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ALL UNCERTAINTY AT OTTAWA; SPECULATIONS AS TO DEVELOPMENTS

Members Wondering What Will Happen; Government's Available Majority Very Slender; Some Ministers May Retire

Ottawa, May 26.—Parliament still is wondering what is going to happen to it, to the Government's compulsory service proposal and to the Government's request for an extension of the life of the present Parliament. There are members who are confident but measures will go through both Houses; there are members who look for the compulsory service measure to succeed in the Commons and fail in the Senate; there are members who expect to see an amendment for a referendum carry and the Government be defeated thereby, and there are members who look for the formation of a coalition ministry within ten days.

All parts of the country still are being heard from, for and against the Government's compulsory service measure.

The Government is at a disadvantage in working on a narrow majority. A good many seats are vacant at this time through death, resignations, absence on service and illness. A careful canvass of the situation puts the Government's majority on straight party lines at eleven. Some members feel that members who would vote for compulsory service if given no option but to say yes or no, will be compelled to vote for an amendment to have the country vote by referendum upon a compulsory service measure. It is conceded that almost all of the Government's French followers will vote to have it decided by a referendum. One or two English-speaking Liberals will vote against it, but they may be balanced by as many English-speaking Conservative members voting for it. It is expected that when the vote is called more than a few members will be found absent and their places vacant. If a considerable number of these are Liberals the compulsory service measure may succeed, but the majority would not be more than five or six if compulsion be put against a referendum. It looks like a case of compulsion as they have it in Britain or a referendum as they had it in Australia.

Many Problems.
It is not quite certain that the Government is keen to remain in office at this time. Neither is it certain that the Liberals are especially anxious to take office just now, with most of the militarily fit overseas, a good deal of the money gone and all the most troublesome problems alive and flourishing. It is understood that if they could bring a considerable voting strength with them the Conservatives would like to see Dr. Michael Clark, Hugh Guthrie, A. K. Maclean and Chief Whip Pardee enter the Government. It is not known that any of them would accept the invitation. So far as can be learned Dr. Clark is only one of the four who has been approached, even unofficially, and he is understood to have given no indication of what his decision might be.

The Government's compulsory service measure has not been perfected as yet. The work of perfecting the draft was continued to-day. The measure is not expected to be brought down until the middle of next week, which promises to be parliament's conscription and coalition week. Appropriately it will be opened by a man who has had experience of both, the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour.

Ottawa Citizen's Guess.
Ottawa, May 26.—The Ottawa Citizen says:
"Reconstruction of the Cabinet, which was forecasted yesterday, is coming. When Sir Robert Borden next week brings down the conscription bill, or before, he will make a statement to the House setting forth what he proposes to do. Four, perhaps five or six, of the present Ministers will step out and an equal number of new men will come in. Whether this new blood, designed to strengthen and revitalize the Ministry and to relieve a small group of the whole burden of responsibility will come from within the ranks of the Conservative party or from among the Liberals is uncertain. Both courses are possible, but much, in fact a great deal, depends upon developments in the national emergency which seems to be brewing as a result of the proposal of compulsory service."
"The Ministers who it is reported may step aside owing to the exigencies of the time include Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways; Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. W. J. Roche, Minister of the Interior, and Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor. There may be one or two more."

Not Probable.
The Ottawa Journal-Press says:
"There are rumors of the formation of a coalition ministry, but from sources of information which the Journal-Press regards as authoritative it is learned that a coalition cabinet is far from probable. There might be re-organization to some extent, however. The Cabinet is nearly six years older than it was in 1911, and before the war

100,000 Deserters in Hills in Turkey Are Living as Brigands

Paris, May 26.—Turkey is swept with famine and pestilence, her people are panic-stricken and the morale of her army is utterly gone, according to information received here to-day via Berne. One hundred thousand desertions from the army are reported.

Realizing the loss of all of Turkey's fighting power, 3,000 Austrian troops recently were sent to Palestine to attempt the bolstering up of the army in front of the British expeditionary forces. Four thousand German troops are said to be guarding the Government buildings, factories and bridges in Constantinople. Hundreds in that city are dying each day. Typhus is sweeping over the whole country, the reports declare.

The deserters from the Turkish army, 100,000 strong, are said to have fled into the mountains and to be existing through brigandage.

Government Depot in Brazil Object of Germans' Attention

Rio de Janeiro, May 26.—An attempt to dynamite a Government depot here to-day by Capt. Vendig and eight German seamen from the interned German ship Coburn caused a tremendous excitement and added to the war spirit against Germany. The Germans were arrested.

How near Brazil is to a declaration of war against Germany was indicated by the announcement that the fleet now is patrolling the South Atlantic. The Brazilian Congress to-day continued its secret discussion of the international situation. Anti-war members still were filibustering, and no action was possible.

STRIKE DISORDERS.

Lima, Peru, May 26.—Serious disorders have occurred in consequence of a strike of workmen employed in smelters at Cerro de Pasco, a city of 15,000 inhabitants, 120 miles northeast of Lima, in one of the most important silver mining districts of the country. Troops have been called out to restore order.

Laurier To-day Urged Violence Be Avoided by French-Canadians

Ottawa, May 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning sent a telegram to M. Letourneau, organizer for the Liberal party in Quebec East, his own constituency, in which an anti-conscription meeting is to be held to-night, advising his constituents that as they are demonstrating in favor of what they believe to be their rights, they should be moderate in their words and acts.

Montreal, May 26.—In an encyclical letter to the Roman Catholics of Montreal, Archbishop Bruchet calls upon them to "use their rights as free citizens with calm and moderation and to avoid committing any act or making any demonstration that would necessarily turn against them." After adding that the members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy have done what seemed under the circumstances to be their duty, the Archbishop appoints Sunday, the day of Pentecost, as a day of special prayer in all the Roman Catholic churches of Montreal for peace and union in Canada. The host to be exposed in all the churches during the day.

Windows Smashed.
The anti-conscription meeting held here last night was a quiet affair, though attended by about 5,000 people, but a portion of the crowd continued the record of riotous window smashing by breaking the glass front of the Northeastern Restaurant, on St. Catharine Street, West, after the meeting. Tancredi E. Marcell, the self-constituted leader of the local anti-conscription movement, spoke in a somewhat mollifying tone last night. He made no reference to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's denial of his (Marcell's) statement about the Liberal chief having written, telling Marcell that he would oppose in Parliament both conscription and extension of the Parliamentary term.

Mayor Spoke.
Mayor Martin, M. P., again last night was on hand to help along the opposition to compulsory military service. He said: "We should do all that is humanly possible for the Empire. It is our duty to do all that is possible, but that does not mean that the Prime Minister has the right to engage the people of Canada without their consent. The Prime Minister is acting by way of brutal force."

The Mayor announced that he had received anonymous letters from Ontario in opposition to conscription.

"Borden has lied to us, and we will see if Laurier will lie to us also," said Leo Doyon, who suggested that the Mayor ask the Liberal members of Parliament to resign en bloc in protest against the conscription bill.

It developed yesterday that one serious casualty occurred in connection with the 24th of May demonstration against conscription in this city. Pte. H. Franklin was assaulted while the procession passed down Amherst Street. He is in Notre Dame hospital suffering from fractured ribs, a black eye and contusions over the left eye.

Crowd Dispersed.
About 1 o'clock this morning a crowd of anti-conscriptionists gathered at the office of La Patrie, and for the second time began an assault on the windows of the French evening newspaper office. Chief of Police Campeau, with a large body of constables, charged the mob with batons and in a few minutes the crowd was dispersed, some of the young men having been knocked down. No person was seriously hurt, however. It is understood there were a number of Laval students in the crowd. A banner with the words "Down with conscription" was seen.

TORNADO REPORTED.

Aiton, Ill., May 26.—A tornado is reported at Modesto, Ill., 64 miles northwest of here. Many casualties are reported.

Further Progress in the Champagne

French Troops Gained; Enemy Artillery Opposite British More Active

HAIG'S MEN GAINED ON BANK OF SCARPE

London, May 26.—Despite desperate attacks by the Germans to regain the vantage points they have lost recently north of the Chemin des Dames and in the Craonne region, the French have succeeded in holding these positions, and in the Champagne have gained new ground on both sides of Mont Carnillet.

The British, on their front, also are pursuing nibbling tactics. Field-Marshal Haig reports slight improvement of the British positions on the right bank of the Scarpe, east of Arras. New reactions by the Germans may be in preparation between Croisilles and the Scarpe, as an increased activity of their artillery in this section is reported.

Progress, by French.
Paris, May 26.—Further progress was made by French troops on the Champagne front during the night. Two German counter-attacks were repulsed and 120 prisoners were taken, the War Office announced this afternoon.

British Report.

London, May 26.—Increasing activity on the part of the German artillery along the British front in France between the Scarpe and Croisilles was announced by the War Office to-day. British troops have effected a slight improvement in their position on the right bank of the Scarpe.

German Statement.
Berlin, May 26.—The German troops yesterday improved their positions on the Chemin-des-Dames, on the Aisne front, taking 544 French prisoners, the War Office announced to-day.

STAGGERING LOAD OF BELGIANS INCREASED

Amsterdam, May 26.—German newspapers print a telegram from Brussels saying that the Belgian contribution to the expenses of the army administration in the occupied region will be increased on June 15 from 50,000,000 marks to 60,000,000 marks monthly, which must be raised by loan under the guarantee of the Belgian territory occupied. The increase, says the telegram, must not be regarded as a punitive measure, but due to the increased cost of provisioning in the occupied region.

GERMAN CLAIM.

Berlin, May 26.—German air squadrons yesterday dropped bombs on Döber and Folkstone, the War Office announced to-day.

ITALY'S BAG OF PRISONERS NEARLY 23,000; DRIVE BEING CONTINUED; FURTHER GAINS

Martial Law May Come in Montreal

Would Not Be Surprising as Result of Renewed Disorders

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION BODIES INCREASING

Montreal, May 26.—Martial law may be in force in Montreal within a few hours. French members of the Cabinet and the House have received letters threatening even death if they dare cast their votes for conscription. Some such members are seriously considering resigning their seats. The police are guarding the English newspaper offices. Such, in brief, is the situation here.

French members returning to the capital from Quebec to-day expressed upon the Government that the situation is serious and by no means to be minimized. More than one has received anonymous letters conveying threats of violence in the event of his vote being recorded in favor of a selective draft system. "If Montreal is not put under martial law or some restraint placed upon the leaders of this agitation, it is impossible to say to what serious lengths it may lead," said a French Conservative member of the Commons. No Surprise.

Since the first clash with soldiers, when two maimed returned men were badly handled by the crowd and had to be taken to a hospital, it is no secret that the military authorities have been in conference upon what steps might have to be taken in order to preserve order. It is reported from Ottawa that a conference with the military heads of this district is in progress, and it would come as no surprise if martial law is proclaimed on the recurrence of any disturbance.

On the part of the anti-conscriptionists, there is no reluctance to state that they mean to resist force with force. While of course there are the usual crop of sensational rumors afloat—even reports of rifles and ammunition being gathered together and rife—it is no exaggeration to say that serious trouble is expected and being prepared for.

In Montreal much criticism has been voiced over the apparent failure of the police to cope with the situation. In some quarters it is pointed out that the vast majority of the force is French-Canadian, and in the event of an emergency might not exhibit the necessary zeal with which to restore order.

Clubs, leagues and societies for the opposing of conscription are springing up overnight. An anti-conscription league is being energetically formed throughout the Quebec neighborhood and the leaders boast they are raising money to fight the measure to the end. Armand Lavergne, of course, has signified his intention of being shot before he will be conscripted, while Tancredi Marcell prefers to be tortured to death before being so taken.

HUNGARIAN PARTIES ARE FOR PEACE NOW

Opposition Groups Forming Bloc; Will Work for Universal Suffrage

London, May 26.—The Morning Post's Hungarian correspondent writes that the chief topic of political discussion in Hungarian newspapers that have come to hand lately is the contemplated formation of a bloc of all the parliamentary parties constituting the opposition, as well as the Socialists, who have no representation in Parliament, the Democrats, who are represented by three members in the lower House, and even some members who hitherto voted with the majority in support of Count Tisza. The bloc is to be formed in the interests of peace, but its primary aim is to advocate the cause of the universal suffrage movement, which appears to be organized on a vast scale and which originated in a resolution of the Karolyi party in favor of peace and domestic reforms, which Pesti Naplo described as a document that "marks the beginning of the golden age of Magyar liberalism, the reform age of Hungarian politics, candid, brave and serene, for which the nation has been waiting so long."

3,500 More Austrians Taken on Carso Front by Cadorna's Forces; Progress in Direction of Trieste and Elsewhere

Rome, May 26.—The Italian forces have captured 3,500 more prisoners on the Carso, the War Office announces. Heavy fighting is continuing.

Italian troops made important progress in the coastal region in the direction of Trieste. They carried trenches from the mouth of the Timavo River, on the Gulf of Trieste, to a point east of Jamiano, and also the heights between Flondar and Medeazza.

Italian troops also made progress east of Boscomalo, in the region of Castagnavizza, north of Tivoli and in the Plava zone.

The number of prisoners taken on the Julian front from May 14 up to to-day is 22,419.

Washington, May 26.—General Guglielmotti, military attaché of the visiting Italian War Mission, who has been decorated twice for bravery by his Government in an interview to-day explained the aims and progress of the Italian offensive. General Guglielmotti was in command of a division on the Carso front when ordered to accompany the War Mission to the United States. Discussing Italian operations against the Austrians, he said:

"The suspension of our offensive action last year was due to three chief causes:

"1. The terrible atmospheric conditions on this most difficult terrain.

"2. The necessity of taking all necessary precautions to prevent the operations from the Trentino front by Austria made with the consent and under the impulse of Germany.

"3. The opportunity to start an offensive after having attained a complete efficiency with the constitution of new contingents and abundant reserves in men and materials.

All Winter.

"However, the word suspension has had on the Italian front a very limited meaning. Not only during the winter did the Italians fight against the elements, but they never ceased to proceed to extensive and systematic operations, such as rectifying portions of the line bringing up new materials, making reconnaissances and also repelling local attacks."

"As soon as conditions permitted this spring, the Italian army started its operations. From the first moves made it appeared that General Cadorna's soldiers were moving against the formidable position of Hermada, a protected point in the hands of the Austrians which we had to avoid and which General Cadorna has gone around. This move would have meant a direct advance on Trieste. The latest news seems to make it evident, however, that the move is against the plateau of Bainsizza and to the east, northeast of Gorizia. This may tend towards Tolmino and thus rectify the eastern front, which extends in an acute angle on Castagnavizza. This should be done before proceeding to more important actions."

Opening Way.
The actions of the last three days already have accomplished a great deal of the work of opening the way for the Italian infantry. The capture of Monte Cucco and the approaches to Monte Santo and the capture of the forests in the direction of Zagora and Zaganilla required a long and terrible fight which became most intense on the Vodice and on the hills approaching Monte Santo. These positions guarantee the possession of all the positions previously conquered east of Gorizia.

"Besides capturing a great bag of prisoners, the Italian army in this offensive has taken two batteries of heavy field artillery, hundreds of machine guns and an enormous quantity of material of all kinds. But the best trophies of this period of the Italian operations is Monte Cucco, 2,432 feet high and the advanced positions which have brought the Italian army to within ten miles of Trieste."

Remarkable Progress.
"If one thinks of the difficulties that the Italian forces have to face on this front, one can not help feeling that they have progressed remarkably. The Isonzo river, of which one hears so much, is broad and rapid and at one point only is it fordable. On the sector against which the Italian forces have gone the mountains look on the river sharply, bristling with Austrian guns. The Italian forces had to cross the river, protect the advancing infantry, consolidate the conquered positions and entrench themselves under the concentrated fire of the enemy, who was counter-attacking and making the work of the Italians almost impossible. In spite of all this the Italian army has been able to hold the conquered positions and still advance farther, though only step by step."

A Comparison.
In military circles here it was said to-day that if the same amount of energy and ammunition and skill the Italian army had expended on the Julian front in the past few days had

GERMAN DESTROYERS FLED BEFORE FRENCH

Further Details of Destroyer Engagement Off Flanders on May 20

Paris, May 26.—The Ministry of Marine has issued the following statement in regard to the engagement between French and German destroyers off the coast of Flanders on May 20: "According to a fuller report of the engagement on May 20 off the Flanders bank, the enemy destroyers, superior in force to the French flotilla, opened fire first, but seeing the French torpedo boats bearing down upon them with the intention of boarding, they retired at high speed toward their base. The gunfire lasted for about a quarter of an hour. Lieut. Bijot, commanding the Bouclier, and his navigating officer were killed. Ensign Peyronnet, although wounded in six places, one wound being serious, took over command during the end of the action and brought the ship back to Dunkirk."

"One of our ships succeeded in avoiding a torpedo fired against her by skilful handling. Attempts made by the enemy to throw our ships into confusion by false signals failed of success. The French flotilla suffered only slight damage and dominated the adversary, who gave up the object with which he had set out."

A report issued by the French Admiralty on May 20 stated that a flotilla of German destroyers had been driven back to its base by a patrol of four French torpedo boats.

REPORTED JAPANESE CRAFT DO FINE WORK IN MEDITERRANEAN

Vancouver, May 26.—A special cable dispatch from Tokio received here by the Continental Daily News, the leading Japanese newspaper of Vancouver, to-day states that Japanese destroyers operating in the Mediterranean within the last few days have succeeded in sinking 14 enemy submarines and one large battleship.

CALGARY MAJOR WAS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Winnipeg, May 26.—Charles Gerrit, Chief Inspector of Government Buildings in Western Canada, has been notified that his brother-in-law, Major Lawrence Johnston, a veteran of the South African war, was accidentally killed in England while experimenting with a big gun. Mrs. Johnston, who was Miss Grace Gerrit, daughter of Robert Gerrit, one of the founders of Winnipeg, is now at Margate, Eng. Major Johnston was manager of the Manitoba Club for many years and later moved to Calgary. At the outbreak of the war he obtained a commission as major with a Calgary battalion of the First Contingent.

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U BOATS DISCUSSED BY FRENCH CHAMBER

Their Campaign Will Fail, Says Lacaze, Minister of Marine

Paris, May 26.—Deputy Jules Cels created a sensation in the Chamber yesterday in the course of a discussion on interpellations concerning the German submarine warfare by producing statistics showing that merchant ships aggregating 5,400,000 tons had been sunk since the beginning of 1915. After he had given details of these figures and sharply criticized the Navy Department in connection with the submarine question, the Chamber decided to continue the discussion in secret session.

When the public session was resumed, Rear-Admiral Lacaze, Minister of Marine, replied to the interpellation. "Our enemies," he began, "have said they would bring Britain and France to their knees. I have said, and I repeat it, that the submarines will not conquer us."

Rear-Admiral Lacaze then pointed out that the position of the Allies and neutrals with the beginning of this year as to tonnage was about the same as at the beginning of the war.

"The losses of the first four months of this year may be totalled at 2,500,000 tons," the Minister declared. "Taking into account the new ships building, and without any optimism whatever, the loss at the end of the year, with the same intensity of destruction, would be 4,500,000 tons, out of a total of

more than 40,000,000 tons. Is that the effective blockade with which Germany menaced us?"

The Minister of Marine referred to the means of defence against submarines, declaring that all merchant ships by October will have been armed with two cannon of 47 millimetres each.

The Socialists interrupted violently and persistently, but the majority of the Chamber applauded Rear-Admiral Lacaze when he declared that up to the present time French ports had been crowded with ships, and could not accommodate more. He pointed out the steady increase of arrivals of ships exceeding 5,000 tons in French ports since February.

REDOUBLED EFFORTS TO ROOT OUT SPIES

Americans Determined; News of Destroyers' Movements Sent to Berlin

Washington, May 26.—Four days before the American destroyer flotilla arrived abroad Berlin knew it was on the way, and to what port it was going, and the day before the vessels steamed into Queenstown German submarines had strewn mines about the harbor entrance. This startling information, revealing that German spies not only still are at work in this country, but that they have a swift and sure means of communicating war secrets of the United States to Berlin, came to the Navy Department yesterday in a cablegram from Rear-Admiral Sims at London.

The Admiral said the information was positive. His dispatch was not made public, and for obvious reasons, nothing will be given out concerning how the news came into his possession, or about the precautions which defeated the German plans and enabled the flotilla to speed safely through the mine fields.

Immediate publicity was given the salient fact, however, the Department making clear that its purpose was to let the people know of the activity and success of Teutonic spies, and to emphasize the necessity of absolute secrecy in connection with naval operations or shipping movements.

No official word comment on the possible means by which the news was conveyed to Germany. If it did not go from a secret wireless plant, it must have been carried in some dispatch that the Allied cable censors passed as innocent.

The result will be to redouble the vigilance of the censors and of every agency of the Government engaged in rooting out the German spy system. Every German known to have been connected with the espionage work of his government already is under arrest or under surveillance. Other arrests may follow at any time, and now that the country is at war and the revelations of its secrets may mean death to its sailors and soldiers, swift punishment undoubtedly will be dealt out to any convicted spy.

Men now in custody operated when the United States was a neutral. Spying now is a very different thing, and is likely to lead to the gallows instead of to comfortable detention quarters.

CANADA AND INDIA IN FUTURE YEARS

Ottawa, May 26.—A further explanation of the future position of Canada in regard to the admission of natives of India into the country was made in the Commons last night by Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works. He assured the House that none of the rights of Canada had been given away as a result of the deliberations of the Imperial War Conference. The Dominion Ministers, he said, had discussed the question of immigration frankly with the representatives of India, but had not held out to them any hope that Canada's attitude in the future would differ materially from what it had been up to the present time.

Mr. Rogers agreed with Hon. Frank Oliver, who had preceded him, and who had declared that despite India's splendid participation in the war, the people of this country still have the full right to insist upon Canada being a white man's country. The old civilizations and the new, Mr. Oliver had said, would not mix and if the Overseas Dominions were not allowed to remain white, the Empire in the end would not remain under the control of white men.

LONDON TIMES ON THE WAR CABINET

London, May 26.—Discussing Empire Day, The Times deprecates the tendency here still to slur over the cabinet status of the recent assemblage of Empire statesmen, and to speak of it as though it were nothing more than an Imperial Conference or rather a more dignified scale than the conference held before the war.

"Nothing could be more misleading," says The Times.

"The War Cabinet while in being was a cabinet with all the wide powers of that eminently British body. It is a war expedition, but it is for the moment at least an effective expedition, for it has put the supreme direction of Imperial policy on all major issues in the hands of a single body which represents all the self-governing communities of the Empire and the great dependency of India."

SASKATOON LIBERALS.

Saskatoon, May 26.—The city Liberal convention, which was to have been held here last night, has been postponed until next Tuesday night, owing to the principal speaker, Hon. J. A. Calder, being unable to be present.

GROUND WAS PARTLY RETAKEN BY FRENCH

Reacted Immediately After German Attack North of Chemin Des Dames

Paris, May 26.—The following official report was issued last night:

"Following a very heavy bombardment of our trenches to the northwest of Braye-en-Laonnais, the Germans threw forward three strong columns in an attack against a salient in our line in the sector of Pantheon, to the north of the Chemin des Dames. Notwithstanding bloody losses, the Germans, after several attempts, succeeded in securing a foothold in some points of our advanced trenches. We immediately started counter-attacks, which enabled us to recapture much of the elements occupied by the enemy. During the counter-attacks we captured about 50 prisoners and two machine guns.

"During the attacks of the 22nd instant on the Vaucleurs Plateau our troops captured three field guns.

"In the region of Chevreux the enemy has contented himself with shelling the positions we captured yesterday. According to fresh reports, it is confirmed that the enemy suffered during this attack very heavy losses. Two German battalions were almost annihilated. Our losses were comparatively small. We made during the fighting about 30 prisoners.

"In the Argonne a sudden attack on the German lines in the region of La Fille Morte resulted in our taking some prisoners.

"On the remainder of the front in intermittent cannonading is reported."

A Belgian communication issued last night said:

"The customary artillery activity is reported along the Belgian front. Bomb fighting has taken place near Het Sas."

British Report.

London, May 26.—The War Office gave out the following report last night:

The artillery was active during the day on both sides at a number of points along our front, particularly on the left bank of the Scarpe and in the neighborhood of Loos.

There was great activity in the air yesterday. Seven German aeroplanes were brought down in the air fighting, and five other hostile machines were driven down out of control. Six of our machines are missing."

German Statement.

Berlin, May 26.—The War Office issued the following last night:

"On the Artois front, along the Aisne and in Eastern Champagne there were artillery duels to-day of varying intensity."

MEN OF ENEMY ORIGIN IN DOMINION OF CANADA

Ottawa, May 26.—J. G. Turris, Liberal, Assiniboia, Sask., and W. E. Knowles, Liberal, Moose Jaw, asked in the Commons last evening if the Government endorsed the views of R. B. Bennett, Conservative, Calgary, the member who advocated the disfranchisement of Germans and Austrians.

Hon. W. J. Roche said that Mr. Bennett had expressed his personal views, and had not spoken on the authority of the Government.

Hon. Frank Oliver declared that this view was not consistent with the method employed by the member for Calgary in conjunction with the Department of the Interior for the securing of laborers for the farms. The Government was threatening the disfranchisement of British citizens of alien enemy origin, but was offering special unwarranted and illegal inducements to American citizens of the same origin. They were encouraged to come to Canada and were informed that work on a farm would be counted as residence on a homestead which they might take up.

Hon. W. J. Roche replied that the Government had not threatened to disfranchise British citizens of alien enemy origin, and the Government was not responsible for the personal views of the member for Calgary.

Mr. Oliver replied that if Mr. Bennett held an important commission from the Government, the Government had to be responsible for his statements.

Dr. Roche thought the Government had been justified in the methods employed to secure farm labor. The member for Edmonton surely was not contending that American citizens should be prevented from coming to Canada because their antecedents had come from Germany or Austria.

Mr. Oliver said that what he condemned was the refusal of the member for Calgary to recognize the right of citizenship conferred by Canada while recognizing the same right when conferred by the United States.

P. B. O'Connell said that he was not in favor of the proposed bill.

RUSZKY HOPEFUL.

Petrograd, May 26.—General Nicholas Ruzsky, who arrived here yesterday after relinquishing the command of the Russian army on the northern front, spoke hopefully of the improvement in the morale of the troops on that front. He said there was no fraternizing with the enemy now, and no deficiency in the shell supply, but that owing to local conditions an offensive on a large scale was impossible. If the improvement continues and the Russian soldiers fulfil their duty toward their own country, and their allies, Gen. Ruzsky believes the Germans can be beaten by autumn and forced to accept the Allies' peace terms.

General Ruzsky places great reliance on the personal influence with the troops of Minister of War Kogenyev.

GERMAN CLAIM ABOUT LILLE DEPORTATIONS

Amsterdam, May 26.—An official statement has been issued in Berlin in regard to United States Ambassador Gerard's declaration that inhabitants of Lille were deported from the city in April and May of last year and made to work on land for the German army and the German civil population. The statement says:

"The population of the German homeland did not share in the corn harvest of the occupied territory and the inhabitants of occupied Northern France solely benefited therefrom. Stocks used in feeding German soldiers were replaced by similar quantities taken from Germany."

The statement says the population was sent home, as promised, after the war.

TWO GENERAL MANAGERS.

Ottawa, May 26.—Hon. Frank Cochrane has decided to appoint two general managers of the Government railway system. The duties of F. P. Gutelius, who was general manager of the whole system, have been divided, and C. A. Hayes will be general manager of the Government railways east of the St. Lawrence River, which means the I. C. R. and its feeders as well as the Prince Edward Island Railway. His headquarters will be at Moncton.

E. P. Brady has been appointed general manager of Government Railways west of the St. Lawrence, with headquarters at Cochrane. W. A. Cowan has been appointed his assistant.

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GAINS REPORTED BY ROME WAR OFFICE

Text of Report Issued Last Evening Telling of Advances

Rome, May 26.—The following official report was issued last evening:

"The battle still is raging along the Julian front from the sea to Piave. Yesterday our troops, advancing tirelessly over very difficult and intricate ground, fought their way yard by yard through a labyrinth of enemy fortifications, stubbornly defended by strong, well-trained forces, further brilliant success being achieved.

"The total number of prisoners counted on May 23 and 24 amounts to 10,245, including 316 officers. Much war material was captured.

"In the sector between the sea and the Jamiano-Brestovizza road, the gallant Tuscan brigades of the 77th and 78th Regiments, the Arosio brigade of the 225th and 226th Regiments, the second Bersaglieri brigade of the 7th and 11th Regiments, and some field batteries, which advanced with the Infantry, drove the enemy back as far as Foco, Timavo, Flondar and Hill 31, a line south of Jamiano.

"North of Jamiano, after heavy fighting in which the Mantua brigade of the 113th and 114th Regiments distinguished itself, the strongly fortified heights, Hills 235 and 247, were carried and our positions extended as far as the outlying houses of Verole."

"The enemy attempted to lighten our pressure on the southern Carso by violent counter-attacks from Castagnavizza to Frigidio. All these attacks failed before the firm resistance of our troops.

"East of Gorizia persistent enemy raids were repulsed during the night on Hill 174, north of Tivoli and at Grazzano.

"In the region of Monte Cuoco and Monte Vodice the enemy is vainly trying to retake captured positions. On the whole front our gallant Second Army, and especially the 53rd Division, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

"An enemy force yesterday attempted a surprise attack against our lines east of Hill 652 on the Valsere. It was counter-attacked and driven back to its own line, which was then carried and held by our troops.

"East of Piava we extended our positions on Hill 363.

"The aircraft were very active. Squadrons of our machines bombed the station of Santa Lucia, Tolmino, with visible effect. Three enemy machines were brought down by our aircraft."

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MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

Boston, May 26.—The Legislature of Massachusetts was prorogued to-day after five months of deliberations. Under emergency legislation enacted, the Governor was given authority to regulate prices and distribution of food-stuffs and to expend state funds up to \$2,000,000 for war purposes.

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CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY
How Union of Provinces of Canada Will Be Commemorated

Ottawa, May 25.—The Confederation Committee, of which Sir George Foster is chairman, has about completed its plans for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the union of the Canadian provinces. The committee will make a report to the House of Commons shortly.

The plans as at present proposed include celebrations at Ottawa and all the provincial capitals. The committee feels that the day should be fittingly observed throughout all Canada, but that in view of the war there should be no elaborate or expensive demonstrations.

It is proposed to issue a special set of stamps and postcards bearing pictures of the Fathers of Confederation or some appropriate design descriptive or indicative of the event. Dominion Day will fall this year on Sunday and it is proposed that commemorative services be held in Paris and London, in which Canadian troops can participate. The celebration in Ottawa will include the dedication on Monday, July 2, of a tablet to be erected in the new House of Commons. It is believed the building will be far enough advanced at that date to allow the tablet to be put in its proper location. The Provincial Governments will be asked to hold celebrations in their various capitals, giving them an official status.

A proclamation probably will be issued by the Government with a view to inducing all the churches, Sunday and day schools, colleges, universities, Canadian Clubs, other associations and munitions authorities to take part in the celebrations in such manner as appeals to them. The idea is that on Sunday all the churches and Sunday schools will hold commemorative services and draw attention to the responsibilities and duties of citizenship. In the case of day schools the event will form a topic of closing exercises. Municipalities, clubs and associations will be asked to carry out such methods of celebration as will seem best to them.

It is proposed that a pamphlet be published descriptive of Canada as it was in 1867 and as it is today in point of area, provinces, population and trade resources.

HON. A. B. HUDSON, OF MANITOBA, MAY RESIGN

Winnipeg, May 25.—Hon. A. B. Hudson, Attorney-General of Manitoba, is to resign from the Provincial Government shortly after Premier Norris returns to the city, according to rumors circulated at the Parliament Buildings to-day. The Premier is not expected to return until about the middle of June.

VOLUNTARY RATIONING EFFECTIVE

London, May 25.—There is an increasing probability of the needlessness of resorting to compulsory rationing in Great Britain before the next harvest, according to Kennedy Jones, Director of Food Economy. Mr. Jones says figures available show a 10 per cent reduction in the consumption of bread during May as a result of the voluntary campaign. This reduction exceeds expectations.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, May 25.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. C. G. Clubb, Winnipeg; Pte. A. D. Larone, Marble Bridge, Man.; Pte. J. E. Gann, Ireland; Pte. C. W. Heatley, Hunts, Ont.; Pte. F. R. Kelly, Melita, Man.; Pte. G. C. Kinnear, Monkland, Ont.; Pte. J. Lee, Scotland; Pte. E. F. Lindsay, Scotland; Pte. W. S. Mole, England; Pte. E. Page, Belcourt, Man.; Pte. J. H. Page, Quebec; Pte. C. Sadler, England; Pte. W. R. Yates, England; Pte. K. Anderson, Blackie, Alta.; Pte. A. Caldwell, Calgary; Pte. E. H. Rider, Edmonton; Pte. E. P. Smith, Ottawa; Pte. A. Hazard, Montreal; Pte. W. Layer, England; Pte. J. P. Sheehan, Montreal; Pte. W. S. Reid, Calgary; Pte. R. Ishi, Japan; Pte. L. W. Hoover, Spring Valley, Sask.; Pte. E. Macdonald, Scotland; Pte. G. Bowie, Scotland; Pte. H. Sicker, Scotland; Pte. R. A. Atchison, Brookside, Sask.; Pte. T. G. Macdonald, Prince Albert, Sask.; Pte. R. T. Carter, Stratford, Ont.; Pte. U. G. Curtin, Sanbury, Ont.; Pte. G. F. Elie, Murray Park, Man.; Pte. T. Irvine, Duck Mountain, Man.; Pte. J. Kelth, Scotland; Pte. H. Standard, England; Pte. D. Stewart, Carman, Man.; Pte. W. McDermott, Pierson, Man.; Pte. G. E. Stephenson, Pierson, Man.; Pte. W. Watson, Fort William; Cpl. J. W. Long, Scotland Farm, Man.; Pte. J. J. Clark, England; Pte. J. J. Wisecarson, Irvine, Ore.; Pte. W. H. Waite, Medicine Hat; Pte. A. Garden, Rowley, Alta.; Pte. E. Turner, England; Pte. J. Bowie, Star Mine, Alta.; Pte. J. N. Pritchard, England; Pte. W. Brown, Moncton, N. B.; Pte. J. H. Denoyer, Rimouski, Que.; Pte. L. Hunt, Ont.; Pte. E. Hunt, England.

Previously reported missing; now reported killed—Cpl. W. A. Harris, Edmonton; Pte. R. Brady, Australia; Pte. J. Brown, Scotland; Pte. R. Wilkinson, Christina Lake, B. C.; Pte. W. Younda, Holland, Man.; Pte. E. Gallen, Bellevue, Man.

Died of wounds—Pte. L. C. Beal, Green Bank, Ont.; Pte. R. Jardine, Berryville, Ont.; Pte. P. Briery, England; Pte. G. Hamelin, Springfield, Man.; Pte. I. Ban, Japan; Pte. R. G. Henson, England; Pte. R. T. Simmons, St. Louis, Mo.

Previously reported prisoner; now unofficially reported died of wounds while prisoner—Pte. W. J. Peppleton, South Vancouver.

Reported missing—Pte. J. Poulin, Fort Arthur; Pte. D. E. Smith, Douglas, Sask.; Pte. C. Smith, England; Pte. R. Talbot, Ottawa; Pte. M. Zacharago, Russia; Pte. T. Bain, Scotland; Pte. D. E. Duncan, Edmonton; Pte. C. H. Smith, Strathroy, Ont.; Pte. S. Carlson, Finland; Pte. J. J. Delaney, Keewatin, Ont.; Pte. S. E. Hodley, England; Pte. A. P. Mason, Melrose, Man.; Pte. W. Wilson, Clarkburg, Ont.; Pte. J. Dorlan, Secotan, Sask.; Pte. J. A. Kist, England; Pte. J. S. Rodgers, Scotland; Pte. P. Soller, Weyburn, Sask.; Pte. A. E. Street, Yorkton, Sask.; Pte. W. Wilkinson, England; Pte. S. Bergols, Dradwick, Man.; Pte. T. J. Kearney, Ireland; Pte. G. H. Marsh, Parkton, N. C.; Pte. O. Soderburg, Sweden; Cpl. H. Parker, Vancouver.

Previously reported missing; now not missing—Pte. J. Morrison, Edmonton; Pte. J. Ward, Eganville, Ont.; Pte. Hagan, Japan.

Previously reported missing; now unofficially prisoner—Sgt. G. Croil, England.

Seriously ill—Pte. A. Morand, Marchand, Man.; Pte. W. N. Balfour, Carberry, Man.

Wounded—Pte. T. Pickering, England; Pte. C. Keon, Windy Gates, Man.; Pte. S. Waldron, Ireland; Pte. C. Fetherston, Calgary; Pte. P. Burns, Bagley, Alta.; Pte. R. W. Blain, Moosebury, Alta.; Pte. G. J. Bailey, Ottawa; Pte. J. G. Cranbrook, Pte. H. Johnston, England; Pte. H. E. Thompson, Medicine Hat; Pte. H. G. Williams, Edmonton; Pte. W. Mansel, Gowansdown, Ont.; Pte. T. J. Walker, Ireland; Pte. S. J. Newell, Vernon; Pte. D. McGibbon, Scotland; Pte. D. E. McWay, Bangor, Me.; Sgt.-Major F. Bradley, Burk's Falls, Ont.; Sgt. J. Patch, Meaford, Ont.; Pte. D. C. Kowland, Toronto; Pte. A. Groundell, England; Cpl. W. Harris, Toronto; Pte. I. Sadding, Essex, Ont.; Pte. A. T. Turner, Toronto; Pte. C. W. Conwell, Ontario; Pte. E. J. Conway, Clear Lake, Ont.; Pte. W. Jones, Wales; Pte. W. J. Atkins, Port Colborne, Ont.; Pte. A. C. Staton, Toronto; Pte. R. Pester, Toronto; Pte. W. V. Clarke, Ireland; Cpl. G. Leverington, Tory Hill, Ont.; Pte. T. H. Shelvage, Edmonton; Pte. A. Glenn, Walsh, Alta.; Pte. Reid, Scotland; Pte. W. A. Jackson, Toronto; Pte. H. A. Tonkin, Toronto; Pte. G. Moorehead, Ireland; Pte. S. Fox, Hiltje, Alberta; Pte. C. Danilo, Inverness, N. S. A.; Pte. C. P. Phillips, Youngstown, Alta.; Pte. F. W. Kenney, Walkerton, Ont.; Pte. F. Sincce, Calgary; Pte. D. Jordan, England; Pte. G. H. Langmuir, Stolla, Ont.; Sgt. A. Counter, England; Pte. D. Calder, Kelliker, Sask.; Pte. G. Barclay, Stratford, Ont.; Pte. J. A. Campbell, Pembroke, Ont.; Pte. A. Langan, Moncton, N. B.; Pte. H. Lauder, Medicine Hat; Pte. M. Mitsui, Japan; Pte. A. A. Pinder, England; Pte. J. C. Riddell, Woodford, Ont.; Pte. L. Dyson, Dortonville, Ont.; Pte. W. R. Forbes, Wellsville, Alta.; Cpl. W. Hull, England; Pte. P. Callahan, Vegreville, Alta.; Pte. W. Duncan, Scotland; Pte. J. Richardson, England; Pte. A. Bell, Toronto; Pte. W. A. Westover, Tilsonburg, Ont.; Pte. H. J. Loader, Toronto; Pte. R. S. Gillam, Buffalo; Cpl. E. Vennie, Quebec; Pte. S. A. Leary, England; Pte. E. Turner, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Kracht, Holland; Pte. C. Lecano, Willow Bunch, Sask.; Pte. D. Spence, Broadview, Sask.; Pte. H. Neilson, Denmark; Pte. S. Saitir, Regina; Pte. M. Willis, Carnduff, Sask.; Pte. J. Smith, England; Pte. S. Gate, England; Pte. T. Pyke, Smithampton, Ont.; Pte. W. Meredith, England; Pte. J. Morgan, Calgary; Pte. E. Litchfield, Winnipeg; Pte. D. Berry, England; Pte. D. Whitaker, Calgary;

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Previously reported wounded in error; report now cancelled—Pte. W. A. Smith, Red Deer, Alta.

Artillery.

Killed in action—Gnr. W. Marriott, England; Cpl. J. Wey, Sydney Mines, N.S.

Died of wounds—Gnr. E. Hitcher, Brantford; Gnr. C. F. German, Ottawa.

Reported missing—Gnr. H. D. Roper, Glass Bay.

Wounded—Gnr. G. Spear, Toronto; Gnr. J. McCormack, Peterboro, Ont.; Gnr. W. Abbey, Flagston, B. C.; Gnr. J. A. Watson, Pandora Avenue, Victoria; Serjt. T. R. Ritchie, Toronto; Cpl. A. D. McLean, Scotland; Gnr. S. Pettit, Toronto; Gnr. T. Duggan, Halifax; Gnr. J. McLeod, Scotland; Gnr. G. Mines, England; Cpl. T. Wallace, Scotland; Gnr. L. Maycock, Brantford, Ont.; Serjt. W. F. Armstrong, Lakeville, N.B.; Gnr. A. Haycock, England; Gnr. S. Hicks, Westmoreland, Ont.; Gnr. E. G. Beaver, England; Gnr. W. Werner, England; Gnr. E. Gilbert, Young's Cove Road, N.S.

Mounted Rifles.

Wounded—Pte. W. G. Brunner, Hamilton.

Seriously ill—Pte. F. Lantz, Toronto.

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. W. Grimshaw, England; Pte. C. P. Lacombe, England; Sgt. H. W. Pauley, Belleville, Ont.; Lance-Cpl. R. Watt, Scotland; Pte. R. B. Beaudry, England; Pte. W. E. Cochaneur, Nicola, B. C.; Pte. H. B. Harris, Madoc, Ont.; Pte. R. H. Newland, England; Pte. E. R. Selby, Bobcaygeon, Ont.; Pte. W. Waagstaff, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. C. J. Wanamaker, Frankfort, Ont.; Pte. N. Welch, Hall Lake, Ont.; Pte. J. S. Richards, Hall Lake, Ontario; Pte. W. A. Dair, Glenora, Ont.; Pte. C. J. Meas, British West Indies; Acting Lance-Cpl. J. Findlay, India; Pte. W. A. McLeary, Minnesota, Man.; Pte. R. T. Grave, Shinal Lake, Man.; Pte. A. S. Magdalen, England; Pte. A. C. Osborne, Stratford, Ont.; Pte. W. R. Preston, Rossburn, Man.; Pte. D. Whyte, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Hodson, Montreal; Pte. D. McCorquall, Scotland; Pte. N. Mc Kay, Scotland; Pte. R. W. McLennan, Scotland.

Died of wounds—Pte. F. G. Raymond, Northridge, Ont.; Pte. G. Littlewood, Toronto.

Ill—Pte. M. Rough, Toronto; Pte. T. J. Dall, Ellershouse, N. S.

Shell shock—Pte. W. E. Warner, New Germany, N. S.

Missing—Pte. J. Dod, England; Pte. S. S. Honiker, Trenton, Ont.; Pte. W. Heffernan, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. V. A. Laker, Brockville, Ont.; Pte. F. O. Barnett, Durham, Ont.; Pte. E. I. Barkley, Morrisburg, Ont.; Pte. J. Kuhn, Cornwall, Ont.; Pte. G. D. N. Cook, England; Pte. S. Warrick, Duncan, B. C.; Pte. R. Smith, England; Pte. C. Wilson, Madoc, Ont.; Pte. J. M. Gemmon, Barrie, Ont.; Pte. G. L. Moller, Shallow Lake, Ont.; Pte. A. H. Aterson, Brighton, Ont.; Pte. F. Tradwell, Sunderland, Ont.; Pte. C. R. Colben, England; Pte. N. Dufour, Montreal; Pte. J. Purloite, Port Daniel, Que.; Pte. J. S. Heighston, River John, N. S.; Pte. J. H. Henderson, West Montreal; Pte. R. Kenney, Culligan, N. B.; Pte. A. D. Lavolette, Montreal.

Infantry.

Wounded—Pte. E. H. Simpson, Beverley, Man.; Pte. G. Eaton, Norwich, Ont.; Pte. L. C. Colbrant, England; Cpl. F. Duchesne, Montreal; Pte. E. Barfoot, England; Pte. C. A. Brown, Westville, N. S.; Pte. P. R. Hurley,

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ROGERS TRIES TO WHITENASH HIS PAST

Ottawa, May 25.—Asked for a statement to-day regarding the Galt report, Hon. Robert Rogers said: "Yes, I have seen the carefully prepared and specially staged report emanating from Liberal headquarters at Winnipeg respecting vol. No. 2 from Commissioner Galt. I do not propose to make any statement covering the whole case until I have before me the full text of the report. This much let me say for the present: Any statement to the effect that I was a principal in any conspiracy with Thomas Kelly & Sons is a deliberate and unadulterated falsehood in every particular, and to say that there was an organized atmosphere of laxity created by me is false and untrue. While I was a Minister of the Government of Manitoba I had no knowledge of Thomas Kelly contributing one dollar to party funds for the assistance of that Government, and since I entered the Government of the Dominion I have never known Thomas Kelly to contribute one dollar for party funds for Dominion purposes, and as far as I know no evidence was produced before the Commission at Winnipeg that could be construed as even implying that such was the case. The only excuse that I can find for the deliberate and dishonest misrepresentation is the apparent and immediate need of a height and paid for Liberal organization to endeavor to destroy anything that appears to them to be a menace to their success."

TORONTO WELCOMED
RT. HON. A. J. BALFOUR

Toronto, May 25.—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour received a royal welcome from the citizens of Toronto on his arrival from Niagara Falls with his party at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was cheered by a great gathering at the station, and later by thousands who had assembled in the vicinity.

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ROGERS TRIES TO WHITENASH HIS PAST

Ottawa, May 25.—Asked for a statement to-day regarding the Galt report, Hon. Robert Rogers said: "Yes, I have seen the carefully prepared and specially staged report emanating from Liberal headquarters at Winnipeg respecting vol. No. 2 from Commissioner Galt. I do not propose to make any statement covering the whole case until I have before me the full text of the report. This much let me say for the present: Any statement to the effect that I was a principal in any conspiracy with Thomas Kelly & Sons is a deliberate and unadulterated falsehood in every particular, and to say that there was an organized atmosphere of laxity created by me is false and untrue. While I was a Minister of the Government of Manitoba I had no knowledge of Thomas Kelly contributing one dollar to party funds for the assistance of that Government, and since I entered the Government of the Dominion I have never known Thomas Kelly to contribute one dollar for party funds for Dominion purposes, and as far as I know no evidence was produced before the Commission at Winnipeg that could be construed as even implying that such was the case. The only excuse that I can find for the deliberate and dishonest misrepresentation is the apparent and immediate need of a height and paid for Liberal organization to endeavor to destroy anything that appears to them to be a menace to their success."

TORONTO WELCOMED
RT. HON. A. J. BALFOUR

Toronto, May 25.—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour received a royal welcome from the citizens of Toronto on his arrival from Niagara Falls with his party at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was cheered by a great gathering at the station, and later by thousands who had assembled in the vicinity.

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CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

Ottawa newspapers foreshadow a reconstruction of the Federal ministry. The Citizen predicts the retirement of four, and possibly six, ministers, naming Hon. Thos. Crothers, Minister of Labor; Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior; Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture; and Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways. The places of these will be filled, it says, either from the Government ranks or from the ranks of the Opposition, the latter of which would mean a coalition cabinet. The Ottawa Journal-Press, which is in close touch with the ministry, says a coalition Government is not probable.

The absence of Hon. Robert Rogers's name from the list of probable retiring ministers suggests the contemplation of an early election by the Prime Minister as a means of evading the problems now crowding upon him. Mr. Rogers's belated statement on the Galt Commission report lends color to the suggestion. That statement in itself will be generally discredited with contemptuous incredulity, for its terms are in hopeless conflict with the evidence upon which was based the damning report of the Commissioner who, by the way, belonged to Rogers's political faith and was in fact recommended to the bench by him. Sir Robert Borden may not realize that politicians—car-marked like Mr. Rogers and his kind—are out of date; but whether he does or not he inflicted upon this country a crowning humiliation when he took the Minister of Public Works to the Imperial Conference with the brand of the Galt report still red upon his brow.

It is indisputable that this war found Canada with one of the weakest administrations in its history. It was weak from its inception, for it was appointed almost in its entirety through the influence of Sir William Mackenzie, the Nationalists and the trusts. Sir Robert Borden could name on the fingers of one hand the number of ministers he appointed on his own initiative and best judgment. When the conflict broke out the inevitable happened. The people rose to the situation, but the Government did not rise. The people gave of their best, and with the assistance of the Duke of Connaught, Sir Sam Hughes, a capable chief of staff, and other competent subordinates, sent an imposing force overseas, where it was trained and properly equipped. The Government allowed itself to be doped by political expediency. It tried to make Canada's war effort a party affair. Instead of seeking the co-operation of the experienced statesmen in the Opposition and able men of affairs outside of Parliament, as they did in England, it kept them at arm's length. No attempt was made to nationalize the munition industry. On the contrary splendid Government plants were handed over to private corporations. No effort was put forth to stop profiteering in line with the example of Britain, France and the other Dominions and Allies. The Ross rifle tragedy was prolonged for more than two years. Sir Sam Hughes is authority for the assertion that intrigue, first against himself and then against the Prime Minister, was going on in the cabinet all along. One army division was held up for four months while the ministers haggled over a contract for motor trucks!

Now we have the recruiting and food questions, which should have been dealt with firmly and energetically months ago, demanding instant action. The petty evasions of abortive orders-in-council, regulations beginning and ending nowhere, bold speeches and hesitating, vacillating action, will be of no avail. No plunge into the turmoil of an election will meet emergencies which call for ac-

tion now. What Canada needs and has needed ever since the war began is direction by a strong man with a mind of his own, supported by the best ability this country can command, regardless of political and other distinctions. But anything would be better than the policy of drift which Toronto Saturday Night, an independent journal of high standing, recently scored in the following terms:

"What is the Government doing about these things? Nothing; and from present indications will continue to do nothing. A policy of drift seems to be this Government's long suit. But Canadians are getting tired of it, extremely tired. To be quite frank, we are cursed with a most incompetent Government, probably the worst since Confederation, and that is saying a good deal. To pick out the most incompetent member of the Cabinet would be a hard task. It would be unfair, there being so little to choose between them."

LAST NIGHT'S MASSACRE.

The harvest of dead and wounded reaped by German aircraft in their raid over southeastern England last night no doubt will be gratifying to the Hun authorities. That they deliberately planned to massacre as many women and children as they could is shown by the fact that they made their raid at a time when they knew the streets would be filled with shoppers. Apart from the peculiar satisfaction the Prussian military mind always derives from the destruction of anything weak, helpless or beautiful, there undoubtedly was a tactical design behind the attack. It was hoped that so many people would be killed that a popular outcry would compel the British authorities to divert from France a considerable part of the air service which enjoys the ascendancy over the German aerial arm on that front.

There were 250 victims of the raid last night. Of these 76 were killed and 174 were injured. Of the killed 27 were women and 23 were children. Of the injured 43 were women and 19 were children. It is hardly necessary to say that this 'devilish annex to the foul record of the congenial criminals whose destruction has been decreed by the forces of civilization will have an effect exactly opposite to that which the Huns hope for. It will put an end to the labor difficulties which have been causing some concern in England. It will stimulate the nation to still greater efforts. It will confirm the American estimate of the country with which it has just gone to war, and it will convince the new Russian democracy that in adhering to its determination to persist in the struggle until the Thing that has soured the earth with its presence so long is destroyed, it has chosen the proper course.

The raid, however, has another significance which should not be overlooked. Much as the slaughter of enemy non-combatants gratifies the type which criminalists and psychologists have catalogued so often—that bestial type which, originating in the marshes of Brandenburg, is represented in seventy-five per cent. of the homicides of this continent—even these authors of infamy would not have darkened their own prospects with a massacre of this kind if they thought their submarine campaign would effect its purpose. The revival of frightfulness in the air reflects their realization that their frightfulness at sea has failed. It shows, however, how seriously they are handicapped in their military operations through the efficiency of the British and French aerial service, and how desperately anxious they are for the weakening of that service in order that they might make that next "strategic retreat," which undoubtedly they have in mind, without courting disaster. This is impossible now. The clear weather and the unsleeping vigilance of the Allied air-scouts are formidable obstacles to another rearward "triumph" of the Hun hosts and the murder of innocents in the streets of an English town will not reduce the handicap. The reasoning that it might do so is Prussian, and therefore inverted. It is on a par with the thought processes which concluded that the sinking of the Lusitania would help to win the war for the Savages of the Marshes.

GET BUSY, NOW!

"Unless prompt action be taken by the Government—if needs be, by martial law, the commandeering of all vacant arable land, and the conscripting of every available man for agricultural service—any one who has given serious thought to the food problem cannot but be convinced that, if not averted by a well-organized, prompt and united action, a food famine is unavoidable, and that in the near future."—Press report.

This is the conclusion of Dr. Hastings, the medical health officer of Toronto. It may express an extreme view of the situation, but whether it does so or not the country should take no chances. The food question is more important than even that of recruiting, for nations cannot fight, no matter how great may be their armies or how vast their equipment and supplies of munitions, if they are not adequately fed. Nor should it be forgotten that if the war were ended to-morrow the outlook would not be improved in the slightest. Indeed, in all probability it

would become worse owing to the relaxation of national discipline and the tendency to carelessness and improvidence which would follow. What is needed is strong leadership and prompt, far-reaching organization by governments, and a ready adjustment to the emergent conditions on the part of the people.

Dr. Hastings properly says it would be a great national disgrace if Canada, with nearly 500,000,000 acres of agricultural land capable of producing enough food for every man, woman and child in Europe, should permit the balance of the Empire and our Allies to be threatened with famine, owing to lack of organized effort. To this we may add that Canada is more than a store-house of agricultural produce. It has the greatest fisheries in the world. Are these being utilized as they should be in the present case? What part are they playing in the solution of the food problem? How much waste is going on in the exploitation of British Columbia's deep-sea fisheries?

Provincial Governments should realize that they also must help to meet the crisis. It is not enough to prepare policies which will require years to work out. What is needed is radical action now. They must be prepared to open up land and cultivate it themselves. They must provide every facility for the promotion and extension of food production by the farmers. It is time to forget political expediency—political expediency which never yet solved a pressing problem. Governments of nations, provinces and municipalities are of use now only to the extent to which they serve the public interest, if Ottawa does not act strongly and promptly at this juncture, so much the worse for Ottawa. The provincial and municipal authorities must go ahead with or without the co-operation of the national Government. The labor situation can be solved with strong leadership. Men should be conscripted for agriculture and other food-producing industries just as they are conscripted for the army. If this does not fill the bill we must import labor from other countries. But what is needed is action. Talk is mere hollow irony.

Neither the glowing eloquence of the great French orator Viviani nor the impressive silence of that rugged old Gallic warrior Father Joffre seems to have had a great deal of effect in the Province of Quebec. Lavergne, with his hatred of British institutions and his scorn of the glories of Old France, seems obsessed of the idea that he has been called upon to play the part of a "great liberator," while he is nothing more than a bigoted firebrand, who has earned summary treatment.

Manitoba's master grafters have been ordered by the courts to return to the Government of the province over a million dollars stolen from the treasury through manipulation of contracts. This was accomplished by a change of regime. There is at least a possibility that some part, if not all, of the twelve millions abstracted from the treasury of British Columbia may be recovered.

This is a time of great illusions and the perspective faculties of certain individuals appear to be out of joint. Just think of Colonel Armand Lavergne, an officer in His Majesty's forces, talking about establishing an "independent republic" on the banks of the St. Lawrence! The man ought to be in one of Quebec's numerous lunatic asylums.

The Vancouver World is patriotically trying to calm the turbulent political waters in that city. It suggests the return of the Attorney-General by acclamation in the by-election. Considering what is transpiring in the world-to-day, political peace within our borders for a time should be very acceptable to the average citizen.

Provincial apple growers are speculating about the fate of the British Columbia apple. Give the consumers a chance and they will settle the problem, providing the terms of settlement be reasonable. In the past they have had to be content, for the most part, with fruit grown in Oregon and Washington.

Armand Lavergne and Tancrede Marcell say they would rather be shot than stand for conscription. Very well; all they have to do is to join up and take their chances in the next big push. If they really want to be shot they will need to invite the Huns to attend to the job only once.

The Huns will consider their latest air raid a magnificent triumph of "kultur." They succeeded in killing 27 women and 23 children. And the All-Highest War Lord will cite this achievement as proof that the Old God of Germany is with him yet.

The dying spasm of the Hun, in danger of desertion by his "illustrious allies," is manifesting itself in militarily futile but none the less ferocious air raids. The All-Highest War Lord is running up a big bill of costs.

Col. Lavergne is preaching sedition and advocating rebellion, and he does both in the garb of a British officer.

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Russia is not the only nation in need of a strong hand at the helm of the ship of state.

Submarine piracy proving a failure, the Hun is resorting to air raids again for the purpose of reducing the British to submission.

London Daily Express: The new British Army, fighting with its unconquerable French comrades, has exploded the myth of the "invincible" German leviathan, and is making the Hindenburg loud mouthings the most tragic joke in history. The German people are, it is admitted, suffering from nerves. The lies and the boasts are coming home to roost, and the hives are the precursors of disillusionment.

TO GENERAL JOFFRE

Guardian of France! Whose sovran might Dealing destruction on her foes that vain Would seek to crush her down, but seek In vain To overthrow the legions led by thee. Prudent and wise, and sound in strategy;— Since Truth and Justice follow in thy train No hordes can vanquish, and no force restrain The powers divine that share thy victory. Our hopes, our hearts, are with thee; and the light Of Liberty—a halo well we know— On thee, its ever-living wreath shall throw. When thou return'st triumphant from the fight;— While Right and Reason rule the world's acclaim Deathless shall be thy glory and thy fame.— Samuel Waddington, in Westminster Gazette.

A DEATH-BED REGRET.

There was a good man once who lived in one of the States bordering the Great Lakes. He lived in an atmosphere of shrewdness and homely, and in his youth he used to loiter against the veranda post of the store and whistle sticks with a clasp knife. At last he was called to his Maker, and as he lay on his last bed of sickness the pastor from a neighboring township came to see him. "You will be in Heaven in a little while," he said, consolingly, but the man did not seem enthusiastic. He was worried, and when the pastor asked him why, he replied sadly, "I do wish I'd not cut off seeing Niagara."

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- Stanfield's Elastic Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, light weight, long sleeves, ankle length. All sizes to 42. A garment.....\$1.00
- Stanfield's Natural Wool Mixture Shirts and Drawers, elastic rib. All sizes to 42. A garment.....\$1.15
- Mercerized Cotton Shirts and Drawers, medium weight. All sizes to 42. A garment.....\$1.50
- Silk and Wool Shirts and Drawers. All sizes to 42. A garment.....\$2.50
- Silk and Wool Union Suits, medium weight. Sizes to 42. Suit.....\$5.00
- Stanfield's Natural Wool Mixture Union Suits, elastic rib. Sizes to 42. A suit.....\$2.00
- Mercerized Cotton Union Suits. Sizes to 42. A suit.....\$3.00
- Natural Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, long sleeves and ankle length, light weight. All sizes to 44. A garment.....50¢
- Light Mesh Shirts and Drawers, coat shape and long sleeves, drawers knee length. Sizes to 42. A garment.....50¢
- Penman's Natural Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers— Sizes 34 to 44. A garment.....65¢
- Sizes 46 to 48. A garment.....75¢
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- Children's Cotton Ribbed Vests, with short sleeves and low neck; all sizes up to 12 years. Special at.....25¢
- Children's Cotton Ribbed Drawers, loose knee with lace trimming; also tight knee. A pair.....25¢
- Children's Cotton Woven Combinations, in all sizes; short sleeves, loose and tight knee. Priced up from.....50¢
- Children's Zimmerknit Vests, plain weave with fancy front and short sleeves; all sizes. Each at.....25¢
- Children's Zimmerknit Drawers, with loose knee, lace edged. A pair.....25¢
- Children's Combinations, low neck, short sleeves, loose knee and lace edged. Closed style only; all sizes. A suit.....50¢
- Children's Zimmerknit Directorate Knickers, in navy blue and white. Sizes to 12 years. A pair.....35¢
- Nazareth Waists, summer weight. Sizes from 3 to 12 years.....25¢

—Selling, First Floor

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- Boys' Natural Balbriggan, Shirts and Drawers— Summer weight, long sleeves, ankle length, or short sleeves and knee length. Sizes 22, 24 and 26, a garment.....30¢
- Sizes 28, 30 and 32, a garment.....35¢

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—Main Floor

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Did Not Appear—Paul Leonard and Charles Bush, who were yesterday arraigned in the Police Court on charges of vagrancy and who were remanded on suspended sentence until to-day, did not appear at the sitting of the court.

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AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

For the last time to-night, the Royal Victoria will have for its attraction, Mary Pickford in "A Poor Little Rich Girl," adapted from the well-known Eleanor Gate's play and novel. This photoplay is considered by many who have seen it during the week to be one of Miss Pickford's greatest successes. The story of the play is full of light and delightfully clean comedy. A continuous performance will be given from 2 to 11 p. m.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

What is heralded as one of the brightest and most amusing vaudeville bills of the season will be offered at the Pantages Theatre all next week, commencing with the matinee on Monday afternoon.
"Six Franches and a Pair," is the title of a musical comedietta, featuring two funny clowns, answering to the names

of Frank Sinatra and Cliff Dixon, supported by some pretty girls, described as being choice pickings from the beauty orchard. Some bright and tuneful musical numbers are introduced in the act, as well as a wealth of costumes and some clever comedy; special scenery further enhances a feature that is worthy of headline honors.

Tameo Kajiyama, the Japanese will power expert; will give a remarkable demonstration of mind concentration, introducing his latest creation which he terms "Quadruple Mind Concentration," in which he demonstrates that which heretofore was considered impossible and which may be compared with the peculiar mentality of Napoleon—that of attending to several things at the same time. Mr. Kajiyama shows the possibility of reading, writing, listening, talking and figuring at one and the same time.
Two clever entertainers, Olson and Johnson, will entertain with comedy and instrumental selections. These two lads are loaded with laughs and they share them with the audience.
Stephens and Hollister will offer the neat classy comedy skit entitled

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Helen Cavers, of Vancouver, who has been in indifferent health for some time, has come down to Vancouver Island to remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bickle, of Cumberland, are visiting in the city. Their daughter, Miss Rhoda Bickle, is a student at St. Ann's Convent.

Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Roberts, of Vancouver, who were here for the Methodist Conference, returned home this afternoon. While here they have been guests of Mrs. Roberts's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Monteith, Maitland Street, Victoria West.

By kind permission of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard a garden party and bridge tea is to be held at Government House on Thursday, June 14, in aid of the Field Comforts Committee, I. O. D. E. A delightful programme is being arranged in connection with the occasion.

An Indian baby contest was held at Brockton Point, Vancouver, on Thursday, Victoria Day, there being sixteen entries. Irene Violet scored highest by one point, but was eliminated on account of taking first prize last year, so that the actual prize went to Laura Miller, of Port Hammond, a six months-old baby. The judges were: Mrs. Jonathan Rogers, Mrs. A. U. de Pencier, Mrs. Logan and Dr. Belle Wilson.

On a tour across Canada Sir John C. Eaton, head of the T. Eaton Company, with Lady Eaton, and a party of friends, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Toronto. It is proposed to spend the week-end here. The party include Miss V. Barker, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tucker, of Winnipeg, and Charles Booth, of Toronto. They are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Mrs. J. R. Green, Miss Denise Harris and Mr. R. B. Mackenzie composed a party of five who left this morning for a four-days' motor trip up the Island. To-night they will stay at the Island Hotel, Parkville, and will give an informal recital there this evening. Tomorrow they will motor on to Cumberland and will furnish the solo vocalists for the performance of the "Holy City" that is to be given there by a local choir. The party expects to be back in Victoria on Tuesday night, and it is possible that before then they may have re-arranged their itinerary slightly to admit of giving impromptu entertainments elsewhere.

King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, of Belgium, have sent their little daughter to a school in Florence, a lay institution where the control of the state. The Queen went to Florence in March, and after spending some time visiting its art treasures and its hospitals decided to entrust her little daughter to the care of Florentine teachers. Up to the time of her visit in fair Italy Queen Elizabeth had given her time unreservedly to the interests of her distressed country, having served either as a nurse or as a companion to her husband at the front. The little princess, their daughter, had been in England ever since the war, and speaks the language as well as an English child.

Among the delegates who arrived in the city yesterday for the annual meeting of the National Chapter, I. O. D. E. were Mrs. Langstaff, of New York, president of the I. O. D. E., who is a guest of Mrs. Barnard at Government House; Mrs. Gooderham, president of the National Executive, who is a guest at the Empress; Mrs. Bruce, National Secretary, who is also at the Empress; Mrs. Audin, treasurer, arrived with the party, but has gone on a short visit to Salt Spring Island. Mrs. Atherton Smith, of St. John, N. B., another of the delegates, is the guest of Mrs. F. B. Pemberton. Miss Gauvreau, of New Westminster, is the guest of Mrs. Henry Croft. Mrs. C. U. Heam, of Brandon, Manitoba, Provincial Educational Secretary, is staying at the Alexandra Club.

It is not generally known here yet that Mr. James Welch, popularly and gratefully known on the stage as "Jimmy" Welch, who achieved such immortal fame in "When Knights Were Bold," died in England in the latter part of April. He had been ill for weeks, and had not appeared on the stage for some time. The son of a chartered accountant of Liverpool, Mr. Welch began with amateur acting in his native town, and used to relate with glee that the first line he spoke on any stage was "this ere pie is a pie is a pie, is this ere pie." Mr. Richard Le Gallienne, the well-known journalist, poet and author, was a brother-in-law, and the two young men went to London about the same time in the latter part of the 'eighties. The young actor became a member of Wilson Barrett's company, Le Gallienne receiving the appointment of secretary to the same gentleman. By the early nineties Mr. Welch was widely recognized as one of the most brilliant young players on the London stage, appearing in the earliest performances of Bernard Shaw's "Widowers' Houses" (1892), and in "Arms and the Man" (1894). He was among the early players in Ibsen's things, taking a part in the first London production of "An Enemy of the People" (1892). He was endowed with an extraordinary gift for the comical, and although some of his other performances at the period showed him equally skilled in pathos, he was for the most part claimed by comedy. Among poets and novelists he enjoyed a wide friendship, being a student of books. His home in Gray's Inn was a "locked out" which is full of bright humor and clever repartee.
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beautiful ones being the Children of Charles L. Thomas Carlyle, Queen Victoria, St. Paul's from the Thames, Earl Roberts, the Duke of Wellington and the Boyhood of Sir Walter Raleigh, in all of which the colors are remarkably reproduced. As the result of the undertaking a handsome sum is on hand to give to the fund for dependents of disabled and killed seamen.

YPRES CHAPTER

New Branch of Imperial Organization Formed Here With Motto "Carry On."

A new chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire has recently been formed, the object of the members in thus banding themselves together being to work for, and raise funds in aid of the returned soldiers of this city. The first two meetings, consisting of about fifteen members, was held at the home of Miss Vivienne Charlton, Moss Street, and many worthy objects and plans for raising funds were discussed. The third meeting was held last night at the Y. W. C. A., when Mrs. Neume, the organizing secretary from the Daughters of the Empire, was present, and the "Ypres Chapter," with "Carry On" for its motto, was formally organized, each member taking the oath in turn. As officers the following were elected: Regent, Miss Lyle Whelan, of the Victoria High School; 1st vice-regent, Mrs. Simmonds; 2nd vice-regent, Miss Jean Duncan; secretary, Miss Vivienne Charlton; treasurer, Mrs. H. G. Bolt; standard-bearer, Miss Marguerite Bennett. The members are all eager to begin patriotic work, and intend to have the same well under way in a very short time.

AT THE HOTELS

R. T. Ward, of Bullon, is a new arrival at the Dominion.

F. L. Doelker, of Seattle, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

W. B. Pickard, of Winnipeg, has arrived at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. John Dalman, of Chicago, is registered at the Empress Hotel.

Dr. L. T. Seavey, of Port Townsend, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

J. A. Tanner and son, of Nanaimo, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Angus McLeod, of Grand Forks, B. C., is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. A. Harding, of Vernon, B. C., is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

James D. Hamilton and family, of Winnipeg, are at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. H. Creston and Miss Palmer, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion Hotel.

W. F. Somerville, of Quesnel, is in the city a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, of Tacoma, Wash., are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. T. D. Cameron, of Brandon, Manitoba, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Ellis Ladner and son, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

C. A. Fraulin and R. S. Fraulin, of

Seattle, are stopping at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. B. Greenwood and W. Braxton are new arrivals at the Strathcona Hotel from Calgary.

Olaf Harason and family are down from Prince Rupert and are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Armand and A. E. Mainwaring are Vancouver guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. Geo. Smith, of St. Catharines, Ont., and Mrs. J. Murray Clark, of Toronto, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

W. B. Williams and O. L. Loose, visitors from West Sound, Wash., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

F. Conruyt, W. W. Alton, A. D. Thompson, H. McDonald and L. Lupton are Vancouver visitors stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

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NATIONAL I.O.D.E. CONVENING MONDAY

Week's Programme to Begin at 9.30 at Empress Hotel

The annual meeting of the National Chapter, I.O.D.E., the membership of which is made up of the National Executive and officers of all affiliated chapters right across the Dominion, will begin its sessions at the Empress Hotel on Monday morning, continuing throughout the week.

The opening session will be at 9.30, and Monday will be chiefly taken up with the registration of delegates, the signing of railway certificates, the conference of National and Provincial presidents, secretaries and treasurers. Tuesday morning will also be taken up with routine business. The afternoon programme will comprise an address of welcome by Mrs. A. E. Griffiths, regent of the Municipal Chapter, Victoria, to the visiting delegates, and Mrs. Sexton, regent of the Municipal Chapter, Halifax, will reply. At 4 o'clock Mrs. Martin, provincial president in Saskatchewan, will deliver an address. Wednesday's speakers will include Mrs. George J. Smith, National Educational Secretary; Mrs. J. Elliott Langstaff, president of the Daughters of the British Empire in the United States, who has come from New York to attend the sessions; and Miss Constance Bolton. On Thursday Mrs. Sexton and Mrs. W. Y. Spence, of Calgary, will be the principal speakers. Mrs. A. W. McDougall, of Montreal, is to be one of the principal speakers on Friday morning.

The social features of the week include a reception to the visiting delegates by the Premier and Government representatives, the Provincial President and Municipal regents of British Columbia at the Parliament Buildings on Monday evening from 8.30 to 10. Arrangements have been made with one of the military bands to give a programme of music in this connection. On Tuesday evening there will be an at home and musical at the Alexandra Club. On Wednesday evening Mrs. Barnard will give a reception at Government House. Friday afternoon, the last day of the annual gathering, will be marked by a garden party at the home of Mrs. Henry Croft, B. C. Provincial President.

The following is a list of the delegates who are known to be coming to attend the meetings:

- Mrs. Pooke, New Westminster, B. C.; Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Mrs. F. Green and Mrs. Snelgrove, Hamilton, Ont.; Mrs. D. M. Carrey, Ladysmith, B. C.; Mrs. H. Stephens, Portage la Prairie, Man.; Mrs. F. Colson, Ottawa; Mrs. Harry Burkholder, Hamilton, Ont.; Mrs. W. A. Mathers, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Smith, Swift Current, Sask.; Mrs. A. B. Bowley and Miss Margaret Bowley and Miss Augusta Mann, Windsor, Ont.; Mrs. McKenzie, Swift Current, Man.; Mrs. Perring Taylor, Regina, Sask.; Mrs. J. E. Ratz, North Battleford, Sask.; Miss Irene Moore, Regina, Sask.; Mrs. George White, Trenton, Ont.; Mrs. Brian and Mrs. Boulton, Toronto; Mrs. Atherton Smith, St. John, N. B.; Mrs. Paul Creighton, Dartmouth, N. S.; Mrs. George Smith, St. Catharines, Ont.; Miss Lilla Lowndes, Sidney, B. C.; Mrs. Alexander MacLaren, Mrs. J. D. Chaplin, St. Catharines, Ont.; Mrs. Cumberland, Brandon, Man.; Mrs. R. Macfarlane, Mrs. E. M. Cotter, Balmoral, Man.; Mrs. Colin Campbell, Winnipeg; Mrs. W. S. Grant, Winnipeg; Mrs. C. E. Fowler, Vancouver; Mrs. Ganvreat, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Heaps, Miss Evelyn Major, Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. F. Pearson, Miss Dylora Swencski, Mrs. Sutherland, New Westminster; Mrs. W. J. Wright, Mrs. W. Hubbell, Mrs. G. O. Hughes, Winnipeg; Mrs. J. E. Howden, Neustawa, Man.; Mrs. W. H. Green, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Mrs. William Riddell, Smiths' Falls, Ont.; Mrs. D. J. McIntosh, St. Catharines; Mrs. Kingston, Grand Forks, B. C.; Mrs. J. K. Smith, Swift Current, Sask.; Mrs. H. H. Miller, Hanover, Ont.; Mrs. Martin Wolff, Quebec, P. Q.; Mrs. Allan Mackay, Saskatoon, Sask.; Mrs. John Pinder-Moss and Mrs. Rathbone Smith, Edmonton, Alta.; Mrs. T. Martindale, Nanaimo, B. C.; Mrs. W. E. Grovely, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. A. E. Valens, Wadena, Sask.; Mrs. L. A. Garland, Portage la Prairie, Man.; Miss A. M. Bell, Collingwood, Ont.; Mrs. A. L. McCulloch, Nelson, B. C.

AROUND THE GARDEN

Newsy Chat About Things Which Interest the Horticulturist

The time of year has arrived when the insect pests and fungus growths come in all their myriad difficulties to harass and worry the horticulturist. Fortunately there are few that have not been thoroughly examined, and the best means of their control considered, however, the amateur is often worried to know which remedy to adopt. It seems from scientific investigations recently conducted in this locality that the principle holds good which every entomologist has urged on the horticulturist, that while it is impossible to eradicate, protection and immunity can be obtained by restrictive measures. Since the insects breathe through the spiracles of the bodies, any solution which closes the orifices and ends in suffocation of the insects secures the result desired. That is the secret of the whole system of using soapy and similar substances which adhere to the body of the insect. Water, combined with some poison, is the secret of insecticides.

When the insect reaches the stage of the crawling caterpillar, individual effort is necessary, and the right season of the day must be selected when the creatures are at home in the haunts which nature directs them, so that the early morning and late evening hours are the hunting season for such pests.

Menace to Neighbors. In horticulture, as in most other things of life, the worker suffers from the slackness of the sluggard, for many of the pests are capable of seeking pastures new, when the field of their activities is made too hot for them. This circumstance is particularly true with the fruit pests. An orchard neglected is not only likely to prove a menace to its negligent owner, but to those who have orchards in the vicinity of the property. It is unfortunate that the two cold winters of the past two years should have come to test out the qualities of the birds imported from the Old Country, because the English songbird is usually one of the best allies of the horticulturist in picking off the insects and grubs which do so much damage in the gardens and orchards.

Useful Publication. The Entomological Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has just issued a circular on "Common Garden Insects and Their Control." This publication includes an account of the more important insect pests of the vegetable and flower garden. The remedial measures for controlling the common destructive species and also formulae for the making of the chief insecticides are given. For

easy reference the insects are grouped under the crop or flowering plants they infest. Gardeners will find this publication a useful means for solving many troubles that will arise. Application for this Entomological Circular No. 9 should be made to the Chief of Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Trespassers. Many of the lots under cultivation are situated on properties through which footpaths have been worn by the trend of many feet, and it is going to be very difficult to induce people given to favor short cuts to go around while the crops are growing. They are on their honor, and not under the compulsion of the law. Many lots will certainly not be fenced, and on the unfenced property it appears to be the particular delight of dogs and children to play. Supervision is impossible since many of the lots are situated a considerable distance from the homes of the cultivators.

Natural Fertilizers. At a time when artificial manure is becoming more difficult to secure, the agriculturists and cultivators who live near the beach have in the shells of the seashore an opportunity to secure lime. A few gardeners whose make use of this form of fertilizer, and others can apply the practice with a minimum of effort. With potash almost unobtainable, it is only by the conservation of stable manure, an increased use of legumes and of ground rock phosphate that the lack of sufficient fertilizers can be met. The application of crushed limestone, and limestone in various ages of geological stratification exists all over the island. It is applied as a dressing to land which would otherwise be sour.

Planting of gardens by those who had not previously completed the work has been in progress this week, and practically all the acreage which will be utilized this year is now in hand. Whatever steps are taken to give efficient irrigation, the question of cultivation is of the greatest importance to everyone.

The Competitions. Last Saturday The Times printed the list of competitions devised by the Prize Committee of the Increased Production Committee. Entries must be lodged by June 10. With the exception of class two, it is distinctly understood that no help beyond members of the family is to be allowed. That class is open to families where a hired man or woman does some occasional work in a garden, although not ranking as a professional gardener.

PREPARATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROSE SHOW

Big Annual Festival Taking Place Middle of Next Month

Oregon's famous roses will be in their brightest bloom and the state's magnificent highways at their best when Portland holds its eleventh annual Rose Festival, June 12, 14 and 15.

With millions of roses to draw on, and more than \$25,000 to spend for decorations, music, parades and pageants, the Rose City anticipates a carnival this summer that will exceed in beauty and attractiveness anything heretofore attempted.

In keeping with the spirit of the times the festival will put a strong accent upon patriotism. In this connection the festival centre will radiate from the Court of Patriotism in which will rise a great replica of the famous Statue of Liberty that stands at the entrance of New York harbor. This great statue will be an exact duplicate of the original save as to size, and will be illuminated by clusters of electric flood lights and guarded by cannons whose missiles will be millions of rose petals.

Here the formal opening exercises will be held Wednesday night, June 13. President Wilson at the White House will touch a button and send an electric impulse across the continent that will flood the centre with light and give the signal for "The Star Spangled Banner," which will be sung by thousands.

June 14—National Flag Day—will be given over entirely to a huge patriotic demonstration in which various patriotic organizations, veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars and the enlisted men now ready for action will participate. A magnificent pageant, in which numerous symbolical floats will be employed to show the growth of human liberties, will be held on this day.

On June 15—the closing day—the famed floral parade will be held. In this parade each year hundreds of vehicles, from automobiles to fire engines, vie in the display of floral decorations. It is one of the most unique and gorgeous exhibitions of flowers to be seen anywhere in the world.

Another attractive feature of the festival is the children's parade, which is held the opening day. Between fifteen and twenty thousand "Human Rosebuds" will participate, each dressed in costume and trained to fancy, dances and drills.

Portland is a city of 280,000 population, with many beautiful hotels, and is situated in the heart of some of the most inspiring scenery which the con-

SERVING IN FRANCE

Private Harry Johnson

Mechanical Transport Driver, who left Victoria last summer and, after spending some months in training in Canada at Camp Borden and Petawawa and in England at Shoreham and Purfleet, is now in France. Writing from France he says: "I am now behind the firing line at a place made famous by the Canadians at the beginning of the war." Private Johnson is a native son age 18 1/2 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, 1126 N. Park Street, and before enlisting was employed by Thos. Plimley.

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VICTORIA BOY SCOUTS

The chief event of the past week has been the entertainment by the Victoria Boy Scouts, which netted \$50 for the assistance of the Red Cross fund in providing motor ambulances. The entertainment was well attended, and it is hoped that an increase in the number of applications for enrolment will follow.

XV. University School Troop.—The under-noted second-class scouts have been awarded certificates for the 1st class journey and map-drawing tests: H. G. Marpole, A. Bull and A. F. Price. The second-class scouts are very busy preparing for the signalling examination which will shortly take place.

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SECOND SON HIT

Private Clinton P. Lord Admitted to Hospital, Brother of Private Norman H. Lord.

News was received this morning by Mrs. C. R. Lord, of 1811 Pembroke Street, to the effect that her son, Private Clinton P. Lord, has been admitted to hospital in France. The wire from the Records Office at Ottawa does not state the nature



PTE. CLINTON P. LORD

of his hurts nor whether serious or slight. Private Lord is a native of Ladner, B. C., and immediately prior to joining the army he was engaged by the C. P. R. on the Coast Steamships. He left Victoria with the Victoria Fusiliers on May 23 last year and went to the front with a reinforcing draft for one of the B. C. Pioneer battalions.

LT. FLOWERDEW WOUNDED

Left With B. C. Horse in August, 1914; Promoted From Trooper to a Commission.

News was received yesterday by Mrs. W. Miller Hig, of this city, that her brother, Lieut. Gordon Flowerdew, was slightly wounded in a cavalry action on May 19. His hurts, however, were not sufficiently serious to necessitate his removal to hospital and he is remaining on duty. Lieut. Flowerdew left the province with the B. C. Horse from Kamloops on August 23, 1914, the regiment being merged into Strathcona's Horse at Valcartier. Leaving for France as a trooper Lieut. Flowerdew was promoted to his present rank on the field some eighteen months ago. A younger brother also left Valcartier at the same time and is serving in the same regiment.



GNR. E. A. WOOTTON Who has been wounded.

MAKING PROGRESS

Private Herbert Baines, of This City, Although Seriously Wounded, is Reported Upon Favorably.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baines has received further information concerning her husband, Private Herbert Baines. When heard from, a few days ago, he was lying seriously ill in hospital at Wimereux suffering from severe gunshot wounds in right arm and legs. News received yesterday afternoon is of a more hopeful character, and states that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. Private Baines went overseas with the Timber Wolves in July last and transferred to Warden's Warriors on arrival in France.

OFFICIAL NOTICES IN THE B. C. GAZETTE

Appointments Gazetted; Timber Licenses for Tender; New Companies Formed

In the B. C. Gazette to-day, issued a day late on account of the holiday coming on the usual day of publication, appears notice of the following appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council:

To be Justices of the Peace—Frederick Allan Dewar, Lucerne; Arthur Ferris, Kimberley; Robert J. Walker, Neriot Bay, Valdez Island.

To be a coroner—Dr. George A. Sutherland, Port Couillard, in the stead of Dr. F. J. Doherty.

To be district registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and an issuer of marriage licenses at Hudson Hope—John Arthur Macdonald, Hudson Hope.

To be a commissioner for taking affidavits—William Allan Riddell, Vancouver.

To be an issuer of marriage licenses—James Milton Wright, Armstrong.

To be assistant potato inspector and inspector of potato diseases—Henry Gutteridge.

The Minister of Lands is calling for tenders for the purchase of the following timber licenses: X964, under which may be cut 255,000 feet of spruce, balsam and hemlock on an area on the east shore of Ellerslie Channel; X913, under which may be cut 1,000,000 feet of cedar and Douglas fir on an area west of Deep Bay; X953, under which may be cut 1,000,000 feet of cedar and fir on an area near Norrows Arm; and X954, under which may be cut 550,000 feet of cedar and Douglas fir on an adjoining area.

Notice is given in the Gazette that Greenfields & Company, Limited, a company incorporated in 1910 in this province, having transferred all its business assets to Greenfields, Limited, a company incorporated under the Dominion laws, has decided to wind up its affairs voluntarily. A meeting of the creditors, if any, will be held in the Yorkshire Building, Vancouver, on Wednesday afternoon next. In order that there may be no false impression created by this purely formal and legal notice a note is appended to it to the effect that the business at present being transacted in B. C. by Greenfields, Limited, of Montreal, will be continued as usual.

The defunct company, Limited, has appointed Harry A. Bourne, Vancouver, as its attorney in place of G. E. McCrossan.

The Michelin Tire Company of Canada, Limited, has appointed Owen Buras, Vancouver, as its attorney in place of Basil Kaye.

There were five new companies incorporated this week under the provincial laws, all having their head offices in Vancouver, as follows: Auto Supply Company, Limited, capital \$10,000; Coast Steamship Company, Limited,

LOCAL BOY HIT

Gunner E. A. Wootton Wounded; His Battery Took Part in Bombardment of Germans on Vimy Ridge.

With no further particulars except that he had been wounded on May 14, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wootton have been officially notified that their second son, Gunner E. A. Wootton, has been hit during the recent fighting. Gunner Wootton enlisted in October, 1915, in the Victoria Fusiliers and went overseas with that unit in May last. On arrival in England he was transferred to a howitzer battery of the Canadian Field Artillery and went to France in March of this year.

His battery took a prominent part in the bombardment of the German positions on Vimy Ridge, and a recent letter home tells that the victory would have been even more complete had weather conditions been favorable.

Gunner Wootton will be 21 years of age next month. He was born in Victoria and received his education at the Public and High Schools. He is a brother of Lieut. H. N. Wootton who returned to duty in France recently.



CAPTAIN R. H. B. KER, R. F. C.

DESERTED FROM UNIT

Henry Olsen Case is Remanded Until Monday; Doctor to Examine Accused.

On a charge of having absented himself from his unit without the consent of his commanding officer, Henry Olsen, a member of the 33rd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, was arraigned before Magistrate Jay in the Police Court to-day, but owing to the condition of the accused the case was remanded until Monday, by which time he will have been examined by the city doctor.

The circumstances of the charge are to the effect that the accused, who joined the 33rd Battalion, of London, Ontario, in 1915, deserted in June of that year, making his escape to the United States, where he has been living for the past two years. Recently the American immigration authorities found traces of his whereabouts and he was accordingly sent back to Canada for trial.

His physical and mental condition do not appear to be quite normal and it is for this reason that it was thought well to have the accused examined before proceeding further with the case.

Case is Dismissed.—Joseph Flynn, who was this morning charged in the Police Court with vagrancy, was dismissed with a warning—to be more careful of his actions in the future.

A WESTERN SCOT



PTE. PERCY DAVID DUTOT

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SPORTING NEWS

CLEVELAND BATTERS SETTING MERRY PACE

Burns, of New York, Leads Hitters in the National League Averages

Chicago, May 26.—Cleveland batters are setting a merry pace for 300 hits in the American League. Unofficial averages released to-day show three of the team—Speaker, Wambegans and Chapman—in that class, Speaker leading the league with .339. The figures include games of last Wednesday.

Chapman also is showing the way to base-stealers and sacrifice hitters. He has stolen 13 bases as against 7 for Cobb and has made 19 sacrifice hits. St. Louis leads in club batting with 250. Leading batters who have played in 15 or more games are Speaker, Cleveland, .329; Wambegans, Cleveland, .328; Henrich, New York, .327; Miller, St. Louis, .326; Walker, Boston, .318; Sisler, St. Louis, .317; Cobb, Detroit, .315; Chapman, Cleveland, .314; McInnes, Philadelphia, .300.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL IN THE BIG LEAGUES

Table with columns for League, Team, and Score. Includes American League and Pacific Coast League results.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct. Lists results for Northwest, Pacific Coast, and Southern Association.

WESTERN LEAGUE

Denver, 1; Joplin, 6. Other games postponed, rain.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Indianapolis, 4; Columbus, 1. Louisville, 5; Toledo, 11. Minneapolis, 6; Milwaukee, 5.

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PHONE 144 1313 BLANSHARD. All those contestants who were successful in winning prizes at the Red Cross field day sports were held on Thursday are asked to call at the office of the Empire Realty Company, at 641 Fort Street, to receive their awards on Monday next.

SEATTLE LOSES GAME TO VANCOUVER SQUAD

Pitcher is Chased by Umpire When He Objects to the Decision

Vancouver, B. C., May 26.—Pruett's oratorical fireworks display cost Seattle a chance to win another game from Vancouver yesterday. The chatty Seattle flinger talked right out in open meeting along about the eighth inning, when the score was tied and the Beavers had a runner on, with one out.

Everybody feeling chipper. Play-ers on both teams and the fans went about all afternoon with chips on their shoulders and asbestos paper would have been no protection against the talk that emanated from all sides. Cusack's calls at times were weird, both teams suffering an afternoon of wrangling, culminating with Pruiett's incontinent uprising and his banishment.

Errors Help Beavers. Vancouver evened the score in the fourth. Stokke was safe on Murphy's error, going down on an infield out and scoring when Snyder singled to left. In the ninth Bennett walked, advanced on a sacrifice, moved up on an infield out and scored on Morse's wild pitch. The Giants got a runner on in the ninth and Cunningham was deliberately passed. Eastley batted for Morse and right here Stokke furnished the fielding feature of the day by pulling down Eastley's foul fly back of first.

Table with columns for Player, A, B, R, H, P, O, A, E. Lists statistics for various players.

LOCAL ATHLETE JOINS ROYAL FLYING CORPS

Among the names of local athletes who have recently joined the Royal Flying Corps is that of Ernie Hall, a member of the V. I. A. A., and an active participant in all lines of sport. Ernie, who is a son of Rev. L. W. Hall, missionary to the Chinese of the city, is a very well-known athlete in Victoria. As a native son of British Columbia he has taken an active part in the sporting events of the community, figuring prominently in many recent track meets.

TRIBUTE TO PUGILIST

New York, May 26.—Just before Ted Lewis and Mike O'Dowd started on their ten-round bout in St. Nicholas Rink Thursday night, Joe Humphreys, announcer, stepped to the centre of the ring. "I ask every man here," he said, "to stand with his hat off for a minute in memory of a boxer who came to us and never was given a chance. I believe everyone here will understand me when I say, 'God rest the memory of Les Darcy, martyred pugilist.'"

BASEBALL RECORDS

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, Pct. Lists records for Northwest, Pacific Coast, American League, National League, and Red Cross Prizes.

V.H.S. FIELD MEET WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Girls of Patriotic Society Raise \$15 for Soldiers' Comfort Boxes

The weather man has been very considerate of the feelings and desires of Victorians during the past few days of celebration; nor did he withdraw the favorable light of his countenance before the High School sports which were held yesterday afternoon at the school campus were complete. A scattering of foreboding clouds that were visible in the sky during the greater part of the morning did not prophesy in an encouraging manner for the conditions that might have been expected to prevail in the afternoon. Everything, however, turned out for the best, and it was a large and representative gathering of students and their friends that collected before the school at 2.30 o'clock to witness the competitions provided for the young athletes.

The grounds bordered to the westward by the school edifice and on the other sides by Fernwood Road and the Yining Street presented a pretty picture to the spectator on approaching. Both the girls and boys were present in large numbers; a fact which spoke well for the interest and enthusiasm that is entertained by the pupils in the activities of the institution. During the running of many of the races it was noticed with what keenness the onlookers entered into the spirit of the competitions, and that no matter who the winner might be, that fortunate person was invariably greeted with an enthusiastic burst of applause.

A decided feature of the afternoon's events was the confectionery booth that was managed by the girls of the High School Patriotic Society. These young ladies lost no opportunity during the course of the various events in offering their wares, that consisted of daintily packed home-made sweets. Their efforts in selling met with every success in that they were soon able to dispose of their complete stock, having netted in so doing the sum of \$15, which will be devoted to the further carrying on of their patriotic work of sending boxes of comforts to the High School boys who are now playing the great game of war on the battlefields of France and Belgium. The excellent results that attended their society last fall will be remembered in this regard, and should encourage them to continue the work during the coming year.

Table with columns for Boys, Girls, and various race results. Lists names and times for different events.

APPEALS FOR RECRUITS

Toronto, May 26.—Capt. Tom Finnigan, the well-known Toronto sport promoter, has returned from the front. He comes urging all military eligibles who can be spared from civilian work that they are needed to "carry on" in France.

PROHIBITORY LAW MAY NOT BE NECESSARY

Ottawa, May 26.—The passage of a bill to stop racing in Canada during the duration of the war may not be necessary if a proposal made by a number of representative racing men who waited upon Sir Robert Borden and Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, is accepted by the Government. The racing men offered to put a complete stop to racing after the fall meets are held this year, and told the Government that if this was agreed to it would not be necessary to introduce legislation, for they were willing to promise that no track fixtures would be arranged for next summer or until after the close of the war.

TO ELEVATE BOXING GAME IN NEW YORK

Promoters and Ring Managers Protest Against Governor's Action. When Governor Whitman succeeded in killing the Frawley law permitting ten-round no-decision bouts in the State of New York he accomplished something that may serve to elevate the game to a decent standard, but he immediately called down on his head the wrath of the very men whose work has done most to bring the game into had favor with Whitman. Harry Pollock was surprised and Dan McKetrick was dumfounded, yet there was nothing so staggering to the game than their act in bringing charges recently against Fred Wneec, recent chairman of the State Boxing Commission. Evidence which was brought out there, the un concealed dislike of Wneec by Pollock and McKetrick and many other things showed as nothing could have the state of the game in New York. Recent bouts in New York, under the protection of a no-decision clause in the Frawley law, have been criticized so strongly in the newspapers that it is easy to believe the governor doubted if such a thing as a real boxing match ever was staged under the Frawley law.

FAMOUS TOM LONGBOAT WRITES FROM EUROPE

Tim O'Rourke, the well-known Eastern sportsman, has received a letter from Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, dated April 12, 1917, 10th Battalion, Canadian Pioneers, France.

"Just a few lines to you. How are you, old sport of Caledonia? Took me long time to be for I wake up again. Honestly, I have been sleeping all this time. I didn't have enough sense ever since I left Canada. I been real such clever man when I wake up. Believe me, have some good time together with the boys, and how is all your families at home? Are they all well and kicking? I'm going to tell you that I never felt so good in all my born days. How is that, old chap? I think I better stay here in London for a while. I want to take up law course for seven years. Would that be plenty long enough? So that is the consequence over this war. Oh, well, I appreciate it anyhow. That gave me a great encouragement and great development of knowledge, and I suppose you heard about Canadian big successes at the front. Do you think that you can recognize me when I go back? I am getting bigger every day.

"Do you know it is very difficult for me to write? We have no table to write on. I had to write standing up. It is no use for me to tell you all particulars about the war, because perhaps you know more about it than I do. When you receive my letter will you tell my friends I am alive and kicking some place in France? From your old friend, 'T. C. LONGBOAT.' J. S.—I see that United States got the same fever, too, now.

EXPRESSES SYMPATHY OF TENNIS PLAYERS

At the first meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club that was held following the death of Lieut. Robert B. Powell, the committee passed the resolution which is here printed: "Resolved: That a letter be sent to Mrs. L. W. Powell, on behalf of the members of this club, conveying to her and her family the club's sincere sorrow at the death of her son, Lieut. Robert B. Powell, in action on the 28th day of April, 1917, while serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France, and of the club's profound sympathy with them in their painful bereavement, assuring them that the memory both of his skill and sportsmanship in the contests of peace time, and of his honorable end in war, will be cherished by this club as a notable example for inspiration."

DIRECTUM I. TO BE SOLD IN NEW YORK

Directum I, 1.52, world's fastest harness horse and holder of an even dozen world's turf records, will be an added consolation to the Billings trotters at the Madison Square Garden sale on June 6, according to a New York dispatch. Directum I is now ten years old and was bred by James Butler at his East View farm. Mr. Butler sold him three years ago to M. E. Sturges, of New York, for a reported price of \$3,000. During the state fair meeting at Syracuse in 1915, Directum I paced a mile without windshield in 1:52, which is the fastest mile in a race. Among his other notable world turf records are a half mile in 52 seconds, 1.14 miles in 1:02 and 11 miles in 2:45, all three made last year.

TENNIS SERIES WILL COMMENCE TO-DAY

Vancouver, May 26.—The opening games in the senior series of the Vancouver and District Tennis League will be played to-day. Vancouver playing at Laurel and Teachers at St. Mark's. Although all of the clubs have suffered materially through enlistments, it is anticipated that a good season's sport will be had, several new players making their appearance on the club teams for the first time. The team to represent St. Mark's to-day will be Hopgood and Dingman, Robertson and Bell and Jefferson and Adams.

TO RESUME SPORT IN AMERICAN COLLEGES

A dispatch from New York says that following the discontinuance of athletics in nearly every college and university of prominence in the country, heads of representative schools yesterday indicated a change of sentiment and a resumption of sports. In answer to queries from a news agency, deans of colleges and universities in every section of the country have replied, with only a few exceptions, that they believe abandonment of athletics is a mistake. These questions were asked the deans: "Do you believe athletics in the universities and colleges in this country should be resumed after the first draft for troops is completed?" "Do you believe athletic training is helpful to military training?" The first question received a chorus of "Ayes."

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Familiar Figure in Victoria

Alexander Wilson, Who Has Devoted Years of Effort to Hospital Work

One of the familiar figures of the city as far back as most living residents can recall is Mr. Alec Wilson, head of the firm of Wilson Bros. It was in 1859 that he came to Victoria, his birthplace being the Province of Quebec. Quiet and unassuming he had, nevertheless, a keen public spirit-ness which led him to take up mat- ters of the city's welfare with a zeal which was effective and practical in its results.

A member of the School Board from 1881-1883, and an alderman in 1882. He was a candidate for the mayoralty in 1891 (in which election he was de- feated), Mr. Wilson's association with the larger interests of the city dates back even to an earlier date. The re- ference is to his connection with the Royal Jubilee Hospital, an institution which owes its existence to the per- sistent endeavor of a handful of city fathers who had rather longer vision than their fellows.

"The real nucleus of the hospital arose from a little incident which has been related on more than one occa- sion in recent years in connection with the late Bishop-Cridge," said Mr. Wil- son. "A sick man was found one day lying under a shade-tree in the Bishop's garden, having been left there by friends who had disappeared in the meantime without leaving any trace of their identity other than the name. Then we began to think about a hospital. The first hospital was where the Arcade building now stands. It was a temporary structure. Later the hospital was established at Hospi- tal Point, a Dr. Seely being put in charge. Bishop Cridge took a great interest in it, and helped in many ways to add to the comfort of the patients."

At Spring Ridge.

The hospital was moved a second time to Spring Ridge, receiving the name "Royal Hospital." The first board was composed of Bishop (then Dean) Cridge and A. F. Pemberton, as far as Mr. Wilson could recall. The patients were all poor, chiefly miners who were suffering in one way or another with the rigors of their occupa- tion under the severe hardships of the early days in the interior. It was through the bequest of a sign-painter, who left \$1,800 to the hospital on con- dition that accommodation be made for women patients, that the institu- tion was extended to admit other than men, and the sum was augmented by the industry of a public-spirited woman, Mrs. Harris, and three or four other ladies who canvassed the city energetically with the result that suf- ficient was collected to found a woman's ward with half a dozen beds. "Up to then there were only male nurses in the hospital," continued Mr. Wilson. "When the addition of a woman's ward was made, women nurses were installed. In 1892 there was an outbreak of smallpox. It was terrible trying to find a place to put the victims. There were at one time as many as 120 patients in the grounds of the hospital in rough houses put up hurriedly and afterwards burnt down when they were no longer required. The scourge lasted about two months."

Long Connection.

It was about 1871 that Mr. Wilson was put on the hospital board, and he has occupied a place thereon till two years ago.

The first effort to found a Provin- cial hospital which would really ade- quately meet the needs was met rather half-heartedly by the Government. Fi- nally, however, they were persuaded to a concession. They would give \$20,000 on condition that the citizens of Vic- toria did the same. The amount was considered fabulous, and the Govern- ment thought the matter was at an

end. But the members of the board and other ardent advocates of the scheme put their heads together, made a supreme effort, and actually raised within \$1,800 of the stipulated amount. The margin was made up by selling some of the hospital property that had been bequeathed by grateful patients. The Government promise had to be ful- filled. Mr. Keith was engaged to act as architect. A new hospital of fifty beds was planned. When the designs were out, and the work commenced it was found that the cost of the structure would amount to \$53,000. A second appeal was necessary to scrape to- gether the \$13,000 not covered by the Government grant, and the previous canvass of the city. Again more hospital property had to be sold, again the amount was raised.

Troubles Not Over.

A drunken steward was the first big trouble, which befell the management. He was put in the lock-up. His com- patriots, good clannish Scots, held a mass-meeting and demanded his rein- statement.

"The town was aflame with excite- ment over the thing," Mr. Wilson re- called with some amusement. "He was put back in the hospital, but only for a short time. The anti's finally got him out."

No More Debts.

Mr. Wilson recalling the many par- ticularly efficient medical men and others who had been associated with the hospital in the early days referred to the surgeon, John Davey. In Dr. Davey's time the hospital had no operat- ing chamber, no surgical instru- ments, and used no anaesthetics for operations. Dr. Davey himself lent the necessary instruments. When the new hospital was built he went to Europe and purchased the necessary instru- ments for operations.

New Hospital.

The new Jubilee Hospital foundation stone was laid by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught in 1896. Mr. John Grant was Mayor of Victoria at the time and carried off the honors in such a dis- tinguished manner that he was spe- cially complimented by the Royal visitor.

The first matron of the hospital was Mrs. Murray, of Sooke, a graduate of Kingston Hospital. It was under her administration that the Jubilee Hospi- tal nursing school was started. Mr. Wilson is not the least appreciative of Victoria's citizens of the splendid work which has been done by this institu- tion.

Modelled along the lines of the no- table Johns Hopkins institution the Provincial Hospital has not always been so conveniently equipped as at present. But the vicissitudes have had their educational value. Experience teaches much. And the institution has done its work despite the fact that it has had beside the drawbacks of pion- eer days genuine enemies opposing any progressive changes at every turn. In fact even in such so-called modern times as these there are people to be found who do not consider hospital needs as among the foremost. In the old days life was a matter of the sur- vival of the fittest physically. To-day hundreds of useful men and women and children who will one day be citi- zens are saved to the community by the efficient medical care they receive in the big nursing establishment at the Willows.

Mr. Wilson is the last survivor of the pioneer leaders of the First Pres- byterian Church here, with which for over half a century he has been iden- tified. For that reason he was se- lected to officiate when the corner stone of the new church which was opened two years ago, was laid. There are few people who have given a more devoted service to the community than Mr. Wilson.

BEANS AS A GARDEN CROP

By J. W. Gibson, M.A., Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, Victoria, B. C.

Few people fully realize the great value of beans as an article of food. Food-chemists tell us, for instance, that a pound of dry beans is almost equal in caloric or fuel value to a pound of ham, to 1½ pounds of mutton, to 1½ pounds of turkey, to 1½ pounds of leg of lamb, to 20 hens' eggs, or to 5 pounds of potatoes, and this is quite significant when we come to estimate their respective food values. It must also be remembered that beans are peculiarly rich in pro- tein, which is an indispensable element in our daily food and, incidentally, the part that usually costs us most to buy.

The vacant lot movement has given a great and timely stimulus to the growing of potatoes, but potatoes alone are insufficient for food. They are rich in starch but lacking in pro- tein or nitrogenous elements. If we could harvest about one-half peck of beans for every sack of potatoes we would have in abundance those staples which would combine cheapness with nutritive quality and balance. More- over, the bean is one of the few plants which instead of exhausting the soil of its nitrogen compounds actually adds more of these expensive elements to it. This makes it a valuable crop to alternate with other grain or gar- den crops in a two or three-year rota- tion.

Varieties.

Most authorities recognize no less than eight distinct species of plants, all of which are classed under the common term "beans." The kidney or haricot beans are the most important for present considera- tion as the season for planting broad beans is past. They are to be had in both pole and bush varieties and can be used either green, when the immat- ure pods and seeds are cooked, or dry, when the dry or shelled beans are used. They are sometimes divided into two classes—garden beans and field beans—and it is assumed that those in- cluded under garden varieties are to be used as "snap" or green beans, and the others as dry beans, which are shelled when ripe and cooked with or without pork. The term "shell beans," however, is sometimes restricted to beans which are shelled when immat- ure and used after the style of green peas. String beans are the same as snap beans, but when at their best might more properly be called "string- less" beans. These are again divided into green-podded and wax-podded varieties.

Preparation of the Soil.

When green beans are at their best for cooking the pods are firm and brittle, breaking with a snap (hence the name), and there is an absence of stringiness even in the main-rip of the pod. This quality is no doubt due in part to the variety planted, but it is also the result of soil and weather conditions. The best quality results from quick germination and rapid, uninter- rupted growth. Whilst the broad bean is a decidedly cool-weather crop, the kidney bean is a warm weather crop and therefore should not be planted until the soil is warm and the weather settled and at least moderately warm. We now seem to be at the beginning of a period suitable for bean planting, but we have thought so several times already this spring and may yet be mistaken. If the soil moisture can be retained by frequent surface cultiva- tion beans may be planted successfully for three or four weeks yet, so that people who have had good intentions with reference to planting but who have not yet put them into practice may yet achieve signal success in the growing of beans.

Beans do well in almost all kinds of well-cultivated soil. They must have soil that is well drained as they readily decay in wet soil, and it is also re- membered that a wet soil is a cold soil. Beans need warmth. They do best on land plowed in the fall or in early spring which has been cultivated two or three times previous to plant- ing. This frequent cultivation helps to aerate and warm the soil.

Fertilizers.

Fresh stable-manure is not desir- able for bean growing. If the soil is lacking in humus or organic matter, a small amount of rotted stable-man- ure is desirable, especially in planting for green beans. Beans do admirably on sod if kept thoroughly cultivated without the addition of fertilizer. It would be a mistake to use much nitro- gen fertilizer such as nitrate of soda, as the bean plant is able to obtain a considerable amount of nitrogen for itself, but superphosphate or even bone meal at the rate of 300 to 400 pounds per acre would not be amiss. The same quantity of lime in other than limestone regions would also be of value. Wood ashes have some value in supplying potash which would help to insure success in the growing of a bean crop.

Planting.

When the soil is finely cultivated the beans should be put in in rows which run north and south if possible, so as to secure the best distribution of sun- light. In most cases planting will be done by hand. The rows should be made straight by using a planting line. A trench about two inches deep is made beside the stretched line and the beans dropped along three or four inches apart. At a time like this when seed beans are abnormally high in price every economy should be used in planting. Seedmen should be in a position to tell purchasers the approx- imate percentage vitality of beans and other garden seeds purchased from them.

To test percentage vitality or power of germination take a box ten or twelve inches square, and about three inches deep, fill with moist sand and plant from twenty-five to fifty seeds in rows, one inch deep. Set the box in a warm place. In about three days the seeds can be uncovered and the

good ones counted and reckoned on a percentage basis. These young seed- lings should not be wasted but may be set carefully in the row with a transplanting trowel.

If beans will test eighty per cent. vitality or over, it would do to plant them four inches apart. If a uniform stand of plants six inches apart is secured, the results will be better than if closer together. In this way one pint of ordinary wax beans will plant about 100 feet of row. The seeds should be covered to a depth of two inches in light or sandy soil, and some- what less in heavier soil. The soil should be firmed over the seeds so as to hasten germination by bringing moisture up to the seeds. The rows should not be less than 24 inches nor more than 30 inches apart. This re- fers to bush or dwarf beans.

Pole or climbing beans are usually used when green and are best planted in hills 3 to 4 feet apart each way. They will stand more fertilizing than bush beans. Four or five plants may be grown in each hill in the centre of which a strong pole or stake 6 feet long is driven. A simple trellis can readily be made by driving down posts about ten feet apart along the row, fastening a wire along the bottom of the posts close to the ground and an- other about five feet up from the ground. Cheap twine is then used in zig-zag fashion between the two wires. Pole or runner beans can also be grown on trellises against buildings or along fences on which twine is used to give them support.

Cultivation.

Just as soon as the bean seedlings can be seen above ground, cultivation should begin and should continue reg- ularly once a week until the beans are in full blossom, when it should stop. Shallow cultivation with a hand or wheel hoe is best so as to preserve a soil mulch two to three inches deep. When going through them for the last time the soil may be slightly moulded up against the plants. It is claimed that the spores of an- thraxose are readily transferred from plant to plant when the leaves of the bean are wet with dew or rain. For this reason beans should not be culti- vated or otherwise disturbed when wet.

Green beans should be cooked or canned the same day they are taken

from the vines so as to retain the best flavor and secure a tender quality. If beans are to be used green throughout the season care should be taken to keep them closely picked from the vines. By so doing the plants will continue to bear good pods well on to the last of the season. As soon as the pods begin to show toughness or "stringiness" either pick and can them or leave them to ripen to use as dry beans.

There is no reason why people should not allow enough beans to ripen to provide themselves with seed for next year. For this purpose it is better to take only one picking of green beans off a part of the plants, after which they will be left in a vigor- ous condition to mature a good quality of seeds with high germinating power. Ripe beans are hard to harvest with- out a certain amount of waste. To prevent this waste from shelling pull the plants up by the roots and place them in little piles in the sun, turning them over carefully after two or three days. If the weather is becoming damp and rainy it is better to spread them out to dry under cover, where they can remain for a week or two. If the leaves are on the green side or if the plants are damp there is great danger from moulding, so that they should be spread about thinly. When shelled they are easily shelled out with a flail or by tramping or pounding. This is easily done on a close wooden or cement floor. The straw and leaves can be lifted and shaken out with a fork, leaving the beans and fine stuff behind. Combing the pile with the garden rake also helps at this point. Two screens should then be obtained, one coarse enough to let all the beans go through and taking out leaves and stems, and the other fine enough to prevent the beans getting through. By using the coarse screen first and then the fine one fair results will be obtained in separating the beans out from the earth and refuse.

Returns To Be Anticipated.

It will take from one to one and a half bushels of beans to plant an acre, depending on the size of the beans. If economy is used in planting and ninety per cent. of the beans germinate it is possible to plant an acre with fifty pounds of seed. The usual retail price is from fifteen to twenty cents a pound, but this year nearly double that amount. An acre should yield from fifteen to twenty-five bushels of dry beans if no green pods were used. In all probability a bushel of dry beans of first quality will be worth from fifteen to twenty dollars next Decem- ber. A pound of beans planted now should produce from one to two pecks next fall. If they have not already done so, every family in Victoria

ATTORNEY-GENERAL LIKELY UNOPPOSED

By-Election Will Be Held in Vancouver on June 5 and 9; Mr. Farris's Chances.

The writ for a by-election in the City of Vancouver for the seat vacated by Hon. J. W. deB. Farris has been issued, the date fixed for nomination being Tuesday, June 5, and polling, if any, on Saturday, June 9.

William Headley MacInnis has been appointed as returning officer for the by-election, and the writ was forward- ed to him last night.

There are strong probabilities that the Attorney-General will be elected by acclamation. The only talk of op- position comes from a small group of Liberals who have been making more or less trouble, but whose weight is not very great. There is no candidate which this group could put up which would command any support at all sufficient to offset the strength of the new minister.

It is not likely that the Bowser op- position will make any move in the direction of opposing Mr. Farris, but they are doing their best to egg on the dissentients on the other side to some act which they are too shrewd to do themselves. The value of having one of their representatives in the Government is something that the peo- ple of Vancouver are not likely to overlook.

It was necessary to hold this by- election now so that the Government may have the services of the Attorney-General when the House meets for the adjourned session in August, and as the new minister had to be appointed at once it was felt by the Government that there should be no delay in hav- ing him present himself to the elec- torate for endorsement.

"You've made a mistake in your pa- per," said an indignant man, entering the editorial sanctum of a daily pa- per. "I was one of the competitors at that athletic match yesterday, and you have called me 'the well-known lightweight champion.'" "Well, aren't you?" Inquired the editor. "No I'm nothing of the kind, and it's confound- edly awkward, because I'm a coal mer- chant."—Tit-Bits.

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From Seattle
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 1 p. m.

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Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m.

From Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

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Steamer Princess George Mondays, 10 a. m.
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Steamer Princess Sophia, May 14.

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Steamer Princess Sophia, May 12.

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GETTING DOWN TO WORKING BASIS

Shipbuilding Board Will Shortly Issue Statement Regarding Contracts

MANY CONCERNS SEEK TO CONSTRUCT VESSELS

Inquiry at the Belmont offices of the Imperial Munitions Board this forenoon elicited nothing new relative to the placing of contracts for wooden vessels which are to be built on this coast for the Imperial authorities. R. P. Butchart, director of shipbuilding, is still studying the statement that just as soon as the various details of the scheme have been worked out and the undertaking sifted down to a proper working basis, an official announcement covering the number of contracts awarded and also the number of new shipyards to be opened up, will be given to the press.

It has been intimated that the shipbuilding board will be in a position to make a definite announcement regarding its plans by the middle of next week.

Both Mr. Butchart and Capt. J. W. Troup spend a considerable amount of time at the new offices recently opened in the Belmont Block by the Imperial Munitions Board. It is estimated that anywhere up to fifty propositions have been considered for the building of ships. It was announced by the members of the commission immediately upon their return from Ottawa, that only a limited number of contracts would be placed on the coast at the outset. If everybody that had applied were allowed to go ahead and build vessels there would not be enough contracts to go around. It goes without saying that only the soundest propositions will be considered by the shipbuilding board.

In the Running.

Backed by large capital, the Foundation Company, represented by W. I. Bishop, with local offices established on the third floor of the Belmont Block, is another contender and will doubtless be awarded several contracts. As previously reported in these columns, the Foundation Company is prepared to open up a large plant at this port and grid ahead with the construction of vessels.

The Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., is another local firm that is sure of some of the contracts. This well-known contracting firm of Luney Bros. have under consideration the opening of a shipbuilding yard here. Clarence Hoard, who already has a small plant under way, has signified his willingness to consider shipbuilding on a larger scale.

E. J. Palmer, of the Victoria Lumber Manufacturing Company, Chemadinus, is another likely candidate for shipbuilding honors. The probabilities on the mainland include the H. W. Brown interests, Wallace Shipyards, B. C. Marine Railway Co., and other companies planning to open yards on the Fraser River.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

British Columbia

(84) Burrard Inlet—North Arm—Southward of Turtle Head—Day beacon erected—Buoy discontinued.

Position of beacon—At the south end of the shoal extending from Turtle head, on the rock that dries 5 feet. Lgt. N. 19 deg. 15 min. 54 sec., long. W. 122 deg. 56 min. 4 sec. Description—Concrete base, surmounted by a staff carrying a white spherical cone. Color—White. Elevation—Top of beacon is 20 feet above high water mark. Buoy discontinued—The red spar buoy, heretofore moored at the south end of the shoal extending from Turtle Head, has been withdrawn. Former notice—No. 43 (155) of 1913.

Alaska

(85) Peril Strait—Entrance to Sitkoh Bay—Point Craven light to be established.

Date of establishment—About May 5, 1917. Position—On Point Craven. Character—Fixed white light. Power—60 candles. Structure—Small white wooden house.

Canada

(91) Instructions to masters—All vessels sailing from a port on the Gulf or River St. Lawrence below (but not including) Quebec, and proceeding eastward across the Atlantic must call at Sydney for instructions from the senior naval officer there, as to the route they are to follow, unless they have been given precise instructions for the whole of their route before sailing. Penalty—This notice to mariners is issued under the Defence of Canada Order, penalty for non-compliance with which is a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both fine and imprisonment.

STRIKE AT PORT ARTHUR

Austrian and Finn Dock Laborers Refuse to Comply with Short of 50 Cents Per Day.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 26.—Three hundred and sixty-two laborers are on strike at the drydock, 176 of them Austrians and 73 Finns. They went out without notice and have refused all offers of compromise short of fifty cents per day increase to finish the steamer Roberts, a one-day job, to enable her to take out a cargo of grain. The company has turned the situation over to the Government, as it comes largely under the War Measures Act.

STEEL SHIPBUILDING PLAN IS LAUNCHED

Steel Kings of United States Enlist Under General Goethals

New York, May 26.—Answering the call of Major-General George W. Goethals, the steel kings of the United States to-day enlisted under the Stars and Stripes and a three-million-ton shipbuilding plan is launched. The man who made the centuries-old dream of a Panama Canal come true to-day flashed the magic of his genius for organization and accomplishment upon the Government's shipbuilding programme.

With the cheers of 800 American steel men still ringing through New York to confirm their enlistment under Goethals, an army of workmen starting to-day at its task of putting the first emergency shipyard into condition across the river at Newark.

Within six months, according to the steel men, the new plant of the American Bridge Company, a subsidiary of the U. S. Steel Corporation, will be turning out one 5,000-ton to 8,000-ton steel ship a day.

This is still the first actual step toward the accomplishment of Goethals' task of building a thousand 3,000-ton ships in 18 months.

Goethals told the steel men that after his call to Government service in the draft, a brief survey of the situation convinced him that the wooden ship plan was an impractical myth.

ICE MOVES TOWARD BEHRING STRAITS

Sea Off Nome Now Practically Clear; First Passenger Boat Leaves Seattle June 2

Nome, Alaska, May 26.—At two o'clock yesterday afternoon the ice in Behring Sea began to move westward, and at 7:30 the sea in front of Nome was practically clear, the ice moving in a body toward Behring Strait.

First Northern Boat

Seattle, May 26.—The first passenger steamship will leave Seattle June 2 for Nome, which has been ice-bound since November 12 last. This year's break-up of the ice is unusually early. On June 13 last year ice was still clinging to the shores. The break-up of the ice in Behring Sea, which is closed to navigation seven months of the year because of ice, is caused by the ocean current setting north into the Arctic through Behring Straits and carrying ice with it.

WIRELESS REPORTS

May 26, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.01; 59; thick seaward. Spoke str Chelohsin, 1 a. m., left Vancouver, 11.10 p. m., northbound.

Cape Lazo—Hazy; calm; 30.05; 52; sea smooth. Spoke str Prince George, abeam, 8 a. m., southbound.

Pachena—Overcast; calm; 29.98; 52; sea smooth.

Estevan—Drizzling rain; calm; 29.32; 41; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.84; 53; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; N. W. light; 30.15; 46; sea moderate. Spoke str Ravall, 9.10 p. m. off Pig Island, southbound; spoke str Ventura, 10 p. m., Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound; spoke str Princess Beatrice, 1.20 a. m., off Pine Island, northbound; spoke str Princess Ena, 2 a. m., off River's Inlet, northbound.

Teard—Free Point—Clear; calm; 30.14; 54; sea smooth. Spoke str Prince Albert, passed out during night, southbound.

Ikeda Bay—Clear; N. W. fresh; 29.76; 53; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Fog; calm; 30.01; 48; sea smooth. Spoke str Norwood, 1.20 a. m., off Point Baker, 9 p. m., southbound; reports str Redwood, 105 miles north of Ketchikan, 10 p. m.

Noon

Point Grey—Clear; S. W. light; 30.01; 65; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Clear; N. W. light; 30.03; 58; sea smooth. Spoke str Prince John, 8.15 a. m., left Blubber Bay, 8 a. m., northbound.

Pachena—Hazy; S. E. light; 29.98; 54; sea smooth.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.32; 47; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.83; 54; sea smooth.

Triangle—Clear; N. W. light; 30.25; 59; sea moderate.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; N. light; 30.15; 73; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Clear; N. W.; 29.76; 53; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.00; 63; sea smooth. Passed out str Princess Amy, 10 a. m., northbound. Spoke str Redwood, 11.30 a. m., off Lawyer's Island, northbound.

EVERY PRECAUTION TAKEN AT PANAMA CANAL APPROACHES

Washington, May 26.—The Panama Canal officials are taking every precaution to protect the approaches to the waterway from possible enemy activities. All boats are prohibited from entering or remaining in a wide restricted area embracing the mouth of Balboa harbor except by special permit. Violators are warned that they may be fired upon.

SCHOONER IS MAKING HER OFFICIAL TRIALS

Locally-Built Laurel Whalen Will Be Tested-Out During Run to Vancouver

Under her own power, and with pennants whipping the breeze from her mastsheads, the auxiliary schooner Laurel Whalen, second of the fleet to be completed at the local plant of the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., for the Canada West Coast Navigation Company, left the fitting-out wharf in the Inner Harbor this afternoon en route to Vancouver, where she is due to go on berth to load lumber preparatory to putting to sea on her maiden voyage.

The schooner will undergo her official trials during the run up the Gulf to Vancouver. Such a state of efficiency has been reached in installing the engines that it was not considered necessary to hold preliminary trials as in the case of the Margaret Halsey. The Bollinger engines on the Laurel Whalen were turned over yesterday and the test was declared to be entirely satisfactory.

All sail will be hoisted for the first time when the vessel gets well into the Gulf. The Laurel Whalen is commanded by Capt. H. Docherty and she will be piloted by Capt. Roberts, Capt. Alexander Gow, Marine Superintendent for the shipping company, is also making the trip to Vancouver to watch the vessel on her trials.

Preparations are being made for the launching of the schooner Esquimaux, which is expected to take her maiden plunge during the first week in June.

NO OPPORTUNITIES WASTED BY VANCOUVER DELEGATION TO EAST

Saskatoon, May 26.—The Vancouver Board of Trade delegation now on its way to Ottawa to lay before the Premier matters relating to the welfare of the port is not wasting opportunities, but has taken advantage of its trip over the C. N. R. to promote cordial feelings between the terminal port and the northwest centres. On Thursday night the delegates met the Edmonton Board of Trade and on Friday afternoon they talked over matters with Saskatoon officials. The Vancouver men have urged the northwest people to take action so that the grain can be shipped through Burrard Inlet. They have pointed out cogent reasons why Vancouver should handle wheat from the northwest and they have driven home this idea, not only to the public bodies interviewed but also to people met on the train. In fact, the delegation is busy spreading the gospel of northwest wheat to Vancouver, Edmonton and Saskatoon. Edmonton and Saskatoon both report a big influx of settlers this spring.

CANADA ON TUESDAY.

The O. S. K. liner Canada Maru reported by wireless to-day that she will arrive in port on Tuesday from ports in the Far East. The Canada Maru has 59 passengers and 150 tons of general cargo for Victoria.

GOVERNOR SOUTHBOUND.

The Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Governor, Capt. Thomas, got away from the Outer Docks late yesterday afternoon with passengers and freight for San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Observatory, Victoria, B. C.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of May, 1917.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Hour Min.	Hour Min.	Hour Min.
May 5	4 47	7 30
May 6	4 46	7 30
May 7	4 45	7 30
May 8	4 44	7 30
May 9	4 43	7 30
May 10	4 42	7 30
May 11	4 41	7 30
May 12	4 40	7 30
May 13	4 39	7 30
May 14	4 38	7 30
May 15	4 37	7 30
May 16	4 36	7 30
May 17	4 35	7 30
May 18	4 34	7 30
May 19	4 33	7 30
May 20	4 32	7 30
May 21	4 31	7 30
May 22	4 30	7 30
May 23	4 29	7 30
May 24	4 28	7 30
May 25	4 27	7 30
May 26	4 26	7 30
May 27	4 25	7 30
May 28	4 24	7 30
May 29	4 23	7 30
May 30	4 22	7 30
May 31	4 21	7 30

TIDE TABLE.

May.

Date	High	Low	High	Low
h. m.	ft.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
1	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
2	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
3	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
4	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
5	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
6	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
7	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
8	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
9	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
10	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
11	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
12	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
13	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
14	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
15	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
16	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
17	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
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24	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
25	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
26	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
27	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
28	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
29	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
30	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4
31	7:51	5.3	10:50	5.4

NEW SHIPBUILDING CONCERN IS FORMED

Pacific Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., Incorporated to Construct Vessels on Fraser

James Charles Shields, of Vancouver, and John Thomas Robinson, of Kamloops, are the incorporators of the Pacific Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., which has been formed under a Federal charter to engage in the building of wooden vessels for the Imperial Munitions Board.

The new company will have a capital stock of \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100 each, the head offices of the company to be located at Vancouver. Land for the site of the new shipyards has been acquired on the south bank of the Fraser River, opposite the city of New Westminster, and preliminary operations have already been started to prepare the ground for the construction of ways and the installation of machinery. J. C. Shields and J. T. Robinson were recently in the East in connection with the incorporation of the new company, and at that time orders were placed for machinery which the Eastern manufacturers have undertaken to deliver in time to permit a start being made in ship construction by the end of June.

To further the enterprise the new company has secured the services of Mr. Armstrong, said to be one of the best known naval architects and designers in Canada, who will be superintendent of the shipyard and have full charge of the practical construction operations.

Experienced ship carpenters will be obtained from the East and other craftsmen will be engaged in this province.

It is reported that contracts have already been signed for several vessels under an arrangement which provides only a fixed percentage of profit, and as time is an important factor in the arrangement, construction will be rushed on the work for the Imperial Munitions Board to the exclusion of all other activities, but it is the intention of the company to ultimately make the shipyard one of the largest on the coast, the directors feeling confident that British Columbia is only at the beginning of a long period of activity in the shipbuilding industry.

RED CROSS WORK

Hollywood Branch.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of the committee that took charge of the arrangements for the Red Cross fete held on Empire Day the Hollywood branch of the Red Cross realized the sum of \$56.61, and this in spite of the fact that the commodity allotted to them, cigars and cigarettes, was not the most in demand in a crowd composed so largely of women and children. As quite a big part of the stock-in-trade was presented, however, it was possible to make the business profitable. "Bomb the Kaiser," a pastime originated and managed by J. P. Watson, was the chief attraction, and the committee are very grateful to the gentleman who conceived and carried out the idea. The branch also thanks the committee and friends and young ladies who assisted in the service of the photographs kindly given by Wilfrid Gibson will take place next Tuesday afternoon in the Red Cross rooms.

Under the auspices of the branch Mrs. C. H. Gibbs will hold an apron sale on June 21 in the Presbyterian Sunday School, Wildwood Avenue. Tea and cake will be served. Gifts of aprons and refreshments will be gladly accepted, and any information will be given by telephoning 2823.

Lake Hill Branch.

There is to be a Military Five Hundred and Dance in the Lake Hill school on May 30 at 8 o'clock, in aid of the Lake Hill branch funds. There will be raffia, a cake and a table-centre. Heaton's orchestra is to supply the music, and refreshments will be served. Prizes are to be seen in the Digicon Printing Company's window on Yates Street.

For the accommodation of those in the city who wish to attend the proceedings a special bus will leave the corner of Broad and Yates at 7:45 p. m., returning to the city at 1 o'clock.

Gordon Head.

In aid of the Red Cross funds there was a concert at Gordon Head Hall on Empire Day, when a number of talented artists provided an excellent programme. Among those taking part were Miss Ruby Clark, Miss Mildred Clark, "The Big Four," the "Junior Class," Miss Marjorie Watson and Miss Dorothy Todd; Miss Mary Tucker, Miss Marion Grant, Master Edward Dunnet, Master Charles Aitkens, the I. T. O. Club, and the Gordon Head troop of Scouts, who gave a very interesting demonstration of their work. A short intermission was followed by the presentation by Trustee McGregor of the knitting prizes awarded by the Women's Institute of the district to the best and most continuous knitter. The evening's proceedings concluded with dancing.

The following were the knitting winners: Married ladies—First, Mrs. G. E. Watson; second, Mrs. Smith. Young ladies over 16 years—First, Miss Lottie Watson; second, Miss Airlie Watson. Girls from 10 to 16 years—First, Miss Dorothy Todd; second, Miss Marjorie Watson. Eight to ten years—First, Miss Dorothy Wood; second, Miss Mollie Tucker. Little girls from 5 to 8 years—First, Ella Todd; second, Sarah MacCormick; and in the boys' class—First, Harold Todd; second, Willie Tucker and Jack Woods.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, was back at his office to-day after a visit of inspection to the mainland.

Hon. J. W. deB. Farris, Attorney-General and Minister of Labor, returned this morning from Vancouver, where he went immediately after being sworn in on Wednesday. He is quite satisfied with the outlook for his re-election by his constituents, who gave him a vote of 6,528 at the general election. The vote cast for the late Attorney-General, who headed the poll, was 7,224, and for the late Hon. Ralph Smith, 6,717, so that it will be seen that the new Attorney-General stands high in the esteem of the electorate of the sister city.

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OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Hong Quing, aged 40 years, a native of Fanton, China, has been postponed until Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, May 27, when the usual Chinese service will take place from the Thomson Funeral Chapel. Interment in the Chinese Cemetery.

The funeral of the late David Syme, who died on the 23rd inst., will take place Monday at 3:30 from the Thomson Funeral Chapel. Rev. Wm. Stevenson will officiate.

The funeral service of the late John Goodacre, whose death occurred on the 25th inst., will take place Monday from the Thomson Chapel at 2:30. Rev. Mr. Osborn, of the Methodist Church, will officiate. Interment at Ross Bay Cemetery.

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Sunday Service

PATRICIA-CORDOVA BAY

Leaves Alpha street 9:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., returning from Patricia Bay at 5:45. To reach depot take Burnside Car No. 8.

THE TIME BALL

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

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HOW THE WIND BLOWS AT OTTAWA

By H. F. GADSBY

Ottawa, May 23.—Nemesis is on the track of the Borden Government. It postponed the blessing of free wheat until a general election was in sight and now it looks as if the blessing had taken its flight.

To desert metaphor, the action of the United States Government in placing a minimum tariff of ten per cent. on all articles now on the free list leaves free wheat, to say the least of it, in a very precarious condition. Do we take ten cents a bushel off American wheat in order to have Uncle Sam put thirty cents a bushel on Canadian wheat? That is the question.

Another outstanding incident was the front, Mr. Crothers got from his colleagues on the subject of technical education. Although this is an increasingly important matter and very complete and expensive reports have been filed on the subject, Mr. Crothers did not take it seriously enough to put more than \$1,000 in his estimate for this purpose.

Mining News and Notes

The latest report for May shipments, from the Valdes Copper Company indicates that 560 tons have been shipped to Ladysmith for treatment, a very good showing for the month's work.

A diamond drill outfit for use at the "Lucky Mike" mine on Shuter Creek has arrived in Merritt. The "Lucky Mike" group was located last year by Oscar Schmidt and associates, who have prosecuted prospecting and development work diligently ever since.

An interesting explanation of the Nelson Electrolytic zinc plant recently constructed was given at the mining convention last week at Nelson. Thomas French, who has devoted himself to put into practice the patents of his father as developed by himself for treating complex ore, read the paper.

In his paper Mr. French said his father had discovered that the presence of manganese is the key to the successful deposition of zinc. Manganese is, in fact, absolutely essential. One of the principal functions of manganese apart from purification is this, he contended. "The lead anodes, when there is no manganese in the solution, are very readily disintegrated. The presence of the manganese in the solution completely prevents the disintegration of the lead anodes. Any of you can try that for yourselves by electrolysing a solution of pure zinc sulphate; not the commercial article—it is not sufficiently pure to deposit zinc at all—but take pure sulphate of zinc and you will find in the course of a very few hours that a lead anode is completely sulphated and eaten away. Not only that, the lead goes into the

Provincial News in Brief

River is Rising.—The rapid rise of the Columbia River is compelling the Canadian Pacific Railway steamer Minto to tie-up higher on the West Robson dock than each of her previous arrivals at that stop which is now nearly half-way to the station house. The river is now, over 11 feet higher than low water and is rising steadily.

Telephones Installed.—Telephone communication was established between Robson and Deer Park recently. The British Columbia telephone line to connect with the Bell company's line at Castlegar with Renata. It is thought will be completed about the end of the month. Already the cable is laid across the Arrow lakes between Renata and Broadwater, and there only remains a two and a half mile gap between the latter point and Deer Park, which is being rushed through to completion.

Nelson-Trail Line Inspected.—Inspection was made during the week by George McCartney, superintendent of construction of the B. C. Telephone company, of the new long distance copper line being built between Nelson and Trail. The line will be completed in about four weeks. This circuit will greatly increase the telephone facilities between this city and Trail and Roseland. The work was laid out late last fall but with the advent of winter weather construction had to be stood over until this spring.

Fourteen in Khaki.—R. H. Whidden, Duncan, has a very interesting photo of the school children who attended the old public school on the Indian reserve ten or twelve years ago. Nineteen boys are on it, fourteen of whom are in khaki to-day. Another boy was rejected by the authorities.

Telephones in Cowichan.—No less than 144 homes and offices can be reached by telephone in the Cowichan district. There are 368 phones linked with Duncan office, 59 with Cobble Hill, and 39 with Chemainus.

Nelson Men Want Raise.—A request from the employees of the Nelson Street Railway Company for an increase in pay was referred by the city council to the finance committee which will place its recommendation in this connection before the council at its next meeting, together with those on the application of the gas department and cemetery employees for higher wages. The employees of the street railway state that the increase is necessitated through the increased cost of living and leave the amount to the discretion of the aldermen.

Leaving Chilliwack.—Messrs. B. J. Smith and R. Hickmore, of Chilliwack, have received word that transportation has been arranged for them and they will leave shortly for Toronto, where they will be employed in connection with the aviation school. Mr. Smith is in the mechanical department and Mr. Hickmore as cook.

Gives His Life.—Mr. A. A. McBean, of Fernie, received the sad news recently, that his brother, W. A. McBean, of Creston, had given his life for his country. Deceased enlisted with the 90th, of Winnipeg, and has been overseas for about a year. The sad intelligence, coming only a few days after the death of his son at the front, was a severe blow.

Fernie Man Killed.—W. R. Wilson received word on Tuesday that his son, Lieut. Bishop Wilson, had been wounded. Lieut. Wilson, who is connected with the flying corps, has been on the fighting front for the past two months and his daily routine was to make a 2 1/2-hour scouting trip over the enemy's lines.

Lime in Demand.—Considerable success has been achieved by the West-erna Canada Lime Company, of which Reeve T. J. Sullivan is manager, in the moving spirit since the plant was opened. By the end of the week the plant will have turned out fifty carloads, and but for the scarcity of labor the output would have been greater. The farmers are taking very kindly to the use of the company's product, pulverised lime rock, which is not only cheaper but gives better results than commercial lime. Reeve Sullivan anticipates that the plant will be able to

did not have. Just about the time we were building the copper plant we were notified by the concerns from which we had been buying hydro fluo silicic acid for our lead refinery that we would either have to make a contract for three or four years ahead at about double the price or they would give us no more. We had about six weeks or two months to run on the old contract. So we had to build a hydro-fluo silicic acid plant. That necessitated building a sulphuric acid plant first. We therefore went to work and built a sulphuric acid plant. These have been operating for several months.

The Trail plant to-day is probably as complete a metallurgical institution as there is on the continent. Of course I do not mean to say by any means that it is large as some. We are working about 1,600 men and we are making electrolytic copper, copper sulphate, electrolytic lead, lead pipe, shrapnel, wire, electrolytic zinc, gold, silver, sulphuric acid and hydro fluo silicic acid. All of these with the exception of lead, gold and silver have been accomplished since the war started, and were caused primarily by the need for the material by the munitions board.

Alexander Zaimis, the new premier of Greece, held down that more or less unstable "job" on four other occasions, at one time, however, only holding the post for a few weeks. Zaimis is one of the wealthiest and most prominent men in Greece, a son of a former Greek Prime Minister and governor of the National Bank of Greece, and in

operate continuously all through the summer, as the farmers are not only using it for land to be put in crop but also for pasture lands. It is believed that the liberal use of this product on grass lands will mean a great improvement in the stock, resulting in developing a much stronger class of stock.

Arrived With Prisoner.—Constable Gordon arrived at Prince Rupert with Alice Arm recently with a prisoner under his care. Complaints have been frequent of late in the Alice Arm district regarding thieving, and Constable Gordon was successful in making an arrest. The prisoner, who is an Indian, is alleged to have had a stolen boat in his possession, and other goods were also found at Kincolith.

Royal City Boy Ill.—Pte. Otway "Pat" Wilkie, a native son of the Royal City, who went overseas with the 11th C. M. B., is now in the hospital at Boulogne suffering from dysentery. He was at Vimy Ridge battle, but went through the engagement without receiving a scratch. Pte. Wilkie was in the Northern Crown Bank at Quenesel when he enlisted. Pte. Wilkie's father, Mr. Otway Wilkie, who left as a private with C. A. M. C., is now acting sergeant-major in Crowborough, Sussex, having been invalided some time ago to England after being in Belgium for five months.

Prisoners Make Escape.—Two prisoners made their escape from the Morrissey Internment Camp last Monday evening about 6 o'clock. They are E. P. Figlar and Fritz Rapp. No particulars as to how they eluded the guard nor as to any clue as to the direction taken by the runaways have been received, but the city and provincial police are on the lookout for them.

Cattle Question Unsettled.—C. W. Dunne, Crofton, attended a recent North Cowichan Council meeting, bringing additional names of residents favoring allowing cattle on the roads. He also mentioned that there was sufficient feed on the roads to keep between forty and fifty head of cattle during the summer months. The extra names submitted gave those in favor a majority of two, which, of course, may be offset by the opposition if they be permitted to amend their list. The Council decided to submit the names of both petitions to Clerk Roudot for verification.

Grise Running.—Grise are running very well just now at Cowichan. The afternoon bag was twenty-one, while a gentleman from China, who had never fished before, landed a dozen last week-end.

Auto Smashed.—One automobile was smashed and another damaged yesterday by a collision on Marine Drive at Twenty-third Street, Vancouver, and a boy named Rielly is to-day in Harbor View Sanitarium, South Vancouver, suffering from scalp wounds. From the statement of Driver Murphy of the seven-passenger municipal car, he was coming along Marine Drive when a smaller car crashed into his automobile. The smaller car was smashed, while the municipal automobile escaped with the wreckage of its wind shield and destruction of the headlights, while the mudguards bore evidence of the force of the impact. The lad Rielly was one of the passengers on the municipal car.

Late Chief's Mother Dies.—Mrs. Margaret MacLennan, mother of the late Chief of Police MacLennan, of Vancouver, died at her home at Wood Isl. and, P.E.I., yesterday morning, the announcement being received by Sergeant Murdoch M. MacLennan, of the Vancouver police force. The late Mrs. MacLennan was predeceased by her husband, who passed away only a short time before the death of the chief of police, the first of ten children to die. It is thought by Sergeant MacLennan that the shock of his brother's demise hastened the end of his mother, who was well advanced in years. Nine children survive her, of whom Sergeant MacLennan, of the police department, and Mrs. Carder reside in Vancouver. Duncan in New Westminster and David in Rossland. The youngest son, Angus Bruce, is lying dangerously wounded at the Edinburgh Military Hospital.

many other ways one of the leading men of the nation. Next to Venizelos he is regarded as the strongest man in Greece, and was previously called to power whenever his country was in a crisis. The first time was after the disastrous Greco-Turkish War of 1907, the second time following the Gopli Riots, and the other two occasions during the present war, but he only held office for a very short time. Zaimis is an out and out friend of the Allies and his taking over the premiership may mean the active participation of Greece on the side of the Allies.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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POLYGAMY AMONG REDWINGS

Specific Instances Given With a Suggested Reason for the Habit, By Arthur S. Barton

Among the summer migrants, few are more noticeable than the red-winged blackbird. Around the reedy swamps, the ponds and lakes the brilliant spot of red on the wings of the male bird, together with his habit of keeping guard during the incubating season compels the attention of anyone who happens to be trespassing on his preserves.

And yet few people have apparently noticed one marked peculiarity that this species of bird appears to possess, at any rate in this part of B. C.

I refer to the habit of two or three females acknowledging the gentleman in question as their lord and master. As far as I have been able to ascertain few writers have made any mention of this peculiarity, most of the books on Natural History do not mention it at all and the small minority dismiss the question with a very casual and guarded reference. Perhaps if I tell the story of two specific instances where the evidence appeared to be unmistakable it may help to prove the case. On the other hand it may be found on further investigation that these instances are only exceptional and that polygamous habits are not universal among this species.

Specific Cases. There is a little lake, several acres in extent, situated in the Highland district not far from Victoria, B. C. The lake is surrounded by dense

forest growth and except at each end where small patches of reeds and rushes grow the shores are rocky or covered with trees to the water's edge.

There is a summer cottage at the end of the lake but little if any cultivation has been attempted. It is a delightful, peaceful and restful spot, just the place to laze away the afternoon on a hot summer's day. I drove out one afternoon with the owners of the place specially to see the Blackbird and his wives. I must admit that I was skeptical but in the end was entirely convinced.

Three to One. Walking down a little path we found the gentleman at home perched on the top of a second growth fir tree. He was not pleased to receive callers and showed his disapproval by uttering sharp metallic cries, presumably of disgust and annoyance, the while he flitted round and about us, but never very far away. There was no sign of a wife or wives nor another male bird in sight either then or afterwards. They (the females) were, as we found afterwards, otherwise engaged. Presently we got into a boat and rowed over to the reeds, a narrow strip, extending along the shore for about 30 yards, and we found three brown ladies who, much to their annoyance, we disturbed from their maternal duties, the eggs in each case being far advanced in the process of incubation. We had now four angry birds scolding us as they flitted to and fro, and in

this case the evidence appeared to be unmistakable.

Another Polygamous Group.

Leaving this ruffled household we rowed to the other end of the lake, where exactly the same experience awaited us. There again one male bird was alone visible, there again three females were disturbed from their respective nests.

Much as I desired if I was unable to again visit these interesting colonies, but my friends assured me that the young were duly hatched and reared and that at no time was more than one male bird seen in either colony.

As I said before, these instances may have been exceptional, but if by any chance they are not, it opens a wide field for thought. In the first place, could it be possible that the sexes are unequal in this species and that more females than males come to maturity. If this is not the case, what becomes of the other males.

Suggested Reason. A friend of mine has suggested a problematical solution, viz. that these birds wintering in Mexico and the wings of the male being much prized for the feather ornaments which from time immemorial have been used there, fewer males than females survive to return to nest in these regions and as a consequence the polygamous habit has been acquired and confirmed. It is such an unusual habit except, of course, amongst a very few well-known species of birds, that I may perhaps be pardoned for thinking it worthy of discussion, and if possible, corroboration or disproval.

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THRILLS OF BATTLE WITH HUN PLANES

VICTORIAN'S SUCCESS IN UNEQUAL AIR ENCOUNTER

Captain Ker and German Adversary Go for Each Other in Head-on Style

After nearly two years of active service, during which time he has had many varied experiences, happily not attended with injury of any kind, Captain R. H. B. Ker, the eldest son of D. R. Ker, of the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, of this city, is at home for a short holiday. Up till the end of February of the present year he was in the Royal Flying Corps, helping to maintain that supremacy in the air so often spoken of by the Allies' commanders. He has now been recalled to Canada and appointed to command a reserve squadron consisting of eighteen airplanes, at the Royal Flying Corps' Training Headquarters at Toronto. Captain Ker will commence his duties in about a week's time.

Flow-Single-Seat Fighter.

Leaving his native city of Victoria with the 48th Battalion in June, 1915, Captain Ker, then a lieutenant, transferred to the air branch after two months' training with his infantry unit in England. At the beginning of 1916 he went to France and for fully six months was engaged in important air duty, using almost entirely a single-seater fighter, which he claims to be the easiest equipt to the much-valued German craft of the Fokker type. At the end of July last he returned to England, secured his captaincy and returned to the battle zone in the west with a new squadron.

Thrilling Encounter.

Captain Ker has had several close calls during his work in the air. He described an incident to The Times which occurred when he and a brother aviator were escorting a reconnaissance machine, about ten miles over the German lines. A Hun machine was spotted below with five more enemy craft coming up from behind, unseen by the other two Britishers. All machines save Ker waited for the oncoming five. His friend and the escorted machine were downing the first Hun, the remaining hostile planes engaging in the general melee. Then came the aviator's opportunity. He dived amongst the crowd below.

Force One Machine Down.

He was successful in sending one Hun machine to its doom, a series of circling movements, with shots at each other continuously, added thrills to every minute.

Head-on at Each Other.

"Just to bring the encounter to an issue," said the Captain, "we went straight at each other head-on and either one or the other had to give way to avoid certain disaster by collision." The Hun dived and as he did so he did his level best to finish the Victorian by shots which went through Captain Ker's glove and coat. Several other shots penetrated a petrol pipe while the tank itself was literally perforated. The petrol began to escape at an alarming rate. The engine stopped. For a moment Captain Ker looked upon himself as a candidate for Germany, alive if not dead. He was able, however, to turn on his spare petrol tank and the engine commenced to run merrily again.

Britishers Victorious.

His brother aviator had missed Captain Ker by this time and returned to help him in his unequal battle. The remaining Hun soon made off in a bad condition and the Victorian ran the gauntlet of shell storm to his base, arriving with his machine riddled with holes. He states that the German machines were very fast, each of them carrying two people with two guns. Outnumbered two to one, the whole of the fighting was carried on ten miles within the enemy's lines. These are the incidents which are thrilling the British Empire.

TO PROCEED

Counsel in Waterworks Suit Will Leave for England to Argue Appeal.

The decision, after protracted negotiation, is to proceed with the Sooke Waterworks case before the Privy Council next month. As already indicated, the despatch of the appeal books, and of the numerous exhibits in connection with the suit has been dependent on the certificate of the Controller of Food in the United Kingdom.

While the information to hand is indefinite, as to what material has gone forward and whether the exhibits will reach London in time, it was decided to-day to wire to W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., who is leading counsel for the city, to sail, and he leaves to-morrow. W. J. Taylor, K. C., is going to England on behalf of the appellants, leaving immediately.

Very impressive rites were held in connection with the obsequies for the late Pte. John Holland, the returned soldier who died at sea by the accidental overturning of the boat in which he and some companions were enjoying themselves at Resthaven Hospital last Monday. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral Parlors, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiating.

Full military honors were given the dead man, more than 125 returned soldiers from the Esquimalt and Resthaven Convalescent Hospitals joining the procession, which left the parlors shortly after 3 o'clock. The remains were borne on a gun-carriage, draped with a Union Jack, to the C. P. R. docks, where the coffin was placed on the Seattle boat to be forwarded to Warren, Arizona, where the mother of the deceased soldier is living and from which town he came north to enlist for overseas service.

The hymns sung during the ceremony at the funeral chapel were "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Rock of Ages." The escort was composed of a number of returned soldiers, members of the 50th Gordon Highlanders, and a detachment of the Ambulance Corps. The 5th Regiment Band, by permission of Lieut.-Col. Angus and officers of the regiment, was present and played the Chopin Funeral March and the Dead March in "Faust." Major J. S. Harvey and Capt. Crumpton, of "F" unit, were present, representing the Military Hospitals' Commission Command.

The following were the pallbearers: Ptes. Cornolly and McArthur, of the 13th Battalion, representing the Esquimalt Convalescent Hospital; Ptes. Cowan and Davis, of the 7th Battalion; Pte. Duffey, the 29th Battalion; and Cpl. Glissen, of the Cycle Corps.

EXACTLY SIMILAR TO CAPTAIN MORTON

Lieut.-Commander Stuart Answers Description of Man Who Was Here

TELEGRAM FROM BRIDE CONVINCING READING

Question is Who Will Be Next Victim of Popular War Hero

"Lieutenant-Commander George Ellis Stuart: Limp slightly noticeable, short fair hair, blue eyes, lashes very blonde, rather prominent nose, gold-capped tooth left side, no military cross, claims to have been wounded at Dardanelles and Jutland, spoke French fluently. Interested in case, send further information."—Catherine Miller.

Marked similarity of behaviour, described in a recent issue of the Baltimore Star of a gentleman masquerading in a fashionable New York suburb, known as Flushing, led to the belief that there might possibly be some connection with a local episode, now history more than a month old.

Subsequent to a report in these columns on Thursday last a telegram was dispatched by The Times yesterday to Thomas Miller, of Cypress Avenue, Flushing, asking for a description of the gallant officer, who posed as a member of the Balfour party and claimed intimacy with King George. The reply quoted above places his identity beyond all doubt. The young lady in Victoria to whom "Captain John Douglas Anstruther Morton" became engaged to be married—and more unimpeachable authority could not be desired—declares that every detail mentioned by Miss Miller fits the "hero of the Dardanelles" like a glove.

"Death" in Seattle.

Many Victorians met "Captain Morton" during his eventful stay in the city of Victoria. He was a familiar figure for many weeks and his charming manner won him hosts of friends. He was a veritable knight stepped out from the dim past when gallants threw down their cloaks over which pretty damsels might tread. Everywhere he went he made a hit. His war stories were the last word in sensation. The slightest suggestion that his credit might not be good was to insult his dignity in the worst possible form. Was he not one of the famous Anstruther Mortons, of Morton Hall, Edgburgh? All went well up till the day prior to Good Friday. The arrangements for his wedding had gone on apace. A diligent search for a house was made on the afternoon on which he was to be married. He was to be gone but a few hours in which he might make arrangements with one of his friends who was to be best man at the wedding. But, alas! he never returned. Friends and police started on his track in the Sound city; but all traces were neatly covered by the erstwhile veteran of many battles.

"Nerves" and Limp.

There have been rumors galore since those stirring days when "Doctor O'Connor" of Seattle wired to Victoria that he was sorry to say that "Captain Morton" had passed quietly away from cardiac failure. He has been called a German spy. He is known to have had many clippings from German papers published in Seattle. His father is said to be heavily interested in some large iron and steel industries in Germany. Inability to raise the needed-up capital on account of the war was one of the reasons "Captain Morton" could not get a mere trifle of some twenty thousand dollars to meet a few incidental trivialities. Whether he had been to the front or not, there were unmistakable signs of some nervous trouble, while his limp could just as easily have been caused by a street car as by a piece of shrapnel.

Drops Military Cross.

Shell-shock and limp combined was no deterrent factor when the secret service man in New York rang up Mr. Miller to indicate gently that Lieut.-Commander Stuart was just a common or garden "Har" and fair for a streaked out of the window to procure his credentials with an alacrity that would do justice to a retreating Hun. The methods adopted by "Stuart" in New York were almost identical with those employed by "Morton" here. His peculiarity for detail was most commendable. Nothing was too good for his friends, their slightest wish he immediately interpreted as a command. All his stories to his numerous friends dovetailed most accurately. He has apparently supported the claim to the Military Cross. Possibly a few days in Missouri, prior to his coup in America's metropolis, decided him that Uncle Sam's people usually like to be shown.

New York Heart Aches.

His activities in New York include a good deal of financial success, since the members of the Union League and New York Athletic Club as well as the Broadway Country Club at Flushing are still mindful of the vivid descriptions of battle scenes, punctuated in the telling by donations in the shape of negotiable currency in United States money. They were all glad to lend money to a hero who had faced the fire of machine gun and cannon. There was never any question about his bona fides. Was his name and title not sufficient for the people of the "village" on the Hudson? Of course. He was going to get married and he would jolly well see to it that the British Government and "his dear

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LEAVE NEXT WEEK

Fifty Men Going to Toronto for Aviation Training.

That the recruiting offices of the Royal Flying Corps, opened this week at 1210 Government Street, are serving their purpose is evidenced by a candidate, made by Lieut. Shaw, who has been placed in charge of the enlistment in British Columbia, that fifty men will leave next Saturday for the training school in Toronto. These recruits are being taken on at the conclusion of the service, and more men of the same stamp will gladly be accepted. The age limit is from 18 to 45, leaving a wide margin which should make it possible still to gather up many men who have had useful experience of the kind suited to the projected course.

Besides these there have enrolled several who wish to take the cadet's course. They, too, will leave for Toronto next week, and if successful in their examinations will become pilots at the conclusion of their six weeks' cadet course at the training school, Flight-Sergeant Metcalf has been placed in charge of the local recruiting office, while Lieut. Shaw goes over to Vancouver for a few days, an office having been opened at 325 Granville Street during the last few days.

The actual rank and file of the Flying Corps are not requested to fly. All the men almost without exception are engaged on ground work, the whole of the flying being done by officers' pilots. Opportunities occur, however, for an exceptionally smart man to be trained as an aviator if he has the natural aptitude and comes up to the requirements.

LOCAL NEWS

Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts. m29

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Women's Fruit-Pickers—The Y. W. C. A. registration bureau for women fruit-pickers has been closed after enrolling between four and five hundred names. Mrs. Waddington at the Labor Bureau is still keeping her list open, however, as up-to-date she has received the names of only about one hundred women who would be willing to help in the work of harvesting the fruit crop. As nearly six hundred women will be required in the Gordon Head district alone, it is felt that there is still an appeal to the patriotic women of the island to make an effort to register to help out with the working of the absence of the men.

BALANCE OF TRADE IN JAPAN'S FAVOR

Japanese Embassy at Washington Explains Withdrawal of Gold from States

Washington, May 26.—Normal trade movements resulting from an enormously expanding export trade, was the explanation given to-day at the Japanese Embassy for Japan's large withdrawal of gold from the United States within the last few months.

It was pointed out that the United States has been obliged to replace in large degree her imports of silk from France and Italy by supplies from Japan. The same was said to be true of other commodities.

On the other hand, it was said, exports from the United States to Japan, while showing a substantial increase, were far from sufficient to overcome the growing balance of trade in Japan's favor and caused the rapid increase in the export of gold.

The Japanese Embassy has conferred with the Treasury Department officials regarding these gold exports to Japan, and as a result the Treasury Department will continue to transfer gold by draft from New York to San Francisco, with the exporters paying the cost, unless there is some evidence of an intention of Far Eastern banks to hoard gold or to permit it to reach Germany.

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THIRTY PERSONS WERE KILLED BY TORNADO

Wichita, Kas., May 26.—South Central Kansas to-day is recovering from the ravages of a spring tornado which late yesterday tore a jagged path through two counties and killed thirty persons.

Andale, a village of fewer than 200 inhabitants, was the chief sufferer, with sixteen identified dead.

NO ATTEMPT MADE.

Petrograd, May 26.—Reports that an attempt was made on the life of Minister of War Kerensky early this week are without foundation.

EARNINGS OF C. P. R.

Montreal, May 26.—The earnings of the C. P. R. during the week ended May 21 were \$31,074,000, an increase of \$464,000 over the corresponding week last year.

MR. ASQUITH DECLINES.

London, May 26.—Mr. Asquith has declined to accept an offer of appointment as chairman of the proposed Irish convention, according to The Nation.

JAPANESE SQUADRONS.

Tokio, May 21 (Delayed).—The Admiralty announces that Japanese squadrons are operating in the South Pacific and in the Mediterranean Sea against enemy submarines.

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RAILROADS OF STATES CALLED ON TO AID

San Francisco, May 17.—Officials of the Southern Pacific, the Western Pacific and the Santa Fe railroads, received notification here to-day that railroad traffic executives of all the roads west of the Mississippi River will meet in Chicago June 5 to consider details of the plan for a curtailment of through train services to meet war emergency requirements. Among the leading questions for discussion, it was announced, will be elimination of buffet and observation cars, co-ordination of the express and mail services, reduction of overland services to actual needs, simplification of the dining car services and a lengthening of the running time of trains.

TO-DAY'S BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Chicago	R. H. E. 1 5 2
New York	4 8 6
Batteries—Seaton, Prendergast and Elliott; Wilson; Sallee and McCarty.	
St. Louis	R. H. E. 6 9 2
Boston	1 2 3
Batteries—Doak, Nohf and Gonzales; Ragan and Gowdy.	
Pittsburg	R. H. E. 1 6 2
Brooklyn	4 8 0
Batteries—Miller, Carlson and Schmidt; Marquard and Miller.	
Cincinnati	R. H. E. 4 11 3
Philadelphia	7 10 1
Batteries—Mitchell, Knetzer, Eller, Regan and Wingo; Oeschger and Killifer.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Philadelphia	R. H. E. 8 12 1
Detroit	11 13 1
Batteries—R. Johnson, Seibold and Schang; Haley; Cunningham, Seland, Jones, Ehmkie and Spencer.	
Washington	R. H. E. 1 7 0
Chicago	1 8 1
Batteries—Gallia and Henry; Scott and Schalk. (Called end 9th; rain.)	
New York	R. H. E. 4 12 1
Cleveland	3 6 3
Batteries—Shawkey and Walters; Wood, Bagby and O'Neill.	

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GERMAN MACHINES WERE IN SQUADRONS

Correspondent Describes Raid on Town in Southeastern England

A town on the Southeast Coast of England, May 26.—The squadron of five German aeroplanes which opened the raid on this town late yesterday afternoon was followed after short intervals by a second squadron and then a third and fourth, each of which repeated the tactics of the first group. The worst damage done was from a group of bombs which struck a business thoroughfare, thronged with people. At one spot 16 women, 8 men and 9 children were killed and 42 persons were injured.

As soon as the raiders had dropped their bombs they turned homeward, probably aware they would have to face an attack from Entente aeroplanes which would be sent against them from the other side of the English Channel. The British and French aeroplanes met the Germans on the way and spirited air fighting occurred with the result that three of the raiders were shot down.

The number of fatalities is likely to show a considerable increase, as many of the injured are reported by the officials of the local hospital to be in a critical condition.

Reports from the surrounding district indicate there was some bombing of neighboring villages even some distance inland. These bombs mostly were dropped as the German aeroplanes were making a wide circle to approach this town from the land side. The interval of comparative quiet after the departure of each squadron of raiders were only broken by the sound of distant firing of naval guns out at sea and were even more harrowing to the population than were the brief periods when the bombs actually were bursting in the town.

After each visit the people in shelters or cellars asked each other whether this was the last. Hours after the last raider had gone many people kept to their shelters in the belief that more raiders were coming.

There was much employment for voluntary relief workers. The hospitals were crowded not only with injured, but with women and children suffering from shock, while the police and constables had their hands full patrolling the devastated districts and doing the gruesome work of rescue, identification and hundreds of odds and ends which such a crisis brings in an unprepared town.

Scarcely any part of the town escaped damage. At least 60 bombs were dropped here, falling in a shower all over the town. The greatest damage was done in the shopping centre, but many of the people on the crowded streets were able to take cover. Bombs were dropped in three neighboring towns. No deaths in those places are reported, although several persons were injured.

The injured civilians here have been distributed among the various institutions.

At Great Height.

London, May 26.—Witnesses of the German air raid on a town in Southeastern England last evening describe the first appearance of the hostile machines as flying at a great height toward the coast in formations of five each. The first lot appeared over the town mentioned in the official report and dropped a shower of bombs on the shopping centre. This was followed in quick succession by other groups, which emptied their loads of bombs in a haphazard way on the started outlying villages.

The visit was short and the hostile machines were flying very high. British aeroplanes promptly went in pursuit of them and a regular pitched battle occurred over the sea, in which the fleeing enemy machines obviously were worse off.

A correspondent in a southeastern

FRANCE'S METHODS AGAINST U BOATS

Rear-Admiral Lacaze, Minister of Marine, Outlines Measures Used

Paris, May 26.—Rear-Admiral Lacaze, the Minister of Marine, outlined in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday the means of defence France had adopted against the German undersea boats.

"I see no reason why I should not speak of these methods," said Admiral Lacaze. "It would be childish to think they are unknown to the enemy. They consist of a system of patrol boats, of arming merchantmen and fitting them with wireless, of seaplanes, nets, mines, smoke-raising devices and dragnets."

The Minister said that France had 552 patrol boats in service and expected to increase the number to 900. He also said the Government had 1,200 dragnets, 170,500 certain nets and 5,000 twenty-foot float mines, which indicate the presence of submarines. Discussing the use of aeroplanes, he said:

"We have organized seaplane posts all around the coasts so that the zone of action of each post joins that of its neighbor on either side. We also have special bombs for submarines and apparatus to throw them."

"The guns we mounted on the patrol boats have been referred to disdainfully but you can not put 10 centimetre guns on a small vessel. A patrol boat on guard, armed with 95-millimetre guns, met two submarines armed with 105-millimetre guns and sank one and put the other to flight."

VICTORIA TRAVELER ELECTED TO OFFICE

Everett, Wash., May 26.—The United Commercial Travelers of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, closing their 1917 convention here today, selected Tacoma for next year's convention at a date to be chosen by the Tacoma council, and elected officers.

C. F. Gardiner, of Victoria, elected Grand Past Counselor, was among the officers chosen for the coming year. Believing their experience as handlers of merchandise would make them valuable to the Governments of the United States and Canada, the travelers adopted a resolution offering their services to the President and the Canadian Governor-General.

NO AMERICAN NAVAL SHIP HAS BEEN SUNK

Washington, May 26.—A categorical denial that any American naval vessel has been sunk in the war was issued last night by Secretary Daniels to counteract a "campaign of vicious rumors that is being carried on so industriously by persons unknown." It was the first official notice to be taken of a flood of reports of naval disasters that started almost as soon as it was known that American destroyers were in the war zone assisting the Allies.

STOCKHOLM DELEGATES PROFESS SURPRISE

Stockholm, May 26.—Leading members of the Socialist international conference expressed surprise at the news that Secretary Lansing had refused passports to American delegates. They have decided not to take formal action until more definite news is received.

James Eads Howe, the so-called "militaire tramp" of the United States, has sent a message of protest to the State Department in which he was joined by Mayor Karl Kindhagen and Karl Pries, international secretary of the World Church Peace Alliance and international president of the V. M. C. A.

HEART OF AUSTRALIA BEATS FOR EMPIRE

Melbourne, May 26.—At a great and enthusiastic meeting of the League of Australia, made a speech, in the course of which he said that the heart of Australia beat in unison with the rest of the Empire. They were now able to say with absolute assurance that Australia would be there.

FUNERAL OF U. S. SENATOR

Portland, Ore., May 26.—The remains of the late U. S. Senator Harry Lane, who died in San Francisco on Wednesday, arrived here today. The funeral will be held Tuesday, following the arrival of a Congressional delegation from Washington.

Dr. Lane advanced rapidly in his profession and in politics. He served as superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, instituting many reforms. He was mayor of Portland and served two terms. In 1893 he defeated George H. Williams for the United States Senate.

OPTIMISTIC NOW IN UNITED KINGDOM

People Expect the Measures Against Submarines Will Grow and Succeed

London, May 26.—(By Arthur S. Draper.)—A naval expert pointed out today in support of the prevailing growth of optimism that it is practically certain that the German output of submarines does not exceed three a week, if indeed it reaches that number. Further, it is commonly accepted that it is necessary for a submarine to spend at least three weeks in dock for every week at sea. Thus, during April, when the number of ships sunk was at its highest, there probably was a record number of submarines operating simultaneously.

TWO MEETINGS HELD IN FERNIE TO-DAY

Strike Situation Discussed by Coal Miners' and Operators' Representatives

Fernie, May 26.—Pending developments in the coal mining situation in District No. 18 were marked by an emergency meeting of the Fernie miners to-day, from which it is inferred that some steps to deal with the present acute local conditions may be taken, and the convention of all the representatives of the Western Coal Operators' Association here to-day in secret conclave also suggests renewed activities in the general situation.

The only significance with respect to this latter is that it is the first meeting of the operators since May 8, when they issued their reported ultimatum to the public and the miners stating in effect that they would refuse to enter further negotiations with the representatives of the mine workers after the rejection by the miners of the proposed renewed working agreement on March 5. The meeting here to-day, however, coupled with the recent announcements from Ottawa, intimates that there is a possibility of the operators retreating from their former position and some amending proposals are expected when it concludes.

Two Meetings. Fernie, May 26.—Two meetings in connection with the coal strike are in progress here to-day. Thomas Lewis Stockert, chairman, and all the members of the Western Coal Operators' Association arrived on the morning train and are in consultation. A meeting of the Gladstone local union also in session, having under consideration the matter of the rationing of idle miners during the continuance of the strike. Nothing is being given out by either party to the controversy. That something of importance is up before the operators is not doubted.

SIMPLE PLAN USED AGAINST SUBMARINES

Correspondent of Westminster Gazette Says American Invented Successful Method

London, May 26.—The Westminster Gazette publishes a message from a correspondent who says the German submarine menace is being mastered by a simple method, which the correspondent indicates is the invention of an American.

THE JEWS OF JAFFA RUINED BY TURKS

Copenhagen, May 26.—The Jewish Rundschau, of Berlin, a Zionist organ, has received a dispatch from Jerusalem confirming reports of the economic ruin of the Jewish population of Jaffa through compulsory evacuation. Between 8,000 and 9,000 Jewish residents of the town were expelled by the Turks, only 20 being permitted to remain.

NEW YORK SHARES MADE FURTHER GAINS

Close on the Stock Exchange There Was Firm To-day

New York, May 26.—The steel and equipment shares again reached new high prices at to-day's short session, with trading on a large scale. Slight reactions occurred in the second hour, but no signs of weakness developed, and the close was very firm. The rails alone were heavy and quiet throughout the day, closing, however, at approximately yesterday's last prices. The copper shares in the activity of the other industrial to a large extent—and numerous new high prices for the current move were reached in this group. The bank statement showed an increase in loans of \$4,472,000; demand deposits, \$1,351,000; time deposits, \$4,754,000; and surplus reserve, \$29,675,250.

High	Low	High	Low
Alaska Gold	53 3/4	54 1/2	54 1/2
Cuba Sugar	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Allis-Chalmers	39 3/4	39 3/4	39 3/4
Am. Agr. Chemical	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Am. Can	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Am. Car & Foundry	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Am. Locomotive	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Am. Smelting	186 1/2	186 1/2	186 1/2
Am. Steel Foundry	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Am. Woolen	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel.	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
Am. Zinc	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Atchafalpa	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Atchafalpa	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
B. & O.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Baldwin Sup.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
C. P. R.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Cent. Petroleum	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Central Leather	563 1/2	563 1/2	563 1/2
C. & O.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	554 1/2	554 1/2	554 1/2
Con. Gas	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Crescent Steel	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Dixie Iron	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2
Dixie Iron	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Erie	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Gen. Mot. Corp.	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Goodrich	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
E. N. pref.	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Granite	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
G. N. Ore. cfs.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Ind. Alcohol	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
Inspiration	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Inter. Nickel	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Int. Petroleum	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Kennecott	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Nevada Cons.	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Chino	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Greene Cananea	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Lehigh Valley	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Maxwell Motor	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Mer. Mercantile	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Do. pref.	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Miami	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Midvale Steel	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Nat. Lead	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
N. V. Adv. Brake	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
U. S. Steel	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
New Haven	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
N. Y. C.	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
N. W. W.	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Pennsylvania	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
People's Steel	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Ray. Cons.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Reading	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Rep. Iron & Steel	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Sloss Sheffield	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
S. P.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
So. Railway	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Do. pref.	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
U. P.	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2
U. S. Rubber	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
U. S. Steel	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
Do. pref.	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
U. S. Smelting	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Utah Copper	152 1/2	152 1/2	152 1/2
Va. Car Chemical	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Westinghouse	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
White Motors	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Wabash	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Total sales, 765,500 shares.			

A DOWNWARD TREND IN CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago, May 26.—A lower opening was registered in wheat to-day and higher openings in corn and oats. For the first half-hour prices rose fractionally, with especial firmness in July corn and oats, but liberal offerings appeared at the higher prices and the firmness soon gave way to a cash liquidation. The weakness continued until the close, which was near the lowest price of the day, with wheat 46 1/2 cents net lower, corn 5 1/2 lower, and oats 1 1/2 lower.

METAL MARKET.

New York, May 26.—While no large business has been reported in the copper market during the past week, there has been some improvement in demand and prices have held generally firm. To-day's quotations ranged around \$31 to \$33 for spot and second quarter delivery, with the prices practically nominal. Electrolytic July delivery was reported scarce and quotations for the third quarter and later deliveries ranged from \$28 to \$30.

WIN-THE-WAR BODY IS MADE PERMANENT

Montreal, May 26.—The Win-the-War Convention decided at its final session to make the organization permanent. The successful prosecution of the war and second, the promotion of Canadian unity are the objects. Hon. Frank Wise, Toronto, is president, and Frank Wise, Toronto, secretary. One vice-president from each province is to be appointed, to be chosen by provincial organizations yet to be formed.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Montreal, May 27.—The Canadian steel issues made a better response to-day to the strength in the American market. There was some good buying of Dominion Iron, which gained 1/2 point, and Steel of Canada was in good demand above 60. The liquidation in Quebec Railway continued, although the stock recovered a point before the close.

High	Low	Last
Ames Holden	15 1/2	15 1/2
Do. pref.	63 1/2	63 1/2
Franklin Traction	40 1/2	40 1/2
B. C. Fish	41 1/2	41 1/2
C. P. R.	101 1/2	101 1/2
Can. Cement, com.	62 1/2	62 1/2
Do. pref.	92 1/2	92 1/2
Can. Car. Pdy., com.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Do. pref.	68 1/2	68 1/2
Do. pref.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Do. pref.	80 1/2	80 1/2
Can. Locomotive	58 1/2	58 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	77 1/2	77 1/2
Can. M. & S.	68 1/2	68 1/2
Detroit United	110 1/2	110 1/2
Dom. Bridge	129 1/2	129 1/2
Dom. I. & S.	63 1/2	63 1/2
Dom. Textile	83 1/2	83 1/2
Do. pref.	72 1/2	72 1/2
Loyal Const. Co.	100 1/2	100 1/2
Granby Paper	49 1/2	49 1/2
Montreal Cotton	51 1/2	51 1/2
MacDonald Co.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Mackay Co.	92 1/2	92 1/2
N. B. Steel, com.	110 1/2	110 1/2
Do. pref.	22 1/2	22 1/2
Ont. Steel Prods.	114 1/2	114 1/2
Ogilvie Milling Co.	80 1/2	80 1/2
Ottawa Power	72 1/2	72 1/2
Pennans, Ltd.	72 1/2	72 1/2
Quebec Railway	22 1/2	22 1/2
Quebec Paper	121 1/2	121 1/2
Shawinigan	122 1/2	122 1/2
Spanish River Pulp	16 1/2	16 1/2
Do. pref.	49 1/2	49 1/2
Steel of Can.	64 1/2	64 1/2
Do. pref.	91 1/2	91 1/2
Do. pref.	80 1/2	80 1/2
Twin City Elec.	82 1/2	82 1/2
Winnipeg Elec.	69 1/2	69 1/2
Wayagamac Pulp	67 1/2	67 1/2
Dom. War Loan (old)	50 1/2	50 1/2
Dom. War Loan (new)	94 1/2	94 1/2
M. B. of C.	170 1/2	170 1/2
Brompton	54 1/2	54 1/2

Bid	Asked
Blackbird Syndicate	19.00 23.00
Canada Copper Co.	1.50 2.25
Can. Cons. S. & R.	2.00
Coronation	85.00
Granby Gold	85.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	06 1/2
Lucky Jim Zinc	06 1/2
McGillivray Coal	15 1/2
Portland-Funnels	01 1/2
Portland Cement	17 1/2
Standard Lead	07 1/2
Stewart M. & D.	09 1/2
Stewart M. & D.	07 1/2
Stewart Star	18 1/2
Stewart Land	07 1/2
Unlisted	
Glacier Creek	04 1/2
Island Investment	30.00
Union Club (Deb.), new	40.00
Union Club (Deb.), old	30.00
Colonial Pulp	08 1/2
Howe Sound Mining Co.	5.75 6.00

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

By Wire & Co. Open High Low
Jan. 21.48 21.50 21.24-25
March 21.90 21.70 21.52-53
July 21.70 21.70 21.52-53
Aug. 21.70 21.70 21.52-53
Oct. 21.70 21.70 21.52-53
Dec. 21.45 21.45 21.29-32

NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, May 26.—Raw sugar steady; molasses, \$5.98; centrifugal, \$5.92; refined quiet; fine granulated, \$7.50-\$8.50.

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ON PROFESSIONAL VISIT TO COLOMBIA

Boyd Ehle Returns to Victoria on Visit From Journey in South America

Many romantic stories have been written of the American civil engineers who have organized the transportation systems, public works and industries of South America, of Central America and parts of the Orient. Of such a type is Boyd Ehle, familiar to Victorians as resident engineer on Sooke Waterworks, who arrived this morning, to renew acquaintance with old friends in this city.

Mr. Ehle had considerable experience of Latin America before he came to Victoria, and it was natural that he should go back to that field on leaving here. This opportunity came in connection with one of the organizations financed by the International Banking Corporation, whose activities have been directed particularly to China of late months. In fact, Mr. Ehle had an opportunity, he stated to the Times, to become associated with the railway projects in China.

His expedition took him up the Magdalena River in the direction of Bogota, which is situated on a plateau 5,500 feet above sea-level, in one of the many plateaus of the eastern Cordillera. He gave a graphic description of the voyage in the light draught, flat-bottom boats used on the river, and then of the climb to the tableland on which the capital is situated. Bogota, being 750 miles from the coast, and rendered so difficult of access owing to lack of transportation, has kept unchanged its Spanish character. The city is surrounded by a very rich mining district, in which placer gold, platinum and other valuable minerals have been discovered, and some of them worked, while north of Bogota are the famous deposit of emeralds, the gems being found in a matrix of slate. Altogether the district is one of the richest in its variety of mineral deposits, of any in the world. Agriculture is still in a primitive development, the principal stock raised being cattle from the llanos of the Orinoco, which are brought there to fatten and complete for market. Transportation of supplies is made by men and burros, and the greatest need for development is railway communication on a comprehensive scale.

The party were investigating a number of public works, and had gathered considerable data when the war conditions changed everything, and so the extensive works contemplated have not gone beyond the initial stages. He returned by a different route to Barranquilla, the port at the mouth of the Magdalena, in order to look over projected harbor improvements there.

DROPPED DEAD

Edwin Noble Succumbs Very Suddenly While Talking to Fellow-Workman

While talking to one of his fellow-workmen out at the Jubilee Hospital this morning, Edwin Noble, a carpenter who was engaged on some repairs at the institution, dropped dead.

The deceased was born at Halifax, Yorks, England, twenty-nine years ago, but came to Victoria with his parents when he was but three years of age. His father is Mr. Walter Noble, of 102 Belmont Avenue, and from there, at 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon, the funeral will take place.

There survive, beside the parents, a widow and two small children, and three sisters. The late Mr. Noble was well-known in the city, having gone to school here.

SHELL SHOCK CASE

Gunner Lyod F. Hutchinson Went Overseas With Draft From 5th Regiment in December, 1915.

Information was received this morning to the effect that Gunner Lyod Hutchinson, of 84 Esquimaux Road, has been admitted to the 5th Stationary Hospital at Farnout, France, suffering from shell shock sustained in action on April 22, Gunner Hutchinson left Victoria with a draft from the 5th Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery, in December, 1915, and has seen a good deal of service on the western front during the past year. He was born at Halifax, N. S., nineteen years ago. The father of the wounded gunner is in the Old Country engaged in the making of munitions, while a brother is a Quartermaster-Sergeant in the 5th Regiment here.

VICTORIA DOGS WIN

Local Entries at Vancouver Dog Show Capture Coveted Ranking in Lists.

Local entries in the Vancouver dog show that opened yesterday are taking a fair share of the honors. Word has been received by cable from the mainland that Mr. Wolfenstein's Gill was the best pointer in the show and that his second pointer Blackie stands first in the open entries.

T. Wither of this city who also entered several dogs has been informed that his Swallow was the best English setter exhibited.

Railway Commissioners.—The Board of Railway Commissioners will sit in this city on June 5, according to a wire received to-day, on account of Monday week being the anniversary of the King's Birthday.

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Returned Airman Married To-day



Miss Emma Woodward and Flight-Lieut. James Curtis Watson united in wedlock at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Two of Victoria's most popular young people were the principals in a May wedding of more than usual interest celebrated this afternoon when Dorothy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woodward, of "Clovelly," north Quadra Street, became the bride of Flight-Lieut. James Curtis Watson, R. N., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson, of 1619 Belmont Avenue. The bridegroom is one of the heroes of the war, and only a few weeks ago returned on short furlough after many thrilling and interesting experiences in the Royal Naval Air Service. On November 15 last he made a sortie from Dunkirk to Ostend in an aeroplane, dropping a bomb on the big gas-works at the latter place and, although already 2,000 feet above ground, being blown hundreds of yards higher by the terrific explosion that followed his successful attack. He escaped back to England in safety. In September of last year he attacked a zeppelin in the North Sea, and on several occasions made flights over the German-captured Belgian coast towns to drop bombs.

Being apple blossom time the color scheme of the wedding was pink and white, and very dainty and refreshing everything appeared both at the church and at the home of the bride's parents, where the reception afterwards took place. Rev. Capt. Campbell, chaplain of the 50th Gordon Highlanders, wearing his military uniform, celebrated the nuptials at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at half-past three o'clock, assisting him being Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay, pastor of the church.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and looked beautiful as she moved down the aisle with her attendants to take her place at the side of the waiting bridegroom. She wore a lovely embroidered dress of white crepe de chine, with short embroidered bodice, the undersleeves of which were of all-over lace edged with pearls, and the skirt gathered full at the waist. Over the shoulders fell the wedding veil of rare old Carrickmore lace, an heirloom of the bridegroom's family, having been worn by his great-grandmother at her wedding. Arranged over the hair in mob-cap fashion it was held lightly in place by a cirelet of orange blossom. The graceful shower bouquet which she carried was of bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley, and her only ornament, a diamond brooch, was the gift of the bridegroom. During the ceremony she knelt on a velvet cushion.

Attending the bride were a bridesmaid and two small flower-girls, Miss Emma Watson, the bridegroom's sister,

filled the former role, charmingly attired in a frock of apple blossom pink silk, trimmed with-erri lace and embroidered in old gold and blue. The pretty picture had carried out the colors, and the bouquet was composed of pink and white carnations. The little flower girls were Miss Kathleen Munday, a niece of the bride, and Miss Phyllis Woodward, a small sister, both of whom were in the daintiest of white frocks with pink sashes and quaint little Kate Greenway caps. The flower baskets were filled with pink and white rose petals.

The best man was Douglas Campbell, son of the officiating minister, and himself a soldier who has been in-validated home from the battle zone.

The church, which was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion, was well filled with the friends of the principals, both of whom are popular and very well-known in the city. Among those present was the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Watson, wearing a becoming costume of Alice blue-satin trimmed with hand-made lace. The hat was of pale bronze straw, trimmed with a plume to match. Mrs. Woodward, mother of the bride, wore a handsome robe of all-over black lace relieved at the throat with white tulle, with black hat.

While the bridal procession moved up the aisle to the altar the organist, Jesse Longfield, played the "Bridal Chorus from 'Lohengrin,'" and at the conclusion of the rite while the register was being signed and while the happy pair were leaving the church, the Mendelssohn Wedding March. At the church steps a shower of rice and confetti rained upon them as they took their seats in the waiting carriages. A great many of the witnesses of the rite followed them out to the home of the bride's parents, where a largely-attended reception was held from 4 to 4:30. Beautiful floral decorations were in all the reception rooms, white roses centering the daintily-appointed table on which the wedding cake stood, while gorgeous pink hydrangeas were massed in the hall and drawing room. Lieut. and Mrs. Watson taking up their stand in a flower-banked niche while receiving the congratulations and good wishes of their friends. Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Hollins presided at the tea urns, and pretty little girls in pink and white frocks passed around the refreshments. In a separate room were displayed the countless beautiful wedding gifts which were received by the popular young couple. The bride's gift to the

bridegroom was a set of military brushes. Lieutenant and Mrs. Watson are leaving on the midnight boat for Vancouver, en route to Banff, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The bride's going-away dress is a handsome costume of blue silk, with which will be worn a set of lynx fur and a black hat with blue ornament.

Both the principals were the recipients of numerous congratulatory messages from out-of-town as well as within the city. The bride was born in Victoria, but has a host of friends all through the province as well as in the city. The bridegroom, who is returning to England at the conclusion of the wedding trip to report at the Seaplane Base, Dunkirk, France, on July 1, was born at Orillia, Ont., but prior to joining the service and going overseas had spent practically all his life on Vancouver Island.

JAMES TRETHERWAY

WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Well-Known Violinist Drove Motor Transport in War Zone

Friends here have learned that Mr. James Trettheway, who for some time occupied a prominent place in local musical circles, has been wounded and is in hospital in France.

Mr. Trettheway came here from England about four years ago, and opened a studio in the Bell Block, where he took violin pupils. He appeared frequently on the concert platform in Victoria, being an accomplished violinist whose playing was very generally admired. In September, 1915, he went back to the Old Country with the idea of enlisting in some branch of the army for active service in France, and within a short time was driving a motor with the Army Transport at the front. Up to the time that he received his wounds on April 14 he had been in perfect health, having enjoyed at least one leave of absence in London, at which time he met some of the Victoria boys.

His home is in Cornwall. He pursued his musical studies in Prague, the Royal College of Music, London, and elsewhere. Mrs. Middleton, of 31 Howe Street, is a cousin.

ARRANGING FOR THE AMUSEMENT TAXES

Moving Picture Censor Will Confer With Minister of Finance Next Week

In order to make arrangements for the collection of the tax on theatre tickets, which goes into effect by proclamation as soon as the necessary provision is made, the Minister of Finance will on Tuesday confer with the censor of moving pictures, L. C. Gordon, Vancouver, who is charged with the carrying out of the Act.

Tickets will have to be printed by the Government and furnished to the theatres, and the collection of the tax will be in the hands of the theatre-owners, who will probably be allowed a commission to reimburse them for the handling of the tickets.

The rates of taxation as finally revised in the bill, so as to meet some objections from up-country, are as follows: When the charge for admission is not more than five cents, one cent; when the admission is not more than fifteen cents, two cents; up to twenty-five cents, three cents; up to forty cents, four cents; up to seventy-five cents, five cents; up to a dollar and a quarter, ten cents; up to a dollar and a half, fifteen cents; up to two dollars, twenty cents; up to two dollars and a half, twenty-five cents; and where the charge is over two dollars and a half the tax will be fifty cents.

As in the other taxes which have been imposed to meet the urgent financial situation in the province the rates have been fixed so as to bear more heavily on those best able to pay.

DEATH OF MRS. WALLACE

Premier Brewster Received News of Death of Family Connection.

Hon. Mr. Brewster received a private letter this morning from Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, pastor of Westmont Baptist Church, Montreal, containing particulars of the tragic death of Mrs. Wallace last week.

Mrs. Wallace had been greatly affected by the death of her son, Clifford Wells, in action and had been prostrated for some few days. While lightly clad she had gone to a gas range to heat some water and in some manner her draperies caught the blaze and were quickly aflame. She was so seriously burned that she died in hospital after much suffering.

As Miss Frances B. Moulie, the late Mrs. Wallace was a distinguished educationist and for several years was head of Moulton Ladies' College, Toronto. Her first husband was the late Prof. James E. Wells, principal of McMaster University, Toronto, an institution of higher education endowed by a wealthy Baptist and in which many young men of that faith are trained for the ministry. Later she married Professor O. C. S. Wallace, who was chancellor of the University from 1885 to 1905, going from there to pastorate in Lowell, Mass.; Baltimore, and Westmont, successively. The late Prof. Wells was a well-known New Brunswick man and was a brother of the Premier's mother.

COMMISSIONERS LEFT FOR ENGLAND TO-DAY

Investigation of Prohibition Vote Will Commence on Arrival in London

The three commissioners who are to take evidence in England and France—David Whiteside, F. A. Pauline and C. P. Nelson—left for the east this afternoon en route for England, where they will take up the duties committed to them by statute of investigating the charges of irregularities in the taking of the deferred vote on prohibition in England and France.

Since the close of the session the commissioners have taken cognizance of such information as the Government has in its possession here. On their arrival in London they will get in touch with the auditor who has been checking the poll-books against the military records, in order to find if the men recorded in the former as having cast ballots are on the records of the military authorities as being members of overseas contingents from this province. The auditor has not yet completed that work, and the poll-books were not included with the packing-case of ballots sent over the other day.

An opinion of the legal department of the Government, given by the Deputy Attorney-General, A. M. Johnson, as to the position of the ballots is that they cannot be touched here, according to the Prohibition Act. At the time that measure, and the Military Forces Voting Act, were going through the House last year there was a good deal of criticism of the power given for a recount of the ballots, and of the provision that receptacles rejected by the Agent-General were to be sent over here and destroyed unopened and unexamined when the ballots are finally destroyed. It looks as if there had been a deliberate intent on the part of the late administration to burke any scrutiny of the ballots over here, but the Act has to be lived up to as it is. The Executive Council met early this morning to complete arrangements for the departure of the commissioners. Passage has been secured for them and they are being supplied with funds for expenses and the expenses of witnesses. As there is an element of risk in the voyage in war times the Council considered that it was only fair that the province should bear the expense of taking out accident insurance on the commissioners, and accordingly policies for \$5,000 each have been taken out for the married members, Messrs. Whiteside and Pauline, and for \$1,000 for Mr. Nelson, who is not married.

PATRIOTIC AID

A Small List of Subscribers is Presented This Week.

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Pound Committees.—At the meeting of the Civic Pound Committee on Monday morning, the committee of the Natural History Society, which is

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

NOTICE is hereby given that the first sitting of the annual Court of Revision for revising, correcting, and hearing complaints against the assessment of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, as made by the Assessor for the year 1917, will be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Wednesday, June 15, 1917, at 10 a. m. Any person having any complaints against the assessment must give notice in writing to the Assessor, stating reasons, at least ten clear days previous to the first sitting of the Court of Revision. Dated at Royal Oak, B. C., this 7th day of May, 1917.

HECTOR S. COWPER
C. M. C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Estate of Mattie Setterfield, Late of the City of Victoria, B. C., Deceased Intestate.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on the 5th day of June, 1917, for the purchase of the following described property, viz.: Lot 6, Block 1, Christ Church Trust Estate, Victoria City, Map No. 35. Purchaser to assume a mortgage of \$2,000.00 and interest at 8 per cent. from date of purchase. Taxes and interest to be adjusted to date of purchase. This property is situated on the west side of Blanshard Street, between Courtney Street and Burdett Avenue, and on which there is a six roomed dwelling. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Dated the 23rd day of May, 1917. WILLIAM MONTEITH, Official Administrator in and for the County of Victoria. 122 Pemberton Building, Victoria, B. C.

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Devotees to Fascinating Game in Terminal City Rewarded by Persistent Agitation

Victoria holds many records where the tourist and her citizens are concerned in the provision of good things that go to make a stay in the city enjoyable. Unless she speeds up, however, in the matter of civic bowling greens she is destined to be left behind by the Terminal City. Vancouver bowling enthusiasts are not letting grass grow under their feet. The agitation which has been carried on so systematically has borne good fruit. At a recent meeting of the Parks Board, Superintendent Rawlings presented a most optimistic report on the subject, which has now been turned over to the Sports and Music committee of the Board for their mature consideration.

In his report Mr. Rawlings paid tribute to the rapidly growing importance of the sport, especially to the citizens who have reached the age when they look back upon the more strenuous sports, and testified to the demand for the city to provide facilities for the rapidly growing lawn bowling fraternity in Vancouver.

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CHINESE FISH CRATE SITUATION DISCUSSED

Alderman Peden Defends His Position and Tells of Difficulties

As anticipated in The Times on Thursday, Alderman Peden took advantage of the Civic Streets Committee yesterday afternoon to reply to the criticism with regard to the Chinese fish crates in the harbor that had been voted at the meeting on Monday.

That criticism arose from a report of the Medical Health Officer, forwarded to the Council through the Mayor, in which Dr. Price recommended the abolition of the system.

Difficulties Numerous. Alderman Peden, Chairman of the Health Committee, denied at the outset that the comment to the effect that the situation had been used as election material was justified. He noticed that the doctor had recommended the abolition of the system, but unfortunate circumstances had shown that the situation could not be eradicated as it should be. Last year a great deal of time had been spent on it as a result of which the sleeping quarters had been removed, the floors nailed down, and the crates demolished. Thus, for a period, the place had been cleaned up thoroughly, and since that time one man kept his place thoroughly tidy, while the other did not. It was necessary to invoke the aid of the Harbor Master, since the water was under Dominion jurisdiction. He might add that Captain Clark had helped them very much. The second Chinaman had been prosecuted for selling bad fish, but when it was suggested he should be moved from the harbor the Harbor Master did not think it advisable to send the man to a place where it would be hard to make a living. That was the explanation why the rafts had not been moved from the harbor.

Tried to Abate Nuisance. "This committee," the alderman proceeded, "has been sincere in endeavoring to abate the nuisance, but we have not been able to enforce a by-law covering the matter, nor without the co-operation of the Harbor Master have we any power under the circumstances. I have also an important statement to make, that one of our officials in the City Hall has uttered a most deliberate falsehood—and I can bring a man to prove it. He has said that I have some financial interest in the fish industry, and that is why the by-law is not enforced. A time may come when he may be made to prove it. I have no interest in the business. While it is true that owing to the epidemic of measles, officials of the department have been very busy, I have been down to the crates several times, and have kept an eye on the situation carefully. The department has even dragged the harbor at points where it was thought the crates might be concealed.

Welcome Proposals. "The City Solicitor has been consulted as to our powers of control, but they are, as I have said, limited, and if any of you can show the Department how it can draw up a by-law which will stick, we welcome it."

Alderman Sargent: "May I ask if a white man, or men, is behind the Chinamen?"

Alderman Peden: "I know of one indirectly interested; he is interested in that place which is in first-class position, not the other we have prosecuted; it is in connection with some fish company, I think. I will give you the name if you like."

Alderman Sargent: "Oh, no."

Alderman Peden: "The man we are after now was prosecuted, but the sanitary officer was unable to swear that he owned the place, hence the case was dismissed."

Elimination Wanted. Alderman Sargent rose and denied that a right construction was put on his words, though he took nothing back of what he actually did say in council. It had been said after due deliberation and careful consideration. Whatever may have occurred on the platform during the election, certainly much publicity was given to the matter in the press, unintentional as it may have been, and the impression was given, not that the places had been cleaned up, as Alderman Peden now said, but that they had been eliminated. The public was led to believe in December that the traps had been eliminated. Suddenly after the election the campaign died down. (Alderman Peden dissented.) Alderman Sargent pointed out that it was objectionable that fish coming from traps like those described should be sold to the public in a port like this, where fresh fish should be always available.

Alderman Peden: "I agree with you there."

Alderman Sargent: "If the Council has not the power to enforce the law, it should go to those who have the power to see the law enforced."

Publicity. Alderman Dinsdale welcomed publicity, if it led the public to understand how the fish was supplied by the Chinese.

Alderman Johns hoped the committee, in dealing with Chinese vendors, would also remember the circumstances under which some of the Chinese vegetables were sold.

This brought up Alderman Dinsdale again, who remarked that vegetables were being brought into the city by Chinese vendors who took out manure in the same receptacles.

Alderman Andrews thought the best course would be to regulate the sale, since it could not be stopped. The newspapers ought not to be asked to do what the City Council had failed to accomplish. The discussion then terminated.

ROMANTIC PAGE FROM DARK QUEEN'S STORY

Local Resident Knew Ranavalona III, of Madagascar, Who Died This Week

Thursday's Times contained an account, in a telegraphic dispatch, of the death of ex-Queen Ranavalona III, of Madagascar, who was removed from the island throne over twenty years ago by the French, who have since administered this huge island off the African coast. She was removed to Reunion, and later to Algiers, where she died.

J. C. Kingzett, who has resided in Victoria for the last few years, was personally acquainted with Ranavalona when she queneed it in the Madagascar capital. Mr. Kingzett had charge of a printing and publishing business in Antananarivo, belonging to the Friends' Foreign Mission Association, of London, England. He lived at Antananarivo, the capital of the island, for over twenty years, and a practical knowledge of the people and their language. He was presented to the Queen on numerous occasions, and several times attended royal banquets and receptions. He has supplied The Times with the following information regarding the late ex-queen.

"The death of Ranavalona III, ex-Queen of Madagascar, has removed one of the prominent personages that I had the pleasure of knowing personally, another being the late Gen. Gallieni, French Minister of War, with whom I was intimately acquainted during the eight or nine years that he was Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Madagascar.

The Protectorate. "Until conquered by the French in 1895, Madagascar was an independent country, under native government. For some months after the conquest the Queen remained on her throne, and her country was treated as a protectorate. Then a revolt broke out, and Gallieni was sent to suppress it and restore order. The poor Queen found herself in the unhappy position of being virtually a prisoner in her palace, without a vestige of power, although nominally responsible for all acts of the conquerors, as every new law or order was promulgated in her name. She was obliged to sign acts that were exceedingly objectionable to her. She soon came to the conclusion that being a queen under such conditions was by no means a desirable job, and asked permission to vacate the throne. However, the Government in Paris had decided to call Madagascar a protectorate, and it seemed desirable to retain the monarchy, in appearance, at least.

Banished From Country. "For many years there had been much jealousy and wrangling between the French and British Governments about their respective spheres of influence. Gallieni thought he could use the Queen in pacifying the country, but he soon found that her influence over the people was a thing of the past, and decided to remove her from the throne. This step was taken without consulting the authorities in Paris. One Saturday evening the palace was suddenly surrounded by French troops, the Queen's native bodyguard disarmed, and she was told to be ready to leave that same night. She was permitted to take some of her relatives with her and whatever personal belongings she wished, and was assured that her allowance of \$5,000 a year would be continued. She first went to the island of Reunion, a French possession not far from Madagascar, and afterwards was sent to Algiers, her pension being increased to \$10,000 a year. There she was treated with great consideration by the French and was feted royally on the occasions of her visits to France. 'La Petite Reine Noire' was all the vogue for some time.

Husband a Hindrance. "I knew the Queen during the whole of her reign. Her aunt, Ranavalona II, died soon after my arrival in the country. The young Queen was not really next in the line of succession, as she had an older sister, but there were two objections to her accession, one being her dissolute character, and the other the fact that she was married. The younger sister's husband had died shortly before the throne became vacant, and, moreover, her character was all that could be desired. In order to understand why a husband should prove a hindrance to the elder sister's accession, I must explain that the people of the dominant tribe, generally known as the Hovas, are broadly divided into two classes, the 'Nobility' and the 'Commoners.' The sovereign belonged to the highest class of the Nobility, but the Prime Minister, who really was all-powerful, was a Commoner. Being a first-class 'politician,' he knew better than to have another man in the palace with right of access to the Queen. He must know all that was going on. So, originally, although he had a wife with a very large family, he had found an excuse for divorcing her and marrying the Queen. When one queen died he married the next, and so kept his position and power. I think young Ranavalona III was his third queen-wife. I know that the idea of marrying the old man was revolting to her, but it had to be done. Soon after the conquest of the island the old Prime Minister, Rainilaiarivony, was banished to Algiers, where he died.

Her Coronation. "I was present at the young Queen's coronation, having a seat only about three or four yards from the throne. This took place in the open air, in the presence of hundreds of thousands of her people. The throne was upon a large boulder, the 'sacred stone,' from which a large platform was built but on either side, and it was upon this that we foreigners had seats. After

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