke is in the centre of one of the greatest mining districts of the province, if not of Canada, and that want of proper transportation is the only reason why it has not developed as it should. (Hear, hear). Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent and the district is ready now for further development, which will require a great country to be opened up. I think I am well within the mark when I say that there are ten million dollars waiting to be invested in that country as soon as it is opened up wisely.

Lands for Settlement.

"While it is the centre of a great mineral district Revelstoke has never been able to get engineers in there to open it up, and many of its most promising prospects are far from the railroad. I would suggest that the reason that the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Nelson are unaware of its importance is that there has never been a mineral survey of the district and there has been no report on it from which anyone could get any information. Not only are these mineral resources to be developed but there are 75,000 acres of the finest lands in the province available to settlers the minute development takes place.

"I want to say in reference to certain letters and telegrams which have been quoted that I am in receipt of communications which make it plain that the mining interests of the province are in favor of this bill. (Cheers). The mining men feel that if the Government did nothing else at this session but bring this measure into force it would be well worth the change of Government which was made last September." (Cheers).

Mr. Pattullo.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo (Prince Rupert) believed the Minister of Mines was to be congratulated upon the bill, which he had brought down, and the province was to be congratulated on having a minister who, from his long practical knowledge in mining matters, was able to see how best the miners could be assisted, especially in bridging the gap between the prospector and the capitalist.

The honorable gentleman remarked that he represented a district which was probably the most highly mineralized in the province, and therefore he knew that an assistance this bill would be to the men in that part of the country.

No Argument.

Mr. Pattullo twitted the Leader of the Opposition on the fact that while he condemned the Government for this bill he nevertheless proposed to support it. It had to be remembered, in connection with the criticism of the Leader of the Opposition as to surveys, that the Geological Survey was intended to do work more of a general nature, and not to go into such detail as the mining engineers under this bill would have to go into. The Leader of the Opposition objected that there were not enough engineers but that was a fault, if it was a fault, which could easily be remedied. But it was no argument that if there were not enough you should appoint none at all. J. E. W. Thompson (Grand Forks) moved the adjournment of the debate.

MAKING IT PLAIN

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Questions Answered and Bills Passed During the Afternoon

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In the Legislature this afternoon several questions were answered, including the following:

J. H. Schofield asked the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has Frank B. Scott been acting as a bridge foreman in Cranbrook Building?

2. When was he appointed?

3. Has he been dismissed?

4. If so, when, and by whom?

5. What were the reasons for his dismissal?

6. Who has been appointed in his place?

7. What experience has the new appointee had in this work?

Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:

1. Yes.

2. November 29, 1916.

3. Yes.

4. March 17, by Department.

5. In the public interest.

6. G. R. Leask.

7. Builder and contractor; many years' experience?

J. W. Jones asked the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

1. How many applications for loans have been received by the Agricultural Credit Commission to date?

2. What is the total amount in money of such applications?

3. How many loans have been granted to date?

4. What is the total amount in money or loans granted?

5. What amount in cash has been paid out to borrowers on account of said loans?

6. What balance is now left from the first \$1,000,000 loan after deducting loans granted?

7. How many applications have been refused or withdrawn?

8. What is the total amount in money of applications refused or withdrawn?

9. How many applications have not yet been disposed of?

10. What is the total amount in money of applications not yet disposed of?

11. Are instalments of principal and interest due by borrowers being promptly paid?

12. How many have fallen due to date?

13. Are there any of such instalments in arrears; if so, how many, and amount of each?

14. Is it the intention of the Government to supply additional money to the Commission for agricultural loans?

15. If so, when will additional money be provided?

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:

1. 1,336.

2. \$2,751,590.

3. 374.

4. \$743,900.

5. \$299,851.47.

6. \$14,200.

7. 475.

8. \$1,020,350.

9. 505.

10. \$948,240.

11. Yes.

12. 20.

13. Three—\$225, \$54, \$54.

14. This is under consideration.

15. This is under consideration.

Answers 1 to 13 (inclusive) are furnished by the Agricultural Commission. Mr. Bowser asked the Premier the following questions:

1. Did Mr. F. C. Wade personally or through any other person or persons representing the Vancouver Sun, either verbally or by written communication, at any time since the 24th day of November last make a proposal or suggestion to the Hon. the Premier, or any past member of the Government or any present member of the Government, that the Government or one of more departments should enter into a contract with said Sun newspaper for printing in the future amounting to \$25,000, or a larger or less sum?

2. Did said Wade or such other representative or representatives point out that if the Sun Company received this contract the company could take it and finance with its bankers as a result?

3. Did said Wade or any other person or persons acting for said Sun Company suggest that the Government Printing Office in Victoria be closed, or a portion of it, and the work of said printing office or a portion of it be transferred to the Sun office in Vancouver?

4. If so, what answer was given to said Wade or any other person or persons to said proposals?

5. If these suggestions were not made to the Premier personally, were same ever brought to his notice by any of his colleagues, either present or past, or by any other person or persons?

6. Did the Hon. the Premier communicate the purport of these proposals to any member of the Legislature?

Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows:

1. No.

2. No.

3. As to closing office partially or wholly, no. Have been solicited by various printing companies, including the Sun Publishing Company, for such printing as the Government had to give out.

4. No action taken.

5. Answered by No. 2.

6. As answered by No. 3, yes. Capt. Hayward, on the Contagious Disease (Animals) Act amendments, stated that with one or two improvements which he would suggest in committee he could support the bill in every way.

Two small bills passed third reading. Prayers were read to-day by Rev. A. B. Osterhout.

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RUPERT STRANDING TO BE INVESTIGATED

Wreck Commissioner Instructed to Hold Inquiry at Earliest Possible Date

Capt. John D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner for British Columbia, has been instructed by the Marine Department at Ottawa to hold a formal investigation into the stranding of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship, Prince Rupert, which on March 23 last went ashore on Gann Island, Malacca Channel.

The investigation, however, will not be held until after the Prince Rupert has been floated, as the captain and the crew are still standing by the vessel and will not be available to record their testimony before the court until such time as the steamship is brought to Esquimalt for repairs.

WHITEHEAD NOW WITH ARMY SERVICE CORPS

"Billy" Whitehead, formerly of the Coast Steamship Company's staff, is acting as a blue-tailed staff officer with the Canadian Army Service Corps, and is at present in a London hospital after undergoing an operation.

AGAIN BOUND FOR KUSKOKWIM.

The power schooner Bender Brothers, a well-known Puget Sound vessel, has been chartered to carry supplies from Seattle to the Moravian missions in the Kuskokwim River district.

SOPHIA FOR ALASKA.

On her northbound trip to Skagway the C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia, Capt. Locke, will leave port at 11 o'clock to-night.

CAPT. McLEOD RECOVERING.

Capt. John McLeod, the veteran skipper of the B. C. Coast Steamship Service, is rapidly recovering from the effects of the serious operation he underwent a short time ago.

BURMA MARU MAKES FAST MAIDEN TRIP

New Osaka Shosen Kaisha Freighter Reports Arrival at William Head To-morrow.

First of a fleet of Japanese steamships about due to arrive on the coast from the Far East, the Japanese freighter Burma Maru, newest of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha fleet, reports by radio-telegram that she will reach William Head at noon to-morrow from Hongkong.

Not a little interest is being evinced in the Burma Maru in view of the fact that she is making her maiden trip across the Pacific. She was only launched a few months ago, being the latest product of the Japanese shipbuilding yards.

Both vessels are carriers of 7,000 tons deadweight capacity and have a sea speed of about eleven knots.

SEATTLE YARDS TO BUILD 500 WOODEN CARGO CARRIERS

Seattle, April 12.—Definite word that the federal shipping board plans on building up to 500 of the proposed 3,000-ton wooden cargo carriers at Seattle and nearby points was contained in a telegram received by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association from the board at Washington, D. C.

At present wooden shipbuilders are anxiously awaiting the action of the shipping board. Because of the fact that it is generally believed that many of the contracts will be placed here, builders are loath to sign up for the construction of bottoms for private owners.

The accumulated orders for lumber for Eastern account have run into thousands of cars. Railway equipment for shipping present-held orders can be supplied only in a limited quantity, and new business has been rejected because of uncertainty as to when the car shortage can be relieved.

KAMAKURA ON MONDAY

N. Y. K. Liner Has 800 Tons of Cargo for Local Delivery.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kamakura, Maru reports that she will arrive in port on Monday afternoon from Hongkong and Yokohama.

GASOLINE LAUNCH ON FIRE LAST NIGHT

While located at the new Ocean Docks, the gasoline launch Pitt caught fire last evening, probably from back firing. When the fire department arrived the launch was burning steadily, and it was reported that a man, who had then left the boat, had burnt one hand badly in attempting to extinguish the flames.

LAUREL WHALEN HAS FOUR MASTS STEPPED

The fore, main, mizzen and spanker masts have been stepped aboard the auxiliary schooner Laurel Whalen at the fitting-out berth at the Cameron-Geno shipbuilding plant.

CHINA MAIL COMPANY BUYS LINER CONGRESS

Burnt-Out Craft Purchased for Approximately \$1,000,000; for Transpacific Trade

At a figure said to be approaching \$1,000,000, the Pacific Coast Company's liner Congress, which was swept by fire off the Oregon coast last September, has been purchased by the China Mail Steamship Company.

The new owners will place the Congress in the trans-Pacific trade out of San Francisco. The vessel is of 7,985 gross tons register and was built at Camden, New Jersey, having been launched in 1913.

The British underwriters interested in the Congress settled on a basis of 95 per cent, the owners retaining the vessel. The insured value was \$1,000,000 and the Pacific Coast Company receives \$950,000.

STATES ORDERS ALL WIRELESS SEALED

Radio Apparatus Must Be Silent on Vessels Within American Territorial Waters

Seattle, April 12.—Seattle steamship companies are notified by Lieutenant Benjamin Wolf, United States radio inspector, that effective immediately all wireless antennas on vessels bound for American ports must be lowered the moment they reach the three-mile limit.

As the vessels enter American waters the antenna, the wires extending between the masts, must be lowered at both ends and after being disconnected from the ship's radio station placed on the deck. This action is being taken by the navy department to prevent the use of wireless aboard vessels plying in the coastwise and overseas trade from divulging military or naval movements to enemy ships which might be offshore.

As a result of the new order all vessels bound for Seattle must have their wireless disconnected the moment they reach a point three miles off Cape Flattery, and the antenna must be on the deck while they are in the Strait, on the Sound and in port.

WIRELESS REPORTS

8 a. m., April 13.

Point Grey—Overcast; S. E.; 29.98; 44; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Misty; rain; S. E., strong; 29.97; 42; sea moderate. Spoke str Venture, 8 a. m., abeam Cape Lazo, northbound.

Pachena—Rain; S. E.; 29.96; 42; sea moderate.

Estevan—Rain; S. E., fresh; 29.63; 37; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.58; 39; sea smooth.

Triangle—Snow; fog; calm; 29.78; 33; dense seaward. Spoke str Camonun, 8 40 p. m., leaving River's Inlet, northbound; spoke str Admiral Goodrich, 8 45 p. m., Lama Passage, northbound; spoke str Princess Maquina, 11 55 p. m., Millbank Sound, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.62; 38; sea rough.

Ikedda Bay—Overcast; S. E.; 29.32; 43; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.66; 42; sea smooth. Passed out, str Prince George, 12 30 a. m., northbound; out, str Prince Albert, 1 15 a. m., westbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; S. E., fresh; 29.90; 55; sea rough.

Cape Lazo—Misty; rain; S. E., fresh; 29.92; 43; sea moderate.

Pachena—Rain; S.; 29.71; 45; sea moderate.

Estevan—Rain; S. E., strong; 29.45; 59; sea rough.

Alert Bay—Overcast; S. E.; 29.50; 42; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; calm; 29.70; 38; sea rough. Spoke str Alki, 11 45 a. m., Fine Inlet, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E., fresh; 29.66; 40; sea rough.

Ikedda Bay—Overcast; S. E.; 29.40; 42; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm; 29.90; 43; sea smooth.

INTERESTING LIST ON OUTBOUND LINER

Captains of Industry, Diplomats, Jurists, Tourists and Political Refugees Sail

REAL CHINESE PRINCESS IS WIFE OF AMERICAN

With three hundred passengers in the saloon and second cabin the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Russia, Capt. S. Robinson, R. N. R., put to sea from the Outer Rocks shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, bound for ports in the Far East.

Capt. Robert Dollar, probably the chief opponent to the passage of the American Seaman's Bill, and who, following the passage of the La Follette measure, sold the majority of his steamships and transferred the remainder of the fleet to British registry with headquarters at Vancouver, is making another of his periodical trips to the Orient.

Capt. Dollar is accompanied by Mrs. Robert Dollar, Harold Dollar, Mrs. Harold Dollar and Master Robert Dollar.

W. F. Carey of the Shima-Carey Company, railroad contractor of St. Paul, is en route to China to superintend the construction of fourteen hundred miles of railroad for the Chinese government in the province of Huheh. The railway is financed by the American International Corporation, of New York, which concern loaned \$60,000,000 to the Chinese government.

An interesting passenger was a real Chinese princess in the person of Mrs. T. C. White. With her husband she is on her way back to China where Mr. White will resume mining operations.

Mrs. White was formerly Princess Der Ling, a daughter of the late Lord Yung, who was at one time Chinese Ambassador to France as well as Ambassador to the Mikado's court, and who held the post of Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the old regime.

Mr. White is one of the few Americans who obtained mining concessions from the late government of China, and at present is engaged in coal mining operations on a field that he says should produce coal for an indefinite period.

Hon. E. Finley Johnson, Judge of the Supreme Court in the Philippines, who has been spending some months at his home in Iowa, is returning to take up his judicial duties, accompanied by his wife.

Jonas Lied is proceeding to Siberia to take up his duties as consular representative of the Norwegian Government. Julius S. Reis, president of the Manila Trading and Supply Company, and Roy C. Newton, Director of Changsha, China, boarded the liner at this port.

Included among the cabin passengers were a large number of Russian political refugees who are returning to Russia to enjoy the liberties extended under the new regime. There were at least thirty in the party, all of whom have been exiled for a number of years. The new era has boundless possibilities for these men who have long been denied the privileges of citizenship through political offences.

In addition to her large saloon and cabin passenger list the Empress of Russia carried a capacity general cargo and a number of Oriental, in the steerage.

ANOTHER ESTIMATE ON ROCK BAY BRIDGE

Heavy Expense for Permanent Crossing; All Assessment Appeals Are Withdrawn

Many proposals have been submitted in the last two and a half years for the improvement of Rock Bay bridge, and the latest was presented to City Council in Streets Committee this afternoon, as requested at a recent meeting.

The City Engineer was asked to make a statement of the probable cost of a concrete trestle, on either end of the 70-foot draw span, substituting concrete for the present wooden trestle, and thus have a definite basis for filing in later.

Of temporary schemes, according to the character desired, and the extent to which the wooden approaches are repaired, it was stated at this committee, the cost would range from \$9,000 to \$22,000. Officials were opposed on that occasion to recommend the reopening of the bridge without it being adequate for all classes of traffic, doubting the legal status of the City in case an accident occurred through a heavy vehicle disobeying the rules and entering upon the bridge.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company has submitted a plan for a double track on Esquimalt Road, between Catharine Street and Mary Street, being that part of the disputed right-of-way near the brewery which has caused much trouble. The track is double for a long distance on either side. With the great increase in travel owing to military and naval demands in the Esquimalt district, some improvement of the service is imperative.

The Dean assessment appeals have been withdrawn, it is announced to-day, and thus as far as the work of the Court of Revision on the Roll without an appeal. This is a record, such a condition not having occurred for years. These appeals affect mill property on Rock Bay, and the validity of the notice, as well as the subject matter of the appeal, were questioned by city officials before the Court.

GIRLS' ENTERTAINMENT

Considerable Talent Displayed by Actors and Singers at Y. W. C. A.

A dramatic and musical entertainment was given on Wednesday evening by the Victoria Business Girls' Club. The event took place in the Y. W. C. A. and was very well attended.

The vocalists were Miss G. Burgess, and Miss Edith Henry, both of whose numbers were much liked. Two sketches, "Our Aunt from California," by Madeline Demarest Barnum, and "The Honor of the Class," by Eleanor Maud Crane, occupied very pleasantly a major part of the evening.

INDIAN ARRESTED

Billy Peel, Alleged Slayer of Billy Dominick, Now in Custody.

Superintendent of Police Colin Campbell has this morning received from Provincial Chief Constable Smith, of Vancouver, intimation that Billy Peel, the Indian who is alleged to have murdered Billy Dominick at Forbes Bay, Homfray Channel, on Sunday last, was arrested without trouble on Wednesday.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Esquimalt Town Liberal Association was held at Jones's Hall, Esquimalt, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. W. McCurdy; vice-president, G. W. Wood; secretary, J. W. Phillips; treasurer, J. C. McIntosh; executive committee, Messrs. J. W. Jones, G. Bridgman, H. Hearns, F. Quarmby, F. Luscombe, A. W. Greaves, E. Saunders, A. P. Hedden, F. Pimm, A. G. Jacques, J. A. Maltravers.

BOWLING NEWS.

Following are the scores in the Commercial Bowling League match played last night at the Arcade Alley between the Outlaws and Fairalls, won by the former by 8.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Leach, Tony, Baldy, Brooke, Fuggie, Fairalls, Ltd., Trewin, Brown, Kershaw.

The next game will be played this evening between the Camerons, and the Garriens.

The next game in the Junior League will be between the Picaudly Watts and the Dentists.

Mrs. Simpson had taken her little daughter out to eat with her, and during the meal was horrified to see the child trying to force a thick piece of bread into a very small pocket. "Why, Marion," she said, in shocked surprise, "what on earth are you doing?" "That's all right, mother, her small daughter assured her. "I'm just taking this slice back to nurse for a pattern."

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SPORTING NEWS

SOCCER GAME FUNDS TO BUY EQUIPMENT

Money to Be Used for Purchase of Outfits to Send to the Front

At Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon there will be a soccer match played between the Victoria Wests and the V. I. A. A. The object of the game is to raise funds to provide sporting outfits for the boys at the front, and to this end a collection will be taken up on the field.

The purpose to which this money will be devoted is such that the game should be well attended by every good sportsman in Victoria, and it is also hoped that residents of the city who have not taken much interest in the game previously will make it a point to be present on Saturday to show their sympathy with a movement to aid the sporting activities of the boys at the front. This calls for the lines in France and Belgium for sporting equipment have been numerous of late, showing that the lads have ample opportunity to enjoy an occasional game even while they are participating in the stern realities of war.

The kick-off of the game will be at 3 o'clock. The following are the line-ups:

Victoria Wests—Mickleton; Whyte and McLeod; Stewart, Hill and Allen; Sherratt, Petticrew, J. Peden, T. Peden and Thomas.

V. I. A. A. (the team will be picked from the following players)—Al. Davies, Elliott, Bayley, Henry, Adam, Harwood, McGregor, Dumbleton, Cummins, Speak and Winsby.

CONFUSION REIGNS IN BOXING CIRCLES

Leading Stoker Woods Says He Will Not Fight Here Again

Confusion appears to reign among the local boxers who are expected to appear before the public in the near future. Several statements have been made with regard to the men who were likely to appear—and also with regard to the men who would act as managers.

The first challenge issued since the last tournament was that of Pte. Cook, of the Highlanders, to Russ Leighton, of the Army and Navy champion of the province. This was followed by a statement from Scotty McKay to the effect that he was desirous of meeting any Army or Navy man of the province for the welterweight title. It was understood that he would appear with W. H. Davies, the local promoter, as his manager. The challenge was accepted by Petty Officer Curson and arrangements seemed to be proceeding in a satisfactory manner.

Then came the news that Al. Davies, the local lightweight, and Stoker Woods were also matched to appear at the same card with McKay and Curson. The possibility that Cook and Leighton might also be booked for the same evening. These arrangements, however, did not materialize and the heavyweights announced that they would fight at the Willows under the auspices of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

Followers of the game then expected that the McKay-Curson and Davies-Woods bouts would be staged by W. H. Davies as headliners on the tournament which it was thought would be held in the city. Recent developments have proved to the contrary and the current report is to the effect that arrangements between McKay and W. H. Davies have been broken off and that McKay and Curson will appear in a semi-final at the Willows with Leighton and Cook.

This left the tournament promoted by Davies with but one contest for the principal event, namely that between Al. Davies and Stoker Woods. To-day, however, this meet has been knocked in the head by a letter which Mr. Davies received from Stoker Woods and which he requested to be published. It reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Davies,—I have come to the conclusion that it will be best to leave me out of the prospective show as the whole thing seems to be in a state of confusion. I saw McKay last night and it appears that he wants me to go on with him at the Willows. I think that Leighton is at bottom of the whole thing. I therefore told him that I was through with the whole lot. I will not box again here.

"Yours truly,
(Sgd.) 'LEAD'G. STKR. WOODS."

Mr. Davies states that in order that his tournament may not be called off he is negotiating with Earl Baird, the national champion of the United States in the 125-pound class to meet Al. Davies, the local boy.

RELEASED TO MINORS.

Chicago, April 12.—Steve Yerkes, second baseman with the Chicago Nationals, was released yesterday to the Indianapolis club of the American Association. Yerkes, a former Pittsburgh Federal, is under a Federal League contract calling for \$4,500 a year. His release is taken to mean that Larry Doyle will be in condition to play second.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Detroit-Cleveland game at Detroit postponed; cold.
New York-Boston game at New York postponed; wet grounds.
Washington-Philadelphia game at Philadelphia postponed; rain.

CHURCH BASKETBALL TO AID RED CROSS

Three Games Will Be Contested at Y. M. C. A. To-morrow Evening.

To-morrow evening commencing at 7.45, in the gymnasium of the local Y.M.C.A. three basketball games will be played under the auspices of the Victoria Sunday School Athletic Association. The games are worthy of special note considering the fact that they are being played by the leading teams of the association, and also from the fact that the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Society. In order that the sum may be as large as possible it is hoped that many Victorians will avail themselves of the opportunity of being present. Tickets may be obtained at the Y.M.C.A., the Red Cross Headquarters and the Superfruit Shop.

The following are the scheduled games:

Ladies—First Presbyterian "A" vs. All-Stars.
Senior-Congregational vs. James Bay "B."

Intermediate—James Bay vs. All-Stars.

Teams Selected.
Presbyterian "A"—Guards, Ruby Harkness and Bessie Harkness; forwards, Mary Hannan and Ella Fraser; centre, Bee Briggs (captain); spare, Bessie Forbes.

All-Star Ladies—Guards, Edith Grant and Audrey Carter; forwards, Marjorie Moffat and Mabel Charlton; centre, Lella Wootton (captain); spares, Anita Maston and Alma Lynch. James Bay Intermediates—Jim McPhaden, Harry Copas, Earl Ledington, Horace Ryan and Frank Hunter.

All-Star Intermediates—Fred Webster, V. Jones, Ernie Hall and W. Huxtable (captain); spares, L. Wyles and F. Sproule.

All three games will undoubtedly be of a very high standard. The Presbyterian "A" team winners of the Ladies' League has not lost a game this season, and the aggregation of stars of the remaining team who did not have the satisfaction of winning against them before are accepting to-morrow evening's contest as their final opportunity. It must be remembered, however, that the "A" team will have the advantage of having played together all through the season and will therefore be in better working order as a team than their opponents. At all events an interesting struggle is expected.

In the Intermediate League the Bays suffered one defeat. It was the Presbyterian "A" team which took by a small margin the third game which was contested for by these two clubs. The Bays will be without the services of Alex. Moffat, but in spite of this fact they are confident that they will be able to come off the victors from Saturday's contest. Their opponents, the all-star team, will present a strong aggregation and a close match is therefore looked forward to.

The senior game will close the night's entertainment. The last match between the Congos and the Bays resulted in a win for the former by a slim point, the score being 15 to 14. Both teams will be travelling at top speed all the time in the effort to show which is really the better of the two.

POLO PLAYER KILLED IN BATTLE

Winnipeg, April 13.—Major J. A. Critchley, M. C., listed recently as dead of wounds, was the son of Captain Critchley, M. C., and was well known in Western Canada as a sportsman. His name appeared among the wounded listed in the casualties on April 2.

Major Critchley was 29 years of age and received his commission in the Lord Strathcona Horse on July 17, 1913. He lived at Cochrane, Alta. He and his brother, Captain A. Critchley, were on a Canadian polo team that was captained by his father at Coronado Beach, Cal. He also played on the regimental team that won the Western Canadian polo championship for several years in succession.

VANCOUVER WANTS ANOTHER TWIRLER

Oaks and Moanons Would Send Players; Bert Whaling Anxious

Bob Brown, hustling manager of the Vancouver Ball Club, is still gathering up talent for this season's pennant race which will open in a little less than two weeks. The Vancouver press has announced the receipt of telegrams from two Pacific Coast League Clubs offering him players to bolster up the ranks of the local club. He also has a deal hanging fire in the Northwestern League for one of the best pitchers in minor league company and before the end of the week he expects to have this player attached to the Vancouver squad.

Passes Up Offers.

Recently wires came along from Salt Lake and Oakland, both clubs offering to turn over players to him. Salt Lake has a good infielder and a fair twirler which they want Vancouver to take over, while the Oaks have an outfielder and a pitcher ready to hop the rattlers for Vancouver. They are not men of the calibre Brown is seeking, and he has tabled the offers for future consideration. In the meantime he is working the wires overtime trying to close the deal for a twirler on one of the other clubs in this league. "If I get this man Vancouver will have the best staff of fingers on the circuit and make no mistake about that," observed the leader. Until the deal is closed Brown refuses to divulge the identity of the man he is after.

Bert Whaling, former Seattle backstop, who went up to Boston from that club a couple of seasons ago, wants to work behind the log for the Beavers. He wired President Brown last night offering to come this way if there was an opening. Whaling is at present in Arizona, playing independent ball. He is a free agent. Brown stated to-day that he was pretty well fortified behind the bat and there is little chance of Whaling being tendered a contract.

BRITISH MIDDLEWEIGHT JOINS WESTERN UNIT

Harry Thomas is Ready for Real Fighting in France and Belgium

After traveling over half-way around the globe, battling in sixteen-foot rings, sometimes winning, sometimes losing, Harry Thomas, a former middleweight title aspirant of the Old Country, has arrived in Vancouver prepared to do his fighting in a larger sphere. Thomas arrived the other day from Australia, traveling via San Francisco, and to-day he is wearing khaki, a member of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders.

Thomas likes his new task and he is quite enthusiastic over the prospects of going overseas and entering the big ring. Three years ago he was prominent in Old Country boxing circles and was matched with Pat O'Keefe for the English middleweight title. War broke out, however, and the match was abandoned. Thomas, along with Lew Edwards, who has since won the Australian lightweight title, Harry Reeves, another lightweight, and Fred Delaney, then shipped to Australia, where they engaged in a number of contests under Snorzy Baker's management. He won seven bouts in the Antipodes and lost two. Altogether Thomas has engaged in 150 bouts during his ring career. He left Australia a couple of months ago, and after landing at San Francisco had a number of short distance matches and then wended his way to Vancouver.

LEIGHTON AND COOK DECIDE ON CONTEST

Bout Will Be of Fifteen Rounds Duration; Staged at the Willows

At a meeting which was held last evening Russ Leighton, of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, and Pte. Cook, of the overseas draft of the 10th Gordon Highlanders, came to a decision with regard to the details of the bout which will be staged to decide the championship of the Army and Navy of British Columbia.

The fight will be held at the Willows and will be of fifteen rounds duration. It is being given under the auspices of the Returned Soldiers' Association, which organization will receive the greater part of the proceeds. The date which was announced as Thursday next has been changed to Saturday, April 21. Besides the main event there will be several other interesting bouts. Among these it is expected that Petty Officer Curson and Scotty McKay will meet to decide the welterweight championship of the Army and Navy units of the Province. There will also be two fights of four rounds between Army and Navy boys. The fact that arrangements are being made so that in all contests an Army man will stand against a member of the Navy should add considerable interest to the event.

The details of the management are in the hands of H. W. Hart, of the Returned Soldiers' Association, and further information concerning the tournament can be obtained on application to him at the Association's rooms or at telephone 3,777.

DOG TEAMS WILL REACH NOME SOON

Paul Kjegstad Bringing Up Far in Rear of Other Contestants

Nome, April 12.—With the trail fast, the sky clear and the temperature slightly above zero, the three leading dog teams in the All-Alaska Sweepstakes dog race, from Nome to Candiac and return, 412 miles, for a \$2,500 purse and the world's championship, are speeding southward over the snow-covered road. When the teams of Leonard Seppala, Kay Delene and Victor Anderson left Gold Run, 123 miles from Nome, last night, all seemed to be in good condition. Seppala, has been slightly in the lead most of the way, with Delene generally second and Anderson third. The racers are expected to reach Nome early to-night.

CONGREGATIONAL C. C. HAS HELD MEETING

Much enthusiasm was shown at the meeting of the Congregational Cricket Club which was held last evening in the club rooms of the church. The association decided that it would again enter in the Virtue Cup contest, feeling assured that the present conditions speak well for a successful season. Following an offer from the Albion Cricket Club, the Congos decided to use the grounds on the same terms as did the Civil Service Club last year.

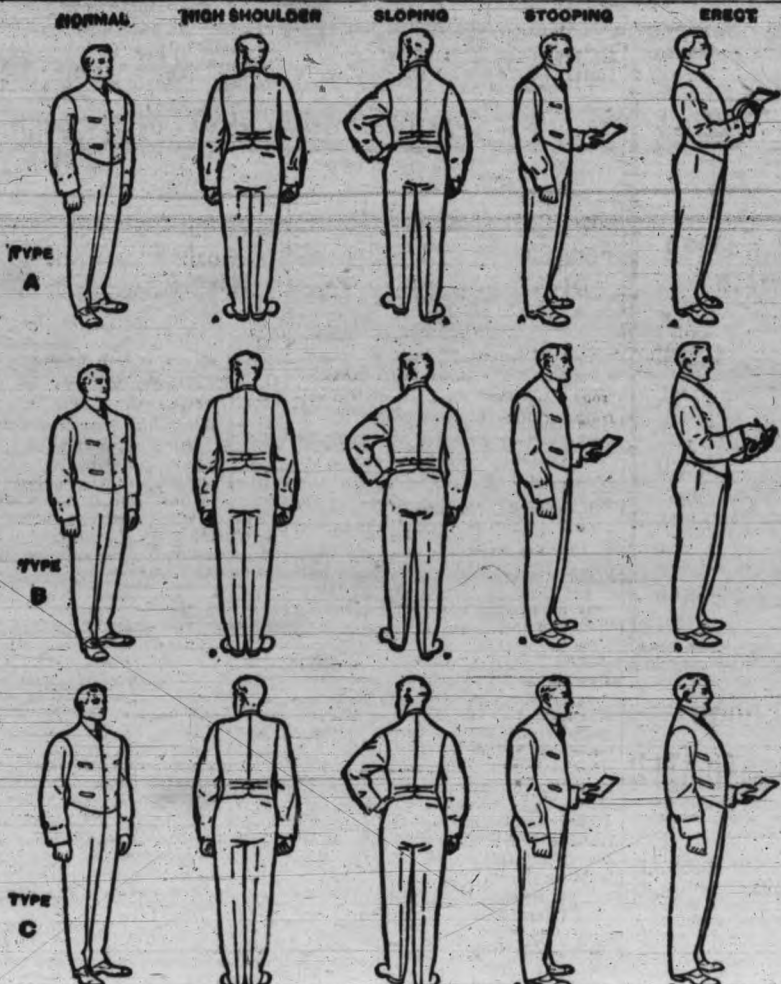
The following club officers were elected: President, W. Scowcroft; vice-president, E. R. Lock; secretary-treasurer, Sgt. W. J. Telfer; delegates to league, G. Austin, A. N. Daniels and Sgt. Telfer. Quite a number of new members have joined the club, a pleasant feature being the inclusion of several promising junior players in the membership. Among the players on which the club will be able to count this year are the following: A. J. Collett, W. Speak, G. Speak, E. R. Lock, A. N. Daniels, G. Austin, C. Thomas, T. Howland, J. Fuller, C. I. Hinchcliffe, Baker, H. Christian, E. Cull, J. Buckett and A. Hole.

During past years the Congregationalists have not met with the best of luck at the game, but it will be seen from the line-up of members that their prospects for the coming year are indeed bright. They have some fine players in both the batting and bowling departments.

TO JOIN U. S. ARMY.

New York, April 13.—Following on the heels of Jess Willard, who wired his services as a soldier to the President, comes Ritchie Mitchell, who says he will prove that boxers are real soldiers by joining the army immediately after his bout with Benny Leonard in Milwaukee on April 17. Mitchell will apply for a commission in the army. He was a cadet star at a military school, and is thoroughly fitted for an army commission.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, \$1.00 per dozen.



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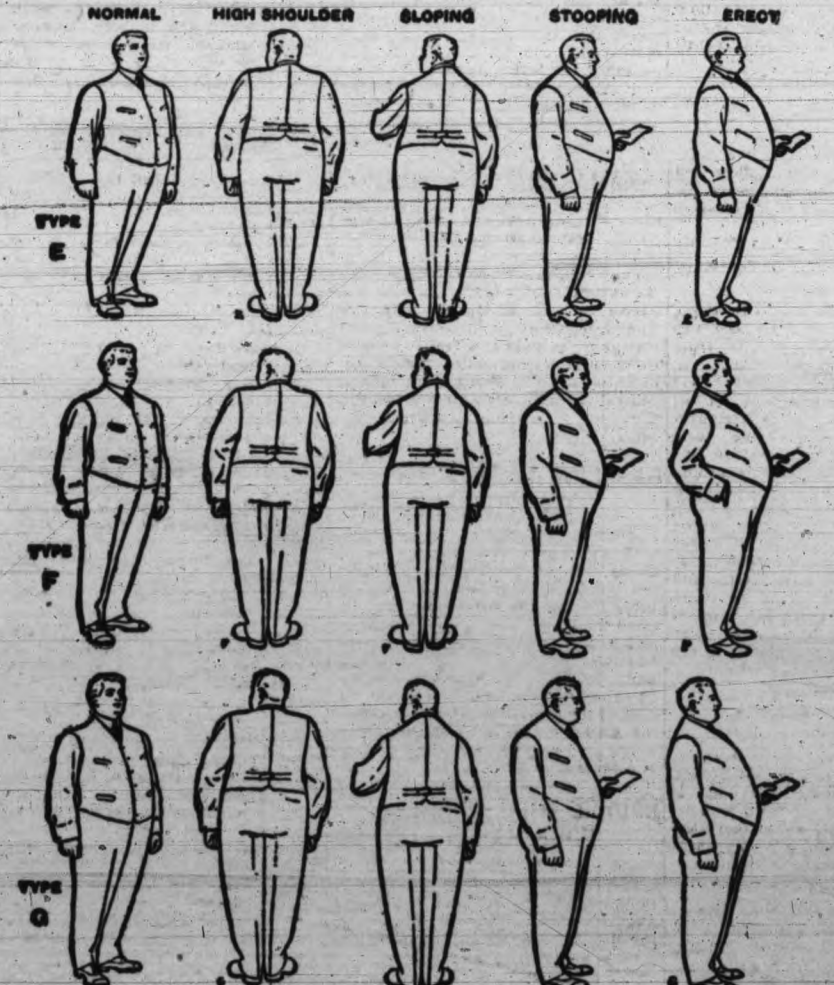
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COAST TEACHERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL SESSION

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Public Bowling Greens. To the Editor:—Recently you printed a timely article on the Local Sporting Attractions. The suggestion of public bowling greens is, I think, an excellent idea, interesting alike to visitors and residents.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. P. H. Webb and Mrs. Cullin McFayden are leaving this afternoon

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 120, 130, 418, 481, 545, 549, 635, 678, 683, 684, 734, 747, 762, 791, 838, 852, 865, 878, 884, 885, 929, 934, 939, 952, 957, 1007, 1017, 1024, 1057, 1083, 1088, 1091, 1100, 1108, 1154, 1163, 1166, 1167, 1170, 1175, (X, Y, Z).

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LOST—In Beacon Hill Park, between Fairmead and Elliott Streets, or between the Parliament Buildings and the Empress Hotel, one half of an oval gold cuff link with the monogram "R. J. H." Reward for return to the "Times" office.

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DIED.—The death occurred at the family residence, 1711 Walnut Street, April 11, of Grace Kate Reid, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reid. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss, besides her parents, two brothers, C. W. Reid, of Victoria, and A. Reid, of Vancouver.

The funeral services will be held from the Sands Funeral Parlors, Saturday, April 14, at 3 p. m. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.

to visit over the week-end in Vancouver.

The first of a series of dances organized by the boys of the R. N. C. V. R., was held last night at the Connaught Hall, about nineteen couples tripping the light fantastic to the orchestral efforts. The organization is known as the "Popular Club," and in view of the success attending this opening event further dances will be held from time to time.

Yesterday afternoon a very successful tea was held under the auspices of the Oak Bay Red Cross Branch at the home of Mrs. Doe, Saratoga Avenue. As the result of the social gathering and the raffle of the beautiful hand-made tea-cloth made and presented to the branch by Mrs. Doe, the sum of \$202 will be turned into the treasury funds, the tea-cloth bringing in \$100 and the sale of candies and admission to the bridge tables and tea netting a further \$102. The arrangements were very pretty, the tea-tables being decorated with pink primroses. Mrs. Galletly, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Lampan poured, and Mrs. Bullock Webster took charge of the sale of the candies. The bridge tables were all occupied, the winners being Mrs. Turner, while the consolation prize went to Mrs. McR. Smith. Mrs. Beckton won the tea-cloth, being the holder of ticket No. 17.

LOCAL NEWS

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Rev. Hugh G. Ross, of Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle, recently entered on his third year's pastorate in that congregation. Mr. Ross is very well-known in Victoria, having addressed ministerial gatherings on several occasions while within recent months he has been heard by the Canadian Club of this city. Mr. Ross will address Semi-Rally of Epworth League at Metropolitan Church Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Ladies Registering.—Up till noon to-day nearly fifty ladies had tended their way to the Court House and had duly conveyed to the Blue Footsop sheet such particulars required by law, entitling them to the full use of the franchise. The questions directed to the officials of the Court House have been many and varied. While some of the fair sex have gone in with a set mind of grim determination with the full conviction that nothing more or less had been done in the passing of the act than the righting of a most grievous wrong. Others, indeed, have falteringly approached the counter, apologetic to a degree. The bewildered applicant, unused to legal formalities, when asked if the full age of twenty-one years had been successfully negotiated, has invariably and diffidently inquired if it was necessary to indicate the correct age on the said blue paper. Equivalents had sent but one representative of the fair sex to the Court House, May 14 being the last day for June Court of Revision.

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL LINKS

Civic Deputation Made Inspection at Elk Lake Watershed Yesterday Afternoon.

The Mayor states that the development of Elk Lake watershed will be of a limited, and inexpensive character in 1917, looking to the creation of a public pleasure ground in the future. Primarily to consider the situation from the standpoint of the proposed golf course, a party composed of His Worship, Alderman Dilworth, Chairman of the Parks Committee; R. Norton, Hinkins, C. Angus MacMurchy, K. C. solicitor for the C. E. R. at Toronto, and City Engineer Rust, visited the site yesterday. The land proposed for the course is parts of Section 110, 42, 47, and 48, Lake District, (East Saanich Road) and the principal change in the plans as considered a year ago is for a full 18-hole course, in place of the nine-hole planned then. There are a number of natural hazards on the property, which could be used without much difficulty in the arrangement of the course. Both Mr. MacMurchy and Mr. Hinkins praised the land from the possibilities of a course.

The subject is being taken up this afternoon at a meeting of the Amusements Committee of the Victoria and Island Development Association, when the subject is being discussed, and the matter will also be brought up in City Council in the near future.

The Mayor states there is no intention to incur a large expenditure in development work on the elaborate scheme before the aldermen 12 months ago. Arrangements will be made with the transportation companies for organization of cheaper fares. The East road is paved throughout to Saanich, so that no difficulty would occur on this score.

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BIG DEPUTATION ANTI-PROHIBITION

Four Hundred Men and Women Waited Upon the Executive Council To-day

FINANCIAL INTERESTS JOIN WITH HOTELMEN

Clergyman Advocates Abolition of Bar and Establishment of Beer Gardens

Legislative Press Gallery, April 12.

"Beaten at the polls, the prohibition workers have no right to attempt to intimidate the Government into granting prohibition in the Province," declared a delegation of 450 citizens which waited upon the Provincial Executive at a three-hour interview to-day.

The case for the anti-prohibitionists was strongly presented by A. E. Talk who, in a closely-reasoned speech of an hour's length, replied to the corporation charges made by the prohibitionists, accused Mr. Bayley, the "dry" representative in England, of bad faith, misstatement, and actual wrongfulness, and declared that it was abundantly evident that the leaders of the prohibition movement were not content to accept the verdict of the soldiers, but attempted to throw discredit upon the men in khaki and sought to get prohibition by hook or by crook.

Obstruct Taking Votes.

He pointed out to the Government that before the counting of the soldiers' votes on September 14, the prohibitionists were quite willing to have the soldiers cast their ballots, but when it was found that the vote up to that date, to which no objection had been taken, was 78 per cent wet, immediately Bayley and other prohibition representatives did all they could to obstruct the taking of further votes in camps or at the front.

If ballots were to be thrown out because of small technical objections, then the prohibitionists would lose at least three thousand, through the lack of returning officers' identification on the back of the ballots, Mr. Talk said.

Impressive Delegation.

This morning's delegation was an impressive one. There were in fact two distinct deputations, the one comprising owners of hotel properties, mortgages and other financial company representatives; the second hotel men, their wives and other citizens who espoused their cause.

The executive chamber was far too small for the gathering, and the crowd flowed out into the corridors and stairways. It was quite the largest deputation that has visited the buildings.

Come to Protest.

Richard Hall, Victoria, introduced the delegation of hotel interests, which, he said, had come to protest against the reckless demands of those seeking prohibition and willing to sacrifice vested interests, but who were overlooking the result of the vote. The Government should not dismiss the principles of the franchise. He argued that to interfere with conditions which had obtained since the founding of the Province would vitally affect its prosperity. Tourist traffic would be driven away and grass would grow in the streets of Victoria. Liquor drinking would flourish in the homes and dives would spring up.

Millions of Dollars.

Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior introduced the other deputation, comprising property owners and mortgages which, he said, represented many millions of dollars in property. He considered it the duty of the Government to accept the prohibition bill vote until it was clearly shown that there had been corrupt practices. Strictly constitutional lines should be followed, and the Government would have no right to bring in a prohibition bill which had been defeated at the polls.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper who was to have presented the arguments of the delegation of anti-prohibitionists, was not able to attend owing to the death at the front of his youngest son.

Mr. Talk took his seat, and his speech was followed by a short one from Stephen Jones, of the Dominion Hotel. Mr. Jones said that on an investment of almost half a million in his hotel last year his profit was \$900, leaving aside any salary for himself, interest on investment and depreciation. If prohibition was now brought in the investment would be wiped out. It was necessary to have good hotels in such a Province as this, and without the sale of liquor they could not be kept up under existing conditions. He read telegrams from Toronto and an extract from Saturday Night to show that under Ontario prohibition the big hotels of that province would be closed up and tourist trade diverted to Montreal.

Fred Paul, editor of Saturday Night, had wired him as follows:

"Since prohibition came in about 20 hotels have closed in Toronto, among them one large and important one, the Mossop. This property is now for sale at a reduction of \$60,000 below cost. King Edward Hotel, Toronto's most important house, built at a cost of well over a million, threatens to close unless taxes are materially reduced, having lost money ever since prohibition came in. Property is also offered for sale at a reduction of something like a quarter million below cost, as it is not earning interest on it. It is found very generally that travelers, and particularly buyers, are avoiding To-

ronto, as much as possible, going on to Montreal."

Rev. Mr. Bulkeley.

Somewhat of an innovation was created by a few remarks from Rev. Owen Bulkeley, formerly of South Vancouver. Rev. Mr. Bulkeley said he had no use for liquor himself, but he considered that the prohibition deputation was going beyond bounds in attempting to intimidate the Government. When a party had lost and then strove to enforce legislation which was vicious it was blind to the wishes of the people, and it treated the Government to be blind also.

No Right to Deprive.

Rev. Mr. Bulkeley said that the clergy with the other deputation did not represent the men to be found in the saloons, the great class of lumber jacks, miners and others who came to the city for recreation, and whose homes were the hotel sitting rooms and bars. "The Government had no right to deprive them of their clubs unless something better was provided. He said he believed that bars and treating should be abolished, and beer gardens and halls with tables provided for the serving of light wines, beers, ales and the like. Drunkenness should be made almost a penal offence.

Ald. Hepburn, Vancouver, and other speakers were also heard.

Unfair to Prohibit.

D. O. Elton, a returned soldier, denied that drunkenness had prevailed among the soldiers in England as he was fighting to protect those at home. He was unfair of the Government to enforce prohibition upon the province.

Frank Higgins, Victoria, spoke at some length.

Premier's Reply.

Premier Brewster presented the reply of the Government. At the outset of his remarks the Premier added the sympathy of the Government to that extended by the delegation's chief speaker, Mr. Talk, to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and family in connection with the death at the front of Capt. Tupper. The Tupper family, said the Premier, comprised Britons of the right type who were ready to make the supreme sacrifice.

Sanctity of Ballot.

Dealing with the arguments presented by the delegation and particularly the references to the reports of the statements of prohibition workers to the executive he intimated that possibly these reports did not give the full sequence of the remarks of the prohibition speakers. He declared that it was at all times the object of the Government to protect the sanctity of the ballot and to find out if any irregularity had been sufficient to defeat the will of the majority and permit the minority to have its way.

Reasonable Steps.

The Government had proceeded, he went on, to see if there was foundation for the corruption charges of the prohibition workers. The question as to whether many of the soldiers' ballots had been repeaters was before the executive. The ballots so questioned had been kept separate. Such steps had been taken for inquiry as had seemed fair and he was glad to see that the liquor representatives agreed that they were reasonable.

He announced that Sir Richard McBride had informed him by cable that the Government order-in-council respecting keeping separate any ballots questioned had been duly placed before Sir John Simon when received.

Reports on Way.

The Premier told the deputation that the Government was in the peculiar position that while it could have a complete investigation of the soldiers voting in Britain and at the front, it had no power to punish for any infractions there. It had already, however, taken steps to find out if there was any irregularity in the voting in this country. He said that he could meet the requests for an inquiry, and an investigating done up to the present, according to Sir Richard McBride, was carried on by Sir John Simon and the reports were now on the way.

The Government, he promised, would come to a decision on the whole question after it received this report. It would give even-handed justice to all.

Personnel.

The following is a partial list of members of the deputation:

Victoria owners and mortgages—H. Haynes, B. A. Trust Co.; A. R. Wolfenden, B. C. Land Co.; P. R. Brown, A. J. W. Bridgman, F. B. Pemberton, Col. Prior, Keith Wilson, Andrew Wright, Dr. Stirling, A. H. Harmon, C. T. Cross, R. Landsberg, F. E. Winslow, Royal Bank Trust Co., E. Taylor, Colonial Trust Co.; Mr. Montizambert, Bank of Montreal; Richard Hall, Frank Higgins.

Vancouver owners and mortgages—H. McIntyre, J. R. Sutherland, Walter Hepburn, A. E. Treat, Ernest Evans, J. J. Griffith, J. West, W. W. Walsh, D. E. Brown.

Vancouver anti-prohibition delegation—J. W. Wise, George Gough, W. Goodfellow, M. Massey, R. McCaffery, Thos. Taylor, S. B. Close, A. Johnson, J. Feher, George L. Joy, L. Reader, E. Marchel, C. H. Carter, A. A. Johnson, D. J. McPhalen, E. A. Greenwood, W. E. Douglas, W. B. McCoy, J. L. West, G. Bowers, J. K. Sutherland, H. J. Devine, A. L. Garsshore, A. J. Courtney, James Thompson, J. Baly, George Smith, G. S. Dundas, J. D. McKenzie, W. D. Cameron, Rev. Owen Bulkeley, J. J. Johnson, George Hughes, P. Andrews, J. A. Gallia, J. T. Talk, W. Moran, W. Wood, J. Swanson, L. Larson, S. Souter, H. Fiddis, Sam Rirdan, D. W. Leach, G. E. Ensign, S. Paris, T. J. Roberts, Max Crowe, H. G. Robertson, F. Colbourne, J. Boyer.

Island—Joe Barboni, F. A. Tappin, B. C. Carpenter, Reid, Wm. Quinn, H. A. Nahrer, Thos. Wellington, Con. Bledfel, Geo. Merryfield, J. E. Carr, Hand-Jens, M. Klock.

Up-country—Walter Keeble, Campbell, Hope; R. Martin, New Westminster.

ster, P. H. Murphy, Enderby; R. Morgan, Ashcroft; C. Creed, Armstrong; W. M. McIntyre, Merritt; E. H. Probert, Agassiz; Walter Gray, Hope; Capt. Wornop, Kamloops; H. W. Watson, Mission; C. C. Smith, Armstrong; J. McDonnell, Leveque, Revelstoke; D. H. Bohart, Nakusp; W. Wamsley, Fort Moody; W. T. Pope, D. S. Rirdan, Pentlcton.

In all there were 419 anti-prohibition delegates, including many women. The business delegation brought the total number up to about 450.

MAGGOWAN WAS PAID FOR GIVING ADVICE

Helped the Contractors at the Time of the I. W. W. Troubles and Takes Much Credit

Legislative Press Gallery, April 12.

The time of the P.G.E. committee this morning was largely taken up with inquiring into payments which had an air of suspicion, such as large payments to D'Arcy Tate, K.C., and the payments made to A. H. B. Macgowan, a former member of the Legislature, on account of an interest in a contract into which he had put no money.

A. H. B. Macgowan presented himself for examination in connection with the \$7,500 payment which he received from P. Welch in the fall of 1914. He told the committee that he had received and endorsed the cheque which was in evidence.

Mr. Taylor—"What consideration did you give?"

"I had an interest in a contract with Rankine & Co.—Rankine, Kellett, White and myself. My interest represented my firm's interest really, my son's."

Received \$9,000.

There was no written partnership agreement, neither he nor his son had ever visited the place where the contract was being performed, because it was too far away, and neither of them invested any money in it. He never got any other moneys from the contractors, the railway or any person connected with the P.G.E. He had an idea the amount he got was \$9,000 and that one of the cheques must be lost.

Mr. Macgowan told the committee that he had discussed getting this interest with Robert Kelly and others, Mr. Kelly being desirous of seeing him get this interest as a friend; he had never been in railway contracting but had been associated with the building of the White Pass & Yukon line as general agent in Vancouver, with the building of the Victoria & Sidney Railway and the Copper River road. The only business connection he had ever had with Welch was an insurance on a yacht and about \$1,000 worth of roofing for tents. He had never before been interested in any railway contracts.

Did Nothing For Share.

It being suggested that he had done nothing for his \$7,500 Mr. Macgowan said he had given some attention to it in the way of discussing it with White and Kellett and others. There were two reasons for his getting this interest in a sub-contract from men with whom he never was associated before, one being that it was felt he had been disappointed in not getting an interest in a contract with Merchiston earlier. It would be early in 1914 that it was decided he should get this, but there had been no correspondence with Sir Richard in that case as there had been in the Merchiston matter.

Chairman Farris called Mr. Macgowan's attention to the fact that he had only mentioned one reason.

Gave Labor Advice.

Mr. Macgowan entered into a long explanation of how he had done a great service to the railway contractors of the Province at the time of the I. W. W. troubles on the C. N. P. by acting on a Vancouver Board of Trade committee, although not a member of the Board, giving his advice as to how to overcome the trouble with the I. W. W., and coming over to Victoria. Some of the same contractors were in the P. G. E. and Robert Kelly and they felt they were indebted to him for a good turn done. He had taken a great interest in the matter and took a great deal of credit to himself, he said, for lessening the trouble.

Mr. Taylor—"What was the reason why White, Kellett & Rankine were singled out to divide up with you of this account?"

"Because my action was of great assistance to every contractor in the Province."

"But why should they be singled out to reward you at their own expense?"

"Because they were contractors."

"Why didn't Welch remunerate you instead of Kellett and White?"

"He would know that best himself. That may not have been the reason he would give."

Was Entitled to Consideration.

Mr. Macgowan admitted that there were other men on the Board of Trade Committee but insisted that none of them took the interest he did. He thought any one who performed the services he had was entitled to reasonable adequate consideration.

Mr. Macgowan told Mr. Hanes that he had expected no remuneration when he rendered these great services.

Mr. Taylor suggested it as an unfortunate synchronizing of events that Mr. Macgowan got this contract interest about the time the P. G. E. was looking for further guarantees.

"I don't know any contract I could have would affect my legislative duties," Mr. Macgowan replied. "I think the citizens of Vancouver believe I would represent them as honestly with a contract as without."

Morden Got \$1,000.

Mr. Hanes secured from Mr. Tate a statement that there had been a payment of \$1,000 made early in 1915 to George H. Morden of the North Shore Press, who was Conservative condi-

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EMPLOYEES AT TRAIL THREATEN TO STRIKE

Calgary, April 13.—The employees in the Trail Smelter to the number of 1,200 men are threatening a strike in the smelters and refineries of that place and the Government of Canada has been asked to take a hand. The men are asking for 50 cents a day more and a "check-off," which they never have had before.

The men in the Trail Smelter received an increase of 25 cents a day on April 1, the present time the employees in the smelter and refineries receive a minimum wage of \$2.40 for an eight-hour day.

MEASLES EPIDEMIC TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND TEACHERS

The City Public Schools open after the Easter recess on Monday, April 16. During the recess, all schools have been cleaned, fumigated, and are now free from infection of measles. In order therefore to as far as possible prevent the infection of measles again entering the schools, parents and guardians are requested to keep all children under their care from attending school in measles homes there are attending school, whether such children have had measles previously or not.

Teachers are asked to inquire of every child coming to school whether there is a case of measles at the child's home, and if so, to send the child from school and not allow his or her return to school unless in conformity with Section 59 of the Health Act.

The following are Sections 59 and 112 of the Health Act:

59. Whenever a case of smallpox, cholera, scarlatina, diphtheria, or other contagious or infectious disease exists in any house or household belonging to which are persons attending school, the household shall, within eighteen hours of the time such disease is known to exist, notify the head or other master of such school or school, and also the Local Board, of the existence of such disease, and no member of such household shall attend school until a certificate has been obtained from the Medical Health Officer that infection no longer exists in the house, and that the sick person, house, clothing, and other effects have been disinfected to his satisfaction; and until such certificate shall have been obtained it shall be the duty of every member of such household to use all reasonable efforts to prevent the association of members of the said household with other children.

112. Any person who violates any regulation of the Provincial Board shall, unless it is otherwise specially provided, be liable for every offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with or without costs, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the convicting Court.

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STEP TO DEFEND PORTS OF STATES

Patrols Established at Designated Points to Control "Defensive Areas"

Washington, April 12.—An executive order designating "defensive sea areas" of the coasts of the United States and its insular possessions was made public to-day, including Port Orchard and the Columbia River, in the Northwest. Regulations governing the movements of vessels in these waters are appended, and the order concludes with this statement:

"The responsibility of the United States of America for any damage inflicted by force of arms with the object of detaining any persons or vessels proceeding in contravention of regulations duly promulgated in accordance with the executive order shall cease from this date (April 5)."

The areas specified are: The mouth of the Kennebec River, Portland, Maine; Portsmouth, Boston, New Bedford, Newport, Land Island east, New York east, New York main entrance, Delaware River, Chesapeake entrance, Baltimore, Potomac, Hampton Roads, Wilmington, Cape Fear, Charleston, Savannah, Key West, Tampa, Mobile, Mississippi, Galveston, San Diego, San Francisco, Columbia River, Port Orchard, Honolulu and Manila. An inner and outer limit is fixed for each area, and the Secretary of the Navy is charged with the duty of publishing and enforcing the regulations. Entrances for inbound or outbound vessels are designated for each port. The lights or other marks of course to be guarded are given with compass bearings for the information of mariners.

To Await Patrols: "A vessel desiring to cross a defensive area," the regulations state, "shall proceed to the vicinity of the entrance to the proper channel, flying her national colors, together with international code number and pilot signal, and there await communication with the harbor entrance patrol. It is expressly prohibited for any vessel to enter the limits of a defensive sea area otherwise than at a designated entrance and after authorization by the harbor entrance patrol."

"Boats and other craft employed in the harbor entrance patrols will be distinguished by the Jack, which will be shown from a position forward; they also will fly the usual naval pennant. At night they will show a vertical hoist of three lights, white, red and white, in the order named. "On receiving permission from a harbor entrance patrol to enter a defensive sea area, a vessel must comply with all instructions as to pilotage and other matters that she may receive from the proper authority, either before or during the passage across the area. It is understood that only on condition of such compliance is the said permission granted."

Not at Night: "No permission will be granted to other than a public vessel of the United States to cross a defensive sea area between sunset and sunrise, nor during the prevalence of weather conditions that render navigation difficult or dangerous. A vessel arriving off a defensive sea area after sunset shall anchor or lie to at a distance of at least a mile outside its limits until the following sunrise. Vessels discovered near the limits of the areas at night may be fired upon. "No vessel shall be permitted to proceed within the limits of a defensive sea area at a greater speed than five knots per hour, and the passage of small craft within a defensive sea area shall be regulated by the senior officer of the harbor entrance patrol. "These regulations are subject to modification by the senior officer of the

COASTWISE VESSELS FOR THE GOVERNMENT

American Railroads Making Plans to Assist Washington in War

Washington, April 12.—Plans to release for Government use many coastwise vessels on both the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard are under way among the chief railroads.

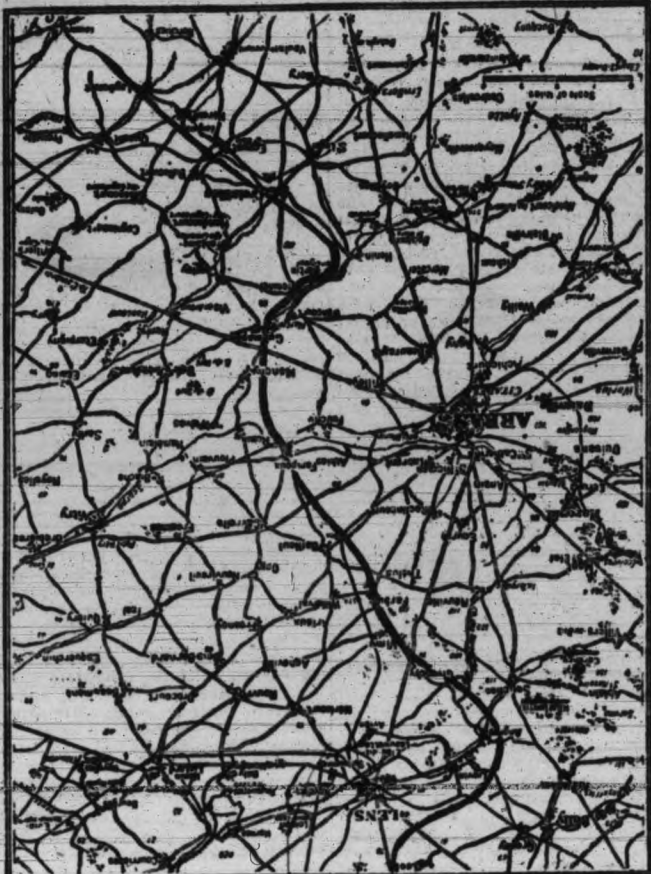
Through the Council of National Defense, the Government has requested the railroads so to rearrange their schedules and facilities as to permit the release of virtually all vessels in coastwise trade to the Government. Many of the ships thus released probably will be used in the transportation of foodstuffs and supplies to the Allies pending the construction of the Government's fleet of wooden vessels, the first of which will be ready in about five months.

Steamships operating on the Great Lakes also will be used for the same purpose. Large Fleet. A sizable fleet for the Trans-Atlantic trade, officials believe, could be obtained quickly by taking over the chief coastwise vessels plying out of New York to New England, southern and Gulf ports. On the Pacific there are only a few vessels which could be made available for this trade. The chief problem confronting the railroads in working out the plan is to dispose of the burden of traffic at present carried by the coastwise vessels. The railroads at present are operating almost to the maximum, but through pooling their interests in equipment, hope to evolve a plan under which most of the coastwise traffic can be diverted to rail lines.

To permit the Shipping Board to operate at its maximum efficiency without the handicap of inadequate capital, Democratic leaders in Congress are considering a proposal to increase the sum placed at the Board's disposal from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000. The latter sum, it is thought, will be needed when the wooden ship programme is in full operation.

In the House. Agreement was reached in the House this afternoon to close general debate at 7 o'clock to-day on the war bonds bill and then adjourn until 11 a.m. tomorrow. Democratic Leader Kitchin said it would be taken up to-morrow under the five-minute rule and voted upon by 2 p.m. Great applause from both sides of the House greeted Mr. Kitchin to-day when he began his opening statement in behalf of the \$7,000,000,000 war revenue measure. It was interpreted as carrying a double meaning—that the bill would pass without serious objection and that all chance of Mr. Kitchin being deposed as majority leader for voting against the war resolution had passed. After declaring that the measure was "most momentous" and carried the largest bond issue ever proposed to any legislative body, Mr. Kitchin made a

LINE PUSHED FARTHER FORWARD



The above map shows the position of the British line in the Lens-Arras region of Northern France as indicated by the latest reports. The sector between Cambrai and St. Quentin in which the British made important gains last night, as reported by the War Office to-day, is south of the sector shown on the map.

NO WARNING FOR HOSPITAL VESSEL

British Announcement About Gloucester Castle; Another Hospital Ship Struck Mine

London, April 12.—The British hospital ship Gloucester Castle was torpedoed without warning in the English Channel on March 29, the Admiralty announced to-day. All the wounded were saved. The British hospital ship Salta, was sunk by a mine in the English Channel on April 10 and 52 persons were drowned. There were no wounded on board the Salta.

A German wireless dispatch of April 11 said the Gloucester Castle was torpedoed by a German submarine.

New York, April 12.—Reports of the torpedoing and sinking of the Danish steamship Daisy and the British steamer Greenwood by German submarines in the Mediterranean were brought here to-day by survivors of the two vessels who were passengers on a Spanish steamship. Acting under orders they said they had received the survivors declined to relate any details of the sinkings. According to maritime records, the Daisy was of 1,227 tons gross, and was built in 1907. The Greenwood, of 710 tons net register, was built at Shelburne, N. S., in 1901. The survivors being deposed as majority leader for voting against the war resolution had passed.

Buenos Ayres, April 12.—The newspapers print a report that the Argentine transport Pampa has been sunk by a German submarine. Another report is that the Argentine sailing vessel Oriana has been sunk by a German raider off the coast of Brazil. There is no official confirmation. The transport Pampa, a vessel of 4,029 tons gross, was built for the Argentine Government in Glasgow in 1915 and formerly was known as the Barcelona. There is no Argentinean vessel named Oriana in available shipping records.

New York, April 12.—Official denial by the Cuban authorities that the British vessel Trevel was sunk off Cienfuegos by a German submarine was cabled here to-day to the Republic of Cuba News Bureau. The story of the sinking was given out last night at Key West, Fla., by C. Peterson, claiming to be a member of the Trevel's crew. "The possibility of the presence of German U-boats in the vicinity of

CLIFTEGOS OR IN ANY CUBAN WATERS IS SCOUTED BY THE CUBAN AUTHORITIES.

The bureau statement said, "as a vigilant patrol of all waters surrounding the island has been kept by the naval guard ever since the Cuban declaration of a state of war with Germany, Peterson, who took the report to Key West, is not known by maritime authorities at Havana."

Athens, April 12, via London, April 12.—The Greek steamship Nestos, with a cargo of wheat for Greece, has been torpedoed. Greece will formally protest to Germany.

San Francisco, April 12.—That the German submarines in the Pacific, of which the Navy Department warned shipowners on Wednesday, are probably off the Mexican coast, was the information made public here by Capt. W. W. Gilmer, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District. In response to inquiries as to where the submarines are operating, he issued this statement: "Reports from various sources, which appear credible, indicate that German submarines are in the Pacific, probably off the Mexican coast."

London, April 12.—The week's table of shipping arrivals and departures, losses and unsuccessful attacks by German submarines differs very slightly from those of the earlier returns, which appear to have full effect. The menace continues to be grave, how grave the form in which the return is made is doubtful. This comment is made this morning by the naval correspondent of the U. S. Subber. The table of shipping given out by the Admiralty yesterday. The correspondent proceeds: "The measures taken, whether of defence or offence, against the enemy submarines have manifestly not yet begun to have full effect. Until they do, it is worth noting, however, that the number of ships entering and leaving ports in the United Kingdom continues to increase. The resumption of traffic by American ships should presently affect this portion of the return favorably."

The statement which Lord Robert Cecil made to a French journalist recently, that during February there were 39 fights between British vessels and German submarines, is evidence of the value of providing merchantmen with guns for defence. He did not say in how many of these engagements the attacked vessel was successful in baffling the enemy, but it may be assumed the proportion was fairly large. The returns for March showed that during the month nearly 90 British merchant vessels were able to evade or beat off the enemy when attacked, a number which compares well with the total sunk, especially when it is recalled the losses by mines are included in the latter. "Figures concerning the losses of neutrals are not easy to procure, but some of these countries seem to be suffering as seriously in proportion to the strength of their mercantile marines as some of the Allies. The Norwegian marine, for instance, lost 64 ships in March, which number appears to exceed the losses of France and Italy together for the same month. "It is important to recognize the seriousness of the submarine menace and the self-denial which this makes essential."

Robbie first heard a concert, says Pearson's Weekly, when he attended a recent entertainment in aid of a patriotic fund. A celebrated soprano, accompanied by a famous orchestra, was singing when Robbie arrived. "The small boy became at once interested in the gesticulations of the conductor. "Mother, why is that man shaking his stick at the lady?" he asked. "Hush! He is not shaking his stick at her. "Then what is she screaming for?"

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RAILS STRONG ON A QUIET MARKET

Some Substantial Buying at New York; Offerings Were Light

(By Wise & Co.) New York, April 12.—To-day's market was of a quiet order, and after quiet declines in most of the issues during the early hours remained more or less stationary, strengthening slightly at the close. The rails, on the other hand, showed firmness and there seemed to be little doubt that the railroads will obtain the much desired and talked of increase in their freight rates. A rather substantial buying was in progress early and again at the close, advancing Union Pacific over a point and Reading nearly three points. The copper was quiet and unchanged but little in price during the day. Call money to-day was 2 1/2 per cent.

High Low Clos

Alaska Gold	8 7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Cuba Cane Sugar	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Ann. Agr. Chemical	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Ann. Beet Sugar, x. d. 2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
Ann. Can	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Ann. Car. & Foundry	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Ann. Locomotive	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Ann. Smelting	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Ann. Steel Foundry	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Ann. Sugar	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Ann. Woolen	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Ann. Tel. & Tel.	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Ann. Zinc	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2

Montreal Stocks

Alcan	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Atlantic	110 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
B. & O.	77 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Balfour Loco.	50 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	132 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
B. R. T.	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Bulle Sup.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
C. P. R.	152 1/2	150 1/2	151 1/2
Cal. Petroleum	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Central Leather	87 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
C. & O.	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Cons. Gas	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Crucible Steel	64 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Distillers Sec.	162 1/2	164 1/2	164 1/2
Erle	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Do, 1st pref.	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Do, 2nd pref.	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Gen. Motors	110 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Goodrich	52 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
G. N. pref.	111 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
G. N. Ore cfs.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Illinois Cent.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Ind. Alcohol	116 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Insular	52 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Intero. Nickel	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Kas. City Southern	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Lackawanna	86 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Kennecott	44 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Miss. Motor	52 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	89 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
Mer. Mercantile	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Do, pref.	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Miami	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
St. P. & S. M.	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Maxwell Steel	50 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Nevada Cons.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
New Haven	46 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
N. Y. C.	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
N. & W.	134 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
North America Co.	62 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
N. P. Ore	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Pacific Mail	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Pennsylvania	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
People's Gas	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Railway Steel Car	73 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Railway Steel Spg.	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Ray Cons.	52 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Reading	97 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Rep. Iron & Steel	82 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
St. Paul	52 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
St. P. & S. M.	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Sou. Railway	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Do, pref.	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	94 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Tenn. Copper	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
U. P.	138 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
United Fruit	141 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2
U. S. Subber	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
U. S. Steel	112 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Do, pref.	112 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
U. S. Smelting	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Utah Copper	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Va. Car. Chemical	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Western Union	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Westinghouse	60 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Wisconsin Central	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Wabash, pref. A	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Willy's Overland	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Money on call	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Total sales, \$7,800 shares—bonds, \$5,000,000.			

FLOUR WENT STILL HIGHER TO-DAY IN THE TERMINAL CITY

Vancouver, April 12.—Setting a new high price record for Vancouver, all hard wheat grades of flour to-day advanced 50 cents a barrel. The best patent flour now is worth at wholesale \$11.60 per barrel of 196 pounds. This means that a 49-pound sack of flour will cost retail grocers \$2.90 and probably will cost consumers \$3.50 to \$3.60. The unprecedented price of wheat is responsible for the recent sharp rises in local flour prices. To-day's uplift follows one of 40 cents per barrel announced by the local dealers last Saturday. Fortunately for the consumers there are fairly large stocks of cheaper flour in the hands of retail stores and until these are sold flour may not advance to the \$3.50 retail level.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York-Boston game at Boston postponed; rain.

F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government St. Store for reliable watch and jewelry repairs.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.) Montreal, April 12.—Brazilian Tractor was again the most active stock in to-day's trading, but was under pressure all day, losing yesterday's advance. There was no news to account for the reaction. Steamships common and preferred were active and gained a point. Outside of these the trading was very dull, with no fluctuations of importance. The next payment for the 1917 war loan is due on Monday next. Most of the small subscriptions have been paid in full. There probably will be a better demand for investment securities when the loan instalments have been paid.

High Low Last

American Holden, pref.	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Brazilian Tractor	47 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
C. P. R.	152 1/2	150 1/2	151 1/2
Can. Com. pref.	92 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Can. Car. pref.	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Do, pref.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Do, pref.	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Can. Locomotive	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Cons. M. & S.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Detroit United	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Dom. Bridge	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
Dom. I. & S.	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Essex Woods Milling	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Laurentide Power	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Maple Leaf Milling	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Montreal Tram	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Montreal Cotton	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Macdonald Co.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Mackay Co.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
N. S. Steel, com.	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Do, pref.	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
Ont. Steel Prods.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Quebec Power	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Ontario Paper	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Shawinigan	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
St. Lawrence Paper	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Steel of Can.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Do, pref.	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Toronto Railway	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Windsor Elec.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Wayagamac Pulp	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Dom. War Loan, 1917	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
M. B. of C.	170 1/2	170 1/2	170 1/2
B. of C.	186 1/2	186 1/2	186 1/2
C. B. of C.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Blackbird Syndicate	25.00	25.00
Can. Copper Co.	2.00	2.12 1/2
Can. Cons. S. & R.	41.00	41.00
Consolidated Gold	60.00	60.00
Croft Res. Co.	30.00	30.00
Granby	83.00	83.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	60.00	60.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	20.00	20.00
McGillivray Coal	20.00	20.00
Portland Cement	20.00	20.00
Portland Canal	20.00	20.00
Rambler Cariboo	124.00	124.00
Standard Lead	62.00	62.00
Snowstorm	60.00	60.00
Stewart M. & D.	20.00	20.00
N. S. Star	20.00	20.00
Stewart Land	7.00	7.00
Unlisted		
Glacier Creek	20.00	20.00
Island Investment	20.00	20.00
Union Club (Deb.), new	20.00	20.00
Do, old	20.00	20.00
Colonial Pulp	20.00	20.00
Howe Sound Mining Co.	5.50	5.50

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Ariz. Copperfields	24 1/2
Can. Copper	24 1/2
Can. Cons. S. & R.	41 1/2
Croft Res. Co.	30 1/2
Em. Phon	10 1/2
Goldfield	62 1/2
Hecla	73 1/2
Hedley Gold	15 1/2
Hollinger	54 1/2
Howe Sound	5 1/2
Kerr Lake	

GALLANT OFFICER'S BRILLIANT RECORD

Captain Gordon Tupper Left as Private; Won His Spurs and Decoration

Brief mention was made in these columns yesterday of the death in action of Captain Victor Gordon Tupper, son of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., of Vancouver. It will be recalled that the young soldier's record at the front is a magnificent one. He left Vancouver a private and by reason of his ability as a soldier promotion rapidly followed, while little more than two months ago he was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery on the field.

The gallant officer had many friends in this city, since he received his education at the University School, Mount Tolmie, in 1911 and 1912. He was an active member of the Rugby fifteen and the school fifteen team, representing the latter at the Toronto competitions in 1912. He was a lieutenant in the cadet corps and in letters to his mother, Lady Tupper, often alluded to the value of his training in that organization.

In a recent letter to the parents of the young officer, Brig.-Gen. Leckie told of the action for which Capt. Tupper was decorated with the Military Cross.

"Capt. Tupper," he said, "kept the signal communications under very heavy fire. Later, he personally supervised the repair of wires which had been severed, displaying great courage and determination. He had previously done fine work. Capt. Tupper has done splendid work all through and he is one of our best officers. At one of our fights he brought down two Germans with his revolver in the midst of a hand-to-hand encounter."

He was twenty-one years of age and went away with the original 16th Battalion, Canadian-Scottish, as a private and was given the rank of corporal while training with the First Canadian Contingent at Salisbury Plain. He won his commission on the field and was promoted to captaincy on personal merit alone.

STILL TRANSFERRING

Fifth Regiment Still Training Men for the Guns in France; Column Growing.

One of the latest recruits to transfer from the 5th Regiment to the Divisional Ammunition Column, now being recruited at the Willows for overseas service by Lieut. Finnick, is Gunner Arthur George Mumford. Gunner Mumford is a married man with children and prior to joining the 5th Regiment was following his profession as a forestry engineer in the employ of the Forestry Branch of the Provincial Government.

He is in his thirty-third year and left his civil calling to become an artilleryman four months ago, since when he has been undergoing training at the Belmont Battery. The number of men to transfer for foreign service with the column during the last three weeks is well over a score; less than that number now being required by Lieut. Finnick to bring his draft up to the required strength for marching orders.

REPORTED WOUNDED

Private C. A. Thorpe Sustains Severe Injuries While Fighting.

Mrs. A. D. Thorpe, of 1269 Pembroke Street, has received word that her son, Pte. C. A. Thorpe, has been wounded, sustaining a broken arm as well as several broken ribs. The telegram which was received states that the wounded Victorian has been admitted to No. 1 General Hospital.

Prior to the outbreak of the war Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe and family had resided at Duncan, whither they had come direct from the Old Country. While living at the Island town Pte. C. A. Thorpe became actively interested in the Cowichan Valley Cadet Corps, being the third to join the unit. For two years he was a lieutenant in the force and was then promoted to the rank of captain. A year later war broke out and the boy who was then at the age of 18 came to Victoria with his parents and joined the 50th Highlanders. Later he transferred to the 52nd Battalion stationed at Vernon and left with a draft of the unit in September of 1914.

SPLENDID SPIRIT OF THE LONELY SETTLER

Would Leave His Potato Growing and Join; Never a Conscript

"Let the Government pay for that new spring suit" is the suggestion to the eligible recruit during forth from the window of the recruiting office of the Forsters on Government Street. The hint is being taken at the rate of about four per day. Applications for information continue to reach Lieut. Vigor through the mail and many of the documents are unique in themselves, displaying as they do a magnificent spirit of patriotism and a real desire to take a share in the fight. The epistle quoted hereunder comes from a man at Tofino, B. C., and gives a clear indication of his views on the conscript.

PRIVATE G. E. FOX WOUNDED IN KNEE

Went With the 88th Battalion; Has a Brother Serving in France

Following the receipt of private advices yesterday, the name of Private George Edward Fox appears in the casualty lists this morning. He is reported as wounded. The official notification to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fox, of 550 Dallas Road, indicates that the nature of the injury is a gun shot wound through the knee. Any more than that, and the fact that he is undergoing treatment at the Military Hospital at Camiers, is not known.

Private Fox enlisted in the 88th Battalion a week or two before Christmas, 1915, and went overseas with that unit on the 23rd of May last year. He was born in Halifax, England, 23 years ago, came to Canada with the family when he was six years old, and was educated here. A brother, Frank, is also in France with the Canadian Field Artillery.

Boardsman Frank Fox joined the 5th Regiment in December, 1914, and was called up for duty and given the rank of sergeant while attached to the civil aid force during the Nanaimo strike. He went to Valcartier with the first detachment of artillery on the 27th of August, 1914, and finally to England with a reinforcing draft from the 5th Regiment in August, a year later.

He was prevented from going with the first contingent on account of illness.

THE KING'S INVITATION

Private R. Crowe-Swords Tells of Visit to Windsor and Lunch at Castle.

In a letter written from the Canadian Convalescent Hospital at Bearwood Park, Wokingham, Berks, to his wife, Private R. Crowe-Swords, of Kamloops, tells of a visit to Windsor with a special party. The event was arranged on the express invitation of His Majesty. The visitors numbered twenty in all, each one of whom had either been mentioned in despatches or decorated for meritorious service at the front.

The men were conducted over the Royal apartments and were shown the many objects d'art, their historic associations being pointed out and fully explained to them. The reception room, throne room and investiture hall each in turn were visited. On the completion of the interesting tour lunch was served, Princess Alexander of Teck chatting with the men and providing each one with cigarettes. After lunch the party was conducted over the Royal stables.

The weather was extremely favorable and the men thoroughly enjoyed their visit, considerably more interesting on account of the arrangements which had been made for the Tommies at the express desire of the King. Private Crowe-Swords was awarded the Military Cross some time ago and expects to be returning to Canada in the very near future.

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VANCOUVER ARTISTS GIVE CONCERT HERE

Visitors From Mainland Musical Organization Heard at Empress

Victorians who were present at the Empress Hotel last evening when some of the leading artists of the Vancouver Ladies' Musical Club supplied the April programme for the local organization of the same name, went away with a very delighted impression of the representatives from the neighboring city.

One slight alteration to the programme was necessitated by the illness of Mrs. Coulthard, one of the best-known vocalists of the Vancouver Club, who was to have appeared in solo. Her place was very pleasantly filled by Mrs. Nichol, a mezzo, who sang very sweetly "Ouvrez tes yeux bleus," for her two encore numbers giving "Spring is Here" and "The Star." The other vocalists on the programme were Mrs. A. Z. DeLong, who sang with charming unaffectedness of voice and manner "La Forza del Destino" (Verdi). The pleasing quality of tone and absence of "artist's mannerisms" made her a general favorite, and in a popular sense her Irish song, "The Auld Black Shawl," was the vocal hit of the evening. Miss Este was called for an ambitious group including Salter's "Cry of Rachel." In this she showed a knowledge of her own voice, holding in reserve for the dramatic climax more dramatic power than she had hitherto displayed in her singing. A gypsy song, as encore, suited the singer's voice admirably. Miss Amy Wilson, who was down for two lovely numbers, Shiraz's "Sogal," and "The Worldly Hopes" from Liza Lehmann's "Persian Garden" exhibited a voice of considerable range and variety of expression. Miss Este was called for, this also being warmly applauded.

The vocal part of the programme included three quartette numbers sung by Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. A. Z. DeLong, Mrs. Este Avery, and Miss Vaughan Clare; Beethoven's Spicker's "Hymn to Night," James Rogers's semi-descriptive composition, "The Snowstorm," and Brancaccio's delightful "Dear Lad o' Mine," which has been made familiar to local audiences by the Ladies' Musical Club of Victoria. The quartette does excellent ensemble work, and there was a nice equality of vocal value which assisted in giving the individual parts the prominence which the composer intended. It was generally regretted that the quartette had nothing further to offer toward the end of the programme.

Instrumentally as well as vocally the Vancouver Club is obviously well-provided with artists. Miss Kentish-Rankin is a brilliant executionist, and mastered the technicalities of form and matter in Saint-Saens' "Etude" in a manner which convinced her hearers of her abilities as a virtuoso. Her little encore number gave an opportunity for an exhibition of a greater delicacy of sentiment, her touch being light and liquid. With Miss Elsie Alexander, who took the tremendous first piano part in the Liszt Concerto in E flat, Miss Rankin was heard again, and played also with Miss Marjorie Boyd, a temperamentally gifted young violinist. The Bowen suite in D minor, for violin and piano, is an excellent concert number which showed off the abilities of both instrumentalists very well. Miss Alexander came to Victoria with a musical reputation already demonstrated here, and the fact that she undertook to play so big a thing as the Liszt Concerto in E flat in itself proved that she is not content with easy success. The big dramatic qualities of the work do not require to be enumerated. Suffice it to say that both Miss Alexander and Miss Rankin demonstrated anew a magnificent technical equipment.

Victoria is justly proud of her own musical talent, but the introduction of the wholesome competition brought about by exchange programmes with gifted members of the Vancouver Club cannot but benefit the standard of the local organization.

Unless the regulations are relaxed, the women who apply for licenses to act as hackney drivers will have to pass a pretty stiff examination in metropolitan topography. In the little blue book issued by Scotland Yard as a guide to aspirants are printed 26 lists. Each of these contains 18 routes, any of which the applicant may be required to take. In theory, off-hand—as, for example, Lambeth Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral (when driving an Archbishop) and Metropolitan Cattle Market to Royal Free Hospital (with a "casualty"). Moreover, the examinee is expected to know the situation of the clubs, hospitals, hotels, theatres, and public buildings, including police courts, police stations, and railway stations. It has always been a moot point whether the feminine bump of locality is as well developed as the masculine, which has accents of tracking and hunting behind it, and now is the time of testing.—London Chronicle.

Some painstaking person, possibly with a view to proving that the Hun in tearing up scraps of paper is only following the fashion, has compiled a list of treaties from 1560 B.C. to 1860 A.D. in those thirty-four centuries the world achieved 3,600 treaties, and we are told that each of them on the average lasted a little longer than two years. It is as true now as it was 1,500 years before the Christian Era, that treaties are only kept when there is an honest intention among all parties of keeping them. How that may be done has been shown by the recent celebration of the peace centenary between this country and the United States.—London Chronicle.

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Trouble Started as Result of Attack by Austrian on Soldier

Toronto, April 13.—Incensed by an alleged attack by an Austrian on a soldier in a restaurant here a few days ago, a crowd of soldiers numbering over 500, representing several units at the big camp here, raided Childs' Restaurant, at the corner of Yonge and Richmond Streets, at 8 o'clock last evening, and having taken out a Swiss and a Russian employed there, escorted them to the police station, where the two were locked up to prevent further trouble.

The soldiers then marched in a body to Young's Restaurant, at the corner of Yonge and Queen Streets, paraded through the place without doing any damage or securing an alien prisoner and subsequently made visits to McConeky's lunch room on Bay Street and the King Edward Hotel. Later several bands paraded the streets by way of demonstration.

The scene in Childs' Restaurant was a wild one. As the men, originally 100 in number, approached, they called on every khaki-clad figure on the streets to join in avenging the alleged insult. On arrival at the restaurant they demanded the delivery of the Austrian and were told that a few of them might come in and search. In a few minutes the large dining room was

packed with soldiers and pandemonium reigned. The patrons were badly frightened and the waitresses reduced to nervous helplessness. No food could be served and the guests departed as fast as they could. Some dishes and chairs were smashed, but not much damage was done. No Austrians were found. As the last soldier trailed out the doors were locked and the place was closed for some hours.

At Young's restaurant, Provost Marshal Sinclair, of the 48th Highlanders, attempted to restore order, but was roundly abused and hustled out by the soldiers.

Major-General Logie said last night that he would arrange with Mayor Church to-day to return to the picketing system of last winter until the troops from headquarters were sent to the Front.

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 31st day of March, 1917.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Panama Hotel, situated at 52 Johnson Street, to William A. Garr, of the said City of Victoria.
(Signed) SIDNEY MITCHELL.
Dated the 13th day of March, 1917.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT.
SEWER ASSESSMENTS, 1917
Notice is hereby given that the Sewer Assessment Roll for the year 1917 has been filed at the Treasurer's Office, Esquimalt, and may there be inspected. Any person dissatisfied with his assessment as shown on the Roll may file a petition against such assessment with the undersigned not later than May 1, 1917. Petitions will be considered and determined by the Council at the Municipal Hall on Wednesday, May 3, 1917, at 10 a. m.
Esquimalt, B. C., March 29, 1917.
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Canada West Loan Company, Limited.
TAKE NOTICE that the Register of Members of Canada West Loan Company, Limited, will be closed for 30 days from third day of April, 1917, to second day of May, 1917, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers will be registered.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 2nd day of April, 1917.
By order of the Board,
ALBERT F. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary.

NOTICE
Owing to the spread of measles in Oak Bay it is requested that parents will notify the Municipal Health Officer at once (in writing) of the occurrence of the disease in their families. It is also requested that, even if only one child has the disease in a family where there are several children, all the children be kept at home until sixty (60) days after the outbreak of the last case. This rule should be followed whether the other children have had measles or not.
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BIG MASS MEETING PASSES RESOLUTION

Newly Enfranchised Women Ask Government for Prohibition Measure

At a mass meeting of the newly-enfranchised women of British Columbia, held yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, of the W. C. T. U., presiding, the following resolutions were passed: "We, the women of Victoria, now assembled in the Metropolitan Methodist Church on the afternoon of April 12, 1917, for the first time since the sacred right of the franchise has been conferred upon us, desire to express ourselves in the following resolutions: "1. That, at this mass meeting of women citizens of Victoria, we hereby express our sincere gratification at the successful achievement of the struggle for the equal franchise for the women of British Columbia, and our deep appreciation of the former Legislature for introducing the measure, of the fairness of the men for carrying the referendum by such a splendid majority and of the present Legislature for making the measure law. "2. That, whereas a bill, entitled the B. C. Prohibition Act, No. 38, was submitted to the electors of British Columbia on September 14, 1916, and carried by a majority of 5,302, such a majority including the military and civilian ballot, passed in Canada and overseas up to that date; "And whereas, pursuant to the provisions of the Military Forces Voting Act, deferred polls were provided in Canada and overseas up to December 31, 1915; "And whereas, evidence submitted at the counting of the ballots cast at the said deferred polls, evidence collected from officers and men in the field, and from responsible citizens in Britain and France, conclusively proves that gross evasions and infractions of the Military Forces Voting Act, and the regulations provided thereunder, took place, both in the holding and recording of these polls; "And whereas, it is the belief of this meeting of women electors, that such evasions and infractions of the law and disregard of the regulations have misrepresented, distorted and rendered nugatory the views and opinions of the British Columbia soldier voters overseas, so that these views and opinions cannot be accurately ascertained; "Therefore, be it resolved that the women electors of Victoria here assembled request the Government of British Columbia at the present session of the Legislature to introduce an act for the purpose of providing for a referendum at a reasonable time after the close of the war and the return of the soldiers, when the entire electorate of the province shall be in a position to vote upon the measure under proper restrictions and safeguards. "3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Government and the four members of the city of Victoria." Not For Soldiers.

There were nearly six hundred women at the meeting, and there was wonderful unanimity of opinion on the subject of prohibition and the requests of the Government. Mrs. Spofford, one of the ablest speakers of the city, turned aside one of the pet pleas of the anti-prohibitionist, viz., that prohibition would deprive the boys in the trenches of their dose of rum. "Prohibition is only prohibition for British Columbia, not for the soldiers in the trenches," she pointed out. Mrs. Gillespie, of Vancouver, was frankly opposed to calling the overseas vote a soldiers' vote. The published returns of that vote did not represent the attitude of the British Columbia soldiers on the liquor question. It was a stigma to the men to recognize it as such, and the women must work to have that stigma raised. This speaker quoted an instance of a Vancouver soldier who had voted in Canada, gone to England, and been ordered by his officers there to vote again because the first vote had been declared invalid. This statement had been made under affidavit. Votes for prohibition were given to one officer, against prohibition to another, the latter being properly sealed whereas the former were not and the soldiers were not allowed even to place the ballots in the envelopes. The women could not afford to wait for another referendum. Now was the time to ask the Government for legislation to bring prohibition into effect without any further delay. For her own safety British Columbia should see that the province became prohibition. Otherwise the place would become the gathering post for the very worst elements in the Dominion. Women and Temperance.

Women and others who had joined issue favoring prohibition had in the pioneer days and even later been called fanatics. Fortunately the women had stood by their convictions, said Mrs. Gillespie. Had they given up with their first defeat the victory would never have been won. The ballot was more significant than even many of the women recognized. Better government was what was to be aspired to, no matter what party was in power. Mrs. Mitchell would not admit that the soldiers had defeated prohibition. Women now had the vote. They must see that the business that had brought such sorrow into the homes was curtailed. Wave of Approval. Sentiment against the liquor traffic had swept across the whole continent during the last two years, Mrs. Spofford declared. The demand for the abo-

lition of the business had risen out of the war. The terrible need of the hour had demanded the conservation of the material and the man wealth of the Empire. Public opinion had declared against the traffic. Some figures were given. The drink bill of England since the war began stood at \$2,000,000,000, one-tenth of the cost of the war to date. And in actual loss of labor the cost was enormous. Between 25,000 and 30,000 men were unable in England to be at their work on Monday mornings because of the effect of their drinking at the weekend. The whole of Canada, with the exception of a few counties in Quebec and the province of British Columbia, had gone "dry." Women must see that this part of the Dominion promptly fell into line with the rest of the Dominion. Patriotism.

This speaker said that patriotism of the highest kind was woven into the very being of woman. Home was the sentiment which stood at the back of all patriotism. If women were called on to be patriotic as regarded the liberty of the world were they not called on to be patriotic in a way that would make the land a better place to live in, a place where the men who came back from the war would not be confronted on all hands with the temptations of the drink traffic. Speak as Citizens. Miss Greaves called on the women to declare themselves as citizens. The time had come for the people of British Columbia to set aside the distinction of men and women and look upon themselves as citizens. They should speak with one voice rather than as separate sexes. The meeting expressed thanks to the Government and the male voters of the province for giving women the ballot. This was followed by the singing of the hymn "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The meeting accepted a petition asking the Dominion Government to make adultery a criminal offence, and asking that the age of consent for girls be raised from 16 to 21 years. This was signed by hundreds of those present. The purpose of the women in pursuing prohibition as a desired end is patriotic, and the decorations were of this character, big Union Jacks, Canadian and American flags being hung across the rear of the platform. The resolutions were read by Mrs. Boyden and Mrs. Livingstone.

Benton, N. B., April 13.—A great many people suffer the results of deranged kidneys and do not understand the cause of trouble or the way to obtain cure. The writer of this letter suffered excruciating pains in the back and in vain his physician tried to cure him. For some reason or other his medicines did not have the desired effect. Mr. Oils' brother was a merchant selling, among other medicines, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and he heard his customers telling about how they were cured of kidney derangements by their use. This led to Mr. Oils' putting them to the test with the splendid results reported in this letter. Mr. E. C. Oils, Benton, Carlton County, N. B., writes: "I am glad to let you know I suffered from my kidneys, which at one time were so bad I could not lift a stick of wood without getting on my knees, and then would almost faint from the pain in my back. I consulted a doctor about it, and he gave me some medicine, but it did not help me. My brother, who is a merchant, and carries all your medicines, advised me to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I got one box, and they cured me. I have had no trouble with my back since, and am never without Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills in the house. Last summer I also suffered from piles. I used three boxes of your Ointment, and it cured them, and I certainly recommend Dr. Chase's Pills and Ointment." Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 50¢ a box, or \$1.00, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

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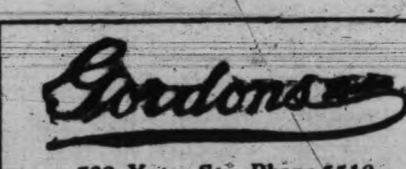
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Dent's Natural Chamolli Gloves, washable, pique sewn, self stitched and fastened with one-dome fastener; sizes 6 to 7. Per pair \$1.65
—Glove Section, Main Floor

New Shipment of Fingering Wool
A new shipment of Paton's 4-ply Scotch Fingering Wool, in standard shade of khaki. The softest and best quality yarn, suitable for all knitting. Per 1-oz. skein 22½¢
Or per lb. \$3.50
Canadian Wool, in 4-ply, for useful knitting, in two tones of grey. Per skein 15¢
Or per lb. \$2.40
Canadian Wool, in 4-ply khaki, suitable for soldiers' socks, scarves, etc. Per skein 18¢
Or per lb. \$2.75
—Art Needlework, Main Floor

Art Embroidery Classes
For the ladies who are interested in Art Embroidery, a class will be held on Tuesday afternoon in each week from 2.30 till 5 o'clock. Also for children on Saturday mornings from 3.30 till 11.30 a. m. Bring your work, whether started or not, and our expert embroiderer will be pleased to assist you.