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FORCED TO LABOR IN ZONE OF FIRE

Paris, March 27.—R. Ducreux, president of the Besancon Prisoners' of War Association, has forwarded to the Foreign Office a declaration made by a Besancon man, a prisoner who was forced by the Germans to work within the zone of fire and who escaped.

The man states that he and his companions were badly and insufficiently fed; that they slept in hastily-constructed sheds which were so small that each of the 400 occupants had to lie in a space fourteen inches wide, and that the majority had no bedding and were obliged to sleep in mud. The prisoners' cantonments were six miles from the front and the fugitives there were made to work on trenches or railways 1,400 yards from the French lines. When he escaped one of his comrades had been killed and several wounded by French shellfire. The refugee estimated that 30,000 Frenchmen were being forced to work in different sections of the German front under similar conditions.

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RASPUTIN PLAYED ON SUPERSTITION

Made Russian Royal Couple Believe Heir's Life Depended on Presence

Petersburg, March 27.—The superstitious belief that the health, and even the life, of Grand Duke Alexis, the young heir-apparent, depended on the presence of Gregory Rasputin, the mystic monk—a notion which is generally known to have accounted for Rasputin's tremendous influence over the Imperial family—is explained in the following manner by the Russky Slovo:

"Rasputin, according to the newspapers, stated in confidence to friends at convivial moments that he had been able to fortify this superstition with the help of Madame Virubova, lady-in-waiting to the Empress, and M. Bademaoff, court physician, until the Empress was absolutely convinced that the life of her son depended on the monk.

"Whenever Rasputin was absent Mme. Virubova obtained poisonous powders from the physician and placed them in food brought to Alexis. The result was that during Rasputin's absence the delicate health of the young heir-apparent grew steadily worse, until Rasputin was summoned back to the court, when the powders were stopped and Alexis became better.

"Rasputin always announced that 40 days after his death Alexis would fall ill. This prophesy came true—being caused, the newspaper declares, by Mme. Virubova, who administered another powder to the little grand duke in the hope of continuing the tradition of Rasputin's influence over the Imperial family and preparing the way for a successor to him."

MORE POINTS WERE CAPTURED BY ALLIES

French Took Towns South of Oise; British Took Lagnicourt

Paris, March 27.—Although strongly opposed by German forces, French troops yesterday occupied the towns of Folembray and La Feulles, south of the Coucy forest, said an official statement issued last. Progress also was made by the French north of Soissons, near Vregny. The text of the report follows:

"North of the Somme there have been no essential changes. Between the Somme and the Oise our artillery dispersed enemy assemblies between Denay and Urville (St. Quentin sector)."

"South of the Oise we made important progress in the Basses Ferges de Coucy. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the terrain and the spirited resistance of the enemy, our troops occupied Folembray and La Feulles.

"North of Soissons we made progress in the region of Vregny."

"A Belgian communication said: 'Last night a Belgian detachment entered German trenches near Steenstraete. After inflicting losses on the enemy and destroying his works, the detachment returned to the Belgian lines with some prisoners. Spirited artillery actions occurred to-day in the direction of Dixmude and Steenstraete.'

British Took Village.

London, March 27.—The following official report was issued last night:

"This morning we captured the village of Lagnicourt, North of the Bapaume-Cambrai road we captured thirty prisoners and a machine gun.

"During the afternoon, enemy troops delivered determined counter-attacks from the east and northeast, but were driven off. A third attack, caught in the open by our artillery, failed to develop.

"Another bombing attack by enemy troops north of Beaumonts-les-Cambrai was repulsed.

"Parties of the enemy who endeavored to approach our lines near Fauquissart and east of Ypres were dispersed by our machine gun fire.

"There was considerable aerial activity to-day by both sides. In the afternoon two German machines were driven down damaged. Seven of our machines are missing."

CORRESPONDENT AGAIN AT TSARSKOE SELO

Representative of Associated Press Learned of Nicholas; Saw Rasputin's Grave

Tsarskoe Selo, March 26.—Via London, March 27.—Penetrating into and under the vast prison palace of Nicholas Romanoff, the deposed Emperor, a correspondent of the Associated Press yesterday obtained from the jailer the first reliable statement of the former Emperor's condition and later visited the deserted grave of Gregory Rasputin, Russia's real autocrat for a decade and the unintended parent of the revolution.

Since the visit paid by the correspondent to the palace last week, severe measures have been taken to guard the prisoners. These grew out of rumors of an attempted flight, monarchist conspiracies against the temporary government and pressure by extremist forces. The guards have been increased and a special representative of the Council of Deputies put among them. On announcing his desire to visit the grave of Rasputin, the soldiers demanded his passport of the Associated Press correspondent, then led him to the kitchen entrance of the palace prison, which is the headquarters of the guards.

Low Buildings.

Behind the kitchen entrance stands a complex system of low buildings, built around a courtyard and ending in a series of subterranean and semi-subterranean galleries, running the whole way under the palace. The first of the two entries leads under an arched portico into a small, untidy courtyard surrounded by one-story buildings.

The rooms off the gallery seem to be underground, padlocked doors, their are not cellars. Two only bear an inscription. One reads: "Servants of the Most August Children." The other bears a placard from pre-revolutionary times showing it to have been the bureau of the officer of the day of Emperor Nicholas's underground guard. In this room, to which he was led by a soldier, the correspondent met the officer of the day, Captain Bowers, who sharply censured the man for bringing the correspondent, and who said to him: "You are the only person other than a soldier or prisoner who has passed through the galleries since the revolution."

Given Permit.

The captain sent the correspondent to the palace commandant, Captain of Cavalry Kotzebe. Captain Kotzebe's headquarters are in an angle of an old and new-untainted section of the Tsarskoe Selo Palace. He gave the correspondent a soldier escort and a permit to pass along the road to Rasputin's grave. The captain is Nicholas's chief jailer. He is youthful and urbane, an officer of the type, speaking perfect French and English.

"The former Emperor is not under detention, but in all respects is a prisoner and is treated accordingly," said Captain Kotzebe. "He is in perfectly good health and in fairly good spirits. When he is with his own entourage he has fits of crying. He is no longer allowed in the park, but twice daily, from 11 to 3 o'clock, he is permitted to walk for recreation in the railed garden between the east and west wings of the palace.

"The rules of the imprisonment of Nicholas are applied also to all courtiers and servants who are prisoners.

Only in Russian.

"The former Emperor is not permitted to go into the garden except in my presence. He walks frequently with other prisoners, preferring the society of the former Empress, Count Benckendorff, former marshal of the court; Mme. Narychkinne and Countess Hendrikoff. He is requested to converse only in Russian when in the presence of soldiers."

"The former Emperor's chief occupation of shoveling snow in the garden he enjoys greatly. He shows boyish interest in what is said and written of him. He does not resent abuse. At present he is chiefly desirous of receiving foreign newspapers, which are very unobtainable.

"The former Empress is in better health. Her real malady is not of the nerves, but of the heart. She is unable to walk any distance and is carried in a chair even from her own suite to her children's rooms.

Alexis Wept.

"Grand Duke Alexis, the former heir to the throne, has recovered entirely. He arose from bed on Friday for the first time. When he heard of his father's detourment he cried bitterly, not, in my opinion, from appreciation of the situation, but merely because he was affected by his parents' misery. The other children are better, except Grand Duchess Marie.

"All letters and communications to the court are brought here first. I am the censor."

Here Captain Kotzebe showed the correspondent a tremendous pile of envelopes awaiting censorship. Many, judging by the handwriting, were from illiterate peasants. The captain also exhibited bottles of a solution used for revivifying invisible ink.

Rasputin's Grave.

The correspondent then visited Rasputin's grave, on the edge of a ravine beyond a desolate and roadless plain, covered with deep snow. The grave is surrounded by an unadorned log chapel which adherents of the monk, with the monetary assistance of the former Empress, planned to raise over Rasputin's dust: Beside the chapel nave are a half dozen tiny cells for pilgrims, and near the end is the ten-foot hole from which the revolutionaries dismantled the body.

The chapel was filled with soldiers, some of whom were inscribing ribald remarks on the log walls. One of the inscriptions reads: "Here lay Raspu-

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Ottawa, March 27.—Increased allowances are being given by the Patriotic Fund to soldiers' wives who have children dependent on them.

The increase is one dollar a month for each child. Formerly three dollars was allowed for each child. Under the new allotment this is increased to four dollars. Those with no children dependent on them receive no further increase.

It is expected that there will be a further disbursement of about \$3,500 through this medium this year. There are about 3,500 children for whom bounty is being paid by the Patriotic Fund.

The increase is induced by consideration of the high cost of living. Many complaints have been received that under the former distribution it was impossible for many to exist. The allowances do not in any case, including that to the wife, exceed \$5 a month, no matter how many children are dependent on her.

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Mr. W. W. Oliver, Fort George, Annapolis Co., N. S., writes: "I am going to tell you my experience with Dr. Chase's Ointment. There was a spot came on my face something like a mole, but it kept getting worse, and several doctors whom I consulted said it was skin cancer, and that it would have to be cut or burned out. I intended having this done, but changed my mind when my brother recommended Dr. Chase's Ointment. Before I had finished one box of the ointment this skin trouble had gone, and has not bothered me since. I cannot praise Dr. Chase's Ointment too much, and you are at liberty to publish this letter."

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INTIMATES GERMANS DECEIVED THEMSELVES

Socialist Reichstag Leader Speaks of Submarine War and Germany's Condition

Stockholm, March 27.—Dr. Albert O. W. Suedekum, one of the best known leaders of the majority Socialists in the German Reichstag, in an interview here with the correspondent of the Associated Press said that whoever thought the submarine war was going to bring Britain to starvation in six months was deceiving himself. He added, however, that such a result was not necessary for German victory, which he declared was certain, with an indemnity.

Dr. Suedekum said he was convinced that Britain had been sending only enough troops to the continent to keep her allies contented, but that now it was necessary for her to change her course.

"He declined to hazard a prediction on the result of the possible participation of the United States in the war on the side of the Entente, but added: 'The United States has been virtually in the war practically since the beginning. If it had not been for American ammunition the war would have ended in 1915.'

In reference to a statement attributed to former Ambassador Gerard that the food situation might affect Germany's military strength, Dr. Suedekum said: "There is not the slightest danger of that, even in the improbable event of the war lasting a year or two more. If other foods fail, we can increase our meat rations. We have 17,000,000 swine to-day and the normal number before the war was only about 18, 975,000. We have about 7,500,000 cattle against a peace normal of about 8, 500,000 or 9,000,000. If necessary we could butcher all but a minimum number of brood animals.

"The extreme cold of the last weeks made it impossible to transport potatoes, and we had only one or two pounds weekly for each consumer in the big cities. If the people had been required by regulation thus to limit consumption they would have considered it impossible, but when faced by hard necessity they did it, with the result that we have an additional month's supply of potatoes on which we never reckoned. It is true that we are short of food, but we are not starving."

Dr. Suedekum at the outbreak of the war went to Italy to try to persuade the Italian Socialists to support Italian intervention on the side of Germany. Later he was decorated with the Iron Cross for services at the front.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Winnipeg, March 27.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press, in a dispatch says: "Persistent rumors are in circulation at Ottawa to the effect that Sir William Hearst, Premier of Ontario, contemplates a dissolution of his Legislature and a general election at an early date."

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THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT.

Not many measures have been launched in the British Columbia Legislature under such favorable auspices as those which make smooth the pathway of the Civil Service bill

The demand for Civil Service reform has spread rapidly throughout the world during the last few years

The bill which Mr. Brewster introduced yesterday is founded upon the expert advice of Dr. Adam Shortt

RUSSIA AND ITALY.

Powerful enemy efforts against the Russian and Italian fronts this spring are expected in Petrograd and Rome

Undoubtedly Germany has long been preparing for another attempt to put Russia out of the running

the enemy's programme is for the future to show, but it may be assumed that von Hindenburg will strike out for Petrograd and Kiev as soon as he can

On the other hand von Hindenburg must reckon on weather conditions. In spring a considerable part of the east front becomes a swamp

Nor is there anything in the threat at Italy to cause anybody in our Mediterranean ally to worry

Tentative power is decidedly on the wane. When Germany starts her eastern campaign it will be with an army which will include a class of recruits who should not be called to the colors

A CURIOUS CONCEPTION.

It is an extraordinary conception of the Militia Act in its relation to National Defence that the Hon. Arthur Meighen

Mr. Meighen has certainly made a remarkable discovery. The Militia Act in Canada is older than Confederation

Announcement

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Notices of meetings, political, suffrage, patriotic, lodge, society, club or church meetings and services, concerts, socials, etc.

the little group of incendiaries revolving around Henri Bourassa.

If Mr. Meighen correctly states the point of view of the Government of which he is a member, the Militia Act never will be enforced in its entirety

AUSTRALIA'S ELECTION.

The election in New South Wales, reported in the Times yesterday, should not be confused with the appeal to the electors Mr. Hughes is making

The federal election in Australia is directly due to a deadlock between the House of Representatives and the Senate

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The Munchener Neueste Nachrichten (which notwithstanding its dreadful sound is but the name of a German newspaper)

On the occasion of one of his many visits to Great Britain, generally without formal invitation, it is written that the Kaiser had a violent altercation

Le Figaro (Paris): The Briton has discovered in himself soldierly qualities which have hitherto been dormant

The overt act cannot be long delayed now. Armed American ships are engaged upon their lawful occupations

Germans in the United States, once esteemed as the very best of citizens, seem inclined to treat their once adopted country after the same manner

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of France are polluting the evacuated territory. And they will justify their conduct with the same arguments: "necessity knows no human law."

British Columbia also is in the throes of a revolution. The Civil Service bill is receiving the consideration of our Duma.

The horrors of war are accumulating. Punch has increased its price from threepence to sixpence!

COYU CAPTURED BY FRENCH IN A NIGHT ATTACK; WOOD TAKEN

(Continued from page 1.)

Yesterday the London Times correspondent went up the line east of Arras and north of Achiet as far as Achiet-le-Petit.

Much Work. Achiet is on dominating ground overlooking the country south as far as the Pozieres ridge.

Here, as elsewhere, one can easily see the urgency of his case. He put a great amount of skill and labor into the defenses of Achiet, which he hard-

ly used. Behind the village is a cemetery of the soldiers who died of wounds received in the Somme battles.

The enemy is using selected men whom he calls "sturm truppen," for rearguards. Their methods along the whole front may be understood from the operations about the little village of Beaumont.

The advancing British patrols drew a heavy fire from Norchies and Beaumonts. They advanced to Norchies, which was found unoccupied.

Beaumonts apparently had received reinforcements, for it was offering strong resistance. The British troops worked round the village and waited until the British guns had given it a little shelling.

KILLED BY STORM.

Montgomery, Ala. March 27.—Five whites and several negroes were killed in a storm at Petrie, Ala., last night.

AMERICAN ARMY NEEDS MANY MEDICAL OFFICERS

New York, March 27.—Twenty-five thousand medical reserve officers is the goal of a recruiting campaign started to-day by the Auxiliary Medical Committee for National Defence.

The medical reserve corps now numbers about 3,000, of whom 2,000 have come in within the last eighteen months.

A committee of ten physicians will be appointed to study the plans followed in Britain and France, under which the practice of doctors who enter military or naval service is taken over in the absence of physicians who remain in civil life and returned intact when the army and navy surgeons are mustered out of service.

STEEL INDUSTRY IN STATES IS BOOMING

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of city lots, for the reason, so I was told by the Court, that I may subdivide if I want to. I pointed out further to the Court that the assessment had no relation whatever to the actual value of the land nor to what the land can produce. A 19-acre subdivision across the street is rented for about \$11 an acre a year, and the land to the north adjoining mine, a four-acre subdivision, never produced a crop that paid for the cultivation of it. At this rate my general taxes alone will amount to more than five times as much as the land can produce. This is a penalty on production with a vengeance. Now, Mr. Editor, is it not time the present system of assessment was done away with and the land assessed at either its market value or its producing or rental value? I am convinced that with adequate support and efficiently managed, this league would be of the greatest value to the householders of the city, and would save in cash at least \$20 per annum for each member's family. Without efficient organization we are at the mercy of the profiteers. If an individual remonstrates at any increased charge made for food he has little chance of redress, but let the secretary of a consumers' league, with make a protest and a very different result would be attained. In London (subjected to attempted blockade) from to-day the four-pound loaf is to be one shilling-three pence per pound; in Victoria the ten-pence loaf is five cents, about four pence per pound, though Canada is a grain-raising country our bread is 33 per cent dearer! I may be told London's is now standard bread, and very good is it. I used it continuously in the Old Country when the Daily Mail urged its use. Then look at the advance in the prices of meat and fish. Is it warranted? The league, both here and in other cities, ought to support the action of the Government in its promised inquiry into the sugar question. The advanced prices of flour, potatoes, butter, lard, cheese and tinned goods has been large, and I'm not sure if the same are reasonable. The combines are illegal and ought to be put an end to. The services of a competent paid secretary should be secured, and a small office opened. He should keep in touch with the similar leagues in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, etc., and exchange information and results, and watch the markets, keep detailed price lists of commodities and reasons given for any advances, receive and follow up all practical suggestions from members, and I affirm it would not be long before the league's influence would be felt and league members receive the benefit. If the league is still in existence I would urge a public meeting be called of all interested and the glaring mistakes of the past be avoided. March 24. HOUSEHOLDER. HECKLING WOMEN. To the Editor:-The great cry of the present time is more and more of a city. The Third was made the first effort at a king put forth against the evil since the middle of last century the progress made was remarkable. In the United States wonderful strides had been made and Canada was now beginning. Need in Dominion. The honorable gentleman regretted that Sir Robert Borden had not seized his opportunity and put civil service reform in force in the Dominion service, outside and inside, despite the pressure put on him by his followers when the Liberals got in again this would have to be carried out. People Brewer was the first to carry out civil service reform throughout the province. In the matter of returned soldiers Dr. McIntosh referred to the danger of creating a military caste where there would be many returned soldiers, and was glad to see that under this bill the province was taking chances in that regard, while our soldiers, who were among our very best would get a preference only if they were otherwise capable. Age Limit. The honorable gentleman was not wedded to the age limit of entrance fixed by the bill, which he understood as having some reference to a possible superannuation system and the propriety of having men enter the service who would have to retire after a few years. He offered the suggestion, to offset this objection, that a man over 45 could be brought in if he was willing to waive superannuation rights. Personal Equation. Dr. McIntosh emphasized the point that the whole success of the measure depended upon the man or men forming the commission. He suggested that some man who had made good on the bench would be a good commissioner. He stated that he had been informed that in Vancouver, where he knew many electors did not think the Liberals had meant to abolish patronage and were now looking for their pound of flesh, quite a number of these were organizing to take the Government by the throat in order to get what they called their own. 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GENERAL MEETING OF RETRENCHMENT ASSN.

Children's Aid Society and Its Conduct Come in for Much Criticism

President F. J. O'Reilly explained to the members of the Civic Retrenchment Association at a regular meeting of that body held in the board room of the Belmont House last night the many matters the organization had dealt with since the annual meeting.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ACT IS INTRODUCED

The Attorney-General this afternoon introduced a Woman's Suffrage Act giving women the vote on the same terms as men.

MIND READING AND LOCAL IMPROVEMENT

The present Council are a good lot of men, but already prone to be liberal with the people's money," said Keith Wilson in moving a resolution endorsing the action of the city in regard to initiating local improvements.

SEED-GROWING INDUSTRY

Mr. McMeans Will Address Gathering at City Hall This Evening. In the council chamber of the City Hall, Victorians will this evening have an opportunity of hearing C. A. McMeans of the Department of Agriculture who will speak on the situation of seed growing as it is being developed by the Federal authorities.

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In every pioneer home the botanic recipes of our grandmothers for the treatment of illness were wonderfully dependable. Every fall she gathered her various herbs: thoroughwort, osmonite, sage, Pennyroyal, wormwood, rue, etc. It is interesting to note that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the most successful remedy for female ills we have, was originally prepared for home use from one of these botanic recipes.

COURT OF REVISION CONTINUES TO-DAY

Portion of Government Street Property, and Semi-Business District to Be Inspected

The Civic Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll was principally engaged this morning in routine applications for reduction of assessments. However, a few points developed as showing the general trend of sentiment.

WAR TROPHIES NOW BEING SHOWN HERE

Both Terrible and Touching Are the Souvenirs Exhibited. There is a certain solemnity about the exhibition of war trophies which has opened yesterday afternoon in the Belmont Block under the auspices of the Returned Soldiers' Flower Guild.

EXPERIENCES IN FRANCE

Capt. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., is Speaking at Empress To-night. Capt. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., will speak to-night at the Empress Hotel under the auspices of the Hollywood and Fowl Bay branch of the Red Cross Society and in aid of the funds which they are using for such patriotic ends.

FACE THE CONDITIONS

Mr. Bone mildly suggested that in spite of the conditions which existed at the present time there was no occasion to become frightened. He exhorted the members of the Association to face the situation with a stiff upper lip.

COMPARATIVE COSTS

Comparative costs in the various institutions of a similar nature were made by the secretary in her report, in which the Protestant Orphan Home, the Day Nursery and the Children's Aid were cited, \$12.12, \$14 and \$14.95, respectively.

PAY TAXES FIRST

Mr. Chapman believed that the principle should obtain that no citizen should be allowed to aspire to the position of Alderman unless his taxes were fully paid up. Men in arrears of taxes were in his opinion not competent to sit on the Aldermanic bench and adjudicate on municipal matters.

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TO RESIDENTS OF FAIRFIELD

The Fairfield Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has received permission from Headquarters (owing to the extraordinary demands that are expected to be made on same) to make a canvass of the district for monthly subscriptions, and to this end a committee of business men has been organized which has undertaken to see that a complete canvass is made.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late John Edmund Cowan, whose death occurred last Saturday, took place from the Sands Funeral chapel at 11 o'clock this morning. Rev. Gilbert Cook officiating. The deceased had lived in the city for the past ten years, his home being on Pigard Street. He was a native of Burwash, Ont., and 68 years of age.

The funeral of the late Robert Stannard took place this morning at 10:30 from the Sands Funeral chapel. Rev. Gilbert Cook officiated. The deceased was a native of England, and 38 years of age. Besides the widow there survive two children, the father, mother and one brother, all living in Winnipeg.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Swinerton took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of her son, Mr. R. H. Swinerton, 1334 Harrison Street. Services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. L. C. and there was a large attendance. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. B. Robertson, G. H. Barnard, M. P., John Musgrave, J. P. Bockee, J. E. Wilson, J. E. Jeffcott and H. P. O'Farrell.

The funeral of Charles Gordon Stewart McDonald, on-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Macdonald, of 1144 Pandora Avenue, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Sands chapel, where Rev. J. G. Inkster officiated.

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WILSON'S MIND NOT MADE UP AS YET
Has Not Determined Exact Course Before Houses of Congress

Washington, March 27.—President Wilson was represented to-day as still having an open mind on exactly what steps he will recommend to Congress when it meets in special session next week.

Prior to a Cabinet meeting at which details of preparedness measures were discussed, Senator Hitchcock, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, discussed the situation with the President.

Other advisers of the President, taking the view that the best step to take is a declaration that a state of war exists, are examining precedents in order to map out the best course to pursue.

San Antonio, March 27.—Orders from the War Department for suspension of the muster out of the National Guard organizations in the southern department were received at army headquarters to-day.

London, March 27.—Two British torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk by a collision with a steamship, it was officially announced to-day.

Spokane, March 26.—The portrait of Kaiser Wilhelm and the German flags were taken from the walls of Turner Hall here to-day, according to Dr. E. T. Richter, president of the Deutsche Gesellschaft, which represents 2,500 Germans in Spokane.

Hono., March 27.—Two Austrian attacks were delivered on the Julian front late yesterday, in one of which some advanced Italian trenches were occupied in the sector of Hill 126.

ST. LOUIS SAW NO GERMAN SUBMARINES
Voyage Virtually Without Incident; Was Some Nervousness on Board

London, March 27.—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction, and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived yesterday.

The St. Louis came through without interruption. No German submarines were sighted, nor were there at any time any indications that German aircraft were near the ship.

But signs of war were not lacking, and the last three days aboard were anxious ones for the passengers and crew alike. On Friday and again on Saturday after the St. Louis entered the German "zone," driftwood was passed, apparently parts of destroyed lifeboats.

For three days and nights the captain did not leave the bridge, and never in her twenty-two years of existence has the American ship been driven so furiously as she was from the time she passed into the danger zone until she was picked up by a pilot.

London, March 27.—King Albert of Belgium on March 19 made a long airplane flight under fire over the fighting front, according to Le Metro, a newspaper published here.

London, March 27.—"According to news which has arrived here from Munich," says a German dispatch, "Kaiser Wilhelm has been advised to take a complete rest, owing to the return of his old throat trouble through exposure and overwork.

Montreal, March 27.—It was learned to-day that the case against R. A. Mosher, of Halifax, charged with writing a libelous letter concerning R. P. Neil, of the International Brotherhood of Railway Employees, will come up for trial on Thursday.

Toronto, March 27.—Owing to the fact that the business was being run at a loss of \$2,000 a month since the passing into effect of the Ontario Temperance Act on September 18 last, the Copeland Brewery Company has closed its doors.

GERMANS ATTACKED NEAR BARANOWICHI
Russians Repulsed First Attack; Later Fell Back Toward East

Petrograd, March 27.—Attacks by German troops on the Russian line along the Schara, in the Baranowich region, southwest of Vilna, were at first unsuccessful, the War Office announced to-day.

Berlin, March 27.—German troops made an attack yesterday on Russian positions southeast of Baranowich. The War Office announces that they captured Russian positions on the west bank of the Schara, capturing more than 300 Russian machine guns and seven mine throwers.

London, March 27.—Sir Robert Borden returned to-day from Oxford, where he visited wounded Canadians and also those in the Officers' Training Corps. He inspected and addressed Canadian units at Balliol College and Christ Church, and later, after visiting the wounded Canadians in the city hospitals, addressed the officers at Somerville College.

Seattle, March 27.—His face flushed and frequently at a loss to resist the terrific attack launched against him by Prosecutor Clarence L. Reames, Police Chief Beckingham, in the federal liquor conspiracy trial this morning, received one of the most severe grillings administered a witness since the case began.

Ottawa, March 27.—Two promotions in the Canadian army were announced yesterday by the Minister of Militia, Lieut.-Col. Gwynn, mobilization officer at headquarters, has been named a brigadier-general, and Lieut. Col. J. W. Stewart, commander of the Railway Construction Corps on the west front, has been advanced to the same rank.

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HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK WITHOUT WARNING
Asturias, British, Torpedoed by German Submarine; Eleven Were Killed

London, March 27.—The British hospital ship Asturias was torpedoed without warning. It was officially announced to-day. Eleven persons were killed; 34 are missing and 22 were injured.

The German Admiralty yesterday announced the sinking of the Asturias. Shipping losses. London, March 27.—Losses of merchant vessels amounting to more than 400,000 tons thus far in March have resulted from measures of the Central Powers.

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NEW YORK STOCKS SUBJECT TO RAIDS
Well Absorbed on Declines; Rails Sold Off With the Rest

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Table with columns: High, Low, Last, Bid, Ask. Contains Montreal Stock Exchange data including companies like Canadian National, Dominion, etc.

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Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Contains New York Cotton Market data for various grades of cotton.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Contains Victoria Stock Exchange data including various local stocks.

THE LEMIEUX ACT ENDORSED IN STATES. Washington, March 27.—Legislation for compulsory investigation of industrial disputes affecting railroads was advocated to-day before the Newlands joint committee by Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific board.

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Golden Loaf Flour, 49-lb. sack	\$2.40
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SAANICH FARMERS

FORM LOCAL UNION

Election of Officers Results in Placing Fred Turgoose in Chair

A meeting of the farmers of the Saanich Peninsula, which was well represented from the Royal Oak (south) to Deep Bay (north) was held on Saturday evening, March 24, in the Agricultural Hall, Saanich, for the purpose of putting into shape a local organization to act jointly with the United Farmers of British Columbia, for bettering the interests of the farmers locally and also to act provincially for the general welfare of the farming industry.

Professor Stevenson, of the Dominion Experimental Station, took the chair and outlined a policy for adoption, such as was working successfully in Alberta, Saskatchewan and the eastern provinces.

After a lengthy conversation and opinions expressed from various viewpoints it was unanimously agreed to form a union to be named the Saanich Local Farmers' Union. The following officers were appointed, representing 33 paid members.

President, Fred Turgoose; vice-president, George Clarke; secretary, George Spencer; treasurer, Colin A. Chisholm; directors, Messrs. A. Munroe, W. D. Mitchell, J. M. Malcolm, M. Dean and Alex. McDonald.

The President (Mr. Fred Turgoose) then took the chair and thanked the members for their confidence. He suggested the purchasing of seeds in general for forage crops from Canadian grown seeds, cereals free from weed seeds and badly shivered grain, corn for ensilage, the purchasing of soil fertilizing ingredients rather than compound brands, etc., also the purchasing of foodstuffs in bulk.

was instructed to get full details of these matters and prepare a business schedule for an early directors' meeting.

A. Munroe, of North Saanich, voiced with very strong emphasis the general opinion of the district, how unfair was the treatment the users of the telephone service are suffering at the hands of this corporation. After nearly every owner of a telephone present at the meeting had expressed their dissatisfaction of the service, a resolution was unanimously passed demanding reduced rates and an improved service, whilst a committee was appointed to press this matter to an issue. After a few detailed arrangements had been agreed upon the meeting stood adjourned to the call of the chair.

FINALLY DISPOSE OF HOME CONTRIBUTION

Children's Aid Home Society Grant Settled at Last; Weight of Food

"I may say at once that the amount will not nearly cover the expenditure on the home this year, it is anticipated," observed Alderman Andros in City Council last evening, when a letter had been read from the secretary of the special committee recently investigating the situation of the Children's Aid Society.

The secretary asked, as a result of the meeting, the renewal of the vote for \$4,990 towards the Society.

Alderman Andros went on to add that the Council had to look the question squarely in the face, and recognize that additional money must be forthcoming if the Society is to care for the applicants waiting admission.

The Council agreed to the vote for the sum asked, and to assume the deficit, estimated at \$515.29.

That a by-law should be introduced in order to regulate all classes of weighing of foodstuffs was the suggestion made by the Fair Weights Officer (A. G. Robertson) to the Council in reporting on a complaint lodged by the secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association.

Alderman Cameron thought in view of the Dominion regulations it would be desirable to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor first, a course which was adopted.

Re-arrangements with regard to a number of horses which can be used to better advantage in other departments were authorized by the Council.

The chairman of the pound committee, Alderman Dilworth, asked for another horse in order to protect the vacant lots from stray cattle.

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WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

Children's Lisle Thread Hosiery, 1-1 rib, in black and white. Size 5 to 10. Reg. 23c. Special, Wednesday..... 23c

Women's Gordon Hosiery, in fine quality silk lisle. This Hosiery gives good wear; comes with extra spliced heel and toes. Wide garter top. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2. Price

The Smartest New Styles in Gloves

Perrin's Washable Cape Gloves, in mahogany, tan, ivory and the new shade of champagne—"Mastic" with heavy fancy embroidered backs in black and self colored silks. Prix seam sewn and fastened with one dome fastener. Sizes 6, 6 1/2, 6 3/4 and 7. These Gloves will wash in hot water, and are very satisfactory. Price, per pair

Dent's Cape Gloves in tan, pique sewn and fastened with two dome fasteners. Sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/2. Price, \$1.85 and..... \$2.00

New Shipment of P. C. Corsets, Special 85c and \$1

We have just received a shipment of the famous P. C. Corsets, and are now ready to supply you with a good corset at a small price. They are made of good quality coutil and are well boned; for medium, slight and well developed figures. Top is neatly trimmed, and finished with four everlasting hose supporters. Sizes 19 to 30. Price, 85c and..... \$1.00

Arrival of New Fabrics in the Wash Goods Section

On Wednesday we shall show an unique collection of dainty fabrics, in many exclusive and original designs and colorings. These are the newest and latest products from the European and American markets. We invite you to visit this display.

ITEMS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

Etamine Voile—This is a new and very smart fabric, self colored ground, in season's colors, with all over designs in a contrasting color; 36-40 ins. wide. Per yard..... 45¢

Novelty Seed Voile—The favorite seed voile, white ground with dainty color effects of pale blue, pale pink, pale green and daffodil; 38 ins. wide. Per yard..... 50¢

Reception Voile—An exceedingly stylish material with novel designs and choice color effects; 33 ins. wide. Per yard..... 50¢

Woven Stripe Voile—This is a very pleasing combination of plain voile with silk finish stripes; pale color grounds, with original floral designs; 40 ins. wide. Per yard..... 60¢

Normandy Voile—This is a charming fabric in white and colored grounds, with delicate embossed design in contrasting color; 37 ins. wide. Per yard..... 75¢

Voile Superbe—This is a very fine grade of French voile, with a woven stripe of silk effect; white ground with stripes of pale pink, pale blue, mauve, apple and gold; 36 ins. wide. Per yd. 75¢

Striped Voile—A white voile with cord stripe; very fine and eminently suitable for waists and dresses; 40 ins. wide. Per yard..... 75¢

In addition to the above we have a large display of Crepes, Muslins, Seersuckers, Ginghams, Piques and Reps at popular prices.

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PROVINCIAL PEOPLES' PROHIBITION CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 8 P.M.

Public Mass Meeting

In Congregational Church.

BUSINESS: REPORT OF

The Soldiers' Vote

Come and Hear All About the Impersonations, Repeaters, and Fake Ballots

NOTES—

1. The Delegation will wait on the Government on Thursday at 11 a.m.
2. The Delegates will register in Metropolitan Church on Wednesday at 3.30 p.m.
3. The sessions of the Convention will be held during the following hours: Wednesday, 3.30 to 5.30 and 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 5.30, 8 to 10 p.m.
4. All business sessions of the Convention will be held in the Methodist Church. The Wednesday Mass Meeting will be held in the Congregational Church.

His Worship, THE MAYOR, A. E. TODD, ESQ., will give an address of welcome to the delegates at the Mass Meeting on Wednesday night.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 8 P.M.

Public Mass Meeting

In Metropolitan Methodist Church

BUSINESS: REPORT OF

Delegation to the Government

Come and Hear What the Government Has to Say About a War Measure

Let Every Prohibitionist in the City Attend the Two Public Mass Meetings

All the Sessions of the Convention Are Open to the Public