

WEATHER FORECAST

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to high southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal Victoria—Annette Kellerman, Panjagos—Vaudeville, Dominion—Back Stage, Variety—The Third Degree, Columbia—The Birth of a Nation, Romano—The Man of Might, Arena—(See Advertisement).

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO TIMES READERS

JAPANESE OBJECT TO MANDATES AS PLANNED FOR PACIFIC COLONIES

Delay to Permit Tokio Government to Make Statement; Objections Thought To Be in Connection With Australian Areas

Paris, Dec. 24.—Japan's representatives in the Supreme Council have objected to the form of the mandates under which the former German colonies in the Pacific would be administered.

The question of mandates was taken up to-day by the Council, which considered the briefs that had been prepared and two giving mandates in Africa, to Great Britain and Belgium.

The mandates considered had been prepared by the Mandate Commission in London. They were in three series denominated Type A, Type B and Type C.

Type C developed the objections upon the part of Baron Matsui. He found that they gave Japan less advantage than she had enjoyed in those colonies under the German rule.

The details to which the Japanese representative objected were not disclosed, but it is assumed here that the question of the migration of Japanese to the colonies which would come under the mandate of Australia was involved.

INFERNAL MACHINE AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

From Portland to Seattle Musician; Wife Opened Package; No Explosion

Seattle, Dec. 24.—The Portland police to-day were asked by the Seattle chief to help find the party of parties who mailed an infernal machine in Christmas wrappings to Fred Fink, a Seattle musician.

The machine did not explode when Mrs. Fink opened it though six sticks of dynamite, a loaded revolver and a device intended to start an explosion were in the package.

DEMAND CHECK ON PRESCRIPTION EVIL

Local Prohibitionists Urge Reforms Upon Government; Conditions "Notorious"

Declaring that there is a notorious prevalence of illicit traffic in alcoholic liquor throughout this city, that there is "an evident slackness on the part of the responsible authorities in the administration of the Prohibition Act," the People's Prohibition Association of Victoria at its last executive meeting passed a resolution calling upon the Provincial Government to consider "the manner in which certain practitioners have violated the evident intention and spirit of the Liquor Act in respect to issuing prescriptions, with a view to introducing amendments to the Act at the next session of the Legislature."

The resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Association is as follows: "Whereas it is notorious throughout this city that there is a prevalence of illicit traffic in alcoholic liquor, and that greater restrictions are imposed upon the power of medical men to issue liquor prescriptions."

ARTHUR CAPEL IS KILLED IN AN AUTO SMASH IN FRANCE

Nice, France, Dec. 24.—Arthur Capel, who during the war was political secretary to the Inter-Allied War Commission, was killed last night in an automobile accident while on his way from Paris to Montreal. A fire on his machine blew out, ditching the car.

ALLIED LEADERS EXPECTED TO SETTLE FIUME QUESTION

Rome, Dec. 24.—Premier Nitti informed the Council of Ministers yesterday that he would leave on Thursday evening for Paris and would return only after having obtained a definite settlement of the Fiume and Adriatic questions.

Rome, Dec. 24.—General Badoglio, Italian Chief of Staff, arrived here from Fiume yesterday and conferred with Premier Nitti and King Victor Emmanuel yesterday.

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ALBERTA WEATHER

Lethbridge, Dec. 24.—James Irwin, of Cowley, was seeding fall wheat on his farm there when he was stopped at noon by a heavy shower of rain.

The establishment of this post was brought about by the report of Captain French, who made the first exploration of the area covered between Chesterfield Inlet and the Arctic to Coronation Gulf.

ON LAKE ERIE

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 24.—After being in Lake Erie in a sixteen-foot boat since Sunday afternoon, when they left Point Pelee for the mainland at Leamington, a party of five persons arrived at Leamington late yesterday afternoon.

ONTARIO GIFT TO ST. DUNSTAN'S HOME

London, Dec. 24.—General Manley Sims has sent 2,000 pounds of tinned peaches as Ontario's Christmas gift to the St. Dunstan's Home for blind soldiers.

EFFORT TO INCREASE OUTPUT OF FUEL IN THE DOMINION

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A special committee to investigate the possibility of developing sufficient fuel in Canada to meet the needs of Canadian industry has been appointed by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

This committee will make a study of all possible sources from which the supply of various kinds of fuel can be increased. It is felt by the Association that the recent coal strike in the United States revealed the weakness of the most populous part of Canada, being dependent to a great extent upon sources of fuel which are located outside of Canada.

No Munitions to Mexico From Plants in United States

Washington, Dec. 24.—Revocation effective January 1, of all licenses issued by the United States War Trade Board prior to last September 20 for exportation of arms or munitions of war to Mexico was announced to-day by the State Department.

Canal Tonnage Shows a Decrease

Sault Ste. Marie Figures Lightest for Five-Year Period

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 24.—The tonnage which passed through the United States and Canadian canals at this point during the navigation season of 1919 was the lightest registered in five years, according to the engineers' annual report, just announced.

The total freight handled through the waterways connecting Lakes Superior and Huron during the year was 68,235,542, compared with 55,349,234 tons in 1914. This shrinkage in cargo volume was general, only a very few lines showing increases this season, although the number of passengers carried was greater than ever before.

The loss in traffic is partially explained by the fact that fewer ships were operated this year than usual, while many of those that were run made fewer trips than usual. Unsettled conditions following the war, cessation of war orders, strikes which tied up docks at the head of the lakes and the coal strike also are blamed.

Lumber shipments showed a continuation of the shrinkage in that commodity that had been noted for a number of years, being only 244,426,000 feet, the smallest since 1888.

Four shipments, 7,244,495 barrels, were the lightest since 1915, while the movement of wheat was only 113,734,848 bushels, also the lightest since 1911.

CHICAGO ROBBERS TOOK WHISKY WORTH MORE THAN \$10,000

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Ten disguised whisky robbers used motor trucks to take away whisky valued at from \$10,000 to \$20,000 from the summer home of C. H. Ackert, a broker, at Lake Forest, a Chicago suburb, it became known to-day.

It seems that the Farmers' Club of the district had been considering various names to fill the vacancy, and while they were considering they read in the papers that Miss Walker had been appointed.

PRISONERS ARE SET FREE AT LETHBRIDGE

Lethbridge, Dec. 24.—Thirteen political prisoners, practically all of them sentenced by district court-martial, are being released from the Lethbridge jail to-day as a result of the Order-in-Council passed last Saturday.

EFFORT TO END BARCELONA STRIKES

Madrid, Dec. 24.—The Mayor of Barcelona and other high Catalonian officials have published a manifesto appealing to citizens of all classes, employers and workers, to terminate the social struggles, which, they declare, are running Catalonia, and demanding that the governing authorities act energetically to cause respect for the laws.

VANCOUVER BANK CLEARINGS

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The bank clearings here for the past week were \$15,568,000.

EIGHT-YEAR TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION

Present Position of France's Iron and Steel Industry

Valenciennes, France, Dec. 24.—(Associated Press)—France's steel and iron industry, virtually out in half by war ravages, is faced by what engineers estimate to be an eight or ten-year task of reconstruction.

Details of the problem were related to-day to the correspondents of the Associated Press, who are visiting the devastated regions of France by a special Government dispensation.

Engineering experts, however, say the country's steel and iron production may be much quickened by the mineral mining and metal treating plants of Lorraine returned to France under the terms of the Versailles Treaty.

Such Needed. The seriousness of the loss to the industry by war nevertheless is heightened by the great necessity for metal construction throughout the liberated districts and the depletion of nearly 150,000 inhabitants of these regions on the blast furnaces and metal mills for a living.

Small Forces. Of the more than 500 small metal treating and metal construction plants of the devastated territory, Government reports show forty-eight per cent have resumed work, but with only fourteen per cent of the pre-war force. This does not include the large plants, which alone are said to be capable of meeting the country's chief needs in the way of structural materials and important machinery taken away or destroyed during the war.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL ANNOYS FARMERS

Ontario Government Appointment in Middlesex Cause of Friction

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—The Farmers' Club objects strongly to the Drury Government's appointment of Miss Walker as Registrar of East and North Middlesex to succeed the late Joseph Marshall, ex-M.P.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The following casualty list was issued to-day: Infantry. Previously reported wounded and missing; now killed in action—Lieut. H. C. Saunders, M. M., Kingston, Ont.; Pte. U. Campbell, Edmonton.

SITUATION IN THE EGYPTIAN CAPITAL NOW IS IMPROVED

Cairo, Dec. 20.—Delayed.—The situation here is generally improved, following the recent disturbances in which several persons were killed and others injured.

ONE CONTEST

Toronto, Dec. 24.—For the first time in the history of the Toronto Separate School Board, voting by ballot will be in order in the coming election, but there is to be only one contest. It is in Ward V and one of the candidates is a woman.

Bolsheviki Claim They Captured Men Cannon and Horses

London, Dec. 24.—Bolshevik troops captured 300 men, fifteen guns and 1,000 horses after defeating the forces of General Mamontoff and Chelnokoff in the region of Staronenski, according to a Bolshevik wireless dispatch received from Moscow to-day. The dispatch adds: "Over 1,000 Cossacks were killed, including General Chelnokoff."

PROTEST MADE BY JUGO-SLAV DEPUTIES

Say Italy Has Abused Power Confided to Her by Allies

Paris, Dec. 24.—Members of the Jugo-Slav Parliament from Adriatic regions occupied by Italy—Gorizia, Trieste, Latria, Carniola, Fiume and Dalmatia—have protested to Premier Clemenceau against the reported projects of Gabriele d'Annunzio to occupy regions of Jugo-Slavia and against what they term the abuse by Italy of power confided to her by the Allies and the United States.

The members of the Jugo-Slav Parliament also have demanded in the name of the rights of humanity that the Italian Government, Hon. Walter Mitchell, Provincial Treasurer, of war and send them home as Italy already has done, they declare, with the Germans and Magyars.

WOULD ESTABLISH JOINT ABATTOIR

Alderman Johns to Press For Slaughter House Owned by City and Saanich

The condition of the city's finances quashed the city abattoir project for this year, but Alderman Johns, his sponsor has no intention of allowing the scheme to be shelved permanently. In fact, the alderman is confident that, if he holds a seat in the City Council next year, he will be able to have the expenditure involved included in the annual estimates.

The plan which the alderman will launch in the early stages of next year is for an abattoir jointly owned and operated by the city and Saanich municipality. The alderman has talked the matter over with members of the Saanich Council, which, he understands, is almost unanimously behind the scheme.

WESTMINSTER CLEARINGS

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—The bank clearings here in this city for the past week were \$476,973.

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OWNERS AND EDITORS OF NEWSPAPERS TO-LAY GIVEN OFFICIAL WARNING TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLISHING POLITICAL REPORTS

Assassination were targeted at the authorities or to the British Mission without the consent of the Censor, articles calculated to encourage public servants to strike for political reasons, or reports or aspersions calculated to inflame the populace against the British or Egyptian Government.

RUSSELL FOUND GUILTY BUT ALLOWED FREEDOM FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Winnipeg Jury Declared Accused Guilty on All Seven Counts of Indictment; Judge Granted Request of Cassidy, His Counsel

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—R. D. Russell, one of the eight Winnipeg strike leaders, was convicted to-day on a charge of seditious conspiracy and committing a common nuisance. A verdict of guilty was returned by the jury at 10.40 this morning on all seven counts in the indictment. Russell will be brought up for sentence on Saturday at 10.30 a. m.

Justice tempered with the gospel of peace on earth, goodwill toward men, came as a sensational conclusion to the trial when, found guilty on seven counts, Russell was allowed his freedom until Saturday morning so he could spend Christmas with his friends and not behind iron bars.

This is the first time in the memory of many of the old lawyers in Winnipeg following a conviction that an accused has been allowed to remain free after the verdict of a jury. This was made possible by A. J. Andrews, crown prosecutor, who heartily seconded Robert Cassidy's request.

Before the court arose John Pyniger, deputy sheriff, took his place beside the prisoner's box prepared to take Russell into custody. He had not heard the ruling of the court. Russell demurred. The deputy sheriff asked the court if he was not to take the prisoner to jail. "He is not in your clutches as yet, Mr. Pyniger—not till Saturday," said Mr. Justice Metcalfe. "You are right, however, quite right; this is Christmas."

Duty Done. The judge, the counsel for the crown and the jury showed little personal elation at the successful conclusion of the prosecution. The atmosphere of the courtroom was one of amity—it was charged with a feeling that a very unpleasant duty had been honestly and conscientiously performed.

A. J. Andrews, K.C., leading counsel for the crown, walked to where the accused sat, the box and put out his hand. Russell grasped it and shook it heartily.

No Flinching. Russell did not flinch as the verdict was announced and at no time during the grueling half-hour when his fate was hanging in the balance did he by the slightest tremor of a muscle betray nervousness. The incoming jury, the unanimous verdict against him, the decision to let him free until after Christmas, failed to

LIQUOR RECOUNT ASKED IN ONTARIO

The Citizens' Liberty League Claims Referendum Unfair; Situation in Quebec

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Premier Drury informed a deputation of members of the Citizens' Liberty League which waited upon him, Attorney-General Raney and Provincial Treasurer Smith at the Parliament Buildings yesterday afternoon that if the League would pick out two districts where it was thought a recount of the ballots cast in the Ontario Temperance Act referendum on October 29 last should be held, he, the Premier, would favorably consider the question of holding a recount in these districts. Also the Premier said that if any serious errors should be disclosed in such a recount the necessity for a general recount would receive his favorable consideration.

The Liberty League members claimed that not only were large numbers of soldiers left off the voters' list, but that the ballot was unfair, as four persons might vote against prohibition on one question and another and only one man vote straight prohibition, yet the result would be four "noes" on each question against one "yea."

Another reason urged for a recount of all the ballots cast throughout the province was that "twenty-eight per cent of the returns as published by the clerk of the crown in Chancery did not tally."

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U. S. SENATE URGED TO RATIFY TREATY

London, Dec. 24.—The American Chamber of Commerce of London has addressed a message to Senators Lodge and Hitchcock on the subject of the ratification of the peace treaty.

The American Chamber of Commerce is composed of representatives of all the leading American bankers, merchants and business firms doing business in Great Britain, and also of the leading British shipping, banking and business concerns trading with the United States. The message said in part:

"The failure of the United States to ratify the treaty and enter into working arrangements with the Allies is causing our motives for entering into the war and our hesitation in going into the reconstruction plans to be misrepresented and misunderstood.

"America owes it to herself as well as to the world to come to the aid of the disorganized and starving portions of Europe. The internal machinery started by peace is falling to pieces. All actual progress towards peace is checked, and peoples are slowly drifting towards famine and anarchy, which can be remedied if the United States will decide quickly and assume her responsibilities.

"We therefore urge you to use your utmost endeavors to secure ratification of the treaty with such reservations as may have to be made to break the present deadlock."

DENIES CHARGES.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—Colonel Whitehead, chief of the Dominion police in Quebec, who pleaded guilty last week to a charge of embezzling a sum of \$300, changed his plea to that of not guilty, and also denied his guilt of other charges made against him. He has been remanded on bail, pending the inquiry into his case, which will begin next week.

SARNIA ELECTION.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 24.—Sarnia nominations last night brought out the largest number of citizens in the history of the city for places on the aldermanic ticket, when twenty-eight men were nominated. On January 1, Mayor William Nesbit and Ex-Mayor James Crawford also will seek re-election to the mayoralty.

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TWO WOUNDED BY SEATTLE BANDIT

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Two men were seriously wounded and more than 100 Christmas shoppers were held at bay here last night, when a lone bandit, believed to be the man who, at Olympia on Thursday night, shot and killed E. H. Schultz, attempted to hold up a stationery store in the First Avenue business district. After a short run, pursued by clerks and customers of the store, the robber made good his escape by mingling with a crowd on Second Avenue, a block away.

The bandit entered the store a few minutes before six o'clock and walked up to the cash register, where E. L. Howe, a clerk, was recording a sale. Howe pushed the register shut at the command of "lift 'em up" and at that instant the robber fired, the bullet striking Howe in the leg. Ralph M. Hedges, a salesman, attempted to seize the robber's hand and was shot twice in the hand and in the jaw.

Women screamed and there was a general rush of customers to the walls and behind counters. The store was crowded. The bandit attempted once more to open the drawer of the register, failed, and walked out by the front door, disappearing in the crowd a few minutes later.

The police are combing the city for the criminal. Descriptions of the man given by those who were in the store, are said to tally with those of the slayer of Schultz.

ADMIRAL SIMS DECLINED MEDAL

Washington, Dec. 24.—Copies of a letter written by Admiral Sims to Secretary Daniels declining to accept the decoration awarded him for his services as Commander-in-Chief of the American naval forces in European waters during the war have been received by a number of naval officers in Washington. Admiral Sims wrote Secretary Daniels that he could not accept the Distinguished Service Medal awarded to him because of the manner in which the award was made and because some officers did not receive the awards he had recommended for them.

The incident has created something of a sensation in the Navy Department. Some officers said they assumed that among those receiving copies of the Admiral's letter were men who had been recommended for decorations by the Admiral.

BOLSHEVIST IDEAS SPREAD IN BULGARIA

Geneva, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—Bolshevism is spreading alarmingly in Bulgaria, according to a Sofia dispatch.

The newspapers have warned the Government that serious consequences will ensue unless pillaging, robberies and political intimidation now prevalent in Sofia are drastically dealt with.

Numerous shops and factories have been closed owing to the workmen's refusal to labor more than six hours a day. It is alleged that the discontent is being fostered by Russian Soviet funds, and is threatening the constitution.

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BOLSHEVIKI SELL JEWELS IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—The Lenin Government in Russia, balked by the world financial blockade from sending money abroad for propaganda purposes, is conducting an extensive traffic in confiscated jewels through Germany to Holland markets, according to The Handelsblad, commenting on a charge that Esser, a Communist member of the Amsterdam Council, offered the late Russian Emperor's diamonds for sale.

"During the first months of the establishment of the Soviet Republic," said the newspaper, "Communists in Holland and Germany were supported by the Russian Bolsheviki with money from their treasury. Many checks on the great Dutch banks were cashed. But this method became more difficult this year. Lenin and Trotsky had no more money to spare, for not only their Dutch friends, but the German Spartacists especially, used huge sums from the Russian treasury.

"Now another way has been found. Soviet couriers have brought in diamonds and jewelry through Germany to Holland, and the amounts realized on their sale are being used to continue the Communist campaign. Many large jewels of mysterious origin, recently have been offered for sale on the Amsterdam diamond market.

BELGIUM INTENDS TO REMAIN FREE

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—Paul Hymans, Foreign Minister, made a long statement to-day on Belgium's foreign policy. Concerning the revision of the treaty of 1839, he was unable to enter into details, as the negotiations were unfinished. But he however they might result, he said, Belgium would not enter into any agreement in the direction of returning to neutrality or restriction of her sovereign rights. Belgium wished to remain free to choose her friends and allies, which was necessitated by her honor and national dignity.

The Minister said he hoped the United States eventually would join in Europe's efforts for the establishment and practical operation of the League of Nations. He paid tribute to President Wilson's high ideals, which, he said, the Belgian Government had supported from the outset.

Belgium, he asserted, would neglect nothing to help in establishing a league which would bring peace to the world.

SUCCESSFUL PLAY GIVEN AT DUNCAN

Duncan, Dec. 24.—There was a very large audience at the Duncan Opera House to see "Our Boys" under the management of S. T. Hankey and R. Day, of Victoria.

R. T. Ward as the Butcher, T. Edward Clark as "Sir Geoffrey Champneys", R. Day as "Talbot Champneys", his son, and S. T. Hankey as "Charles Middlewick". Miss Dora Pease as the poor cousin, Miss Ora Pearson as the heiress, Miss Horace Hamlet as "Aunt Clarissa," and Miss Bobbie Stephens as the lodging-house-keeper, took the leading parts in this well-balanced company. The play was one of the very best, either amateur or professional, that has visited Duncan.

The Ladysmith orchestra gave every satisfaction and played for the dance that followed until 2 a. m.

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CROPS OF WORLD SHOW DECREASE

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A cablegram received from the International Institute at Rome gives the following official crop reports:

Total production of wheat in 1919 in Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Roumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, India, Japan, Algeria and Tunis, 2,974,752,000 bushels, as against 2,238,100,000 in the same countries during the year of 1918, and 2,150,000,000, the annual average production in five years, 1913-1917.

The production of rye in Denmark, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Roumania, Switzerland, Canada and the United States given as 189,104,000 bushels, as against 189,500,000 in 1918, and a five-year average of 150,000,000.

The production of barley in Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Roumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Japan, Algeria and Tunis is given as 598,000,000 bushels, as against 678,000,000 in 1918 and a five-year average of 602,000,000.

The production of oats in the same countries is given as 2,034,340,000 bushels, as against 2,402,000,000 in 1918, and a five-year average of 2,232,000,000.

The production of potatoes in England and Wales, Scotland, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is given as 795,638,000 bushels, as against 900,800,000 in 1918 and a five-year average of 785,800,000.

The production of flaxseed in Italy, Roumania, Canada, United States, India and Japan is given as 26,340,000 bushels, as against 47,700,000 in 1918 and a five-year average of 43,500,000.

SIDNEY VALENTINE DIES.

London, Dec. 24.—Sidney Valentine, the actor, died yesterday. He was president of the Actors' Association.

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Vote of Confidence; Some Explanations Given By Clemenceau

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Chamber of Deputies voted confidence in the Government yesterday afternoon, 456 to 71.

The vote, which carried approval of Premier Clemenceau's programme, was taken after the Chamber had listened to the Premier's declarations on the determination of the Allies to crush Bolshevism, his confidence in the Anglo-American-French pacts, his prediction of a solution of the Fiume problem, and his understanding with Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain.

M. Clemenceau told the Chamber that President Wilson and Great Britain had offered the military pacts. Certain points in the peace treaty had been questioned, but there had been no serious objection to military agreement.

Work Hard.

M. Clemenceau appealed to the Chamber to work hard and talk little. He said the cabinet at the end of the remaining weeks of its tenure of office would give its resignation to the President, and added: "It shall not be an exit by one door to enter by another."

Asked by Marcel Cachin, Socialist, if he ought not to give an unquiet country explanations of the treaty and the Anglo-American-French military pacts, M. Clemenceau said: "I did not ask for these military guarantees. They were offered by Britain and President Wilson."

During the discussion on the London conference, ex-Premier Barthou questioned M. Clemenceau on Russia and the Premier said Russia had been discussed previously but added: "But I will tell you the two principal decisions we have taken. Not only will we not make peace, but we won't compromise with the Soviet Government. We have decided that we will be the allies of all peoples attacked by Bolshevism."

M. Clemenceau added that the Allies would maintain a barbed wire fence around Russia, notably by aiding the Poles, Roumanians and others along the frontiers.

No More War.

Resuming his discussion of the London conference, the Premier said: "Mr. Lloyd George said to me: 'If we reach an understanding there will be no more war in Europe.' I replied: 'Whatever happens you can count not

only on me, who am temporary, but upon all France.'"

Regarding the Adriatic, the Premier said: "The Fiume question has been agitating Italy promised Fiume to the Jugo-Slavs, but went back on her promise. France, Britain and the United States have sought a solution, and the latest indications are that it will finally be reached. Only when this is solved can we commence to breathe freely."

WOMEN IN BRITAIN NAMED MAGISTRATES

London, Dec. 24.—An act having been passed removing the sex disqualification of women and making them eligible as magistrates, the Lord Chancellor yesterday announced the appointment of the following women to act in that capacity when required:

The Marchioness of Crew, the Marchioness of Londonderry, Mrs. David Lloyd George, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Mrs. Sidney Webb, Miss Elizabeth Haldane and Miss Gertrude Tukwell. They are to constitute also a woman's advisory committee to advise the Lord Chancellor as to the fitness of women for magistracy offices when vacancies occur.

"WHITE TERROR" IN HUNGARIAN REPUBLIC

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—The Vorwaerts and Freiheit publish an appeal from the board of directors of the German-Austrian Social Democratic Party to the working classes of other countries, particularly those of the Entente nations, to "demand that their Governments call a halt to the 'white terror' in Hungary."

DUBLIN PAPER LOST AT COURT

Dublin, Dec. 24.—Justice Powell, in the Chancery Court, yesterday, delivered a judgment in which he held the action of the authorities in suppressing The Freeman's Journal to be justified in law and fact.

The application of The Freeman's Journal was dismissed with costs against the newspaper.

KITCHENER ELECTION.

Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 24.—Contrary to expectations, little interest was manifested in the civic nominations here last night. There were several policemen on hand to prevent disturbances, but their services were not required. Then nominations for Mayor were put in, but indications are that the race will be between Aldermen George Settle and W. T. Sasse. Ex-Mayor Eden may make a three-cornered fight.

We will say it to-night

May This Christmas be a Happy One—and may all it means be yours throughout the year.



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NO CONCLUSION.

The Hague, Dec. 24.—The official Netherlands Correspondence Bureau has announced that there is no truth in a statement published in The Soir, of Brussels, to the effect that The Netherlands Government had informed the Allies that the Dutch Government would not surrender the former German Kaiser if extradition should be requested. The Bureau says that as yet no conclusion in the matter has been taken.

TO HONOR CITIES.

Paris, Dec. 24.—President Poincare will present the Cross of the Legion of Honor and the War Cross on December 28 to the cities of Lens, Bethune and Arras. On the next day he will present the War Cross to Rapauva.

NEW SENATOR.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—An Ottawa dispatch to Le Soleil announces that the successor to Senator Landry, deceased, will be Thomas Chaplin, whose elevation the Senate, says the paper, will be made within a couple of days.

MAYOR OF KINGSTON.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 24.—H. C. Nickle, brother of W. F. Nickle, ex-M. P., was elected Mayor of Kingston by acclamation yesterday.

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ONTARIO CABINET AND LIQUOR QUESTION

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Again yesterday afternoon the Ontario Cabinet discussed the question of importation of liquor into this province, without decid-

ing on any definite policy and today another session was held in connection with the matter. It is understood that the Premier's intimation yesterday still stands that the quantity of liquor a person is allowed to have will be limited under the Ontario Temperance Act.

NOVA SCOTIA CROPS.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The 1919 crop report for Nova Scotia, based upon the returns from 232 correspondents, has been issued by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. The season, in contrast to many previous ones, was favorable both for the general farmer

and the fruitgrower, and although wet conditions of August and September interfered seriously with the harvesting operations and reduced the aggregate yield of the field crops this year, is regarded as one of the best agricultural years in the history of the Province.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—Princess von Ratibor, while motoring at Breslau to-day, was shot in the arm by an assailant, who escaped, according to word received here.

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TO-MORROW'S COMMEMORATION.

To-morrow in various ways, according to custom and tradition, Christendom will commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ in the little village of Bethlehem and the commencement of the Christian era.

This tendency, we think, will pass away in time and much that is actually pagan in the world's celebration of Christmas will give place to simpler and more appropriate forms of commemorating the birth of Christ.

UNDESERVED CRITICISM.

Brigadier-General V. W. Odium, of Vancouver, is quoted by The Vancouver World as sharply criticizing Federal and Provincial land settlement schemes for soldiers.

IMPRACTICABLE.

According to a Toronto dispatch, the Drury Government, instead of asking the Dominion authorities for a plebiscite on the question of importing liquor into Ontario, may amend the Ontario Temperance Act so as to limit the quantity of liquor a citizen of that Province may keep in his cellar.

SAANICH FARMER DIES

Late Samuel Spenser Was Foreman of Dominion Experimental Farm For Several Years.

Saanich lost one of its best-known and most highly-respected residents in the death on Monday evening of Samuel Spenser, of Saanich.

He is survived by his widow, four sons, George and Samuel, of Saanich; Frank, of Vancouver, and Wesley, of Manchester, England; and one daughter, Mrs. Crompton, of Southport.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Table with columns for location (Victoria, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, etc.) and weather details (Temperature, Wind, etc.).

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles N. rain, 47; weather, raining.

mitted to the public in the form of a referendum, the Province would vote overwhelmingly wet.

Moreover, it would not be effective in any case, since the maintenance of an adequate check on several million cellars would be many times beyond the resources of the Government of Ontario.

BRITAIN GETTING HER STRIDE.

According to a recent dispatch from London the British Government is going into the sugar-producing business partly on its own account, and already a decision has been reached to invest £250,000 in a million-pound company which is to be floated and called the Home-Grown Sugar Company, Limited.

John Bull's stride is not always a springy one and it often takes a lot of persuasion to get him moving towards commercial innovations.

Lord Grey de Ruthyn, twenty-fourth baron of the title created nearly 600 years ago, is a bachelor, fifty-eight years of age and at the moment in Canada.

Rear-Admiral Sims has refused the American Distinguished Service medal because of the manner in which the award was made and because some officers did not receive the awards he had recommended for them.

Great Britain's Minister of Health should be elected first president of the official society for the perpetuation of old-time prejudices.

Vancouver's Board of Trade is planning to send a dozen of its members to China and Japan early in the New Year with the object of improving trade relations between the Terminal City and the Orient.

A prominent Vancouver liquor importer says it is reported on good authority that the supply of Scotch Whisky in Montreal is only 35,000 cases, which would not last Ontario more than a week.

Our contemporary proposes a referendum to settle the rule-of-the-road question. The question already has been settled by an Act of the Legislature, which unquestionably expresses the view of the majority of the people of British Columbia who, by the way, are just as anxious to be up-to-date as the people of any other part of this continent.

Anxious Victoria will ask its returning ship-building delegation about the drydock. Beyond the announcement that it has been decided to build it at Esquimalt there is no indication at present of when a commencement will be made.

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LETTERS

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

To the Editor.—There are a number of petitions in circulation requesting the City Council to submit a plebiscite on the desirability of introducing Proportional Representation.

A small pamphlet explanatory of Proportional Representation has been prepared and is available without cost on application to the undersigned.

It has been found impossible to call another meeting of workers owing to the multifarious engagements of those interested. It is important that every possible signature be obtained within the next ten days.

E. S. WOODWARD, Secretary. 703 B. C. Permanent Loan, Bldg., Victoria, B. C.

GREAT INCREASE IN COMMERCE OF WORLD

International Trade of 1919 Will Be Nearly Double That of 1918.

New York, Dec. 24.—The international trade of the world in 1919 will approximate \$70,000,000,000 compared to about \$40,000,000,000 in the year preceding the war.

These figures are of course an aggregation of the total imports and total exports of all countries for which figures are available and therefore represent in fact about \$35,000,000,000 worth of merchandise passing between the countries of the world.

Every Country Shows Gain. Practically every country in the list for which 1919 returns are available shows a material increase compared to 1918 and a very large gain over the year preceding the war.

British trade is also showing very large figures and will probably slightly exceed that of the United States, possibly reaching the \$12,000,000,000 line, though in her case, imports form about two-thirds of the total, while in our own case exports form about two-thirds of the total.

Well-Known Financial Man Deceased.—Victoria friends of Harry Whitney Treat, the well-known Seattle financier, will regret to hear of the loss he has sustained in the death of his father, Joseph Bradford Treat.

Food Countries Increase. All the countries supplying food show marked gains. For Argentina the total exports will apparently approximate \$60,000,000 compared to \$22,000,000 in 1917.

War Veterans' Team.—The G. W. V. A. football team for Saturday's game will be as follows: Chaplin, Smith and M. Greig, Ackroyd, Forrest and Robinson; Patterson, Craig, Walters, Rudd and Dowell, Reserves, Priest and M. Smith.

How much of this large increase in the figures of world trade is charge-

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able to higher prices, says the bank's statement, can only be estimated. We know, however, from our own official figures that nearly all articles both of export and import show much higher prices a unit of quantity than at the beginning of the war.



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vance of about 75 per cent over the year immediately preceding the war—is in fact due to higher prices rather than to increased quantities of merchandise moved.

ALLIED LEADERS EXPECTED TO SETTLE FIUME QUESTION

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Details. Newspapers state the basis of agreement is as follows: The Italian Government will keep in its possession the whole of the armistice line, re-affirming the right of Fiume to determine its own fate.

Independence. During the transitional period, it is said, the Italian Government will not exercise its sovereign rights over Fiume, the independence of which shall in no way be diminished or violated.

DEMAND CHECK ON PRESCRIPTION EVIL

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"Therefore be it resolved by this Executive Committee of the Peoples' Prohibition Association of Victoria that we urge upon the Provincial Government that they take into consideration the manner in which certain medical practitioners have violated the evident intention and spirit of the Liquor Act in respect to issuing prescriptions for alcohol for medicinal purposes.

"Be it resolved that the amount of

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

A very special Christmas Jubilee will be held in the Salvation Army barracks in the evening. C. D. Stevens is back from a trip up the Island and reports that at Union Bay last week there was over two feet of snow on the ground.

alcohol in any drink exposed for sale shall not exceed one-half of one per cent. And further be it resolved that we aim at securing such amendments to the Act as shall place greater restrictions upon the power of medical practitioners in issuing prescriptions, and that shall impose penalties upon any doctor who is proven to have issued any prescriptions for other than bona fide patients suffering from physical disease or debility.



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**SECRETARY OF BOARD
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William White, K.C., Here on Behalf of Board of Commerce

William White, K.C., Secretary of the Board of Commerce, is in the city to spend Christmas. Monday the Provincial Executive of the Retail Merchants' Association assisted by a representative committee of Vancouver retailers, met in the rooms of the Retail Merchants' Association, in the Pacific Building. At the outset Mr. White explained the reasons of the establishment of the Board of Commerce, the constitution of the organization, and the orders issued. He declared on many points which were more or less obscure in the wording of the orders, and said that the board desired to do the right thing to all parties concerned. Mr. White went on to say that he was not empowered to make rulings or interpretations, but would accept any representations the association desired to make concerning the orders of the board, and would see that they reached the proper authorities and receive due consideration. After conferring with Mr. White and at his request the committee presented material which they desired to have the board consider, in the form of a memorandum, covering the activities of the board on such lines as have been the subject of its orders. The memorandum will be placed in Mr. White's hands for presentation to the board.

**CRAIGDARROCH HELD
CHRISTMAS REVELS**

Soldier-Patients and Kiddies Entertained Yesterday in Happy Fashion

The Christmas season was celebrated in happy fashion yesterday at Craigdarroch Hospital when the patients and children of the married men held high revelry and welcomed Santa Claus in boisterous fashion. Over one hundred children gathered in the hospital at 2 o'clock all agog with excitement, which did not abate until a round of blissful happenings had brought the hour of departure and the little folks went away tired but wonderfully happy. First of all there was a very delightful "movie," which the Y. M. C. A. very kindly provided, the recreation room being used as the theatre, and the bigger children explaining to the smaller ones, as the picture progressed, just what it was all about. At about half past three all the little guests were ready for dinner, a sumptuous repast served in the dining room. Last of all came the climax of all ecstasies—the Christmas tree and Santa Claus. The former, with lights and tinsel and dancing ornaments. Father Christmas gave with lavish hand, dolls, books, blocks, and all manner of toys, not a boy or girl being forgotten.

Grown-Ups Celebrate.
In the evening the grown-ups held their celebration, about two hundred patients and their friends enjoying the excellent entertainment provided for their delectation. Christmas decorations of scarlet-berried holly, greenery and Christmas bells made vivid and effective splashes of color, forming a charming background for the gaiety which commenced at 8 o'clock and proceeded with a swing until the hour of midnight.

Songs both comic and romantic alternated with dances. Mirray's band (comprising Messrs. Mirray, Roll, Vincent and Smith) furnishing the music for the latter. Those taking part in the excellent musical programme were Miss Turner, Miss White, Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. King, Messrs. J. McDonald, Faulkner, Ramsay, Hunt, Webb, Creed and Fotts. Most of the numbers were encored by the audience which crowded the hall and grand stairway during the singing.

"J" Unit Chapter.
The members of "J" Unit Chapter were again the "good fairies," this splendid body of women providing liberally for the children's dinner and the delicious supper for the grown-ups, the latter including an especially toothsome Christmas cake over the cutting of which Mrs. North, the Chapter's regent, presided. The pupils and teachers of the High School staff contributed a generous gift of toys to the children and the Order of the Eastern Star sent a box of delicious candy for each child.

At the close of the day's festivities a warm expression of thanks was conveyed to the "Padre," Canon Hinchcliffe, Miss McLeod, the matron, and the nursing-staff; to Mr. Barclay, assistant director's representative, and other members of the staff, and to the Soldier's Civil Re-Establishment, in acknowledgment of their share in the success of the entertainments.

Christmas Day.
Christmas Day at Craigdarroch is to see further festivities, as a special dinner has been planned, and a supply of presents provided by the Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus will be distributed. Before the holidays are over it is understood that the patients are to be taken en masse to Pantages Theatre.

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"At Home" to Friends—On New Year's Day between two o'clock and six o'clock the British Campaigners Association will be "at home" to their friends in their rooms, Union Bank Building. A large collection of war souvenirs will be exhibited.

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IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN

Social Personal

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawrence and daughter, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, have arrived in Victoria to visit their relatives and friends.

Miss Emily B. Elworthy, has arrived in Victoria to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elworthy, 59 Menzies Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Burdick have arrived from Vancouver to-day to spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. McB. Smith, Oak Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McFarland came over from Vancouver to-day to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of this city.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson have gone over to the mainland and will be the guests of Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Alexander Reid, Barclay Street, for the holidays.

Mrs. C. B. Pearson, of Vancouver, with her little daughter Betty, came over on yesterday's boat to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Watt, 1252 Richardson Street.

The many friends of Mr. Justice Clement will be pleased to learn that he had so far, recovered from his recent paralytic stroke as to be able to leave St. Joseph's Hospital, on Monday, and return to his home in Vancouver.

At St. James Church on Sunday, the marriage was solemnized by the Rev. H. T. Archbold, of Albert Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tanner of this city to Eva Sophia, daughter of Mrs. M. S. Emma, and the late J. S. Emma, of Tamworth Staffordshire, England.

The wedding of Mr. Guy Toombes, assistant manager of the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, and Miss Blanche Greenwood took place in that city on December 10. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Sherman. Mr. Toombes has many friends here, having been clerk at the Empress Hotel several years ago, and is a cousin of Miss Vida Oliver and Mr. C. Oliver, of this city.

At the Emmanuel Baptist Manse, 1922 Fernwood Road on Tuesday evening the Rev. William Stevenson celebrated the marriage of William Robinson of Sidney, B. C., and Miss Myrtle Blanche Carlow, of Caledonia Avenue, daughter of William W. Carlow, of Luxton and the late Mrs. Jessie Carlow. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will make their home at Sidney.

The Christmas season will be duly celebrated at the Sooke Harbor Hotel on Saturday, December 27, with one of the informal little dances which have proved such a popular feature since the hotel was taken over by Major George Nicholson and Captain Willis. Decorations appropriate to the season are being arranged and good music will be provided. It is anticipated that a number of Victorians will make the journey out to Sooke for what promises to be an enjoyable event.

An engagement of general interest is that of Mrs. Congreve, widow of Major William La Touche Conrve, V.C., and Major William Fraser, D.S.O., M.C., son of Lord Saltoun. Mrs. Congreve, it will be remembered, was formerly Miss Farnes Maude, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Maude. Her marriage took

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place in June, 1916, but seven weeks later her husband, who also gained the D.S.O., M.C., and Legion of Honour in the war, was killed in action. In March, 1917, Mrs. Congreve gave birth to a daughter.

A BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggly and the Christmas Cake.

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(By Howard K. Carta.)

"Well, I s'pose you know what day it will be to-morrow," spoke Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy to Uncle Wiggly one morning in the hollow stump bungalow.

"What day? Let me see, now. Why it will be Thursday, of course."

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to hang up your stockings for Santa Claus," asked Nurse Jane.

"Oh, no," answered Uncle Wiggly, "I guess I'm growing too old for that now. Are you going to hang up yours, Nurse Jane?"

"No, indeed," answered the muskrat lady. "I guess I'm like you—getting old. Still we must be jolly at Christmas. You might bring in some red holly berries when you come."

"I will," promised Uncle Wiggly. Then he began hopping over the snow-covered fields and through the woods, looking for an adventure and also for some of the holly with its bright, green glossy leaves and the cheerful red berries.

Uncle Wiggly saw the animal children coasting on the hill.

"Hurry!" cried Sammie Littletail, the rabbit boy. "To-morrow is Christmas, Uncle Wiggly."

"I know it," answered the bunny gentleman, laughing.

"Don't forget to hang up your stockings!" chattered Billie Bushy-tail, the quirel.

"Oh, I guess I'm too old for that!" laughed Mr. Longears.

"Oh, no, you aren't!" said Curly Twistytail, one of the piggy boys.

"And Nurse Jane isn't, either," grunted Floppy, who was a brother

UNCLE WIGGLY

to Curly. "We wish you both a Merry Christmas!"

"Thank you," answered Uncle Wiggly, waving his tall silk hat at the animal children. "I wish you the same!"

Then he hopped on a little farther, and soon he came to the place where the red holly berries grew among the green leaves.

"I'll gather some for Nurse Jane," thought Mr. Longears. "Even if we are too old to hang up our stockings or have a Christmas tree, still we must be happy and jolly at a time like this."

On his way to his hollow stump bungalow the night Uncle Wiggly passed many of the homes of his animal girl and boy friends. Lights were glowing in the houses, and in each one, hidden away, were many packages and bundles which Uncle Wiggly had told Santa Claus to drop down the chimney.

"I hope every one has a merry Christmas," thought the bunny, as he hopped to his bungalow and ate his supper of carrot marmalade on turnip bread.

"Well, I guess I'll go to sleep," said Nurse Jane after a while, as she sat nodding her head in the chair by the fire. "I'll go to sleep. To-morrow will be Christmas."

"So it will," spoke Uncle Wiggly, sleepily to himself. "I'll soon put out the lights and go to bed, Nurse Jane."

But after Uncle Wiggly reached his room he began thinking to himself like this:

"It's all nonsense about Nurse Jane being too old to hang up her Christmas stockings! I know where she has an extra pair. I'll get them and hang them up for her. And, who knows! Perhaps Santa Claus may happen to fill Nurse Jane's stockings for her."

Listening, to make sure Nurse Jane was asleep in her room, Uncle Wiggly stole downstairs in the dark. He found a pair of the muskrat lady's stockings and he was hanging them by the chimney when, all of a sudden, he heard some one moving about in the dark room.

"Who—whose there?" asked the bunny gentleman, for he could see no one.

"This is Santa Claus!" was the whispered answer. "Don't turn on the light! I like to work best in the dark!"

"All right," answered Uncle Wiggly. "I'm just hanging Nurse Jane's stockings here by the chimney. Then I'll go back to bed!"

"Santa Claus" seemed laughing to himself, but Uncle Wiggly didn't mind that. The rabbit gentleman finished hanging up the stockings, and, somehow or other, they seemed to be filled with many presents. Of course maybe Uncle Wiggly didn't know what the presents were, but Santa Claus did.

Then Uncle Wiggly crept softly back up the stairs and went to sleep. All of a sudden, some hours later, he awakened as he heard a merry voice calling: "Merry Christmas, Uncle Wiggly! Merry Christmas!"

"Merry Christmas!" answered the bunny. "Merry Christmas to you, Nurse Jane."

He hopped out of bed, quickly dressed and ran downstairs. There was Nurse Jane looking at her stockings filled with all the Christmas

things she had wished for, from new slippers to warm slippers.

"And here's your stocking hanging by the chimney, too, and it's filled to the brim, Mr. Longears!" said the muskrat lady.

"My stocking filled," exclaimed Nurse Jane, "with all the things I wanted for my stockings up!"

"Well, some one did," went on Nurse Jane, smiling in a funny way, "and here it is, full. There's a new tall silk hat for you, a new red, white and blue rhesumatism crutch and candy and carrots and lots of things."

"Well, well!" said Uncle Wiggly, surprised like. "I wonder who hung up my stockings?"

"And I wonder who hung up mine?" asked Nurse Jane.

"It was Santa Claus!" cried the bunny rabbit gentleman and the muskrat lady together, and then they laughed like everything. Santa Claus certainly is wonderful, isn't he?"

And then, as the sun shone on the red holly berries and the green leaves, the animal children, outside the hollow stump bungalow cried:

"Merry Christmas, Uncle Wiggly! Merry Christmas!"

And so I wish a Merry Christmas to all you children—ten millions of Wiggly wishes you the same! And if the ice cream doesn't melt and run to the window to see the trolley car chase the jitney around the block, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly and the choo-choo.

"SONGS UNBIDDEN"

"Songs Unbidden," strikingly apt name given to a collection of poems by an unknown author who hides his identity under the pseudonym "The Prospector." In them the author has seized and held in picturesque language the moods of the moment, and his subjects cover a wide range from years of mining days to airy sonnets. Throughout, however, there is the breadth of vision and freshness of outlook which is the prerogative of the dweller in the untrammelled spaces. The poems deal largely with scenes and conditions peculiar to the

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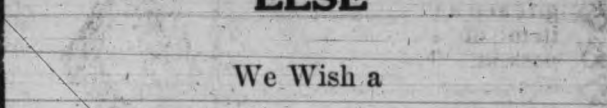
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No Decline in Registrations for Week Ending To-day

Despite the festive season the registration of new companies in British Columbia goes on at a record-breaking pace. Last week there were twenty new incorporations and during the week ending at noon to-day eighteen more local concerns are added to the roster. The following will be duly noted in this day's issue of The British Columbia Gazette:

- ital \$100,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- The "Returned Citizen" Publishing Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$20,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Genoa Logging Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$250,000; registered office of the company, Victoria.
- Masset Timber Company, (1919), Limited, public, authorized capital \$1,000,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- New Westminster Oil Corporation, Limited, non-personal liability, authorized capital \$300,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Victoria (Drive Yourself) Auto Livery, Limited, private, authorized capital \$20,000; registered office of the company, Victoria.
- Crescent Ice Cream, Limited, private, authorized capital \$25,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- W. S. Holland Agencies, Limited, private, authorized capital \$10,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Northern Warehouse Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$10,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Gulf Saw Mills, Limited, private, authorized capital \$20,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Veterans' Products Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$50,000; registered office of the company, Victoria.
- Waldo Cattle Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$50,000; registered office of the company, Cranbrook.
- Point Grey Construction Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$25,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Pacific Berry Growers, Limited, private, authorized capital \$100,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Electro Products Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$10,000; registered office of the company, Victoria.
- Dominion Distributors, Limited, private, authorized capital \$50,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Clark Mill Company, Limited, private, authorized capital \$20,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Faulds McQueen and Pearce, Limited, private, authorized capital \$100,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
- Elk Valley Lumber Company, Limited, incorporated in Manitoba, is now licensed to do business in British Columbia; head offices of the company, Winnipeg and Fernie, B. C.

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VOLUNTARY WORK TO REPLACE PAID

New Organization of Thrift Stamp Movement Announced by Minister of Finance

Reorganization of the thrift stamp movement is outlined in a certified copy of the report of a committee of the Privy Council which Sir H. L. Drayton, Minister of Finance, has sent to G. G. Bushby, Mr. Bushby is the Mr. Thrift of the Schools Movement here, and he finds much merit in the alterations proposed by the Government.

The certified copy of the report of the committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General on December 12, 1919: The committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated December 10, 1919, from the Minister of Finance representing as follows:

- (1) To inculcate habits of thrift and saving amongst the people of Canada.
- (2) To promote the widest possible investment to the people's savings in Government war securities.

Authority was granted in the orders in question to offer to the people of Canada an opportunity to invest in Dominion Government war securities through the instrumentality of stamps, such stamps to be of the denominations of five dollars and of twenty-five cents each. Authority was given also for the issue during the period from December 1, 1918, to December 31, 1919, of stamps of this character to an amount not exceeding \$50,000,000.

The members of the National War Savings Committee were appointed by Order-in-Council of December 2, 1918, with Sir Herbert Ames as chairman.

Heavy Expenditure. The amount of stamps unredeemed is less than \$3,000,000, and the expenditure in connection therewith is so far \$485,000.

While it must be admitted that conditions have been very unfavorable since it was established the measure really being a war measure and the armistice having been signed shortly after the movement was commenced and owing to the further fact that since the movement was inaugurated no less than two intensive Victory Loan drives have taken place, the resultant fact is that from the standpoint of raising money, the expenditure has been out of proportion to the monetary results obtained. Undoubtedly, however, great national benefit has resulted from the splendid efforts of the voluntary workers in inculcating principles of saving, thrift and economy. The Minister is nevertheless of the opinion, in view of the attendant expenses, that the present organization should be changed.

Facility Needed. "While there is an absolute necessity, in view of the country's financial position, for the elimination of all unnecessary and unproductive expenditure, on the other hand the facilities for the investment of savings should not be withdrawn. It would, therefore, appear that under all the circumstances an avenue should be provided for the investment of small sums by the public at a minimum of expense to the country.

The Minister, therefore, recommended:

- 1. That the sale of the twenty-five cent Thrift Stamp be continued.
 - 2. That the present War Savings Stamp issued in connection with the scheme be withdrawn and that the Minister of Finance be authorized to issue through the banks, the Money Order offices or other agencies which to him may seem desirable, Savings Certificates in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$25, 50 and \$100 maturing three years from date of purchase and selling at a discount price which, with interest compounded half-yearly at a rate not exceeding 5 1/2 per cent, will at maturity return the face value of the certificate, and subject to other conditions which may to him seem reasonable, a commission of one-half of one per cent, to be paid to the agencies through which the sales are made.
 - 3. That the uncancelled Thrift Stamps be accepted as the equivalent of cash in payment of Savings Certificates.
 - 4. That the National War Savings Committee and its paid organization be dissolved as from January, 1920.
 - 5. That the voluntary workers be requested to continue the patriotic interest which they have, in the past, taken in the movement, which it is felt can be extended by a continuance of the endeavor to secure an extensive sale of Thrift Stamps to all the school children of the country, where lessons in thrift and economy will result in the greatest national good.
- The Minister further recommends that authority be given for the sale of stamps and certificates of the character above set forth to the amount of \$15,000,000.

Appointed a J. P.—George Haddon, of the City of Vancouver, has been appointed by Provincial Order-in-Council a Justice of the Peace for the Province of British Columbia.

YOUNG LAD TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN JAIL

19-Year-Old Boy Brought Here Under False Pretences and Then Ditched

Brought here under false pretences, Ambrose Chisholm, a nineteen-year-old youth, finds himself in a very embarrassing position to-day. This is the first Christmas he has been away from home, and he will spend it in the city lock-up. Young Chisholm is penniless and appeared in the police court this morning charged with vagrancy. It was decided to keep the boy in the jail until Friday, as he has no money and could not hope to obtain work during the holiday.

Chisholm told a very remarkable story in the police court. He left his home in Ontario last August and obtained employment at the Trail Smelter. While there he was approached by a man who asked him to come to Victoria and sign on one of the French steamers. The man told Chisholm he could get \$50 a month for the voyage to France and then receive \$5.00 a day for the trip back to Canada.

This appealed to young Chisholm, and he left the smelter and came to Victoria. On the way here he had lunched the man \$25, which he refused to repay.

An effort will be made to locate the man and ascertain the truth of Chisholm's statements.

Remember a Christmas Eve Dance will be held in Lorraine Academy December 24. Zela orchestra; Genia Tse, ladies solo.

CLERGYMEN "KICK"

Tell Premier Oliver That They Are Classed With Oriental, Indian and Criminal.

Three Victoria clergymen, in the persons of the Revs. E. Wilkinson, W. Stevenson and P. C. Parker, waited upon Premier Oliver this morning and asked that the Legislature remove some of the disabilities under which the "cloth" is required to exist in respect of holding public offices.

The arguments of the reverend gentlemen found a sympathetic listener in the Premier and in reply to their voiced objection to a classification similar to that imposed upon the Oriental, the Indian and the criminal, Mr. Oliver went so far as to promise them an opportunity to pour their grievance into the ears of the several members of the Cabinet in official session at an early date.

Committed For Trial.—On a charge of obtaining money under false pretences J. T. McInnes was committed for trial by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning.

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STILL CONSIDERING 16TH HEADQUARTERS

Acting Mayor Cameron this morning received a telegram from Major-General Newburn, Minister of Militia, stating that the city's representations in connection with the headquarters of the 16th Battalion were being given careful consideration and undoubtedly would "carry weight." The matter of the Battalion's headquarters, the Minister stated, was still under consideration.

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The beginning of the year will see Canada linked up with Australasia by vessels of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine. The opening of a new trade route by Dominion ships will be inaugurated by the Canadian Raider, 5,100 tons, a product of the Wallace Shipyards, which will get away in January with a cargo of lumber for Australia under charter to the Canadian Trading Company. The Canadian Raider will not be kept on the Australian route. The first ship to take up the regular run between Canada and Australasia for the Canadian Government Merchant Marine will be the Canadian Importer, 8,100 tons, built by Coughlin's. Other vessels for the Australian run will be the Canadian Explorer, Canadian Prospector and Canadian Surveyor. These vessels will be fitted with triple-expansion engines, and will have a speed of about twelve knots when loaded. The Wallace yard expects to have the Canadian Raider ready for sea by the middle of January, and she will immediately get on her way following receipt of her cargo will be shipped at the Government dock at Vancouver, and the new freighter will complete with lumber at Genoa Bay. The Canadian Importer will be ready about January 15, and will be loaded through the Canadian Government Merchant Marine with a general

Canadian cargo, including lumber, paper, fish and other export commodities. It is the intention of the Government to install refrigerating plants of about 500 tons capacity on these vessels in order that they may engage in the frozen meat and fresh fruit traffic that has been established between Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

On Pacific Routes. It is said that the Government plans to operate all the 8,100-ton ships built on the British Columbia Pacific trade routes. It is proposed later to inaugurate a service to the Far East and trade connections will also be established with South America and South Africa. By the end of next year it is the hope of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine to have regular services established with Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Siberia, Straits Settlements, Ceylon and South America.

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DISMANTLING OF PLANT ORDERED

Instructions Interpreted to Mean That Foundation Co. Will Not Build Ships

The ordering of the dismantling of the plant here, instructions regarding which were received to-day from New York is interpreted to mean that the Foundation Company has decided not to go ahead with the construction of four wooden schooners under the loan plan by the Dominion Government as outlined at the recent conference at Ottawa.

The news received to-day would also indicate that the Foundation Company proposes to dispose of its plant and abandon its industrial connections here.

This interpretation is taken from the following significant telegram received to-day by J. E. McCormick, assistant secretary-treasurer of the company, from Edward E. Jenkins, assistant Northwest manager and directing head of the local operations, who is now in New York: "Leave here December 28 for Seattle. No further need holding up dismantling of plant. Proceed to get everything cleaned up and out of the way. Extend seasonal greetings to force."

GERMAN SHIPPED BY FELLOW TRAVELLERS

First Teuton Passenger to Cross Pacific in Five Years on Kashima

The customary pleasantries of an ocean voyage were not for B. Stenswaki, alleged to be of German nationality, who arrived here to-day on board the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kashima Maru from the Orient.

The German passenger by the Kashima Maru was ostracized by the travelers throughout the passage and from statements made aboard ship no doubt was left in the mind of the Teuton that his presence was most unwelcome.

Despite the Russian name of the passenger, it was claimed, proved to be a citizen of Berlin who boarded the liner at Manila, Cebu, and Machilao, he is the first German carried aboard his vessel in five years.

RAILWAY POSTAL CLERK TESTIFIES ABOUT TROUBLES

Attacks of Bilioousness and Indigestion End After He Takes Tanlac

"Since I started taking Tanlac I have gained ten pounds in weight, and my general health is as good as it ever was," said Albert J. MacKenzie, a railway mail clerk, who resides at 2140 Earth Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, recently. Continuing, he said:

"For some time I have suffered from a severe stomach trouble, and frequently would have very bad bilious attacks. After every meal gas would form, and I would blast something terrible, and what little I ate just seemed to form into a solid lump. My appetite was very poor, and I had to force down every mouthful I ate. At times I would turn deathly sick and become so dizzy all I could do to keep from falling, and spots of different colors would come before my eyes. I was so nervous I could get but little sleep, and was so restless I would just roll and toss from one side of the bed to the other all night long—and get up in the morning feeling miserable."

HOG ISLAND FREIGHTER NAMED AMERICAN PRESS

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The 7,826-ton cargo carrier American Press, Hog Island's twenty-sixth vessel, which was named as a tribute to the loyalty and co-operation of newspapers throughout the nation during the war, was launched yesterday.

The Seattle cargo amounts to 4,945 tons, and the liner also carried 2,763 bales of raw silk for overland shipment.

B. C. COAST SERVICE Christmas and New Year Holidays

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SHIPYARD WORKERS ELECT OFFICERS

The Shipyard Laborers', Riggers' and Fasteners' I. L. A. 380-A-6 elected officers for 1920 at a meeting last night. It was a very representative gathering and a keen debate took place regarding the proposed shipbuilding in Victoria. H. Porter was elected president, C. W. Adams first vice-president, P. Clarke second vice-president, warden, J. R. Humphrey, secretary, and trustees, C. Wylie, W. Inward, and Cook. For the fourth time P. O'Hara was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization.

VESSELS' MOVEMENTS

Steamer arrivals, Dec. 22.—Patria at New York from Naples; France, at New York from Havre; Canopic, at Boston from Genoa; La Lorraine, at St. Michael's from New York; Niagara, at St. Michael's from New York; Re d'Italia, at Naples from New York; Yokohama, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Ision, Seattle.
Bombay, Dec. 11.—Arrived: Babinda, Portland.
San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Yellowstone, Centralia, Coos Bay; Corigan III, Santa Rosalia. Sailed: City of Para, Halton; Rosa City, Portland; Tacoma, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Selgovia, Seattle.
Portland, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Lanning, Port San Luis; British motor schr. Chianbra, Seattle. Sailed: Schr. Eise, Capetown; str. City of Topeka, San Francisco, via Coos Bay.
Maru, Manila; Admiral Watson, Southwestern via Southeastern Alaska; Eurymachus, Liverpool, via San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Fort Krage, Grays Harbor; Governor, Vancouver; Admiral Schley, San Diego, via San Francisco; Proteclaus, Hongkong.

CLEARANCE FROM SHANGHAI.

The N. Y. K. steamship Fushimi Maru is reported to have sailed from Shanghai yesterday on her return voyage to this Coast via Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama. The Fushimi Maru is scheduled to arrive at this port January 10.

NO CITIZEN GUARDS.

London, Dec. 24.—H. Hon. Edward Short, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided to abandon a scheme which had been under consideration for the formation of "citizen guards."

CHRISTMAS BENEFACTIONS.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Public benefactions totaling approximately \$2,000,000 are being made as Christmas gifts by James Cousens, millionaire Magnate of Detroit.

GOOD HERRING RUN IN ISLAND DISTRICTS

The herring fishing outlook on Vancouver Island was never better, according to E. G. Taylor, inspector for District No. 3. He says the herring are showing up earlier than for some years and the run of herring at Nanaimo is good and the plants are all busy on reports from all districts indicate that the spawning areas are well seeded owing to the late run of Fall salmon, says Mr. Taylor.

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THEATRICAL DANCE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Movie Operators and Stage Employees for their big dance on New Year's Eve, and judging from appearances those attending are assured of an evening they will not soon forget. Special power wires are being installed in the Patricia Hall, where the dance is being held, to furnish power for the many colored lights, spot lamps and the various displays that are being prepared. The dancing is to start at 9.30 p. m., and at 11 p. m. the orchestra will be enlarged and various electrical displays set in motion. A buffet lunch will be served near midnight, the dancing continuing until two o'clock or later.

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These arrangements also will be effective on New Year's Day.

PLAN TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN ART

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WANT TWO BATTALIONS

Deputations Pressing Claims of Seventh Battalion and Sixteenth Battalion:

Several days ago the members of the 16th Canadian Scottish Battalion learned that there was a possibility of the famous unit being established in this city as a regiment of the militia. While a special committee has been furthering the interest in the move members of the 7th Battalion have started an agitation to have them sent here.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation from the 14th Battalion called on the secretary of the Board of Trade to enlist the support and sympathy of that body. Later in the day the following delegation from the Board of Trade waited upon Major-General Leckie, G.O.C., to press the claims of the battalion: J. O. Cameron, president; J. L. Beckwith, vice-president; James Forman, Alderman Cameron, representing the city; J. H. Beatty, of the Sprott-Shaw School; Colonel Lorne Ross and Colonel J. S. Harvey, representing the 14th Battalion.

Later in the day a number of officers of the 58th Battalion, headed by Colonel John Hall, visited General Leckie's office and urged that the 7th Battalion be the Victoria militia unit.

INTERESTING LECTURE

J. R. Anderson Speaks to Natural History Society on Exploration Work.

J. R. Anderson, son of the late A. C. Anderson, who was in command of Fort Colville, Washington, during the early part of last century, gave a very interesting lecture before the Natural History Society on "History of the Penetration of the Interior of British Columbia."

The speaker devoted himself principally to the narration of incidents connected with the reconnaissance of routes to be used by the Hudson's Bay people for their station at Port Langley to the interior of British Columbia. These routes were required for conveying supplies to the various forts up the Fraser River, especially to Fort Kamloops, and to bring out furs which were to be taken by ship from this coast to England. Mr. Anderson described some of the explorations carried out by his father in connection with the search of a route. First the attempt was made by

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ter Penn, musician; Sister Cochenour, captain; Sister Coleman, past worthy mistress.

Sister Hoey, past worthy mistress, late of Edmonton, Alberta, acted as installing officer, Sister Cochenour, P. W. M., acting as director of ceremonies.

After the installation Sister Coleman, P. W. M., on behalf of the officers and members, presented Sister Hoey and Sister Cochenour with a beautiful plant for the efficient manner in which they carried out the installation.

Thanks For Belgian Relief.—Mrs. Cassidy desires to express, on behalf of her Belgian compatriots, heartfelt thanks to all those generous citizens who have contributed money and clothing for the Belgian refugees of her native village; also to W. S. Terry, the Belgian Consul, for his never-failing kindness throughout the war and ever-generous assistance in the matter of relief for the people of Belgium.

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Hockey Parties at Friday's Opening Game Is Christmas Idea

Many Hosts Will Attend at Arena to See Victoria and Mets Open the Race

The opening of the Pacific Coast hockey season with the Victoria Aristocrats entertaining the Seattle Metropolitan Friday night at the Arena has suggested Christmas hockey parties to many followers of the fascinating game, and a lot of the bookings have been for parties of from half a dozen upwards. He will be a popular host who pilots his guests to a comfortable seat for the first puckchaser's battle for the coast pennant.

The Victoria team is on the schedule for the first two games. After Friday's encounter they are due to cross to Vancouver Monday to open up at the terminal city rink. Three of Lester Patrick's players, Eddie Oatman, Dubbie Kerr, and Bobby Genge have been in Victoria since last season, and when the rink opened they put on the blades and got into skating form. Workouts commenced nearly two weeks ago, at which with the exception of the latest arrivals, the boys were working hard to make the ice in the pink of condition. At their performance last night they looked well able to go the full distance at top form.

The black and gold pennant chasers were being drilled in centre ice play for an hour, with the latest ideas in checking, and were ready learners. The popular Bull Moose came back into the game in a manner that showed he will again win fame as the best defence man in the race, and the fans will welcome back the old favorite.

Oatman on the Right.
Oatman has moved from the pivot position to the right wing, and seems more at home than he did in the centre position. Harry Meeking takes the centre ice. Eddie, as a right-handed shot, seized the opportunities in his new place on the line-up. The fans look to the pair to give Holmes a warm time. Meeking has team work down to a science and teamwork, the manager points out, is what counts. He is drilling his young players along these lines and believes that when Wilf Laughlin has dropped the outstanding tendency of amateurs to overlook the capabilities of their team mates he will make the young monarch a star of the game.

Here are the numbers the Seattle boys will wear:
Holmes, 1; Rowe, 2; Rickey, 3; Walker, 4; Murray, 5; Foyton, 6; Riley, 7; and Nichols, 8. "One more good man and we will be ready for them" is Muldoon's word, and there is considerable speculation as to whom the Met's pilot has in mind. No further word comes from the Sound city that Charlie Tobin has come to terms, but the news may arrive at any moment that the black-haired speed artist of the Aristocrats last season may append his signature and arrive in Victoria with the crowd to do battle for first blood of the season.

U.S.A. GOLFERS TO WELCOME BRITISHERS

New York, Dec. 24.—The expected invasion of the United States by British golfers next summer, may cause the United States Golf Association to move the national open championship further down on the list than the position occupied last spring. Local golfers are interested in the report that Vardon, Taylor, Mitchell, Brad and other British experts will come to America.

DENTALS WON.
Toronto, Dec. 24.—For twenty minutes here last night, Granites, using combination plays, while Dentals used none, gave the Sportsman's Patriotic Association trophy holders a strong argument, but they failed in the last two periods and Dentals won by 7 to 2. By this victory Dentals retain the trophy for another year.

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Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 24.—With a final score of 11 to 6, the Allan cup holders took McGill into camp last night. Neither team played champion hockey and both found it necessary to use their substitutes.

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San Francisco, Dec. 23.—"Strangler" Lewis defeated John Olin in a wrestling match here to-night, winning two falls out of three.

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According to the story, Miss Martin is imprisoned in the tenement by a half-crazed woman, who imagines she has done her an injury and intends to burn her alive for it. She is rescued just in time by Harrison Ford, the leading man in the picture, but not before the audience has been thrilled by one of the best fire scenes ever photographed.

The amazing instance of a mercurial stunt of college days saving a youth forced by police "third degree" torture to confessing a murder, which he knew nothing of, is vividly portrayed in the big Alice Joyce production, "The Third Degree," which is showing at the Variety Theatre this week.

The youth had been mesmerized by his girl, and during the dull times that he spent in the cell, he had been tortured by the steel of the pistol used in the crime. It was his young bride who accidentally heard of the earlier incident and impressed its significance on his lawyer.

The "Third Degree" scene is only one of many big dramatic situations in this splendid screen version by Vitagraph of the late Charles Klein's most famous stage success.

In each of the large cities where D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," which is the attraction at the Columbia, was produced there were long lines of patrons waiting to buy seats at the box offices. Absolute capacity was the rule for many months. During the dull times that had fallen upon the theatres those lines, or "queues," of prospective buyers had practically disappeared. "Oh, there won't be any advance sale," said the box office attendant wearily when asked about an engagement. It took a Griffith production of pictures and music—not words—to bring back the long absent queues. New York's Broadway, Chicago's Loop, Boston's Tremont Street looked like old times again, with the box offices jammed and the lines of "The Birth of a Nation" admirers stretching to the curb or even to the next street. The same phenomenon has been repeated in all the other cities which the play has visited the present season.

Templer Saxe, widely known and finished character actor in films, was for several seasons leading baritone in the Carl Rosa Opera Company, in England. He has been with Vitagraph ever since coming to photograph, appearing in many featured productions. He is effectively cast in "Miss Ambition," the Vitagraph Blue Ribbon feature, which is the attraction in the Romano Theatre this week. Corinne Griffith has the stellar role in the fascinating love story of the girl who sacrificed love for ambition, and she is supported by Walter McGrath, Denton Vane, Betty Blythe, Fred Smith, Harry Kendall and Mr. Saxe.

William Duncan, Vitagraph serial star and director, does some remarkable cliff scaling in "The Man of Might," which is the double bill at the Romano. Dick Van Brun (Duncan) escapes the outlaws by leaping a forty-foot gorge in a flying automobile, then sticks back, risking his life, to try to rescue a companion.

Forty years in the business, and still going strong, Eddie Foy announced in his dressing room at the Pantages theatre last night. "Yes, sir, it's fifty years this month that I was doing a song and dance act with my father in the small western towns like Chicago—it was small then. And I've been fifty years at it ever since. I was twelve years old then, now I'm sixty-two, and if I don't get run down by an airplane—I'm still spry enough to dodge anything else—I'll still be going as strong ten years from now. I was pretty young yet."

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The enlistment again this season of Signor Romeo Boscacci, the rich-voiced Italian tenor, with the San Carlo Opera Company, adds much to the artistic possibilities of this well-balanced organization. Signor Boscacci's tour with the San Carlo last season, involving, as it did, appearances in all the big opera-going cities of the United States and Canada, constituted a series of brilliant successes. Boscacci has appeared with notable triumphs at the famous Costanzi Teatro, Rome, under the personal direction of Signor Pietro Mascagni, and when he sang the composer's "Cavalleria Rusticana," (role of Turiddu), became a prime favorite with the writer of that great one-act opera.

Following his successes at the Costanzi, Signor Boscacci appeared with equal favor at La Scala, Milano; the Carlo Felice, Florence; the Teatro Massimo, Palermo; the Regio Teatro, Parma; the Colon, Buenos Ayres, and the National Teatro, Havana. His voice is a rarely beautiful one, of splendid range, sweetness and carrying power, coupled with high dramatic powers and an engaging personality. Accredited one of the most versatile of Italian opera stars, Boscacci's repertoire comprises some thirty different roles, making him greatly in demand, and placing him in the front rank of present-day opera stars in artistic endowment and celebrity.

In the coming production of Verdi's opera, "Rigoletto," at the Royal Victoria, Signor Boscacci will sing his brilliant role of "Duke of Mantua." It will be his only appearance in Victoria.

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Seattle, Dec. 23.—Earl Harfa and Bobby Harper boxed a draw in the main event of the Crystal Pool boxing tournament to-night and Joe Bonds won a decision over Steve Reynolds, but lost to the tale of Soldier Woods, the wild man. The rough and ready, wild and woolly battler who has been terrorizing the local waterweights was dethroned as king of the jungle and a new cave man, Mike Pete now wears the crown. The soldier fell ingloriously before the attack of the local shipbuilder, was knocked cold in the first round, the defeat furnishing the surprise of the night.

The Soldier Woods-Mike Pete affair was the sensational bout of the night. Pete won because he beat the soldier at his own game. Mike leaped out of his corner at the bell, and Woods was so taken back at the move that he hadn't recovered up to the last ten seconds of the round, when Pete crashed the soldier flush on the chin with a blow which rocked the southerner into the land of dreams. It was a clean knockout.

Leo Houck and Young Sam Langford, a pocket edition of the once famous heavyweight, fought "a whale of a draw" in the fourth contest.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—A call has been sent out for a meeting of the provincial executive of the British Columbia Amateur Athletic Union to be held on Tuesday, December 30, when the officials will again wrestle with the reinstatement problem. Manitoba amateur officials have decided to reinstate all returned soldier athletes. British Columbia, however, ready lifted the ban on several men, and more applications are to be considered at the next meeting.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—A meeting of the executive council of the British Columbia Football Association was held last night, when it was decided to go ahead with the business for which they were elected to office. Official votes of confidence have been received from the Greater Vancouver Church League, the Vancouver Junior Alliance, the Kootenay Football League, the Nanaimo and District League, the Victoria and District League and the Mainland Referees' Association. So far as the Vancouver and District League is concerned, it has been reported that that body does not recognize the council, although no official communication to that effect has been received.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Happy Woods, of Tucson, knocked out Eddie McLarney, of San Diego, in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout here last night. They are welterweights.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DEED.
MARTIN—On December 21, 1919, at the residence, 215 Tennyson Ave., Saanich, by Louise, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard Martin, born in England.

SPENCER—On the 22nd inst., at his home, 5841 Hamilton, Samuel Spencer, aged 43 years; born in Rochdale, England, and a resident of this district for the past ten years, formerly a resident of Port Arthur, Ontario. The deceased was the beloved husband of Mrs. Mary Spencer, and is survived by, besides his widow, four sons and one daughter.

SKINNER—On the 24th inst., at her home, 621 Langford Street, Margaret Skinner, aged 65 years, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and a resident of this city for the past 31 years. Deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. M. Skinner, and two daughters, Mrs. E. Geiger and Miss Amy Skinner, all residing in this city.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth, wife of A. H. Mitchell, of Mitchell & Duncan, took place yesterday from the B.C. Funeral Chapel, where an impressive service was held by the Rev. Dr. Clay. There was a very large attendance, and an abundance of beautiful floral tributes covered the casket and hearse. Two hymns were sung, "Abide With Me" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." At the cemetery the service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Clay, assisted by the Rev. J. G. Inkester. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: D. E. Campbell, Bert Hardie, T. A. Brady, Percy Wollaston, Harry Martin and Joshua Kingham. The remains were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the four days' old baby son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bryant, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital Monday morning, took place yesterday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. G. H. Andrews officiated, and interment took place at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Dora Marguerite Mercer, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mercer, of 2516 Government Street, took place yesterday from the Isolation

Hospital at 2 o'clock, where service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Baily. Many friends attended and a large floral offering was sent. The following boy friends acted as pallbearers: James Rogers, Harry Mercer, Donald Purves and Roland Mercer.

My Louise, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Martin died yesterday at the family residence 3226 Tennyson Road. Miss Martin was born in England and came to Victoria with her parents nine years ago. The remains are reposing at the B.C. Funeral Chapel, from whence the funeral will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery. The Rev. J. W. Plinton will officiate.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Gibbs, of Vancouver, whose remains arrived this morning from the mainland, took place at 10.30 from the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street. Rev. H. S. Osborne officiated. There were many friends present, and the floral offerings were very beautiful. The following were pallbearers: Dr. Clemence, W. G. Dickinson, W. G. Terry and F. W. Davies. Interment was made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death took place at an early hour this morning of Mrs. Margaret Skinner, aged sixty-nine years, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and a resident of this city for the past thirty-one years. She is survived by two sons, George W. and Frank T. Skinner and two daughters, Mrs. E. Geiger and Miss Amy Skinner, all residing in this city. Mrs. Skinner was a highly respected pioneer of this city. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the above residence. Interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

CASHIER PROMOTED
Hon. John Hart Announces Promotion of A. C. Campbell to Position of Inspector of Trust Companies.

Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, announced this morning that A. C. Campbell, hitherto engaged as a cashier in the Treasury, has been promoted in the Service to the position of Inspector of Trust Companies. The occasion for promotion is keeping with the policy of the Government—arose over the resignation of W. U. Runnalls, whose efficient service to the Department stood him in good stead in his translation from the Service to the important position of Manager of the British Columbia Trust Company.

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NEW TAX RELIEF PLAN PROPOSED

Scheme Would Remove Burden of Delinquency for Period of Years

While the "Progressives" in the civic election fight have not given the matter formal consideration, a number of prominent business men are sponsoring a new plan to remedy the city's acute taxation problem. The scheme contemplates the complete postponement of payment of tax arrears in order that delinquents may be given an opportunity in catching up in their current charges.

The business men behind the plan feel that the Victoria Relief Act No. 2, while a most valuable measure, does not accomplish the purpose most vital in the present situation. The Act, they point out, allows a taxpayer to spread the payment of his delinquency over ten annual payments. But in the meantime he has to pay his current taxes. Thus he has two separate accounts to settle each year. This the sponsors of the new scheme assert is a defect which should be remedied. They are of the opinion that the delinquents should be given a real opportunity to pay their current taxes and thus keep their property out of tax sales.

As an alternative to the Relief Act, the business men propose that delinquents be allowed to suspend entirely payment of delinquent taxes for, say, ten years, in return for which privilege they would give a note to the city. It is felt that by the end of this period better real estate conditions would make the owners able to pay the delinquency, which would, of course, be increased by a nominal rate of interest.

"The idea is to make as many people as possible pay the taxes," said a well-known business man when talking over the project with a Times representative this morning. "We want to avoid tax sales in which the city takes over huge quantities of property—as happened this spring—thus leaving the remaining owners to pay the whole burden. Under present conditions the owner is often unable to keep up his present taxes, and at the same time make payments on his delinquency. If he is given a chance to catch up he will be able to pay the delinquency at the end of a period of years."

This matter probably will be given careful consideration by the "Progressives" before the election.

Despite denials made yesterday by Alderman Patrick, Alderman Satter's ally in the five-man council project, a fusion of the "Progressives" and the Satter-Patrick alliance is certainly a possibility, to say the least. The business men generally are in accord with the fusion idea and probably would support the alliance. The mayoralty fight, of course, will be the determining factor in this respect, but it is probable that difficulties thus involved can be smoothed away.

SERIOUS CHARGE OF ASSAULT IN COURT

George Burney Claims He Was Attacked by Two Men

On a charge of assault with intent to rob, Matthew Lynch and Thomas Compton appeared in the Police Court this morning. George Burney, the victim of the alleged outrage, was set upon in his cabin at 742 Johnson Street early this morning by the two men, who went through his pockets. In defence the two men allege that Burney was running a "blind pig" and that they had visited the place to get something to drink.

Burney told of meeting the two men in the Delhi Bar last evening. He bought them each a drink. After returning to his cabin Compton and Lynch called on him and after a short talk, the witness said, Lynch grappled him by the wrists and held him down on the bed while Lynch went through his pockets. As soon as he was freed Burney rushed into the street and found Police Sergeant Boulton, who, with Constable Florence, proceeded to the cabin and ordered the two men away. After the officers had left the men came back, witness said. Once more he went in search of police protection. This time Constables Florence and Bishop arrested the two men.

Brought Police Instead.
On the witness stand both Compton and Lynch said that they did not meet Burney in the Delhi bar. Compton ran into Lynch in the Manitoba bar, and the latter wanted to know where he could get a drink of whisky. Compton, according to the evidence, took Lynch to Burney's cabin. They drank one bottle of whisky and Lynch wanted more, whereat Burney left to get another bottle, but instead of returning with it he brought two police officers.

The case was remanded until Friday in order to allow the prosecution to obtain further witnesses.



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There will be no issue of The Times to-morrow, Christmas Day.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES CHOOSE OFFICERS

Election of officers took place at a meeting of the Civic Employees' Protective Association last night. Isaac Byers was elected for the third term as president unanimously—a testimony of the esteem in which his sagacious leadership is held by his fellow civic workers. F. Tomdale was elected vice-president; J. Wright, secretary, and J. McIndoo, treasurer. Final action on the choice of an executive committee will take place later.

COMMON DISEASES OFTEN DANGEROUS

Chief Among These Is the Ordinary Cold in the Head; Prompt Treatment Required

Many people think a cold in the head is something which comes once or twice a year, and that it will always work itself off without attention. No greater mistake could be made. A cold in the head will sow the seeds of acute disease unless it is treated promptly. Even when the cold does work off itself it leaves the patient weakened and liable to an attack from disease.

When a cold in the head appears start work at once. Keep the system open. Check the fever which shows, especially towards night. Alay the soreness which develops in the muscles. Tone up the system to fight the after weakness.

The drugs which will do this work are contained in Grip Fix, a preparation which has been used for colds in the head for years, and with wonderful results. There is nothing in it which would not be approved by any physician and the contents are plainly noted on every box. It is prompt in its work, relieving a bad cold in a night and a case of Grippe in forty-eight hours or less.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT SKATING RINK

A special programme of music will be rendered at the Skating Rink during Christmas week by the Arena band. Included are several of the most recent popular hits, which are being rendered for the first time in Victoria.

The complete programme of selections follows:
March—General Pershing Sumas
Waltz—Naomi Vanderaald
Trot—Baby's Arms Jerome
Step—Happy Hop Cowan
Dixie
Moonlight—Alpha Oe (by request)
Waltz—Know What It Means to Be Lonesome Kendis
Trot—Baby's Arms Tierney
Step—Bubbly Mayer
Trot—Jazzola Morse
Waltz—Over the Waves (request)
Step—Going to Break That Mason Dixie Line
Waltz—Your Eyes Have Told Me So
God Save the King.

Extras that may be requested are: "O' What a Pal Was Mary," "The Vamp," "Bubblyland," "Isle of Golden Dreams," "That Wonderful Mother" and "Her Danny."

Mistaken Impression.—An impression has been created that Fred McGregor and Kenneth Ferguson have been elected captains of two teams to increase the membership of the Kiwanis Club. They have been appointed to captain two teams of present members and see which team can get the greatest number of members out to each luncheon.

OPPORTUNITY CALLS TO ALL WILLING HERE

British Columbia's new Lieutenant-Governor, Col. the Hon. Edward Gawler Prior, to-day issued a Christmas message to the people of British Columbia and Western Canada, appealing to them not to forget in the festive season, the men who laid down their lives at the front and the dependents of these men.

"The clouds are fast rolling away, and bright sunshine will soon envelope this glorious Canada—a country where every willing heart and hand has the opportunity to make a good living, and help to bring happiness to countless thousands," says the Lieutenant-Governor in his message.

"All that is required to bring this about is for everyone of us, whatever his calling, to work hard and have an optimistic spirit. Who knows our splendid manhood and womanhood and our vast natural resources can be pessimistic of the future?"

"May I hope that in the coming year the peace and credits may try to work together as loyal Canadians with the one object of advancing both the moral and material condition of our country. Let us all remember at this festive season the splendid men who in the battle line guaranteed our safety and the peace and prosperity we are now enjoying. Let us see that none of them are in want, and that the dependents of those who made the great sacrifice are well taken care of."

"The people of British Columbia and our sister provinces I send the warmest greetings with the best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

EDWARD GAWLER PRIOR,
"Lieut.-Governor of B.C."

OUTLINES CHANGES IN ELECTIONS ACT

Hon. J. W. de B. Farris Will Ask Legislature For Amendments

Amendments to the Provincial Elections Act are freshened by the Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, Attorney-General, in a statement issued by him this morning. Two of the chief changes that will be sponsored by him at the next session of the Legislature will deal with the method of registering voters and with the comparison of signatures at the time of voting as a safeguard against impersonation. Provision also will be made to apply to the case of the absentee voter.

One Form Only
Applications for the registration of eligible voters will be taken in the ordinary way by means of an affidavit signed by the voter personally, but to facilitate the procedure the amendment will call for the use of one form only, so devised as to take the place of the four or five varied forms now in use. That is to say, one form will be used for men and women voters of the classes to which the franchise is extended.

Court of Revision
For the general convenience of the public and in order to obtain the fullest possible registration of qualified electors, provision also will be made so that deputy registrars may attend at convenient times and places to assist applicants in preparing and completion of their affidavits. And for the purpose of offering the widest scope for the registration of voters applicants may make application direct to the Court of Revision, and on signing an affidavit, accompanied by satisfactory proof of qualifications, may be placed on the register.

Comparison of Signatures
Provision is made in the amendments for the comparison of signatures to prevent impersonation, and in order to give effect to this safeguard registered voters will be entitled to vote only in the polling division in which they reside. At the time of voting the poll clerk will have in his possession the original affidavit made by the voter at the time of his registration and admission to the register. Before a ballot is issued to the voter he will be required to sign his name, and have his signature so recorded compared with the signature appended to his original affidavit.

The Absentee Voter.
Arising out of the provision deal-

ing with the limitations of voting area is that which is to take care of the absentee voter. In order, therefore, that eligible voters may not be prevented from exercising their franchise by reason of the exactness of the clause dealing with the comparison of signatures, provision will be made to enable voters, who cannot be present to vote in the polling division in which they reside, to enable them to mark their ballot in any other polling division of the electoral district.

How It Works.
In the case of the foregoing contingency, however, the voter will be required to apply to the Presiding Officer in the place where he may be on the polling day, and on making a special affidavit he will be permitted to mark his ballot for use in his own polling division. The ballot so marked will be placed in an envelope and sealed in his presence and forwarded to the Returning Officer of his own electoral district.

These ballots will then be counted at the time of the final count and be added to the votes counted by the several presiding officers of that district. The same conditions in respect of comparing signatures, of course, will obtain in the case of the absentee voter.

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SPEAKER MAY NOT BE WELL ENOUGH TO ACT

Hon. John Keen Doing Well, But Advised Six Weeks' Rest

Whether or not the Hon. John Keen, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature will have sufficiently recovered from his recent severe operation in time to take part in the opening of the House is a matter of considerable doubt, according to a wire received by Premier Oliver this morning from the Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital.

The wire states, however, that the operation referred to has resulted in no complication, and that the patient's condition is considered as highly favorable. At the same time the superintendent, while suggesting that the Speaker ought to be able to travel in time to reach Victoria by about the middle of next month, advises against the resumption of active duties for at least six weeks.

In the event of progress not being maintained, the Deputy Speaker, A. M. Manson, member for Omineca, would be called upon to perform the duties of his veteran chief.

TELEPHONES HERE INCREASE 1,200 A YEAR
Telephones in Victoria have increased at the rate of 100 a month during the last two years. Figures issued by the B. C. Telephone Co., show that for the twenty-three months from January, 1918, until the present, 2,800 new telephones have been installed in the city. This is the net gain allowing for all discontinued services.

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General Extends Compliments to Men He Led Overseas

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—General Sir Arthur Currie has issued a Christmas message to the men he led overseas through the medium of The Veteran, organ of the Great War Veterans' Association. The message is as follows:

"To my comrades in arms: I extend the compliments of the season and my best wishes for the coming year. The times to some extent are out of joint. Qualities of heart and hand are needed now as they were in the struggle which has ended. All great wars have been followed by periods of unrest, and there are obstacles in the way of a peaceful and speedy readjustment. Yet a solution can be found for all problems approached in the spirit of sympathy, tolerance and goodwill. Cheerful courage, patience and good temper, mutual support and confidence—a high sense of duty and

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determination to win are as much needed now as they were when the war was in progress. "Overseas, in the great struggle now happily passed, you carried all before you. At home may your efforts prove equally successful in helping our country to follow the path of ordered peace. "May good fortune ever attend you."

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MANY CHURCHES TO HOLD SERVICES

Special Christmas Carols Will Mark Rejoicings To-morrow

Special Christmas services have been arranged for to-morrow by the majority of the churches of the city and music appropriate to the occasion, including the well-known carols and Christmas hymns, will be rendered by the choirs.

To-night at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Right Rev. Bishop Macdonald will celebrate midnight mass, commencing at midnight, and to-morrow continuous services will be held until 11 o'clock, when High Mass will be celebrated.

Christ Church Cathedral.
A Christmas Eve service, in the course of which carols will be sung and gifts received on an illuminated Christmas tree for presentation to needy families, will be held to-night in Christ Church Cathedral at half-past seven. On Christmas Day, five celebrations of the Holy Communion are announced. These services will be held at 8, 7, 5 and 9.15 a.m., with a choral celebration following the morning service at eleven o'clock.

Children's Carol Service.
A special order of service will be distributed at this evening's carol service, which will be attended by members of Christ Church Cathedral Sunday School who will bring their Christmas gifts for other children in the parish. A short organ recital will be given in the church before the service commences at half-past seven.

To-morrow's Music.
The musical portions of the choral service on Christmas Day will include the Te Deum by Woodward in E flat, and Berthold Tours' setting in C for the service of Holy Communion. The sermon at the eleven o'clock service will be delivered by the Right Rev. C. D. Schofield, bishop of the diocese, and the offerings at all services will be given to the clergy-widows' and orphans' fund.

St. Paul's.
The services at St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church, Esquimalt, on Christmas Day and the Sunday following will be thoroughly in keeping with the Christmas festival. Among other services on Christmas Day there will be a parade service at 10.30 a.m., followed by a choral celebration at 11.30, at which Woodward's setting of the Communion Service will be sung. On Sunday evening, December 24, there will be an organ recital at 6.40 p.m., followed by a musical service consisting of Christmas carols, anthems, etc. The carol service will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

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MANY LEAVE SHOPPING TO ELEVENTH HOUR

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With the approach of Christmas Eve the business sections of the city are crowded with busy shoppers bent on eleventh-hour purchases of Christmas gifts, and harassed housewives endeavoring to circumvent the high cost of living and at the same time furnish a real Christmas dinner to an expectant family. Since Monday the stores have been filled with eager purchasers and over-worked store assistants anticipate the inevitable last minute rush of shoppers to-night.

Many of the merchants report an excess of business over the Christmas season of last year, in spite of the prevalence of unemployment, and the general practice of an interchange of gifts at the Yuletide season seems to have undergone no modification. The only difference is that there is a larger business this year in gifts of a useful, rather than an ornamental nature.

One interesting feature noted by a prominent business man is the change in the personnel of the Christmas shoppers. At this time last year the shipyards were working at high pressure and employing their full complement of men. High wages were the rule and money was plentiful in consequence and the shipyard workers and their families were among the heaviest spenders at the Christmas season. This year, condition have changed and a different class of workers predominate in the shopping crowds.

Despite the hardships prevailing among many of the less fortunate residents of the city, however, there are few who will actually suffer want on Christmas day, thanks to the efforts of the various public bodies who have been looking after the welfare of the widows, orphans and the destitute.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT WESLEY CHURCH

"The Light of Life," by E. L. Ashford, one of the finest of the more modern Christmas cantatas, will be rendered by the choir of Wesley Church, corner of McPherson and Fullerton Avenues, Friday evening, December 24. The complete programme follows:

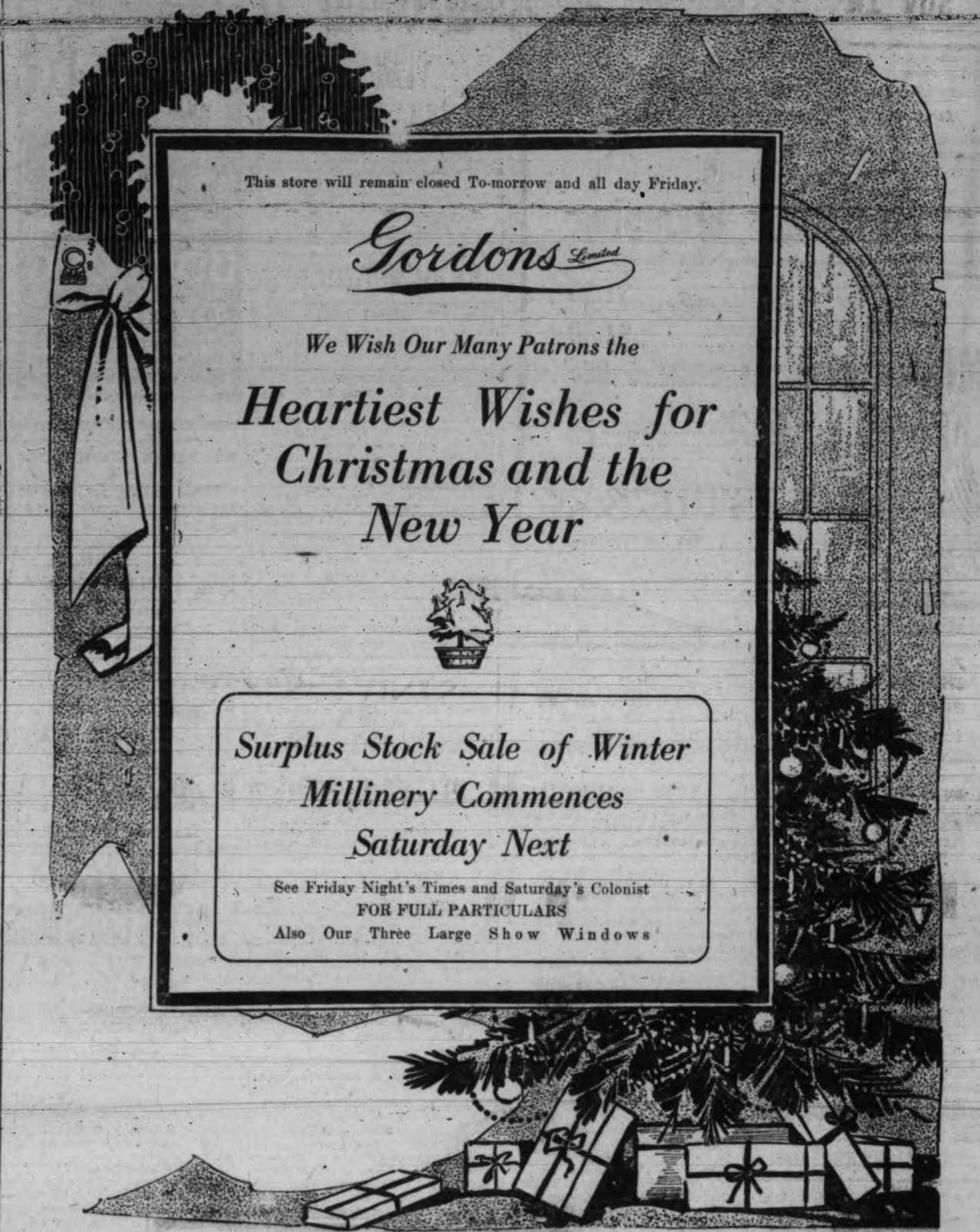
- Part I.**
- Introduction Instrumental
 - Soprano Solo and Chorus Hearken Unto Me
 - Soloist, Mrs. W. Edmonds.
 - Quartette Then Shall the Redeemed Meddames Stokes and Saunders, Messrs. R. J. Young and T. Young.
 - Bass Solo and Chorus O Come, Emmanuel
 - Soloist, Wm. McDonald.
 - Full Chorus The People That Walked in Darkness
 - Baritone Solo O Light of Life
 - Soloist, E. Mitchell.
 - Bass Solo and Chorus Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come
 - Soloist, E. J. Mitchell.
 - Hymn for Choir and Congregation, No. 144 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
 - Address by Rev. R. M. Thompson.

- Part II.**
- Quartette Angel Serenade
 - Meddames Stokes, Welch, Saunders and Enson, Messrs. J. Youson, R. J. Young, B. Enson, T. Young.
 - Soprano Solo It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
 - Soloist, Mrs. W. Edmonds.
 - Chorus and Quartette Glory to God
 - Meddames Stokes and Saunders, Messrs. R. J. and T. Young.
 - Hymn for Choir and Congregation, No. 111 Joy to the World, the Lord is Come
 - Soprano Solo and Chorus Now When Jesus Was Born
 - Soloist, Mrs. W. Edmonds.
 - Male Chorus and Quartette Who Are These?
 - Messrs. J. Youson, R. J. Young, B. Enson, T. Young.
 - Soprano Solo O Star Divine
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 - Final Chorus and Hymn Rejoice Greatly

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There was a fine gathering of children and grown-ups, and an excellent programme was furnished by the school and was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Davidson, the superintendent, president, and Rev. D. Littler gave a short address. The ladies of the congregation had the church well decorated and thanks are due to George Mallett and others for effective services rendered.

The monthly "net together" social will be held on New Year's Eve in the church, and as T. Marcham is in charge an exceptionally good programme may be expected.

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