

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—Northern and easterly winds, becoming fresh to high, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages Theatre, Vaudeville. Dominion Theatre, Scandal. Royal Victoria Theatre, Magia. Variety Theatre, Life of Kitchener.

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HON. J. D. REID ADVISES PROVINCIAL MINISTER TO DEAL DIRECT WITH C.N.P.R.

Hon. John Oliver Takes Cue and Asks Repayment of Improperly Paid Funds; Company Says Ferry Slip Not Warranted

That the Minister of Railways of the Province of British Columbia does not intend to permit the grass to grow under his feet in taking the advice of the Federal Minister of Railways and Canals in respect of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway's contracts, is evidenced by the action of Hon. John Oliver this morning.

TO CALL UP DRAFTS OF 400 MEN EACH WEEK

Equal Division Will Be Made Between Willows and Vancouver Training Camps

In connection with the first calling up of men on January 3 under the terms of the Military Service Act it is stated at military headquarters that 400 men are to be called up each week, that is 200 men for each of the 1st and 2nd Depot Battalions weekly, the 1st Depot Battalion being at Hastings Park, Vancouver, and the 2nd Depot Battalion being at the Willows, Victoria.

FOOD NEEDED FOR FRANCE AND ITALY

Chairman of British Sugar Commission Speaks of Problem

London, Dec. 25.—Captain Sir Charles Bataurst, M.P., speaking at Cheltenham, said that the food shortage in France and Italy as compared with a year ago was something like 20 per cent. All that the other Allies would have to make up, and if they did not the two nations would be compelled to drop out of the war and the German demon would be triumphant.

Australian Soldiers Seem to Be Against Conscription Plan

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—A special dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., to The Vancouver World, says: "The majority against conscription in Australia is growing as late returns come and are counted. With many places in remote districts still to be heard from, the majority against conscription stands at over 180,000. The first returns from the soldiers' vote abroad show a substantial majority against conscription, contrary to all predictions. The fact is causing general comment throughout Australia and is giving the advocates of voluntarism much satisfaction."

TOBACCO NECESSITY DECLARES RHONDDA

London, Dec. 25.—Tobacco is a necessity, not a luxury, declares Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, in a statement he has published. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe that its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much both to the manual laborer and to him who works with his brain. Men would eat a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort."

NEW TRIAL REFUSED

Concord, N. H., Dec. 25.—The Supreme Court today refused a new trial for Frederick L. Small, formerly a Boston broker, awaiting execution on January 15 for the murder of his wife.

Germans Break Word to Bolsheviki; More Men to West Front

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—Via London, Dec. 25.—Ensign Krylenko, Bolsheviki Commander-in-Chief of the army, reported to the Bolsheviki headquarters Sunday that the Germans were transferring troops in very large numbers and as quickly as possible to the Western front against the Allies, and also to the Southwestern Russian front.

A Plot to Poison Red Cross Bandages Fails at Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among the soldiers of the United States and its Allies has been exposed and frustrated here.

CONTEST IS VIOLENT ON NORTHERN ITALIAN FRONT; SUMMITS CHANGED HANDS

Rome, Dec. 26.—Col del Rosso and Monte Val Bella, on the Asiago Plateau, were recaptured by Italian forces in counter-attacks yesterday, but it was found impossible to hold them, the War Office here announced to-day.

W. B. A. RITCHIE, K. C., DIES IN VANCOUVER

Well-Known Barrister Succumbs After Illness of Two Days

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., a former law partner of Sir Robert Borden and one of the most widely known lawyers of Canada, died here last night at 10.45 after a two-day illness. Mr. Ritchie was taken to the general hospital on Sunday night suffering from a malarial abscess. His death followed an operation.

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NO PASSPORTS FOR GERMAN SOCIALISTS

Trotzky Holds Attitude of Berlin Hampers Peace Negotiations

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—Via London, Dec. 25.—It is reported that the refusal of the German Government to issue passports to the German Socialists Haase, Ledebur and Kautsky, who desire to go to Stockholm to acquaint themselves with the Russian revolutionary conditions, has produced in Russia an impression which may hamper the peace negotiations.

STEFANSSON AND HIS PARTY REACHED FORT YUKON SAFELY

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The Department of the Naval Service has received word that Vilhjalmur Stefansson is safe. He has arrived at Fort Yukon with his party.

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MANNHEIM WAS BOMBED BY BRITISH AVIATORS; QUIET ALONG WEST BATTLEFRONT

Successful Raid on City in Baden, Germany, Nearly 100 Miles From French Border; Activities Reported in Official Communications

London, Dec. 26.—An official report issued here last night, said: "At daylight Monday one of our air squadrons bombed the German city of Mannheim on the Rhine with excellent results. A ton of bombs was dropped and bursts were observed in the large main station in the works and also in the town, where fires were started. Very heavy anti-aircraft gun fire was directed against our aeroplanes when they were over their objective. One machine was damaged and forced to land. Several enemy scouts made repeated attacks upon our formation, but were driven off. All our machines returned except the one aforementioned."

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Increased Freight Rates Throughout Dominion Shortly

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—In a dispatch the Ottawa correspondent of The Winnipeg Free Press says: "An important order from the Dominion Railway Commission will be forthcoming at an early date. The order, which is the result of an application by the railway companies for an increase in rates in consideration of the tremendously increased cost of coal, materials, labor, etc., will involve a rise in freight rates of approximately 15 per cent. on all lines east and west and on almost all commodities, it is declared. The new order, it is expected, will go into effect during the first week of the new year."



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FINLAND HAS MADE LEON TROTZKY ANGRY

Appealed Direct to Germany to Recognize Its Independence. London, Dec. 25.—It is reported from Brest-Litovsk by way of Petrograd that Finland has appealed to Germany to recognize its independence, and that the Germans express their willingness to do so. Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, is said to have shown his irritation because the Finns appealed direct to the Germans instead of through the Bolshevik Commissaries.

BOLSHEVIKI ARE LOSING STRENGTH

Support Continues to Fall Away; Scheme for Constituent Assembly. London, Dec. 25.—There have been occasional assertions in recent Petrograd dispatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviks was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special dispatches from the Russian capital, dated Sunday and printed here yesterday. Nearly all make the point in one form or another that defections are drawing constantly on the strength of the Bolsheviks. Among the causes alleged are lack of authority, the increase in drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of foodstuffs.

SEARCH FOR WOMAN SPY IN THE STATES

Directed Activities of Schulenberg, Spy Held at San Francisco. San Francisco, Dec. 25.—A mysterious woman designated only as "H," who had been high in the confidence of the Wilhelmstrasse headquarters of the German secret service, directed the activities of Franz Schulenberg, alleged master Teuton spy held here on a Presidential warrant, according to information divulged to-day by federal authorities investigating Schulenberg's operations, which included the purchase of one ton of dynamite, fifty Maxim silencers and a like number of high powered rifles, which were to be utilized, it is alleged, in destroying bridges and other public structures in Canada.

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SAWMILL NEAR DULUTH DESTROYED BY FIRE

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 25.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Rice's Point sawmill and lumber yards of the Alger Smith Lumber Company, causing a loss of \$500,000 in buildings and lumber and cutting off street railway communication between Duluth and Superior. The fire broke out in three places at once, according to the watchman, and the police suspect it was of incendiary origin.

Propaganda

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—The Bolshevik Government has decided to send special representatives to all countries, belligerent as well as neutral, to further the propaganda of internationalism. Two million rubles have been appropriated for this purpose.

SEATTLE POLICE ASK ANOTHER INCREASE

Seattle, Dec. 25.—The policemen of Seattle, who were given an increase of \$10 a month last May, when in the neighborhood of \$250,000 a year was added to the municipal payroll for the year, and \$50,000 a year to the police payroll, want another increase.

FIRE IN EDMONTON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Edmonton, Dec. 25.—The most disastrous and spectacular fire of the year in Edmonton occurred at 3 o'clock Christmas morning in the heart of the downtown business section. The building and stock of the Cocksbutt Flour Company, Ltd., its office and retail storerooms were destroyed, as were the building and stock of the Moses Lyons estate, dealers in provisions and hunters' and traders' supplies, in the building adjoining the stock of J. A. Werner, hardware, was greatly damaged by water. The loss to the Cocksbutt Company is \$10,000 in stock and \$500 on buildings; the Lyons' loss is \$10,000 on stock and \$10,000 on building, partly covered by insurance, and Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock caused by water, which is covered by insurance.

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Christmas is Gone and Now Business as Usual. From Now On Read COPAS & YOUNG'S ADS. PRICES ALWAYS THE LOWEST POSSIBLE. C. & Y. BREAD FLOUR, the best Bread Flour made. Sack \$2.85. ROBIN HOOD or QUAKER ROLLED OATS Large drum 25c. NICE CEYLON TEA Per lb. 35c. ANTI-COMBINE TEA, per lb. 40c. ANTI-COMBINE COFFEE, fresh ground as ordered. Per lb., 40c and 35c. RED LABEL COFFEE Per lb. 25c. REINDEER COFFEE, or COCOA AND MILK Per tin 15c. SELECTED PICNIC HAM, per lb. 29c. FANCY ONTARIO CHEESE, per lb. 30c. NICE FRESH BROKEN BISCUITS Per lb. 15c. SHREDDED CODFISH 2 pkts. for 25c. CLARK'S TOMATO SOUP, 2 cans for 25c. Everything Nice and Fresh and Bought From All British Firms. COPAS & YOUNG ANTI-COMBINE GROCERS Corner Fort and Broad Streets. 94 Phone and 95

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POPE REJOICES BECAUSE JERUSALEM WAS FREED

Rome, Dec. 25.—Pope Benedict yesterday received the members of the Sacred College for an exchange of Christmas greetings. In answer to an address delivered by Cardinal Vincent Vanutelli, dean of the college, the Pope renewed his recommendation for incessant prayers for peace. The Holy Father expressed hope for a brighter future and rejoiced at the liberation of Jerusalem.

GOOD BLOOD

"Blood will tell." Blisters and blemishes, like murder, will out, unless the blood is kept pure. Its purity is restored and protected by the faithful use of BEECHAM'S PILLS. Worth a Guinea a Box. Millions of Special Values to Women are with Every Box Sold everywhere. In boxes, 25 cents.

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HAIG'S MESSAGE TO ARMY FROM STATES

London, Dec. 25.—Field Marshal Haig, according to an official announcement yesterday, sent Christmas messages to the various Allied commanders. The following message went to General Fehling, commander of the American expeditionary force: "From all ranks of the British armies in France I send our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our comrades of the American expeditionary force. We are proud to think that the New Year will see Americans and British fighting in France for the defence of civilization."

KILLED BY TRAIN

Butte, Dec. 25.—While delivering Christmas presents, Miss Jessie Wharton and Fred Greene, a mining engineer, both of Butte, were almost instantly killed at noon yesterday, when an enclosed roadster in which they were riding was struck by a Northern Pacific passenger train about 15 miles west of this city. Apparently the storm curtains on their automobile prevented their noting the approach of the train.

DIED SUDDENLY

Regina, Dec. 25.—During a supper following the performance at the Regina Theatre last night, Harry Gale, a violinist in the orchestra, dropped dead.

MOSLEMS OF INDIA AND TURKISH EMPIRE

Bombay, Dec. 25.—Via London, Dec. 25.—The Bombay Times has received a letter from an Indian statesman of high position pointing out that the heart of Moslem India is grieved to find that the principal Islamic state is warring against the British Empire, and suggesting that the Indian Moslems should jointly urge on Turkey the desirability of peace.

RAISING OF FUNDS IN UNITED STATES

New York, Dec. 25.—The Federal Reserve Banks throughout the United States have sold \$2,500,000 worth of war savings certificates and \$500,000 worth of thrift stamps, according to figures received from Washington by Frederick W. Allen, directors for New York city.

SUPPLIES FROM RUSSIA

Amsterdam, Dec. 25.—A Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says that Field Marshal von Hofer, the Austrian Minister of Public Subsistence, announced that the Austrian food supply shortly would be improved by the arrival of supplies from Russia.

WAGES INCREASED

Boston, Dec. 25.—An advance in wages of approximately 10 per cent for the 5,000 operators of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company outside the Boston district has just gone into effect. The Boston situation, it was stated, is still under discussion.

MOTHERS, LISTEN!

When work exhausts your strength, when your nerves are irritable and restless, when ambition lags and you feel rundown, you need and need quickly the rich, creamy, nourishing food in SCOTT'S EMULSION to check your wasting powers, enliven your blood and build up your nerve force. Scott's is helping thousands and will give you the strength you need. Scott & Rowne, Toronto, Ont.

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## RUSSIA BROKEN INTO THREE REPUBLICS

### British Ambassador at Petrograd Refers to Difficulties of Situation

London, Dec. 26.—The Petrograd correspondent of the London Post reports that the British Ambassador, Sir George Buchanan, published last Sunday a statement refuting the charge of interference by Entente representatives in the internal affairs of Russia and adding that as there are now three independent republics in Russia, it is difficult to avoid the appearance of having relations with more than one.

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd reports the arrest and imprisonment in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul of M. Vyshnegradsky and M. Putloff, managing directors of the International Commercial Bank and the Russo-Asiatic Bank, in consequence of the mention of their names in an intercepted letter wherein General Alexieff, former Commander-in-Chief, begged Professor Paul Millukoff, the Constitutional Democrat leader, to interest himself in obtaining 300,000 roubles to assist starving families of imprisoned officers.

Referring to the arrest of Col. Kollpassnikoff, attached to the American Red Cross Mission to Roumania, the Petrograd correspondent of The London Post says that it has been suggested that the letter alleged to have been sent to the colonel by Colonel Anderson, head of the Mission, stating that the American Ambassador at Petrograd, David R. Francis, was ready to advance 100,000 roubles on account of the Red Cross, was a forgery. Such things are not uncommon now, he adds.

## \$200,000,000 SAVED TO PEOPLE OF U. S. BY HOOVER'S WORK

Washington, Dec. 25.—Food Administrator Hoover's statement on the sugar situation, which he tried unsuccessfully to get before the Senate Committee investigating the sugar shortage, was made public last night by the White House. It attributes the shortage in the United States to the heavy movement of sugar from the Western hemisphere to Europe, and asserts that without the fixing of prices by agreement sugar would have been selling for 25 or 30 cents a pound, and more than \$200,000,000 would have been profited from the American people by this time.

Before the war the Allies took 300,000 tons annually from the Western hemisphere. This year they have taken 1,400,000 tons. "That," says the Food Administrator, "is the cause of the sugar shortage, and nothing else."

## FOOD SURVEY IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 25.—Plans for making the nation-wide war emergency food survey are well under way, the Bureau of Markets announced today, schedules having been mailed to every food dealer, manufacturer and holder of supplies in more than family lots in the United States.

## WILL CLEAR AWAY DEBRIS IN HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 25.—A contract for clearing a large section of the area of this city devastated by the explosion of December 6 has been let by the reconstruction committee to Cavitch & Pagano, according to an announcement made at a Board of Control meeting. The Board decided to interview the five Cabinet Ministers who are coming to Halifax from Ottawa, to see that their interests are considered.

## PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON SUBJECT OF PRAYER

Edinburgh, Dec. 25.—St. Andrew's University has awarded the first prize of £100 to the Rev. Samuel McComb, of Baltimore, in the first competition under a trust established last year for essays on "Prayer." The competitors are open to the world, with essays in any language.

There were 1,700 competitors. The other prizes were awarded as follows: Two in England, one in Switzerland and one in India.

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"Orillia, Ont., Nov. 28, 1914. "For over two years, I was troubled with Constipation, Drowsiness, Lack of Appetite and Headaches. One day I saw your sign which read 'Fruit-a-lives make you feel like walking on air.' This appealed to me, so I decided to try a box. In a very short time I began to feel better, and now I feel fine. I have a good appetite, relish everything I eat, and the headaches are gone entirely. I recommend this pleasant fruit medicine to all my friends."

"DAN McLEAN." 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

## SCHOOL HISTORIES MAY BE REVISED

### Montreal Club Suggests Changes in Canada, Britain and States

Montreal, Dec. 25.—With a view to bringing even closer relations about between Canada and the United States and between the United States and Great Britain, it is suggested that a careful revision of the school histories of these countries, in order to eliminate passages which might tend to create or perpetuate antagonisms, be undertaken by an international committee.

To this end The Fortnightly Club of Montreal has appointed two leading citizens, J. Penrose Anglin and J. Armitage Ewing, K. C., to prepare an outline of a scheme to be presented to the various universities and leading public men of the countries in question by way of starting an editorial campaign along the line suggested.

## ANOTHER MEXICAN RAID IN STATES

### 100 Bandits Killed American and Two Mexicans; Being Pursued

Marfa, Tex., Dec. 25.—American troops to-day were guarding all outlets to Vanhorn Canyon, where 100 Mexican bandits crossed the American border yesterday, raided the post office and general store on the Britt ranch, 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welch, a veteran American stage driver, and his two Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Neill, foreman of the ranch, and carried away booty estimated to be worth \$7,000.

After the bandits had passed over the Rio Grande, soldiers who went in close pursuit, fired many rounds at them and are reported to have killed and wounded many of the Mexicans. The shooting compelled the bandits to abandon the horses on which they carried away the loot. Col. Langhorne, in command of a party, resumed the pursuit at daybreak to-day.

## YUKON DEATHS.

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 25.—Two well-known pioneers of the Yukon are dead, Frank Hale and Edward Stillman. Mr. Hale, a native of Bath, England, came to the Yukon in 1898, engaged in mining on Sulphur Creek and afterward became a contractor in and around Dawson. Mr. Stillman also was a native of England, but had spent many years in the Yukon. He was for several years prior to his death engaged with a Dawson mining company.

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Get 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth) from any good drug store, pour it into a 16-oz. bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Here you have 16 ounces—a family supply—of the most effective cough syrup that money can buy—at a cost of only 55 cents or less. It never spoils. The prompt and positive results given by this pleasant tasting cough syrup have caused it to be used in more homes than any other remedy. It quickly loosens a dry, hoarse or tight cough, weak the inflamed membrane that lines the throat and bronchial tubes, and relief comes almost immediately. Splendid for throat tickle, hoarseness, bronchitis, croup and bronchial asthma. Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract and has been used for generations for throat and chest ailments. Avoid disappointment by asking your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

## SPECULATION ABOUT VANCOUVER CONTEST

### Mrs. Ralph Smith and Mr. Irene Moody May Fight By-Election

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—With the presence in the city for several days past of the Hon. J. W. deB. Farris, Attorney-General, speculation has been rife as to his precise mission and its relation to the forthcoming Provincial by-elections. Rumor has it that he has been engaged in a good deal of missionary work in an attempt to sound the general situation on the rebound from the Dominion contest, with a view also of spotting a winner for the seat in the Provincial House rendered vacant by the demise of the Hon. Ralph Smith.

## CONTEST BETWEEN WOMEN.

There is a good deal of doubt as to whether Mrs. Ralph Smith, the wife of the late Minister of Finance, will take the field, her endorsement of the women of Vancouver notwithstanding. On the other hand an effort has been underway during the past several days directed to bring the Vancouver contest into a straight fight between two representatives of the fair sex; to wit Mrs. Ralph Smith and Mrs. Irene Moody. No definite statement is forthcoming with regard to this latter proposal although it is looked upon as quite likely in many quarters here.

What of Senkler. J. H. Senkler, who was a prominent figure in the Unionist campaign here, has also been mentioned as a likely entrant into the Provincial arena, but so far he has not been induced to give his answer to that wing of Liberals who aligned themselves in support of H. H. Stevens and the Union Government generally. While finding it necessary to bow to the inevitable, the Laurier-Liberal section do not look with any very great amount of favor on the proposal to bring out Mr. Senkler; rather would they choose some candidate who would be amenable to take sides with them in fomenting the agitation to elect Premier Brewster and again enthroned King Patronage and his attendant syndicates.

"Fighting Joe" Again. The saner Liberal elements of this city, however, do not intend to be "run" by the disgruntled section and the fact that Joseph Martin, K. C., has signified his intention of taking a hand as a straight independent merely provides the humor for an otherwise somewhat uninteresting theme. The general opinion existing here as to the carefully nurtured animus against the Premier is that Mr. Brewster will, metaphorically speaking, place the thumb of scorn to the nose of Liberalism. The Premier knows full well that, in the event of any concerted move materializing and demanding action on his part that he could just as quickly go to the country and again get its opinion of the sort of politics the "disgruntleds" would have hold away in British Columbia.

As He Promised. In the meantime there is no reason to believe that Premier Brewster has any other intention than to fix a date for the four Provincial by-elections at once, and permit of the successful candidates taking their seats in the House at the forthcoming session, such plan being in accordance with his promise in the House last August and reiterated through the press recently.

## CARDINAL GIBBONS EXPRESSES OPINION ON PEACE SUBJECT

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—Cardinal Gibbons, responding to an inquiry to-day as to what he believed the most essential thing to be done to end the war, issued the following statement: "I believe that the best way to end the war early in the coming year is for the Central Powers to make a definite proposal—one that will embrace all their aims and demands. "On the part of the United States, I believe that the best governmental action would be for the officials to put themselves in a receptive mood for the general consideration of any peace offer that might come from the Central Powers. I think that all Americans should put themselves in a position to receive sympathetically and consider any offer embodying fundamental concessions—that would commend themselves to the Allies, and to ponder over these propositions in a dispassionate and broad-minded way."

## AT THE HOTELS

J. D. E. Maynard, of Saskatoon, Sask., is stopping at the Strathcona Hotel. W. Foster, of Creighton, Sask., is registered at the Strathcona. Mrs. E. J. White, of Regina, is at the Strathcona Hotel. J. B. McDonald is a new arrival at the Strathcona Hotel from Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Arkell and Mrs. K. C. Arkell, of Cymric, are guests at the Strathcona Hotel. H. Calcutt and L. Q. Coleman, of Morley, Alta., are staying at the Strathcona Hotel. Mrs. C. I. Crow, of Salt Lake City, registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday. Miss L. Swift and P. Swift, of Seattle, and W. Wistley, of Mohrville, S. D., arrived at the Strathcona yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McClelland, of Kerrisdale, B. C., are stopping at the Strathcona Hotel. A. L. McNaughton, of Kamloops, is at the Strathcona Hotel. T. Laurin is a Vancouver arrival at the Strathcona Hotel. E. G. McComb and family, of Portage

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For Friday's selling in the Coat Section you will find a special group of smart Winter Coats developed from a splendid range of fancy tweed and plaid coatings of various colors. Most of the models are belted and feature convertible collars. Special value at ..... \$15.00

## Penman's Cashmere Hose Special at 50c Pair

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## Brassieres At 60c, 75c and 90c

Popular styles in Brassieres at most popular prices will be a feature of to-morrow's selling in the Corset Section. Lace and embroidery trimmed styles, in all sizes, at 60c, 75c and ..... 90c

## Warm Wool Sweater Coats Special at \$8.75

Here's good news from the Sweater Section. Warm, comfortable Wool Sweater Coats of various colors and styles are specially priced at \$8.75. Just the Coats for these snappy winter days—and remarkable value at.... \$8.75

## SHETLAND WOOL SPENCERS—SPECIAL AT \$1.90

la-France, are visiting Victoria, and are stopping at the Dominion Hotel. W. R. Hill is down from Dawson and is stopping at the Dominion Hotel. C. E. G. McInnes, of Nelson, is at the Dominion. D. Mulligan, Mrs. Mulligan, J. Patton and Mrs. Patton, of Nohloford, Ont., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel. John Spicer and family, of Saskatoon, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel. P. Ferris and family, of Portage la Prairie, are at the Dominion Hotel. J. W. Hartley, of Port Angeles, is at the Dominion. Mrs. and Miss Butters, of Lumby, are guests at the Dominion Hotel. E. Newell and Mrs. Newell, of Hanley, Sask., registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday. G. H. Rowland, of Deloraine, and J. McGarvie, of Calgary, are at the Dominion Hotel. Miss Grace Harland, of Red Deer, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel. H. D. Ashcroft, of Wallace, is at the Dominion Hotel. P. M. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, of Kamsack, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel. Rev. C. Swanson and Mrs. Swanson, of Dawson, are new arrivals at the Dominion. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, of Marshall, Wash., are staying at the Dominion Hotel. Jno. Greening and Mrs. Greening, of Red Deer, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

## AMERICAN PROMOTIONS.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Capt. Robert E. Coontz, commandant of the Puget Sound naval station at Bremerton, Wash., heads the list of twelve new rear-admirals recommended by President Wilson. The list of promotions favored by the Selection Board contains the names of 156 navy officers. Fifty-one commanders are recommended for advancement to the grade of captain and 123 lieutenant-commanders to the grade of commander.

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AN "UNCONDITIONAL ALLY."

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"Unconditional and avowed ally." It makes no difference what Germany does or how she does it; she may massacre and enslave Belgians; murder non-combatants...

The impious ravings of the German Emperor give us a further measure of the gap between Germany and peace. They are, of course, the outpourings of a paranoiac...

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As long as Germany maintains a madman at the head of her affairs; as long as she entrusts supreme power to one who imagines he has divine sanction and assistance in every act perpetrated by him in her name...

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shewiki with the German leaders and that Trotsky hopes to have their assistance in his efforts to crush the Ukraine and keep himself and his gang in power.

Russia some day will have a fine reckoning with the individuals who are trying to harness her to the Kaiser's juggernaut car.

AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT.

The Minister of Labor is to be congratulated upon his selection for Deputy Minister. He could not have secured a more competent man for the post than J. D. McNiven anywhere in Canada.

"OIL AND WATER."

"You cannot mix oil and water, and what the future of the province will be it is impossible for any of us to tell at present, but I hope and believe that in time they will do their share in winning the war.

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situation. In these serious times the Union Government should see that its attitude towards grave questions is not announced by the wrong people.

U. S. AVIATION PROGRAMME.

It is no secret that the United States will have more than a million men in France by next spring, that it has a large fleet of patrol craft operating on the trade routes, that it is sending enormous quantities of supplies—food, fuel and munitions—to the Allies...

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THE TARTUFFE AMONG NATIONS.

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HON. J. D. REID ADVISES PROVINCIAL MINISTER TO DEAL DIRECT WITH C.N.P.R.

(Continued from page 1.)

Company to operate its ferry at least twice a week, and make necessary repairs to the ferry slip at Patricia Bay.

The letter is accompanied by a copy of the letter sent by the same Legal Department to the Board on the same subject, which reads as follows: "We do not think there is any business to justify such a service and do not feel that we should be asked to inaugurate it, especially in view of the fact that we are not obtaining sufficient revenue to more than meet the present service of one week."

STEFANSSON AND HIS PARTY REACHED FORT YUKON SAFELY

(Continued from page 1.)

Stefansson and his expedition left Esquimaux Harbor on June 17, 1913, in the steam whaler Karluk. At Nome the expedition was divided into northern and southern parties.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO DAY

Victoria Times, December 26, 1892.

A cable dispatch from London, England, this afternoon contains the following announcement: Rev. William W. Perrin has been appointed Bishop of British Columbia.

There were large congregations at all the churches Sunday (Christmas Day) both morning and evening. The Episcopal church was prettily decorated, and the services were in many cases fully choral.

A presentation was made on Christmas Day to H. C. Watts at St. Mark's Church in recognition of his services as organist.

THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE

Highly impresses British Military Expert Who Recently Paid It a Visit

UNCLE SAM'S ENORMOUS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

During his recent visit to the French front the writer of this article was given the opportunity of seeing the headquarters and outlying camps of the American army now being concentrated in France.

There is no precedent in the world's history for such a gigantic military effort as America is now putting forth for the cause of Civilization and Freedom. Think what it means to transport an army, numbering not thousands but hundreds of thousands, nay, even millions of men, with their attendant guns, horses, transport and impediments, over 2,000 miles of sea infected with enemy submarines.

HOW COMMANDS HAVE CHANGED

With the appearance of General Diaz in the field in the stead of General Cadorna, every chief command throughout the entire theatre of operations has been changed. Germany was the first to make moves in this direction when Moltke was overthrown.

THE GENERAL STAFF.

This being a business war, a war of organization, of big scale plans and of mighty movements, the American Commander-in-Chief has chosen his staff for their organizing power and business capacity.

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to the ports on the north coast of France being appropriated for British Army bases. This prevents congestion at the French harbors, but it lengthens the American line of land communications in France and adds to the magnitude of the transportation problem.

Continuous Movement of Men.

The men who have already arrived in France are principally those belonging to the regular American Army and constitute the advanced guard of the bigger army which is gradually moving across the Atlantic Ocean.

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Styles featuring large collars that can be buttoned right up to the neck and finished with wide belt and pockets. Cap to match. In shades Copenhagen, old rose and white. Priced, according to size:

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- Sizes 7 to 8 years, a set, \$6.50

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## Fancy Tea Aprons That Will Make Dainty New Year Gifts

It may be you overlooked someone in your Christmas rush. Why not send her one of these pretty Aprons?

Tea Aprons of plain lawn, finished with scalloped frill of self. Each, 25c.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Gloves, Main Floor

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Will Be Marked at Clearing-Out Prices

## For a Complete Disposal on Thursday

We have no room to warehouse any of these goods, and they must be cleared before the builders take possession of this portion of the store.

Come along and look the tables over early. At time of going to print, it's impossible to attempt giving prices or details. What there is will be there, and they will be bargains worth while.

—Toyland, First Floor, Douglas



## 75 Boys' Suits Worth to \$13.50 To Clear Thursday at \$5.00

We are going to clean up this little lot of Suits at the ridiculous price of \$5.00 a Suit. They were formerly selling at prices to \$13.50, so you will at once realize that they are bargains well worth an early shopping trip to secure.

These Suits are all better-grade models, made from beautiful grades of all-wool tweeds and worsteds—such as cannot be procured from the looms to-day at any price.

Materials that will wear and give lasting service. Only 75 Suits in the lot, and the sizes are 27, 28, 29 and 30, suitable for ages 9, 10, 11 and 12 years. Shop early and save disappointment. Values formerly selling to \$13.50. Clearing at \$5.00.

—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

## Beautiful Silks for Party Dresses

For the many New Year parties you are to attend you will need a nice new Dress—and of course you will want a silk one. We would suggest for fashionableness and for daintiness you make your new gown of

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This Silk has all the effect of French Crepe de Chine—thousands of women call it by the French name, so close is the resemblance.

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In 28 shades, and a rich quality which cannot be replaced in stock under \$2.50 a yard. 36 ins. wide, and our special price, a yard, \$1.50.

—Silks, Main Floor

## A Few More \$5.00 Sweaters, to Go at \$3.95

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—Selling Main Floor

## You'll Enjoy the Extra Warmth and Sleep Well Under One of These Comforters

With the prices of Blankets soaring still higher, you will prove a nice Comforter economical, and at the same time a good substitute. They are exceedingly warm and cozy, especially for cold, frosty nights. They give your bedroom a smart appearance, too.

You will prove a nice Eiderdown to be much warmer than low-priced blankets, and much lighter, too.

A splendid variety in all grades to choose from—

Cotton Wool Comforters in a dozen different grades, covered in sateens and muslins, all well filled with sanitary cotton. Priced according to grade and size. Each, \$2.25 to \$7.25.

Eiderdown Comforters have no equal for warmth-giving qualities. Your choice from English and Canadian makes. Ventilated, quilted and panelled. Covered only with best grade materials, which are down-proof. Prices easily 50 per cent. below to-day's market values. Your inspection and comparison invited. Prices range \$7.50 to \$32.50.

An extra special quality in full size, 72 x 72 inches; English make, selling at \$10.50.

—Staple Dept., Main Floor

## Blouses Women Will Take a Delight in Wearing



They make Ideal New Year Gifts. All new styles, the very latest, and most dainty, featuring the fashionable Tuxedo and large square collars, and beautifully trimmed with fine laces, shadow lace and embroidered in silks and beads. All made from fine quality Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepes, in shades flesh, maize, rose, biscuit, navy, white and black. Prices range \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.75, \$5.75 and \$6.75.

—Waists, First Floor

## Serviceable Shirts for Boys and Youths Specially Priced

The following makes of Boys' Shirts are reliable, strongly made and finished for hard service. They are specially priced:

Boys' English Oxford Work or Outing Shirts; in blue and black stripes on white ground. Finished with turndown collar attached, or plain collar band for white collar. Band cuffs.

Sizes 11 to 12½. Special at 75c  
 Sizes 12 to 14. Special at 85c

Boys' and Youths' English Union Flannel Shirts; medium weight, in fancy blue, mauve and green stripes. Each shirt finished with turndown attached collar, or with collar band.

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 Sizes 12 to 14. Special at \$1.15

Boys' Print Shirts, in light fancy stripes; coat shape and full cut in body. Starched collar band and soft double cuffs and separate collar to match.

Boys' sizes, 11½ to 14. Special at \$1.00.

Youths' sizes, 12 to 14 neck, cut larger in body. Each \$1.15.

Boys' Print Shirts, in fancy stripes; with collar band and attached starched cuffs.

Youths' sizes, each \$1.00  
 Boys' sizes, each 85c

—Furnishings, Main Floor

## Useful Novelty Bags and Purses

In all the very latest designs and leathers, also of silk. Each Bag is well made and finished and beautifully fitted inside with extra change purse, card wallet or mirror. Prices range \$1.00 to \$17.50.

—Selling, Main Floor

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Our customers tell us that it is delicious—the best they have tasted. It is freshly made every day in our Vancouver store, and is on sale in our Drug Dept. Put up in grease-proof cartons, at 15c and 30c.

—Drugs, Main Floor

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### GOOD COMEDY SEEN

#### AT HOLIDAY SHOW

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If comedy is conducive to conviviality then the current amusement bill at the Pantages Theatre is essentially a Christmas one. More comedy features are crowded into one show than might be found in a dozen others. In fact there is little else. The show opens with a nonsensical offering and you are still laughing when the final curtain is rung down.

Hill and Akerman have rather a novel method of introducing an act that requires comparatively little effort, although the opposite impression is given. All the same, these two entertainers are capable of some good tumbling work and earn all the encouragement that drifts their way. Marie LaVarro is a prettily-gowned blonde with a good voice and stage presence. She has a way of her own in presenting her offering of songs which are original and pleasing.

In a musical oddity, "Too Late," Stewart Jackson and Dorothy Wahl are a welcome surprise. Both are accomplished pianists and singers and they make the most of their talents while on the stage. If any act could be picked out for special praise in an all-round good show, Jackson and Wahl would be contenders all the way. It is a high class act and the manner of its presentation makes it most acceptable. Miss Wahl is a vivacious brunette capable of making a hit in any show. Jackson is good in all he attempts to do and he gets away with a lot of really clever work. Apart from his other accomplishments he is an entertaining dancer. He is always sure of a burst of applause at the conclusion of his eccentric dances.

Plenty of wholesome fun is assured in the presentation of "A Business Proposal," a laughable farce featuring Chauncy Monroe. As a bookkeeper of a concern run on strictly business lines he is considered by his employer to be an effective working part, but in the love-making game he is sadly lacking in initiative and resource, despite his business training. This is an entertaining and very laughable offering.

Burns and Lynn, besides being expert dancers, are good comedians. After the preliminary canter they establish themselves in the good graces of the audience by requesting dance suggestions which are duly executed.

The headliner on the programme is "The Court Room Girls," a tabloid musical comedy with Robert Millikin, Herbert Brooks and Ruth Francis and a bevy of Irish chorus girls in the cast. Robert Millikin is a comedian whose ability is promptly recognized. There is a brightness about the show that makes it particularly attractive.

### LIFE OF KITCHENER VARIETY ATTRACTION

Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener was one of the most wonderful men that ever lived and the story of his life as shown at the Variety Theatre this week is a wonderful story. He appealed to the imagination of the British people because he was a man who did things rather than a man who said things. Action was the routine of his life.

The pietization of the life of one of Britain's greatest men was bound to be a great attraction. His tragic death, caused probably by treachery, astounded the civilized world at the time it took place. Seldom has there appeared a story that has so great an appeal to the British as his biography of the greatest fighting man of modern history.

### HALIFAX DISASTER PICTURES TO-MORROW

"Magda," the holiday offering at the Royal Victoria, is a photoplay that is hard to beat. Clara Kimball Young stars in this picture and she is always a screen favorite. The theme is compelling and the film is one of the big attractions of the week.

"Magda" received its English premier back in 1895, in the famous Daly's Theatre, in London, with no less a star than the divine Sarah herself in the title role. London went mad over the play and Bernhard for many years



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regarded it as one of her most successful impersonations. Later Eleonora Duse, the great Italian tragedienne, played "Magda" in Italian, Daly's again being chosen for the initial production. Her success in the translation was followed later by an equal triumph when she rendered the play in its English version. As long as she remained on the stage, Duse held fast to "Magda" as one of her favorite characters and in consequence it has been indissolubly associated with her name.

### I. O. D. E. ACTIVITIES

Chapters on Island and Mainland Make Generous Contributions to Christmas Festivities to Soldiers.

The Daughters of the Empire have been active in assisting at the Christmas festivities in the various convalescent hospitals on the Island. At Qualicum, the Bastion and Malaspina Chapters of Vancouver gave a Christmas tree and party, with presents for all the patients. The 82nd Regina Trench Chapter, of Courtenay, the Lady Smith Chapter, and Light Infantry Chapter, of South Wellington, also made handsome contributions to the festivities at Qualicum.

In Victoria, the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Hospitals Commission, which comprises the I. O. D. E. and kindred organizations, entertained the men of Resthaven, Esquimalt and such Qualicum men as were in town. The Messines Ridge Chapter, of Revelstoke, Ganges Chapter, of Salt Spring Island, and the Montserrat Chapter, of New Westminster, have also given generous contributions of cash and kind to these various Island hospitals.

The Vancouver Chapters provided Christmas trees and entertainments at the Fairmont and Shaughnessy Heights hospitals, and under the able co-operation of Mrs. Herbert Drummond, handsome gifts were presented to each patient at Shaughnessy.

Special thanks are due to C. F. Todd who has given the splendid donation of a billiard table to Qualicum, which will provide this diversion particularly needed in this remote hospital during the winter; also to the Victoria Business Girls' Club, whose Christmas gift to the same institution took the form of two especially luxurious easy chairs.

The Pythian Club will hold a masquerade Dance on New Year's Eve. Invitation only. For invitation phone 1920.

City School Board.—In addition to the formality of accepting the resignation of a trustee, in order that the vacancy may be filled by the electors at the poll on January 17, a number of details in connection with next term will be taken into consideration at the special meeting of the City School Board set for Friday afternoon.

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### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

#### DOUBLY INTERESTING

Holy Ground Freed From Grasp of Enemy of Christianity

There were very large congregations at both services at St. John's Church on Christmas Day. The rector, Rev. E. A. P. Chadwick, preached from the text: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace goodwill toward men."

"Our thoughts travel far afield as we celebrate our Christmas services to-day," said the rector, "thinking as we must, of other services that are being held. On the very battle field, on the decks of the ships of the mighty British fleet, Christmas services are being held. Our interest is this year intensified in the Christmas message because for the first time in centuries the sacred site of our Saviour's birth is in Christian hands. Through the gallant efforts of our British forces that holy ground has been freed from the grasp of the greatest enemy of Christianity. We rejoice that British troops are keeping sentry where the shepherds watched, and are keeping Christmas on the very spot where the world's Redeemer was born. The Christmas message to man is one of reconciliation and peace. First of all, reconciliation between man and his God. But also between man and man. Though we are celebrating the fourth Christmas under the war-cloud, yet each of those Christmases was strangely connected with some great even connected with "peace on earth."

Christmas, 1914, was the 100th anniversary of peace between Great Britain and the United States, the Treaty of Ghent being signed on Christmas eve, 1814, continued Mr. Chadwick. It was the Christmas season in 1815, that peace was compacted between France and England, and now after one hundred years of peace they are fighting side by side that a righteous and abiding peace may be established on earth.

Nineteen hundred and sixteen was the hundredth anniversary of the Peace Society. This year is the hundredth anniversary of the peace, which, at the suggestion of John Quincy Adams, President of the United States, has prevailed along the border line between the United States and Canada.

Mr. Chadwick then went on to emphasize the idea that before we could have the peace for which we all yearned, we must carry out the directions of the text and render "Glory to God in the highest" then would come "Peace on earth."

The Church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and holly, and special music was rendered by the choir.

### Social & Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Steed, of Victoria, were in Vancouver over the week-end, staying at Glenora Lodge.

Mr. Justice McPhillips came over from Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitehead have returned to Vancouver after spending the past week in the city as guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McFarland, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. LeRoy Kelley, of Seattle, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Kelley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Minkler, of Toronto Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hamber and Mrs. John Hendry arrived from Vancouver on Monday afternoon's boat to spend the week with friends in this city.

Mrs. E. M. Dove and Mr. H. S. Crotty are spending the Christmas holidays in Portland, Oregon. They expect to return to Victoria at the New Year.

Jack Chadwick, a member of the staff of the Dominion Bank, Vancouver, is spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick and Mrs. Chadwick, at St. John's rectory.

Capt. A. E. Craddock, paymaster of "J" unit of the Military Hospitals Command at Esquimalt, was in Vancouver during the week-end superintending the special Christmas pay of the Vancouver men of that unit.

A presentation of a smoker's equipment was made to Municipal Clerk Cowper by the staff at the Saanich Municipal Hall on Monday. The Assessor, R. F. F. Sewell, made the presentation on behalf of the 13 subscribers.

Mrs. McKenzie, of Langford Avenue, with ticket No. 801, won the doll raffle by the Victoria Chapter 17, Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Goucher, of Pilsen's, with ticket No. 757, won the Pomeranian pup donated to the chapter by Miss Tricker.

A wedding of much interest to prairie residents took place in Victoria yesterday, when the contracting parties were John William Stanton, of Mahon, Alberta, Government grain-buyer for that district, and Sylvia Bessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kepner, of Mantou, Alta. The marriage was performed by Rev. J. Gibson Inkster at 943 Queen's Avenue, the temporary home of the bride's parents, who are spending the winter months here. The bride was handsomely gowned in

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Ivory satin and carried a bouquet of pink chrysanthemums. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served to about a dozen guests, including Mr. and Mrs. James Henry, of Mantou, who are residing at Hollywood Crescent for the winter months. After a short honeymoon tour through the Island, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton will leave for their future home at Mantou, Alta.

Miss Marjorie Hirst, who has been teaching at Salt Spring Island, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hirst.

Arrivals at the Empress Hotel for the holiday included Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamber, with Mrs. John Hendry, and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peters, of Vancouver.

For the Christmas dinner at the Empress Hotel there was a large attendance yesterday evening, many Victorians joining the guests in the hotel for the function. The building was attractively decorated.

This morning at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian parsonage, Rev. Dr. Clay celebrated the marriage of William Henry Thayer and Alice Mabel Serrescott, both of Seattle. The newly-married couple will leave on this afternoon's boat on their return to the Sound city.

The Ladies' Musical Club will hold the next of their series of informal "matinee musicales" at the Empress Hotel on Saturday afternoon next, December 29, at 2.30. A short programme of music will be given, and tea will be served. A cordial invitation has been issued to active, associate and student members of the club, and the hope is expressed that all who attend, will bring their knitting.

What promises to be one of the most enjoyable social functions of the festive season will take place at the Empress Hotel to-morrow night, December 27, when the Hollywood and Fairfield Red Cross branches will hold their dance in aid of Halifax relief. An excellent programme of up-to-date dance music will be rendered by Vinal's orchestra, and the energetic ladies of the various committees have worked unceasingly to ensure a maximum of comfort and enjoyment to all who attend.

The Misses Gladys and Nina Foulkes, Beatrice and Constance Heyland, Agnes Marjorie and Dorothy Robertson, Mona Rickaby, Lillian Holden and Kathleen Hudson, all members of the "1918 Gaieties" went out to the Royal Jubilee hospital yesterday afternoon and gave a splendid programme of songs and dances for the benefit of the soldier patients at that institution.

Mrs. J. E. Davis and Mrs. Heyland accompanied the girls, who were warmly received by the convalescents, and re-

ceived commendation for the generous spirit which prompted them to leave their own family circles to bring Christmas cheer to the returned veterans.

Yesterday the marriage was solemnized by Rev. Dr. Clay, of James Duncan, a well-known store-keeper of Duncan, and Miss Kate Mary Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Savage, 250 Work Street. The ceremony was held at the residence of the bride's parents in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends. The bride, who wore her travelling suit, was attended by her sister, Miss Daisy Savage, and William Evans acted as best man. After a wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Duncan left on the afternoon boat on a brief honeymoon tour to the Sound cities. On their return they will take up their residence at Duncan.

All arrangements are completed for the Christmas Tree and entertainment to be given by the Great War Next-of-Kin Association in the Hippodrome Hall, View Street, to-morrow afternoon. Santa Claus is expected to arrive from the north at 3.30, and it is hoped that every child will be present before that hour in order to greet him. Through the kindness of Hawkins and Hayward, the huge tree will be decorated with colored electric lights, and hung with at least five hundred gifts for the children of soldiers and sailors. Invitation has also been sent to those children whose mothers have died during the father's absence in France and to widows of soldiers who have fallen. Members and guests must present their membership or invitation cards to the Sergeant-at-Arms at the door.

The young lady had been educated at college and was giving an order to the grocer.

"I require some cheese," she said. "Yes, miss," replied the grocer, smiling amiably. "I have some lovely cheese," said the girl, severely. "Lovely" should only be used to qualify something that is alive.

The grocer's smile broadened as he glanced at the Gorgonzola. "Well, then, miss," he said, "it'll stick to 'lovely'."



## Year-End Sale Of Women's Coats

Here is an opportunity for you to reap a wonderful saving on a thoroughly desirable Winter Coat. Actually, these are our first items re-marked for January selling. By shopping at this Year-End Sale you have all the advantages of big assortment, prompt, considerate service and unrivalled values. Ask specially to see the following groups of Coats:

- 25 Coats** Good quality tweeds and waves-of-the-sea cloth, designed in a variety of full back and belted effects. Large collars, fancy cuffs and pockets are points you will admire. Regular to \$29.50. Year-End Sale **\$14.75**
- 25 Coats** Tweeds, chinchillas and waves-of-the-sea cloth. All new, effective styles, and made of heavy, serviceable quality material. Regular to \$22.50. Year-End Sale **\$18.75**
- 14 Coats** A small group of the best Tweed Coats our stock affords. They are stylish, well-finished and are trimmed in many instances with soft, lustrous plush. Regular to \$29.50. Year-End Sale **\$22.75**
- 24 Coats** Handsome Velour Coats in such desirable shades as navy, green, nigger brown, Burgundy and purple. They display some extremely smart belt effects and the collars are prettily trimmed with plush. Regular \$30.00 to \$42.50. Year-End Sale **\$24.50**
- 20 Coats** Pick of our exclusive stock. They are belted, have wide Velour and Broadcloth Coats that are undoubtedly the pick of our exclusive stock. They are belted, have wide collars trimmed with fur fabric and are exquisitely finished in every detail. Regular to \$49.50. Price **\$32.75**

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### LIEUT. FARQUHARSON ALIVE IN GERMANY

T. J. Farquharson Receives Word From Son Reported Missing on Oct. 20

Much joy was occasioned in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Farquharson, 1081 St. Patrick Street, this morning by the receipt of a postcard from their son, Lieut. F. F. Farquharson, of the Royal Flying Corps, who has been reported missing since October 20.

Lieut. Farquharson, who is only twenty-two years of age, went from Victoria more than two years ago with No. 5 Base Hospital. After eighteen months' service with that unit in Salonica he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, receiving his training in Egypt. It was while flying in Belgium that he was reported missing, and for the past two months no news had been received of him and his parents had begun to fear the worst. His message, which is perforce very brief, contains the reassuring news that he is wounded and a prisoner in Germany and receiving good treatment in a hospital there.

### CHRISTMAS TRADE WAS EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE

Practical and Sensible Articles of Quality Purchased by Shoppers

For many years Christmas has not experienced such a Christmas trade as that which has just closed. Such was the consensus of opinion expressed at a large number of the retail establishments of the city this morning. Managers generally appeared in a cheerful and optimistic frame of mind over the results of a season in which many had looked forward with a doubtful feeling of anticipation. Any fears which they might have entertained regarding the volume of business were put to rest as the week prior to December 25 was reached.

It was noticeable from practically every quarter of the business community that satisfaction held a predominant place in the minds of the retailer. "Satisfaction," as one manager termed it, "is never fully attained, for no condition is such that business could not be better. Still we feel more gratified over the season's trade than for many a year. Business has been immeasurably better than that of last season, and it is due we feel to a different attitude on the part of the people. They have bought in a more intelligent manner than perhaps ever before. Quality and practicality have been the attributes of articles they sought."

It paid to open.

A large number of retailers closed on Saturday afternoon and evening, while others remained open for business. Expressions from several of those latter this morning elicited the information that despite their reluctance to violate the law, they felt that the action was demanded. During the prohibited hours people availed themselves of the opportunity for shopping to an almost unprecedented degree, and numerous expressions of appreciation were received from persons whose shopping was facilitated by reason of the action of these firms. The management of one house announced that on Saturday many customers from up-Island points remarked that it was the first occasion on which they had made extensive purchases in Victoria since the Saturday Half-holiday Act was placed upon the statute books. Their week-end visits to the city had been made only to find the business community closed.

There were many other stores which closed promptly at 1 o'clock on Saturday. One manager stated this morning that he felt obliged to abide by the law. By conforming with the regulations the firm has sacrificed what would undoubtedly have been a banner day. "It worked a decided hardship upon us," he said, "and I believe that every firm that did not open suffered. We can only hope that before another Christmas arrives the law will have been so altered as to at least provide for the special season."

### ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Bishop Macdonald Celebrated High Mass on Christmas Eve; Solos by W. Anthony Williams.

On Christmas Eve Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at midnight by Right Rev. Bishop Macdonald, assisted by Rev. Father Vulliamis and Rev. Father McDonald. Mr. Allan was Master of Ceremonies. His Lordship preached a special sermon for the occasion, before a congregation which taxed the seating accommodation of the Cathedral.

The choir rendered a special programme of Christmas music, including Weber's Mass, in which Mrs. Sell sang the soprano solos with much sweetness, and Mrs. C. E. Wilson gave a fine vocal reading of the contralto parts. The two tenor solos were rendered by W. Anthony Williams, who gave so much pleasure by the singing in "Stabat Mater," recently given in the Cathedral. Mr. Williams also sang Adolph Adams' "Noel" during the offertory, and his exquisite voice showed wonderful range and sweetness, added to an artistic sense of the religious theme of these beautiful solos. The choral music was much enhanced by the sympathetic organ accompaniment played by Benedict Bantly.

### LOVE ON THE SQUARE.

One man in love always found  
To question them I dare  
"Tis Love that makes the world go round,  
When Love is on the square."

For man and maid the plan is sound  
To brood on this with care:  
"Tis Love that makes the world go round,  
When Love is on the square."

Some poets who are most renowned,  
Of this were not aware:  
"Tis Love that makes the world go round,  
When Love is on the square."

On such distinction stony have frowned,  
To question them I dare  
"Tis Love that makes the world go round,  
When Love is on the square."  
—J. A. in Brooklyn Eagle.

### NOTICE OF TENDERS

The Imperial Munitions Board, Wooden Shipbuilding Department, beg to give notice that they are calling for tenders to be closed by Saturday, January 12, 1918, for the following:

Steam Pipe and Fittings for Engine Room and Stolehold.  
Manila Rope, Blocks, Tackle, etc., for Rigging.  
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Tender Forms and Specifications may be had on application at the Board's Office:  
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Yorkshire Building, Vancouver, B. C.  
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.  
Dated at Victoria, B. C., December 22, 1917.

### PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

### RE MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST FOR THE YEAR 1918

The attention of those interested is hereby drawn to Section 2 of the Municipal Elections Act, Amendment Act, 1915, which provides that no application to the Police Magistrate, or a Judge, for an order to add to the Voters' List the name of any person, alleged to have been improperly omitted therefrom, shall be made, or order made, after the 31st day of December, 1917.

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### LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

#### Notice of Application for Private Bill

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

- I.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES
 

Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time of all or any portion of any treasury certificates or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation, for a further term or terms not exceeding five years from the original date or dates of maturity of such treasury certificates or treasury bills, and notwithstanding that any such treasury certificates or treasury bills have been or may be issued subsequent to the first day of February, 1917.
- II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES
 

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

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

(3) Power to require the Corporation to execute, at any time prior to September 30, 1918, an agreement with the owner of any land in respect of which such rates or taxes are in arrears, whereby such owner shall be allowed a period of one year in which to pay such rates or taxes payable in respect of such land for the year 1918.

(4) Power to require the Corporation to execute, at any time prior to September 30, 1918, an agreement with the owner of all such rates and taxes payable in respect of such land.

(5) Payment by the owner of the arrears of taxes and interest included in the date of the agreement, together with interest on such arrears at 3 per cent per annum, payable on the 30th September in each year.

(6) Provisions for partial payments of principal for the purpose of default, for reinstatement of agreement if default cured before actual sale; for vesting title in the Corporation in case of default; for abrogating the provisions of the "War Relief Act" where such agreement is executed; for the making of agreements by the members of the Council or local improvement tax relief; for power to borrow on the security of such agreements, relating to Section 4C of the Land Registry Act, and such other provisions and conditions as may be requisite.
- III.—RE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES IN RESPECT OF STREET EXPROPRIATION OR WIDENING BY LAWS
 

(1) Power to the Corporation either (a) by its Municipal Council, or (b) by a commission of three persons to be appointed by the Council (which may consist of members of the Council or of persons not members thereof) to inquire into and report to the Council, or to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, on the whole question of local improvement taxation in connection with street widening or expropriation projects, relating to such streets or works as shall from time to time be determined by the Council.

(2) The persons or commissions conducting such investigation to report the result thereof from time to time to the Council, with such recommendations or suggestions as they may see fit concerning suggested relief, readjustment or reduction of such taxes, or otherwise.

(3) Power to the Council, in its discretion, to give effect from time to time to any such recommendations, suggestions or reports, by by-law or by-laws, with or without any amendments, additions or deletions thereof, or omissions therefrom, as the Council may determine.

(4) Provision that no such by-law shall take effect without having first been approved by a majority of the whole Council and by a vote of a majority of the voters voting thereon as in the case of a money by-law.

(5) Provision to be made giving the power

#### THE WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1917.

Department of the Secretary of State of Canada.

The War Charities Act, 1917, defines "war charities" as follows: Any fund, institution or association, other than a church, or the Salvation Army, whether established before or after the commencement of this Act, having for its objects or among its objects the relief of suffering or distress, or the supplying of needs or comforts to sufferers from the war, or to soldiers, dependents, or any other charitable purpose connected with the present European war. Any question whether a charity is a war charity shall be finally determined by the Minister.

The Act also provides that any person who shall be guilty of making any appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money or in kind for any such war charity, as herebefore defined, or to raise or to attempt to raise money for any such war charity by promoting anyazaar, sale, entertainment or exhibition, or by any similar means, unless—

- (a) the war charity is either exempted from registration or is registered under this Act; and
- (b) the approval in writing of the executive committee or other governing body of the war charity has been obtained, either directly or through some person or persons, and such approval on behalf of such governing body; and if any person contravenes any of the provisions of this section he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

This section shall not apply to any collection at Divine Services in a place of public worship.

The Act was assented to on the 29th of September, 1917, and the above section so far as it relates to registration is applicable to War Charities on the 29th of December, 1917. After that date, collections made otherwise than on behalf of a registered War Charity by subscriptions, donations, bazaars, sales, entertainments, exhibitions or similar means of collecting money are illegal.

Information respecting registration may be obtained from the undersigned.

THOMAS MULVEY,  
Under-Secretary of State,  
Ottawa, December 3, 1917.

#### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate an Association known as "THE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA," with power to promote and increase the knowledge, skill and proficiency of its members in all things relating to the Architectural, Engineering, Surveying and Technical professions, and to that end to establish and conduct examinations and prescribe such tests of competency and moral character as may be thought expedient; and to grant certificates of membership to those approved of; and to purchase or otherwise acquire and hold real and personal property for the purposes of the Institute, and to dispose thereof and reinvest the proceeds in such manner as may seem fit; and to fix entrance fees and annual fees or subscriptions to be paid by the members and to vary the same from time to time; and to provide for the management of its affairs by council, to be constituted in such manner as may be provided for by By-law, and to have its head office and hold its annual meetings within British Columbia, and to have, enjoy and exercise all powers, rights and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the foregoing purposes.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 18th day of December, 1917.

BLAIR HAY & ACCPOOLE,  
Solicitors for the Applicant.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Albert Smith, Deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned not later than the 10th day of January, 1918.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1917.  
WOOTTON & HANKEY,  
Solicitors for the Administrator,  
Bank of Montreal Chambers.

### ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Bishop Macdonald Celebrated High Mass on Christmas Eve; Solos by W. Anthony Williams.

On Christmas Eve Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at midnight by Right Rev. Bishop Macdonald, assisted by Rev. Father Vulliamis and Rev. Father McDonald. Mr. Allan was Master of Ceremonies. His Lordship preached a special sermon for the occasion, before a congregation which taxed the seating accommodation of the Cathedral.

The choir rendered a special programme of Christmas music, including Weber's Mass, in which Mrs. Sell sang the soprano solos with much sweetness, and Mrs. C. E. Wilson gave a fine vocal reading of the contralto parts. The two tenor solos were rendered by W. Anthony Williams, who gave so much pleasure by the singing in "Stabat Mater," recently given in the Cathedral. Mr. Williams also sang Adolph Adams' "Noel" during the offertory, and his exquisite voice showed wonderful range and sweetness, added to an artistic sense of the religious theme of these beautiful solos. The choral music was much enhanced by the sympathetic organ accompaniment played by Benedict Bantly.

### LOVE ON THE SQUARE.

One man in love always found  
To question them I dare  
"Tis Love that makes the world go round,  
When Love is on the square."

For man and maid the plan is sound  
To brood on this with care:  
"Tis Love that makes the world go round,  
When Love is on the square."

Some poets who are most renowned,  
Of this were not aware:  
"Tis Love that makes the world go round,  
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On such distinction stony have frowned,  
To question them I dare  
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—J. A. in Brooklyn Eagle.

### NOTICE OF TENDERS

The Imperial Munitions Board, Wooden Shipbuilding Department, beg to give notice that they are calling for tenders to be closed by Saturday, January 12, 1918, for the following:

Steam Pipe and Fittings for Engine Room and Stolehold.  
Manila Rope, Blocks, Tackle, etc., for Rigging.  
Ship's Hardware for Joiner Work.  
New and second-hand Machine Tools and Sundry Equipment for Assembly Plant.  
Tender Forms and Specifications may be had on application at the Board's Office:  
Belmont Building, Victoria, B. C.  
Yorkshire Building, Vancouver, B. C.  
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.  
Dated at Victoria, B. C., December 22, 1917.

### PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

### RE MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST FOR THE YEAR 1918

The attention of those interested is hereby drawn to Section 2 of the Municipal Elections Act, Amendment Act, 1915, which provides that no application to the Police Magistrate, or a Judge, for an order to add to the Voters' List the name of any person, alleged to have been improperly omitted therefrom, shall be made, or order made, after the 31st day of December, 1917.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, City Clerk.  
City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., December 21, 1917.

### FIRST CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMANIC CONTEST

May Bring Out Declarations From Others Holding Back; Police Commissionerships

The first candidate to offer himself for election at the municipal poll on January 17 is announced to-day in the person of John Harvey, of St. Andrew's street. Mr. Harvey made a good run last January, although then not sufficiently known to the mass of the electorate, and on this occasion he should increase his voting strength at the aldermanic poll.

Mr. Harvey spent several years in Saskatchewan, and held a number of positions of public trust, coming to Victoria about ten years ago. His standing financially places him in a position of independence in all matters before the Council, and he renews the view he stated on the platform last January that "he is a stout champion of all which is best in the interest of the wage-earner."

Ex-Alderman R. J. Porter, whose name has been coupled with the nomination for alderman; stated to The Times some days ago that he had agreed to run if it was necessary to find two citizens to fill the places of the late Alderman Diiworth and Alderman Christie. The latter has announced in Council his intention not to offer himself for re-election. If there is a contest he may yet be in the field, but is not ready to make an announcement. It is understood that all the other aldermen who retire will again seek the suffrages of the electors.

Premature Announcement.

In spite of a message wired from Victoria some days ago, which appears in all the provincial papers that Mayor Todd will be a candidate, there is no authority yet for that statement. His Worship, stating that announcement of his plans has not been authorized, and will not be for some days.

The contest for the School Board will bring out some new talent. It is

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## LESTER PATRICK TO PILOT SEATTLE TEAM

Pete Muldoon Now in Charge of Portland Puckchaser's of P. C. H. A.

## FOWLER WILL GUARD METROPOLITAN NETS

Seattle, Dec. 25.—Lester Patrick, who with his brother Frank has for years been considered one of the world's best hockey players, will pilot the Seattle hockey seven this season and will play a wing position on the team.

Pete Muldoon, who has managed the Mets since the game was introduced here three years ago, will take charge of the Portland Rosebuds. Last night Muldoon received the wire from the Portland club clinching the deal and the Seattle boss left immediately for the Oregon city.

While the transfer of Muldoon to Portland was unexpected, the shortage of hockey players made a switch in the teams necessary. Lester Patrick is too good a manager to play under anyone, and it was believed that he would either handle the Mets or the Portland team.

Another hockey development of yesterday was that "Happy" Holmes, the Seattle goaltender, has decided to stay in the east. As a result Fowler, who guarded the nets for Spokane last season, will be on the job for the Mets. He is expected here in a couple of days.

## WELSH WILL TRY ANOTHER TRY AT THE LIGHTWEIGHT

Freddie Welsh is to get his return match with Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship of the world, John E. Doherty, of Providence, R.I., allowed it to become known that he had practically clinched the match for his club for the second week in January.

The bout is to go twelve round to a referee's decision. Freddie is preparing himself for the match at his health farm at Long Hill, Summit, N.J., and is confident that he will make ring history by regaining his title when he meets Leonard.

"I have already won the lightweight championship twice," said Welsh, "and I ought to be able to do it again. You know I was beaten for the title by one Hugh McEgan when I held the championship of England, but I regained the title. Stanley Ketchel regained his laurels from the man who took them from him by a knockout.

"I've lived a clean and sober life and I ought to have enough in me to enable me to get back into championship form. At any rate, I'll make a great stab at it. I think I am at least the best man in the world next to Leonard, and I ought to be the logical one to beat him. We'll see, however, we'll see."

## JOINS THE MARINES.

Baseball prospects at the University of California, glooms enough already, were made still more unpromising when Carrol Smith for two years third baseman on the California varsity nine, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

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## WILL MANAGE SEATTLE METROPOLITANS



LESTER PATRICK Of this city, who will captain the Seattle puck-chasers in the coming season of the P. C. H. A. Patrick led the Spokane "Canaries" last year.

## ATHLETICS IN UNGLE-SAM'S GROWING ARMY

Life and Spirit of the Camp Made Attractive by Weekly Contests of Sport

New York, Dec. 25.—The thirty-eighth division is wild about athletics.

"That's the way Mel. W. Sheppard, famous as a distance runner in the days before he went over to Uncle Sam's forces, feels about it, and he stated it enthusiastically when asked the extent of athletics in Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss. Sheppard is divisional athletic director for Camp Shelby, and is spreading his bit by serving on three committees.

Football, basketball, boxing, field and track competition—they all have their part in the scheme of making the famous "national guardsmen of West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky fit for the long hike to Berlin.

"Why we had 10,000 spectators at one football game," Sheppard enthused. "We sent our team against the Richmond Blues, of Richmond, Va., a short time ago, and it was one of the best football games I ever saw. The score was a tie, 6 to 6.

"We played Mississippi college and it was a slaughter. Our boys simply licked them to death, winning 45 to 0. The football team has been the centre of attraction.

"We're going to have lots of fun

## GOES TO PORTLAND



PETE MULDOON Late of the Seattle ice hockey team has given up his position as manager of the Metropolitan's, and will take charge of the Portland Club in the coming hockey race.

## RED CROSS SOCCER DREW LARGE CROWD

Victoria Defeated Army and Navy by Small Margin of 1-0 at Beacon Hill

## COLLECTION OF \$34.55 TAKEN ON THE FIELD

The Teams. Civilians—Jelliman; Copas, Whyte; Hay, Ferris, Allen; Cummins, McGregor, Peden, Daniels, Caskie. Army and Navy—Jasper; Bramley; Henstock; Duncan; Pitts; Davis; Miller; Tipper, Townsend, White, Cosier. Civilians, 1; Army and Navy, 0.

Victoria soccer fandom was in the true Christmas spirit yesterday and turned out in larger numbers to witness the Red Cross match played between the Army and Navy and Victoria (civilians). Hard frozen grounds that crunched beneath the tread of many feet; a tolerably clear horizon and the stimulant of sharp frosty air gave the necessary pep to the players who played soccer for the local Red Cross Society.

It will be seen from the line-ups given above that the teams as they played yesterday were not identical with those as announced by their captains. Unforeseen circumstances evidently deterred several of the players from attending and when the game commenced each team was playing several men short.

out of athletics here, and perhaps after we get over there. "The executive council endorsed a cross-country run for Thanksgiving day, and you should have seen the competition. A divisional field meet is held every Wednesday. Regiments hold championships every Sunday.

"We have organized a divisional athletic council, whose purpose shall be to promote recreative athletics." Camp Shelby has something of a sports staff, too, to chronicle its athletics. Stewart Jackson, well-known sports writer, is encompassed there as a lieutenant in the Indiana infantry.

## FIGHTERS MOVING TO MANY OHIO CITIES

Game is Prospering is Report That Comes From Big Eastern Centres

Cincinnati, Dec. 25.—Ohio, the Buckeye state, is now the leading boxing centre of the United States. In other words, it is the haven of refuge for boxing persons and their relatives.

Right now boxing is all the rage in the state which borders on Lake Erie. There are more than half a dozen of the largest cities where professional boxing bouts are being held at regular intervals, and in most cases the bouts are over a distance from twelve-round no-decision affairs to twenty-round decision contests.

The following is a list of places where bouts are now being held and the number of rounds: Columbia—Twelve rounds; no decision. This may be increased to fifteen rounds to a decision for the Ted Lewis-Bryan Downey battle.

Dayton—Twenty rounds to a decision. This is the place where Ted (Kid) Lewis won the welterweight championship from Jack Britton.

Springfield—Twenty rounds to a decision.

Cincinnati—Fifteen rounds to a decision.

Canton—Twenty rounds to a decision.

Cleveland—Ten rounds, no decision. According to William F. McKinnin, matchmaker of the Queensburg Athletic Club of Columbia, the game is very much on the uplift in his home state.

"In Ohio, while there is no boxing law, there is nothing on the statutes which makes it a misdemeanor to hold bouts," says McKinnin. "In most cities it is up to the mayor and chief of police to regulate the boxing. In Columbus there is a boxing commission which regulates the game and keeps it clean, and for this service 5 per cent. is deducted to conduct its affairs."

A little methylated spirit "used to moisten" the polish-paste intended for brass and copper goods will keep them from tarnishing for quite a long time.

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Another well-known Rugby "Blue" has fallen in Lieut. M. L. Atkinson, who played at back for Cambridge against Oxford in 1908 and 1909. He was in the 15 and 14 at Fettes in 1905-06-07 and won the hurdles at the 1907 sports. Bobbie Atherton, the famous Scottish soccer international player, has been drowned at sea while serving on a merchant vessel. He was with the Hibernians when they won the Scottish cup in 1902 and later joined Middleborough, with whom he made a great name for himself in the forward line. Captain H. B. Logan, the famous earman, boxer and all round athlete, has been wounded.

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**The WEATHER**  
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 25.—5 a. m.—An ocean storm area is centred off the Columbia River. It is causing easterly to southerly gales on the Coast from Vancouver Island to California and these may extend to the Straits and Sound. The temperatures remain below in Cariboo and range from 20 to 30 below in the prairie provinces.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 31; wind, 16 miles N.; rain, .33; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.75; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, .14; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.64; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 12; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.6; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 16 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.2; temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Tatoush—Barometer, 30.6; temperature, minimum yesterday, 29; wind, 3 miles E.; rain, .12; weather, rain.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.4; temperature, minimum yesterday, 34; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, .56; weather, rain.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.75; temperature, minimum yesterday, 31; wind, 6 miles N.; rain, .35; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.4; temperature, minimum yesterday, 52; wind, 14 miles S.; rain, .64; weather, cloudy.

Penttonen—Barometer, 30.3; temperature, minimum yesterday, 29; wind, 3 miles E.; rain, .12; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.2; temperature, minimum yesterday, 29; wind, 3 miles E.; rain, .12; weather, rain.

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Boxing Day—Dance at Alexandra ballroom, Wednesday evening, 8.30 o'clock, December 26. Numbers drawn for Christmas parcels. Good fun. Something new. Ladies, 25c; gent., 50c. Ozard's Orchestra. Dance given by Mrs. J. J. Boyd.

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### EMPLOYERS TO MEET CLERKS TO-MORROW

Conference at Board of Trade to Further Consider Weekly Half-Holiday

The first meeting of representatives of employers and employees arranged to take place by the Board of Trade to further go into the matter of the suggested amendments to the weekly half-holiday, is to take place Thursday morning at 10, at the rooms of the Board, when James Forman, president, will be in the chair.

The employers will be represented by S. Drake (hardware), Lawrence Goodacre (meats), H. O. Kirkham (groceries), J. D. O'Connell (gent's furnishings), and J. W. Spencer (departmental stores and ladies' outfittings). The representatives of the employees will be James Talbot, J. F. Scott, and E. S. Woodward, respectively president, vice-president and hon. sec. of the Retail Clerks' Association, with Thos. Elder and H. G. Reed.

No better exemplification that amendments to the Half-Holiday Act are necessary, says a member of the Board of Trade, is to be found than in the fact that on Saturday last, when under the terms of the Act, all stores should have closed at 1 p. m., many of them kept open, an arrangement, he states, which was mutually come to between employers and employees, another result of which was that, to-day, these stores are closed.

It was in view of such occasions as this, says the Board of Trade member, that the Board's resolution that representatives of employers and employees should be brought together for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not an agreement can be arrived at, on terms mutually satisfactory, and so avoid a repetition of the experiences of last Saturday, was initiated.

### FOR SAILORS' FAMILIES

Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., Will Entertain Wives and Children of Naval Men.

The monthly meeting of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., took place on Friday last, with the Regent, Mrs. David Doig, presiding. Mrs. W. Stangland was elected a member of the order and Mrs. MacEachern was enrolled and welcomed.

On behalf of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission, Mrs. Doig presented Mrs. Moore with a card of honor for knitting one hundred pairs of socks for Canadian soldiers.

The correspondence included a letter from Captain Rose, R.N., Halifax, thanking the chapter for comforts forwarded to sailors on the Atlantic patrol. Mrs. Rickaby reported that 14 scarves and 2 sweaters and 15 pairs of socks had been turned in by the chapter for the month.

Permission was given Mrs. M. J. Appleby to hold a children's fancy dress ball in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel on the evening of January 4, under the auspices of the chapter.

The chapter will entertain the wives and children of the petty officers and men of H.M.C.S. at a New-Year's party January 12, to be held in the Sailors' Club, Esquimalt. The wives and children of the men overseas will receive a special invitation. Mrs. S. Travis was appointed convener to make the necessary arrangements for the party.

### HALIFAX RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$6,230.67
Employees Begg Motor Co.	66.00
Per Colonist	49.75
Per Times	95.63
Total	\$6,426.05

### WARD TWO LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the above association will be held in the Arcade Building, Thursday, 27th, at 8 o'clock. Business: Election of officers.

### MAJOR WALTER BAPTY ON WAY TO THE CITY

Twice Wounded and Gassed Victoria Officer With Party of Returned Soldiers

Major Walter Bapty, M. D., and Lieut. Bevin, of Victoria, are in charge of a large party of returned soldiers which arrived at Vancouver on a special train this afternoon. In addition to those two officers the following N. C. O.'s and men belonging to Victoria are with the party:

A. H. Nunn, 645 Niagara Street; W. Brown, Wiles Company, 709 Fourth Street; C. J. V. Cunningham, 1175 Yates Street; A. Hartmann, 551 Johnson Street; W. O. Morgan, 227 Fifth Street; G. Powers, 266 Heywood Avenue; W. Sherrett, 54 Hillside Avenue; Q. Weelster, 47 Regina Avenue; Maywood P. O.; J. Williamson, 197 Johnson Street; L. E. Jones, 220 Caledonia Street.

Twice Wounded, Once Gassed. Major Bapty, who had been twice wounded and once gassed, sustained further injuries through the latter cause on November 1, through which he was sent to hospital at Rouen. When the war broke out he was acting-secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, having previously occupied the position of quarantine officer at William Head. He has been at the front for over two-and-a-half years. His first wound was received on March 20, 1916, while in command of



MAJOR WALTER BAPTY, M. D.

"C" Squadron of the 2nd C. M. P's. Afterwards he spent a considerable time in England recovering from his very serious injuries, and the use of his lower limbs. Mrs. Bapty, who had travelled from Victoria, being then with him.

Could Not Rest Idle. Before fully regaining his health he induced the Medical Board to send him back to France as he "could not rest idle in England while there was so much to do at the front." Returning to France, he was wounded again on June 12, 1917, but not seriously, while attending wounded behind the front line, having been transferred to the 12th Canadian Field Hospital. While the fighting was at its height at Vimy Ridge he worked for a continuous spell of 48 hours without cessation at a dressing station.

A Large Party. The party of returned soldiers with which Major Bapty is travelling includes the following B. C. men:

For Vancouver. W. H. Allan, A. Bates, A. J. Bell, Collingwood East, B. Vancouver; G. A. Barrowclough, stopover Winnipeg 2 days, W. F. Bowes, E. Collingridge, W. Cruickshank, J. M. Curtis, North Vancouver; S. C. Davies, H. E. Dickson, Collingwood East, S. Vancouver; H. A. Fairhead, Hollyburn P. O. West Vancouver; J. R. Falconer, Eburne P. O.; W. Friskin, T. Grierson, Herringdale P. O.; S. C. Hanson, H. F. Hand, A. T. Holmes, R. F. Hunt, N. Isbely, J. Johnson, S. Vancouver; J. S. Merson, R. Mitchell, W. L. Myatt, McKay P. O.; Burnaby; J. S. McKegan, D. McLean, F. E. Prendergast, J. Laderat, B. J. Rose, T. Scott, N. M. Smith, R. J. Smith, Central Park; G. G. Thompson, E. Waite, Edmonds P. O., Burnaby; J. W. A. Wallace, E. Boughton, S. Hill, E. L. Armstrong.

For Other Centres. New Westminster—A. W. Buckett, 237 4th Avenue; C. Oddy, 701 4th Street. Blue River—W. H. Craig. Cranbrook—J. F. Deacon. Golden—W. A. Entwistle, Box 26. Kelowna—A. Purvis. Nelson—J. H. Gibbs, W. Holmes, Box 298. Cloverdale—K. H. Robinson. Telkwa—W. Harbridge. Revelstoke—R. Hornsey, W. R. Watson.

Duncan—H. Hutchinson. Hudeley—N. McEaylor. Armstrong—S. Kaylor. Quesnel—W. Vaughn. Kamloops—W. A. Reddick. Mackinac Landing—H. G. Perdue. C. W. Burke, C. D. Clough, J. Findlay, G. Greig, C. J. Kemble, J. Stewart (alias J. Little), G. McIntosh, G. Pennington, J. Peterson, A. C. Pounder, J. Raymond, R. T. Robertson, W. R. Robinson, W. H. Smith, W. C. Adams, R. Gilbert, J. W. May, L. J. Hunt and L. Vihbard.

Police Ambulance Examinations. The ambulance examinations for the members of the City Police Force will take place to-morrow and Friday afternoons.

### CONVALESCENTS HAVE FESTIVE CHRISTMAS AT ALEXANDRA HOUSE

Guests of Women's Hospital Auxiliary Make Merry at Dinner and Dance

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR SENDS GREETINGS FROM SOUTH

Thomas Atkins is irrefragable! Whether he be the Imperial Tommy who has spent his allotted term of years in the various outposts of the Empire, or whether he be the Canadian boy who left the office, the workshop or the plough when the call of the Motherland came, now four Christmases ago, he is just the same irrefragable Tommy.

Victorians who were present, or who chanced to look in at the scene staged by the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Hospitals' Commission at Alexandra House last night, experienced an inescapable thrill of admiration at the spirit the returned hero possesses. The memory of the trench, the "Jack Johnson," the whizz-bang, the giant howitzer and the hundred and one other diabolical contrivances of war seemed to be relegated to the limbo of forgotten things. "But for the occasional crutches or empty coat-sleeve it was difficult to realize that many of the one hundred and thirty veterans who were having such a good time had perhaps spent last Christmas and previous ones in the trenches.

Greeted by Salvation Army Band. Upon the arrival of the guests, who included convalescents from Resthaven and Esquimalt hospitals, as well as one or two Quailcum patients who were in the city, they were greeted by the Salvation Army band, which, stationed outside the club, played Christmas music while the men were entering the building.

The soldiers were received by representatives of the Women's Auxiliary and shown upstairs to the dining room, where a bounteous repast was served fitly tables artistically decorated by Mrs. Umbach and Miss Myrtle Bree.

The Decorations. A ridge of "snow" ran the whole length of the tables, decorated at intervals with holly, and Christmas trees hung with crackers and scarlet bells. In each window around the long room was placed a gift basket filled with greenery and scarlet poinsettias, and over each hung a large Christmas bell. The scene was a gay one and put the guests in a happily receptive mood for the good things to come.

Lieut.-Gov. Sends Greetings. After the Bishop of Columbia had pronounced a blessing, Charles Williams, of the local Red Cross executive, read the following telegram sent to Mrs. Henry Croft by the Lieutenant-Governor, from California: "Mrs. Croft, President of Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Barnard joins me in congratulating the Women's Auxiliary for the provision made to entertain our returned soldiers now convalescing and beg that you will convey to these brave men our wishes for a merry Christmas. F. S. Barnard, Lieut.-Governor."

Following the reading of the telegram, three lusty cheers and tiger were given by the men for the Women's Auxiliary; then supper was served by thirty amateur waiters and waitresses. During the meal the band of the Salvation Army took up its stand in the entrance to the dining room and played Christmas carols.

Dancing in Ballroom. After supper, adjournment was made to the ballroom where the men were joined by their lady friends who had been invited to participate in the post-prandial festivities. A series of games were indulged in, followed by dancing to the strains of popular airs played by Miss Thain's orchestra, assisted by Miss Ella Simpson, who generously gave their services for the evening.

The ballroom was gaily decorated for the occasion. Festoons of pine boughs hung from the walls, and the flags of the Allies were given positions of honor in the decorative scheme. It was particularly fitting that the management of the dancing should be in the capable hands of Mrs. George Simpson, who has generously given much of her time in teaching the convalescents the terpsichorean art.

Concert Programme. During the intervals between dancing a short but excellent programme was given to which Miss Lillian Agerty contributed songs, including "Break of Day" and "My Cherubie." L. D. McLean "camouflaged" in a fireman's uniform, and with J. W. Diggon gave an amusing exhibition of legerdemain and a number of card tricks. Their witticism created much laughter. Mr. Dooley sang "We All Go the Same Way Home," the guests joining heartily in chorus. Mrs. A. J. Gibson accompanied the vocal selections in her own inimitable manner.

For Those Not Dancing. Every provision was made for the soldier who was unable, or did not care to dance. Card tables were arranged in the drawing and sun rooms while a cheerful fire and cosy arm chairs in the reading room proved an irresistible attraction to many of the men. In common with the rest of the building these rooms and the corridors were hung with wreaths of laurel and holly.

Among those present at the affair were Major and Mrs. Harvey, Major and Mrs. Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Hasell, the Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Justice Lampan, J. H. S. Watson and a number of nurses from the various military hospitals.

Returned by Motor. The men from Resthaven left by motor for Sidney at 11 o'clock, the party finally breaking up at midnight with the departure of the patients of the Esquimalt hospital.

Much credit for the overwhelming success of the affair is due to the following members of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Hospitals' Commission, who were conveners of the various committees: Mrs. F. A. McDiarmid, Mrs. J. L. Raymur, Mrs. E. S. Hasell, Mrs. Nation, Mrs. Schmelk and Mrs. A. F. Griffiths.

Cut His Fir Tree.—A resident of the northern end of the city has complained to the City Police that some person cut his fir tree on Monday, presumably for a Christmas tree.

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### Hog Raising at Elk Lake.—A correspondent of the City Council suggests that the City should use the land at Elk Lake for hog raising. At present the lease has not run out, but there is some talk near the filter bank which could be used if the Council favorably considered the proposal.



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These are the ONLY conditions: FIRST, patronize the stores advertising on these special pages. SECOND, bring your receipts, bills of \$1.00 or over to The Times office, and register your guesses on the number of auto parts in the container.

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COMBE—On December 25, 1917, to the wife of Hester Combe, Westport Avenue, Oak Bay, a daughter.

YOUNG—On the 25th inst., to the wife of R. J. Young, Craigflower Road, a daughter; both doing well.

DIED STEWART—On December 24, 1917, at the residence, 225 Olympia Avenue, Oak Bay, Susan Ingersoll Stewart, widow of John Stewart, aged 65 years; born at St. John, N. B. The remains are being forwarded to Ottawa for interment.

OBITUARY RECORD A funeral service for the late Mrs. Susan Ingersoll Stewart will be held to-morrow at 11.30 at the residence, 225 Olympia Avenue, Oak Bay. Rev. J. Gibson Inkster will officiate. Following the service the remains will be shipped to Vancouver en route to Ottawa, where interment will take place. R. H. Stewart will accompany his mother's remains to the eastern city.

The death occurred at the residence at South Salt Spring Island this morning of Ian, Mart Hamilton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hamilton. Nineteen years of age, the boy was born on the island and spent most of his life there. His death terminated an illness of some months' duration. Interment will take place at Salt Spring, at a date which will be announced later.

The death occurred at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on the 23rd inst., of R. W. Fletcher. Formerly a merchant of Burdett, Alberta, Mr. Fletcher had only been in the city about two weeks prior to his death, and leaves to mourn his loss a widow and two children. The remains are being forwarded by the Thomson Funeral Parlors to Burdett, Alta., where interment will take place.

On Monday morning at her residence the death occurred of Mrs. Anna Chandler Margaret Redford, wife of James Redford, 1847 Crescent Road. She was a native of Kentucky and 25 years old, having come to live here about nine months ago. The body was forwarded yesterday afternoon to the Sands Funeral Company to Phillipsport, Ky., for burial, Mr. Redford accompanying the remains.

The funeral of the late Francis Wright took place from the residence at Sooke yesterday afternoon. Service was held at the Anglican Church by the Rev. A. E. Munns, of Saanich, in the presence of many friends. Two hymns were sung, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The casket was covered with beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in Sooke cemetery, and the following acted as pallbearers: Capt. Turnbull, Dr. Calvert, Lindsey Crease, C. Cookson, J. G. Graham and H. Heyrt.

Leaves for Tacoma.—Commissioner Armstrong, as representative of the Victoria and Island Development Association of the governing board of the Evergreen Highway Association, will leave to-morrow for Tacoma to attend a meeting of the association on Friday.

Patients Express Thanks.—The staff and patients of the Irving Hospital wish to express their appreciation of the entertainment given for them on Monday afternoon by the Robt. Burns McMicking Chapter of the L. O. D. E., and also to Mrs. J. D. Gordon, of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Hospital Commission for their Christmas dinner.

DEFENDING LONDON FROM AERIAL RAIDS

Flight-Lieut. Gordon M. Campbell, R. F. C., Tells How He Got "Knocked Out"

R. A. Wylie, Monterey Avenue, has received an interesting letter from Flight-Lieut. Gordon M. Campbell, R. F. C., dated from Salamanca Barracks, Aldershot, England, in which he describes his flying experiences. Flight-Lieut. Campbell enlisted in the early part of the year, leaving for England last summer. He is a son of Capt. (Rev.) Dr. Campbell, "Breadalbane," Fort St., who has another son, Major John F. Campbell, M. C., serving at the front, while a third son returned some time ago after active service in France. Flight-Lieut. Campbell has just recovered after a serious accident which was within an ace of being fatal. The letter is as follows:

"I have been on a London defence squadron during which time I had the greatest experiences of my life. The system of fighting over London during the dark nights is not at all pleasant. The 'arches' or anti-aircraft guns are 140 per cent. worse than those at the front, and when one flies along in the dark with these bursting, having the searchlights playing about and hearing the put-r-r-ing of the German Gothas without being able to see them is not very much fun. A pilot has to strain his eyes to the very limit looking out for his own machine, not alone the Huns, for if a collision takes place there is a swift and sudden drop of 10,000 feet.

Fell 1,500 Feet. "When the searchlights do pick up a Gocha, down you go travelling straight at it, one hand on your control stick, the other pressing your machine-guns handle, firing hundreds of rounds at him. I can tell you what it is 'some life,' very short but exciting. I am not allowed to say any more, however, or I'll be strafed." Wait until I get home. "Just at present I am knocked out from flying, having had a 'fall,' or more properly speaking a 'side slip' of 1,200 feet which just about ended my days, as it was—I ended up—in the hospital with a broken arm, two broken ribs, broken nose, black eyes, bruises, etc., and my nerves completely up in the air. I believed I used my head for once, which saved me from going 'west.'

"It all happened like this. There was a strong wind blowing when I went up which increased to a strong gale as I got higher up. In turning down wind I lost speed and was carried along by the wind for a short distance, then began to 'side slip' or fall sideways towards the ground. It was rather alarming when I found myself going like hades towards the earth and my controls not answering. The only way to get out of it was to put it into a nose dive trusting that it would come out before coming into contact with the earth. As it was at about 200 feet I saw I was going to hit so prepared myself. Well, I did hit, and hit hard, ending up in the hospital.

"When I sufficiently recovered, I was sent down here on 'light duty' while recovering myself. I have no idea what is going to happen now. "Since coming over here I have flown many types of machines, from big bombing buses, etc., to little fighting ones. The little ones can travel up to 130 miles per hour, which is sure going some. Not very long ago, I landed on top of a hedge when my engine gave out, but outside of breaking my machine everything came off O. K.—I have been up to Scotland at a course of Aerial Gunnery and managed to 'see some of that country while there.'"

COUNCIL WILL MEET TO-MORROW EVENING

Will Receive Deputation From Children's Aid Society Concerning New Building

To-morrow evening the City Council will meet, the dispatch of the ordinary business to be followed by the consideration of the estimates. It however appears to depend on the time to be given further to Alderman Sargeant's motion with respect to the re-adjustment of local improvement delinquencies, which was left over a week ago without final action being taken. Before the ordinary business is proceeded with, the Council has promised to hear a deputation from the Children's Aid Society with regard to the proposed money-by-law for a new building. It is necessary to act at once as the necessary advertising would have to be done to secure the submission of the vote to the ratepayers at the annual election.

The Council laid over at the last meeting the question of revising the Laundry by-law, which has already been settled so far as policy is concerned. The details, however, have not been taken up. The civic estimates have already been tabled, and were referred to on Friday. There appears to be a sentiment against touching them at all this year on the other hand some members think the budget principle adopted in 1917 should not be allowed to go into abeyance, as it gives the electors a good idea as to the financial needs of the succeeding year. In order to prepare for the Council meeting, there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee to-morrow morning. Several letters of thanks have been received from the institutions which received grants at the previous meeting for Christmas festivities.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH MUCH FESTIVITY Inmates of Old Men's Home and Other Institutions Made Happy Christmas was ushered in at the many homes in the city yesterday with all the attributes which form an essential part of the Christmas celebrations. A Yuletide atmosphere, imparted by decorative schemes in which holly, ivy, paper chains and Christmas bells played a more or less important part greeted Santa Claus when in his annual trip over the city roofs he found time to descend many chimneys and leave gifts to gladden the hearts of old and young possessors of stockings of varying capacity. In addition to the more private family celebrations the season was fittingly observed in the various public institutions of the city. In the hospitals the wards were transformed by lavish decorations of holly and greenery, and a variety of good things were added to the menus. The patients of the various military hospitals were not forgotten. Such as had no homes in the city were entertained in the "Christmas" fashion by the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Hospitals Commission, who in addition to the entertainment at Alexandra House, saw to it that the bedridden veterans received their share of Christmas cheer. At the Aged Women's Home the inmates, thanks to the generosity of friends, had an abundance of Christmas gifts and Yuletide fare. A feature of the celebrations at the Home for Aged Men was the attendance of Mayor Todd, armed with cigars, and Aldermen Dinneen and Walker, who gave seasonable greetings to the inmates. The old gentlemen showed in unmistakable fashion their appreciation of the turkey and other toothsome comestibles provided by the city.

Beans Are Counted.—The number of beans in the glass jar in the window of O'Connell's Ltd., proved to be 2,296 when the count was made this morning.

STILL HAMMERING QUESTION OF FEED

Controller Does Not Plan to Acquire Mill Stocks for Distribution

HON. JOHN OLIVER IS DEALING WITH MILLS

Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture, is still unable to get the definite information he is seeking in connection with the Food Controller's action in the matter of placing feed at the disposal of the British Columbia Government. It will be recalled that Mr. Oliver asked the Federal Government to quote specific prices for the various kinds of feed. This Mr. Hanna did last week, the details of which were recorded in these columns; the bulk prices quoted being £.68. Fort William, with the cost of sacks additional to the given figures. No point of origin or any indication as to where the feeds were obtainable was given, in consequence the Minister of Agriculture wired for a stated price for a dozen carloads to Calgary.

Government Not Buying. The following telegram from the office of the Food Controller was received by the Department this morning, but fails to clear up the situation: "Since embargo became absolute and prices fixed mill feeds have not been offered to us, consequently we cannot quote prices for this material. According to the Controller's Department the prices at which mills in the west should sell are determined as follows from fixed price at Fort William: Deduct freight from point of milling and add cost of sacks. Difficult to determine. However, freight, as milling-in-transit rate is obtainable in most instances and this varies depending upon point from which the wheat is shined. No further explanation obtainable." Getting Nearer. It was generally understood by the Provincial Department that, in accordance with the Dominion-wide educational plans in the matter of hog raising, the Federal authorities would acquire sufficient feeds for the express distribution to the various provinces where such in turn could be distributed through the existing agricultural institutions at the cheapest possible expense over and above the fixed price per ton. Now that does not seem to be possible Mr. Oliver has wired to the nearest mill in the neighboring province of Alberta asking for a straight price for a first consignment of twelve cars, so that as far as British Columbia is concerned the Department can get down to business and tell the farmer at what prices he can secure his feed.

Missionary Work. That part of the contract effectually disposed of it is the intention of the Department to send out half a dozen fully qualified experts in hog raising and matters agricultural generally, for the purpose of indicating the needs of the future, as well as of the moment, in the matter of increased stock production. Two of these missionaries have already been selected and an announcement will be forthcoming as to the personnel of the little band in a few days. The experts will first of all go to those parts of the province specially adapted for hog raising, their main object being to get results as early as possible next year. Their plans will be practical; mistakes will be pointed out and the farmer will be told just how he may raise hogs economically and with profit to himself. It is believed by Hon. Mr. Oliver that much better results may be obtained by personal contact than by holding a series of public meetings which more often than not are sparsely attended, with so much labor lost.

INTERESTING SOUVENIR Premier Brewster Receives Memento of Vimy Ridge From Captain and Mrs. Robert Morrison. Premier Brewster received this morning a very interesting souvenir of Vimy Ridge from Captain and Mrs. Robert Morrison. The memento takes the form of a paper knife, its blade fashioned dagger-shape from a part of a shell, while the handle is a service cartridge down the centre of the bullet of which the blade is neatly set in. On one side of the blade in neat scroll-work the words "Vimy Ridge, 1917." The package was reminiscent of the hospital—Captain Morrison writes his Christmas greeting from the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield—since the souvenir was protected by cotton wool held together by first aid tape. Victorians will remember Captain Morrison for his vocal accomplishments and as the possessor of a magnificent baritone voice he was heard on many platforms in this city. He received his training under C. C. Watson, of Aberdeen, before he came to Canada, and he twice won gold medals for the North of Scotland singing competitions. He enlisted from the City Treasury, where he was engaged, in September, 1915, and obtained his commission just before the Western Scots went away. He has since married in the old country. Mr. Morrison was active in Liberal political circles at one time and generally ranked among the most popular of Victoria's young men.

MUSIC AND POLITICS. While everyone is talking politics a reference to music may be deemed an impertinence, yet there was at least one campaign in Ontario where music had no inconsiderable place. Ask Mr. Ruthven Macdonald if he remembers "the Laurier Quartette!" He and Mr. Frank Pirih were half of it and in the campaign of 1896 it flared like a comet across the political sky. London, Ontario, was the place of its beginning and political managers elsewhere yearned for it so insistently that it had a perpetual and circulating engagement in Western Ontario. Its trade was to sing "campaign songs" to familiar tunes. Fearful and wonderful was the doggerel poured out upon an expectant public. Many and varied were the "barber shop minor" chords introduced as decors in the final cadences. Did the people like music with their politics? Did they like it? They fairly ate it up and called for more. Meetings dead and matter-of-fact were stirred to the right pitch of enthusiasm before the speakers began their tongue-lashing for the Ins and their fulsome flattery of the Outs. Generally such meetings were a whooping success. In a word, the religious revival method was applied to politics and the result was thrilling. In later campaigns something of the sort was tried but the novelty was gone, the

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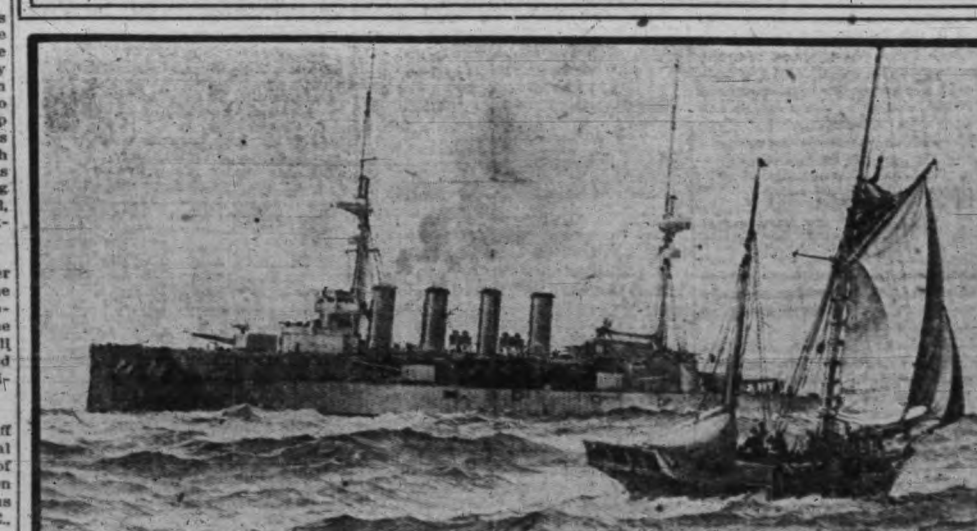
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WEDDING: SLEEMAN-HOGG

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hogg, 2533 Prior Street, was the scene of a quiet but very pretty wedding on Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock, when their daughter, Catherine was united in marriage to Richard Sleeman, of Seattle, Wash. The ceremony was performed by a student, Merrett, of the Salvation Army, the bride being attended by Miss Doris Hogg and given away by her father. About forty guests were present, and a dainty wedding supper was served. The numerous and valuable gifts received by the bride testified to the esteem in which she is held. After a few days' visit the happy couple will leave for their home in Seattle, followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

H.M.S. HAMPSHIRE



The ill-fated cruiser on which Earl Kitchener was crossing the North Sea when she was blown to atoms by a mine. The life history of the famous soldier-statesman is being filmed this week at the Variety Theatre.



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TWO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH IN NORTH One Was Government Mail Carrier; Other Was Mining Man

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—How George Scott, a Government mail carrier, was frozen to death recently on the Yukon trail was told to-day by passengers who arrived from the north.

The Indians who made the discovery stated that Scott had made camp erected his tent and tied up his dogs. The body was found a short distance from camp, on the back trail to Lebarge, in a sitting posture.

W. H. Brethour, formerly manager of the Otter Creek Mining Company of Alton, was frozen to death in the same storm. He had started along the Atlin-Carcross trail in the company of a woodsman's camp and advised Brethour to do the same, but the mining man was anxious to push on to his home.

W. H. Brethour, formerly manager of the Otter Creek Mining Company of Alton, was frozen to death in the same storm. He had started along the Atlin-Carcross trail in the company of a woodsman's camp and advised Brethour to do the same, but the mining man was anxious to push on to his home.

Now that the alleged crisis is over we seem once more to be getting on with the war. Nothing more dramatic has occurred in the course of the Atlin campaign than General Sir Julian Byng's push towards Cambrai. It was taken part in by English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh troops, whose advance over a front of ten miles was unheralded by the usual artillery preparation, and succeeded with all the shock of surprise.

During the past forty-two years Mr. W. B. Scrimshaw, carrier of Sutton St. Edmunds, has made 4,328 journeys to Spalding and Wisbech markets, the total distance covered being 137,679 miles. He has carried some 66,728 passengers.

WASHINGTON KEEPS EYE ON AGITATORS

Evidence I. W. W.'s, Bolsheviks, Irish Agitators and Others Planning

Washington, Dec. 25.—Evidence has been uncovered by Government agents indicating that American Industrial Workers of the World, Russian Bolsheviks, Irish agitators and revolutionists in various countries are working in concert to overthrow the world-wide plan to overthrow the world-wide plan to overthrow the world-wide plan.

This was admitted by officials here in connection with news of the discovery of a quantity of rifles, revolvers and ammunition in the Russian freighter Shilka, which arrived at the other day manned by a Bolshevik crew. Government agents suspect that the guns and munitions were intended for the Industrial Workers of the World in this country, although it was said a full report on the mysterious cargo has not yet been forwarded by officials at the port of arrival.

Agitators Visit Russia. The Shilka incident is only one of many cases leading officials to believe the connection between plotters in several of the Allied countries may be more formidable than the definite link of moral sympathy. Certain Irish agitators and Industrial Workers of the World leaders recently have gone from the United States to Russia to be in close touch with each other here, and reports have been received that Bolshevik organizers would come to the United States before long to spread their doctrine of direct action for communal organization.

No objection will be raised by the Government to any agitation which does not interfere with the progress of the war, officials declare. Officials do not intend to use the war exigencies as an excuse for suppressing free speech except insofar as it leads to hampering the Central Powers. This basis of judgment, however, is recognized as broad, and will permit drastic action against foreign agents whose conduct directly or indirectly fosters Germany's war aims.

To Prevent Armed Resistance. Action will be particularly necessary, officials say, when armed resistance to the law is threatened and when other material forces are employed by the agitators. Customs inspection will serve to prevent importation of arms, and the close supervision of crews of incoming and outgoing vessels is expected to make impossible the traffic of communications on a large scale intended to foster revolutionary activity.

There still are means of importing money into the United States, but Government agents can trace remittances and keep a watchful eye on suspicious expenditures. I. W. W. Menace Remains Strong. Although prosecution of I. W. W. leaders recently has been vigorous, officials have evidence which they claim shows that the menace of this organization, believed to be supported largely by German money, remains strong.

Further action against the agitators is forecast. This will be hastened if it is found that the band is working with Russian Bolshevik leaders to bring about a premature peace in Germany's interests or to hamper the United States at home.

MEMORABLE MASS. Venice, Dec. 25.—A memorable mass was celebrated in San Marco Church to-day, in commemoration of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Turks. The ceremony took on unusual significance inasmuch as the Austrians had declared they would be in the Piazza of San Marco by the holidays. Instead of this there were fervent demonstrations over the expulsion of the Turks from the Holy City.

TWO KILLED. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 25.—Two aviators were burned to death 5,000 feet in the air at Hicks field, near here, on Monday evening. They fell to the earth with the wreckage. One was a lieutenant and the other a cadet in the British Royal Flying Corps.

NO GERMAN TAUGHT. Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—Study of German in the Los Angeles public schools was ordered discontinued within the present school year by the board of education to-day and all school organizations formed in connection with the study of German were abolished.

20,000 INTO RANKS OF ARMY NEXT WEEK

About That Number in Canada Called to Report for Duty

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—About 20,000 young Canadians affected by the Military Service Act will report for duty at the different military headquarters next week. The Military Service Council is not making public information as to the quota of each military district to the total now available.

Since the Act went into operation about 46,000 men have been recorded. Of these about 200,000 so far have been medically examined and are fit for overseas service. Not more than 50 per cent of exemptions seem likely to be granted. In that connection, it is pointed out that the conditions are constantly fluctuating. A man granted exemption to-day because of his domestic position or the nature of his work as beneficial to the war operations may be available for service a month hence. Consequently the tribunals are to be maintained in permanency under the Act, so that at any time there may be rebartering.

There is a popular misconception as to the number of men to be raised under the Military Service Act. The purpose of the law is to provide reinforcements for the Canadian troops overseas. The common belief is that 200,000 men must be raised. While this is the number hoped for, the law says that unless there is further authority by Parliament the total to be raised under the Act "shall not exceed" 100,000. It may be less, but not be more.

The number of men available in the first call next week will substantially approximate the strength of a military division. They are not to be sent overseas as a division, however, but will be utilized as reinforcements on a territorial basis. The recruits will go to a depot battalion in each military district, 12 of such battalions, each with an establishment of 2,000, having been authorized. While it is expected to fill them soon, and thus have 24,000 men under arms, the number now available is nearer 20,000.

Requests have gone out to the tribunals and also to the appeal courts to expedite as quickly as possible the remaining hearings and disposition of appeals.

RAILWAY-COMMISSION PERMITS RAILWAYS TO RAISE THEIR RATES

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The Railway Board has granted the application of the Canadian railways for a general advance in freight and passenger rates. The increases which are for freight are roughly 10 per cent in the west and 15 per cent in the east. On coal an increase of 15 cents a ton is allowed. No increase in passenger rates is allowed in British Columbia. A 15 per cent increase is allowed in the territory where the maximum rate is three cents a mile.

On grain to Lake Superior ports an increase of 2 cents a hundred pounds is allowed, or 10 per cent. Grain products in the west, other than for movement to Fort William and also on movement from Fort William, are permitted to be increased 15 per cent subject to a maximum increase of two cents a hundred pounds.

WHAT POLISH PREMIER SAID IN GERMANY

Amsterdam, Dec. 25.—In an interview in the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, concerning the selection of a leader of the new Kingdom of Poland, Professor Kucharszewski, the Polish Premier, says: "There is a strong leaning among certain classes for what might be called an Austro-Polish solution of the question, especially as the Poles are almost unanimous in their opinion that no member of the Polish nobility should be chosen as King. Emperor Charles commands personal sympathies in Poland and there are many advocates of the plan of having him named King of the country. On the other hand there are many thoughtful Poles who would prefer an independent Polish kingdom with an Austrian Archduke on the throne."

"We cannot postpone the appointment of a King until a suitable basis of suffrage has been adopted. In the interests of the country, and particularly with a view to the establishment of a Polish army, we must undertake the choice of a King before that time, and afterward submit it to the approval of the Parliament to be created."

TROOPS' MESSAGE TO SIR ROBERT BORDEN

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Sir Robert Borden has received the following message from the Canadian overseas forces to the people of Canada: "This message from the Canadian corps, from every division, brigade, battalion and man, is a deeply sincere wish for your future happiness and our early reunion, coupled with the warmest feelings of gratitude and appreciation for the strong and splendid verdict of support recently expressed throughout almost every part of Canada. We feel to-day that the force behind us is of such strength and magnitude that it will inspire each one of us to greater deeds and nobler actions and will surely lead us to the goal of victory, peace and home."

FOOD CARDS AMONG GERMANS AFTER WAR

A Professor Admits Hard War-Time Regulations Must Be Continued

The Hague, Dec. 25.—Professor Paul Koch published a warning in the Dusseldorf General Anzeiger in reply to Sir Edward Carson's statement regarding Germany's urgent need of raw materials after the war, and also warns against the idea that Germany's re-provisioning of raw materials should be included in the peace terms, arguing that such an agreement would simply give Germany's enemies "an additional opportunity of cheating us."

"We must adopt the attitude," he says, "that our interior economic life is so strong that we can begin the work of reconstruction without artificial help. We must assume that extensive foreign trade, in spite of everything, is only a means to an end and not necessarily a sign of flourishing economic conditions. Professor Koch also says that before the war nearly one-third of Germany's exports consisted of foodstuffs and that it will be necessary to retain the meat, fat and bread cards even after the war and adhere to the hard war-time regime. He says further that Spain will supply the ores necessary to Germany's industries."

POOLING OF COAL COMING IN STATES IF WAR CONTINUES

Washington, Dec. 25.—Fuel Administrator Garfield told the Senate investigating committee to-day that if the war continued very long the Government would be compelled to pool all the coal and sell it at reasonable prices. Some coal operators, he said, were making the greatest profits in their history, but he considered the high prices a stimulus to the great production that the war demands.

The Fuel Administrator said he saw little relief in prospect for the railroads until their operation was centralized.

SECOND PAYMENT ON VICTORY LOAN

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Payment of the second instalment of Canada's Victory Loan falls due a week from to-day, and will be one of the heaviest transactions ever handled by the Canadian banks. The initial instalment of 10 per cent, due on December 1 last, called for more than \$49,999,999 to be transferred from private accounts to the credit of the Government. The transfer in connection with the second payment of 10 per cent, will be smaller in view of the intimation that only subscriptions of \$1,000,000 or less will be allotted in full. But in addition to the second 10 per cent instalment subscribers by the thousands will take advantage of the Government's offer of a discount on anticipated instalments and will turn over the full balance due on their subscriptions.

COST OF LIVING MOUNTING UPWARD

Calgary, Dec. 25.—The investigation into the cost of living in the Alberta and Southern British Columbia districts made by Commissioner W. H. Armstrong, of Coal Division 13, and Assistant Commissioner F. E. Harrison is complete and reveals a high advance in the price of clothing. It is estimated that the increase approximates 20 per cent, for all wearing apparel and is more than 8 per cent, for foodstuffs.

ATTITUDE OF FRENCH LABOR FEDERATION

Clermont Ferrand, France, Dec. 25.—At its national conference here to-day, the General Federation of Labor adopted almost unanimously a resolution referring to the war aims set forth by President Wilson, saying that the purpose of the Russian revolutionaries was virtually the same and declaring the position of the French workers could be expressed in similar terms. The Federation was instructed to employ all its efforts to induce the French Government to make a clear public statement of its conditions of peace.

SAN FRANCISCO IRON WORKERS ON STRIKE

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Practically all of the 15,000 iron workers affected by the strike ultimatum of the Iron Trades Council here striking 100 per cent wage bonus had walked out of the 250 factories and plants in the San Francisco Bay region engaged in industries other than shipbuilding by noon to-day, according to an announcement of the California Metal Trades Association.

STEFANSON'S PLANS

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—It is presumed that the Stefansson party, having reached Fort Yukon safely, will now make its way to Nome and wait for the first vessel that will bring it back to Canada. It is possible, however, that Stefansson may decide to go overland to Diavlov.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The following casualties were announced last night: Killed in action—Pte. C. H. Fleming, Victoria. Wounded and missing—Pte. A. McDonnell, Vancouver. Ill and wounded—Pte. R. Cromarty, Chilliwack.

Engineers. Wounded—Lieut. W. W. Ritchie, Jr., Vancouver. Railway Troops. Died of wounds—Pte. A. A. Fredin, Prince Rupert. Artillery. Gassed—Lieut. H. B. Richards, Toronto. Wounded—Lieut. W. Hird, M.C., England.

PRICE OF SILVER FIXED IN STATES

Washington, Dec. 25.—A price to be paid by the Government for the silver in agreement with the western producers has been agreed on and will be announced soon. It is said to be satisfactory to the producers and will be about one dollar an ounce.

AMERICAN ARMY AND PLAN OF "ADOPTING"

With the American Army in France, Dec. 25.—Via London, Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press.) The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women in "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war. The practice already threatens to choke the congested mail service, and result in delay in the transmission of important matter. Moreover, the censorship regulations forbid the men to correspond with strangers, and as this rule is being enforced rigidly, it is desired that the people at home refrain from putting men here in an embarrassing position, as they feel under obligations to answer such communications. An example of the interest certain women at home are taking in "adopting" is an advertisement which reached headquarters showing the picture of a pretty girl and urging soldiers without godmothers to write to a given address.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' TRAIN IS DELAYED

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—The large party of returned soldiers scheduled to arrive here on the Imperial Limited train this morning, will not reach this city until 11 p. m. at the earliest. Trains on the line are running late and there may be a still further delay.

AMERICAN GIFTS FOR ITALIAN TROOPS

Venice, Dec. 25.—Via Rome and London, Dec. 25.—Holiday gifts from the American Red Cross were distributed in the Italian trenches along the lower Piave to-day by B. Harvey Carroll, Jr., American consul at Venice. Huge piles of gifts were taken on motor trucks to the various commands. Each man received tobacco, sweets, a handkerchief and other presents. The local commanders and their men were enthusiastic in their expression of thanks and the trip was a continuous manifestation of Italian friendship for the United States.

RAILROAD SITUATION IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 25.—Investigation of the railroad situation in the United States under the Cummins restoration will begin before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee Saturday with Chairman Hall and Commissioners McCord, Clark and Atchison, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in charge.

ASQUITH'S THIRD SON WOUNDED IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 25.—Lieut. Commander Arthur M. Asquith, of the Royal Naval Reserve, third son of Mr. Asquith, former Prime Minister, has been severely wounded while serving in France. He recently received a bar to his Distinguished Service Order Cross.

CHICAGO GRAINS WORK HIGHER TO-DAY

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The different options in corn are gradually working up to the maximum price of 128. It is not felt that any set-back of consequence can occur until these options are out of the way as there is no corn to deliver, while cash corn is selling 25 cents higher. The oats market was active and strong at steadily advancing prices. The wheat market was quiet, with a few receipts over the holiday having again been a disappointment to the trade. The oat market was active and strong at steadily advancing prices. The wheat market was quiet, with a few receipts over the holiday having again been a disappointment to the trade.

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NEW YORK STOCKS MOVED DOWNWARD. Uncertainty of Railroad Situation Still the Dominating Factor. (By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) New York, Dec. 25.—The stock market here opened both quieter and lower than Monday's closing. The early movements were downward, none of the developments which the Street appeared on Monday to expect having materialized over the holiday. A few of the rails at first made gains on Washington dispatches indicating that the President would take over the railroads on January 1, but later the rails joined the rest of the list in selling off. Aside from technical market conditions there was no more reason why stocks should decline to-day than there was why they should have advanced sharply on Monday. The railroad stocks showed some rallying power toward the end of the session, but the steel and equipment issues were weak right up to the close.

Table of stock prices for Montreal and New York markets, including items like Bell Telephone, Canadian Pacific, and various industrial stocks.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 25.—When the Grain Exchange here opened this morning after three days' holiday there was considerable activity in cash oats and a number of buyers were in the market. For oats in store at Moose Jaw and Saskatchewan there was fair demand, with prices firm. Cash fax was quiet, with No. 1 firm, 25-cent over December. Millers were on the market for No. 2 and No. 3 Northern wheat. The Wheat Export Company took everything offered at fixed prices. Oats futures opened strong this morning at an advance of 1 cent on December delivery and 1/2 cents on May. Further gains were made later, December touching 33 and May 31, with small losses in the last hour. This was in sympathy with Monday's markets in the States. Oats, new contract, closed 1/2 higher for December, 1/2 higher for May and 1/2 higher for July. Old contracts, May closed 1/2 higher, July closed 1/2 higher for December, 1/2 higher for January and 1/2 higher for May.

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Table of New York Curb market prices for various commodities like Canada Copper, Standard Silver Lead, and other metals.

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FIVE MILLION TONS OF SHIPPING IS PLANNED

United States Has Vast Programme Outlined for Year 1918

Washington, Dec. 26.—Five million dead weight tons is the shipping board's estimate of America's 1918 output of shipping, based on builders' reports that show the government's program of 8,246,308, is 18.2 per cent. on its way to completion.

Songhees to Be Name of First Wooden Steamer

Vessel About to Be Launched Here Will Have Appropriate Title; Built on Site of Former Haunts of Famous Indian Tribe.

"Songhees" is the name that has been selected for the first wooden steamer of the Imperial Munitions Board fleet to be launched in British Columbia. The name is distinctly appropriate in view of the fact that the vessel was the first of the Foundation Company's ships to be laid down on the site of the old reserve of the Songhees tribe.

Launch Planned To-morrow. The Songhees is expected to make her acquaintance with the briny at high tide to-morrow forenoon, and if everything goes along satisfactorily she will take her plunge down the launching ways at 11 a.m.

The announcement that the vessel was to be named Songhees was made this morning by W. I. Bishop, manager of the Foundation Company's plant. He is congratulating himself that the suggestion as regards the name is a good one.

Mrs. Bayly Hipkins, wife of Bayly Hipkins, manager of the Foundation Company's Northwest District, with headquarters at Seattle, will act as sponsor to the vessel. It was originally intended that the hull would be sent into the water without the usual ceremony, but the superintendents of the yard are considered sufficient to warrant the change in the original programme.

Workmen are swarming the decks and sides of the vessel to-day and no effort is being spared in order that the craft may be made ready for the launching ceremony as originally proposed. Unless some unexpected delay occurs in the meantime the Songhees will slip down the ways to-morrow forenoon.

As this is the first of the I. M. B. fleet to be launched in the province it is anticipated that a record crowd will be on hand to see her glide into the water. The keel of the Songhees was laid down on August 14, so with Sundays and holidays excluded it has taken 120 working days to bring the hull to its present stage from the keel upward.

Progress was delayed for about ten days in waiting for the delivery of the steel keelsons, or the vessels would have been ready for launching at a much earlier date. Immediately after the Songhees has been launched, Manager W. I. Bishop will leave for New York to take up the important post of manager of the Foundation Company's shipbuilding programme on the Atlantic Coast.

WIRELESS REPORT

Dec. 26, 8 a. m. Point Grey—Rain; S. W., fresh; 29.69; 35; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Snow; calm; 29.75; 31; sea smooth.

CANADIAN CONCERN TO SUPPLY STEEL FOR AMERICAN SHIPS

Order for 50,000 Tons Placed With Dominion Bridge Company of Montreal

HUGE PROGRAMME OF U. S. SHIPPING BOARD

The United States Emergency Fleet Corporation is reported to have placed a contract for 26 ocean-going steamships of 2,500 tons each with the American Shipbuilding Company.

PRINCE GEORGE IS MAKING LAST TRIP

G. T. P. Steamship Will Be Withdrawn for Overhaul on Return to Rupert

Terminating her last southbound voyage before laying up for her annual overhaul, the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship Prince George, Capt. D. Donald, reached port on schedule this morning from Anxoy and Prince Rupert and at 10 o'clock cleared for Seattle.

At 10 o'clock to-morrow the Prince George will leave here on her final northbound trip preparatory to being temporarily withdrawn from the service. She will go as far as Anxoy and on her return to Prince Rupert on Sunday will be taken out of commission.

It is proposed to lay the Prince George up for about two months, during which time she will be thoroughly overhauled and her machinery put in shape after a strenuous season. At the same time repairs will be made to the stern damage sustained a short time ago when the North Vancouver ferry bumped into her at the mainland port.

The vessel will not be drydocked for hull cleaning and painting until the interior and machinery overhaul has been completed. Commencing next Monday the G.T.P. will give a weekly steamship service to the North, the boat leaving here on Monday mornings at 10 o'clock.

NEWFOUNDLAND FLEET

Losses of sailing vessels in the Newfoundland trade through storms, German raiders and submarines since the war started have been more than made up by building within the colony and purchase abroad. The Newfoundland sailing fleet now numbers 125 vessels, and 17 more are on the stocks.

SANTA RITA DUE

AMERICAN STEAMER STILL FAST ON REEF NEAR HALIFAX

MAKING HER LAST TRIP

Halifax, Dec. 26.—The American steamer Marquis Rock is still hard and fast. The cargo from her bow is being relieved in the hope of floating the ship.

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DENIES THAT CREW OF SHILKA MUTINIED

Capt. Boris Bedel Says Nothing Unusual in Presence Aboard of "Committee of Five"

Seattle, Dec. 26.—Capt. Boris Bedel, master of the Bolshevik transport Shilka, whose cargo is being made the object of a searching investigation by Government officials, yesterday made his first public statement in regard to the vessel's voyage.

Through an interpreter Capt. Bedel denied in toto reports that his crew mutinied after the Shilka left Vladivostok for Seattle. He also declared there is nothing unusual in the presence aboard ship of a "committee of five."

It is alleged that such committees were placed on all Russian naval ships after the Czar's Government was overthrown and that these men had nothing to do with navigating the vessel and were subject to his orders.

Statements that my crew mutinied after the Shilka left Vladivostok are false," Capt. Bedel declared. "The members of the crew belong to the Russian navy and at all times are subject to my orders. I had no trouble with the crew of any kind on this voyage. I am an active Russian naval officer myself and I resent insinuations that I am a German or in sympathy with the German cause."

"I also want to deny rumors that either the crew or myself is associated with the I. W. W. or involved in any alleged plot to aid them in any way. The statement that my ship carried a defence fund for the I. W. W. is so absurd that it hardly needs denial. In the first place there is no gold to be had in Russia now. Everything is paper money and that has greatly depreciated in value."

"The Shilka is a naval ship. When she was chartered for this voyage her arms and ammunition were stored in the hold, as we had no use for them while in the merchant service. It also has been stated that my ship flies the Bolshevik flag. That is not true. Her flag is the official emblem of the Russian navy."

"The only duties falling to the committee of five involve hours of work, remuneration and other purely economical conditions. They do not give the orders."

"The statement that there is something mysterious about the Shilka is also false. She was chartered and sailed from Vladivostok in the regular way. Her agents knew of her impending arrival here and the nature of her cargo."

THE ROMANCE OF AN ORGAN.

What happens to the old organs? In these times when a modern and expensive instrument is considered as necessary to a church as the roof, the old pipes and console go away on a truck and disappear into what Carlyle would call "the limbo of the frame."

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UNIQUE COLLECTION FOR ARCHIVES DEPT.

His Excellency the Governor-General asked of Mr. Scholefield on his tour of the library during his recent visit to this city was one of inquiry as to what was being done along the lines indicated above. Happily Mr. Scholefield had just completed his first volume, and the Governor-General was extremely interested in taking a peep, hurried though it had to be, at the historic documents with their messages from the trenches.

While it has been difficult so far to persuade parents and relatives of "trench correspondents" to leave their letters with the Librarian, it is hoped that more will do so, as the immediate value of the earlier communications lessen by the receipt of later ones. In this connection Mr. Scholefield wishes it to be made known that originals so left with him, if only for temporary use, will be taken good care of and placed in tin boxes, of which the owner may hold a key, and held in the vault of the department. He explains that many historically valuable documents in various parts of the province have gone up in smoke when left to the risks of an ordinary frame house, while without cost they could have been deposited with him and preserved.

It is hoped that the appeal from Mr. Scholefield will meet with hearty response, and that a history of the war, as seen by British Columbia's boys, may be secured for the province which has done so nobly since August, 1914.

## BREAKFAST FOODS

Special Order-in-Council Provides That Licenses Shall Be Required of Manufacturers.

An extra number of The Canada Gazette just to hand contains the Order in Council recently passed dealing with the selling of cereals in packages. The order says:

1. That on and after the first day of January, 1918, no manufacturer of breakfast foods or cereals shall manufacture for sale in the Dominion of Canada; such breakfast foods or cereals in original packages of less than twenty pounds without first obtaining a license from the Food Controller for each kind of breakfast food or cereal manufactured.
2. That there shall be printed or marked on each package, in such clear and legible manner that it may be easily read by the consumer, the name of the article, the name and address of the manufacturer, the net weight of the contents given in pounds and ounces avoirdupois, and the number of the license held by the manufacturer.
3. That no coupons, premiums, prizes, presents or other similar inducements to purchase shall be enclosed, given away or sold with any such breakfast food or cereal.
4. That the prices at which breakfast foods or cereals are sold to the public in packages shall not exceed such an amount as will pay for the cost of the containers and allow a reasonable profit on the contents of the package. The containers shall in all cases be inexpensive.
5. That all licenses issued under these regulations for the manufacture of any breakfast food or cereal which is composed in whole or in part of wheat flour or any product of what shall be subject to cancellation by the Food Controller upon one month's notice, if in the opinion of the Food Controller it is desirable to conserve the wheat or product of wheat so used, and the Food Controller may, if he considers it in the public interest permit such manufacturer to substitute any other flour or material in the manufacture of such breakfast food or cereal in place of such wheat flour or product of wheat.
6. That in every application for a license under these regulations the applicant shall state the cost per pound or per package to the manufacturer, of the container, and of advertising and selling such breakfast food or cereal, and if in the opinion of the Food Controller such cost is excessive, he may refuse to issue a license.
7. The wholesale dealers and retail dealers shall not require a license to sell any breakfast food or cereal in original packages of less than twenty pounds, when such breakfast food or cereal has been manufactured under a license issued by the Food Controller.

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## GUNNER IS GASSED

Genr. C. B. Ross Receives Injuries After Eighteen Months' Service at the Front.

Gunner C. B. Ross, whose sister, Mrs. T. R. Davis, lives at Sidney, has been at the front

gassed, receiving injuries to neck and abdomen. Gunner Ross, who left the city with a draft from the 5th Regiment, has been eighteen months in France, during which time he has seen considerable fighting. He was born in Victoria, and has two brothers serving.

A man who was showing off by diving into the sea, and staying under the water for a time, after one dive came up and found that he had remained under water for two minutes.

"That's going some," he bragged. "I'll bet that's a record around here."

"Oh, no, it ain't," replied a spectator. "A man dived in here this time yesterday, and he ain't come up yet."

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRANTS

Few Offenders Were Before Magistrate Jay To-day After the Yuletide Festivities.

The Dickens Christmas spirit has apparently departed from British Columbia, now that it has become an offence to carry liquor from one premises to another in order to indulge in the convivial glass in fact a young man, John Logan, will learn at the cost of \$50 or a month that such must not be done in so staid a town as Victoria. He explained to-day in court that he intended to keep Christmas with a neighbor, when, overtaken by the police, Angus McGaskill, who had liquor in his room at a rooming house, will pay the same penalty.

The roster of drunks, while not numerous this morning, came as a new feature at Christmastide. In past years they have been allowed out after getting over the affects: This year they were fined.

There have been quite a number of liquor cases this Christmastide, chiefly among white roomers in the downtown premises, and others are pending in the police court this week.

Chief Langley to-day expressed his satisfaction with regard to the observance of the day in Victoria and hopes to see a continuation of the same quiet policy over the New Year.

A lawyer was examining a Scottish farmer. "You affirm that when this happened you were going home to a meal. Let us be quite certain on this point, because it is a very important one—Be good enough to tell me, sir, with as little variation as possible, what meal it was you were going home to?"

"You would like to know what meal it was?" said the Scot.

"Yes, sir, I should like to know," replied the counsel, sternly and impressively. "Be sure you tell the truth."

"Well, then, it was just oatmeal."

## WHAT ONTARIO FOLKS SAY.

Hamilton, Ont.—"This is to state that I have received great benefit from the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Some time ago I was run down and weak, suffered loss of appetite and was miserable. Four bottles of the 'Prescription' cured me up in fine shape; it did wonders for me and I can recommend it very highly to women who are ailing."—Miss MARRIE MILLER, 127 West St., Hamilton, Ont.

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