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GOLD OF STATES AT DISPOSAL OF ALLIES TO DEFEAT TEUTONS

Consideration Being Given at Washington to Proper Course Following Declaration of War on Germany; Berlin Trying to Engineer Situation

Washington, March 22.—Plans for rendering financial assistance to the Entente powers in case of war between the United States and Germany are under consideration, informally, by the Federal Reserve Board and other Government officials.

Two courses are said to have been presented: one, the placing of general credits at the disposal of the Entente Governments in this country by individual banks to a greater extent than heretofore; the other, official action by the United States Government in placing a large sum at the disposal of the Entente.

Should the latter course be adopted it is thought probable the Government would raise the sum desired by a bond issue to be designated for that purpose, the proceeds to be loaned as needed to France and Great Britain and probably other Entente Governments.

The plans are said to be still in a formative stage and may not take definite shape until after Congress convenes on April 2.

Washington, March 22.—Offers of mediation to prevent actual war between the United States and Germany are expected among the next developments.

Administration officials heard to-day that a European neutral nation was contemplating such a plan and they frankly regard it as another effort, backed by Germany, to divide sentiment in Congress and embarrass the President.

It was declared authoritatively to-day that no proposals of mediation or discussion will be considered unless Germany first should abandon her campaign of ruthlessness at sea. All the administration officials from the President down take the position that the United States never has desired, and does not now desire, war with Germany, but is being forced into it to protect the lives and rights of its citizens against unlawful aggression.

No discussion. Unless Germany is prepared to change her position completely, it was declared to-day, offers of mediation and discussion would be useless. Germany, it was recalled, never accepted former Secretary Bryan's proposal to sign one of his "peace investigation" treaties, which would have bound the United States to inaction for a year while a commission investigated the situation.

Meanwhile every preparation for any eventuality is being carried forward by the army and navy and the President is awaiting the assembling of Congress. Unless there is some great change in the situation before April 2 it is expected he will detail in his address how Germany has in fact been making war against the United States by the ruthless operations of her U-boats, and leave it to Congress to declare a state of war existing and vote money and men to protect the interests of the United States.

INVESTIGATING MOVES OF GERMAN "HIKERS"

Arrest of Two by Authorities at Atlanta, Ga., Leads to Suspicions

Atlanta, Ga., March 22.—Examination of the effects of Valderian Johannes Pieczynski and Hugo Coutandin, German youths arrested here last night to-day led government officials to investigate whether there has been anything sinister in the movements of several German "hikers" walking over the United States in the past two years and a half.

The police state the two men under arrest said they were walking around the world on a bet. Newspaper clippings with photographs show that they have been supposed to be doing the same thing with at least seven other companions, one a woman. One photograph shows Pieczynski with a young woman and the accompanying story tells that they were walking from Chicago to San Francisco on their honeymoon. Another shows the same woman with a man giving the name of A. T. Ender, and that story also was to the effect that the two were covering the Pacific Coast on their honeymoon. Another photograph taken at Tampa, Fla., shows Ender and Coutandin in "hiking" costumes. Coutandin there described himself as a wireless operator.

WUNNENBURG AND SANDER ARE GIVEN TWO YEARS IN JAIL

New York, March 22.—Albert O. Sander and Charles N. Wunnenburg, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of having sent spies to England from this country to gather information for the German military authorities, to-day were sentenced to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta and to pay fines of \$2,500 each.

PREMIER OF RUSSIA RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM LLOYD GEORGE

London, March 22.—Mr. Lloyd George to-day telegraphed to the Russian Premier saying he believed the revolution in Russia was the greatest service to the cause of the Entente and that it was a sure promise that the Prussian military autocracy, the only barrier to peace, would soon be overthrown.

TOTAL AREA LIBERATED IN FRANCE FROM THE ENEMY UP TO YESTERDAY 853 SQUARE MILES; 181,935 HOMES

Paris, March 22.—The total amount of French territory liberated from the German invaders by the Somme offensive up to March 21 was 853 square miles, situated in the four departments of Pas de Calais, Oise, Aisne and Somme. It includes 366 towns and villages, embracing the homes of 181,935 Frenchmen. The Germans are still in possession of 7,126 square miles of French territory.

Dr. Henri de Rothschild has given 100,000 francs for the relief of the inhabitants in the liberated sections of Picardy.

Dr. Henri de Rothschild is a grandson of Nathaniel Rothschild, the founder of the famous banking house. He is well-known as a philanthropist and has taken a prominent part in the war against cancer.

Stole Relief Supplies.

War Correspondents' Headquarters with the British Armies in France, March 21.—Via London, March 22.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—"We would have starved if it had not been for the American Relief Commission," said a Frenchwoman in the city hall of Nesle to-day to the correspondent, speaking in their pallid faces and high cheekbones giving evidence of their privations.

Wherever one went in the territory recently evacuated by the Germans the same story was repeated. There are many other stories of hardships being told, although most of the inhabitants said the German soldiers had been well disciplined and kept strictly under control. It was repeatedly asserted, however, that within the past few weeks the Germans had appropriated some of the American relief stores to their own use, even to the extent of three-fourths of the supplies. It also was said that the Germans took possession of the white flour, issuing black flour instead to the inhabitants.

Displayed Joy. Some of the peasants encountered in the evacuated territory were plainly joyous at their liberation. Others appeared to have had their spirits broken. Their attitude was one of absolute submission to anything that might happen. Many young children who had seen nothing but German soldiers in their lives, stared to-day in almost stupid wonder at the British Tommies clad in khaki and wearing their steel hats.

One of the greatest ordeals the people said they had had to endure was to stand by and see their homes broken up by the Germans as the soldiers were leaving. In some instances the French inhabitants, who had been held virtually as prisoners during the German occupation, had been segregated in certain parts of the villages while the work of destruction was going on elsewhere. At Rouy, however, it was said—and reiterated by scores of persons—that the inhabitants of this village and several other villages had been gathered at Rouy-le-Petit in certain houses and told to remain in them a certain number of hours while the Germans got away. While so herded together, they declared, the Germans had sent 200 shells into the village, killing several persons. The funerals which were in progress in the village to-day lent verification to the story. People in other villages also said that they had distinctly heard the firing and thought that a battle was in progress.

Relief Work. It was pitiful to move to-day through villages which had been far from the firing line and untouched by any shells and yet were lying in ruins. Active steps are being taken by both the British and the French to relieve the people in the liberated sections.

About the only persons seen are old men, women and children. Boys who had attained the age of 16 years or more since the German occupation, and men who were considered over the military age by the French were taken off by the Germans for work behind their lines. Many of these French boys and old men had been compelled to work in the German trenches where they said they also met many Belgians and Russians, the latter of course being prisoners of war. It was asserted that one of the reasons for the wholesale deportation of Belgians was the necessity for this labor in constructing the new positions to which the Germans have fallen back. The Germans wished to spare the soldiers from this work and so employed these unwilling civilians and prisoners, despite the traditions of civilized warfare.

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SEVERAL MORE VILLAGES ON SOMME-AISNE FRONT TAKEN; ALSO DEFENSIVE POSITIONS

SAZONOFF MAY BE FIRST PRESIDENT

Probably Will Return to Russia Should Republic Be Proclaimed

HAS PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT PART

London, March 22.—The departure of Sergius Sazonoff for Russia to become a candidate for the presidency of the new republic is anticipated by well-informed officials here. After being forced to resign as Foreign Minister of Russia Sazonoff was appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James by his political opponent, the reactionary Prince Goltzine, under pressure from the other Entente powers.

It is understood that Sazonoff was the connecting link between the Foreign Office at London and that at Paris, and the patriotic element in Russia which now has overthrown the reactionary Government. His appointment to the embassy in London was regarded as a master stroke of diplomacy on the part of the intellectuals who now rule Russia and of whom Professor Paul Miliukoff is the head.

Officials here state that there is no doubt that the Foreign Office in London and that in Paris were acquainted with and approved all the steps of the revolution, including the possible selection of Sazonoff as President of the nation when transformed into a republic.

It was coincident with the speedy termination of Sazonoff's ministry that London first heard rumors of disaffection from the Allies' cause on the part of Russia, which rumors, it is stated, were traced to the reactionary and pro-German element, which nominated Sazonoff's successor. Sazonoff's appointment as ambassador to Great Britain was forced on Czar Nicholas and once more restored the complete chain between the Allies' diplomats and the "Push-the-War" party in Russia.

ONE OF LIEBKNECHT'S FOLLOWERS ELECTED

Voters Give Him Seat in Prussian Diet With Overwhelming Majority

London, March 22.—Dr. Franz Mehring has been elected to the seat of Dr. Karl Liebknecht in the Lower House of the Prussian Diet, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam.

Dr. Mehring is a member of the Socialist minority which is opposed to war, and was led by Liebknecht up to the time of his imprisonment on a charge of treason. The new deputy also has incurred the displeasure of the authorities and at one time was put under "preventive arrest."

According to the dispatch, he was opposed at the polls by a member of the Socialist majority, but received 241 votes out of a total of 477.

Amsterdam, March 22.—Commenting on the election of Dr. Mehring to the Prussian Diet, the Cologne Gazette says:—"It is remarkable that in a by-election for Liebknecht's seat in the Reichstag, where the election was direct and secret, Mehring was defeated by the other Socialist candidate, whereas under the three-class system enforced for elections to the Prussian Diet, the other candidate of the Socialist party has been unsuccessful."

BAUBLE FOR TALAAT BEY

London, March 22.—Kaiser Wilhelm has bestowed the Order of the Black Eagle on Talaat Bey, the Turkish Grand Vizier, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph by way of Amsterdam. The order is an honor usually reserved for royal princes.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, March 22.—The bank clearings here for the week ended to-day were \$39,503,095. For the corresponding week last year the clearings were \$28,843,306, and \$30,533,212 in 1915.

French, Overcoming Resistance of Germans, Make Further Progress; Germans Now Almost on Arras-St. Quentin-La Fere Line; After Retreat

Paris, March 22.—The German troops made energetic resistance to the French forces last night between the Somme and the Aisne, but after spirited fighting north of Tergnier, the French forced them out of several strong positions. French troops occupied a number of villages north of Soissons in the face of determined resistance by the Germans.

The text of the report follows:—"In the region north of Tergnier we enlarged our positions east of the St. Quentin Canal after spirited fighting and expelled the enemy energetically from several important defensive positions. South of the Oise and north of Soissons we also made progress during the night, occupying several villages in the face of considerable opposition on the part of the enemy in the region of Vrogy.

"We made a surprise attack north of Berry-au-Bac which enabled us to take prisoners. Several attacks on small French posts east of the L. Hillaire-St. Souplet Road, near Fontaine-aux-Charmes, in the Argonne, and in the vicinity of the Carrières Wood (Verdun front), were repulsed by our fire.

"Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

Within Artillery Range.

Paris, March 22.—The German retreat to the Arras-St. Quentin-La Fere line now is practically complete, since the French forces are now within artillery range of St. Quentin and La Fere. The German movement has been carried out by echelons according to approved principles, one section holding firm while the next fell back. The operations of the allied forces now are concerned with driving in the last of these sections which are still resisting. They are situated respectively south of Arras, southeast and east of Peronne, east of Ham, in the valley of the Alliette and north of Soissons.

In Centre. Just in the middle of the line, east of Peronne and between the plain of Cambrai, to the north, and the plain of the Somme to the south, is one of the few positions of defensive value running to the east of Boisel and Vermand. The Germans showed signs of intending to cling to this salient, but it, too, is now gone. British forces being close to Boisel and Vermand. Another strong section which still is holding out occupies a formidable defensive position formed by the forest of Coucy, but from the signs of destruction in the rear of the defenders, apparently resistance is being made only to secure the retreat to the principal line at St. Gobain.

Level With French. As the result of Wednesday's operations the British line is now level with the French, which runs along the Crozat Canal from St. Simon to Tergnier. At the latter point the French positions are less than two and a half miles from La Fere. Part of the road from the French camp to Noyon, paved with granite sets, was robbed of its paving by the Germans, but in less than a day the French Engineer Corps had repaired the road, rebuilt bridges and put the railroad in working order as far as the French camp.

The military commissariat has sent 200 bullocks to Noyon and distributed 10,000 bread rations. Before leaving the Germans made a clean sweep of the Noyon banks, sending to Germany securities valued at 18,000,000 francs.

German Statement. Berlin, March 22.—Spirited fighting in the sector in France over which the German forces have been retreating is reported in an official communication to-day, which mentions no further evacuation of territory. French battalions attacking on the north bank of the Aisne were repulsed.

SPAN MOVING TO PROTECT SHIPPING; DECREE TO-MORROW

Madrid, March 22.—King Alfonso on Friday will sign a decree for the insuring of the safety of the Spanish maritime commerce. The measure adopted will be in accordance with the procedure followed by other countries.

AMERICAN YACHT CLUB WILL OUST THE KAISER

New York, March 22.—The Atlantic Yacht Club, after much discussion, has found a way to oust Kaiser Wilhelm Grand Duke Cyril has resigned his command of the naval guards.

FIFTY LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED BY OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 22.—An order for 50 locomotives has been placed by the Government with the Kingston Locomotive Works. A big growth in the movement of western wheat over the National Transcontinental Railway lines next autumn is anticipated, and it is being provided for.

SCHEME TO HELP THE HOHENZOLLERNS

Berlin Announces a Cousin of Wilhelm, an Aviator, is Missing

Berlin, March 22.—In the usual daily official statement dealing with the operations on the western front issued to-day announcement is made that an aeroplane piloted by Prince Friedrich Karl, a cousin of Kaiser Wilhelm, has not returned from a raid over the lines between Arras and Peronne.

A Hohenzollernd Scheme.

London, March 22.—The official announcement given out in Berlin that Prince Friedrich Karl, a cousin of Kaiser Wilhelm, who was an aviator with the German forces on the front in France, is missing following a raid, is regarded here as an effort to induce the people of Germany to believe that the members of the Hohenzollernd family are in the forefront of the fight for Germany. The announcement is held to be most significant in view of the revolution in Russia and the reports that the unrest existing in Germany for some time has been increasing since the news of the change in Russia was received.

Prince Friedrich Karl and his brother, Prince Friedrich Sigismund, sons of Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia, joined the German flying corps in January. Prince Friedrich Karl was 23 years old, two years the junior of his brother.

Both these young princes were sportsmen, and before the war Prince Sigismund designed an aeroplane. Prince Karl while still in his teens was one of the German officers who participated in the Olympic games at Stockholm, where he won prizes as an army rider.

The death in active service of eight German princes has been reported previously during the war—one of Hesse, two of Saxe-Meinigen, three of Lippe, one of Reuss and one of Waldeck.

OFFERS \$1,000,000 FOR THE SUFFERING JEWS

New York, March 22.—Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears, Roebuck & Company, of Chicago, wired the American Jewish Relief Committee to-day a conditional offer of \$1,000,000 to feed and clothe Jewish sufferers. The relief committee has announced \$10,000,000 as the amount that must be raised immediately if 3,000,000 Jews in the eastern war zone are to be saved from death. Mr. Rosenwald will pay \$100,000 as each million is raised.

Officers of the committee said that Mr. Rosenwald's full million would be secured. A nation-wide campaign is under way that will reach every community.

BLONDIN'S RESIGNATION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED

Ottawa, March 22.—The expectation in government and political circles is that the resignation of Hon. P. E. Blondin, Postmaster-General, will not be accepted by Sir Robert Borden. Definite arrangements already have been made, however, for the administration of the Post Office Department while Mr. Blondin is engaged in the task of enrolling a French-Canadian battalion in Montreal and Quebec. An order-in-council naming Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Secretary of State, as Acting Postmaster-General, already has been passed.

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"It was not the haggardness. It was not the pallor of the wounded and the sick from the battlefield. It was the wan faces of the children, the tear-stained, lined faces of the thin and poorly-clad mothers, that struck me most forcibly. They are fighting the greatest battle ever fought—a battle two and a half years long and against that merciless enemy starvation.

"When I saw all this I was mad with the fight once again. The cowardly German has done his worst there. He would have been more merciful had he bayoneted these women and little children. They would have suffered less than they are suffering now. Then the heroism of their deaths would have been heralded far and wide. Now they suffer in silence. Do you wonder that I am mad to get at these Hunn again? My business is to fight; yours to send the food you have to these silent sufferers."

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FORTY MORE VILLAGES IN HANDS OF BRITISH

Continuation of Forward Movement Reported Last Night by London and Paris

London, March 22.—The capture of forty more villages on the front in France was announced by British headquarters last night as follows: "South and southeast of Peronne we have advanced rapidly during the last twenty-four hours, and reached points some ten miles east of the river Somme. We have occupied another forty villages in this area.

"Between Maru and Arras the enemy is beginning to develop considerable resistance at several places. Nevertheless his rearguards are being steadily driven from their positions, and our progress continues.

"We carried out successful raids east of Arras and northeast of Neuville St. Vaast. An enemy raiding party east of Neuville St. Vaast was repulsed.

"The enemy blew a mine this morning southeast of Ypres, damaging his own trenches.

"There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides near Arras and Ypres."

Paris, March 22.—The following official report was issued last night: "North of Ham the situation is unchanged. Our light forces remain in contact with the enemy between Roupy and St. Quentin.

"East of Am we forced this morning at two places passage of the canal of the Somme, despite lively resistance by the Germans. The operations, conducted vigorously, enabled us to clear the north and east margins of the canal and drive back the enemy as far as the outskirts of Clastres and Montescourt. Inundations have been caused by the enemy in this region.

"Most of the villages before our lines in the neighborhood of St. Quentin are in flames.

"We have advanced north of Tergin (which lies west-southwest of La Fere). In the valley of the Ailette there have been skirmishes between patrols. The enemy, who occupies in force the east bank of the Grozat canal and the Ailette, has subjected our lines to a lively bombardment.

"In the region north of Soissons we made considerable progress, and fought several spirited engagements. Most of the conquered villages are entirely destroyed.

"East of the Meuse the enemy delivered several surprise attacks against the Calonne trench, but these failed under our fire.

"The day was calm on the rest of the front."

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RUMORS OF RISINGS IN GERMANY NOW

People in Holland Hear Reports Riots Are in Progress

Amsterdam, March 22.—With revolution in the air, it is not surprising that rumors are running around that Germany's turn has come, and that Berlin is already in an uproar. One or two curious developments tend to support the possibility that unusual events are occurring there.

Firstly, these rumors all appear to emanate from German unofficial quarters. Secondly, a German Social Democrat, who was on his way to the railway station en route to Berlin, said that he regarded the rumors as possibly partly true, and, having large interests in Berlin, he felt it necessary to return there immediately in order to learn the actual state of affairs and to take steps to protect his interests.

There has been a curious absence of private letters from Berlin and Hamburg during the past few days. The newspapers here are taking a serious view of the rumors. Correspondents endeavor to get information as to what is proceeding. It may be that one great or many smaller hunger strikes on perhaps a larger scale than ever before are in progress, but from all available information it would seem by no means likely that any revolt in Berlin would have any chance of success among the old men, who alone remain as civilians.

Nevertheless, after what the German army and people have gone through during the past two years, it must not be entirely ruled out as impossible that part of the army at least might join with the munitions workers. At the moment of the frontier, the latest tidings from the frontier are such as to suggest that things are indeed grave, though no details are given. It is noteworthy that only two days ago official announcement was made throughout Germany of the rising by 20 per cent. of the price of potatoes and other foodstuffs, including rye and wheat.

AMERICAN EXPOSES GERMAN FALSEHOOD

New York, March 22.—"Evidence that the German War Office is issuing false reports is contained in the Berlin bulletin of Monday detailing last week's zeppelin raid against London," the New York Sun's correspondent in London cables.

"The bulletin stated that the zeppelins had reached London and dropped bombs on the city.

"The correspondent of the Sun, learning of the raid when the zeppelins were still on the coast, observed the entire proceedings. No zeppelin ever got within sight of London. The raid was a complete failure, the only definite result being the loss of a zeppelin in France."

GOT THEM CHEAPLY.

Aberdeen, Wash., March 22.—It is estimated that the lead alone in the 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition purchased Tuesday from the confiscated cargo of the schooner Annie Larsen, sold by the Government, is worth at least \$15,000.

According to this, the purchase made by W. Stokes Kirk, of Seattle, is a mint, as the 2,000 arms are worth several times that amount, not considering the powder and brass in the cartridges.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 22.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. C. Wilson, Liverpool, N. B.; Pte. H. Arsenault, St. John's, N. B.; Pte. J. English, Scotland; Pte. J. Jackson, Russia; Pte. A. Curdell, Montreal; Pte. E. Paquette, New Haven, Conn.; Accidentally killed—Pte. S. Bishop, Fort William.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now reported killed in action—Pte. J. Neilligan, Toronto; Pte. E. Moss, Toronto; Pte. Thos. Summerhayes, England.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. W. Liscombe, Toronto; Pte. Wm. Ellis, Montreal.

Previously reported missing; now presumed to have died—Pte. D. Hamilton, Stratford; Pte. C. Haskell, Brandon, Man.; Pte. A. Ferris, Mimico, Ont.; Pte. R. Fenton, St. Norbert, Man.; Pte. J. R. Bennett, Brownburg, Que.; Pte. A. Beauchamp, Quebec; Pte. M. Whiteside, Toronto; Pte. H. B. Beaton, Toronto; Cpl. W. Harkness, Montreal.

Previously reported dangerously wounded; now reported died of wounds—Pte. Chester Hughes, Toronto.

Died—Pte. J. Macdougall, England; Pte. T. Eversold, Toronto; Pte. T. P. Puck, England; Cpl. G. Bell, Windthorst, Sask.; Pte. C. E. Simmonds, Calgary, Scotland; Pte. E. L. Gilks, Docketown, N. B.; Pte. J. Anderson, Scotland; Cpl. W. McLeod, Halifax.

Reported wounded—Pte. F. W. Lee, Galt, Ont.; Pte. A. C. Gerard, Kelowna, B. C.; Pte. Wm. Davis, New Glasgow, N. S.; Pte. P. A. McDougall, Inverness, B. S.; Cpl. J. W. Lord, England; Pte. S. H. Smith, Toronto; Pte. G. Manning, Toronto; Pte. N. Smith, Arkona, Ont.; Pte. E. Chappell, Toronto; Pte. G. W. Baker, Montreal.

Dangerously wounded—Pte. T. Lule, Greece; Cpl. R. Rhodes, Duluth, Minn.; Cpl. C. B. Burton, Vancouver; Pte. E. J. Jones, River Glade, N. B.; Lieut. J. Orr, Scotland; Pte. E. L. Gilks, Docketown, N. B.; Pte. J. Anderson, Scotland; Cpl. W. McLeod, Halifax.

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Previously reported missing; now officially reported prisoner of war—Cpl. A. G. Hall, Scotland.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now officially reported prisoner—Cpl. F. Bromley, England.

Suffering from shell shock—Pte. W. W. Gavel, Brazil Lake, N. B.

Reported missing—Pte. E. H. Banks, Ompas, Ont.

Artillery.

Died of wounds—Gnr. J. Armstrong, Mount Dennis, Ont.

Previously reported wounded; now reported died of wounds—Cpl. L. Martineau, Quebec.

Seriously ill—Lieut. J. Winslow, Fredrickton, N. B.

Wounded—Gnr. A. N. Connor, England. Engineers.

Died—Lieut. E. Morrison, Pembroke, Ont.

Mounted Rifles.

Previously reported missing and believed killed; now for official purposes presumed to have died—Pte. W. B. Downs, Belleville, Ont.; Pte. J. E. Loquin, Magdalen Islands; Pte. L. Denyer, Toronto.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now died—Pte. V. Sokolaki, Russia.

Seriously ill—Pte. E. R. Somerville, Scotland; Pte. W. J. Wilson, Syracuse, N. Y.; Sergt. M. S. Chapman, Toronto. Services.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. L. Taylor, England.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON.

London, March 22.—In the House of Commons last night the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade stated that the matter of imports of canned salmon from British Columbia was under consideration, and that it was hoped some arrangement might be arrived at whereby any prejudice to the industry will be reduced to a minimum without inconsistency in regard to attainment of the object of the recent proclamation prohibiting imports—a saving of tonnage.

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IMPERIAL CONFERENCE OPENED IN LONDON

London, March 22.—The first meeting of the Imperial War Conference was held yesterday. After a sitting of two hours the conference was adjourned until Saturday. The meeting was occupied largely with the procedure to be followed at ensuing meetings of the British and overseas representatives in conference.

Ottawa, March 22.—An authoritative statement received at the Reuter Telegram Company's Agency here regarding the Imperial War Conference says:

"During yesterday's discussion, which dealt purely with preliminaries, the general desire was expressed to concentrate energies upon the prosecution of the war. Unmistakably the absence of a representative dispatched from Australia is much regretted.

"The feeling is growing that one of the most satisfactory features of the conference is that it will afford an opportunity

to the Dominions to express their views upon the terms of peace. It is felt more and more that the part they have played in the war and the fact that they have regarded it as their own struggle equally with Great Britain fully entitles them to this right."

DISORDERS PUT DOWN IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

London, March 22.—Robberies, incendiarisms and some murders occurred in Petrograd, according to a dispatch to Reuter's from the Russian capital. The disorders were started by rowdies who were encouraged by the former police, the dispatch says, but were quickly suppressed by the Aletta force, composed of soldiers and workmen, who disarmed the police.

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AUSTRIA HOPES FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

Report Reaches London President Wilson at Work on Plan

London, March 22.—A report that President Wilson is at work on a plan for a separate peace for Austria was published here today. The information caused considerable interest, but no surprise.

It is unquestionably true that the Austrians and none more than their young emperor—desire to get out of the war. But Germany, having drawn them into it, now blocks the way out.

That Emperor Charles has asked President Wilson to use his good offices in perfecting a separate peace is not wholly surprising, but it can be stated that the Allies have not been approached officially on the question up to the present time.

The possibility of a separate peace now raises so many important questions that before it could become an accomplished fact, operations on the battlefields are likely to alter materially the entire situation. Should Austria sue for a separate peace it would mean that Emperor Charles was supported, and not opposed, by Kaiser Wilhelm. It would mean that the German Government considered Austria more valuable out of the war than in it, and that Germany was using Austria as a wedge to open the door to peace.

The political and economic unrest in Austria-Hungary hurried the recent visit of von Bethmann-Hollweg to Vienna. This seems to lend strength to the reports that big developments in the Central Powers are sure to come within a short time.

The revolution and the new democracy in Russia are largely responsible for the unsettled condition, no one knowing how far-reaching effects of that re-organization may have on the course of the war.

The Russian situation remains confused. Her greatest well-wishers are still unable to view her future with complete calm, but the one disturbing element in the Russian situation to the rulers of the Central Powers—a factor greater even than the potential military power of the country—is the effect which the revolution is having upon their own peoples. If the rulers of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria would avert revolutions in their own lands they must listen to the will of the people. If revolution does come in those countries it will not be organized so skillfully as it was in Russia and it will be ten times bloodier.

Embarrassment for Germany. Thus Russia has forced the enemy rulers to make concessions to their peoples—people sick of the war. In the event that Austria acts independently of Germany, it is possible that the Entente might want to put troops in Austria to protect their Balkan allies. If Austria were eliminated, then Bulgaria and Turkey might wish to drop out of the war, and Germany would be further embarrassed.

Whether Russia's aims in the war under the new government remain the same, as they were under the old, and whether she still wants to control the Dardanelles, or whether she will be satisfied with an autonomous Croatia and Galicia as well as the rest of the Slav peoples, would be questions which must be decided before a separate peace could be concluded.

In addition, Roumania, Serbia and Italy have claims to be settled. Thus negotiations would necessarily take considerable time. The war will continue uninterrupted and changes in the map are likely to be material.

In official quarters here it is found that the question of a separate peace with Austria is viewed as a possibility, but hardly a probability. In as much as the whole problem is likely to be solved before diplomatic negotiations could be concluded.

GERMANS SAY THEY ARE USING CAVALRY

Berlin, March 20.—Via London, March 22.—German cavalry now is in touch with the French and British mounted troops which have been in action for several days in the territory evacuated by the Germans, so that for the first time since the Fall of 1914 cavalry on both sides is being employed on the western front. This is regarded here as an indication that great events are taking place and that a real battle is in prospect, trench warfare being over for the time being on this part of the front.

The French and British attempted to use cavalry on the Somme front last year, as the French had at the time of the Champagne offensive, but the employment of these forces in the face of entrenched troops with machine guns resulted in very heavy losses. The present situation is a very different one, because neither side is now protected by trenches.

YARROWDALE PRISONERS REACHED BARCELONA

Barcelona, Spain, March 22.—The 59 American sailors who were interned in Germany after having been brought there on the prize ship Yarrowdale, have arrived here on their way back to the United States.

The Yarrowdale contingent, which was released from Germany on March 3, left Zurich, Switzerland, where the men stopped for several days to recuperate after the hardships they had endured in Germany, on March 17. They passed through Berne that afternoon for Spain by way of Lyons.

AID EXTENDED TO PARDONED RUSSIANS

Former Political Prisoners, Being Without Money, Are Given Railway Passages

Petrograd, March 22.—In view of the financial straits of the pardoned political prisoners, the Council of Ministers has decided to grant them free railway passages. The Minister of Foreign Affairs also has been authorized to grant money subsidies to all emigrants desiring to return to Russia, and instructions have been issued to the frontier authorities to raise no difficulties in the matter of identification papers.

London, March 22.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's says that political prisoners released from the Hertschinsk prison in Siberia arrived in Chita, where they were given a big reception and welcomed by military bands. Among the prisoners was Maria Spiridonova, who was carried through the streets on the shoulders of the crowd.

Maria Spiridonova is the daughter of a Russian general who shot and killed Chief of Police Lushenofsky, of Tambov in 1906. She was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to 20 years' imprisonment. While in jail she was terribly tortured by two police officers, who for eleven hours kicked her back and forth across her cell, tore her hair and burned her flesh with lighted cigarettes. Both of her torturers afterwards were murdered.

KILLED SOME OLD MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Bulgarians, Forced to Retire Again Shelled Open Town of Monastir

Corfu, Greece, March 22.—A semi-official Serbian statement from Salonica today declares that the Bulgarians, to avenge themselves because they were being forced by the pressure of the allied armies to retire gradually from Monastir, renewed on March 15 and 19 their bombardment of the open town of Monastir.

Six hundred additional shells, many of which contained asphyxiating gases, were dropped on the city. The victims were only old men, women and children. The death list numbers 25, while 23 persons are dying and 19 others are suffering from less serious wounds. Fifty-nine houses were demolished.

The previous gas bombardment of Monastir occurred on March 17, when more than 89 civilians, a Serbian statement announced, were killed by the asphyxiating gas and by ordinary shells.

HOLLAND'S ATTITUDE ON ARMED MERCHANTMEN

London, March 22.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam says:

"It is understood that the Dutch Government has intimated that it is not prepared to allow armed American merchant ships in Dutch harbors.

"According to the view of well-informed circles, the Dutch reply to the representations arising out of the case of the British steamship Princess Melita will be unsatisfactory from the Entente's standpoint."

The British steamship Princess Melita, which arrived at the Hook of Holland during the evening of March 5, being armed, was ordered to depart forthwith, according to a dispatch to London quoting the Dutch Naval Department authority. The steamship sailed, but returned the next morning and was permitted to land a sick passenger and take on drinking water. A later dispatch from London said the British Government would insist upon defensively armed ships being allowed to enter Dutch ports.

PAN-GERMANS SCORED BY THE VORWAERTS

London, March 22.—The Berlin Vorwaerts says that the Russian revolution indicates that one of the consequences of the war will be a far-reaching democratization of Europe, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam. The paper scores the Pan-Germans for holding that after the war will be time enough to settle the question of direct suffrage in Prussia, and adds:

"It will be a great and dangerous mistake if equal suffrage be not introduced into Prussia while the war is actually going on."

AMERICAN SHIP INSURANCE.

Washington, March 22.—A complete readjustment of the rates charged by the government war risk insurance bureau for insurance on American vessels and cargoes, including an increase to 3 per cent. on all ships passing through the war zone, was announced last night.

The new schedule makes the flat rate of 3 per cent. applicable to all vessels and cargoes that must pass through the submarine zone, whether bound for belligerent or neutral ports.

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OXFORD PROFESSOR ON IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

London, March 22.—The Imperial War Conference and the Imperial War Cabinet are meeting on alternate days. A rather irresponsible discussion still is proceeding concerning the suggestion that the Ministers of the Overseas Dominion determine the Irish difficulty, one responsible authority stating that no official invitation has been extended to them to act. It is certain they will not do so unless they receive a wholehearted invitation from all the interested parties.

Reginald Coupland, professor of colonial history at Oxford, points out that there are certain limitations to the powers of the present war conference. No agreement about a commercial policy approved by the conference could possibly be put into force unless it also was enacted by the Parliaments. As every dominion concerned is participating in the discussions, however, settlement of the various problems presented will be immensely facilitated.

"Can we expect the Dominions to allow themselves ever again to be automatically involved in war without having any effective voice in shaping our foreign policy?" asks Mr. Coupland. "On the other side, how long will the fast growing Dominions continue to take it for granted that the populace of the United Kingdom should bear

BANDING TOGETHER OF RETURNED SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 22.—Authority has been given by a large number of local returned soldiers' associations to J. Zivian, secretary of the Association of Returned Soldiers of Ottawa, to make representations regarding the application of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association of Winnipeg for a Dominion charter, pending the holding of a Dominion conference of the Great War Veterans' Association and bodies affiliated with them, the ground being taken that a Dominion charter should not be granted to the Army and Navy Veterans' Association.

The associations which gave Mr. Zivian power to negotiate in the matter include the branches of the Great War Veterans' Association of Returned Soldiers' Association at Toronto, Winnipeg, St. Catharines, Ottawa, Calgary, Hamilton, Oshawa, Galt, Vancouver, Victoria, Peterboro, Edmonton, Woodstock, Brantford, Montreal and other principal cities. The ground taken by these organizations is that a Dominion charter should not be granted to any organization of returned soldiers until after it had been ascertained just what organization really represents in a

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THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

The Civil Service Bill, introduced in the Legislature yesterday, is one of the most important measures ever submitted for the consideration of the law-makers of this province.

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country as a whole and that a continuance of the system which has prevailed hitherto amounts to nothing but larceny at the expense of the taxpayers.

THE NEW RUSSIA.

The other day we remarked upon the effect—the democratization of Russia probably would have upon the relations between that country and its neighbors, emphasizing the fact that a democratic Russia, committed to a policy of self-government for itself and for the various provinces won by force of arms in past years, would not be a dangerously aggressive Russia.

If this war leaves the Allies in possession of Constantinople, as it undoubtedly will, Russia can have it if she wants it. But we should be very much mistaken if the new Russia regarded Constantinople in the same light in which it was held by the old Russia.

Russia's aspiration for the future as far as her foreign policy is concerned will be economic, not Imperialistic. For that reason she must have access to the sea, not as an armed menace to other world powers, but that she might expand at home.

THEIR SECOND NATURE.

While the wanton devastation of one of the most beautiful districts of France, the destruction of property without the slightest regard to military advantage, will harden the French heart against any tendency to mercy when the frothing cuprits stand before the judgment seat, there is nothing new or surprising in it.

This outcropping of primitive Prussianism was encouraged by Frederick, who rewarded his soldiers with opportunities for loot and outrage.

than their cowardice under defeat. When the Allies were in Paris, Wellington learned of the intention of the Prussians to pull the place to pieces and had to warn Blucher that he would execute any Prussian caught in the act.

HOW HE "WORKED."

Mr. Hart's recital in the Legislature of the manner in which the votes of soldiers in some of the camps in Canada were taken shows how unblushingly unscrupulous was the attempt to manipulate the situation to the advantage of Bowser Government.

What an outrageous state of affairs Mr. Hart's recital disclosed! To what depths of degradation, indeed, was the machine forced to descend in order to steal an advantage from its political opponents!

Commenting on the Imperial Conference, the London Times rejoices in the fact that the Overseas Dominions no longer can consider themselves remote from the complexities of such European affairs as the settlement of the Balkan question.

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The German Kaiser, his subordinate officers and the war-mad professors should be compelled to answer for their crimes according to the criminal law as we know it.

It appears from Mr. Tate's evidence that the payment of trust funds to railway corporations in defiance of the law was a habit with the late Government.

Many rumors are percolating through the barrier of a stern censorship that disturbances are frequent at Germany.

A nephew of the All-Highest is reported to have sailed over the allied lines in an aeroplane and neglected to return. This Hohenzollern has given evidence of possessing greater wisdom than his royal uncle.

Talaat Bey, we observe, has been caught and tagged by the Kaiser with the more or less distinguished order of the Black Eagle. There are other rindges upon the record of Talaat, however.

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The Wall Street Journal (New York) suggests that perhaps Canada could be bought off with Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Talk about patriotism and abnegation: An English golf club has reduced its links to nine holes! Here is something for our own Oak Bay institution to ponder over.

An association has been formed in Germany, with great acclaim, for "the swift overthrow of England!" Zeppelins also were constructed for that purpose.

Last there should be any doubt about it, we may state for the benefit of vacant lot cultivators that we are in the spring of the year. At least the calendar says we are.

TOTAL AREA LIBERATED IN FRANCE FROM THE ENEMY UP TO YESTERDAY 853 SQUARE MILES; 181,935 HOMES

(Continued from page 1.)

German Falsehood. The amount of work involved in sawing down fruit trees in the evacuated territory is almost incalculable and everywhere the destruction seems to have been carried out within the past few days.

TO OTTAWA. Calgary, March 22.—Brigadier-General E. A. Cruikshank, who for eight years has been the officer commanding Military District No. 13, leaves to-night for Ottawa to assume his new post of historian of the Canadian Records Office.

the clearing of the roads of fallen trees was a matter of comparatively few minutes.

GIVEN DAMAGES.

Moose Jaw, March 22.—A jury in the Supreme Court in the action of Walker vs. C.P.R., arising out of an accident on the C.P.R. a year ago, gave a verdict of \$18,500 for plaintiff, with special damages of \$2,500, or a total of \$21,000.

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One of the latest as well as one of the prettiest additions to the catering establishments of the city is the new tea and lunch-room opened this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Belmont Block, opposite the Union Club. With big windows looking south and east the aspect is of the south, and patrons will have the advantage of looking out on one of the most pleasing views to be had in the city. The furnishings are artistic, carpet, curtains and chairs being in violet, while the tables and chairs are white enamel. At present the room can accommodate nearly fifty people, and if it became necessary this could be increased considerably by opening the balcony also as a tearoom. A player-piano has been installed, and Mr. and Mrs. Hesketh are making arrangements to introduce vocalists and violinists from time to time to add variety to the musical entertainment. As for the catering, one of the features will be the variety of home-made cakes. Lunches will be served 11.30 to 2, teas from 3 o'clock. Half the proceeds of to-day's teas are being given to the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Hesketh have only been in Victoria a few weeks. The former saw service for many months with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, for part of the time being engaged in the dangerous work of laying submarine mines off the Scottish coast in the North Sea. He was invalided out of the service last April on account of serious illness from drinking bad water. He left London about six weeks ago, being sent out to Canada by the Imperial Association.

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 5939—Kentucky Babe. Louis Gravelle.
 5937—Listen to the Mocking Bird. Lucey Gates.
 5933—Marche Slave, parts 1 and 2. Prince's Band.
 2186—Souvenir. F. Gittelsohn, violinist.
 5932—Consolation. Prince's Orchestra.
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At the meeting of the Natural History Society held yesterday it was announced that Dr. Newcombe, who is at present on his way from the Old Country, has completed arrangements whereby specimens may be exchanged with the leading museums of the old world.

David Alexander, one of the first settlers in Cowichan district, died at his residence, Oak Bank Farm, Cowichan, yesterday, at the age of 74 years. He came from Forfarshire, Scotland.

One of the first Chinamen to settle in British Columbia in modern times, Mee Wah, is reported to have died in China. He came to Victoria in 1855, and had a place of business opposite the City Hall, till he went to China last year. He operated a laundry in Victoria.

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Insane Man.—The police were this morning notified of a man who was crossing the old Indian Reserve toward the E. & N. bridge, who was acting in a very strange manner. Constable McPherson was sent to the scene and took Frank Kelsey, of Bridesville, B. C., to headquarters. The man is thought to be of unsound mind.

War Tax Stamps.—Post office officials have of late been caused endless trouble by the practice which has become very prevalent of placing the war tax stamps intended for use on cheques and proprietary medicines on letters and parcels. Now postmasters throughout the country have been given instructions that in future they shall not sell the war tax stamp as issued by the Inland Revenue Department. It is therefore understood that the war tax stamps therefore will only be accepted on proprietary and patent medicines, cheques and perfumes.

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At High School.—The illustrated lecture to be given by Commissioner Cuthbert to-night will be at the new High School. At the close of the entertainment the High School building will be open to those who wish to see it. The proceeds of the lecture go to the Fernwood branch of the Red Cross Society.

King's Daughters' Tag Day.—In connection with the tag day, which the King's Daughters are holding on Friday to establish a fund for the rebuilding of the portion of Duncan Hospital recently destroyed by fire the two successful canine collectors, Mrs. Duce's "Peter" and Mrs. Woodward's "Muggins," will be on duty as usual. Anyone with a cheque contribution is invited to send the same to Mrs. H. A. S. Morley, treasurer. The headquarters will be in the Spencer Block, corner of Broad and View, the room having been kindly lent by Mr. Spencer for the purpose. Mrs. W. H. Bone is a member of the committee, her name having been omitted from the list published yesterday.

North Ward Red Cross.—Mrs. Palmer, assisted by twenty young ladies of the North Ward district, were in charge of the North Ward Red Cross rooms Tuesday night. The sewing machines were all busy, and a great deal of work was done. Some donations were brought in; a genuine Washburn mandoline has been given to raffle, the donor being Mr. Nixon; and a silver cake basket has been given by Mrs. Young. The entertainment committee announces that Thursday, March 23, the rooms will be open for the Military Five Hundred tournament. Admission will be by ticket. On Friday, March 23, the Women's University Club will give an entertainment at the rooms.

Heavy Rain.—During the last twenty-four hours 3.6 inch rain fell in Victoria, bringing the total precipitation for the month up to 1.61. The average rainfall for March is 2.18 inches, so that it only requires .57 to bring the precipitation up to this point. Snow fell heavily in the Sooke Mountains, and Prince Rupert reports heavy snow.

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Want Two Perambulators.—The Friendly Help Association has been asked for two perambulators. One should be large enough to hold two children. There should be many such perambulators in disuse, and it is hoped that someone will report their whereabouts during the next few days.

Non-Suit of Defendants.—In the County Court yesterday afternoon His Honor Judge Lampan gave his decision non-suiting the defendants in the action between Moon vs. Cameron, Rylands and Mitchell. The case was one of damages for trespass and an injunction restraining the sale of goods seized by legal process. E. L. Tait acted for the plaintiff, J. R. Green for Cameron and T. M. Miller for Rylands.

Will Be Honored.—At the convention of McGill University which will be held in May, a British Columbian, F. L. Carter-Cotton, Chancellor of the University of British Columbia will have the honorary degree of LL.D. conferred upon him. At the same time Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador at Washington will be similarly honored.

Military Hospital W. A.—At a meeting of the committee of the Women's Auxiliary to Convalescent Military Hospitals held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Rhodes in the chair, arrangements were discussed for the tag day to be held on April 3 for funds in connection with the work of the Auxiliary. The fund has started well with a contribution of \$100 from a lady at Sooke.

Former Registrar-General.—By a slip of the pen the former registrar-general of the province was yesterday referred to as E. E. Wootton. Of course everyone knows that the reference was to Stephen Y. Wootton, for so long the holder of the position, and whose retirement from the service all will regret. E. E. Wootton is a member of the firm of Wootton & Goward, and is a practising barrister.

Believed Dead.—Official information has been received from the adjutant-general of the Canadian Militia forces, stating that Plesner Ernest Rowland, of the Canadian Expeditionary force, is now believed to be dead. He was reported missing on June 13 of last year. The belief that he is dead is based on the fact that over nine months have elapsed since he was first missing, that no record of him can be found in any of the official lists of the prisoners of war in Germany, and that no trace is obtainable after a complete course of inquiry has been made.

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snow. The wind in some of the two-minute squalls during yesterday reached a velocity of between fifty and sixty miles, although the actual wind mileage per hour highest was only 35 miles. This was between 11 and 12 a. m., yesterday. The temperatures locally are mild, the lowest being 38 and the highest 45 yesterday. The minimum ground temperature was 24.

Broken Gold and Silver.—The Blue Cross committee would be exceedingly grateful for further donations to the collection of broken gold and silver articles.

Case Remanded.—Emory C. McConnell, owner of motor car number 7182, was in the Police Court this morning to answer to a charge, that his automobile had been driven on Monday night without any lights at the front. The case was remanded till to-morrow, when Mr. McConnell's son, who was driving the car on the night in question, will be at the court.

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NO. 2

REVISION OF THE B. C. DENTAL ACT

The absolute power to grant licenses authorizing dentists to practice in British Columbia is controlled by the council of the College of Dental Surgeons, which is composed of the registered dentists of the province.

This means that the practice of the dental profession in British Columbia is controlled by a "close corporation." Although the Dental Act is cited as a Public Act, the representatives of the people have no voice in the selection of the council, the members of which are elected for five-year terms on the vote of the registered dentists.

Licenses to practice dentistry are granted only on the passing of examinations, which are held by the council only semi-annually.

This means that if a dentist of the highest repute on the continent comes to British Columbia just after an examination has been held, he cannot legally practice in the province for the ensuing six months.

IS THIS RIGHT OR FAIR?

Remembering that there are less dentists, according to population, in British Columbia than in any other province or in any state, is such a condition of affairs just to reputable practitioners for whom there is a field of employment here or fair to the public interests?

Is it not for the best interests of the general public that the B. C. Dental Act be revised to meet the demands?

This space is taken by a number of British Columbia dentists who believe that the revision of the Dental Act would be for the best interests of the general public.

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COAT SUITS MAY RETURN WITH SPRING

Norfolk and Box Coats Among the Smart Models; Accessories to Freshen Frocks

New York, March 19.—It has been a matter of conjecture whether coat suits would return to favor with the spring, or whether the long coats by which women have stood firm and steadfast all through the winter would continue to satisfy their needs in spring.

One would naturally conclude that a coat suit in spring would be welcomed by most women, after the heavy, long coats of winter. But the question is still to be settled. In all probability there will be as many coat suits as separate coats worn when spring comes. Some very jaunty models are being shown now, and many of them have coats in Norfolk or semi-Norfolk effects with plain or pleated skirts.

The dressier suits are made of silk and satin with touches of embroidery in the same or some contrasting color. The coats are generally midway between the hips and knees in length.

For sports wear there is no doubt that hip-length coats with contrasting skirts will be very smart, and there will be more interest in sports clothes this spring and summer than in any other styles, if one may judge from the present demand for them. Plaid skirts with coats of a solid color having the collar and cuffs trimmed with the plaid are considered exceedingly chic. The striped and checked materials are employed in the same way with coats of one color.

Besides the Norfolk coats, the loose, straight-hanging box coat is one of the models that promises to be very much favored. Some of these are quite short. They are very stunning made up in velvet and worn with white serge



Smart Spring Model Developed in Jersey Cloth

skirts. Dark blue or old-rose velvet, with large white pearl buttons for contrast, is used for these coats.

Not strictly Norfolk, but resembling this style in many points, is the smart model illustrated in the sketch. It is of orange-colored wool jersey and accompanies a skirt of black-and-orange check, making an exceptionally smart costume. The coat is twice belted, part of the lower belt forming straps at the top of the large patch pockets. The belts extend around the sides only and leave a panel effect at the back, which is pleated like the front.

To Freshen the Winter Dress.

There are many people who wish to freshen up their winter clothes, before getting their spring things, for it is some time before the weather will allow us to be comfortable in spring clothes. Only those who have been able to replenish their wardrobes very frequently throughout the winter will not feel the necessity of adding new touches to their clothes.

There are new sets of vests and collars and separate cuffs to match, or matching collars and cuffs which will do much toward making a change in a dress of which you may have tired. These collars and cuffs are of white shantung silk trimmed at the edges with bands of plain colored silk or the dotted or figured silks. The band of colored silk adds a bright touch which is very refreshing. The flat, rolled collar in sailor shape is still a favorite. Some of the collars are made double; for instance, there is a lower collar of white silk and an upper collar in green, rose, gold or any of the fashionable colors, the same shape, but smaller, so that an edge of the white shows all around.

Girdles also offer another possibility for freshening dresses. The girdle is an important feature of the dress at present, and there are many charming styles, varying from the very narrow apron-string girdle hanging with long, loose ends, to the wide girdle which is arranged artistically in a soft, crushed effect. Wide ribbon girdles are very often seen. The use of ribbon as a dress trimming is also quite a novelty. It is used

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to finish the new collarless necks and sleeves, and also trims the skirts of afternoon and evening dresses. On separate waists, too, ribbon is often introduced as a trimming detail.

Puffed and Cuffed Frocks.

To vary the monotony of the perfectly straight-up-and-down dress, there are several new models of which one is shown in the sketch. The waist is cut in sections, permitting the use of two materials. The skirt shows the new puffed effect at the lower edge, with the draped panels confined to the sides only. For the attractive silks,



For a Combination of Materials

which may be had in plain and figured effects to match in color, this design is unusually effective.

Cuffs on skirts and on the lower edges of the slip-on blouses which accompany them, are noticed in a good many dresses. The cuffs may be deep or narrow and are finished with machine stitching, giving the effect of the hems having been placed on the right instead of the wrong side of the dress. A pleated, up-standing frill about half an inch deep is sometimes used as a finish to the cuffs. This, of itself, provides sufficient trimming in some models.

Gonzales Chapter Meets.—The regular monthly meeting of Gonzales Chapter was held on Tuesday morning in the I. O. D. E. headquarters, Mrs. Hebdon Gillespie, the vice-regent, presiding in the absence of Mrs. Sampson. Cards were received from several prisoners of war. Another circle has been formed to adopt a prisoner, making the number now kept by the chapter ten. Mrs. Norman Lee reported that the material had been purchased and partly cut to make into garments for the Maternity Committee of the Patriotic Service committee. Mrs. Barwick had kindly offered her residence, 1559 Wilmut Place, every Thursday afternoon to make up the garments, and members were requested to assist with the needlework. Four new members were elected, the Misses Nation, Wilson, D. Wilson and D. Ker. Several suggestions were made as to "ways and means" of raising money for 1917. Members were requested to think over the best way for the chapter members to get together and find out their true working power. The subject will be discussed more fully next month. Forty-two pairs of socks and six shirts were handed in during the meeting.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

A. F. Carlaw, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion Hotel.

C. B. Fink, of Winnipeg, is at the Dominion Hotel.

W. H. Halling, of Seattle, is at the Dominion Hotel.

A. M. Leitch, of Ashcroft, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

F. W. Foster, of Cowichan, is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

G. L. Palmer, of Chicago, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

L. Bray, of Everett, Wash., is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

J. C. McGregor, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Wilbert Brakeman, of Kamloops, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Dr. A. E. Cameron, of Agassiz, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. W. Long and child, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion Hotel.

W. J. Avison, of Quesnel, B. C., is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

D. Stewart is down from Cowichan and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

E. A. Norie is down from Cowichan and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schaef, of Seattle, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

J. G. Swinney, of New York City, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

J. Walter Bliton, of Port Saskatchewan, Alta., is a new arrival at the Dominion.

G. U. Eaton is over from Seattle, Wash., and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

C. L. Sanders has arrived from Montreal and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. Heyman is down from Vanderhoof, B. C., and is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ouniffe, of Nelson, are guests at the Empress Hotel, arriving yesterday.

N. H. Blyth and family, of Winnipeg, are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Calder and Miss E. Calder, of Winnipeg, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Elsey have arrived from Wolsley, Sask., and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. P. F. Rogers and little daughter, of the Highland Surprise Mine, Kellogg, Idaho, are visiting with Mrs. Rogers's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bogart, 1124 Oxford Street.

Miss Elizabeth Wilkinson, who resigned her position from the Resthaven Convalescent Hospital the end of last month, left yesterday to take up a position in the Revelstoke General Hospital.

Among the guests at one of the last receptions held by H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught to wounded Canadians was Miss Mary McBrige, who took with her Jack Norris, a Vancouver boy who left here with the 11th C. M. R., and who was wounded last summer. About fifty other wounded Canadian men were present on that occasion, and very much appreciated the hospitality extended to them by Her Royal Highness.

Mrs. J. B. McCallum and Mrs. H. Richards were joint hostesses at an "At Home" held in aid of the Red Cross yesterday afternoon at the home of the former, Pandora Avenue. The sum of \$12.20, besides a number of articles suitable for the furnishing of the comfort bags in special behalf of which the afternoon was arranged, was collected, and both the money and the comfort-bag fittings will be given to the Fernwood branch of the Red Cross. The reception rooms were very charmingly decorated for the occasion, and a delightful programme added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. Those taking part were Mrs. Locke, pianist; Mrs. Mrs. Lewis; Miss Winnie Bell and Mrs. Barnett, vocalists. Delicious tea was served.

The Hollywood and Fowl Bay Branch, Red Cross, is to benefit by a lecture to be given next Saturday evening by Rev. E. Hughes. The lecture is to be held in the Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Wildwood Avenue, and the subject is to be "My Experiences in Belgium and Germany." Mr. Muir, Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. William Grant, and Mr. Vinnall will take part in the programme. Tickets will be on sale at the Hollywood Grocery, corner of Fairfield and Lillian Roads.

The Hollywood Branch committee wish to thank Mrs. Nasmith and her class of the Presbyterian Sunday School for \$24.00. E. Bishop, of the Oak Bay Hardware Company, for the present of a vacuum cleaner to be raffled in the near future for the benefit of the branch funds.

Lecture To-Night.

To-night at the Victoria High School Commissioner Cuthbert will lecture at 8.15 in aid of the Fernwood Branch of the Red Cross. His subject, "Our International Playground," which is to be copiously illustrated with beautiful scenic slides numbering about 150 which will show some of the innumerable beauty spots of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. The large timber, the fruit belts, the mountains, valleys, lands, natural parks, etc., will be represented in a

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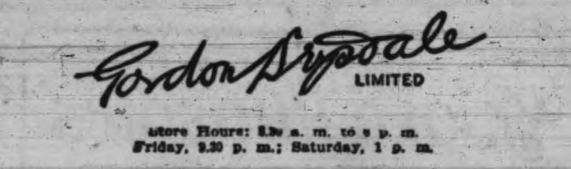
Shipping Paper.

There is to be a shipment of paper next week by the headquarters branch of the Red Cross. The collections have been made by the city schools, and it is hoped that any such that have a ton or more of paper ready will telephone the Red

Cross headquarters (5622) so that arrangements may be made to convey it to the collecting centre. About twenty tons have already been delivered at the warehouse, and it is hoped that considerably more will be in before the shipment is made.

Sending Small Kit Bags.

The Victoria Headquarters Branch, Red Cross, has undertaken to supply in England by June 1, 1,000 "small kit bags," a substitution for the larger "comfort bag" which has been sent overseas in such numbers during the past few months. The bags are to be of denim, or similar material, finished size 10 by 12, with draw-strings. Each must have a 4-inch red cross in Turkey red twill on one side. The contents are to be: Razor, toothbrush and paste, shaving brush and soap, hair brush and comb, soap, washcloth, writing pad, envelopes and pencil. All wounded Canadians entering British hospitals are to receive one of these small kit bags from the Canadian Red Cross Society hereafter. A requisition has been received at Toronto for 2,000 of these. Cash contributions help a great deal, as the society can buy cheaply and in bulk at \$1 apiece.



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WILL RAWLS SAYS CURIOSITY MISTAKE

Popular Pantages Comedian
Discovered New Angle on
Negro Character

Much interest is being taken among those who have witnessed the vaudeville programme at the Pantages this week as to why Will Rawls, of the team of Rawls and Kaufman, the blackface comedian who is popularly known from coast to coast is now appearing without his make-up. Rawls has a reason, and it is such a good one that he has wished several thousand times that he didn't have it. In Vancouver last week, and during his present appearance in this city, is the first time during his fourteen years before the public as a blackface artist that he has appeared without his burnt cork landscape. So good is his dark drawl and his way-down-South mannerisms that a vaudeville fan of Vancouver was ready to back his own judgment with a week's salary in a contention that the present characterization was in truth that of a darky made up to appear as a white man—which, really speaks, highly for stage art.

"Take it from me," said Will Rawls last night, "I'm never going to take any notice of any sort of a commotion in the future. When the fire department goes changing down the street I shall never betray by my actions that I have heard anything out of the ordinary. You will never again find me with the curious crowd at a dog fight, and when it comes to taking an interest in impromptu disputes on the street or otherwise—excuse me!"

"You have heard the story of the 'innocent bystander.' Well, I was one of those ill-advised persons myself about three weeks ago. Look at me now. I've heard tell about running against a buzz saw and now I know a lot about what the sensation is like."

It all happened at Spokane on the Pantages circuit. The present bill had closed their week there and were gradually collecting in their Pullman car, which stood waiting in the Spokane yards preparatory to the journey to Seattle. Some of the boys felt like

a game of cards and the colored porter was approached on the matter of a card table. The "Pullman king" didn't happen to be feeling very affable. In fact, he was more than unresponsive; he started an offensive right away, addressing his most pointed remarks to a little Jewish actor, once a boxing champion in England, without paying him any compliment. The latter launched at once a frontal attack and the game was on. By the time the darky had received reinforcements in the shape of the porter from a neighboring car and the two had their battle equipment well into action, Friend Rawls heard the commotion and came out to see what the trouble was about. At the time of his appearance he happened to be the handiest man to one of the darkies who, without waiting to give explanations, slashed him three times on the side of the head with a razor and another vicious gash on the forehead. Rawls was the only casualty from the fray, though another man had another escape, and he did not even know what the fight was about until after two surgeons had finished tying up arteries and muscles and stitching together the terrible wounds, an operation which consumed more than three hours.

Which all goes to show that the audience little knows how much feeling of mirth lies behind a comedian's remarks from the stage which keep the audience in a continual uproar of laughter. It will likely be several weeks before Rawls's head is sufficiently healed to permit him to again use his make-up as a blackface comedian. Will Rawls has few equals on the American stage to-day. His droll mannerisms are inimitable while his voice intonations are sufficient in themselves to bring forth peals of laughter. His partner in his present vaudeville vehicle is Miss Ella von Kaufman, and between them they present "A Willing Worker," an original little conceit built solely for mirth-provoking purposes. Rawls is an indolent darkey out of a job and, although signifying his intention to tackle almost anything, balks when the numerous duties are brought to his attention.

This week's bill at the Pantages is of particular interest, having a strikingly sensational act as a headliner in Co-Dora, "The Girl of the Golden Globe," and including Constantino Bernardi, the world's greatest protean artist; Billy Small, the big hit tramp violinist; the beautiful Oakland Sisters, singers and dancers; and George and May LePavre, offering their own novelty dances. The third chapter of the "Pearl of the Army" serial is a particularly interesting photoplay introduction to the vaudeville programme.

Father—You have been running ahead of your allowance, Robert. Son—I know it, dad. I've been hoping for a long time that the allowance would strengthen up enough to overtake me.—Boston Transcript.

WOULD NOT STAND AMERICANS' ATTACK

Borrowed Army for Making
"The American Consul," Now
Showing at Columbia

To secure the South American army shown in the Jesse L. Lasky production, "The American Consul," in which Theodore Roberts will be seen as the star at the Columbia to-night, the Lasky Company borrowed a portion of one of the armies now fighting in Mexico and used them for a number of scenes, but when it came time for them to be attacked by the American marines, the entire army got a streak of dramatic temperament and refused to continue, even when offered double the wages they received per day, which would be double the amount paid them in a month by their country while fighting. But they refused and nothing could induce them to leave camp. Finally the Lasky Company had to hire another army, borrow the uniforms from the real army, in order to finish this Paramount picture.

CLARA WILLIAMS AS FULL-FLEDGED STAR

Debut at Royal Victoria in "The Criminal;" Tale of Sunny Italy

Clara Williams makes her debut as a full-fledged star in the new Triangle-Kay Bee play by C. Gardner Sullivan, entitled "The Criminal," which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria to-night and for the balance of this week. Co-starring with Miss Williams is William Desmond, who has been seen in many Triangle successes, and the combination is pronounced to be among the most effective yet offered by the Ince studios.

"The Criminal" is a tale of Sunny Italy and the New York Ghetto, with an unfortunate immigrant girl as its central figure. It concerns the adventures of Naneta, born outside the social pale, who comes to America in search of happiness. From the opening scenes, which depict rural Italy, to the time when Desmond, at the picture's finish, takes Miss Williams in his arms the play abounds in unusual situations.

In the role of Naneta Miss Williams

"THE SAND LARK" AND OTHER FINE FILMS

Harry King is Star at Majestic
Theatre; Ham and
Bud

A very interesting programme is offered the patrons of the Majestic for the remaining three days of this week, the chief attraction being the special Knickerbocker feature, "The Sand Lark." This very dramatic photoplay is in three acts, and presents Harry King (the Vitagraph star) with a good opportunity to display his great talents. An Essany two-reeler entitled "The Man in Him," in which G. M. Anderson plays the leading role, is a story with a very human note running through it. A vim comedy and the usual weekly contribution from Ham and Bud entitled "Rival Fakers," concludes the programme. A brief synopsis of "The Sand Lark" follows:

Jenny, the sweetheart of Joe Manley, a fisherman, finds a weeping woman on the sands and brings her home. A child is born, and Jenny, who has promised not to reveal the woman's presence, is placed in a compromising position when her sweetheart returns. The woman flees and meets a man who takes her to a neighboring beach resort. Joe follows, believing the woman is Jenny, and on discovering his mistake, forces the man to go with him to marry Jenny. The woman meets her husband, from whom she is estranged, and takes him to see their child.

Reconciliation takes place after the man and Jenny's paralyzed father are burned to death in a fire caused by the paralytic as an act of vengeance.

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riety Theatre Are
Attractive

Everybody knows Kitty Gordon, by reputation at any rate. Every woman knows about her gowns, the most beautiful creations that have ever been worn on the stage. That is why women will all want to go to the Variety Theatre this week. Kitty Gordon appears in a different gown at every scene in the photodrama "As in a Looking Glass."

The story deals with a trap set by a scheming and surpassingly lovely woman for a man who, too late she realizes she loves with a burning passion that halts at nothing.

How does she save him from the masked fate she herself has planned for him?

The music at the Variety is also proving a great attraction. The orchestra, under the direction of A. Prescott, is one of the best in the city. Manager Murdock, who only a few weeks ago was given full charge of this house, is to be congratulated on the efforts he is making to give the best of everything to the theatre-going public.

JAPANESE ACTRESS
AT COLUMBIA TO-DAY

Miss Aoki Has Forgotten Na-
tive Language and is Now
American

Tsuru Aoki, the clever Japanese actress, who appears with Sessue Hayakawa in his latest Lasky-Paramount Picture, "Each to His Kind," which will be seen at the Columbia to-day is an object of great suspicion at the Lasky studio. Miss Aoki was born in Japan but has spent the majority of her short life in America, and although essentially Japanese, has practically forgotten the Japanese language as it is written.

One of the members of the company having a book printed in Japanese, wished to find the meaning of a certain sentence and asked Miss Aoki to translate it. Not caring to admit her lack of familiarity with her native language, the dainty little Japanese

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RAWLS AND KAUFMAN
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hemmed and hawed and finally trans-
lated it to read: "Ten years ago the educa-
tional system in Japan was not as
substantial as it is at present." Miss
Aoki was at once accused of posing
under false colors and even accused of
not being a Japanese, but a Norwegian.

AVIATORS' TRAINING COMPLETE IN TORONTO

Tutors Direct From Flying Squadrons in France Have Arrived as Teachers

Another native son of Victoria has left for Toronto to commence his training for the Royal Flying Corps. Lieut. Alan G. White is the latest successful candidate to depart for the Canadian General Headquarters. He is twenty-two years of age and obtained his commission early in 1915 in the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, with whom he served for twelve months, afterwards transferring to the Canadian Army Service Corps. He was with the latter corps until last month, when he decided to join the air service.

Lieutenant White received his education at the Collegiate School here, and was an enthusiast in all sports, with a particular penchant for hunting. He was well known as a remarkably good shot with birds on the wing, which should be a useful factor in the new sport of attacking Hun aeroplanes at the front. He will go straight to Toronto and join the other Victorians who have gone East from this city from time to time.

Complete Training at Toronto.

It was fully expected that the men who were accepted here for service in the Royal Flying Corps would receive but a short preliminary training in Toronto. That arrangement has undergone an alteration recently by the extension of facilities for the training of the fliers at the General Headquarters there under the sole control of Colonel Hoare. The Colonel himself is an ex-Indian Cavalry officer who had a good deal of service in the air department of the British Army in France during the present war.

The number of officers who are acting as instructors at Toronto has been considerably increased of late in view of the changed plans. All the officers so employed are not only flight experts in the mechanical sense, but without exception each one of them has spent

many months on active flying wing service in France or in other war theatres. Instead of breaking off the training at the conclusion of the elementary stages, as was the original intention, and sending the Canadian boys to England to become accustomed to fighting methods, each man will now complete his course at Toronto and get his certificate for active service.

Many Applications.

Captain Tweedale, the District Intelligence Officer at Work Point, who is attending to all matters connected with the Royal Flying Corps in British Columbia during the absence of Lord Innes-Kerr—and until further arrangements are made by the Imperial officers who are expected here about the middle of next month—states that so far he has on file applications for commissions amounting to thirty and for enrolment in the "ground" service from mechanics, upwards of two hundred. He is unable to deal with any of these pending the arrival of Colonel Hoare and his associates of the R.F.C.

The procedure in the matter of selection of men for ground service will be to test each applicant in his particular trade for the purpose of grading him as a first, second and third class mechanic, for which the rate of pay varies from \$1.10 to \$1.60 per day.

Victorians Well Treated.

Reports from Toronto indicate that the Victorians who have already commenced their training are making an excellent showing, while all are in agreement as to the splendid treatment accorded them in the matter of quarters and food. Each candidate for a commission is supplied with his own orderly, and every provision made to ensure a state of efficiency in the shortest possible time.

ADMIRE OFFICER

A former Victoria resident writes from London:

"Do you remember Brook Stevenson? He came to dinner last evening. He is a lieutenant in Colonel Holmes' regiment and has done so well, as he came to England as a dispatch rider and is now an officer. He told us some nice stories of Colonel Holmes and his great kindness to his men. His men simply adore him, and of all the colonels that brought regiments from British Columbia he is by far the most popular and efficient."

TWELVE VOLUNTEERS FOR ARTILLERY DRAFT

Wholesale Transference From 5th Regiment to Overseas Ammunition Column To-day

The number of recruits already enrolled in the 11th M. P. Draft to 4th Section Divisional Ammunition Column Depot, C. E. F., has now reached thirty and with twelve more men from the 5th Regiment itself, together with prospects on the look out for a quick trip eastwards, it is fully expected that the active service draft will be in readiness for its instructions for departure in the very near future.

From the headquarters of the 5th Regiment this morning, following upon a voluntary desire for transference to the active service draft, the twelve men whose names are here given have changed their address from the barracks at the Willows: Corporal F. H. Ralph, Gunners T. Ralph, H. J. Savill and his son H. Savill, F. T. Smith, R. H. Lohr, R. L. Mulcahy, E. A. Leach, E. D. Marsh, R. M. Church, L. W. Jones, E. H. Beeston.

Gunner Savill, junior, was a trumpeter when war broke out and on his reaching the age of eighteen the other day desired to be placed on the active service roll. His father, too, has been with the 5th Regiment for the past twelve months and has transferred to take care of his son. R. H. Lohr is the second of his family to go. His brother, A. M. F. Lohr, who was a trumpeter in the 5th when war commenced and went overseas with the 62nd in the July of 1915. Gunner Mulcahy is a son of Captain Mulcahy, of the Royal Canadian Artillery and District Officer for M. D. No. 11 (Artillery). Two other sons have gone overseas with reinforcing drafts sent by the 5th Regiment.

Gunner Church is a Vancouver man. He joined the 5th Regiment on the 12th of July last, when a few hours after his attestation he received a cable to

the effect that his brother had been killed in action. L. W. Jones hails from Grand Prairie, while E. H. Beeston left his position as a bank clerk in Nelson to become an artilleryman. These men will commence their riding lessons under Sergeant Olegate immediately.

Lieutenant Finnick states that an incorrect impression is abroad relative to the riding instruction given to recruits. He states emphatically that common sense methods have substituted the rougher process of twenty years ago. He considers that the work accomplished so far has been most gratifying, since the majority of the recruits knew more about Zeppelins than horses when they donned the artilleryman's uniform. For that reason he urges every eligible who has a particular fancy for the artillery branch to go to the Willows and see for himself how the riding school is conducted, when any misgivings on the point will quickly disappear.

WOUND NOT SERIOUS

Major Sutton of the Western Scots Struck by Shell in the Face.

Major A. C. Sutton, of the Western Scots, in a letter to his wife, who resides in this city, states that his recent wound, to which reference has already been made in these columns, was of a very light nature and that he was able to remain on duty by the application of goodly bandages to his face. Major Sutton had a marvellous escape from a serious injury, since a shell of large calibre burst too near to be comfortable, a fragment of which caught him full in the cheek. Apart from preventing him from the free use of the razor, Major Sutton says the hurt is not causing him any annoyance.

In his last letter he tells of his great hopes for a substantial advance being made before the end of the spring. The communication was dated a little over a month ago, so that the wounded officer has not been disappointed in the light of recent events.

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS.

Toronto, March 22.—The bank clearings here for the week ended to-day were \$2,931,435, compared with \$4,127,377 for the corresponding week last year and \$21,533,250 in 1915.

Were we busy? Well, you should have been around here and enjoyed the excitement yourself. Maybe you were; if so, you will be around again to-morrow.

TALK ABOUT A Grocery Sale

—that draws the crowds who come to buy and not look on—
Yesterday and To-day "Took the Cake"

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King Quality or B. & K. Flour, 49-lb. sack	\$2.25	Golden Loaf Flour 49-lb. sack	\$2.15
Robin Hood Flour 49-lb. sack	\$2.50	Wild Rose Pastry Flour 49-lb. sack	\$2.30

SODAS, JAM, SYRUP, PEACHES, OLIVES AND APPLES

Nice Cooking and Eating Apples, per box	90c	Kelly's Table Syrup Reg. 35c, for	20c
Robertson's Old Country Jam 7-lb. can for	85c	Ripe Olives Large can, reg. 30c, for	14c
Christie's Sodas Per tin	32c	Okanagan Peaches per can	11c
		Queen Olives Reg. 20c, for	9c

FRUIT SNAPS

Navel Oranges, reg. 2 doz. for 25c	Now 3 doz. for 25c
Reg. 25c doz. Now, per dozen	15c
Nice Apples, 10 lbs. for	25c
Large Grape Fruit, 6 for	23c
Lemons, 2 dozen for	25c

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Now	\$1.30
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Now	\$1.20

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Seven-inch Boots, with patent leather vamp and heel boxing. Tops of black cravenette. Cuban heels. Regular \$6.00. Closing-out Sale

\$4.00

GIRLS' HIGH-TOP BOOTS
Strong Gun-metal or Box Calf Boots—ideal for school wear—in lacing or button styles; sizes 11 to 2. Closing-out Sale

\$3.50

CHILDREN'S BOOTS
Button or Lacing Boots, in tan calfskin, solid leather soles, extra quality. Closing-out Sale prices: Sizes 2½ to 10½, \$2.95. 11 to 13, \$2.45.

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MEN'S OXFORDS
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HOUSE SLIPPERS
Suitable for men or women. Styles in felt, kid or suede. Closing-out Sale

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Patent Leather Button Boots, with grey or fawn tops. Sizes 2½ to 5, \$2.50. 5 to 8, \$2.00.

\$2.00

LADIES' "WALK-OVER" BOOTS
Fine Kid Button or Lacing Boots, with 2-inch top, plain toe, Goodyear welted or turned soles, Louis or high Cuban heels. Reg. at \$9.00. Closing-out Sale

\$6.00

LADIES' HIGH-TOP BOOTS
Fine Kid, with 2½-inch top, lacing style, Goodyear welted; half Louis heels. Regular \$7.00. Closing-out Sale

\$5.50

LADIES' "WALK-OVER" BOOTS
Smart 2-inch Lacing Boots, with mabogany calfskin vamp and champagne or white kid top, Goodyear welted, Louis heel. Reg. \$12.00. Closing-out Sale

\$7.75

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HANDSOME PRIZE IS GIVEN 'SUPERFLUITIES'

One-and-a-Third Acres Water-frontage on Cowichan Lake Being Raffleed

One of the most desirable prizes yet offered by the Red Cross Superfluties is to be drawn for in connection with their Easter raffle. This is one and a third acres water-frontage on Cowichan Lake. The land is absolutely free of encumbrances with the exception of \$1.35 per annum in taxes. The place is ideal as a camping site, with good fishing and swimming in the lake and beautiful excursions through the surrounding country.

The forthcoming raffle offers a list of thirty attractive prizes. It is hoped to make this a record raffle, and tickets, which may be had from Fletcher's or Superfluties, should be purchased as early as possible. Many have already seen the interesting Red Cross exhibit in Fletcher's View Street window, very kindly placed at the disposal of the Superfluties management by Mr. Fletcher. A demonstration of Red Cross work has been carried on in an adjacent window, and almost any hour of the day it is seen an interested knot of spectators from among the chance passers-by. The Red Cross always welcomes—and needs—both workers and money, and it is hoped that both will be stimulated into activity by the demonstration above mentioned.

"Superfluties" are asking for more articles to sell in their shop, as the heavy tourist travel of the spring and summer will bring many visitors to Victoria who are tempted to help the Red Cross by the purchase of some of these articles. This branch of the work each month has added a very handsome contribution to the Red Cross; last year they made nearly \$20,000; this year they hope to double the takings. Heavy casualties along the battlefield demand that the people at home work even more strenuously to supplement the healing facilities, of which the Red Cross is one of the most

PUBLIC SCHOOL DESKS.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tenders for School Desks," will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to 11 o'clock noon of Monday, 26th day of March, 1917, for supplying the following desks:

Single Desks.	225
Size No. 1	225
Size No. 2	225
Single Benches.	100
Size No. 1	100
Size No. 2	100

The desks are to be quoted at a price per desk. The name of the desk and maker to be mentioned in tenders. Delivery at Victoria or Vancouver on or before 31st day of July next. The successful tenderer will free of any additional charges, store the desks and pack or crate ready for shipment to places to be hereafter designated from time to time to the order of the Department. No tender will be entertained unless accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank of Canada, payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, or by cash, in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200), which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so or if he fails to complete the contract. Cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned upon signing of contract. The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. J. E. GRIFFITH, Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer, Department of Public Works, Victoria, B.C., 25th March 1917.

active agents. Money must be had for the purchase of the necessary Red Cross materials, and it is for this fundamental necessity that Superfluties works.

Fairfield Branch Red Cross.—The Fairfield branch Red Cross will hold an important committee meeting to-night at 7.45. It is requested that all members be present. The rooms are at the corner of May and Linden.

Fighting Family.—The officer commanding the Forestry Draft, now on its way east, has given three sons to the army since the outbreak of war. Besides himself, Captain A. G. Sargison's boys are as follows: Capt. A. E. Sargison, who left with the Ammunition Column, now with the Royal Flying Corps in England; Pte. H. E. Sargison with the Forestry Draft; and George Sargison, who was with the 5th Regiment, C. G. A.

Victoria Taxpayers

NEW ORDER RE TAXPAYMENTS

I am authorized by the City Council to accept payments by instalments or by payments from time to time, on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person, or due in respect of any parcel of land.

This authority is extended to include unpaid special assessments and special rates imposed in respect of works of local improvement as provided by Section 43 of the Local Improvement Act.

EDWIN C. SMITH, Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C., City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 16th March, 1917.

Second Hand Auto For Sale

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 26, 1917, for one second-hand 1912 Overland Runabout, which can be seen at the Garbally Road yard. All tenders must be addressed to the City Purchasing Agent, and to be marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Second-Hand Auto."

W. GALT, City Purchasing Agent, Victoria, B. C., March 19, 1917. Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS CONCLUDED YESTERDAY

Hon. William Sloan Was Last Speaker and Made Excellent Speech

Legislative Press Gallery, March 21. After one of the most excellent debates on the address which has ever taken place in the Legislature of British Columbia...

The Speech. The Minister of Mines complimented the previous speakers in the debate and had a word to say of the Speaker. Of the late Minister of Finance Mr. Sloan referred to the fact that they had been fellow-residents in Nanaimo for many years...

Producer and Consumer. Mr. Sloan expressed strong approval of the doctrine of the member for Fernie that there must be closer relationship between the producer and the consumer. The high cost of living was something which governments must deal with speedily and effectively...

Fuel Oil. The Minister dealt with the remarks of the member for Yale as to fuel oil, and the connection of Sir Richard McBride with the change which has worked so disastrously to the coal-mining industry. Last year, he said, fuel oil had displaced 151,000 tons of coal...

With the late premier as Minister of Mines, Mr. Sloan went on, one might have thought that more attention would have been paid to this industry, but on the contrary when the new wings of the buildings were being erected a contract was signed which called for the installation of oil-burning boilers.

Mr. Bowser remarked that as soon as this had come to his knowledge, he used his efforts to stop it, and with success. "I would beg to point out that it was only after the efforts I made in Nanaimo that the Government decided to make the change," retorted the Minister. "This is only another example of the incompetence and incapacity of the late Government, and the change which was made necessary by this dialoyal action of the Government in the first place cost the province \$25,000.

Continuing on this subject, the Minister referred to the denial of the member for Port George that Sir Richard got the railways to change to oil. In this connection he read from the morning contemporary, saying he trusted it more than Mr. Ross; "That Sir Richard exercised what influence he possessed to bring about the use of oil on locomotives running through wooded areas is well-known, and his action in that regard met with what appeared to be general approval."

Danger From Sparks. This excuse that what he had done protected the timber was not borne out by Railway Commission of Canada investigations. Mr. Sloan said, since that board's officials had found that the deposits of carbon on the inside of smoke-stacks from the burning of oil flying out into the forests were just as likely to start fires in timber as were sparks from coal-burning locomotives.

gaid the establishment and operation of these industries would quickly follow.

Zinc Production. In matters of zinc production the Minister stated that assistance would be given to processes which involved a recovery of ore larger than any present ones. On the high cost of transportation of ore the Minister referred to C. N. Pacific charges, in which connection he reminded the House that the province had lost control of freight rates, which was once held up as a great triumph for the McBride-Bowser Government.

The Minister remarked that in Strathcona Park there were valuable mineral areas reserved, and he would urge that this reserve be lifted in the interests of the mining industry of B. C. (Hear, hear.) That industry was more valuable than the reservation of areas for park purposes. The member for Comox had spoken of the case of settlers in the railway belt on Vancouver Island. These settlers should have every consideration.

Leases in Arrears. It had been brought to the attention of the House by the member for Atlin that there were too many mining leases in arrears. Friends of the past Government had been allowed to hold property for years without paying the rentals. This was a matter which he would be glad to discuss with a view to alleviating the position. Provision for old prospectors had been mentioned by the member for Skeena. This the Government appreciated, and if any chance arose for consideration he would take advantage of it. The suggestions of the member for Revelstoke regarding mineral development would receive consideration. What the member for Grand Forks had to say about fortnightly pay was quite right. In this connection it was to be noticed that the member for Fort George had endorsed this principle, but in all his years as a member of the Government he had never tried to do anything to bring such legislation about.

Only Drew Salary. Referring to commendations of the late Minister of Mines, and statements that all the last occupant of the position ever did was to draw the salary, Hon. Mr. Sloan said: "When all I can do is draw my salary I will step down and out. We have too many ministers of the Crown in this province who were content to do no more." (Cheers.) The minister spoke highly of Parker Williams as the best and most loyal representative of labor in the House for many years past. Mr. Williams had always had the confidence of the mining district and always would remain that respect.

Miners' Representative. Hon. Mr. Sloan resented Mr. Bowser's sneer against the Nanaimo miners having no cabinet representation. When the late Premier did appoint a Minister of Mines his choice did not suit the people of his constituency, and he was first sent back by a minority of the electorate and then defeated soundly. Of the present minister that gentleman had to say:

Packed Pick and Shovel. "When the Leader of the Opposition was making his first attempts to break into politics in 1896 in Vancouver I was packing my pick and shovel in the Klondike. Long before the Klondike was known to the world I was traveling the hills and valleys of that country. The years I spent within the Arctic Circle taught me something about the brotherhood of man, something the member for Fort George does not yet understand. For the first time the miners of British Columbia will have a friend on the floor of this House and in this cabinet." (Cheers.) Stay by Platform.

Mr. Sloan mentioned Mr. Bowser's slur that he had only known five minutes before the swearing-in of the cabinet that he was to be in the Government. Mr. Bowser apparently must have had more knowledge than he, as in August last he told an audience in Fernie that Mr. Sloan was to be in the cabinet. Discussing his own platform, as printed and distributed during the campaign, Mr. Sloan said he stood by it still and would continue to do so. He punctured a charge that he had never before objected to Asiatic labor by quoting a Toronto Mail-Examiner report of a debate in 1907, when the liberal members from British Columbia dealt with this question and "Mr. Sloan made a strong speech."

Mr. Bowser remarked that the speech did not appear to have had much effect on Sir Wilfrid Laurier. "That speech was editorially referred to in the Morning Post and the Standard," said Mr. Sloan, "and I venture to say that it will be a long time before the Hon. Leader of the Opposition will have a speech of his referred to by these or any other London newspapers." (Cheers and laughter.) Thought of a Bust.

Concluding the Minister said: "A friend of mine, while in Paris, saw the sarcophagus of Napoleon in the Place des Invalides, and thought of another great building, the courthouse in Vancouver. He dreamt, not of a sarcophagus to another Napoleon but of a bust within that building. A rude political storm destroyed that dream."

Monument to Soldiers. "I am glad to know that instead of a monument to a dethroned Napoleon we will have a monument to those gallant boys whose blood reddened the chalk plains of France and Flanders, a monument which will endure for all time. And let us hope that, side by side with it, there will be erected another monument to the time when peace shall reign on earth again; when never again shall we have to witness such a catastrophe as the slaughter of men and women on the altar of human greed. I honor the Government for the noble thought that that site is to be used for that purpose. Let us as a Government honor and emulate these brave hearts, true to the best in democracy, enlightened and faithful to Liberal principle, in carrying out the best interests of this province." (Cheers.) Motion Passed.

carrying out the best interests of this province." (Cheers.) Motion Passed.

The motion to adopt an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, moved by H. C. Hall (Victoria) and seconded by John Keen (Kaslo), was then unanimously passed, as was also the formal resolution that this be presented to His Honor by such members of the House as are members of the Executive Council.

IS NOT ACCEPTING ANY REMUNERATION

Dr. Adam Shortt Gives His Services to the Province Voluntarily

Legislative Press Gallery, March 21.

According to an answer which was given in the House this afternoon by the Provincial Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Adam Shortt has given his services voluntarily in the matter of advising in regard to the framing of the new Civil Service Bill. This is at Dr. Shortt's own request, he making it a condition when he accepted the Premier's invitation to come out that he was not to be asked to accept any remuneration.

Mr. Bowser's questions were: 1. What remuneration or allowance has been made or provided to Adam Shortt in connection with the new Civil Service Act? 2. What has been paid to him to date? 3. When will his services terminate? 4. What is the amount anticipated that his services will yet cost the Government?

Hon. Mr. MacLean replied as follows: 1. By the express desire of Mr. Shortt, no remuneration has been made to him nor is any contemplated. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. His services are voluntary. 4. Answered by No. 1.

Mr. Bowser asked the Attorney-General the following questions: 1. What officials are now employed by the Workmen's Compensation Board? 2. What are the names of those employed, when were they appointed, and their salaries? 3. Who is appointed temporarily and who permanently? 4. Where do the different officials reside?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald replied as follows: 1. Miss M. Hurst, stenographer, appointed May 1, 1916, at \$65 per month; Miss B. Fennell, stenographer, appointed June 16, 1916, at \$65 per month; Mrs. Alma Till, stenographer, appointed August 21, 1916, at \$65 per month; Miss Worswick, stenographer, appointed March 1, 1916, at \$65 per month; F. W. Hindsdale, organizer, appointed July 23, 1916, at \$500 per month; E. F. Kay, clerk, appointed February 12, 1917, at \$100 per month; R. Gardom, claims agent, appointed February 1, 1917, at \$150 per month; F. J. Harding, accountant and office manager, appointed February 19, 1917, at \$150 per month; J. A. Armitage, clerk, appointed January 12, 1917, at \$100 per month; Miss O. M. Freeman, stenographer, appointed January 25, 1917, at \$75 per month; Miss Maude Ledingham, stenographer, appointed March 1, 1917, at \$60 per month; Clive Helben, messenger, appointed March 8, 1917, at \$25 per month; F. V. Bodwell, clerk, appointed February 12, 1917, at \$100 per month; Dr. G. A. B. Hall, medical referee, appointed February 1, 1917, at \$100 per month.

2. Answered by No. 1. 3. Such officials hold office during pleasure of Board. 4. All reside in Victoria, with exception of F. V. Bodwell, Caulfield, West Vancouver, B. C.

J. W. Jones asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions: 1. Has the Government endeavored to negotiate a loan since November 24 last? 2. If so, what was the result? 3. Was a loan arranged with the Canadian Bank of Commerce? 4. If so, when was same negotiated, the amount of same, and the rate of interest? 5. When does such loan mature? Hon. Mr. Brewster replied: 1. Yes. 2. A Treasury Bill dated 2nd January, 1917, was sold to the bank. 3. Yes. 4. The bill was discounted on 12th January, 1917; the amount was \$500,000; the rate of discount 5 per cent. per annum. 5. March 31, 1917.

Mr. Jones asked the Attorney-General the following questions: 1. Who are the partners in the firm of Russell, Macdonald, Hancox, Russell & Mowat? 2. Is the Hon. the Attorney-General a member of this firm? 3. If not, when did he leave such firm? 4. Was public notice given of such dissolution? 5. If so, in what way was same given? 6. Has the Hon. the Attorney-General taken part in private practice since he accepted office? Hon. Mr. Macdonald replied as follows: 1. Names of partners in private firm with which Attorney-General has no connection not a proper subject for questions. 2. No; severed connection January 1, 1917, and have no further interest. 3. Answered by No. 2. 4. Name not used in firm. No need of public notice of one member of firm retiring. 5. Answered by No. 4. 6. No; with the exception of concluding on trial on which engaged and not signed prior to January 1, 1917, and

closing matters pending before said date.

J. H. Schofield asked the Attorney-General the following questions: 1. Has James Murphy, barrister, of Ashcroft, being doing any special work for the Attorney-General's Department? 2. If so, the nature of such work? 3. If not for the Attorney-General's Department, then for what department has such work been done? 4. What was the nature of said work? 5. Are the services still going on? 6. What amount has already been paid Mr. Murphy? 7. What further amount is it anticipated will be paid Mr. Murphy? 8. Is Mr. Murphy any relative of Mr. Justice Murphy, of Vancouver? -The Hon. Mr. Macdonald replied as follows: 1. No. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. Water Rights Branch of the Department of Lands. 4. Advising on and preparing water legislation. 5. No. 6. \$645. 7. None. 8. Yes.

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SPORTING NEWS

AUSTRALIAN REQUESTS ENORMOUS GUARANTEE

Will Enlist in His Native Land, According to Report

San Francisco, March 22.—Les Darcy wants at least \$40,000 before he steps into the ring at Tia Juana to box Jack Dillon twenty rounds, according to reports circulated here.

After a series of consultations of the secretariat variety, Jack Kearns is said to have eased this information to Louis Parente and Jim Griffin, who have been negotiating in a tentative way with Jimmy Coffroth for use of the Tia Juana track.

When told that Darcy would demand a guarantee for such a bout, Griffith smilingly replied that he would be glad to guarantee \$15,000. But he almost collapsed into a faint when Kearns assured him that Darcy

would consider \$15,000 mere chicken feed and suggested \$40,000 instead. Wherefore plans for the proposed fight are not progressing very well.

New York, March 22.—Les Darcy, the Australian boxer, has written a letter, according to a local boxing promoter, in which he has flatly refused to consider a proposition to join a Toronto regiment. He intimated that if he joined at all he would return to his own country for that purpose, but not until he had engaged in a few ring bouts.

WELSH GETS OFFER TO BOX CHAMPION

Harry Pollok, manager of Freddie Welsh, yesterday announced in New York that he had received a renewal of the offer of \$20,000 for a bout at Toledo between Welsh and Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion. The offer was made by Eddie McDaniel, who says he has Kilbane's promise to go through with the match.

Welsh, according to Pollok, will not reply to the offer until after his bout here the night of March 28 with Benny Leonard, the New York lightweight.

M'BRIDE SHIELD GAME IS NOW PROBABLE

The only factor which now must be considered in regard to the playing of the McBride Shield game between the Garrison team and the 231st Battalion of Vancouver for the provincial soccer championship is the date of the event. It is imperative that this should be settled as soon as possible as the Vancouver team is expecting to be called overseas at any moment.

It is quite within the power of the local executive to advance the date to accommodate the mainland players and as no reason has as yet been put forth as to why it should not be played at a date earlier than that provided in the constitution it is to be hoped that action with a view to bringing about the meeting of the teams will be taken without further delay.

RUGBY MATCH FOR COMING SATURDAY

University School and V. I. A. A. Teams Are Announced for Game

Present weather conditions do not look at all promising for the Rugby game which is to be played on Saturday afternoon between the University School fifteen and the V. I. A. A. But granting that the climatic conditions see fit to modify, all other factors which have anything to do with the game are of a very bright nature. It was originally intended that the match should be played on the Oak Bay grounds, but owing to the fact that the school boys were not altogether agreeable to this course it was decided that it should be transferred to the school campus.

This will be the third meeting of these teams during the present season. The first game was played on the University grounds and the second at the Oak Bay park. Both games were of a very interesting nature, the first ended in a draw of 3 points all, while the second was won by the V. I. A. A. by a score of 6-0. The loss by the boys of the latter game was largely due to the fact that Jackson, one of their best players, was forced to leave the field through an injury which he received, during the play.

The teams on the whole should put up a very good fight in the coming contest. The school boys are somewhat lighter than their opponents who, for the most part, are sturdier players, but to offset this fact they have more opportunities of training together and are thus in a position to work better as a team than the opposing club. The V. I. A. A. players have given ample proof in the past that they are no mean team, and if they put up anything like the standard of work which they have in the past a splendid contest is bound to result.

The teams are as follows: V. I. A. A.—Full-back, Hoxtable; three-quarters, Bendrodt, Staples, Thompson and Nasson; half-backs, Robertson and Grubb; five-eighths, Hall; forwards, Winsby, Gerard, Henderson, Johnson, Lansberg, Harwood and Davies.

University School—Full-back, Telly; three-quarters, Fraser, Jackson, Helms and Dunn; five-eighths, McDougall; half-backs, Lennie (L) and Lennie (H); forwards, Thorburn, Toibie, Dean, Hale, Alexander, Wheatley and Belson.

NORTHWEST TENNIS DATES ARE ARRANGED

Portland, March 22.—Dates for the four major championship tennis tournaments to be played this year in the Northwest have been announced by Walter A. Goss, Portland, sectional delegate of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. They follow: Inland Empire Championship, Spokane, Wash., June 29 to July 4; Oregon State Championship, Portland, July 22 to July 28; Northwest Championship, Tacoma, July 28 to August 4; Washington States Championship, Seattle, August 6 to August 11.

Goss is communicating with various Northwest clubs endeavoring to arrange to send the champion Northwest doubles team to play in the National Doubles Tournament at Longwood. The Northwest has never been represented in the national doubles.

It is expected the usual number of California players will come north again this year, as the Portland, Tacoma and Seattle tournaments follow close in order.

TORONTO DENTALS TO ENLIST FOR OVERSEAS

Toronto, March 22.—A big reception will be accorded the Toronto Dental College hockey team, winners of the Allan Cup, on their return from Winnipeg. All the members of the team with one exception will enlist on the completion of their studies.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

TENNIS MATCHES WON BY LADY CHAMPIONS

Long Beach, Cal., March 22.—Miss M. Bjurstedt, woman-national singles champion, and Miss Mary K. Browne, former national champion, won their matches here yesterday in the first round of the seventh annual Hotel Virginia invitation tennis tournament. Miss Bjurstedt defeated Miss Jennie Stickrod Cushing, of Coronado, Cal., 6-2, 6-4, and Miss Browne won from Miss Eleanor Johnson, of Coronado, 6-0, 6-5. Mrs. Louise R. Williams, Los Angeles, defeated Miss Fay Rothenhoefer, Los Angeles, 6-4, 6-0.

Miss Florence Sutton and Miss Browne, Los Angeles, won their way into the finals in the doubles by defeating Mrs. Cushing and Miss Johnson, 6-2, 6-2. The latter won their first match by default and Miss Sutton and Miss Browne drew a bye.

In an exhibition match Mrs. Cushing and Miss Browne defeated Miss Sutton and Mrs. Williams, 6-4, 6-4.

The first round of the men's singles and doubles will be played to-day.

HOCKEY SIDELIGHTS

Remarks on the Second Series Match.

One all is the count now on the Stanley Cup series.

Lalonde is worrying himself sick over the financial outlook. He can't figure where the Frenchmen are making any money.

The pace got too fast for Munnery on one stage and he shouted to Kennedy to send a substitute to the rescue.

Matt Barr believes Seattle will go through now with two victories. He figures the Frenchmen have shot their bolt. Con Jones concurs in this view.

Frank Patrick and George Kennedy had quite an argument after the game over referees, and it would not be surprising if the Frenchmen demand new officials in the remaining games.

Bernie Morris showed a lot of cal class Tuesday night. He was in every play, and although battered about by Lalonde, stuck gamely to the task. He got a big hand from the crowd when he was relieved in the last few minutes.

With the game stowed away in the last period, the Mets gave crippled Bobby Lowe a chance to get into the goal. Bobby took part in one rush and just missed a score by inches.

Lalonde cannot expect any sympathy for his coldblooded attack on George Irvine. A fine of \$25 is letting him down too lightly.

The arena was packed from pit to dome. There wasn't breathing space by the time the teams lined up for the start. And the fans whooped it up from start to finish. Many a vocal chord was strained when Seattle got the first counter.

Twice Vezina came out of his net to meet Bernie Morris and both times he saved his goal. Morris had beaten the opposing defence men and was coming in alone.

Jack Walker's hook checking was grand. He broke up rushes in centre many times with a timely hook on the whole his work featured the game. Poyston also starred.

More offside calls were made, we should say, in the sixty minutes of play than in half a dozen games in the Coast League race. The Frenchmen had a habit of passing offside and also laying offside. The Mets were called up occasionally for offside.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Toronto, March 22.—Gordon Meeking, who played for the 23rd Battalion N.H.A. team this winter, is dangerously ill in a Montreal hospital, according to advices received from the East. Gordon had an abscess form behind the drum of the ear, and underwent an operation. His condition was very critical for a few days, and even now he is not out of danger. In fact, the doctors believe that he will have to be operated upon again.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WINS BASKETBALL

Firemen and Presbyterians Are Defeated at Y.M. Last Night

Loud and long was the cheering that was continued almost without intermission during the second of the City League Basketball games which were played in the gymnasium of the local Y. M. C. last evening. The High School team defeated the First Presbyterians by a score of 37-20.

The game throughout was fast and furious. Both teams have well-established records for fine playing which they desired to maintain, and it was with this end in view that they put forth their best efforts in last night's games. The Presbyterians were somewhat handicapped, from the fact that Sarigson, one of their best players, was not able to be on the line-up. In spite of this circumstance they played a steady game from start to finish, and on several occasions set a pace which taxed to its utmost the ability of the school boys.

The latter team was of course in its usual fine form and with the forwards demonstrating their excellent combination work, the club was a very formidable one. The Presbyterians started strong at the commencement and scored two baskets before their opponents had really commenced to work, but as the game progressed it became evident that the school boys had the advantage over their rivals. The scores were as follows:

High School.	
Manson	15
Copson	6
Hay	8
McNamee	6
Bendrodt	8
Total	57
Presbyterians.	
Foreman	2
Hopkins	4
Knott	8
Lane	6
Forbes	6
Total	26

Y. M. C. A. Win.

The other game of the evening was that played between the Y. M. team and the Firemen. This match was not so well contested as a result of the fact that the teams were not so even matched as those taking part in the above mentioned game. At the commencement of the contest the play was of a very dilatory nature. Neither team appeared to be at all anxious to exert itself to any appreciable degree, and as a result the play was correspondingly slow. After about half of the first period was finished the Y. boys began to show more signs of life, and their forwards inaugurated a little campaign of combination which was well worthy of the team which is tied with the High for first place in the series. Bob Whyte was not playing up to his usual form, and during the whole game only managed to put the ball through the basket on three occasions, although the team playing was commendable in every degree.

The Firemen played a conscientious game and made a real effort to hold down the score of their opponents, but they were weak in that they did not stick well to their checks, thus allowing the Y. boys to score on several occasions when it was not at all necessary. The Firemen also did considerable shooting, but they were not nearly accurate enough and will require more practice. The scores were as follows:

Y. M. C. A.	
Angus McKinnon	15
T. Peden	16
Bob Whyte	6
E. D. Todd	2
Kennedy	2
Total	41
Firemen.	
Crawford	2
McDonald	2
C. Reid	0
Fairall	0
Briers	0
Total	12

PREDICTS GOOD YEAR FOR MINOR LEAGUES

Ed. Barrow Says Coming Season Should Be a Profitable One

Unless bad weather intervenes and repeats the playful stunts that gummed up things a couple of years ago, Ed. G. Barrow, president of the International League, believes the coming baseball season will be the most profitable the minor leagues have enjoyed since the prosperous days before Jim Gilmore and his gang threw their famous monkey wrench into the machinery. Barrow in New York pointed out the coming test of inter-league games between the International League and the American Association, the publicity that has been given to baseball during the winter, and the settling down of the public to take baseball as it is without arguing the merits of the Federals as compared with organized baseball.

"I did not feel that last year would be a good one, and I didn't say it would. I'm quite a hunch player and I've got an awful good strong hunch right now that we've seen the last of those awful days."

HOCKEY TROUBLE WILL BE SETTLED IN COURT

Toronto, March 22.—Macdonald and Boland, of this city, acting for the Toronto Hockey Club of the N. H. A., have obtained an order from Osogood Hall for the issuance of a writ against the Ottawa Hockey Club of the N. H. A., said writ to be concurrent for service in Montreal and Quebec. The time specified for appearance is fifteen days.

The action is one growing out of recent difficulties between the Toronto Club and the other clubs of the National Hockey Association. It is intended to restrain the defendants from taking a course of action which was forbidden at a recent meeting of the National Hockey Association.

FORMER LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE-HOLDER DEAD

Detroit, Mich., March 22.—Sam C. Bittle, former lightweight champion of the world, hallplayer, saloon-keeper, died here recently after an illness of years. His death marks the passing of one of the most notable figures in early pugilistic history of the country. Bittle won his world's title from Harry Gilmore on Harrison's Island, Lake St. Clair, back in 1886, in one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the ring. Battered it was, and to the finish. Bittle won at the end of the twenty-sixth round when he sent Gilmore down for the count with a blow over the heart.

BIKE RIDER IS VERY SERIOUSLY INJURED

San Francisco, March 22.—Ernest Oht, one of the contenders in the recent six-day bicycle race here, was run down and seriously injured recently by an automobile driven by Charles Peterson. The accident occurred on the Great Highway while Oht was training for a coming race. Oht sustained a fractured leg, fractured wrist, sprained wrist and internal injuries. When the automobile stopped, one wheel rested on Oht's leg and the car had to be jacked up to release the prostrate man.

BOWLING NEWS.

A Commercial League game between the Pressmen's Union and the Pirates played at the Arcade Bowling Alleys last night resulted in a win for the former. The scores follow:

Pirates.	
Rines	139 184 190
Heathcote	114 116 127
Davison	114 122 149
Williams	115 144 139
Miller	125 191 143
Total	671 821 729

Total pins—2,218.

Pressmen's Union.	
Nute	129 148 181
R. Bell	179 151 194
Allen	128 131 149
Jamieson	135 167 189
Fisher	138 147 130
Total	683 787 903

Total pins—2,941.

To-night the Fairall's, Limited, meet the B. C. Electricians.

In the Junior League to-night the Navy meet the Dentals.

BASEBALL NOTES

Portland, March 21.—Outfielder Borton is coming into the Beaver fold. He wants to go to Stockton and in over salary matters with Manager McCredie.

San Francisco, March 21.—The main Beaver squad arrived here from Honolulu this afternoon and will go to Stockton to conclude training work.

Porterville, Cal., March 21.—Comes now Truck Hannah and remarks that he has to get a large fat salary increase or he will not sign a Salt Lake contract.

Oakland, March 21.—The most unkindest cut of all was when Rowdy Elliott, ex-manager of the Oaks, now catching for the Cubs, spoiled the Oaks' hopes by catching Sheehan napping off third and ended a rally that undoubtedly would have scored at least one run.

Mineral Wells, Texas, March 21.—Two more rookies, Pitcher-Lamar and Catcher Walker, joined Earl Ainsworth and the tinware yesterday. After the game between the Whites and Blues, Owner Comiskey and Manager Rowlands started to use the knife.

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TERMS STILL ONEROUS; NO ACCEPTANCE YET

Rock Bay Bridge Question Up Again To-morrow; Ypres Memorial Sunday

The terms offered by the Rock Bay riparian owners with regard to the reconstruction of the drawbridge, as reported on Monday, are not likely to be very favorably reported upon to the Civic Streets Committee to-morrow afternoon.

They vary in material aspects from the proposed agreement which was submitted by city officials as a sequel to the deputations which waited on aldermen some weeks ago. That agreement asked for a plan which would have secured a 50-foot stationary bridge, and no absolute obligation to replace at the end of five years, whereas the scheme which is suggested in the petition, as already reported, asks for a 70-foot span, with the pledge of a new bridge at the end of the period.

Apparently the chasm between the parties has not yet been joined, and there will have to be shown a greater spirit of concession before the scheme is carried out. Such at any rate is the opinion at the City Hall.

The Bishop of Columbia has written expressing willingness to co-operate in Memorial Sunday on April 22, in remembrance of Ypres. The Rev. A. S. Colwell has already accepted the invitation of the City Council, in this matter, for a general observance of the fourth Sunday in April.

The President of the British Columbia and Yukon Division of the Canadian Press Association, R. Sutherland, has written to His Worship acknowledging the hospitable way in which the members were received on a recent occasion, and says in part: "All the members naturally appreciate the courtesy extended to them by yourself and others in Victoria, and it is not unlikely that in consequence they will decide to hold future meetings at the Capital City."

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SOME APPEALS ARE WITHDRAWN ALREADY

Court of Revision on Civic Assessment Roll Opened This Morning

The Court of Revision for Victoria City opened this morning with 70 distinct appeals to be heard against the Assessor's valuation. The majority are protests from owners for over valuation, though there are a few to be raised on objection of ratepayers.

The longest list of appeals, that filed by the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, was diminished by an announcement that the bulk of the appeals would be withdrawn.

Soon after the Court convened, City Assessor Northcott asked for a ruling whether the Court intended to base its work on the percentage reduction from last year's assessment, or on the general land values of the city to-day.

The Mayor said the subject had been thoroughly discussed with the Inspector of Municipalities, and the Court understood exactly the situation in view of the state of the law.

Alleges Anomaly.
The Imperial Canadian Trust Company appealed through R. W. Perry against the assessment on lot 611, S. W. corner of Douglas and Herald Streets, at \$62,700. The protest was lodged on the ground that the assessment was \$16,530 more than adjacent property, only divided by the width of the street. Mr. Perry knew that the assessment was based on blocks, yet the difference was too great, in his opinion.

The Assessor pointed out that substantial reductions had been made in assessment of the district since the Hudson's Bay Company's block was built recently, of which all lots in the vicinity had received the advantage.

Mr. Perry argued that the value was too high, while that departmental building remained empty. If the store opened, it would make a very great difference in revenue.

"Would the assessment be accepted at a figure of \$62,700 for payment of succession duties?" queried Mr. Perry.

Mayor Todd said the land was certainly worth \$500 per front foot for the Douglas Street frontage, which would cut the assessment \$2,700 only.

That suggestion of His Worship was adopted, and the assessment was set at \$60,000.

Alderman Cameron asked if it was the intention of the Court to equalize later on similar property in the locality?

The Mayor thought the Court would be quite willing to consider the question across the street, when the Board of Equalization is due to sit, after the Court completes its work.

Various Objections.
Mr. Perry failed to shake the opinion of the Court with regard to the assessments on property on Dallas Road, facing the Breakwater, which he claimed had been raised to meet the advanced prices due to expected enhancements by the construction of the Ocean Docks.

Following an unsuccessful effort with the Council, Ashdown H. Green, on behalf of the Dumbleton estate, applied to have the assessment reduced from over five acres to 4.22 acres, on the ground that part of the land is used for the extension of Dumbleton Terrace from Rockland Avenue.

Decision on the subject was laid over until a report was received on the acreage actually in roadway.

The woes of the boarding house-keeper when men are away, and rooms will not rent, were told in a pathetic letter from a woman whose name has been familiar to Victoria people for a generation. Earnings have dropped practically to nil, and she has had recourse to selling her jewelry and clothes while dependent largely on public charity for subsistence in the past winter.

The Court held that the assessment was just, and confirmed the Assessor's figures.

Miscellaneous.
E. D. Todd appeared on behalf of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, to draw attention to the impossibility of raising enough revenue from the stores at the corner of Fort Street and Blanshard Street to meet taxation, but the Court held that the assessment was in fair ratio to adjoining streets, and sustained the Assessor.

Andrew Ohlson protested against the assessment on his nursery, seven acres in extent, on Lansdowne Road, declaring that it was the "grossest injustice" to be assessed on a basis upon which he could never hope to make the taxes by the most intensive cultivation.

"How can you expect the city to prosper when my land is cultivated, and the speculators around have benefited from the efforts I have made for years. Others made money from speculations, where the lands were subdivided, while I stayed on and produced," observed Mr. Ohlson, who retired disappointed when the Court upheld the assessment.

Other minor appeals were heard before the adjournment for luncheon. Store street owners are being heard this afternoon. Monday morning has been set aside for Rock Bay mill-owners.

CROTHERS AT CALGARY.
Calgary, March 22.—With the purpose of offering his services to enable the coal miners and operators of this territory to reach an amicable agreement, Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, arrived in Calgary this morning. Mr. Crothers expressed the opinion that a settlement of the matters at issue will certainly be reached.

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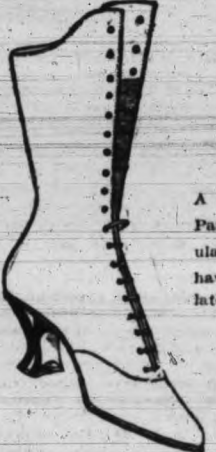

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES COASTWISE SERVICES Table with columns for ship names, destinations, and departure times.

THODE FAGELUND IS SUBMARINE VICTIM

Neutral, Well-Known Here, Destroyed While on Passage to Europe

The Norwegian steamer Thode Fagelund, one of the most recent neutral victims of the German sea pirates, the sinking of which was reported yesterday, was particularly well known as a North Pacific trader, having been operated out of ports on this coast to the Far East for several years past.

WIRELESS REPORTS

March 22, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Clear; calm; 29.75; 41; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. light; 29.75; 27; sea smooth.

STEAMER SANTA ANA IS FLOATED UNHARMED

After being ashore for a day at Klawack, west coast of Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, the steamer Santa Ana, of the Alaska Steamship Company, was floated yesterday apparently without damage.

PATRICIA RESUMES

Having completed repairs to her port propeller and shaft, the C. P. R. turbine steamer Princess Patricia, Capt. Gilchrist, left port this morning to resume her duty sailings between Nanaimo and Vancouver.

LEEBRO ACCOMPLISHES GOOD SALVAGE WORK

Lighthouse Tender Picked Up Drifting Pile-Driver in the Gulf Yesterday

The Dominion lighthouse tender Leebro got in a good piece of salvage work yesterday within a few hours of her departure from Victoria for the northern coast.

Although it was blowing strong from the southwest Capt. Hunter succeeded in getting the Leebro alongside the drifting hulk and a stout hawser was soon passed aboard.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, March 21—Arrived: Str Panama Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str Nome City, San Francisco, via Everett; W. Wallcut, San Francisco, in tow of tug Goliath; str President, Tacoma. Sailed: Str. Ketchikan, Comox, B. C., and Nanaimo, B. C.; str Jefferson, Southeastern Alaska; str Oleum, Port San Luis; bgo Bangor, Anchorage, towing.

INSPECTOR OF BAGGAGE

It is announced by J. G. Thomson, up-town agent for the Pacific Steamship Company, that arrangements have been completed for the examination of all baggage following the arrival of the company's steamships at San Francisco on Monday.

GALE DELAYS SHIPPING

Vessels Northbound From San Francisco Meet Strong Northwest. San Francisco, March 22.—A north-west gale off the California coast was delaying shipping bound northward from San Francisco to-day, while storm signals were fluttering in a southwest rain-laden wind off Oregon and Washington.

SHIMBU MARU IS DUE

The Japanese steamer Shimbu Maru, an extra vessel in the Osaka Shosen Kaisha service, may be looked for at any time with general cargo from the Orient. The freighter has no wireless and consequently will not be reported until she passes in at the Cape. The steamer has 1,400 tons of cargo for discharge here.

LUMBERMEN'S OPPORTUNITY

That British Columbia lumbermen are in a position to undersell the Norwegian and Swedish producers by \$2 to \$5 per thousand feet, and practically secure control of the markets of Great Britain, is the opinion of J. O. Shields, of the Shields Lumber Company, of Kamloops. He believes that an Imperial preferential tariff would assure the future of the lumber industry.

DERELICT IS MENACE IN PACIFIC LANES

Japanese Steamer Takayosi Maru Reported Abandoned 1,200 Miles Off Yokohama

San Francisco, March 22.—A derelict Japanese steamship, the Takayosi Maru, is abandoned and a menace to navigation in the Pacific, about 1,200 miles off Yokohama. The vessel was reported by radio to the hydrographic office here by Captain Snowden, of the Standard Oil tanker Aemo, on her way from this port to the Orient.

On March 12 the derelict was in latitude 32.48 north, longitude 162.02 east, which is a little south of the latitude of Yokohama in the Pacific.

The abandoned steamship does not appear in Lloyd's Register. She may be one of the smaller craft, or possibly a new vessel not yet listed.

The Oceanic liner Sonoma, from Sydney via Pago Pago and Honolulu, arrived here, having lost one of her propellers just before reaching Honolulu.

The steam schooner Raymond, wrecked on February 24 near Point Surf, was floated late Monday night and will be towed to this port by the Red Stack tug Defiance.

MORE NAVAL CLASSES ARE BEING RECRUITED

Scope of Ratings for R. N. C. V. R. Has Been Enlarged; Inland Water Transport

Instructions have been received on the coast enlarging the scope of the naval recruiting commission in securing classes, other than seamen and stokers, for service with the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve. Headquarters has asked that men be recruited for patrol service on the Canadian coasts, and under the new arrangements deck officers will be signed on at \$2.50 per day and a minimum separation allowance of \$30 a month.

TOUCHED AT HALIFAX

The Norwegian motorship George Washington, North Pacific ports, was the first neutral freighter from this coast to touch at Halifax, N. S., for examination following the closing of the ports of Kirkwall and Falmouth.

KENKON MARU ARRIVES

The Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru No. 8, under charter to the C. P. R., passed up to Vancouver this morning with Oriental cargo. Pilot Whiteley took the vessel up the Gulf.

BREAKWATER AID TO FLASH ON APRIL 1

By the 1st of April the lantern which will surmount the concrete tower erected at the end of the breakwater will be flashing its welcome rays to mariners passing up and down the Gulf. The contract for the tower, which was awarded to Parfitt Bros., of this city, has been completed and all that remains to be done now is the installation of the lantern, and this will be carried out just as soon as the weather moderates.

DROP IN LUMBER RATES TO HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Lumber rates from the North Pacific Coast to the Hawaiian Islands fell 50 cents per thousand during the past week, according to an announcement by the Shipowners' Association of the Pacific Coast. Even with this drop one charter was made at the old rate of \$17.50 per thousand from Puget Sound to Hilo, the schooner Annie Larsen, although the going rate was \$17 flat.

ONE CUNARD PER MONTH AT TACOMA

Todd Interests Secure Contracts for Six Steel Freighters

Tacoma, Wash., March 22.—Six Cunard liners will be built by the Todd Shipbuilding Company in Tacoma. The big steamships will all be under construction at the same time, and probably will be launched not later than a month apart.

One other steel steamship of great cargo-carrying capacity will also be constructed at the Todd plant soon after the yard is ready for work. This was the statement given out after a conference with C. W. Wiley, general manager of the Todd plant.

SHIP'S OFFICERS JOIN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

Capt. Al. Hunter, and the officers of the Great Northern Pacific liner Northern Pacific, were mustered into the United States Naval Reserve following the arrival of the steamer at San Francisco from Flavel. Capt. Hunter ranks as Lieutenant-Commander, with his junior officers rated according to position. The officers of the sister ship Great Northern have also been mustered into the Naval Reserve.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Table with columns for location, temperature, wind, and other weather details for various locations like Victoria, Nanaimo, etc.

THE WEATHER

Victoria, March 22.—5 a. m.—An ocean storm area now centered by Carlou is steadily moving to the coast, straits and Sound, and rain has been general southward to California, while at Prince Rupert snow has fallen, also on the higher lands of Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. The temperatures are above zero in the prairie provinces.

FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 30; wind, 24 miles S. W.; rain, .30; weather, cloudy. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.75; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 30; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.55; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 30; wind, 8 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 20; wind, 12 miles E.; snow, .00; weather, cloudy. Tacoma—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 33; wind, 20 miles S. W.; rain, .50; weather, cloudy. Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 33; wind, 16 miles S. W.; rain, .25; weather, raining. Seattle—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 36; wind, 30 miles S. W.; weather, clear.

Canadian Pacific Railway B. C. COAST SERVICE Vancouver, daily, at 2 and 11.45 p. m. Seattle, daily, at 4.30 p. m.

Canadian Northern Railway TRANSCONTINENTAL LEAVES VANCOUVER 9.00 A.M. SUNDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY, 9.00 A.M.

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CONTRACTORS MAKE A PITIFUL APPEAL

Foley, Welch & Stewart Do Not Want to Be Taken Off the P. G. E. Contract

Legislative Press Gallery, March 21

When one realizes that the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, in one of its disguises—that of a development company—sells to itself in another guise—that of a railway company—lands which it purchased at seven dollars an acre and sells at one thousand dollars an acre, the payment for them coming out of Government guaranteed bonds, one cannot wonder that they would hate to see anyone else put in their place as contractors to finish the line.

In a letter which was written by D'Arcy Tate, K. C., vice-president of the company, to Hon. John Oliver but never delivered until it was given to the committee to-night, an appeal that it times becomes almost a pitiful plea not to be turned off the work is made. The confession is made that the firm is "broke"; that it cannot finance the contract it has undertaken; that these multi-millionaires whose personal guarantee was to safeguard the province from any loss are not worth a cent in ready cash so far as this matter is concerned.

It is also made very plain in the letter, although not intended, that there is no difference between Patrick Welch and the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart as contractors for the construction of the P. G. E.; the two are one, Welch is the firm and the firm, is Welch, one and indivisible.

S. S. Taylor, K. C., filed a statement of the payments made to the company out of the six-million dollar loan, six in all.

Seven Dollars an Acre. Mr. Hanes inquired if the P. G. E. Development Company had purchased any lands from the Government and was answered in the negative. Mr. Hanes asked if the company had not purchased lot 7046, Williams Lake, got a crown grant and paid \$7 an acre, and Mr. Tate said this was bought practically from a man who had applied to the Government.

One Thousand an Acre. Mr. Hanes asked if the documents did not show that the Development Company sold \$4.7 acres of this to the railway company at \$1,000 an acre. Mr. Tate declared that the company did not want to hide anything; everything the committee asked for would be given with pleasure.

Mr. Tate thought the conversation with McBride and Bowser in which the Vancouver bread line was mentioned was in the spring of 1914, as about that time the company's force was increased from 2,500 to 6,000.

Held Up by Governor. In the fall the Lieutenant-Governor held up progress estimates because of the over-payments and Mr. Gamble's objections. On October 26, 1914, Mr. Tate wrote the Government asking that the guarantee moneys should be paid over and assuring the Government of the financial ability of the company to raise the necessary eight million dollars the minute the guarantee funds were exhausted and the money was needed.

Mr. Taylor—"This was six months before the bread line in Vancouver. Was this a bona fide letter?" "Oh, yes, absolutely bona fide." "Were you then in a position to raise eight million dollars the minute it was required?" "Yes, I was instructed by Mr. Welch and General Stewart that the money market would be such that they could raise the necessary funds."

"You have not raised one cent?" "Oh, no, we have not." "What has happened since then?" "Conditions have got much worse." "In England, do you mean you would not raise any money in the United States?" "At prohibitive rates of interest, the province has found out."

"Do you mean to say there is a financial stringency in Canada?" "For loaning purposes, yes, I do." On October 27, 1914, Mr. Tate wrote Mr. Bowser from Vancouver stating that work was on the verge of shutting down and that unless the men were paid that day he could not hold the situation any longer. "If 6,000 men are turned loose it will be without payment of their wages and you can imagine the result," he wrote.

Mr. Taylor—"Did that produce the money?" "We got three-quarters of a million on October 28." There were three payments out of the loan by the old Government and three under the new. There never was any question about the estimates under the old Government but very substantial deductions were made on the estimates by the present Government. Mr. Tate said no payments had been made respecting this year's estimates.

Threat to Shut Down. On May 20, 1915, Mr. Tate wrote Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Railways, complaining of the delay in payment of estimates and winding up: "I cannot understand why we should not get us money at once. Mr. Welch simply gives me that if he is to be hampered without reason he will shut down the work in toto without further controversy and state his reason for doing so." This "brought the money," Mr. Taylor put it.

Increase Capital Stock. Mr. Taylor read an agreement between the P. G. E. Railway Company and the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, in which the railway company undertook to seek legislation to increase the capital stock to \$48,000,000, and when that took place, to allot the

extra \$15,000,000 to the contractors as fully-paid-up, non-assessable stock. Mr. Taylor—"Did you get that legislation?" "Well, I know our debentures read now 'authorized capital, \$40,000,000.' " "On what authority?" "Oh, it was done by order-in-council. I will produce the order."

"Have you issued that stock to Foley, Welch & Stewart?" "No, that is in the treasury." Asked about the Indian reserve at Squamish which the Development Company acquired, and for 40 acres out of some 1,400 acres of which the railway company was charged \$55,000, Mr. Tate did not think the company paid the Dominion Government anything. Whatever was paid was to the Indians, but the amount, he did not know. To the province the company paid \$25,000 to extinguish the province's reversionary interest.

Engineer's Report. There was put in a report from R. W. MacIntyre, engineer for the Government under the Loan Act, dated January 8. He found the road in pretty good shape except for a stretch of seven miles east of Lillooet. Steel was laid to 13 miles beyond Clinton, 180 miles in all from Squamish. The uncompleted section of 28 miles from Horse Lake Summit to Rock Creek had all the work done last year concentrated upon it. There are still between 17 and 18 miles which is untouched and some finishing is needed on the remainder.

Traffic Manager's Report. A report from A. H. Sperry, general manager of the traffic department of the P. G. E., dated December 11 last, spoke of several industries springing up on the north shore of Burrard Inlet as a result of barge connection with Vancouver and through rates. On the line from Squamish north he hoped for an increasing traffic. There were 315 cars of produce carried in three months up to that date. Mr. Sperry believed an aggressive settlement policy would lead to very many people settling along the Cariboo.

Letter Not Delivered. Mr. Tate informed the committee that after some interviews with the present Government he was asked by Hon. Mr. Brewster to put his views in writing, and he did so, bringing the letter over, but he thought the attitude of the Minister of Railways was so antagonistic that he would not deliver it, and he had it in his pocket ever since. Mr. Taylor asked him if he wished to deliver it now to the committee, and the witness was quite willing. Asked if he wished it to have the same effect as if it had been delivered to Hon. Mr. Oliver he replied in the affirmative, and he also was willing to have the date considered as to-day's.

Unable to Proceed. The letter, read by Mr. Taylor, had been originally dated February 10, 1917. In it Mr. Tate emphasized the utter inability of Foley, Welch & Stewart to go on with the contract unless they got the money from the Government; they were absolutely without funds, and wished to meet the Government in a reasonable arrangement for the completion of the road. They offered to carry out the work at actual cost, giving the use of their plant free, and having the work done under close supervision.

Want to Stay on Job. A considerable part of the letter was a strong plea for Foley, Welch & Stewart being allowed to remain on the work as contractors as against any newcomers or any other contractors. It was pointed out that their plant was on the ground, that they were familiar with the work so far as it had gone, that no one else could do it so quickly or cheaply, that this would save the profits which any new contractor would have to charge for, and so on and so on.

The war was urged as the main reason why the firm was unable to go on with the contract without Government help, and the letter wound up by saying that the firm found itself involved in the general chaos which had overtaken the business world through the war. Mr. Taylor—"Is that statement of fact true in fact?" "Yes, to the best of my knowledge." "And so Foley, Welch & Stewart are unable to finance?" "Those are my instructions from the firm."

"And at present their plant is being used under Welch's contract?" "Yes." "That is a true statement of Welch's contract, that it is really a contract the railway company has with Foley, Welch & Stewart?" "I do not know. The plant of Foley, Welch & Stewart is being used. I don't care how you put it."

"In that letter you spoke through-out of and for Foley, Welch & Stewart?" "No, I spoke as the vice-president of the railway company about the position of Foley, Welch & Stewart." "And therefore it is not true to say, as was hinted this morning, that you are not in a position to speak for Foley, Welch & Stewart?" "In that connection I am in position, to that extent I am." Chairman Farris—"Are the relations between P. Welch and Foley, Welch & Stewart the same as they were at first?" "Yes." "And have been throughout?" "Yes."

Mr. Taylor—"Always the same as you have outlined in that letter?" "That has nothing to do with P. Welch's affairs with Foley, Welch & Stewart. I did not speak of those." "If Foley, Welch & Stewart and P. Welch are one and the same thing then the Government is in the position that these men have been fixing their own prices?" "This covenant of Welch's is a better club to keep down prices than a tender would be. Any profits that were carried away would be inimical to his interests."

position that they will not live up to their agreements?" "Mr. Welch was annoyed at the attitude of the Government and what he thought their action would be regarding our line, and he instructed me to write that letter refusing to guarantee the steel."

Mr. Hanes—"What did you expect to do with the millions you were going to make out of your townships?" "We were going to turn that money over at once into construction of the railway. As I explained before that was one of the means we relied upon to raise money for construction, just as the C. N. P. and G. T. P. did. We would have done it, too, if the war had not come on and knocked the bottom out of real estate everywhere."

"Is there an agreement between the development company and the railway company that the profits of the development company out of these townships was to go into construction?" "No, but the shareholders in the one are the same as in the other." "There is no agreement?" "A man would not make an agreement with himself."

Mr. Anderson—"But the concerns were different legal entities?" "Yes, but the shareholders were the same in both."

This closed the examination of Mr. Tate and the committee adjourned.

PAYMENT FOR INQUIRY

"SOAPY" WELSH CASE

Leader of the Opposition Objects to Action of Private Bills Committee

Legislative Press Gallery, March 21

The influence of "Soapy" Welsh and his activities, as disclosed in an investigation held at the request of the Vancouver School Board last year by Mr. Justice Murphy, reached to the Legislative Assembly this afternoon.

The private bills committee, reporting on its work of the morning, recommended that section 27 of the Vancouver City Bill, containing desired amendments to the charter, should be embodied in a separate bill. The section gives the council power to pay "all emoluments, fees and costs necessarily incurred by the holding of any investigation during the year 1916." Some ratepayers have got out an injunction to prevent the city paying these costs, and this is now in the courts.

This raised the ire of the Leader of the Opposition, who rose in the best superlative style of a former Premier of Canada of his own party, for whom he has no admiration, declared this to be a very unusual suggestion. It was the most unprecedented action he had ever heard of! The committee had no right to initiate a bill of any sort and must have acted through ignorance of the proceedings, and had taken power to itself to initiate legislation, though it had no more power than a page boy. He, as a representative of Vancouver, had never heard of this, which was an attempt to railroad improper legislation through the House. Some crooked work was being done here, not at the instance of the private bills committee.

The Premier remarked that the Leader of the Opposition had gone far afield in an attempt to insinuate that there was a desire to hamper debate. As a matter of fact the House was quite pleased to hear the Leader of the Opposition speak; for the more he talked the more he was likely to get into the hole. It would be more courteous to wait until it was heard what the chairman of the committee had to say in regard to the committee's report.

M. B. Jackson (Islands), chairman of the committee, said the Leader of the Opposition was entirely in error in saying that the bill had originated with the committee. He did not propose to be drawn into any political discussion with the Leader of the Opposition. It was on the motion of the committee that legislation was being initiated, but it had simply acceded to what was considered a reasonable request of those presenting the bill by allowing them to segregate one clause and have it placed in a separate bill, where it would not be clouded by other matters. There was nothing sinister in an action which the committee had taken after consulting with the veteran Clerk of the House and the law clerk. Everyone would be heard in the matter on the merits.

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action deferred until counsel retained by the ratepayers' association could appear. Dr. McIntosh (Vancouver), a member of the private bills committee, assured the other side that objections would not be overlooked but would get due notice of a time for hearing. Mr. Speaker Weart thought the

proper course was for this matter to be dealt with by the committee itself. The Premier had no objection to this action being taken but repeated his protest against the insinuation of the Leader of the Opposition that there was some sinister motive. This was something the Leader of the Opposi-

tion should not charge against any committee, (Hear, hear.) Mr. Bowser declared that he had no complaint against the committee, but insisted that there were ulterior motives on the part of those behind the bill who had to find a quorum in order to get it through. The matter went back to the private bills committee for reconsideration.

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WANTED—AUTOMOBILES
WANTED—Ford, Dead beat if price is right. Box 64, Times. m21

BUSINESS CHANCES
FOR SALE—Saw and planing mill, timber limits and donkey engine; retiring. Terms business. F. G. Barker, Happy Valley. m21

FOR SALE—ARTICLES
Selling out—Last day, March 24. Marconi, cycle specialist, 24 Johnson St. Show cases, cash register, safe, bicycles and supplies. Call and see me. m21

THE HOME CANNING PLANT helps to solve the problem of making a living on small acreage. Cans, Tubs, Vegetables, meats and fish perfectly. The process is simple. Family size steam pressure retorts \$24. Full particulars from Alfred Carmichael, general agent, Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

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ALL BLACK SOIL and manure delivered. Phone 164.

MALLEABLE and steel ranges, \$5 down and \$1 per week. Phone 459, 201 George Street.

FOR SALE—Gurney Oxford gas range, in good condition. Phone 2315L. m26

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FOR SALE—Tan linen suit (trimmed), crown, never worn; \$4, cost \$5; also, Box 626, Times. m27

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SELLING RAPIDLY—Gassed hot bed sash, 1122 Yates Street. \$125 each, delivered in the city. E. W. Whittington Lbr. Co., Ltd., 2614 Bridge St. Phone 2897.

FOR SALE—Ford Five, one new set of tires, about 1500 miles. Geo. Whitfield, garage, 83 Johnson. m21

LADY'S BICYCLE for sale, \$8. Apply Box 65, Times. m21

FOR SALE—Early seed potatoes, also AI quality for eating. Apply 1320 Yates St. m27

FOR SALE—Gurney Oxford range, 5th Elery Street, off Dominion Road, Victoria West. m23

FOR SALE—Sanitary rabbit hutch, 227 Fernwood Road. m27

COPEMAN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC RANGE. What offers? Box 792, Times. m27

SOLDIER, going overseas, has quantity of up-to-date suits and overcoats for sale. Apply after 6 Phone 2571L. m27

KOHAN, 2-cylinder, over-board, rowboat motor. Box 797, Times. m27

TO TEAMSTERS—Free loads of clean earth to haul and dump. Phone 3621. m27

FOR SALE—Child's coat, best English make, large size, with blankets, etc., complete, in first-class order; a bargain. Apply Monday, 821 Douglas. m27

FOR SALE—Lyon & Healy bands, \$1.25; American Walthams, \$1.75; automatic water pistols, 50c.; Henrick's magneto, \$1.50; second story fire cutters, \$1.50; soldiers' bayonets, 50c.; bicycles, with new tires and mudguards, \$12.00; pumps, 50c.; bicycle oil lamps, 50c.; tires, outer, any make, \$2.50; bicycle cement, 5c.; tools, razors, 25c.; playing cards, 10c. a pack or 3 for 25c.; magazines, 2 for 5c.; Jacob's Ladder, 50c. 572 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1767.

MEN'S HEADWEAR—The new spring styles just opened up, prices at \$2.50. Free catalogue, 10c. Post and return try them on Front & Coast. West-Home Block, 1418 Government. m27

LOST AND FOUND
LOST—55, between Quadra and Government Streets, via Johnson. Finder please phone 520L. m23

LOST—Spectacles in Clugston case. For return, please Christ Church Cathedral, and Ten-Kettle, via Blanshard, Fort and Douglas. Return to Clugston. m22

SOLDIER'S WIFE (Box 60, Times), wishes to thank persons who found her missing and returned her to her home.

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LOST—in Fairfield district, at beginning of week, Irish setter puppy, about half grown, white and black, with red markings at Times Office?

FOR SALE—LOTS
FOR SALE—Glanford Orchard lots at Woodlawn. Particulars, 47 Lansdowne Street. a20

FOR SALE—HOUSES
SACRIFICE—Seven roomed house, modern, gas, furnace, garage, kitchen, lounge, large and small rooms, Fairfield, Woodlawn Road. m27

HIGH-CLASS RESIDENCE—FOR SALE AT A SACRIFICE—Eight rooms; living room, dining room, kitchen, hall, four bedrooms, large attic and bathroom with servants' quarters, tile bathroom and toilet, kitchen sink and range, built-in refrigerator, electric heating. Grounds contain nearly an acre. Fine tennis lawn, full size. Orchard of 20 fruit trees, Rose garden, holly and ornamental trees, vegetable garden, etc. Best residential district, close to Rockland Ave. House cost \$15,000. All materials used were the best quality obtainable, and it is estimated that the cost of constructing this residence to-day, owing to the increased cost of sold materials, would be at least \$15,000. Estimated value of property to date \$8,000. Owner will sell for \$7,500. For particulars apply to Box X, Y, Z, Times Office.

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FOR SALE—Fine, small, complete, fruit ranch, near city, \$1,500 per acre. Box 62, Times Office. m27

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AUTO FOR HIRE—5-passenger (overland) car, with experienced driver, \$1.75 city and \$2.50 country, per hour. Phone 3114 or 4257L. C. C. Smith, 119 Joseph, a12

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DANCING
NOTICE—Hold your dances in the Connaught Hall, First floor in the city. For bookings, phone 5419 or 2602L. a1

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished)
FOR RENT—HOUSES and APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1912 Broad Street, ground floor, Pemberton Building. Phone 632.

TO LET—7 roomed house, 215 Oswego. Apply 1228 Montrose Ave. Phone 2261L. a14

APPLY to Green & Burdick Bros., Ltd., corner Langley and Broughton Streets, for furnished and unfurnished houses. Phone 419. m27

FOR RENT—Shack, water in, tent and large garden lot, \$4. Box 622, Times. m27

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FOR RENT—Five roomed cottage, central, 1122 Yates Street. m27

TO LET—Four room cottage, modern conveniences, Davida Street, Gorge, rent, \$5. Apply F. Higinbotham, cor. Robert and Davida. m27

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HOUSES TO RENT, furnished and unfurnished. We have a large number of houses to rent, several new ones. The Griffith Company, Hubben-Bone Bldg.

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TO RENT—2 acres, good house, 8 rooms, 6 acres broken, ready for crop this spring, good well, pump in house, 2 running streams through property, fruit trees, hen houses, barn for 4 horses, Happy Valley, main road, 11 miles from city; rent \$15 per month. Douglas Store, close in, \$10 per month. W. T. Williams, 571 Nag. Paint Co., Ltd., 1202 Wharf St. m27

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516 MICHIGAN—Furnished housekeeping rooms, front. 214R. a17

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS, 516 Courtenay Street. a17

MONEY TO LOAN
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SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE
CHINESE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY—Phone 23. 2017 Douglas Street. a15

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MUNICIPAL FREE LABOR BUREAU is prepared to fill any vacancy for male or female, unskilled or unskilled labor, at once. Phone or write.

PREMIER EXPLAINS FINANCIAL NEEDS

Second Reading of Loan Act Amendments; Use of Public Galleries

Legislative Press Gallery.

March 21.

This afternoon the Premier and Finance Minister explained the bill in amendment of the Loan Act of 1916 which he brought in on Monday, the actual object of which was, as he said and as was stated in these columns at the time, to be to enable the Government to finance under favorable conditions whenever it was deemed advisable, and to facilitate future borrowings.

Act Ambiguous.

The Premier stated that when the Government came in it found about \$54,000 in cash in the treasury and had great difficulty in financing obligations which had to be taken care of. The last Loan Act was one which, to say the least, was rather ambiguous and required considerable study to discover what its legal meaning was. There was general impression that it was not sufficiently clear, if it did not go further and say that it put the responsibility on the Department of Finance of paying over to the P. G. E. the sum of six million dollars.

Banks Reasonable.

Four million dollars or thereabouts was the amount which was to go into the Consolidated Revenue Fund after the P. G. E. had got its six millions. The treasury had not been left in a very healthy condition by the late Government, and it had become necessary to secure financial assistance. With the cordial aid of the banks, which made no attempt to exact the pound of flesh, the Government had been able to make very satisfactory financial arrangements for the time being, in making which he had had the assistance and advice of the late Minister of Finance. At the time the P. G. E. Railway Company was demanding the payment of its estimates, and there was no money to meet these under ordinary conditions.

Treasury Bills.

In explanation of the bill the Premier said that it was desired to be able to raise money on treasury bills, non-interest-bearing, which would make it easier to discount them. All bonds now being floated by the Allies, the Dominion and the great nations were at a greater rate of interest than was authorized by the Loan Act. If the latter were to be the rate it would mean that the bonds would have to be sold considerably below par, and instead of being a saving it would really be a loss to the province.

Serious Problem.

The change in the manner of allocating the moneys raised under the Loan Act, so that these could be either devoted to the purposes of the province or the P. G. E. or both, was explained. If the decision was to go on with the railways nothing in the act would interfere with that. The province was facing a serious problem in the matter of finances which must be faced honestly and sincerely.

Mr. Bowser moved the adjournment of the debates on the second reading of the Galleries.

Before the House proceeded to business R. H. Pooley referred to a letter which appeared in print this morning from a woman who complains that she was asked to move out of the seats she was in in the galleries because they were reserved. The member for Esquimalt said it was the first time he knew there were any reserved seats in the galleries.

Mr. Speaker stated that members' wives had a right to the front seats until 20 minutes after two o'clock.

Order for Correspondence.

A. M. Manson (Omineca) got an order of the House for correspondence regarding the investigations by George Anderson, C. E., in the Willow River district for water for power and storage purposes. The honorable gentleman stated that he believed the papers would show that this official had done work in the interests of the member for Fort George while investigating. He declared that the election of W. R. Ross had cost the province many thousands of dollars improperly spent, to the extent of \$30,000.

The Minister of Railways got third reading for his bill amending the Railway Act.

Dolly Varden Road.

The bill respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway was moved for second reading by the Minister of Mines. In doing so Hon. Mr. Oliver gave thanks to F. H. Mobley, member for Athol, for the great assistance he had given in the matter, from his great knowledge of the country through which this line would run. There was a large number of producing mines in the vicinity, and the railway would have to act as a common carrier so as to give transportation to these.

Mr. Bowser moved the adjournment of the debates.

The Pharmacy Act amendments were disposed of in committee and the bill returned for report.

On the Highway Act amendments the Attorney-General answered the objections of the Leader of the Opposition, and pointed out that there were no grounds for that gentleman's fears that public rights were being threatened because a necessary bill is brought before the Legislature.

Church Sites.

George Bell (Victoria) presented a petition from fifty-eight cities and district municipalities and many thousands of individual names asking for

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"East Ship Harbour, N. S."

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"MRS. MARTHA DEWOLFE."

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the exemption of church sites from taxation.

Election Corruption.

Hon. Dr. MacLean presented a petition from John McInnes and other residents of Fort George electoral district in regard to the Elections Act, and asking for an investigation of a royal commission into charges of corruption in the conduct of W. R. Ross's campaign at the general election. On Friday the Provincial Secretary will move that His Honor be asked to refer these matters to a royal commission for inquiry.

Prayers were read to-day by Rev. A. B. Osterhout.

A LETTER BOX

Letters addressed to "The Editor" and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article commences to appear, the more likely it is to be published. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

A CONSISTENT REFORMER

To the Editor:—I have just read a letter in your issue of March 21 last, signed by "A Russian." I do not wish to have an argument with anyone who has not spunk enough to sign his name to a letter to the public press attacking my views.

This letter infers that I have been a strong supporter of the old regime, which is contrary to fact, as is well-known to everyone who knows me, as I have always been opposed to the old regime. I have always maintained that the people of Russia should be free and the establishment of a democratic government is certainly a great reason for me to rejoice.

If "A Russian" will come out in the open and disclose his name, I will give him one hundred dollars to the local Red Cross or Patriotic Fund if he can satisfactorily prove that I have been a supporter of the old regime as against the rights of the Russian people.

"A Russian" insinuates that I am not a pure bred Russian. I would tell him that I am a Russian Hebrew, and proud of it, and I don't care to be called a Jew on that account. The strongest supporters of the old regime were "pure bred Russians," keeping the people of Russia in ignorance and subjection, and on the other hand the Russian Hebrews have played a very important part in working out the present liberation of the people. It was a pure bred Russian in Vancouver who kept them informed that the Czar had abdicated his throne.

D. LOUIS.

March 21.

SAANICH AND CITY.

To the Editor:—In your report of the meeting of the Saanich Council the clerk is credited with the following: "That last year the city had never shown the slightest disposition at all to meet the Saanich point of view, and in his opinion the Council had reciprocated by refusing to pass the resolution adopted in 1915 giving an exemption of taxation on public parks." Surely the zeal of this official has overdone, his discretion in making such a statement, as it is entirely erroneous.

Ald. Porter, myself and the controller were appointed a deputation to meet the Reeve and Council in the Reeve's office. We did not, as stated in the report, Councilor Dig

WAR LOAN

Remember, Subscriptions Positively Close March 23rd. Come in and let us fully explain CANADA'S NEW WAR LOAN TO YOU An Absolutely Secure 5 1/2% Investment You have until June 15, 1917, to fully pay for amount subscribed for now. OFFICE OPEN FROM 7.30 TO 9.30 EVENINGS If you can't fight, let your money fight for you. DOUGLAS, MACKAY & CO. 38 Arcade Bldg. Entrance 615 View St. and 1122 Broad St.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

- 64, 52, 157, 195, 207, 209, 221, 234, 303, 418, 451, 452, 453, 561, 567, 617, 623, 625, 627, 628, 678, 682, 708, 725, 748, 766, X, Y, Z.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONEMS—"Some people learn by doing, while others learn by being done." Diggon Printing Co., 709 Yates Street. Wedding announcements printed on vellum finished stock are correct—allow us to please you in this important item.

WANT GO HOME TO EAT when you can get a nice, tasty lunch of four courses at the Vernon Cafe for \$1.00. Try it. You'll see you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

OLD LAWN MOWERS made to cut better than new by Wilson's electric machine. 614 Cormorant.

HOCKING, James Bay plumber. Repairs, coils made, ranges connected. 36 St. James Street. Phone 3711.

WANTED—At once, dressmakers and apprentices. Apply 235 Bayward Building.

FOR SALE—Bottle washer and boiler, two driving buggies, \$35 and \$50; fumed oak china cabinets, oak buffet. Ferris, 1419 Douglas.

GREAT BLOWERS SALE now on at Mr. Horner's, 718 Yates.

REMOVAL—We have now better facilities and new machinery for lawn mower grinding and all kinds of mechanical repairs. Waites & Knappott, 1011 Douglas. Phone 552.

FAIRALL'S, LIMITED, will allow you 15 cents per dozen for your empty pint bottles. Phone 212.

BANTAM BARRACKS—Good, sound lumber, 20,000 ft.; also 10,000 ft. rubber roofing large or small lots, cheap. G. J. Walker, 2511 R.

SALESMAN—Good, live, energetic, provision salesman. Good salary and steady position for a hustler. Box 766, Times.

WANTED—Setting hens. Phone 5192.

TO RENT—Three roomed cottage, electric light, water, etc., Prior Street. Phone 5192.

FOR SALE—Good set single harness, rubber tired buggy. Apply 142 Woodland Road.

FOR SALE—Two Jersey-Holstein cows, fresh, milking 24 gals. Phone 488.

MODERN, 1 roomed bungalow, fairly close in. Owner, 2315 Wood Street, or Phone 3071.

FOR SALE—24-foot launch, 8 horse power engine, \$150 cash; 16-foot skiff, \$25 cash. J. L. Johnson, 2282 Harriet Road.

UNEXAMPLIFIED HEROISM of a little girl—dived three times to save a box of Hamsterley Farm chocolates.

BUY YOUR CROCHET THREADS and stamped thimbles at 718 Yates.

SMALL ACREAGE CHEAP—Five acres, near Royal Oak, good land, 1400 feet acre; will sell from 1 to 5 acres, same price; terms, Currie & Power, 1111 Douglas Street. Phone 1400.

WANTED—Girl to help with light house work. Phone 2531 R.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred pointer dog, one year old; or will exchange to value. 1335 Pembroke Street.

LARGE, SIX-ROOM HOUSE to rent on Monterey Ave. south, with all conveniences, two minutes from car line. 224 Hampshire Terrace, Oak Bay.

WANTED—Stenographer, one having experience in insurance work preferred. Apply, stating salary expected, Box 718, Times.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS—Everything must be sold. Still a few pair of men's boots at \$2; men's Oxfords, reg. \$5.50 and \$6 to clear at \$2.50. Plummer's Shoe Store, 1122 Douglas Street.

SICILIAN BUTTERCUP EGGS, splendid strain, \$2 per setting of 5. Tyrone Farm, Sidney, B. C., or 1715 Hampshire Road. Phone 2888 R.

LOST—Pointer dog, liver and white, one ear slit, 8 months old. Phone 5271.

WANTED—Evening lessons in French. Box 683, Times.

ONE ACRE CHOICE LAND, Victoria suburbs, half former price; must sell; want cash offer; best offer takes. Box 78, city.

GROCERY BUSINESS wanted; must bear investigation. Box 631, Times.

BOOKKEEPER desires position, not afraid of work; good credentials. Box 684, Times.

OWNER will sell cheap for cash eight-room house on George Road. Address, P. O. Box 1199, Calgary.

WANTED—Hen canary bird. Phone 2811 R.

NANNY GOAT, in kid, milks two quarts when fresh. \$15. Box 615, Times.

FOR SALE—Two excellent milk cows, one Holstein and one Ayrshire. 52 Craigflower Road.

JANITOR (man and wife) wanted for apartment block, part time only. Box 688, Times.

WANTED—Jersey heifer, rising three, fresh in April. Box 685, Times.

TO RENT OR SELL—Chicly located 4-room house, 233 Colquhoun Ave., off George Road, Charles Eckert, Times.

GET THE HABIT—Take your bicycle for repairs to Ruffe and save money. 14 Yates. Phone 82.

WANTED—Capable electrical wireman. State experience and wages to Box 682, Times.

REMOVAL NOTICE—The N.A. of Marine Engineers and the B.C. Association of Stationary Engineers have moved their quarters from the Finch Block, Yates Street, to Room 416, Union Bank Building, corner View and Government Sts. Members please take notice. Phone 3066.

LOST—Spare rim and tire. Return to Plimley's Garage and receive reward.

INDIAN BICYCLES—The famous Red Flyer has now arrived and is a dandy in every way. Call and see the latest in 1917 cycles. Plimley's Cycle Store, 611 View Street.

OWNERS OF ROAD THE CONTRACTORS

Admission Made To-day Verifies What Public Long Suspected

STEWART AND FOLEY EACH HAD INTEREST

Violation of Railway Act by Directors; D'Arcy Tate's Evidence Concluded

Legislative Press Gallery, March 22.

For the first time a public admission was made this morning of what has always been suspected by the public, that John W. Stewart and Timothy Foley—partners with Patrick Welch in the contracting firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart—are equally interested with Welch in the contract to construct the Pacific Great Eastern railway line.

There has thus been a clear violation of the law by Stewart and Foley in that, as directors of a railway company, they have been and are interested in a contract to which the company is a party. It is sought to excuse them on the ground that they are the owners of the road and that the peculiar nature of their agreement with the Government relieves them from any obligation to observe the law.

Welch Resigned. The fact has been brought out that Welch, who was also a director of the railway company, resigned before the contract was given, nominally to him, so that no question could be raised of a director being interested in the contract. The public has always understood, and the late Government has informed the Legislature on many occasions, that the contractor was Welch, whereas it is now admitted that Foley, Welch & Stewart have always been the actual contractors for the building of their own road.

Mr. Tate added this morning a long verbal statement in addition to his lengthy undelivered letter to Hon. John Oliver read last night, given by way of defence and explanation. He maintained that all the profits of the contractors and of the P. G. E. Development Company were to be put into construction of the railway line, and that all profits made were put in.

Patrick Welch was present at the hearing this morning. F. P. Davis, K.C., Vancouver, appeared, he said, with J. N. Ellis for Foley, Welch & Stewart. "And P. Welch," Mr. Ellis added. "Of course, and P. Welch," Mr. Davis corrected himself. "They are one and the same, I may say."

"I am authorized by Mr. Welch to make a statement in regard to P. Welch's contract," said D'Arcy Tate immediately after. "I am authorized to say that the other members of the firm have an interest in his contract with the railway company. Stewart and Foley have each a one-third interest in it. That is covered by a letter from General Stewart to Mr. Welch which he has not in his possession."

Mr. Taylor: "Then we are to understand that Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch and John W. Stewart are each interested in the contract of September 22, 1912, made with P. Welch in the name of the P. G. E.?"

"Yes."

"Each equally interested?"

"Yes, in losses and profits."

"Did you know that at the time the contract was being made?"

(After some hesitation). "Well, I have known—I did not know at the time—I have known."

"I understand you all through these four sessions that that was not the fact?"

"No, I declined to answer the question; that was to be answered by Mr. Welch."

"If you knew at the time why did not John W. Stewart and Timothy Foley resign as directors of the P.G.E. just as Patrick Welch did?"

"I do not say I knew at the time. It was a pure matter of form. It was to prevent any form of question being raised that Welch resigned."

"Why not Stewart and Foley also, to prevent question?"

"They were not ostensibly contractors, Welch was."

"But they were actually the contractors, in the same interest and to the same extent as Welch?"

"We were not deviating to any extent from the scope of the contract with the Government."

"Then you have known all along that when John W. Stewart and Timothy Foley took part in directors' meetings as directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company they had no power to act as directors, according to Sections 116 and 118 of the Railway Act?"

There was no answer given to this, H. A. Maclean, K.C., counsel for the P. G. E. Railway Company, interposing to say that these sections did not apply in the case of that railway on account of the peculiar nature of its contract with the Government.

Mr. Taylor (to witnesses): "You knew these sections applied to Stewart and Foley?"

"That is too strong. I never saw the letter Mr. Welch refers to. I understood there was some verbal understanding in relation to that."

Mr. Hines: "Have you any interest

in the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart?"

"None whatever. I have a quarter interest in the Pacific Great Eastern."

Explains Position.

Mr. Tate went on to explain his own position. He first heard of the north-south line when general counsel of the G. T. P., the late Prime Minister (McBride) favored a line to bring the G. T. P. into Vancouver and afford competition, but the late C. M. Hays had not as much faith in British Columbia as the late Prime Minister and would not have the G. T. P. take the matter up. Then he suggested to Sir Richard that a company should be formed to build the line, and all through the arrangements ran the idea that the capital stock in the railway was to go to those undertaking the work.

Mr. Tate went at great length into the arrangements made and asserted emphatically that at no point had there been any underhand work; everything was as open as the day; there was not a single act of the company from start to finish that could be criticized at this time.

Contractors' Profits.

Going into the question of contractors' profits Mr. Tate asked what would have been gained by calling for tenders and allowing sub-contractors to get a certain amount of profits, which would have been taken away from the contractors altogether. "The contract was simply a means to an end," Mr. Tate continued, "and was in no way a violation of the spirit of the agreement." He thought the contract might have been criticized if there had been allowed the intervention of a sub-contractor, subsidiary interests, which might have diverted profits from the undertaking. The personal covenant put everything in a new light, and did away with any idea that prices charged by the contractor would be too high. In every step taken the company was simply following the practice adopted in the case of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Pacific.

Mr. Tate expressed the belief that the undertaking could be completed in five years "with any kind of reasonable co-operation on the part of the Government."

Asks Fair Treatment.

"This matter has been made a political football for a year past," continued Mr. Tate. "We want to approach this matter in a broad, businesslike spirit. There has been a lot said about the majority of these men being Americans. We are inviting American capital to come in here and the members of this firm want no favors, no gifts, only fair treatment; and so long as you give fair treatment and cut out politics they will play the game."

"Our only fault has been the insurmountable conditions created by the war," said the witness at the conclusion of his long statement.

In answer to R. H. Pooley he said the G.T.P. had had to go back to the Dominion for additional help every year.

"Are you following the G.T.P. precedent also?" G. S. Hanes asked.

"We are following the necessity created by inevitable necessity," was Mr. Tate's reply.

Academic Question.

To Mr. Maclean the witness declared that if the five millions over-paid had not been spent on the road at the time the doing of the same work now would have cost thirty per cent. more. He insisted that the over-payment had improved the position for everybody and that the technical violation of the law was only an academic question.

Chairman Farris—"Why did the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company go through the fiction of letting a contract to build their own road to themselves in the name of Foley, Welch & Stewart?"

"To prevent any question being raised about the violation of these sections of the Railway Act."

"To conceal their real relations in the matter?"

"Oh, no; to prevent question. We thought, and still think, we were carrying out the real spirit of the agreement."

"Foley, Welch & Stewart would not be likely to waste any money in building a road for themselves, would they?"

"Any margin of profit went into their own pockets instead of into the pockets of strangers, and as I said a little while ago, the Government can reach these pockets through this covenant of theirs."

"What motive was there to cut prices down in letting a contract to themselves?"

"Not to let any money get away from the undertaking."

"Not to let any money get away from Foley, Welch & Stewart? (laughter.) What motive would there be to cut prices down?"

"No particular motive at all."

"These profits made by Foley, Welch & Stewart out of building this road for themselves went back into the road, you say?"

"Yes, absolutely."

"The question naturally arising out of this, as to how much had been put into the road by its owners, caused a lot of legal wrangling, and finally H. A. Maclean stated that P. Welch would put in an exact statement of all moneys put into the road and the exact cost."

Mr. Taylor suggested that the cost of engineering and other work done for the P. G. E. Development Co. had been included in railway construction estimates, and paid for out of the proceeds of the guarantees, to which Mr. Tate replied that if this was so it was not to his knowledge and would have been improper.

Chairman Farris—"Was it not strange that the Government should pay out these trust funds on the basis of prices fixed by Foley, Welch & Stewart with themselves?"

"Well, that is the way it works out, owing to the outward circumstances that have developed in consequence of the war."

"Don't put in the war; the war has enough sins to answer for; you say that practice was being carried on and discussed before the war?"

"But if we had been able to sell our

townsites, we would never have had to come back to the Government. It was never the intention that the Government should provide this road out of trust funds, as you call them."

"But was it not strange that the Government should pay out these moneys on prices the railway company directors fixed with themselves as contractors?"

No Profits.

"That is looking at it in a very unfavorable light from our standpoint, but the fact is that the amount received by Foley, Welch & Stewart was put back into the road, so there was not one cent of profits to the contractors. They received sixteen million dollars odd and the amount of disbursements to sub-contractors and for material exceeded that."

Mr. Taylor pointed out that the statement to be put in by Mr. Welch showed moneys received to be \$16,422,000, about two millions less than the Government had paid out.

At Maclean's Expense.

A joke at the expense of H. A. Maclean was unheeded by Mr. Hanes, who drew out the fact that when the "jumble of words," as counsel called the section of the agreement respecting proportionate payment out of guarantees by the Government, had been first adopted in the case of the C. N. P., Mr. Maclean was Deputy Attorney-General.

Order-in-Council.

There was put in the order-in-council increasing the capital stock of the P. G. E. Railway Company from \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000. The certificate of the Minister of Railways and the order-in-council were dated April 15, 1914, and the order was passed on September 22, 1914.

Mr. Taylor put in a list of the prices paid to the contractors, Mackenzie & Mann by the C. N. P. Railway Company, which he thought would be valuable for comparison with the prices the P. G. E. paid Foley, Welch & Stewart. The Chairman remarked that the price for track-laying paid to the C. N. P. was \$400 a mile, whereas it was \$750 a mile on the P. G. E.

"Mr. Welch can justify all these prices," said Mr. Tate.

Mr. Tate endeavored to justify the sale of land at Squamish which cost Foley, Welch & Stewart as the Development Company, \$7 an acre on the railway company at \$1,000 an acre on the ground that water frontage could not be bought there cheaper than that to-day.

Mr. Taylor Summarizes.

It was suggested by Mr. Taylor, to shorten the inquiry, that there had now been submitted through Mr. Tate, chief executive of the P. G. E., practically all the facts to be learned on the following points:

The alleged over-payment of \$5,704,516.50.

The matter of \$35,531.95 balance not returned to the Government by the Government in respect of moneys paid out to the guarantees.

The \$153,900-over paid to the company in respect of excess mileage.

The payment by the province of defaulted interest to the amount of \$1,663,827.27.

The issue of \$24,560,000 in shares to Foley, Welch & Stewart and associates.

The letting of a contract to Welch without competition, to which was now added for the first time the admission that Foley, Welch and Stewart and E. Welch are one and the same thing in connection with the contract.

The letting of the contract without specifications being in existence.

The refusal of Foley, Welch and Stewart to guarantee their own steel to the value of \$250,000, and their admission, in letters now lodged with the committee, that they could not proceed with the work nor make good their personal covenant.

The violation of the Railway Act by the directors.

The matter of the lapsing of the guarantee company's bond for \$250,000.

The question of inspection of work as it progressed.

The fact that there are about thirty miles between White Cliff and Squamish and the same mileage north of Clinton still not touched at all, while the guarantees of \$42,000 a mile on this mileage, or \$2,265,000 have been paid out to the company.

This only left the subject of the details of carrying out the work, Mr. Taylor said, as to prices, handling of classification, whether undue profits were allowed, and so on, examination on which would take some days.

The committee thought the subjects mentioned had been pretty well covered, but all are left open for any further evidence.

Chief Engineer Callaghan will be the witness this evening.

OBITUARY RECORD

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ann Williams, who passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital on Tuesday morning, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Bands Funeral Chapel, where Rev. A. S. Colwell officiated. There were many friends present at the ceremony, and the casket was covered with flowers. The remains were forwarded this morning, via the E. & N. Railway, to Courtenay, where interment will be made.

The funeral of the late James T. Robinson will be on Saturday at 2:30 from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, under the auspices of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M.

Pamphlets Available.—To those who are participating in the Vacant Lot Cultivation movement, Secretary Tighe desires it to be notified that a large number of special pamphlets on garden cultivation, poultry, and bee keeping, as well as on diseases of cultivated plants, by federal and provincial experts, are now at his disposal for distribution.

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ROTARIANS TOLD ALL ABOUT FLOUR TO-DAY

Lloyd Craig Gives Interesting Talk on a Subject of Live Human Interest

RETURNED SOLDIERS' TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Rotarians Endorse a Proposal to Secure Voluntary Tuition for Tommies

"I have been asked many times if we use British Columbia wheat and my reply has invariably been 'Yes, when it comes up to the standard required to produce a first grade article,'" said Lloyd Craig, of the Vancouver Milling & Grain Company, in a talk on flour to his fellow Rotarians at the weekly luncheon in the Empress Hotel this afternoon. "My company has for several years used every possible endeavor," continued the speaker, "to bring it home to the farmer in the Dry Belt to grow more wheat for which we will always pay the full market price. This year has been the first occasion upon which we have had any success. We have received from the Dry Belt of our province this year five carloads of first-class wheat. That amount represents eight hundred barrels of the best flour, or two days' work for our mill."

Technical Processes. Mr. Craig gave his auditors an interesting sketch of the method employed in the conditioning, reduction, and separation of wheat. He told of the process relating to the removal of food seeds and foreign matter generally. Reduction of the wheat, Mr. Craig explained, referred to the actual process of grinding, a gradual operation, which the process of separation classified the ground stock, the object being to make as many middlings and as little flour as possible. He stated the reason for that was that flour made in the presence of bran was never of the best quality, and if the interior of the berry could be preserved in a granular form it was possible to free it of impurities.

Food Values. The speaker dwelt on the relative properties of flour, and in passing touched upon the subject of whole wheat bread and graham bread with their food values. "The use of whole wheat bread," said Mr. Craig, "is advocated because it contains all the vital principles of the wheat. It is supposed to be more nourishing and as a better food. As a matter of fact experiment after experiment conducted by the best experts of the world has shown that while graham or whole wheat bread contains about three per cent more protein than white bread, the white bread is far more thoroughly and completely digested than whole wheat bread. And, after all, it is not what we take into the body that counts, it is the amount of food that is converted to the body's needs that actually determines its food value."

White Versus Brown. Referring to the undoubted medicinal properties of whole wheat breads, Mr. Craig said there were sound reasons why whole wheat breads were beneficial in certain cases, not in the food but more in the purely medicinal uses. He stated that "roughage" found in graham bread or whole wheat bread in the form of ground bran or hull was the means of producing a mechanical effect upon the organs of elimination in cases where such a function was desired. He cited the case of several mills in the United States now importing at the present time from Canada No. 6 wheat, which was being ground by them for the purpose of extracting the gluten contents. This was a wheat used in Canada more often than not for chickens.

Buy At Home. Mr. Craig urged upon his fellow Rotarians to promulgate the gospel of trading at home, because he knew that American flour was being used in the city of Victoria, and if that was the case with regard to flour, it would doubtless be applicable to other lines of merchandise. He hoped that every member would do his best to rectify that state of affairs, which was a great factor in determining whether a community went ahead or remained a laggard.

To Study Pear Pest.—For the purpose of carrying on investigations into the life history of the pear thrip, R. C. Treherne, Dominion field officer, and Dr. A. E. Cameron, of Agassiz, are taking up their quarters at Royal Oak shortly.

An Expert on the Potato Crop.—Coast Market Commissioner R. C. Abbott, who is an authority on the potato crop, stated in an address on Tuesday evening at Point Grey that in 1916 there was a total of 13,237 acres planted to potatoes, yielding 81,555 tons, an average of 6.11 tons per acre. This production could easily be doubled on the same amount of land, he contended. Of the 1916 crop 851 cars, containing 258,546 sacks had gone into the United States, mostly to points in the Southern States.

Prohibition Convention.—March 28-29 are the dates on which the provincial convention of the supporters of the prohibition will be held in this city, and it is fully expected that from 200 to 300 delegates from different parts of the province will be in the city during that time. There will be ten representatives for each member of the electoral districts. The sessions of the convention which will extend over the two days will be open to the public. Wednesday afternoon will be occupied with the registering of the delegates, and in the evening the report of the committee on the taking of the overseas soldiers' vote will be heard, after which a full discussion of the situation will take place. Thursday will be occupied with the general business of the convention.

ESPAGNE AT NEW YORK.

New York, March 22.—The French liner Espagne arrived here to-day from Bordeaux with 231 passengers. She came in armed with an automatic rapid-fire on her bow and a large gun aft. Her officers said no German submarines had been sighted.

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STRIKERS HOLDING PLANT IN QUEBEC

Say They Are Prepared to Meet Detachment of Provincial Police

Quebec, March 22.—Two hundred strikers, laborers employed on the construction of the new shops of the Ha Ha Bay Pulp & Lumber Company at Sagoyville, 10 miles from Chicoutimi, have resorted to violence, and are masters of the plant. They also have stopped all traffic on the street car system there. A detachment of provincial police have been rushed to the scene. The men struck last Monday on a question of wages.

A staff correspondent of Le Soleil, of Quebec, this afternoon interviewed the leaders of the strikers. They stated they would not leave the premises of the company, which they have occupied. They said they were prepared to meet the provincial police and the special posse of deputy sheriffs sworn-in. It is said the strikers are armed with carbines and automatic revolvers.

This afternoon the mayors and councillors of the municipalities of St. Alexis and St. Alphonse met to discuss with the provincial police means of bringing the trouble to an end, and preventing bloodshed. Up to a late hour they had reached no definite plan. There is talk of a militia unit being sent.

AMERICAN VESSEL POSTED AS MISSING

Washington, March 22.—The steamship Maryland, of Milwaukee, Philadelphia to London, has been posted by Lloyd's as missing, according to State Department advice today from Consul-General Skinner, at London. No details were given.

London, March 22.—An official communication issued today says that for the week ended March 18, sixteen British ships, each of a tonnage of more than 1,000, were sunk, and eight of a tonnage under 1,000. Twenty-one fishing vessels also were sunk.

The communication also gives the number of vessels arriving and sailing from United Kingdom ports during the period. It says: "For the week ended March 18, merchant vessels of all nationalities of over 100 tons, exclusive of fishing and local craft, at United Kingdom ports: Arrivals, 2,287; sailings, 2,554."

"British merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines of 1,000 tons gross or over, 15; under 1,000 tons, 8.

"British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including one during the week ended March 11, 12.

"British fishing vessels sunk, including 17 sailers, 21."

What is described in the German press as the new war disease—a fear of starvation—has not apparently been classified by the alienists, but it is a recognized form of mania. Perhaps it should be called an exaggerated horror of a contingency rather than delusional insanity, for the recorded cases are those of people whose food has been reduced to the hunger point. One of the symptoms is a passion for hoarding and hiding scraps of food. On more than one Polar expedition a man otherwise quite sane has been caught forming a secret cache of biscuits and linber, which when discovered have been in the last stage of decay.—London Chronicle.

MESSAGE OF GREETING TO RUSSIAN DUMA

Bonar Law and Asquith Spoke When Resolution Was Moved

London, March 22.—Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, a member of the War Council, on moving in the House of Commons this afternoon a resolution of greeting to the Russian Duma, said: "What happened in Russia reminds us of the early days of the French Revolution. It is too soon to say all danger is over in Russia. It is too soon to feel confident that the new government already has laid a foundation upon which, in the language of Burke, liberty will have wisdom and justice for her companions, with prosperity and plenty in her train, but it is not too soon for the Mother of Parliaments to send greetings to the Parliament of our allied country."

"It is not too soon to send a message of goodwill to the new government which has been formed with the declared intention of carrying the war to a successful conclusion, and which has undertaken the arduous task of establishing freedom and order at home."

"It is not for us to judge or condemn those who have taken part in the government of our allied country, but I may be permitted to express a feeling of compassion for the deposed emperor, who for three years was our loyal ally and had laid upon him by birth a burden which was too heavy for him. We can not forget that one of the great issues of this war is whether free institutions can survive against the onslaught of the military despotism. We can not but rejoice that in the final stages of the conflict all the allied countries will be under the direction of governments representing the people."

Mr. Asquith seconded the resolution, saying: "Russia has taken her place by the side of the great democracies of the world. We here, in the first and original home of parliamentary institution, feel it our privilege to be among the first to rejoice in her emancipation and welcome her into the fellowship of free peoples."

The resolution was carried amid loud cheers.

The Irish party gave its support to the Russian resolution in a speech by James Devlin.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND CANADIAN WHEAT

Winnipeg, March 22.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Telegram writes as follows: "Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in a statement today reviews the British proposal to purchase the 1917 Canadian wheat crop which was rejected by the representatives of the western farmers, and that it was not a satisfactory proposal to them has been indicated by the action of these representatives. Their rejection may mean the abandonment of the scheme by Great Britain, and if this year's Canadian wheat crop will have to find its way to Europe through private enterprise, and that market in a great measure already is filled by Government purchasers elsewhere."

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THE FAVORITE TARGET



Germany's decision to sink hospital ships at sight has staggered the civilized world.

MORAHIT IS CALLING RETREAT A "SUCCESS"

A Poor Attempt by That Writer in the Lokal Anzeiger

Berlin, March 19.—Via London, March 22.—"A German success," is the characterization given the German retreat on the western front in the headline of an editorial today on the subject by Major Moahrt, military writer for the Lokal Anzeiger.

"A great resolution was taken," writes Major Moahrt. "The boldness of the general who carried it out is overwhelming, and only the power of von Hindenburg's personality could cause such proof of the grand style of initiative to be accompanied by perfect calm and security."

"That the plan of a strategic shortening of the front was brought into being at Great Headquarters and that it succeeded must give joy to every German heart and simultaneously give rise to a feeling of satisfaction when the war aims of our enemies are remembered. For now the opportunity is offered to inflict upon him at the moment during a sanguinary defence. Although people are often mistaken as to their surmises regarding von Hindenburg's actions, the critics on all sides who look somewhat deeper into things admit that the Germans will obtain economic advantage, an improvement of the front and a gain of time by this movement."

"The British, however, must again begin the preparation of their offensive. Their heavy artillery must be moved ahead with energy and enormous protection. Roads and bridges must be constructed, often under hostile fire. Ammunition transport will be possible only in a very slow fashion. The condition of the evacuated territory makes such advance movement difficult, as it does the loading and provisioning of the troops and observation work."

"They will reproach us with the charge that we acted like the Russians in Poland. As to this, France may settle accounts with England. The law of our warfare is and will be that everything necessary and possible in a military way will be done in this defensive war. Whether the population of the war theatre suffered more through our measures or the enemy's measures may be asked them in the time to come."

SAMUEL HILL AIDS FAMILIES OF FRANCE

Seattle, March 22.—Subscribing \$1,000 in response to a request for donations for the relief of the families of French soldiers now at the front, Samuel Hill, of Seattle, on Wednesday made public a translation of a letter received from Mme. Paul Segers. Mme. Segers's letter follows:

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WILL TRY TO SOLVE IRELAND'S PROBLEM, STATES BONAR LAW

London, March 22.—Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in the House of Commons today that the Government had decided on its own responsibility to make another attempt to solve the Irish question.

Mr. Asquith welcomed the announcement and said that the Government could rely on the active co-operation of the entire House.

WEST OF ST. QUENTIN BRITISH PUSHED ON

Germany Seem to Be Resisting Most Just Southeast of Arras

London, March 22.—Telegraphing from the British army headquarters in France today, a Reuter correspondent says: "Wintry conditions continue on the western front, with considerable falls of snow, rendering field operations difficult. The bad weather, however, is as unfavorable to the Germans as to ourselves, as they can not get observations on the strength or direction of our advance."

"This advance during yesterday and last night was of the same character as on the previous day, that is to say, it was most rapid on the Sauterres Plateau, west of St. Quentin, and was slowest along the front of twenty miles extending southeastward from Arras."

"The latest report is that our cavalry patrols were in contact with German rearwards within five miles of the outskirts of St. Quentin. Enemy resistance was most active in the sector between Arras and Ypres, the latter place being defended by a series of strong points."

"There are many stories of disaffection in the ranks of the Germans. It is known that they are finding difficulty in maintaining their food supplies during the retreat and that some of the late prisoners had not eaten anything for some time."

"Between Ypres and Croisilles, a distance of some ten miles, the retreating Germans are holding a series of machine gun posts, but we are getting up our field guns in excellent style and not much difficulty is anticipated in reducing these. In fact, there already is a pretty deep bulge eastward in the enemy's line at this part reaching to Beaumont-lez-Cambrai, which considerable village was occupied by our troops yesterday. This carries our advance to a point some four miles north of Ypres."

"The Germans are continuing the practice of moving to the rear the inhabitants of the villages they destroy, although in many cases they are carrying away young women to guard against their employment by the French for munitions."

GERMANS SAY MOEWIE IS BACK IN PORT

Berlin, March 22.—The German auxiliary Moewie has returned to a home port of the navy from a second cruise in the Atlantic Ocean. It was announced today by the Admiralty. The Moewie, according to the statement, captured 22 steamships and 5 sailing ships, aggregating 123,000 tons gross.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

RUSSIANS RETOOK SOME GROUND FROM GERMANS

Petrograd, March 22.—A vigorous German attack was made yesterday on the Russian front in the direction of Lida, near the Berezhina river. The War Office announces that the Germans gained considerable ground, although subsequently part of this territory was recovered.

The text of the statement follows: "In the direction of Lida, on the river Berezina, in the region of Saberezhna and Potaschna, enemy troops, after a bombardment of long duration, attacked our positions and occupied them. By our counter-attacks the enemy troops were driven out of Potaschna. The other part of the position remains in the enemy's hands."

MINISTER OF LABOR.

Ottawa, March 22.—Hon. W. J. Roche, Minister of the Interior, is acting Minister of Labor during the absence in the West of Hon. T. W. Crothers.

REACTION GROWS ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Canadian Pacific Had a Sharp Rise of Four Points To-day

(By Wise & Co.)
New York, March 22.—The stock market opened with advances in most issues, but showed but little strength during the day. With the exception of one or two issues, namely, Pacific Mail and Canadian Pacific, the latter having a sharp rise to 152. The general trend of today's trading was toward lower prices. U. S. Steel declined over a point. The copper also declined, Utah being the weakest, selling off two points. Kennecott, however, showed a fair amount of strength, declining only at the close. There was a sudden demand near the close for rails on the application for increased freight rates being expected to have the support of the administration. This advanced them over the opening prices. Call money today was at 2 1/2 per cent.

High	Low	Close
Alaska Gold	81	81
Cuba Cane Sugar	44	43 1/2
Dover, pref.	23	22 1/2
John Hancock	29	28 1/2
Amn. Beet Sugar	91	91
Amn. Can	6	6 1/4
Amn. Car & Foundry	69	67 1/2
Amn. Cotton Oil	44	44
Amn. Ice Securities	27	27 1/2
Amn. Locomotive	104	104
Amn. Smelting	74	72 1/2
Amn. Steel Foundry	64	62 1/2
Amn. Sugar	112	111 1/2
Amn. Woolen	51	50 1/2
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	127	127 1/2
Amn. Zinc	27	26 1/2
Anacosta	84	84
Athol	104	104
Atlantic Gulf	114	114
B. & O.	79	77 1/2
Haldwin Loco.	58	56 1/2
Hoboken Steel	147	144 1/2
Int. Nickel	63	63
C. P. R.	112	112 1/2
Granby	86	86
G. N. Ore etc.	30	29 1/2
Illinois Cent.	102	102 1/2
Ind. Anthracite	120	120 1/2
Inter. Nickel	62	62 1/2
Kas. City Southern	23	22 1/2
Lackawanna	81	80 1/2
Kennecott	47	46 1/2
Ohio	94	92 1/2
Greene Can	44	43 1/2
Lehigh Valley	78	78 1/2
Maxwell Motor	53	53 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	94	94 1/2
Mer. Mercantile	34	33 1/2
Do, pref.	82	81 1/2
Miami	45	44 1/2
Nat. Lead	90	89 1/2
N. Y. Air Brake	151	150 1/2
Nevada Cons.	24	24 1/2
New Haven	44	44 1/2
N. Y. C.	97	96 1/2
N. & W. Pac.	120	119 1/2
N. Am. Coal	84	83 1/2
N. P.	105	104 1/2
Pacific Mail	152	152 1/2
Pennsylvania	51	51 1/2
People's Gas	96	94 1/2
Railway Steel Car	81	80 1/2
Railway Steel Eng.	54	53 1/2
Ray, Cons.	28	27 1/2
Reading	97	95 1/2
Rep. Iron & Steel	85	83 1/2
Sloss Sheffield	73	72 1/2
S. P.	94	92 1/2
U. S. Rubber	91	89 1/2
Do, pref.	208	208 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	102	101 1/2
Tenn. Copper	161	161 1/2
U. P.	104	103 1/2
United Fruit	136	135 1/2
U. S. Steel	110	110 1/2
Do, pref.	118	118 1/2
U. S. Smelting	68	67 1/2
Utah Copper	114	113 1/2
Va. Car. Chemical	42	41 1/2
Western Union	97	96 1/2
White Motors	62	61 1/2
White Sulphur	62	61 1/2
Willy's Overland	24	23 1/2
Money on call, 90 days; bonds, 2-3, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2, 17, 17 1/2, 18, 18 1/2, 19, 19 1/2, 20, 20 1/2, 21, 21 1/2, 22, 22 1/2, 23, 23 1/2, 24, 24 1/2, 25, 25 1/2, 26, 26 1/2, 27, 27 1/2, 28, 28 1/2, 29, 29 1/2, 30, 30 1/2, 31, 31 1/2, 32, 32 1/2, 33, 33 1/2, 34, 34 1/2, 35, 35 1/2, 36, 36 1/2, 37, 37 1/2, 38, 38 1/2, 39, 39 1/2, 40, 40 1/2, 41, 41 1/2, 42, 42 1/2, 43, 43 1/2, 44, 44 1/2, 45, 45 1/2, 46, 46 1/2, 47, 47 1/2, 48, 48 1/2, 49, 49 1/2, 50, 50 1/2, 51, 51 1/2, 52, 52 1/2, 53, 53 1/2, 54, 54 1/2, 55, 55 1/2, 56, 56 1/2, 57, 57 1/2, 58, 58 1/2, 59, 59 1/2, 60, 60 1/2, 61, 61 1/2, 62, 62 1/2, 63, 63 1/2, 64, 64 1/2, 65, 65 1/2, 66, 66 1/2, 67, 67 1/2, 68, 68 1/2, 69, 69 1/2, 70, 70 1/2, 71, 71 1/2, 72, 72 1/2, 73, 73 1/2, 74, 74 1/2, 75, 75 1/2, 76, 76 1/2, 77, 77 1/2, 78, 78 1/2, 79, 79 1/2, 80, 80 1/2, 81, 81 1/2, 82, 82 1/2, 83, 83 1/2, 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TRADE ORGANIZATION FOR EXPORT BUSINESS

Proposal to Establish Big Concern With Branch in British Columbia

Plans for a great export house to look after Canada's foreign trade, especially on the Pacific, have been laid before the Dominion and Provincial Governments by a Vancouver man, Mr. J. Thompson Paxton.

The object and scope of such an export company, Mr. Paxton explains in a memorandum to Sir George Foster, as being similar to that of British, American and German firms already established and highly successful.

minion charter would be required to give the company proper standing, and two of the governors of the company might be nominees of the Federal Government.

Sir George Foster, in reply to this memorandum, said that the whole matter must be undertaken and carried out by business men.

To this Mr. Paxton replied that it was not his idea that the Government should interest itself in raising capital for the company.

Hon. Mr. Pattullo remarks that securing private capital for such an enterprise would be difficult, because the company is bound to have an uphill struggle for a few years.

Writing to friends in the city, a sergeant of the R. M. R.'s gives an interesting account of incidents during a day and night in the trenches, that is, of course, when there are no "strategical retreats" in progress.

"We are now in the trenches. Daylight finds the trench bare and seemingly unoccupied save for a single sentry, the gas guard.

JOMELLI TO GIVE RECITAL IN CITY

Great Captatrice Will Sing Here Under Ladies' Musical Club Auspices

In an interview with the Times last Saturday Mme. Jeanne Jomelli, one of the greatest of living opera singers, expressed a wish to give a concert in Victoria before leaving the Coast.

Madame Jomelli is one of the great dramatic sopranos of to-day. She is of Dutch nationality, and received her first lessons in music in Holland.

With her on this occasion will come Mr. Gilberte, a group of whose songs will constitute a part of her programme.

Many of the men who left are sturdy men of the woods. The fact that not a few possessed grey hairs and fathers of families does not imply that the draft will not do splendid service when they get to the other side.

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SARGISON'S FORESTERS START THEIR JOURNEY

Splendid Body of Men Taken to Mainland En Route East

Captain A. G. Sargison and the Vancouver Island Forestry draft have gone to the Mainland. Nearly one hundred and fifty men marched from their quarters at the Willows to the C. P. R. Wharf.

As the steamer which conveyed them slipped from the wharf, salutations of good cheer were given to the departing troops by the crowds who had gathered, despite the inclement weather, to say an revoir to the men of the woods.

Old Men. The regulations governing qualifications for service in the Forestry battalions were considerably modified some time ago and the effect of that relaxation of restrictions was obvious to the passer-by watching the men as they marched on the first step towards their long journey to the woods of England and France.

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Somehow They Seem to Have Caught the Fancy of a Great Many Men

This illustration features one of the many popular models we are showing. You can see it affords a pleasing change from the ordinary sacque coat.

PRICES \$16.50, \$18 and \$20



Bright colored stripes are being featured in Men's Spring Shirts

We show the best makes. Arrow, W. G. & R., Tooke, French or Stiff Cuffs. \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

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Dominion Theatre TO-DAY THEDA BARA in "The Secrets of Society"

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BATTLES IN TRENCHES COMMENCED TO ORDER Sergeant of Rocky Mountain Rangers Tells of a Day in Front Lines

Two Washes Weekly. "We are now in the trenches. Daylight finds the trench bare and seemingly unoccupied save for a single sentry, the gas guard.

Coal-Black. "It is amusing to watch the cook, once a white man, now with the appearance of a negro from darkest Africa, his hair is all black.

Too Smart For Him. "In the midst of one of these daytime battles in close confines, the ears detect a humming as of a dozen hives of bees. We scan the heavens.

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Personal Mrs. T. E. Collins, of Washington, and Miss Helen Wood, of Helena, Montana, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Ashcroft Potatoes \$2.50 100 lb. Sack

Table listing various food items and their prices, including Local Eggs, Wheat Flakes, Beans, Milk, Tea, and Sugar.

DIXIROSS Quality Grocers, 1317 Government St.

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EXCELLENT WORK BY NUMBER 5 HOSPITAL

Twenty Thousand Cases Treated at Salonica; Men Entered Other Service

"During the year 1916 we handled almost 20,000 patients. Among these we had only 73 deaths."

This statement by Capt. T. H. Green, of New Westminster, who has just reached the coast to spend part of a three-months' furlough...

SAANICH TAX SALE

Notices Have Been Issued This Week to Delinquents for Sale to Be Held This Summer.

Notices have been issued this week to the persons to be affected by the Saanich tax sale of 1917.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as "Cookson Plumbing Company," in the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia...

PROPOSAL ADOPTED

Motor Cycle Patrol Replaces Mounted Men; Police Commissioners' Meeting.

Business at the meeting of the City Police Commissioners yesterday was largely of a routine character.

Capacity Increased

The hospital was established with a capacity to treat 1,000 patients. This was subsequently increased to a capacity of 2,700.

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own dispensary, and we had besides the quartermaster's department for the issuing of clothes to the patients. For a time we had a dental department, but not at present.

Hut System

When the B. C. Base Hospital was first established at Salonica it was in tents. These last August were replaced by huts. The system gives very much greater comfort to the patients. There are thirty-three wards. Each is a separate hut, with electric light and water specially laid on in each. In these hut-wards is accommodation for about 1,500 patients. Tent-wards provide accommodation for the other 200 which the hospital can take.

Queer Old Place

"Salonica is a queer old place," said the returned officer. "It is very cosmopolitan. One sees every nationality of East and West represented in the streets. There are numerous military hospitals both inside the walls and outside, but I cannot give even an approximate idea of what their capacity might be if totalled."

"In the great cosmopolitan crowd that was to be seen in Salonica a Britisher could not help but be proud of his nationality," continued the officer.

"They were smart, well-set-up men, and carried themselves with such a soldierly bearing and free carriage that one would single them out from any group. It was worth while being near to see the soldiers change guard. The men swung out as a single man. In point of discipline, too, they are splendid."

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No definite information was communicated in this connection, but the probability is that these units will be sent on hospital service into France or England.

"Flies and mosquitoes were very bad when the unit first settled in Salonica. The fact that the B. C. Hospital had under ten cases of malaria was very good evidence of the effectiveness of the measures adopted to combat the mosquito pest."

Capt. Green left for his home in New Westminster after conferring with Col. Duff-Stuart.

PROPOSAL ADOPTED

Motor Cycle Patrol Replaces Mounted Men; Police Commissioners' Meeting.

Business at the meeting of the City Police Commissioners yesterday was largely of a routine character. As forecasted yesterday, the proposal went through to abolish the mounted patrol and replace it by motor cyclists.

Recognizing that the time may come when a mounted man or two may be wanted to control crowds on the streets, latitude to hire horses will be retained. The motor cycle patrol will be continuous in eight-hour shifts.

Some discussion took place with regard to the prosecution of fortune-tellers, mediums, etc., and if any cases arise the offenders will be brought before the Magistrate. There is one case still of a suspicious character now under surveillance.

Some reference to the legislation now being promoted, at the desire of the City Council, for amendments to give greater discretionary power as to

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A Special Lot of Embroideries, Edgings and Insertions. 9c Friday, Yard

A Large Range of Neckwear and Collar and Cuff Sets to Clear Friday at 75c

We are offering a splendid range of Embroideries, Edgings and Insertions that sell regularly at 12 1/2c a yard Friday only at 9c.

We made a special purchase of a beautiful lot of Neckwear and Collar and Cuff Sets which we will offer Friday at the above special price.

600 Yards of Curtain Scrim. Special Friday at 15c Yard

Part of a special lot our buyer was fortunate to pick up at much below their present value. The lot includes Fine Bordered Scrim with fancy borders, all self colors in cream, ceru and white.

75 Dozen Slightly Imperfect Fibre Silk Hose to Clear, Friday, Pair 69c

Friday we offer 75 dozen Women's Fibre Silk Hose. These are slightly imperfect and are big values at the selling price.

Women's Washing Silk Waists. Special Value at 85c

An unusually smart range of Women's Washing Silk Waists, made in many pretty styles, with large collars and long sleeves.

New Straw Shapes. Very Special at \$1.50

Just arrived, a shipment of new shapes in plain and fancy straws. These come in a variety of smart shapes. All colors are represented. Special value at \$1.50

Stamped Tea Aprons Friday, Each, 15c

Dainty Little Tea Aprons, stamped for working on self striped muslin, with scalloped borders or plain lace edges.

Patent Leather Belts Special at 15c

A Large Assortment of Narrow Patent Belts, suitable for boys and girls. Your choice of tan, navy, black and blue and white stripes. Special 15c

Real Leather Handbags, Friday, \$1.49

A Special Range of Real Leather Bags in several smart shapes. These are fitted with small change purse and mirror, very strong handles with Paisley and self colored linings. Friday, each \$1.49

Two Big Silk Specials for Friday Only

All Silk Crepe de Chine, suitable for fashionable dresses and waists. All the wanted shades are represented, such as sage, mauve, brown, cream, navy, green, grey, sky, emerald and white; 40 inches wide. Regular \$2.25 value. Friday only, yard \$1.69

Silk Poppins, wool warp. These come in a nice heavy weight, uncrushable, in the following shades: Apricot, sage, brown, purple, navy, gold, strawberry, grey, green and shadow lawn; 42 inches wide. Regular \$2.00 value. Friday only, yard \$1.49

Friday's News From the Staple Department

Visit our Enlarged Staple Goods Dept., where you will be surprised with the array of merchandise and the exceptional values to be found there.

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Strong Kitchen Towelling, 18 inches wide. Per yard 12c.

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