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### SUBMARINES ARE SUNK IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH

London, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Edinburgh to the Daily Mail reports that two German submarine attacks were made on the Firth of Forth on Wednesday morning, but that they were repulsed. Two of the enemy's submarines, the dispatch says, were destroyed. The admiralty has no confirmation of this reported attack.

### ONE POWER BLOCKED TRUCE AT CHRISTMAS

Rome, Dec. 12.—The vatican authorities to-day made public a document setting forth the efforts of the pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas season. The efforts of the pontiff unfortunately failed, according to the vatican announcement, owing to the opposition of a certain power.

### TEN MEN TO RECEIVE THE VICTORIA CROSS

Soldiers Who Saved Comrades, Guns, and Performed Other Feats Decorated

London, Dec. 11.—The granting of ten Victoria Crosses within the last few weeks brings the total number of these awards during the present war up to twenty-one. The cross is the highest reward given in the British army for some signal act of valor or devotion performed in the presence of the enemy. The decoration is accompanied by a pension of £50 a year. Official lists of surviving holders of the honor at the beginning of the war contained about 150 names.

The ten latest awards are as follows: Private Sidney Godley, Royal Fusiliers, for coolness and gallantry in taking his machine gun under a strong fire for two hours after he had been wounded at Mons on August 23. Driver Job Drain and Driver Fred Luk, Royal Field Artillery, at Leccatou, on August 26, as volunteers helping to save guns under fire from hostile infantry 200 yards away. Major Charles Tate, deceased, King's Own Light Infantry, commanded one of the two companies that remained to the end in the trenches at Leccatou on August 26, when all the other officers were killed or wounded, and led his nineteen men in a gallant charge. He was wounded, and died in the hands of the enemy.

Lance-Corporal Frederick Holmes, King's Own L.I., at Leccatou on August 26, carried wounded men from trenches under heavy fire; later assisted to drive a gun out of action by taking the place of a wounded driver. Captain Edward Bradbury, deceased, Royal Horse Artillery, organized defence of battery against heavy odds at Nery on September 1.

Captain William Johnson, Royal Engineers, at Missy, on September 14, under heavy fire, worked two rafts, bringing back wounded and returning with ammunition. Drummer John Bentask, Lancashire Regiment, for taking command and succeeding in holding a position after other deeds of bravery. Bombardier Ernest E. Hartock, new sergeant, Royal Field Artillery, for conspicuous gallantry on September 15, near Vendresse. Although twice wounded, he persisted in returning to

### GERMANY REALIZING PLIGHT, SAYS BANKER

Business Men and Financiers Know War Has Sapped Nation's Prosperity

London, Dec. 12.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Times sends an interview with a distinguished banker of a neutral country, whose long standing business relations with Germany required him to spend seven weeks in that country recently.

"It would be a grave fallacy," the banker says, "to judge German affairs by the German newspapers of to-day. They must not only suppress what the government does not want printed, but are required to publish that, and that only, which the government lays before them. Everything, for instance, tends to suggest that the rigors of war are slowly but surely undermining the national economic fabric is strictly contraband."

### DEPOSITORS ARE TO PETITION GOVERNMENT

A. C. Stirrett Approved as Liquidator; Auditors Are Criticized at Meeting

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—A. C. Stirrett, Manager of the General Administration Society, 833 Hastings St. West, and also local manager of the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien is the choice of the depositors of the Dominion Trust Company for permanent liquidator. He was the selection of the special committee appointed by the depositors a few weeks ago, and their recommendation was adopted at a largely attended meeting in Pender Hall last night.

This means that Mr. Stirrett will be recommended to the court as the unanimous choice of the depositors for the permanent liquidatorship. The other companies favorably considered by the committee, but finally passed by were the Northern Trust Co., the Guaranty and Security Co., and the Imperial Canadian Trust Co. During the meeting there were frequent references to the alleged liability of directors, and all remarks of a hostile nature were heartily applauded. The responsibility of the Attorney-General's department was also dwelt on in connection with the assertion that the taking of deposits after March 4 last, (when the Dominion Trust lost its right to accept deposits under either Federal or provincial authority) was entirely illegal.

It was decided to continue the special committee, consisting of A. J. Paterson, H. J. La Braeh, A. C. Rankin, G. H. Healey and J. S. Casper, to represent the depositors during the liquidation proceedings and also to go to Victoria to ask Sir Richard McBride and Hon. Mr. Bowser that the government should reimburse the depositors in full for all moneys deposited with the company.

The meeting also decided to recommend that Messrs. Marwick, Mitchell and Peat be retained as auditors for the permanent liquidators. It was pointed out that they had done a large amount of work which would have to be gone over again by new auditors. G. H. Henley, in presenting a resolution to that effect, said he was at a loss to understand how any firm of auditors could ever have certified that the accounts of the company were correct.

### SETTLERS TO GET LAND WITH COMING OF SPRING

Attorney-General Refers to Dominion Trust Failure and Legislation for Relief

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.—Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, was the speaker at the annual meeting of the Ward 6 Conservative association this evening, when he made an announcement of the government's intended policy of opening for the settlement by farmers of tracts of agricultural land in various districts of the province as soon as the spring opens, and intends taking to insure local municipalities incapable of raising money by the sale of bonds for local improvements being enabled to go on with these works by aid from the provincial treasury.

The attorney-general also made reference to the unfortunate position of the depositors in the Dominion Trust company, and stated that the government was considering the question seriously, and that there might be a possibility that legislation will be brought down at the next session of the legislature which would give to them a measure of relief, although just what it would be he was not in a position to say owing to the many puzzling and legal entanglements presented.

### HAD LONG PLANNED TO KILL SELF AND CHILD

Redding, Cal., Dec. 11.—After spending the morning buying Christmas toys for Bonita, her little girl of 9 years, Mrs. James W. Burke, wife of a planning mill foreman at Weed, returned to a hotel here to-day and shot her child dead. Then she turned the revolver against her own breast, but the bullet missed her heart and she still lives, though probably mortally wounded.

"I've been planning this for a long time," was all the explanation Mrs. Burke would give. She came here last night from Weed on a shopping trip.

### INSANE MAN HOLDS PRIEST TWO HOURS

Priest Held for Two Hours by Man with Razor

Seattle, Dec. 11.—An insane man, armed with a razor, held Father Otto Carnello a prisoner for two hours yesterday afternoon in the confessional of Our Lady of Montevista, at Bradner Place and Massachusetts street.

The man entered the church, apparently to make a confession. He suddenly drew a razor and flourished it threateningly toward the priest. After two hours of trying to persuade the man that he was wrong, the maniac abruptly walked out of the church and disappeared.

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THE WAR.

In many respects the most interesting and entertaining matter which appears in the London Times is printed in the column under the head "Through German Eyes."

As an example we find in the Cologne Gazette, the leading organ of militant Prussianism, the announcement that Germany's aim from the start has been purely defensive.

This of course is pitifully petty. If it is accepted by the Germans they stamp themselves as the most backward people on earth in political development.

The most persistent feature of the French bulletins these days is the reference to the artillery prowess of the allies. Their big guns destroy several batteries daily, the effects of which before long will seriously weaken the most important branch of the German army organization.

But having failed to capture Paris or to avert the fatal simultaneous war on both fronts, with her first line troops destroyed and her army in the west being gradually pressed back by an enemy who is three times as strong in men and material as he was when the war began, with the military strength of her moribund ally shattered, with bankruptcy staring both of them in the face, their industries closed down and their commerce ruined, Germany finds that she can wait after all.

Petrograd reports the check of the German advance in Northern Poland. The corps of General Franco, which attempted a wide flanking movement north of Warsaw, has met with defeat sooner than we predicted yesterday, although it was easy to forecast.

By what is transpiring in Poland, a Petrograd dispatch hints at a further readjustment of the Russian front in order to draw the Germans still farther from their railroads.

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It is significant that Germany now thinks the war can be interrupted for a few days. Last July she could not wait. Although the main quarrel was between Russia and Austria, Germany was fearfully apprehensive lest a peaceful solution should be found.

Germany's haste continued. She invaded France at Creux on August 2 without waiting for a declaration of war. On the same day her soldiers jumped into Luxembourg and Belgium, whose neutrality she had guaranteed.

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But while it is Germany who now desires to wait, it is the allies who will permit no interruption of the war until it is finished. They know that an armistice would involve the prolongation of the struggle and the loss of thousands of more lives.

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last button on the last soldier's boot. She had her say, and now the allies are going to have theirs.

RAFFLES AND SWEEPS.

A correspondent draws attention to a matter of more than ordinary interest. He says a big "sweep" is being organized in the city, and wants to know what the preachers, who are on record as opposing all forms of gambling and as having carried on an agitation which culminated in the suppression of sweepstakes on big racing events in the Old Country, are going to do about it.

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TURN ON THE LIGHT.

In his report on the Dominion Trust the provisional liquidator says: "Under their Dominion charter the company were obliged to submit annually to the minister of finance a statement setting forth the assets and liabilities of the company and the trust property held by it, made up to December 31, in each year."

"The government has made a formal demand upon me as provisional liquidator to pay off the depositors, which of course, it is impossible for me to do, and they are therefore calling upon the bonding company to pay them the sum of \$200,000, the amount of the bond."

"The Dominion and provincial governments were aware that the company was taking deposits and operating in other ways contrary to the law. Why did not the Attorney-General intervene for the protection of the public interest? He interfered, quite properly, in the case of the Bankers' Trust."

"This is all right as far as it goes, but had the Attorney-General done the duty he is sworn to do there would have been no unfortunate depositors or other victims of this outrageous affair. It is appalling to think that the public can be victimized in many cases to the point of ruin and the process tolerated by the law officers of the province to an extent which amounts to nothing less than actual encouragement."

The Attorney-General said nothing of a searching investigation. This must be conducted, for the good name of the country is at stake, alongside of which such political fortunes as may be involved are not worth a snap of

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the finger. Why was the Dominion Trust permitted to exceed the powers conferred upon it by legislation when the nature of its operations was known to the government?

The Attorney-General in an address at Vancouver last night said it was no use trying to put people on the land until transportation facilities were provided. The Dominion government did not wait for railway construction before placing settlers on the lands of the prairie provinces.

Strong testimony against the German case is presented by the three wars of conquest waged by Prussia in the last fifty years. Had the other great powers intervened at the time of the rape of Schleswig-Holstein, as they ought to have done, the policy of blood and iron would have been killed at its birth.

What profound foresight and discrimination were exhibited by German diplomacy in the selection of Austria and Turkey as allies! It would be impossible to choose two more frayed-out liars-beans! Had the advice of Bismarck, that Germany form an alliance with Russia, been followed Kaiserland would not now be tottering on her stilts.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

A gentleman residing in this city, in turning over some old manuscripts, the other day came across the following ex-official of the colonial government of about the year 1862. The incident referred to was the dismissal of half-a-dozen government clerks, a circumstance which is perhaps still remembered by the old residents. Judging from the tone of the last verse, Hon. Amor de Cosmos had something to do with cutting off the heads of these supernumeraries.

"When I joined the official staff a few short years ago, How pleasantly we passed our time None but ourselves can know. The government was solvent then, The payment of our salaries, The work we had naught to do."

"And thus we young official swells Never thought of fete we, But passed the time in idleness, A short time ago."

"'Twas in the time of good Sir James— Those happy days were passed; The happy days we might have known, They were too bright to last. What little work we had to do, I know was seldom done— Tho' in each office there were three, To do the work of one."

"And thus we young official swells Have come to grief and woe; Sacked by those shabby M. L. A.'s A short time ago."

"The government can't be so poor, The exchequer so 'cleared out,' To make it needful that we should, Be thus sent 'up the spout.' Ye Powell, Ah and Helmscken Together stuck like bricks, And voted like three gentlemen To save us from the fix."

"And thus," etc.

"'Tis to De Cosmos we owe all— Oh, how I hate that man. Throughout the shabby, mean campaign He always led the van. When I am working on the road, Or floundering thro' the snow, I'll curse him every breath I draw And wish him down below."

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Men's Suits in broken sizes, and your choice from fancy tweeds and worsteds. Regular \$18.00 values. To-day \$11.75
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WAR OFFICE MAKES USEFUL SUGGESTIONS

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The following letter, sent direct from the war office, London, to Miss Fitzpatrick Smith, of this city, in reply to a communication from her on the subject, may be of interest to many of the needwomen and others of the city who are doing work and sending gifts to the troops.

War Office, London, S. W. November 20, 1914.

Madam, In reply to your letter to the 1st instant, addressed to Lord Kitchener, I am commanded by the army council to express their appreciation of your wish to promote the comfort of the troops.

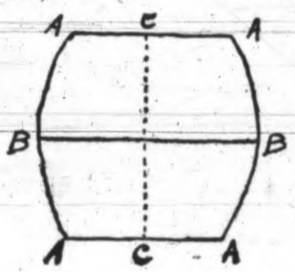
I am to state that socks should preferably be made with heels, and that belts should be knitted and made in two sizes, as illustrated in the accompanying diagram.

Various funds have from time to time been raised in this country and overseas dominions by newspapers or by voluntary organizations for supplying tobacco, etc., to the troops at the front, and their gifts are being dispatched under arrangements approved by the council, and are proving most acceptable to the men. The council sees no objection, therefore, to your collecting money for the fund you mention in your letter. I am to add that gifts of tobacco, etc., for members or units of the Canadian expeditionary force are admitted duty free into this country.

A leaflet of instructions is enclosed with regard to the dispatch of consignments generally.

I am, madam, your obedient servant, D. D. CUPITT.

The following is a diagram of the knitted cholera belt referred to, with the instructions which accompanied the same:



Size 1—Ends of belt, A to A, 8 1/2 ins.; centre of belt, B to B, 11 ins.; depth of belt, C to C, 12 ins.

Size 2—Ends of belt, A to A, 9 1/2 ins.; centre of belt, B to B, 12 1/4 ins.; depth of belt, C to C, 13 1/4 ins.

The leaflet of instruction with respect to the dispatch of consignments generally emphasizes the need, in addressing letters and other postal packets intended for members of the expeditionary force, of putting regimental number, rank, name, squadron, battery or company, battalion, regiment (or other unit), staff appointment or department, British expeditionary force. Special care should be exercised in addressing correspondence for officers, non-commissioned officers and men who may be detached from their units and employed in other appointments. Letters and parcels should be posted in the usual way, and on no account should they be sent to the war office or to any military office for transmission. It is unnecessary to address letters, etc., care of the general post office. In no case must the name

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of any place be inserted in the address. The postal authorities of the expeditionary force will make all possible efforts to deliver letters, but in view of the military exigencies considerable delay and possible failure to deliver may sometimes occur.

No precise information can be given as to the present distribution of units of the Indian establishment, but letters and postal packets for a member of any unit or of the staff of the Indian expeditionary force, if addressed to the care of the Indian office and marked "Indian Expeditionary Force," will be forwarded for delivery as circumstances permit.

In order to comply with customs regulations the contents of parcels should be stated in writing on the cover, and the name of the sender stated on both parcels and letters in order that they may be returned if undeliverable.

Numerous inquiries as to articles useful to soldiers serving with the expeditionary force are responded to with the following list: Housewives, handkerchiefs, boot laces, newspapers and periodicals, chocolate, peppermint, dried fruits, briar pipes and tobacco pouches, tobacco (packed in thick tin-foil if possible), cigarettes, cigarette papers and cigarette tobacco, safety matches (packed in sealed tins), small tins of boracic ointment or borated vaseline for sore feet, antiseptic powder, pocket knives, post cards and lead pencils, warm clothing: mufflers, Balaclava caps, mittens, cardigan jackets.

Knitted and woven bolts and socks, for which a public appeal has been made, should be sent to the lady-in-waiting to her majesty, Devonshire House, London, W. The object of this appeal is to supplement the provision made by the war department to meet special winter requirements.

If they are told us, we must look at our selves as the cause; we must not only deserve confidence by our integrity, but inspire and invite it by our kindness and indulgence.—Rabel.

LETTER BOX

WHAT CAN THEY DO? To the Editor: How is it that the preachers of Victoria put their feet down on Salmon's sweepstakes for the Derby and other horse races and allow a Salmon sweepstake for the benefit of the Royal Victoria theatre? JUSTICE.

MEETINGS

Co-operative Meeting.—The Women's Guild of Western Co-operative society will meet at Mrs. McKiernon's, 423 Young street, next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Dance on Tuesday.—A public dance will be held on Tuesday next at Semple's hall, Victoria West.

Diocesan W. A.—The Diocesan board of Woman's Auxiliary will meet next Friday at 2.30 in St. Paul's rectory, Esquimaux.

To Elect Officers.—L. O. L. 1610 will meet in the Orange hall, Yates street, next Monday, at 8 p.m. Election of officers and other business will engage the members' attention.

Whist Drive.—Victoria lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will hold its monthly whist drive on December 17, at Par West lodge, No. 1, and all visiting brothers are cordially invited.

Ward Seven Association.—The Ratepayers' association of Ward 7, Saanich, will hold its annual meeting on Monday, December 14, at 8 p.m. at the Gorge Presbyterian church, Thilcum road.

Metropolitan Brotherhood.—Rev. Dr. Scott announces a change in the subject of his address to the Metropolitan Brotherhood to-morrow afternoon, and will speak on "The Social Aspect of Gambling," instead of "Evangelism" as previously stated.

Bandages For Horses.—The Women's Auxiliary of the S. P. C. A. will work all day Monday at Christ Church Cathedral schoolroom. A great effort will be made to finish the bandages for horses so that they may be dispatched at once.

S. O. E. Dance.—The Sons of England will hold their weekly dance in St. John's hall, Herald street, on Monday night. They will celebrate the opening of the hall with a dance. Refreshments to be supplied by the ladies. The proceeds will be given to the dependents of the boys now on active service.

Centennial Sunday Services.—To-morrow will be temperance day in all the Methodist churches in the city. The quarterly exchange of pulpits will take place in the morning, when Rev. S. J. Thompson, of Wesley Methodist church, will preach in the Centennial church, and in the evening Dr. Ernest Hall will deliver one of his instructive, interesting and scientific addresses. The public is cordially invited to both services.

Fifth Regiment Band.—An especially fine programme has been arranged by the Fifth Regiment band for its concert to-morrow evening at the Royal Victoria theatre. The entertainment will commence at 8.45 with the march, "United Empire," by Hughes, and the remainder of the selections are as follows: Vocal, "Are We Downhearted" (Ernest Lees), G. G. Watson; overture, "Orpheus," Offenbach; vocal, Aria from the Messiah, "He Shall Feed His Flock," (Handel), Mrs. Robina Binnie; choir, selection, "Madame Sherry," Houshna; vocal, "The Best Old Flag

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on Earth" (Harrison), Mrs. R. H. Pooley; selection, "Pirates of Penzance," Sir A. Sullivan; violin, "Concerto in D Minor" (Wieniawski), Master W. Balagno; patriotic selection, "Reminiscences of England," Godfrey. Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E.—The Navy League chapter will be on duty at the Temple road, Monday. There will be a chapter meeting at 8 p.m., and it is hoped that all members will attend, as there is some important business to come up as well as the final arrangements for the children's treat to be made. Those members who are dressing dolls are asked to bring them to the meeting. Welsh Society.—The New Year's Eve meeting of the Welsh (Cymrodorion) society will take the form of a competitive entertainment, when valuable prizes will be presented for the best singing and recitation. The test song for the basses will be "Captain Morgan," for the tenors, "Mentra Gwen," for the sopranos, "Y Derwyn." The champion solo may be sung in English or Welsh, any solo selected, and in any voice. The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus hall, and will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served and a thoroughly enjoyable time is assured. Centennial Epworth League.—The Centennial Epworth League meeting to take place on Monday evening will provide several subjects of unusual interest. The programme will be in charge of the missionary committee, and will take the form of an "Indian" meeting, the league-room to be decorated with Indian curios, and the address of the evening, by Miss Isabel Aubin, to be on "The Life and Work of Rev. Thomas Crosby," one of the pioneer Indian missionaries of the province. A cordial invitation is extended to all young people to attend. Last Monday the meeting was in charge of the devotional committee, and Miss K. Ralph gave the address of the evening. C. Hadland has been appointed musical director of the league, and a great improvement in that department is expected. Social Service Commission.—The annual meeting of the social service commission will be held on Monday afternoon at 2.30, at the Y. M. C. A. Among other business there will be the annual report and the election of officers. Several matters of special importance will be brought forward, and it is expected that there will be a full attendance of the ministers. Visiting ministers will be welcomed. Methodist Exchange.—On Sunday morning the quarterly exchange of pulpits among the Methodist ministers in the city will take place as follows: Centennial, Rev. S. J. Thompson; Burnside, Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott; Strawberry Vale (Wilkinson road), Rev. Thomas Green; Oaklands, Rev. W. C. Bunt; Belmont avenue, Rev. Robert Wilkinson; Fairfield, J. R. Cowell; Metropolitan, Rev. Thos. Keyworth; Wilsons, Rev. C. G. Brown; James Bay, Rev. L. S. Albright; Esquimaux, Rev. Mr. Robson. Victoria Concert Orchestra.—The programme to be given to-morrow evening in the Princess theatre by the Victoria concert orchestra, under the direction of Benedict Bantly, will consist entirely of numbers by Russian composers. Some will be by well-known favorites, others will be played for the first time in Victoria. The programme follows: Russian National Anthem, Madame Marie Burnett and the orchestra; paraphrase on Melody in F, Rubenstein; Barcarole from "The Seasons," Tschalkowski; vocal, (a) "Mignon's Lament" (Tschalkowski), (b) "Thou Art Like a Flower" (Rubenstein), Madame Marie Burnett; mazurka, "Kuyawitzki" (Wieniawski) valse from Casse Noisette, Tschalkowski; piano solos, (a) Prelude (Rachmannoff), (b) Minuet (Paderewski), Walter Charles; Cosack's Revels, Ivan Tschakoff. The National Anthem.

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Nervousness, Dizzy Spells and Sleeplessness Are Now a Thing of the Past. This is a cheerful letter from Mrs. Peacock, and it should bring joy to the heart of many a reader of this paper...



SERVICES in the CITY CHURCHES

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. ANGLICAN. Christ Church Cathedral, Burdett avenue. Holy communion at 8 p.m....

First Dominion Theatre building, Yates street. Rev. John P. Wernicke, R. A., pastor. Services at 8 p.m....

CONGREGATIONAL. First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Public worship at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m....

THE TRINITY UNRAVELLED. The subject for the special lecture, in the Victoria Theatre, Douglas Street, Sunday evening, will be, 'The Mystery of the Trinity Unravelling, and the Reward of the Church of the First Born.'

OTHER MEETINGS. Connaught Seaman's Institute. Bible class for sailor boys and their companions at 2 p.m....

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure Made from Grape Cream of Tartar NO ALUM

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. This committee met last Monday night and transacted most important business. As new members will be appointed by the various lodges...

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IN THE LODGE ROOM. I. O. O. F. Meetings Next Week. Monday—Victoria-Lodge No. 1. Tuesday—Vancouver Encampment No. 1.

ROYAL YEAST CAKES. USED BY ALL BEST HOME PROFESSIONAL BAKERS. DECLINE SUBSTITUTES. A meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Columbia No. 854, will be held on Friday evening, December 18...

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Dec. 12-5 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over the North Pacific slope...

Table with 2 columns: Location and Max. Min. Temperature. Locations include Nelson, Penticton, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, and Victoria Daily Weather.

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UNFURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

- List of unfurnished houses for rent including addresses like 1563 Wilmot Place, 67 Pina St., etc.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

- List of furnished houses for rent including addresses like Wellington St., Fowl Bay Rd., etc.

LIQUIDATOR HOLDS PROVINCE LIABLE

Government Knew Dominion Trust Was Receiving Deposits Illegally.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF TRUST MONIES

Instances Are Given of Manner in Which Instructions of Clients Were Disregarded

The report of C. R. Drayton, the provincial liquidator of the Dominion Trust company, contains some very suggestive passages...

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MORE WARK PROVIDED BY BUYING LOCALLY

J. J. Shallicross Says That Unemployment Means Empty Houses. Nothing but good can result from the present effort to induce people to make their purchases in Victoria...

NEW BY-LAW READY FOR CITY MARKET

Will Be Introduced on Monday; Real Estate Exchange Obtaining Data on Fuel Gas. As yet there is a short order paper for the consideration of members of the city council on Monday...

CANDIDATES SUCCEEDED

Results of the Outside Civil Service Preliminary Examinations Held Here Last Month. The results of the recent preliminary examinations held for the outside division of the civil service of Canada are announced...

EX-NAVAL MEN WANTED

Mission to Seamen, Vancouver, Authorized to Recruit; Contingent Leaving for East Today. The Mission to Seamen, 1171 Seaton street, Vancouver, has been authorized by the admiralty, London...

ENGINEERS MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Many Matters for Improvement of Professional Standing Are Considered. Meeting for a second time in Victoria, the civil engineers of Vancouver and Victoria are to-day holding their annual convention...

VINDICATES CHARACTER

T. A. Darke, Formerly of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, Receives Apology for Mistaken Arrest. What is now admitted by the naval authorities to have been a huge mistake was the arrest and detention for some time in irons on board H. M. C. S. Rainbow of Thomas Anthony Darke...

FOR SALE - HOUSES

FOR SALE - No. 3145 Marra street, off Finlayson, 4 rooms, bathroom, cement basement, walls tiled, burlyplank...

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST - On Oak Bay avenue, last night, an automobile crank handle. Finder please phone 230122.

REWARD GIVEN

REWARD GIVEN. Present address William Rowe, late cabinet maker, Mr. Henry, late Jackson avenue, 302 Government street, city.

BORN

SMITH - At St. Joseph's Hospital, on 11th inst., the wife of Parker Smith, 637 Manchester road, a son.

DECEASED

DUTNALL - On December 9, 1914, at St. Joseph's Hospital, George Dutnall, one of the early pioneers of the province, aged 84 years. Born at Sevenoaks, Kent, England.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next sitting, for a transfer of the hotel license to sell liquor by retail, now held by me...

SELECTS OFFICERS

Affiliated Friendly Societies Association Names Members of Executive; a Hamper Concert. The executive of the Affiliated Friendly Societies association was appointed at a meeting on Thursday...

YACHTSMEN HELP FUND

Enjoyable Dance at Victoria Yacht Club Last Evening Given in Aid of Belgians. A very enjoyable occasion, the proceeds of which are being handed over to the Belgian Relief Fund, was the dance held last evening at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club...

RITCHIE BELLWOS FOR RETURN BOUT

San Francisco, Dec. 11.-Wille Ritchie wants it as widely understood as possible that his hat is still in the ring and that he is more anxious than ever to have a crack at Freddie Welsh...

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Financial News

BULLISH TACTICS ARE IN EVIDENCE LOCALLY
Stocks Listed on Victoria Exchange Made Gains at Morning Call

Prices were marked up sharply this morning, and an advance movement was noted by issues of the list almost without exception.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and various stock symbols like Standard Lead, B. C. Copper, etc.

GRAIN MARKET HIGHER IN WINNIPEG TRADING
Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—The wheat market opened steady in Dec. and May.

Forged Prescription.—In the police court this morning William Lang was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for uttering forged prescriptions.

Kept Det.—Wong Lee, the keeper of an opium joint, will spend the next three months in jail.

In Opium Joint.—Charles Gordon and David Ross pleaded guilty this morning in the police court to being found in an opium joint on Pandora avenue last night.

Shipment to Belgians.—The next shipment from the local Belgian Relief headquarters is expected to go out on Wednesday.

CAMPAIGNERS HONOR LIEUTENANT WHEELER

Men Who Have Fought With Him and Those Who Served With Him Here Unite

A hearty send-off was given last evening to Lieut. C. F. G. Wheeler, who has received a commission in the new Irish army corps.

The chairman considered that a man who had risen from the ranks, as had Lieut. Wheeler, and who was honored by a commission from the great soldier Earl Kitchener, was a man worthy of honor from his comrades in this outpost of empire.

Major W. S. Weeks, officer commanding the Victoria companies of the National Reserve, occupied the chair, with Lieut. Wheeler on his right.

Major Leonard Tait spoke very highly of what Lieut. Wheeler has done for the advancement of the interests of the old campaigners.

Other speakers were Captain H. H. Cleugh, Captain John L. Grimison, Captain John Irving, Captain George Robison, Captain George J. Dyke, Captain H. A. Green, Lieut. Marsh, Lieut. Bennett, William Ellis, Captain Fenner, who was with Lieut. Wheeler in the Rhenish campaign.

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VON MOLTKE IS MOVED AT ORDER OF EMPEROR

Dispute Arise Over Method of Campaign After Taking of Antwerp

The Hague, Dec. 12.—German newspapers which have been receiving the latest dispatches from the front, although prohibited strictly from criticizing any acts of the government during the war, is much displeased by the sudden change in the leadership of the German military forces.

It is intimated in these newspapers that there has been friction between Emperor William and Count von Moltke, owing to a difference of opinion concerning the conduct of the campaign in the west, it being understood that while von Moltke favored energetic operations against the French, the emperor was strongly inclined towards pushing the advance in the direction of Calais.

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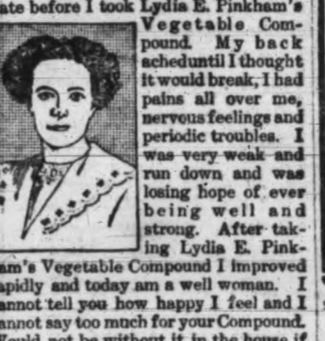
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REGIMENTAL ORDERS
VICTORIA VOLUNTEER RESERVE.
Regimental orders by Capt. W. H. Langley, R. C. commanding.

There was a run-of-melting pictures at the Dominion theatre this afternoon which attracted a large audience.

The pictures include views of the B. C. Horse in camp at Vernon, these being the men who came here a week ago to join the other mounted men at the Willows.

Obituary Record
A pioneer farmer of Salt Spring Island passed away at 12:30 last night in the person of John King, a resident of Beaver Point, South Salt Spring Island.

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NATIVE SONS' OFFICERS Elections Are Held and Reports Received; Plans for Formation of Home Guard Company.

AN EASY WAY TO STOP HEAD NOISES Good Advice For Those Who Fear Deafness.

BRITISH FOOTBALL London, Dec. 12.—Following are the results of league football games played this afternoon on the grounds of the first-named club.

Famed Hotel of Old Comstock Days Now Heap of Burnt Ruins Virginia City, Nev., Dec. 12.—The ghosts that tenanted the old International hotel will be homeless to-night.

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