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OPENING OF NEW YEAR HAILED ON ALL SIDES AS BEGINNING OF THE END OF GREATEST WAR IN WORLD HISTORY

Theories Differ as to How the Finish Will Come but There is Profound Conviction That 1917 Will Bring Absolute Victory to Allies and Lasting Peace to the World

With the British armies in France, Jan. 1.—The arrival of 1917 was welcomed on the western front by the British and French soldiers as a beginning of the end of the greatest war in world history. There may be varying views, and theories as to how the end is to be brought about but there is no question that throughout the British army there is a conviction that the next 12 months will bring a victorious peace to the allies.

Opinion among the British and French fighters as to how the war will end is divided into two schools. One believes that Germany will be willing to grant extreme concessions and the other that only military pressure will bring them the fruits of victory. Both schools are, however, agreed that this is the decisive year.

On most sectors of the British front the new year made its bow with little ceremony. So many flares and rockets were sent from the trenches on these long dark nights that it is impossible to say how many of these tonight were in honor of 1917. There is one sector, however, where the British artillery followed the practice adopted last year, of welcoming January 1, with salvos

against their enemy from guns of all calibres. Along this front everything from machine guns to the biggest of the "heavies," joined in the firing, first one round then nine, then one and finally nine.

"We do not know whether the German recognized it or not, but we will try them again to-night," said an artillery captain as he started for a distant part of the line to give the necessary instructions. In sending this fiery greeting to the Germans there was a further complication of difference of time, the Germans observing continental time, which is one hour ahead of the British and French clocks.

To avoid all doubt the British artillery fired signal salvos at both 11 o'clock and midnight. Low black clouds scudded over the battle area this last night of the old year, and its successor was borne on a howling wind which caught and carried away the thunder of the guns. The grim-booming was swept far beyond the battle lines until it mingled with the church bells summoning the people to prayer in the war-bound villages of France.

ing to every person who admires Mr. Williams and honors the qualities he has in such full measure. In his career in the House Mr. Williams was unceasing in his efforts to have legislation passed for the amelioration of the lot of the working man. Against the opposition of the government of the day he was powerless to a great extent to accomplish what he desired, but nevertheless he succeeded in having placed on the statute books many acts which are of inestimable value to all working men.

Mr. Williams has been always keenly interested in the adoption of safety appliances, not only in the mines, where so much of his practical experience has been, but in all industries. In his new position Mr. Williams can be looked to to devote particular attention to this phase of the commission's duties. In the consideration of claims for compensation his sound common sense and fairness will constitute him an excellent commissioner.

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From 1900 to 1903 he was one of the members for Vancouver in the legislature, where his abilities made him a prominent member. He has served as an alderman in Vancouver and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs.

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GENERAL HAIG IS NOW FIELD MARSHAL A FIELD MARSHAL

New Year's Honors Include Many Distinguished Canadian Soldiers

DR. HART'S SPLENDID WORK SECURES HIM C. M. G.

Lt.-Col. Lorne Ross Gets the D. S. O., With Several Others

London, Jan. 1.—A long list of naval and military honors conferred on the occasion of the New Year includes the promotion of Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, to be a field marshal; Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson to be a general, and Maj.-Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, commander of the forces in East Africa, to be an honorary lieutenant general.

The following Canadians are mentioned in the military honors list: Commanders of the Bath—Col. Herbert Stanley, Col. H. S. Birkett and Col. J. A. Roberts, all of the Canadian medical corps; Brig.-Gen. A. C. Joly de Lotbiniere, son of the late lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.

Companions of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—Lieut.-Col. Robert Douglas Ketchen, Lieut.-Col. Robert Rennie, Lieut.-Col. Garnet Hughes, Lieut.-Col. E. W. B. Morrison and Lieut.-Col. Edward Charles Hart.

Besides the foregoing, who are all members of the Canadian overseas forces, the following officers received the C. M. G.: Lieut.-Col. C. C. Van Straubenzee, Royal Artillery; Lieut. Francis F. Dufus, Imperial Army Service Corps.

The following officers are appointed majors general: Lieut.-Col. H. C. Cunliffe, Royal Artillery, well known in Canada; Col. G. H. Wining, formerly in the Canadian militia, now in the imperial forces.

Col. G. N. Cory, formerly in the Canadian militia, and Col. L. J. Lipssett, of the Canadian forces, were appointed brevet colonels.

Temporary Brig.-Gen. J. H. McBrine, of the Canadian Dragoons, is appointed a brevet lieutenant colonel. The following all Canadians, are given the D. S. O.: Major Ronald McKean, Major Alexander Merrill, Major Vincent Allen, Lieut.-Col. William B. Anderson, Major William Andrews, Lieut.-Col. R. C. Kemp, Major F. E. Arnold, Major W. M. Balfour, Major J. C. Ball, Major W. G. Beaman, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Bell, Lieut.-Col. Charles E. Bent, Major W. R. Bertram, Major H. E. Book, Lieut.-Col. R. H. Britton, Lieut.-Col. G. S. Cantlie, Lieut.-Col. H. G. Carscallen, Major F. C. Constantine, Major C. A. Corrigan, Lieut.-Col. J. J. Creelman, Major Ludlow Jules, Major G. G. Gingsra, Major A. E. Dubuc, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Finlay, Major K. C. Folger, Major J. A. Forber, Lieut.-Col. F. A. Gascoigne, Lieut.-Col. H. A. Genest, Lieut.-Col. Wm. Gibson, Lieut.-Col. H. L. Gordon, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Gunn, Major H. W. Harbord, Major F. O. Hodgkinson, Lieut.-Col. T. F. Dixon, Lieut.-Col. W. Hughes, Major Barnard Henble, Lieut.-Col. E. W. Jones, Major T. P. Jones, Major W. E. Kemp, Major James Kirkcaldy, Lieut.-Col. G. E. McCraik, Major E. W. Macdonald, Major J. A. Macdonell, Major A. B. McEwen, Lieut.-Col. Archibald, Lieut.-Col. Ernest Graham McKenzie, Major J. P. McKenzie, Major J. A. Macdonald, Major Barrett, McLennan, Captain Wm. E. Mansfield, Lieut.-Col. Henry Milligan, Major G. F. Morris, Major F. S. Morrison, Major L. F. Page, Major R. H. Palmer, Major Johnson Lindsay, Major R. Parsons, Major T. E. Powers, Major B. W. Roscoe, Major J. M. Ross, Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Show, Col. A. E. Snell, Lieut. John Smith, Lieut.-Col. Stewart Thomas, Lieut.-Col. Louis Tremblay, Major P. E. Yillers, Major B. F. Ware, Lieut.-Col. Wm. Webster and Lieut.-Col. R. P. Wright.

NEWFOUNDLAND IS "DRY" TO-DAY

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 31.—At the stroke of 12 to-night the whole island of Newfoundland goes "dry," a prohibition act becoming effective. A long list of patent medicines has been placed under the ban.

WARNINGS OF RAIDER.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 1.—Radio messages warning entente allied shipping to be on the lookout for a disguised German raider, whose presence in the Atlantic was reported by British authorities some time ago, were renewed Saturday night at frequent intervals. The message, which purported to come from British and French cruisers off the coast, was sent out alternately in English and French. The description of the raider as previously given was repeated in each message.

NOW FIELD MARSHAL



GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG Who is in command of the British forces on the west front.

MANY VESSELS ARE SUBMARINE VICTIMS

British Sailors Forced to Carry Bombs to Destroy Their Ship

London, Jan. 1.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the Russian steamship Tuscara, 3,612 tons gross, by a German submarine. Three members of the crew were drowned. The others were landed at Stavanger.

The Norwegian steamship Edda, 1,117 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine. Her crew was landed.

The cutter Protector has been blown up. The number of men lost is unknown.

Lloyds reports the sinking of the Danish steamship Denmark, 2,950 tons gross. Twenty-four members of her crew have been landed.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Norwegian steamer Thyra, 2,742 tons gross, is reported in a Havas dispatch from Coruna, Spain, to have put into that port yesterday with a German prize crew of five men on board. In addition to the Thyra's crew of 14, there were on the vessel seven members of the crew of a British steamship which had been torpedoed. According to the dispatch the Germans declared they were going to torpedo the Thyra.

New York, Dec. 31.—How members of the British steamship Briardene, sunk off Kirkwall on Dec. 1, were

New Year's Greeting From the Premier

To the people of the capital, as well as to those of the province at large, I desire to offer the wishes of my colleagues and myself for a very prosperous new year.

The paramount duty of the year is to do all in our power to assist in the prosecution of the war to such a complete victory that a lasting peace may be assured. In this connection I would commend to our people the census of Canada's man-power which is being taken in this, the national service, week.

It is the duty of us all to see that the various patriotic funds are kept as far and as long as the need for them exists, which, it is the sincere hope of every Briton, may not be beyond the end of this new year.

I would ask of every man and woman in British Columbia that they lend a hand in making this province ready for the brave men who will be returning to it as soon as the war is over. No one can doubt its wonderful resources, and to their development I ask its people to devote their efforts in 1917.

H. C. BREWSTER.

PATCHED-UP PEACE MEANS DESTRUCTION

Earl Curzon Speaks of Signs of Exhaustion Visible in Germany

London, Jan. 1.—In a New Year's message to the Primrose Club, Earl Curzon, a member of the war cabinet, says: "This is the third year of such a message in circumstances of war, and we all pray it may be the last year. It is impossible, however, to say as yet that the end is in sight.

"Signs of exhaustion are visible in many quarters, peace rites are flowing, but meanwhile the struggle goes on and neither side has obtained that decisive preponderance which points to conclusive results. It seems likely that well into another year, perhaps longer, must we continue this dreadful tragedy that is turning the world into hell, and wrecking the brightest promise of nations.

"Our spirit can not falter, since an inconclusive war or a patched-up peace means for us not only humiliation but destruction."

DRIVEN INTO THE SNOW. Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—Fire in a downtown hotel here early to-day drove nine tenants, clad in sleeping apparel, from their rooms, onto the snow-covered sidewalks. Three were women with babies in their arms. The fire damage was slight and the occupants of their burned houses were taken care of by neighbors.

British Press Opinion on Allied Answer to German Peace Overtures

Guardian Hopes Reply to Wilson Will Be Done by a Better Hand; Ten Allies Have United to Defy the Powers of Darkness; Demand Restitution

London, Jan. 1.—The hope is expressed by the Manchester Guardian that the forthcoming note of the entente to President Wilson will be written by a different hand and in a different spirit than the reply of the allies to Germany.

"Several things must be remembered in extenuation of the poor quality and poorer expression of the allies' reply to Germany," says the Guardian. "Obviously it is not a good translation from the French. Moreover, the French original clearly is not the French of a Frenchman. We should say it is a French rendering of a Russian original, passed without sensible modification in Paris, and finally badly done into English in London.

"Aside from these blemishes, in substance the reply was very much what was expected and inevitable. We venture to think nothing was added to its course by the verbal embellishments with which it was enlarged and weakened. These emotional appeals continue throughout the note until the postscript, which is strong, clear, logical, convincing and obviously by a different hand, dealing specially with Belgium.

"Nevertheless we see no reason why, if Germany is willing publicly to state what she is prepared to offer, we should not follow with a statement of what we demand. The next exchange of views will be between the allies and President Wilson. This is a different matter. The reply of the central powers was collective, but we see no reason why the reply of the allies should be at least, we hope it will be drafted in this country and addressed, as we alone know how, to the mind and heart of the people of the United States. If it is to avail of it in enlightening American opinion and winning American sympathy it must be conceived in a different spirit and expressed in different terms from the document just made public. The drafting should be by Foreign Secretary Balfour. There is none better able than he to put forward our noble cause."

Does Not Wind Up Debate. The Westminster Gazette says: "The reply of the allies to the central powers by no means winds up this debate. We have now to reply to President Wilson's note, and we hope we shall do so in the reasoned and courteous manner which is due a friendly neutral. In this we have not merely to inform President Wilson on questions which in all probability he well understands, but to make our case clear to the American public, which is not and cannot be expected to be familiar with European politics unless it is so instructed.

"There is nothing in history—quite analogous to this exchange of manifestos between belligerents while the armies are still at rest, but let us be sure it is going to play a highly important and possibly useful part in the last stage of the war."

Defy Powers of Darkness. The Morning Post describes the joint note of the allies as a document in which "ten nations have defied the powers of darkness and once more pledged themselves to fight to the end," and says it is a "moral victory of extraordinary moment to civilization."

"We are not fighting in the cause of righteousness," the Morning Post continues, "we have made the greatest mistake known to history. It is for this reason that the intervention of neutrals is and must remain futile and it is for the same reason that peace on the German terms is now declared impossible of acceptance.

"The allies have counted the cost, and of what the cost consists they learned in the terrible school of thirty months of war."

The Daily News expresses the belief that after the utterances of the Russian emperor the reply of the entente allies could scarcely have been other than it was.

Demand Restitution. "The one doubtful point," says the Daily News, "is that the English word makes the allies demand restitution but penalties for crimes committed by Germany. This, if not merely a misunderstanding, would be a grave and ominous change. The French word 'sanction' almost certainly does not mean what the English word 'penalties' conveys. It is rather a synonym for guarantees than a blunt threat of punishment."

Discussing the possible outcome of the reply, the Daily News says: "It does not follow that because the proposal is a rejection all hopes of negotiations in the near future are ended. The allies have replied to Germany, but have not replied to President Wilson. Nor has Germany yet returned to him

a relevant answer. Proposals to negotiate in the dark have ended, but the proposals for the belligerents to state their terms remains."

COMPENSATION BOARD IS NAMED

E. S. H. Winn, Roseland, Will Be Chairman of Commission

PARKER WILLIAMS AND HUGH B. GILMOUR ON IT

All Are Men of Experience and Ability, and Have Public Confidence

E. S. H. Winn, Roseland, Will Be Chairman of Commission

The above-named gentlemen will constitute the board of three commissioners who will administer the Workmen's Compensation Act, which went into effect as between employers and employees, and for the payment of compensation for injuries, at midnight, with the first moment of 1917.

Mr. Winn will be chairman, and is appointed for ten years at a salary of \$3,000 a year. Mr. Williams is appointed for nine years and Mr. Gilmour for eight years, each at an annual salary of \$2,000.

As will be seen, the government has made a wise choice of the board to administer the act, all of whom are able, businesslike and thoroughly honorable men. In their hands the administration of the new scheme of compensation without litigation may be safely placed, and the success of the new policy will be assured.

Parker Williams is one of the best known men in British Columbia and thoroughly respected by friends and opponents. He is a native of Wales, where he was born 43 years ago. He has worked as a coal miner in the mines of Wales, Vancouver Island, Washington state and Alberta, in railway construction camps in this province and in Ontario, and in the lumber camps along the Upper Ottawa. He has held several positions in labor and Socialist circles, and is well-informed on all questions affecting labor.

Mr. Williams entered the legislature as a member for Newcastle in 1903, and has been re-elected at every general election since. From 1912 to 1915 he was the leader of the small but very able and efficient opposition in the House, in which position he won the admiration of everyone.

He is a splendid type of citizen, of high principle, as honest and sincere as the day, a telling speaker and debater, and possessed of a fund of native humor which plays round the most serious subject and illuminates his wealth of ideas. That the people of Newcastle again sent him to the House for which a handsome majority is greatly to their credit as it is pleas-

GERMAN ATTACKS UTTERLY REPULSED

Enemy Artillery is Active on Right Bank of Meuse

Paris, Jan. 1.—In the Champagne yesterday, after a violent bombardment with trench guns, the Germans made two successive attacks on our advanced positions west of Auberville. A long list of patent medicines has been placed under the ban.

"These two attacks were repulsed completely.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the artillery was rather active during the night between Chambrettes farm and the Bezon Vaux."

COLLIDED IN A FOG.

Queenstown, Jan. 1.—The Italian steamship Logano has been damaged badly in collision in the fog outside Cork harbor and is reported to have sunk. Her crew has been brought here with the exception of her captain and one seaman, who were drowned.

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**SEVEN ECLIPSES
TO OCCUR IN 1917**

Four of the Sun and Three of the Moon, First January 8

Washington, Jan. 1.—Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1917, according to a memorandum issued by the naval observatory.

The last year in which seven eclipses came was early in the last century and the next will be in 1935.

On Jan. 8, there will be a total eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow visible throughout the United States, beginning at 12.50 a. m. and ending at 4.39 a. m. eastern time. Between 2 and 3.39 a. m. eastern time, the eclipse will be total.

HEAVY GOLD IMPORTS.

New York, Jan. 1.—The inflow of gold last week carried the total of the year's imports to \$684,700,000. This is by far the greatest amount of gold to enter the United States in a single year. The total of imports for the year is \$1,350,000,000. The heavy expansion of shipments since last Monday is taken in banking circles as an indication that the British plan to continue sending gold here on an enormous scale.

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**MANY ALIENS WERE
ON VOTERS' LISTS**

Kitchener, formerly Berlin, Ontario, Finds Large Number There

Kitchener, Jan. 1.—A total of 246 aliases of enemy birth whose names appear on the voters' lists for 1917 were struck off by the court of revision, presided over by Judge Han-ning, after the court of general sessions had rendered judgment that aliens of enemy birth must not be naturalized during the war period.

Opposition to the naturalization of alien enemies was made by the British League, which was represented by E. W. Clement, and the applicants were represented by A. L. Bizer, of the Citizens' League.

The evidence of about thirty of the applicants for naturalization was heard by the court of general sessions, and it was ascertained that they had been residing in Canada for periods ranging from ten to thirty years and had neglected applying for naturalization papers.

Judge Hanning, supported by Magistrate Blake, of Galt, rendered judgment to the effect that the application of all those of alien allegiance to countries with which our empire is at war must be refused. His Honor Judge Reade delivered an exhaustive judgment, in which he defined an alien enemy in the following terms:

"Alien enemies are those who are subjects of foreign countries with which our country is at war. They are without the pale of international consideration and have no rights whatever and only such privilege as may be tendered to them by indulgence so long as they remain quiet and unobtrusive. They have no standing in our courts for the enforcement of rights or redress of grievance, but are here on sufferance only and liable to internment and imprisonment the moment they show any activity in favor of the enemy."

**MONTHS OF SACRIFICE
BEFORE THE NATION**

Fear Expressed That This May
Not Strike Rich as
Well as Poor

London, Jan. 1.—(By Francis W. Hirst.)—Everyone is in a flutter of doubt and anxious expectancy. This rather than want of interest is responsible for the movements in the stock market being unimportant. A sentence from Lloyd George's speech indicating the need for a brief period of "months or even weeks" of special sacrifice was quoted by a member of parliament yesterday, along with Bonar Law's statement that "our finances will hold out long enough to secure a successful issue."

The political difficulty is that to enforce privation measures will hit the poor hardest and so promote the spread of revolutionary doctrines. Even the mild official Labor party is understood to be pressing for a levy of 25 per cent. on capital, besides plans for land settlement which would break up the large estates. Altogether politics and finance have gone into a melting pot, from which neither caucus nor crowd nor even the rules of arithmetic will emerge unscathed.

Meanwhile, food and shipping dictators will have to take strong steps before parliament meets to prove the superiority of the new over the old government. Many newspapers are pressing for the closing down of breweries and confectionery trades until the end of the war. Experts believe that otherwise both flour and sugar will run very short, though rising prices ultimately will check consumption.

The raising of the statutory railroad fare one penny a mile, to three half pence next Monday was challenged last week in the House of Commons as ultra vires, but will be justified if questioned in the law courts as a war measure under the defence of the realm act. Workmen's cheap fares are unaffected, but the measure will reduce traveling, which is the government's aim, as otherwise, with the removal of many trains and locomotives, there would be serious congestion and overcrowding.

No one dare speculate in the present stage, but the indications from hostile newspapers and from neutral countries support the belief that the German-Austrian peace push will continue. Now that the ice has been broken, public and private discussion of peace terms will proceed simultaneously with war measures.

Concerning a peace conference, the Journal des Debats makes the sardonic suggestion that Brussels would be a good neutral centre, which may help the German government to see the need for some positive moral action by way of accelerating peace.

Certainly, the British public wants an official manifestation from the German government of a change of heart. The mere declaration of a desire for peace made an impression, but more is demanded.

EDITOR COMMITS SUICIDE.

London, Jan. 1.—A coroner's jury Saturday return a verdict that Reginald John Smith, head of a London publishing house and editor of the Cornhill Magazine, who died Thursday, committed suicide while temporarily insane, having thrown himself from a window while his nurse was out of the room.

January Sale of Ladies' Suits, Coats and Dresses

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SUGGESTION FROM THE GERMANS THAT IS DEVOID OF STATEMENT OF TERMS IS NOT AN OFFER OF PEACE, ALLIES SAY

Reply to So-Called Peace Overtures Terms Them a War Manoeuvre and Reminds the Hun of His Deliberate and Continued Violation of Belgium; Ten Powers Join in It

London, Jan. 1.—The joint reply of the Entente allies to the German peace proposal was issued Saturday in the form of an official communication giving the text of the note. The reply characterizes the German proposal as "illusory," declaring that "no suggestion without a statement of terms, that negotiations should be opened, is not an offer of peace."

After analyzing Germany's motives in proposing negotiations the note says: "Fully conscious of the gravity of this moment, but equally conscious of its requirements, the allied governments, closely united to one another and in perfect sympathy with their peoples, refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere."

The note also declares: "Once again the allies declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principle of nationalities and the free existence of small states, as long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end once and for all, forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations and to afford the only effective guarantee for the future security of the world."

Ten Powers Are One. Paris, Jan. 1.—In reply to the offer of Germany and her allies for a peace conference, the Entente allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere."

The note was handed to the American ambassador, Wm. Graves Sharp, by Premier Briand, and made public simultaneously in Paris and London. The Entente allied governments insist that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties and the free existence of small states, and have not brought about a settlement for the future security of the world. The note declares that the proposal of the central powers is not an offer of peace, but a "war manoeuvre." It is declared to be founded on "calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

The text of the note follows:

"The allied governments of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania, Russia and Serbia, united for the defence of the liberty of their peoples and faithful to engagements taken not to lay down their arms separately, have resolved to reply collectively to the pretended propositions for peace which were addressed to them on behalf of the enemy governments through the intermediary of the United States, Spain, Switzerland and Holland. Before making any reply, the allied powers desire particularly to protest against the two essential assertions of the note of the enemy powers that pretend to throw upon the allies responsibility for the war and proclaim the victory of the central powers."

Tried to Avoid War.

"The allied governments cannot admit an affirmation doubly inexact, and which suffices to render sterile all tentative negotiations. The allied nations have sustained for thirty months a war they did everything to avoid. They have shown by their acts their attachment to peace. That attachment is as strong to-day as it was in 1914. But it is not upon the word of Germany, after the violation of its engagements, that the peace broken by her may be based."

"A mere suggestion without a statement of terms, that negotiations should be opened, is not an offer of peace. The putting forward by the imperial government of a sham proposal, lacking all substance and precision, would appear to be less an offer of peace than a war manoeuvre. It is founded on calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

"As for the past, the German note takes no account of the facts, dates and figures which establish that the war was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary."

"At The Hague conference it was a German delegate who refused all proposals for disarmament. In July, 1914, it was Austria-Hungary, who, after having addressed to Serbia an unprecedented ultimatum, declared war upon her in spite of the satisfaction which had been accorded at once."

Central Empires Rejected Peace.

"The central empires then rejected all attempts made by the entente to bring about a pacific solution of a purely local conflict. Great Britain suggested a conference, and France proposed an international commission; the Emperor of Russia asked the German Emperor to go to arbitration, and Russia and Austria-Hungary came to an understanding on the eve of the conflict. But to all these efforts Germany gave neither answer nor effect."

"Belgium was invaded by an empire which had guaranteed her neutrality, and which had the assurance to proclaim that treaties were 'scraps of paper' and that 'necessity knows no law.'"

"At the present moment these sham offers on the part of Germany rest on the 'war map' of Europe alone, which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the situation, and not the real strength of the belligerents. A peace concluded upon these terms would be only to the advantage of the aggressors, who, after imagining that they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after two years that they could never attain it."

Germany Ignores Future. "As for the future, the disasters caused by the German declaration of war and innumerable outrages committed by Germany and her allies against both belligerents and neutrals, demand penalties, reparation and guarantees. Germany avoids mention of any of these."

"In reality these overtures made by the central powers are nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of the war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The object of these overtures is to create dissension in public opinion in allied countries. But that public opinion has, in spite of all the sacrifices endured by the allies, already given its answer with admirable firmness, and has denounced the empty pretences of the declaration of the enemy powers."

"They have the further object of stiffening public opinion in Germany and in the countries allied to her—one and all severely tried by their losses, worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants."

Deception of Huns. "They endeavor to deceive and intimidate public opinion in neutral countries, whose inhabitants have long since made up their minds where the initial responsibilities lie, and are far too enlightened to favor the designs of Germany by abandoning the defence of human freedom."

"Finally, these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes—submarine warfare, deportations, forced labor and forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality."

"Fully conscious of the gravity of this movement, but equally conscious of its requirements, the allied governments, closely united to one another, and in perfect sympathy with their peoples, refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere."

"Once again the allies declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principle of nationality and of the free existence of small states; so long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end once and for all forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations and to afford the only effective guarantee for the future security of the world."

Outraging of Belgium. "In conclusion, the allied powers think it necessary to put forward the following considerations, which show the special situation of Belgium after two and a half years of war. In view of the international treaties signed by five great European powers, of whom Germany was one, Belgium enjoyed before the war a special status, rendering her territory inviolable and placing her, under the guarantee of the powers, outside all European conflicts. She was, however, in spite of these treaties, the first to suffer the aggression of Germany. For this reason the Belgian government thinks it necessary to define the aims which Belgium has never ceased to pursue while fighting side by side with the entente nations for right and justice."

"Belgium always has scrupulously fulfilled the duties which her neutrality imposed upon her. She has taken up arms to defend her independence and her neutrality, violated by Germany, and to show that she remains faithful to her international obligations."

Reparation and Safeguards. "On the fourth of August, 1914, in the Reichstag, the German chancellor admitted that this aggression constituted an injustice contrary to the laws of nations, and pledged himself in the name of Germany to repair it. During two and a half years this injustice has been cruelly aggravated by the proceedings of the occupying forces, which have exhausted the resources of the country, ruined its industries, devastated its towns and villages, and have been responsible for innumerable massacres, executions and imprisonments."

"At this very moment, while Germany is proclaiming peace and humanity to the world, she is deporting Belgian citizens by thousands and reducing them to slavery."

"Belgium before the war asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Her king and her government have but one aim—the re-establishment of peace and justice. But they only desire peace which would assure to their country legitimate reparation, guarantees and safeguards for the future."

EXILED AMERICANS. Washington, Jan. 1.—Final plans for bringing home the 399 Americans interned for months in Syria and Palestine have been made by the state department and communicated to Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople, and provide for sending the cruiser Des Moines from Alexandria, Egypt, to Beirut as soon as the refugees are brought from Jaffa. Turkish military authorities refused to allow the Americans to leave from Jaffa, but have given permission for use of the Beirut route.

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THE ENTENTE REPLY.

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"Whether the German government will attempt a rejoinder to the entente reply, of which the foregoing is an extract, or not, remains to be seen, but if it should do so, the product of its efforts will be a fearful and wonderful concoction. The note places Germany, without ambiguity or vagueness, precisely where she belongs—in the prisoner's dock. It brands her as a criminal with the proceeds of her crime still on her person and leaves not the slightest doubt of the intention of the allies to make it impossible for her to menace the security of the world again. If her rulers entertained any idea that their "will to peace," manifested in their press campaign, their pressure upon peace-loving neutrals, their side-show arrangements for a conference at The Hague, their intrigues and conspiracies, had made any impression upon her adversaries, the delusion has gone the way of the world-power bubble. The education of Germany is a difficult and costly process, but it undoubtedly was advanced very materially by the terms of the allies' reply to her peace kite.

If the text of the entente reply has been made public in Germany and Austria the inhabitants of the central empires to-day are entering the new year in a most uncomfortable frame of mind. If they are able to penetrate in the slightest degree the fog which surrounds them they must realize that the greatest obstacle to peace is the crazy policy for which their government stands, and that until that policy has been abandoned there can be no cessation of hostilities. Nothing more aptly demonstrates the colossal egotism and incorrigible arrogance of the Kaiser and his satellites than the delusion that they could assault their neighbors, perpetrate unparalleled orgies of murder and rapine, and then retire at their own chosen hour from the wreck and havoc they have caused with their pockets bulging with loot. Nor was this view confined to the German rulers. There has been a fairly general belief throughout the central empires that peace would come when their war-lords willed it. Frederick the Great had peace when Lechese to sheathe the sword—and a Prussian peace at that. It was thought, therefore, that Wilhelm, mightier than Frederick because of his intimate alliance with God, likewise would be the arbiter of the issue. The Prussian mind runs strongly to historical precedents. It has been thinking more of the Seven Years' War than any other conflict, because this suited its book. The entente note in all probability will shift it to the fatal adventure of Napoleon.

This war must go on until suffering and defeat restore Germany's sanity and endow her with a complete change of mental outlook. Those who direct her policy to-day are the same men who began the conflict, the same lying, spying, butchering agents of devildom who sprang upon Belgium. All this is made abundantly clear by the entente note. A few weeks ago an incident occurred which demonstrated beyond cavil that the official Prussian attitude towards small nations is the same to-day as it was in 1914. Holland voiced a protest against the deportation of the Belgians to slavery in Germany. The German reply was characteristic. It was a threat couched in such offensive language that the Dutch government did not dare to publish it for fear of its effect upon the people. The reply to the American inquiry on the other hand was as courteous as it is possible for a Prussian response to be. The Prussian contempt and hatred for small nationalities form one of the symptoms of the mania from which Germany is suffering. The leopard's spots cannot change.

LIEBKNECHT AGREES.

One prominent man in Germany agrees with the entente view as to the responsibility for the war. That man is Karl Liebknecht, who is now serving a term in prison for speaking his mind in the very centre of Prussian militarism. A Swiss newspaper, the Volkrecht, recently published the text of a statement submitted by him just before he was sentenced. The opening paragraph of the statement is as follows:

"The German government, as it is at present constituted, is only an instrument for the oppression and the exploitation of the working classes, both inwardly and outwardly. It serves the interests of the Junkers, of capitalism, and of imperialism. It is the unscrupulous representative of the policy of conquest, and by reason of its armaments it has been the principal instrument in bringing about the present war."

Liebknecht proceeded to accuse the government of preparing the war in agreement with the Austrian government, "so that it bears the chief responsibility."

He mentioned specific instances of the German methods of waging war with the utmost violence and frightfulness; and fearlessly explained: "The password of all true Socialists ought to be this: 'Down with the government!'" Liebknecht's paper concluded as follows:

"The present war is not a war of defence or a war waged for the liberation of oppressed peoples. From the proletariat's point of view, it merely signifies a concentration and an accumulation of political oppression and military sacrifices, increasing the misery of the working classes to the point of absolute abolition. "For the German working class there can be no thought of its ever coming to terms with leaders animated by such ideas, and I shall pursue the struggle against them with all my strength. "KARL LIEBKNECHT."

Liebknecht is still alive and that fact alone is significant. It is a sign that Junkerdom recognizes the strength of his following and realizes that his execution might light a lurid flame which would not go out until it had consumed the entire Hohenzollern fabric. Before this war has ended the world will hear a great deal more of Liebknecht, who, though helpless and in prison, is feared by the German emperor as he fears nobody else.

REAL EYE-WITNESS NEEDED.

The elevation of Sir Max Aitken to the peerage prompts the Toronto Star to say:

"Excellent peer, but the peerage at the war which he was supposed to do as Official Eye-Witness for Canada was not well done at all. As an eye-witness of war he had the fault of never being there when anything happened. "In the field of politics he has generally been on the spot when anything was due to occur. His career in England has been surprising and to Canadians here at home rather inexplicable. He arrived in England with quite a wallet it is true, but what care they for wealth over there? He appears to have carried also an Aladdin's Lamp which showed him how to banked in its rays where and how to get what they wanted. "He has now reached the peerage, and there is no telling what next he will turn his lamp on."

The Canadian army in France is several times as large as the British contingent at Waterloo and larger than the army with which Sir Redvers Buller undertook to march to Pretoria. It is certainly big enough and its work is important enough to have a competent war correspondent charged with the duty of chronicling its progress with the enlightenment and inspiration of the Canadian people. The official "eye-

witnessing" has been a farce, except in one or two instances. We learned of our soldiers' part in the Somme fighting first from the Associated Press and Australian correspondents. There should have been a Canadian correspondent present to send such accounts as only one who knows this country and its people can adequately give. The difficulties of the censorship are quite understood. Nobody doubts the importance of the closest scrutiny of press reports of military operations, but there undoubtedly is a great amount of interesting information which could be sent often without infringing the censor's rules.

There is an enormous staff in the Canadian Record Office in London, whose duty is to collect material for a record of the operations of the Canadian army after the war. That is all very well in its place, but we want to know how and what our troops are doing now—while they are doing it. No works published five or ten years hence can convey to us the color and atmosphere of a battle in which our units distinguish themselves. This can be done only by a competent eye-witness on the spot. The record of the siege of Ladysmith, read nowadays, leaves the mind moderately cold. One letter by George W. Stevens written from the beleaguered city while the fighting was in progress conveyed more to the reader than half a dozen volumes issued five or ten years afterwards.

"So you must know that there are two ways to assert one's rights," says Machiavelli, a German who seems to share with Munchausen the dubious honor of shaping the destinies of the Hun empire and inspiring its kings, princes and priests. "One way is according to the rules of reason; the other by force. The first method is proper for men; the second for beasts; but because the first way often is not sufficient it is necessary to have recourse to the second way. So a prince must know how to be both beast and man." The Kaiser evidently has profited by the benevolent counsel of this eminent Hun. But he appears to be more beast than man, and he has surrounded himself with a menagerie that announces its intention of being more beastly in the future than it has been in the past. Prussia begins the new year with her back to the wall, and no atrocity, if it holds promise of temporary profit, will be too atrocious for her to attempt.

Holidays and festivities being at an end, our citizens may be expected to pay some attention at least to the municipal elections and to ponder over the question of the election of civic rulers for the current year. An eastern contemporary places the matter of municipal government squarely before its readers when it points out that "there is not a sufficient proprietary interest taken by the taxpayers in their own city. There are still a very large number of people who talk about paying taxes to the city, as though the city were an alien enemy with which they had nothing to do and no sentiment but hostility. The taxpayers own the city. It is their city. They elect the men who spend the money and levy the taxes. If they would take a direct personal interest in the business they would all vote, and they would elect better men and get better value, perhaps for less money."

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that when the United States entered upon its war of independence it felt that a decent respect for the opinions of mankind compelled it to formulate the reasons for its action; while "none of the belligerents in the present war seems to have a decent or any other kind of respect for the opinions of mankind." If the "notes" and other utterances of President Wilson represent the opinions of the American people, then the Canadian people have no reason to feel any special respect for them. Canada is the only nation on this continent which thinks the principles expressed in the American Declaration of Independence worth fighting for.

Von Bissing, the tyrant and murderer of Belgium, is sick unto death. On his sick bed he has been congratulated by the All-Highest of Germany on the efficiency, loyalty and zeal with which he has discharged his duties. This is prima facie evidence of the fact that Bissing is not worthy of death with his boots on. Therefore we sincerely pray that he may be spared to appear before a tribunal competent to pronounce judgment upon his atrocious crimes.

Taking an active and effective part in the greatest war of history, with our sons and even our daughters on duty at "the front," Canadians hardly can expect that the year upon which we have entered will be one free from sorrow and desolation of heart, but the Times wishes all its readers and friends such measure of happiness as the circumstances will permit.

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malities in connection with its first public reception. There has been too much ceremony connected with such functions in the past.

TWO ELECTION RUMORS.

To the Editor:—In reference to the coming municipal campaign I have recently been considerably surprised by two rumors floating around, and evidently started by some of my opponents. One is that I am a property owner on Herald street and for that reason wish the Johnson street bridge put there. In reply I have no interest of any kind in any property whatever on Herald street. The nearest properties to the waterfront in which I am interested are Cormorant street, near Douglas, and a piece at the corner of Wharf, Courtney and Langley streets. For the bridge I favor Johnson street.

I have always been of the opinion, and have so expressed myself many times upon the council, that the possible sites are three, and that, in order of desirability, they are: First, Johnson street; second, Yates streets; third, Herald street.

The other rumor to which I refer concerns some correspondence that passed between W. J. Bowser and myself in November, 1915. This correspondence I am taking from my letterfile and when my committee room is open next week any ratepayer who wishes to call in and read the correspondence over is invited to do so. I shall also be glad to have on file in my committee room, for the inspection of the ratepayers, any other letters or reports that any ratepayers or any of my opponents may think of interest to the electors of Victoria.

Dec. 30. **A. E. TODD.**

FRENCH BARQUE SUNK.

Toulouse, France, Jan. 1.—The captain and 23 members of the crew of the French barque Emma Laurans, 2,152 gross tons, have arrived at Port Vendres, in France, on the Mediterranean. The vessel was sunk by a submarine.

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OUR THIRTY-NINTH JANUARY SALE STARTS TO-MORROW MORNING

Refer to Yesterday and Saturday's Paper for Full List of OPENING DAY BARGAINS

Women's Cloth and Tweed Coats, Regular \$16.50 to \$37.50 Go at \$10, \$15, \$20

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January Sale of Waists—Crepe de Chine and Lingerie Styles 50c \$1 and \$2.50

The 50c Waists are in fine white voiles, smartly trimmed with contrasting shades. These are rare bargains, selling at less than half.

\$1.00 Waists are in lingerie styles, in plain and striped voiles, marisettes and bar muslins. Mostly semi-tailored and lace trimmed effects. These are regular \$1.75 grades.

\$2.50 Waists are in silk crepe de chine and colored silks. The shades are rose, maize, flesh, peach and green. Styles feature frill fronts and semi-tailored effects. —Selling, First Floor

Children's Serge Dresses GO AT HALF-PRICE

These Dresses are in plain shades of navy, brown and saxe blue. Trimmed with colored ribbons. Other Dresses in saxe blue and navy have colored silk sleeves and yokes. Various styles, all good serviceable wearing. Seventeen Dresses only. Sizes 8 to 14 years.

\$4.75 Dresses for \$2.75. \$5.75 Dresses for \$3.00 —Selling, First Floor

Children's White Muslin Dresses Slightly Soiled Clearing at Half-Price

About 70 Dresses in this assortment. They got soiled through handling in the department. There are various qualities, styles and sizes 4 to 15 years. The regular prices ranged \$2.50 to \$11.75. We clear them out at one-half their regular, the sale prices ranging from **\$1.25 to \$5.75.** —Selling, First Floor

January Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing

Men's Tweed Work Pants—Strong, durable quality and a nice assortment of shades and patterns. All sizes. Reg. to \$3.75. To clear at \$2.50

Men's Tweed Suits, in two or three-button conservative model, tailored from selected tweeds, in a large assortment of neat patterns. Reg. values to \$20. To clear at \$14.95

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Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Welcome Bargains in Men's, Women's and Children's Boots

The high price-of-Boots that will prevail before this year is out and the coming shortage of supplies will add to the value of this sale, which will prove one of the greatest in the history of this store.

Women's \$5.00 "Queen Quality" Boots to Go at \$4.85

Included are Patent Leather Button Boots, with cloth or glazed kid tops; also with grey kid tops, Patent Leather Lace Boots, with cloth top. Gunmetal Calf Lace Boots, with black or grey cloth tops. Also a varied assortment of high Boots in this famous make, all worth considerably more than present marked prices.

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—Boots, Main Floor

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40-inch Charmeuse Satin, in 14 different shades, regular \$2.00 and \$3.00 values, to clear at, per yard \$1.50

Brocaded Crepe de Chine, 42 inches wide and five different shades; very rich quality, regular value \$3.75, to clear at, yard \$2.75

Crepe de Chine, in seven different shades, regular value \$1.75 and \$2.00, clearing at, a yard \$1.25

40-inch Georgette Crepes and Silk Crepes, in 30 different shades, including black and white, regular \$5, \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard, for a yard \$50¢

Striped Messaline and Taffetas, in dark grounds, with colored stripes, regular \$2.50 grade, clearing at, a yard \$95¢

Taffeta and Messaline Silks, in 12 different colors, all plain shades, 36 inches wide, regular \$1.25 values for, a yard \$50¢

19-inch Striped Silks, large variety of designs; also various colors in pallettes and moire silks, regular 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 values for, yard 50¢

36-inch Silk Poplins, in 45 different shades, regular \$1.00 for, a yard \$50¢

Wide Cord Velvet, 23 inch, in 5 different colors, regular 75c, 85c and \$1.00 values for, a yard 50¢

52-inch Mantle Plush, a beautiful quality, in black, bottle green, seal brown and dark plum, regular \$7.50 for, a yard \$4.50

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TWO SOLDIERS ARE HURT ON CAR TRACK

In Darkness of Saturday Night
Esquimalt Car Overtakes
Belated Pedestrians

To the list of accidents already reported on the Esquimalt road, through soldiers and sailors walking on the car track, after nightfall, has to be added another on Saturday evening.

A street car shortly after nine o'clock overtook a couple of figures in the dark section of the roadway between the Canteen road and Signal hill, and though the motorman, J. Tenney, sounded a warning, the men appeared not to notice. The car was traveling slowly, and the fender threw them clear of the track.

Both proved to be privates of the 142nd Battalion, with week-end passes to Vancouver in their pockets. Pte. P. Salves was hurried to the Royal Jubilee hospital, after examination by Dr. Boak, suffering from concussion of the brain, while Pte. Finney's injuries, not being so clearly discernible, he was removed to hospital for examination. The city, and Cameron & Calwell's ambulances, removed the injured men, the former on request of the B. C. Electric Railway. Chief Palmer attended on behalf of the Esquimalt police.

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Until Further Notice, F. L. Haynes will carry on business as usual at 1124 Government. His numerous customers will be notified through the press, as soon as new premises have been located.

Manicurist at the Capital Barber Shop.
For New Year's Day—Decanters, 40c to \$1.10; Claret Jugs, \$1.40; Wine Glasses, \$1.50 doz.; Sherry Glasses, \$1.50 doz.; Lemonade Glasses, 75c doz.; Lemonade Jugs, 40c. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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First Dance of the New Year, Connaught hall, commencing 12.15 a. m., January 1. Gents, 50c; ladies, free. Evening dancing from 9 to 1. Gents, 50c; ladies, 25c. Mann's Orchestra.

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Put Presents on Tree.—The Business Girls' Club of the Y. W. C. A. were very largely responsible for the pleasure which the boys at the Children's Aid had from their Christmas tree, which was put in place and decorated by the Girls' Auxiliary. The Business Girls' Club, however, provided many of the presents in response to an appeal for their assistance, each member giving some gift for the tree.

Produce Market Receipts.—The receipts of the Victoria market for the period from May to December, 1916, were \$118,537 as against \$89,452 in the corresponding period of 1915. This means that the weekly turnover of the market is about \$2,000.

WHOLESALE GROCERS OBJECT TO PRICES

Claim That There is Not Sufficient Margin to Give Profit

Some of the wholesale grocers are objecting very strongly to the manner in which the manufacturers of commodities are holding up the prices and refusing to give a living profit for the handling of their products. On coal oil the Imperial Oil Co. allows 15c a case, but this is considered, altogether too small to allow for the expense of handling. The cost of a case of oil at wholesale is \$1.95 and it is sold to the dealers at \$2.10, which is a profit of 7 1/2 per cent.

Sugar is another commodity which is out very fine, so fine, it is alleged, that the wholesale dealers lose money on it. Five per cent is all that they get and this does not pay the cost of delivery. They are billed for it at the same rate that they sell for, but in the settlement a rebate of 5 per cent is allowed.

Some of the wholesalers claim that it is the combine of manufacturers that hold up the prices and refuse to allow a living to those who are dealing in those commodities.

This is a totally different point of view to that which is generally held by the public who accuse the middlemen of getting all the profit. The middlemen argue that they do not control the situation. It is the bigger interests that have control. One of these went so far as to suggest that the only thing for Victorians to do at the present time was to start a sugar refinery of their own. They would then have some control over the prices at which the goods might be sold. If the prices which are charged are too high, it is argued, the price must come down with proper competition.

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.
Lecture on Shakespeare.—E. O. S. Schofield, provincial librarian, will lecture on Shakespeare at the provincial library on Friday, January 12. His subject, which will be illustrated with the splendid slides which were prepared some time ago for a similar lecture will be "Famous Scenes From Shakespeare."

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.
Seasonable Pranks.—Some New Year's Eve pranks are reported. Some one took the Ford car of J. Gould from outside the First Presbyterian church last evening between 5 and 9.30 o'clock. It is still missing. His Non, 1719 Quadra street, had his door kicked in at 2 a. m. to-day by some men, who made off in the direction of North Park street, when he went out to remonstrate.

Dance at Saanichton.—A dance will be held at the Agricultural hall, Saanichton, on Wednesday evening, January 3, half of the proceeds from which will be handed over to the Red Cross Society after the expenses in connection with the undertaking are paid. Heaton's orchestra is to supply the music, and dancing will commence at 8.15. As the road is now paved all the way to Saanichton from Victoria, motorists will find the drive a pleasant one.

Fairfield Celebrates.—An afternoon of exceptional interest was spent in the Fairfield Methodist Sunday school room, on Thursday, when Mrs. G. Post and Miss B. Bailey entertained the cradle roll, beginners and primary children, with the parents, teachers and schoolroom was crowded. E. B. Jones, superintendent of the school, was to have been chairman, but at the last moment word came from Santa Claus, stating "that on account of the cold snap he would be late and would need some help on his arrival." The pastor kindly consented to fill the chair. The programme was splendid, and at about 4 o'clock Santa Claus made his appearance. In spite of the hard times he had a stocking of candies and nuts for each child. Following this six young ladies dressed in white served tea to all present. The refreshment table looked very tempting, being beautifully decorated for the occasion. Great credit is due Mrs. Post and Miss B. Bailey, for the afternoon's performance.

Columbia January Records

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World-Famed Artists in New Columbia List

THE world's supreme coloratura soprano, Maria Barrientos, sings her great triumph, the Mad Scene from "Lucia"; Lazaro, the new world-tenor, sings "Spinto Gentil" from "La Favorita"—these stars are only two of the brilliant array that makes this list the greatest ever announced.

Among them Kathleen Parlow plays "The Last Rose of Summer", Godowsky renders Liszt's Rigoletto "Paraphrase", Oscar Seagle sings "The Ninety and Nine", Vernon Stiles is introduced with "The Sunshine of Your Smile", Lucy Gates sings two coloratura gems, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra gives the "Prelude to Lohengrin" and the "Procession" from "Parsifal"—constituting the most notable offerings listed among the

New Records for January

The popular part of this matchless list is led by Al Jolson, the peerless comedian, singing "Someone Else May Be There While I'm Gone" and Fannie Brice in her Vaudeville specialty, "If We Could Only Take Her Word." Besides, there are sixteen such sparkling hits as these:

- Song-Hits You Are Hearing Everywhere**
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 - A 2123 10-inch 85c. MY LONELY LOLA-LO. Sterling Trio. Guitars, flute and violin accompaniment.
 - EVERYBODY LOVES AN IRISH SONG. M. J. O'Connell, tenor, and Knickerbocker Quartette.
 - SONGS OF YESTERDAY. Knickerbocker Quartette.
 - IRELAND MUST BE HEAVEN, FOR MY MOTHER CAME FROM THERE. Charles Harrison, tenor.
 - OUT OF THE CRADLE INTO MY HEART. Sterling Trio.

The Whole Range of Music in This List

There are six splendid dances, with the new "two-two" step; "Les Sylphides", another of the Diaghileff's Ballet Russe series; the initial recordings of Paul Dufault and Jean Cooper; Chas. W. Harrison's tenor triumphs; and the quartet from "The Gondoliers" sung by four famous artists—a good program in itself.

Then there are many interesting additions: operatic overtures, Spanish music and Grieg compositions interpreted by Prince's brilliant orchestra; "Kathleen Mavourneen" by the Stellar Quartette; Harry C. Browne and his inimitable banjo; the famous Chautauqua Preachers' Quartette; children's song and story records; and ukulele, cimbalom and other novelties finishing a list all-comprehensive in its range and variety of interest. See your Columbia dealer today—he will have records you'll surely want!

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DANCERS ROBBED

Some One Took Advantage to Steal Articles of Clothing From Cloak Room.

The people who attended the dance at the Connaught hall last evening had an unpleasant surprise, at least a number of the men did, when they came to prepare to go home in the early hours of this morning.

Some one had raided the men's cloak room, and various articles of clothing were missing. A valuable overcoat, a hat, searves, gloves, and umbrellas were absent. Some of the losses have already been reported to the police.

There is no clue to the perpetrators of the robbery, but the impression among those who were present was that a window overlooking View street must have been opened, and the articles thrown to a confederate below. It is certain that the thief would not have taken the chance of passing down where he could be observed, in possession of other people's clothing.

Thus after a merry evening some of the male guests had to turn out in uninviting weather minus necessary outdoor garments. The amount of the loss has not been estimated.

Victorian Order of Nurses.—The regular monthly meeting of the Local Board of the Victorian Order of Nurses will be held on Tuesday, January 2, at 2.30, at 1894 Cook street.

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MOTORISTS! Look at These TIRE SNAPS

This is stock-taking time with us—a time of opportunity for every man who has tires to buy. These are odd lots and sizes, cut for a clearance before Jan. 1. Don't miss them.

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WEEK-END CLOUDY

Snow and Rain Characterize Last Days of 1916 in Victoria.
The last week-end of the year 1916 showed a variation in the weather of a week ago when clear frosty skies made the Christmas season an ideal one. On Saturday last the highest temperature reached was 26, the lowest being 33. On the ground thermometer the minimum point touched was 29. The snowfall amounted to 1.8 in., and the rain which succeeded it, 1.9 in. There was no sunshine during the whole day.
Yesterday the mercury rose considerably, the highest point touched during the day being 41, and the lowest 34 on the standard thermometer. On the contrary the minimum temperature on the grass was 28. Rain fell to the amount of .04 in., but there were bursts of bright sunshine during the morning, totaling 1 hr. and 25 min.

FLOUR Went Down and Up Again.
SUGAR is Down a Little and We look for a Further Decline

Fine Large Mission White Figs 2 lbs.	25c	Knight Salmon, very choice, tin	17c
Scout Sardines 2 tins	25c	Mack's No-Rub Package	5c
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SPECIAL NO. 1—FOR TO-MORROW
Reception Hard Wheat Flour 49-lb. sack **\$2.19**
Not delivered at this price unless other goods are ordered.

White Swan Soap (Note 7 bars) Pkg.	23c	Reception Rolled Oats, per sack	35c and \$1.00
Good Local Potatoes, per sack	\$1.40	Robin Hood Cleaned Bran, per sack	15c
Duncan Potatoes, extra quality, sack	\$1.64	B. C. Granulated Sugar, 25 lbs.	\$1.68

SPECIAL NO. 2—FOR TO-MORROW
Robin Hood Porridge Oats Large package **19c**

Golden Star Tea, 1 lb.	35c	D. & R. Cold Cream, bottle, 3 lbs.	98c
Nice Dry Kindling Wood, large bundle	23c	Hazeline Snow, jar	40c
Witch Hazel and Almond Cream, bottle	20c	Pond's Vanishing Cream, jar	40c

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

F. T. Snyder, of Chicago, is a guest at the Empress hotel.
Capt. John M. Berrford, of Vernon, is visiting in Victoria.
Mrs. B. Brenton, of Canford, B. C., is stopping at the Dominion.
John Kelly, of Smithers, is a new arrival at the Dominion hotel.
Leslie D. Rogers, of Kelowna, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.
O. Batty and Mrs. Batty, of Alberni, are new arrivals at the Dominion.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Matheson, of Seattle, arrived at the Empress hotel on Saturday.

R. N. Archer, of Nanaimo, is in the city with headquarters at the Strathcona.

W. H. Allington is down from Duncan and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Olliphant, of Gordon Head, are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Geo. Kingsley is down from Shawnigan Lake and is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

F. L. Thomas has arrived from Saskatoon and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thearle, of Seattle, registered yesterday at the Empress hotel.

Dr. J. T. Atkinson and A. J. Baxter, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Miss E. M. Hatten is down from Cobble Hill and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Ed. Hemmingen and family, of Cowichan Lake, are in the city, guests at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sheringham are here from Mill Bay and are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Duncan, of New Westminster, registered on Saturday at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Madison and family, of Seattle, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Valentine Winkler and Miss Ruth Winkler, of Winnipeg, are staying at the Empress hotel.

A quiet wedding took place at the Metropolitan Methodist Church on Wednesday last when Rebecca, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coles of this city was united in marriage to Cpt. Clifford E. Griffin, C. A. M. C., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred James Griffin, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Osborne, pastor of the Metropolitan church. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin will make their home in Victoria.

Miss Alice Ravenshill, who with her sister registered at the James Bay hotel on Saturday, left yesterday afternoon for Eugene, Oregon, where she is giving a course of lectures for Farmers' Week at the Oregon State Agricultural College. Her subjects are "Some Recollections of Childhood," and "Art of Right Living." By special request she will speak at the convention of the Bankers' Association next Wednesday on "Thrift in Relation to Home Life."

The marriage took place on Saturday of Botilda Johanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engskog, of Victoria, and Alfred George Tyler, the vic being celebrated at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Dr. Campbell, "Breadalbane," Fort street. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Thomas Robinson, and the bride, who looked very handsome in a costume of old rose satin, was attended by Mrs. N. H. Robinson. A number of intimate friends were present at the ceremony. The bridegroom expects to leave shortly for the front with a corps of engineers.

At Exeter Cathedral, Devonshire, England, the marriage took place on December 5 of Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hinton, of Nelson, B. C., and Captain Brian T. O'Grady, Rev. Canon Mc-Lauren, uncle of the bride, performed the rite, and only immediate relatives of the principals were present. Captain O'Grady was at one time on the city engineering staff here, and is well known in this city. He was in the Kootenay country when war was declared, and enlisted as a private at Nelson with one of the first detachments of engineers which went from this district. He joined the Lancashire Fusiliers later, receiving a commission and acting for the first year of the war as brigade bombing officer. He was later transferred to the eastern front, and was present at the fall of Monastir, subsequently being appointed staff captain and O. C. for Maps. For bravery and resourcefulness on the field he won the Military Cross in November of last year.

HAD ANNUAL TREAT
Children of Reformed Episcopal Sunday School Give Instead of Receive Gifts.

The annual Sunday school treat of the Reformed Episcopal church was held on Friday evening last, the school-room being filled to capacity with happy children and their parents and friends. A very fine programme was given by the pupils, and short speeches were made by R. S. Day and Superintendent R. E. G. Denny. Prizes were given to the ten hardest workers in the competition for bringing in new scholars.

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MORE CONTRIBUTIONS
Victoria Patriotic Aid Society Receives Subscriptions From Many Sources.
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CLEARING HOUSE

December Figures Show Considerable Increase Over Last Year.

The report of the Victoria Clearing House for the month of December is as follows:

For the complete year 1916 the total amount was \$10,331,121. The clearings for the month of December of the last four years appear thus: 1916, \$7,288,353; 1915, \$6,793,387; 1914, \$7,604,413; 1913, \$12,260,135.

As is shown by the above figures the year 1913 during the boom saw the bank clearings nearly double what they were last year. A comparison of the above figures therefore gives results that are deceiving.

It will also be noticed that the December clearings for the year that has just closed mark an increase of \$494,966 over the clearings of 1915.

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The face of the fill on the extension of Johnson street through the old Indian reserve, being the "dump" formed by spreading excavated rock taken from the cut through the high part of the reserve. The idea is to cross the low swamp, formerly tidal, to meet the new bridge near the present railway crossing. Owing to the height of the fill, the amount of material required has been very large. The undertaking has been in hand by the provincial government, inaugurated first as a work of emergency to help the unemployed situation. The grading for the common user tracks was first completed south of the railway trestle.

AUTO. ASSOCIATION AROUSING INTEREST

Works of Public Benefit Being Forwarded by Local Club

The Island Automobile Association has had an unusually successful year during which time it has been the means of doing a lot of work, not only for the benefit of the members, but also for the people of Victoria and Vancouver Island generally. Its energetic president and secretary, Alderman A. E. Todd and Charles L. Harris respectively, backed up by an efficient board of directors, have roused a sentiment in favor of encouraging tourists to come to Victoria and making the different parts of the island get together, which will be of lasting benefit to the merchants of Victoria, and will make for better business.

The club has been one of the leading spirits in securing publicity for the island and its attractions. This has been done by means of literature which it has printed and distributed, and also by distributing literature which has been prepared by the Island Development Association. It has endeavored to at all times co-operate with other organizations with a view to promoting the general good of the city.

One of the great events of the year was the big get-together luncheon held at Duncan's. This was the pioneer of the big meeting which was held later under the auspices of the board of trade and had the effect of clearing the air so far as the people of Duncan were concerned.

A good deal of useful work has been done in the way of erecting signs to complete the club to other channels, and the national highway agitation was started. This is a stupendous work, but it will be achieved if the same energy is applied to it that has been given to other works of a similar nature.

The endeavor to get the transportation companies to lower the rate on automobiles coming to Vancouver Island with tourist parties has not yet resulted in any change, but the companies still have the matter under consideration, and it is expected that good results will follow.

The Automobile Association has used all its influence to help bring about the organization of the Northwest Tourist Association which is presided over by the president of the club. This is an important movement and one which is likely to bring big results.

ASSESSMENT ROLL TO BE RETURNED

Will Be Ready by Wednesday Week; Preparation of Notices in Hand

Every effort is being made in the city assessor's office to have the assessment roll returned by Wednesday week, the day set in the original instructions. The necessary notices to property owners will have to be ready by that date. This is the second year that the roll has been returned by January 10, but it will be recalled that the effort of 12 months ago came to nothing, since owing to the delay in calling the session of the legislature, the city did not get the necessary enabling-legislation till June 1.

While of course the actual total will be carefully guarded till the roll is returned, it may be assumed that the assessor has complied with the tenor of the amendment of the statute, and another percentage rate reduction all round may be anticipated. In order to overcome that loss, since the expenditure must necessarily remain about the same as in 1916, there will have to be a higher tax rate in 1917. That fact appears to be the most certain feature of the financial situation in the year now beginning. At any rate the roll is approaching closer to what indicates the actual value of realty in the city.

Next to dealing with the assessment roll, the new council will have the tax delinquency situation to handle. The most important work of the incoming body, however, and which must necessarily fall largely on the city solicitor, is the large amount of legislation which will be called for at the next session of the House. A great many matters have been laid over to be digested and hewn into shape for the attention of the legislature, and these will engage the incoming council, since some of them are of very great importance.

There seems to be an intention to endeavor to get some special treatment for Victoria such as is not required by other municipalities, and some of which has received their actual opposition, as, for instance, the power to hold a board of equalization after the courts have dealt with appeals from the civic court of revision on the assessment roll.

NEW BRANCH BUSY

Victoria West Red Cross Sub-Committee is Doing Good Work.

The Victoria West Branch, Red Cross, held their meeting on Friday last at headquarters, Skinner street, when the secretary's report was received, showing a cash balance of \$14.10. This sum will be handed over to the Victoria branch of the Red Cross. In addition there will be turned over to the head branch the entire stock in hand of made-up materials, consisting of the following articles: 27 prs. socks, 2 scarves, 3 sweaters,

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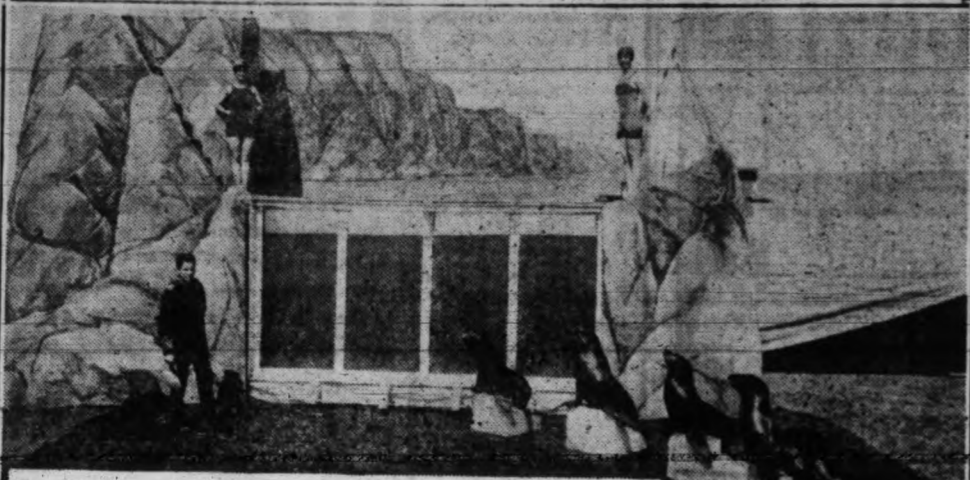
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NEW YEAR JOY IS

PANTAGES POTION

Bill of Extraordinary Pleasure is Offered at Popular Playhouse

Beginning with the two special New Year matinees this afternoon, the Pantages is showing a wonderful bill for the week. Judging from the marked appreciation expressed by the audience at the first matinee, and the known excellence of the programme from the showman's viewpoint, Manager Rice is making preparations for an extra heavy attendance at the house during the week.

The first headline feature of the bill is Winston's celebrated water lions and diving nymphs, without doubt the most remarkable aquatic act on the stage. They give a deep sea display of aquatic sports in a combination such as has never before been approached in quality and elaborateness in the vaudeville world. The largest portable tank ever constructed of the kind is carried with the act. When ready for the performance it contains 6,000 gallons of water and weighs approximately 25 tons. There is 90 feet of plate glass in the side of the tank which faces the audience, and it is through this that the movements of the performers are clearly to be seen. Apart from its educational value, the act is a positive sensation as regards the remarkable feats performed by the two pretty diving water lions.

The big added feature of the new bill is the singing of the famous La Scala Sextette in a splendid repertoire of excerpts from the popular and standard grand operas. The sextette is composed of former international stars of grand opera and furnishes one of the big musical treats of the winter season. All have superb voices, and the act is beautifully costumed and staged.

It is difficult to report the presence of Joe Roberts and his trusty banjo on the bill, for he is so well and favorably known already that the mere mention of the name releases a flood of pleasant recollections. So wonderful is his technique and so far ahead of the ordinary performer on the banjo is he, that he may be well styled the "Paderewski of the banjo." He comes back to the Pantages from a tour of the big eastern circuits, and brings along a repertoire that is brand new and classy.

Sterling and Marguerite, the singing athletes, man and woman, do some sensational work on the rings. The girl is an example of beauty as well as physical development, and the man is of splendid athletic type. He helps sustain the interest in their work by the introduction of many thrills.

LeMaire and Dawson are two original and clever blackface comedians. Their line of chatter arouses laughter from the start, and the audience is kept screaming with merriment right up to their finish. They are distinctly different from the fun-makers usually found in vaudeville and make an attractive spot on the bill.

Florence Merritt is a dainty singing comedienne with a good voice and a number of lip-top songs. The seventh chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" serial, called "The Awakening." Most of the action takes place in the air, a balloon ascension and a parachute jump by Leontine, being the principal thrills. One Lamp-boule attempts to have the girl de-

stroyed by setting fire to the balloon after Leontine has accepted an invitation to take part in a balloon race, but Flanagan saves her life in a sensational manner.

LONDON GAIETY STAR

SHINES ON SCREEN

Emmy Wehlen in New Photoplay at Royal Victoria

Emmy Wehlen, one of the most beautiful and gifted actresses of the stage or screen, is the star of the big Metro feature attraction, "The Pretenders," which will be presented here at the Royal Victoria to-night, Tuesday and Wednesday. This five-part production is the latest in which this popular little star has been seen on the screen. Miss Wehlen, who is considered one of the best gowned women in pictures, is seen at her best in "The Pretenders." The story of the picture play was written especially for her by two of America's best younger playwrights, Channing Pollock and Harold Wolf, and Miss Wehlen was directed in the production by George D. Baker. Miss Wehlen is supported by an exceptionally strong cast which includes Paul Gordon, Jean Hume, William Davidson, Howard Truesdell, Kate Blanche, Charles Eldridge, Edwin Holt, Jerome Wilson, Hugh Jeffrey, Harry Neville and other artists of the stage and screen.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

NEW MANAGEMENT

Big Bill of Seven Reels Including Feature Drama This Week

The new management of the Majestic theatre is to be congratulated in securing the film service of the General Film Company, whose pictures are second to none. It is the intention to put on a programme consisting of seven reels of the latest film, which will be changed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The house opens at 1.30 p.m. and the show is continuous until 11 p.m. The management hopes to make this cosy theatre especially popular with the children, and to this end special pictures will be shown that will appeal to the youngsters as well as the adults.

The bill for the New Year is a splendid one, the chief item being an Eleanora feature drama in three acts, entitled "Twin Fates," the leading casts being played by Marguerite Clayton and Sidney Almsworth. It is no exaggeration to say that these two famous stars are seen at their best in this film.

"A Blaze on the Trail" is an exciting picture that will hold the attention of the audience from start to finish. Two screaming comedies by the Vitagraph company conclude a programme that would be hard to beat. If first-class pictures and good music count in Victoria, then the Majestic theatre should receive a good share of patronage under Manager Smith, who now controls



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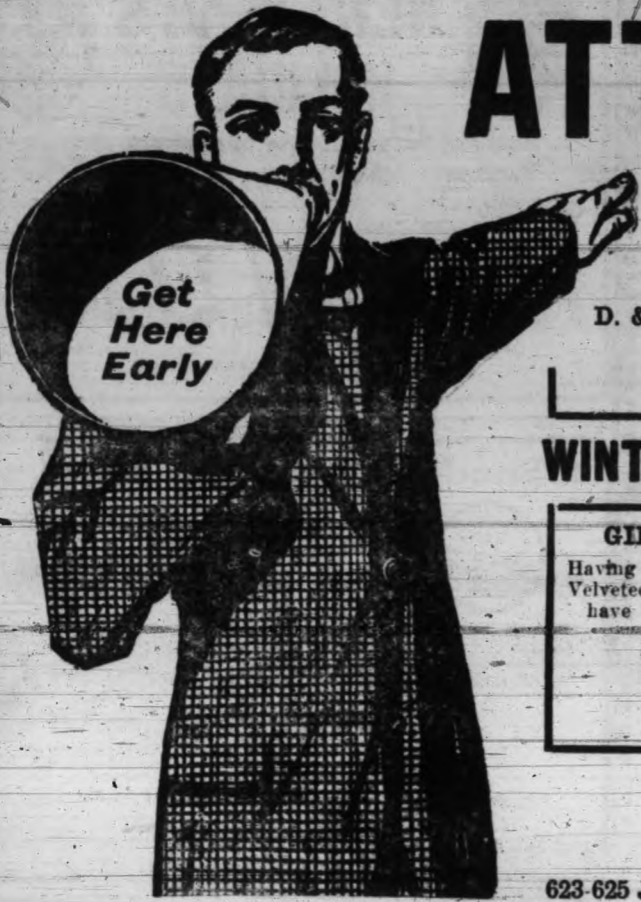
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COLORED PICTURES AT VARIETY THEATRE

"The Sultana" is Exciting
Story With Crisp Action
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Great interest is shown in the announcement that the attraction at the Variety theatre, to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be Ruth Roland in

"The Sultana," a five-reel comedy melodrama in natural colors. The picture was produced in California by Balboa, from Henry C. Rowland's well-known book of the same name, with a fine supporting cast, including William Conklin, R. Henry Gray, Daniel Gilfeher, Frank Erlanger and Edward J. Brady.
Every Ruth Roland picture has been a success. She is remembered for her splendid work in the "Who Pays?" series, "The Red Circle" serial and a number of Gold Rooster features, including "A Matrimonial Martyr," also in Pathecolor, in which she played a dual role.
The management say that every picture in Pathecolor has been enthusiastically received by the public. Many people who would not go to see an or-

inary motion picture will undoubtedly go to the Variety theatre to see one in color. Added to the advantages lent by Pathecolor, Ruth Roland, the famous author, and the popularity of his book, "The Sultana," is an interesting and exciting story, which has a large appeal to motion picture fans.
"The Sultana" is a priceless jewel, and the story centres around the weird effect it has on the destinies of all who come within the radiance of its dazzling rays. The action begins amidst the whirl of the gambling wheel, and the clink of gold, where, temporarily at least, Dame Fortune refuses to smile on the hero.
The midnight son of the House of Kirkland makes a wager with his clubmates that he can steal the Sultana from its owner, and then return it to him without his knowing who took it. The Sultana changes hands rapidly, once at the cost of a human life. There is a step action through every foot, and thrills and romance have been worked into a scenario of pleasing balance, with suspense consistently sustained throughout.

"A SON OF ERIN" AT DOMINION THEATRE

Story of Play Which Has New
York Setting With Irish
Characters

Dennis O'Hara is a poor Irish peasant lad who loves pretty Katie O'Grady. Dennis dreams and longs to go to the land of promise—the United States. He is lured by the extravagant newspaper accounts of how easy it is for a strapping Irish lad to get appointed to the New York police. It is Katie O'Grady, who without his knowledge, by a denying sacrifice, pays for his passage to America.

Arriving in America, he actually does get on the metropolitan police and so writes to Katie. But Katie has been told by American tourists of "faked" costume photos to be obtained at Coney Island, and so does not believe Dennis's photo taken in police uniform. The plan is made for Katie to come to marry Dennis. But as Katie suspected, Dennis O'Hara's next letter says that he is no longer a policeman. He has lost his position through a graft exposure in which, though innocent, he is implicated, while the "higher-up" officials escape. His refusal to betray others is the cause.

His fearless, honest character has made him a power in his district, and the reform leaders enlist him. The grafting political-constructor's daughter is caught in the collapse of the poorly-built viaduct and Dennis's warning is verified.
The reform party wins, and Dennis O'Hara, the poor Irish lad, is made a captain of police. Katie O'Grady is not told of this, and a surprise much beyond her fondest dreams awaits the little immigrant on her arrival in America.

The picture runs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Dominion theatre.

TO SMASH BLUES

Marguerite Clark Comes to Dominion on Thursday With Polite Comedy.

In Marguerite Clark's latest picture, Miss George Washington, The Famous Players Company have produced a delightfully polite comedy, one that should cause in any theatre a steady ripple of mirth. Miss Clark sustains the title role and she carries it with a girlishness and abandon that marks the picture as one out of the usual. In schoolgirl roles Miss Clark is at her best, and so she is here. Berenice Summers, pupil at a young ladies' academy, gets a medal because the truth society is convinced she is a remarkable example of what a voracious girl should be. Berenice is also given the title of Miss George Washington. She wears the honors with her tongue in her cheek and a wink in her expressive eye. One fib leads to another. Complications multiply and there is a comic twist in them all. For the portrayal of light screen comedy Miss Clark has had no medium which provides so fine an opportunity for the bringing out of her art in all its charm. The picture is finely staged and directed. It is unusually attractive and ought to smash to smithereens the worst case of blues. It is without doubt Marguerite Clark's best picture. All will like it. It will be shown at the Dominion on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"The pastboard turkey looks sort of unnatural in a play." "Maybe so. But I've seen the same breed at close range on a boarding house table."—Kansas City Journal.

CONDUIT SYSTEM Final Certificate Can Now Be Issued for Underground Telephone System.

The dying hours of 1916 sufficed to complete the removal of the B. C. Telephone Company's poles from the streets on which conduits are laid, except in those cases where long distance wires have to be carried on special poles, and the city engineer will now be in a position to issue the certificate enabling the company to claim the final \$5,000 of bonds under the by-law. A strenuous effort was made to get the poles down in time, and the wire attachments made to the new and stouter poles erected by the B. C. Elec-

trict railway for the trolley service, particularly on Fort street.
The matter would have caused practically no newspaper publicity, had there not developed a question about a transfer from one company to another. The aldermen, guided by legal advice, declined to intervene in a dispute to which they were not parties, and eventually last week the telephone

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AT THE COLUMBIA

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Comedian

Charlie Chaplin, probably the world's highest priced comedian, will be seen to-day and all week at the Columbia in a brand new Mutual comedy called "The Rink," which, according to all advance accounts, is one of the funniest things Chaplin has done in a year.

In this play Charlie is a waiter in a high-class restaurant and what he doesn't succeed in finding in the way of trouble might easily be considered negligible.

The real action of the piece centres in the "Oskaspell rink," where Charlie takes the lady upon whom he has his affection centered—his pastored affections. This charming damsel, Edna Purviance, of course, is left by her father in the restaurant while he goes to the skating rink for a touch of the "whirlly girl" on his own.

Chaplin easily persuades the young woman to take a whirl with him, and they arrive at the skating rink while the giddy old gentleman, Edna's papa, indulges in a violent flirtation with an attractive woman who has been left by her husband to await him at the cafe Mr. Chaplin, honors with his services.

Charlie succeeds in convincing Edna that he is a wealthy youth out for a high time and that he spends untold sums in wine at the "Oskaspell" merely to while away the weary hours between midnight and morning.

In order to promote what seems to be a promising family connection, Edna's father gives a party at the "Oskaspell" rink. Charlie and most of the men and women who frequent the "Oskaspell" are invited to the rink party, where Edna's father complains of Charlie's being too fresh and Charlie responds with an expose of the parent's flirtatious habits, which at once launches a family riot.

Everybody is after Chaplin at once, and Chaplin is chased by the whole restaurant crowd, with Edna as the tail to his kite. This is said to be the funniest chase ever put on by Chaplin, who resorts to innumerable novel devices to protect his companion and evade capture.

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Ideal Suits for Older Boys. Fine quality tweeds, in nifty shades of grey or brown; sizes 22 to 38. Regular at \$17.50. Special at **\$12.00**

Navy Norfolk Suits

Navy serges and fine tweeds, in an assortment of sizes ranging from 26 to 36. The prices are:
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SURVIVORS LANDED

Ten Members of Crew of Marcus L. Urann Picked Up by Steamer Oneago.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 1.—The American steamship Oneago brought into Hampton Roads this morning three survivors of the crew of the American steamer Marcus L. Urann, wrecked off St. Michael's November 29 in a hurricane.

TUG HARO STORMBOUND.

All overboard records for the Alaska coast have been shattered by the Vancouver tug Haro, 48 days out from Anchorage, Alaska, bound for Vancouver.

TOWED INTO HARBOR.

Queenstown, Jan. 1.—The Italian steamship Legano, damaged badly in a collision in the fog outside Cork harbor, was towed into this port today with the fore part of her hull filled with water.

WILL TRANSPORT COAL.

The steamer Valdez, of the Alaska Steamship Company, will load coal at Nanaimo for her second trip to San Francisco, starting Jan. 12.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, Due. Includes sections for Deep Sea Arrivals, Deep Sea Departures, Coastwise Services, Revised Sailings, and For N. Y. K. Fleet.

RUPERT UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE REPAIRS

Number of Damaged Plates to Be Renewed While Vessel is on the Dock

While the G. T. P. steamship Prince Rupert is resting on the keel blocks in the Esquimalt graving basin, extensive repairs will be made to her hull.

It is understood that at least five keel plates and about six shell plates on the starboard side will have to be renewed.

The Prince Rupert, which was withdrawn from the northern service on Thursday, has been operating between Vancouver and Skagway continuously since October, with but a five-hour lay-over at the mainland port.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Dec. 31.—Arrived: Str Santa Maria from Port San Luis; str Tacoma Maru from Hongkong via ports; str Senator from San Francisco; str A. P. Coates from Kahlulul, in tow of the tug Wallows; str F. S. Loop from Sound ports; str Lintouch from Southwestern Alaska, via Anyox, B. C.; str Mariposa from Tacoma; str Prince George from Anyox, B. C., via ports; str Pulton from British Columbia ports.

SEASONABLE SPIRIT ON JAPANESE LINER

Complement of Tacoma Maru Celebrating New Year's in Lavish Style

The new year spirit prevailed on board the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Tacoma Maru with her arrival in port yesterday morning from the Far East.

There was unusual activity in the steward's department when orders came down from the bridge to prepare for the lavish spread which will be a feature of the day at Seattle.

All told, the Tacoma Maru brought in but 54 passengers, comprising 7 Japanese cabin and 36 steerage, the latter including 23 Russians, five Japanese and 6 Canadian points.

The Tacoma reached the outer docks at 10.30 a.m. yesterday after an uneventful passage of 17 days from Yokohama. With the exception of a heavy gale, which lasted two days after crossing the 180th meridian, the passage was completed under favorable winter conditions.

SIX MONTHS' TRAFFIC THROUGH PANAMA ZONE

Lines Forced to Suspend Operations Through Slides Diverted to Other Routes

In view of the proposed inauguration of an ocean freight service between Canadian Atlantic and Pacific ports, the volume of traffic passing through the Panama Canal is interesting to British Columbians.

The average for the first six whole months of canal operation, beginning with September, 1914, was 87 ships, 214,396 net tons, 419,787 cargo tons.

The six months of heaviest traffic through the canal were those immediately preceding September, 1915, the month in which the canal was closed.

REVISED SAILINGS

Revised sailings for the first half of 1917, issued by the head office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, will create a marked change in the handling of the premier Japanese company ships on this side of the Pacific.

EXPORT PRICES WILL BE ADVANCED

American Coast Mills Amalgamate Interests to Exploit Lumber Industry

MEANS MARKED INCREASE OVER FORMER RATES

Counter Move to Arrangement by British Columbia Operators

Marked increases in the price of export lumber will be the natural outcome of the formation on December 28 of an exploitation company by a combination of ninety-eight per cent of the American coast mills.

This would indicate that the British Columbia export prices will advance accordingly, particularly in view of the fact that the B. C. mill owners have made the claim they have been working under a great handicap, inasmuch as the former price of lumber was insufficient to enable them to properly organize the export trade.

The argument has always been advanced that owing to the very keen competition the prices have had to be cut so close that there is nothing in it. The American advance of 44 per cent naturally have a tendency to automatically advance the price of the Canadian product.

The Canadian Trading Company, in addition to looking what outside tonnage is available, has chartered all but one of the auxiliary schooners now under construction at Victoria and Vancouver for the British Columbia off-shore lumber trade, chiefly the Australian and South African markets.

FORMED TO PURCHASE

SCHOONER ESQUIMALT

Vancouver Concern, Capitalized at \$200,000, to Acquire Vessel Building at This Port

The Ship Esquimalt Company, Ltd., is a Vancouver incorporation, with a capital of \$200,000, to enter into an agreement with the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., for the construction by the latter and the purchase from the latter of the schooner Esquimalt, now on the stocks at Victoria.

The Esquimalt is the third schooner of the auxiliary type now under construction at the Cameron-Genoa yards on the Songhees reserve, the keel of which was laid by Mr. Justice Martin in September last.

KENTRA FOR AVONMOUTH

The steamer Kentra, which reached San Francisco on Saturday from Calcutta Buena, carried a cargo of 7,200 tons of nitrates consigned to the Dupont Powder Co. On completing the discharge she will be put on berth for the United Kingdom by the Maple Leaf Line, later coming north to Puget Sound and British Columbia to take on part cargo and bunkers.

TACOMA MARU FOR BRAZILIAN TRADE

O. S. K. Line Opening New Service With South American Republics

The establishment of a new service between Yokohama and Brazil is contemplated by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and the liner Tacoma Maru, which reached Victoria yesterday from the Orient, will be one of the vessels which the Japanese line proposes to operate over the new route.

During the past year a number of chartered and other vessels have been dispatched from Japan to Brazil and the Argentine laden with Japanese emigrants, and on the Pacific route the Toyon Kisen Kaisha have a regular line of steamers operating to the west coast of South America.

The new Osaka Shosen Kaisha service will link up Japan with Brazil and the Argentine by way of the Straits Settlements and South Africa, the boats calling at Singapore, Durban and Capetown en route to Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Ayres, returning via the same route.

Two vessels will be operated for the present, the Tacoma Maru and the Kasado Maru, but should the trade warrant it the service will be gradually increased. The Kasado Maru will be the first ship to be dispatched from Japan over the new route. The Tacoma Maru, on the completion of her next outward trip from this port will be withdrawn from the run at Kobe, where she will be overhauled and fitted out for the Brazilian service.

WIRELESS REPORTS

- January 1, 8 a. m. Point Grey-Snow; S. E. light; 23.65; 32; sea rough. Cape Lazo-Overcast; S. E. strong; 29.35; 38; sea rough. Pacheña-Rain; S. E.; 29.50; 40; sea rough. Estevan-Overcast; calm; 29.41; 39; heavy swell. Alert Bay-Rain; calm; 29.48; 38; sea smooth. Triangle-Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.50; 40; light swell. Dead Tree Point-Snow; calm; 29.49; 31; sea smooth. Koda Bay-Cloudy; S. W.; 29.14; 36; light swell. Prince Rupert-Cloudy; calm; 29.38; 33; sea smooth. Spoke str Princess Maquinna, 7.19 p. m., left Prince Rupert 6 a. m., south bound; spoke str Cordova, 7.15 p. m.; Dixon Entrance, northbound; spoke str Chelohsin, 7.30 a. m., due Prince Rupert, 9.30 a. m., northbound. Noon. Point Grey-Snow; S. E. light; 29.75; 74; sea rough. Cape Lazo-Rain; calm; 29.48; 40; thick seaward. Pacheña-Overcast; calm; 29.60; 33; light swell. Estevan-Overcast; calm; 29.40; 40; sea moderate. Alert Bay-Overcast; calm; 29.42; 32; sea smooth. Triangle-Cloudy; N. W. light; 29.65; 49; heavy swell. Spoke str Princess Maquinna, 9.30 a. m., off Bella Bella, southbound. Dead Tree Point-Snow; N. E. light; 29.55; 30; sea smooth. Koda Bay-Cloudy; N. E. light; 29.21; 37; sea smooth. Prince Rupert-Snow; N. E. light; 29.40; 36; dense. Passed in str Princess Sophia, 11.30 a. m., northbound.

BIG CAR ORDER.

E. E. Blackwood, local agent for the Northern Pacific has been advised that the purchasing department of the company has placed, principally with the Western Steel Car Company, of Chicago, an order for \$5,000,000 worth of freight cars, including 2,000 box cars, 500 auto cars, 500 steel ore cars and 500 refrigerator cars.

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GEORGIA CHANGES HANDS. The steamer Georgia, formerly operated between Juneau and Sitka, was sold on Saturday to the Vancouver Dredging and Salvage Company.

MAKING LONG PASSAGE. The American schooner J. W. Clise, recently sold to Norwegian interests, is making a slow passage from Dunedin, N. Z., to Willapa Harbor.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS SENT BY PRESIDENT

Thomas Boyd Says Organized Sport Trains Men for Empire's Battles

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Thomas Boyd, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, sends a New Year's greeting to the many athletic bodies and athletes in the union. It is as follows:

"To the athletic bodies and all Canadian athletes in Canada or on the fields of Europe or elsewhere—

"I send you greetings on this the approach of another year. May it be a happy and victorious one for all. At this time I feel that the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada's existence has been fully justified by the noble way all branches of athletes have given up sport and rallied to the defence of our country. By the unions encouraging sport in the years that are past, the men who have answered the call were already soldiers half prepared when the war suddenly came upon us. They were trained in discipline, personal sacrifice and accustomed to work in team combination, thus making the best material for good soldiers. Their record and sacrifices on the fields of Flanders and France has greatly redounded to the credit of Canada, to themselves and to this union. To those who for various reasons cannot go, I would ask of you to keep the gangs going, and the sacrifice of your time and experience for the training up of the younger generations in clean and manly sport, so that we may always be prepared for any emergency. Thanking the many executives and others for the wholehearted support to me during the past two trying years of my office, and the hope that all will consider well and be prepared for the many problems that will confront the union when the war is over. There is one thing I consider vital, and that is, we cannot do too much for those, no matter what their previous standing, who have responded so readily and gone forward to fight our battles, so that we may rest in security at home."

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VANCOUVER LEADS IN SCORING IN P.C.H.A.

Showing of Veterans is Feature of Series in Hockey So Far

It's anybody's goulon in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. So say the experts around the circuit after glancing all of the clubs in action. Last Tuesday's victory created a three-cornered tie. Wise is the man who can pick the winner of this season's chase after the elusive pennant. As fast as one club gets out in front along comes another and sends it down again. It is just about as uncertain as this old hockey game—as the diamond sport, everyone has a favorite but lack the courage to call it a turn.

If scoring counts for anything Vancouver should be in the fight all the way and for defensive work we've got to hand it to the Seattle speed boys. The figures, compiled up to and including last Tuesday's matches, show them to be leaders in these departments. If they can maintain their present pace they will have no trouble at all in the finish. But you can never tell what Spokane and Portland will do after the half-way mark is reached.

Veterans Come Back

The big surprise of the season has been the remarkable come-back of the veterans. Each club boasts one or two and they're all showing real class. Lehman, Patrick and Griffin are playing in brilliant form for Vancouver; Bobby Rowe, the Seattle defence star, is holding his own with the best of them and for speed, stickwork and all round ability Portland and Spokane boast phenomena in Moose Johnson and Lester Patrick. These six players have been in the game for many years, some of them before other coast stars started to chase the puck and they're going as fast as ever. Patrick, Johnson and the Spokane Patrick are right up among the leaders in the fight for scoring honors.

With two Vancouver men topping the scoring lists it is little wonder that the Millionaires should have the best goal-getting counters, and while Lehman is rated as the best goal-keeper in the business, he is at the bottom of the goalkeepers' averages.

Vancouver in Front

Team scoring averages, compiled from the official records up to and including Tuesday's matches, follow:

Team	Games	Goals	Ave.
Vancouver	7	35	5.3
Spokane	7	31	4.3
Seattle	7	28	4.3
Portland	7	23	4

CARRIGAN RECEIVES VERY LARGE SALARY

Boston, Jan. 1.—William P. Carrigan was paid \$23,300 for managing the Boston Americans last season. It was learned recently. Of this amount \$10,000 was salary under his contract, \$2,500 his world's series share, \$2,500 a special bonus for winning the American League pennant and \$7,600 a percentage allowance on the receipts of the Boston club.

SKATER IS BARRED FROM AMATEUR RINKS

New York, Jan. 1.—Oscar Mathieson, the European amateur speed skating champion, has been barred from amateur rinks. He had declared his intention of becoming a professional and had arranged for a series of races. He was summoned before the Eastern Skating Union, and made no attempt to cover his plans, whereupon, without further ado, he was declared to have forfeited his amateur status and forbidden to start in any of a number of amateur races in which he had entered.

BOUT BETWEEN BIG FIGHTERS DOUBTFUL

New Orleans, La., Jan. 1.—A hitch in the match for a twenty-round fight, recently announced for this city, February 2, between Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, and Billy Miske, of St. Paul, was admitted by Dominick Tortorich, matchmaker for a local athletic club. Mr. Tortorich said he had received the contract signed by Miske, but that Dillon had withheld his signature. Unless Dillon signs within a few days, he said, another fighter will be selected to meet Miske.

JUNIOR CHAMPION STILL HOLDS TITLE

New York, Jan. 1.—Elliott H. Blazen, of Columbia University, successfully defended his national junior indoor tennis singles championship Saturday in the final match of the tournament. In straight sets he defeated Henry B. O'Boyle, of Georgetown University, by a score of 6-1, 7-5, 7-5.

William Bothford and R. B. Haines, of Columbia University, won the doubles championship. They defeated E. W. Hopkins and E. L. Hopkins, of Yale, in the finals by 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

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SAYS CARPENTIER CAN DEFEAT JESS WILLARD

Kid McCoy Believes Not Man Living Can Give Frenchman Battle

New York, Jan. 1.—Kid McCoy believes that if Georges Carpentier ever meets Jess Willard, the world's champion will get a drubbing. McCoy, perhaps the foulest boxer that ever walked to the centre, is a great admirer of the dashing Frenchman. McCoy sat with Tex Rickard off in a corner of the Waldorf and told the tall Texan that the championship of the world might change hands if Willard and the idol of Paris meet.

"Tex, I'll tell you why I think Carpentier will whip Willard," said McCoy. "Georges is the speediest big man in the world, and speed is the thing that will beat the fellow with bulk and weight. Moran didn't have it, and Carpentier has. I watched Carpentier from the beginning, and I'll tell you right now that he is the most resourceful fighter that I ever knew."

"I saw him flatten Joe Jeannette twice in their fight in Paris with short right-hand punches. Joe was floored as cleanly as any man ever was. Little inside right-handers, mind you, punches that I had shown him."

"If you get him to come here I am going with him, and if you don't see his Willard kicking on the floor then shoot me for a wild sweet pirate, that's all. I know what the boy is capable of. He's not a middleweight. Don't let any one tell you that. He weighed 179 or 180 pounds the night he fought Gunboat Smith in London. He knocked the Gunner sprawling in one of the rounds. You may be in doubt about the finish of that fight. The Frenchman was winning, mind you. Going it blissty, bang, when he suddenly let fly at the Gunner. He missed and the force of the muff spun him around three times at least."

"He was whisked off his pins. He went down on his hands and knees, spread out like a crawfish, and the bewildered Smith made as if to hit him with a left, and finally brought his right down on Carpentier's neck. The referee promptly disqualified the Gunner. And, let me tell you, it was the luckiest thing that ever happened to Smith."

"I know he'll drop Willard at least once in the fight. You know all the heavy punches haven't been used yet. He'll find a way to bring Willard down. He can't think as fast as Carpentier, I'm sure of that. I've watched both men fight. Willard was never in the same class with this French boy."

GAME FISH HATCHERY

K. S. Clements, M. P., and Inspector of Fisheries, Meat Fish and Game Association.

On Thursday evening last the Dominion member for Comox-Atlin and Col. Cunningham, chief inspector of fisheries for the province, met the Parksville Fish and Game Protective Association, which for some time past has been agitating to get the government to establish a game fish hatchery on Englishman's river, with the idea of restocking the trout streams of B. C.

Owing to the weather conditions and the short notice given of the meeting, some of the members in the outlying districts were absent, but many enthusiastic sportsmen were present to discuss the proposed hatchery with the visitors. After P. Chandler, the proprietor of the new tourist hotel, had spoken on the advantages generally to the island, to be derived from the erection of a game fish hatchery, the chairman called on Mr. Clements, who not only showed himself strongly in favor of the project, but promised his wholehearted support when the fishery board meets in Ottawa in the near future.

Col. Cunningham pointed out that the day for expensive hatcheries was passed, but stated that when he went to Ottawa with Mr. Clements he would place the matter before the authorities, remarking that if the association would be content with a hatchery starting in a small way, he thought that very likely its wishes would be gratified and a hatchery be established.

Several members spoke, emphasizing the fact that as long as the result was game fish, and plenty of them, being placed in the streams of the province, they did not care how small the hatchery was or how small a sum was spent on it.

Other speakers pointed out that they were very anxious for the association not to interfere with the commercial side of fishing, the wish of the association being to work for the preservation and conservation of all fish. In fact, it was urged so strongly upon the inspector, the necessity for better protection against poachers, that protection was promised in the shape of a special game warden for next season's salmon fishing.

After Col. Cunningham had answered many questions about the issuing of licenses, giving the members much useful information, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the visitors.

DONS UNIFORM.

Alan Hawthornthwaite, a well known member of the V. I. A. A., and a popular local boxer of former years, who is one of the best amateur heavyweights of the Pacific coast, has enlisted in the local draft being raised for the Indian Waters Transport section of the Royal Engineers.

SPORTSMEN PAY THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

Many Prominent British Athletes Give Up Lives for Country

London, Jan. 1.—The latest casualties list contains the names of several prominent athletes who have made their mark in British sport, and also several football players. They have been wounded or killed in action on the western front.

L. J. Moon, who has died of wounds, was one of the few men to gain a "double blue," having represented his university at both cricket and football. At Westminster school he gained his colors for cricket and soccer, and on going to Cambridge he proved a great acquisition, playing football against Oxford in 1898, 1899 and 1900, and cricket in 1899 and 1900. He also was an active member of the Middlesex County Cricket Club, and in 1895 toured America with E. W. Mann's team. A few months later he went to South Africa with the picked team under the captaincy of P. P. W. Wade. As soccer he played regularly for the Old Westminsters and Corinthians and toured with the latter in Hungary and Scandinavia.

Lord Lucas, of the Royal Flying corps, killed, rowed No. 7 behind the famous Harcourt Gold in the university boat races of 1898 and 1899.

Captain H. J. Spencer, who died while on active service, was a fine all-around sportsman and stroked several winning crews for the Tyne rowing club. He was also a Rugby football man and a vice-president of the Northumberland Rugby Union.

Second Lieut. E. Fisher, killed, was the public schools hurdles and long jump champion in 1915, and joint holder of the high jump championship.

Jack Wetter, the famous Newport and Welsh Rugby three-quarter and Newport and Welsh baseball player, and who was serving in the South Wales Borderers, is reported killed.

Lieut. Claude de Mothe, missing, is a well-known Rugby football player, who represented the western counties in the international trial games.

H. Dunk, killed in action, was one of the best water polo players in England. He represented Gloucester county and was the holder of fourteen water polo medals.

A. G. Gray, the open golf champion of South Africa, has been killed on the Somme. He was the second holder of that title to fall in the war; the other is J. A. W. Prentice, who was the winner in 1913, besides several times carrying off the South African amateur championship.

Two flyweight boxers who have made the big sacrifice are Dido Gains, of Lambeth, and "Billy" Taylor, of Bethnal Green. They were serving in the sportsmen's battalion.

Football lost J. Williams, a member of Millwall and Crystal Palace clubs; John Coopex, of the Borderer regiment, who was famous in mid-Lancashire football circles; and J. Smith, of Birmingham and Chesterfield. H. Willets, the Bohemian and Irish international forward, has been wounded.

VANCOUVER BOXERS TO INVADE EAST

Three Vancouver boxers, Harry Anderson, Bert Hughes and George Ross, all well-known in the old amateur days when the game flourished at the Vancouver A.C., are to invade eastern rings. They have placed themselves under the wing of Frank Purcell, the Seattle manager, who first brought out Johnny O'Leary, and early in the New Year the latter will start East with his stable.

Joe Farrell, a Seattle featherweight, and Billy Wright, who is now boxing as a middleweight, will also go along with the Purcell stable. It's going to cost Purcell a lot of money for carfare, but he figures his boys will bring home some good-size bank rolls.

NO SOCCER GAMES PLAYED SATURDAY

Owing to the unfavorable condition of the weather and the resulting state of the grounds no soccer was played on Saturday. The Wests and Bantams turned out at Beacon Hill, but they decided that the field was in no shape for play. The grounds at Work Point and Central park were in even worse condition.

BOWLING NEWS.

The following is the standing of the teams at present in the Commercial Bowling League, now in progress at the Arcade Alleys for the "Fit-Rite" Trophy:

Team	P.	L.	W.
Silver Spring Brewery	6	3	3
Cameron Lumber Co.	6	3	2
Pressmen's Union	5	1	4
B. C. Electric	6	3	1
Fairall's, Ltd.	5	3	2
Capital City Bakery	5	3	2
Garrison	6	2	4
Wilson Hotel	4	2	2
Outlaws	4	1	3
Pirates	5	0	5

To-morrow a match of the junior league will be rolled by the Silver Spring and Navy teams.

NO INTER-CITY GAME.

Secretary Ivan Day was not surprised to receive a wire on Saturday evening from Vancouver telling him that the inter-city soccer match that had been arranged for to-day would have to be called off owing to a heavy snowfall in the terminal city, which has made the ground unplayable.

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REFERENDUM LAST OUTSTANDING ISSUE

When Question is Settled by Council To-morrow All Will Be Ready for Election

With a decision to-morrow evening in city council as to whether the council will reconsider its attitude to submit a referendum on the public vote, as sought by the mayor, the last point at issue to be settled by the electors at the poll on Thursday week will be determined.

Returning Officer Northcott, having this year to provide for a majority contest without the use of accommodation formerly available, is combining the majority and alderman poll in the same building, 1417 Broad street, two booths for mayor, four for aldermen.

As usual the school trustee vote will be taken in the Pottery building.

The returning officer has taken the store on Cormorant street, formerly occupied by the Capital Electric Supplies Co. for the money by-law on the Rock Bay bridge.

Since the referendum motion has to be advertised within a few days only of the polling day, it has not been requisite hitherto to publish the necessary proclamation.

Nomination for all offices takes place on Monday. At present there does not seem any doubt that there will be an abundance of candidates for the various positions, although as usual till the first election meeting candidates held back. The withdrawal from office of a number of public men seems to run in cycles, and this is one of those occasions when there is considerable opportunity for new men to secure election. Unfortunately the opening for them to unfold their views to a wondering electorate will be limited, for the majority contest will overshadow other issues, to the exclusion of their chances for platform oratory. It looks now as if the majority candidates will require the bulk of the time at the series of meetings which commence next Wednesday. As explained on Saturday, both candidates have meetings of their committees at their headquarters, the actual contest will begin.

FAREWELL SERMONS

Rev. Dr. Robert Cameron, retiring pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, yesterday preached his farewell sermons, the little edifice being packed to the doors on both occasions. In the morning his text was "Whom Ave preach," and in the evening "The Gospel which I preach unto you: That Christ died for our sins."

These two texts, the preacher pointed out, included everything that was preached to men; they revealed the person and work of Our Lord. He had tried, he said, to follow the example of the Apostle Paul, in doing so having taught the following things:

First, the inerrancy and supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures; 2, the supreme deity of Christ; 3, His absolute sinlessness; 4, atonement made by the death of Our Lord; 5, His resurrection, and the pledge and promise of the resurrection of all who believe on Him; 6, the Second Coming of the Lord to raise in power those who had been redeemed by blood; 7, the continued presence and tender care of the Lord, who "is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever."

The preacher closed by quoting Whittier's lines:

"I know not where His Islands lift their fringed palms in air; I only know I cannot drift beyond His loving care."

In the evening Dr. Cameron discussed what would follow the hundreds of years of Christ's reign over the earth. He intimated that he believed the reign of Christ would not end until after the earth had received its bath of fire. Then He would hand over the kingdom to God, and Father, Son, and Holy Spirit would unitedly reign over a sinless universe. Mrs. Quain sang as a solo: "I have heard of that beautiful city."

The audience remained afterwards to give their good wishes to Dr. Cameron, who leaves on Wednesday for Seattle to take up his residence there. Dr. Cameron having engaged to give his entire time to managing the magazine, "Watchword and Truth," which is published there.

DELIVERS ADDRESS

Professors Adam Shortt Speaks to Large Congregation at First Presbyterian Church.

At the watchnight service at the First Presbyterian church last evening, Professor Adam Shortt gave a very impressive address on the "Machinery of the Church and the Substantive of Christianity." His topic was almost immediately followed by the large audience that listened to him, and although he spoke for only 15 minutes he laid his subject completely and clearly before the congregation.

The service, which lasted from 10 to 12, was also addressed by the Hon. M. A. MacDonald, attorney general of B. C.; A. P. Ledingham, A. Ross, Dr. Cameron, J. M. Graham and Alderman Walker.

COMING TO CITY

One of the best known figures in Manitoba Liberalism, Hon. Edward Brown, now provincial treasurer of the province in the Norris administration, is expected in Victoria. Mr. Brown, who is a leading man in the financial life of Winnipeg, and a director of several companies, was formerly leader of the Liberal party in the province, and is now a prominent member of the present administration.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ELKS USHER IN THE NEW YEAR ENJOYABLY

The new year was ushered in at the Elks Club in a very enjoyable manner. About 60 Elks who were seeing the old year out gathered at the club with

their ladies shortly after midnight and an impromptu dance was held until 5 o'clock. An orchestra was formed from several of the members present and some of the ladies prepared a buffet supper between dances.

The dances were interspersed with songs and musical numbers by the members of the Elks minstrel troupe and the assembled guests voted the affair an unqualified success.

POSSIBILITY OF CONTEST IN OAK BAY

Ex-Reeve Henderson Likely to Head Ticket in Opposition to Present Administration

Prospects of the municipal election in Oak Bay being contested by a party headed by ex-Reeve William Henderson were stated to be probable to-day. As already explained, there is one vacancy owing to the retirement of Capt. W. E. Oliver, and already a candidate, F. C. Niven, has appeared in the field in addition to the retiring members, including Reeve Gordon, who will again be nominated next Monday.

The names of the ticket in opposition to the present administration will not be announced for some time. T. R. F. Oliver is stated to be a probable candidate for office. He made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the school board three years ago.

It is four years since the hold which the present administration has had on the affairs of Oak Bay was unsuccessfully challenged, when Mr. Henderson was the nominee against Mr. Rattenbury. Then a full ticket was nominated to contest the vacant seats. The veil of silence which appears to envelop the public affairs of Oak Bay, has often had critics. Those who differ from the administration think the veil could be lifted with advantage to the district.

Mr. Henderson, who has been both councillor and reeve, is likely to make a considerable run if his name goes into nomination on Monday.

LOCAL Y.M.C.A. HOLDS OPEN HOUSE TO-DAY

Fine Programme Takes Place at Institution This Afternoon

As has been the custom for some years past, the local Y.M.C.A. is holding open house this afternoon and is providing an interesting programme for all who attend. This "open house" is in the nature of a "get acquainted day" and a cordial invitation has been extended by the directors to attend and enjoy the hospitality of the Y.M.C.A.

Among the other events a basketball game is being played between teams representing the Rotary Club and the Young Men's Business Class. A special idea has been sent to the Rotary Club asking the members to attend with their families. The following is the entire afternoon's programme:

2.00—Boys' relay races in gymnasium.

2.20—Badminton and volley ball between teams of business men.

3.00—Group games by the boys' department.

3.30—Basketball: Rotary Club vs. Young Business Men.

4.30—Swimming and diving exhibition.

5.00—Refreshments prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary will be served.

This evening the First Presbyterian ladies' basketball team will play a team from the Victoria Normal School at 8 o'clock; and at 9 o'clock the Y.M. senior team will play the First Presbyterian seniors.

OBITUARY RECORD

Mrs. Catherine Jane Hall, widow of the late William Wesley Hall, passed away yesterday at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Davey, 126 South Turner street. The deceased lady, who was in her sixty-third year, had lived in this city for the last twenty-five years. She was born in Ontario, and a sister, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Hamilton; and a brother, M. H. Wickett, of York, still live in that province. Other surviving near relatives are her only daughter, Mrs. Davey, of this city, and two other brothers, John and Robert Wickett, the former living at Port Huron, the latter in Saskatchewan. The funeral has been arranged to take place from the residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. Cook to officiate. The services will be held at the house. No flowers, by request.

The funeral took place recently of Mrs. Mary Plummer, who died on December 17 at her home, Orient Way, Rutherford, N. J., at the age of 89 years. She was the widow of the late Robert Plummer, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and resided with her son, Robt. J. Plummer. For the last five years of her life she was an invalid. Mrs. Plummer was a resident of this city from 1862 to 1881.

The death occurred on Saturday of Richard Barrett Oliver, for the past ten years a resident of this city. The deceased gentleman was a native of Stonefield, Oxfordshire, England, and was a plasterer by trade. He was 73 years of age. Besides the widow there survive four sons: T. R. F. Oliver, of Oak Bay; C. E. Oliver, now in France with the 1st Canadian Pioneer; Frank Oliver, with the Berkshire and Bucks Light Infantry, in Oxford, and Sgt. Phil. Oliver, of the 56th Gordon Highlanders, and four daughters, Mrs. A. Kirby, of Yale street, Oak Bay; Mrs. P. Whittington, Fernwood road; Mrs. Deakin, Oak Bay, and Mrs. Boorman, of Bay street. The remains are at the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Co., where

English Mails.—An English mail that arrived yesterday by way of the Canadian Pacific consisted of 16 bags of letters, 81 bags of papers, 61 bags of parcels. This mail left London on December 15. The post which was brought in by the Sol Duc this morning left London on December 16, and came by way of New York. It consisted of 5 bags of letters and 5 bags of papers.

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A public meeting under the auspices of the Civic Retrenchment Association will be held in the old Victoria Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 4.

The chair will be taken by the President of the Association, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, at 8 o'clock sharp, when Messrs. Porter and Todd, the Mayorality candidates, who have signified their intentions to be present, will be requested to give their views upon the following questions:

Civic Retrenchment Assn.

1. In view of the fact that according to the Comptroller's statement, the Civic Taxes are some \$2,365,000 in arrears, by what means do you propose to overcome this deficiency?
 2. Will you advocate having a new assessment of the City made on a basis of population; many of the important cities of the continent are so assessed, and it would appear to be a reasonable way. If not, what other basis would you suggest?
 3. Would you advocate a City census being taken, so that an assessment upon the basis of population could be arrived at?
 4. Will you advocate having balance sheets of the City's finances, for the years 1913-14-15-16 prepared by the Auditor and Comptroller, and published in the local press and submitted to some recognized authorities on civic finances, in order to arrive at a solution of the difficult position of the taxpayers?
 5. What method do you propose to advocate in dealing with delinquent taxes?
 6. Will you advocate the question of revising the Municipal Act so as to rehabilitate the status of property owners in the protection they are entitled to?
 7. What expenses were incurred by the city this year in connection with the Union of Municipalities?
 8. If elected will you advocate that no amendment affecting the City of Victoria be proposed to the Legislative Assembly by the Union of Municipalities, without the knowledge of the ratepayers?
 9. If elected as Mayor will you pledge yourself to the strictest economy in municipal affairs, such as you would use in your own business?
- All ratepayers and members of this association are invited to be present.

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The funeral services will be held to-day at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. H. St. J. Ross Bay cemetery.

LIEUT. COL. E. C. HART DECORATED BY KING

Well-Known Local Medical Man in New Year's Honors List

Lieut.-Col. E. C. Hart, who is listed in the New Year's honors as C.M.G., commands No. 5 Base Hospital, Canadian, for the last year or more stationed at Salonica, lived in Victoria for some years prior to going to the Eastern front in charge of this medical unit. Principal district medical officer for M.D. No. 11, at the time that war was declared and for some months thereafter he was called upon to organize a hospital unit, authority for the organization of which was given by Ottawa on June 2, 1915. Within three weeks the unit was mobilized at Macaulay Plains and by July 12 was brought to full strength, viz., 22 surgeons, 13 nursing sisters, 177 rank and file, 1 dental surgeon, 2 quarter-masters, 2 warrant-officers, 2 sergeants and staff sergeants, and 2 buglers. The completion within so short a time of a unit made up largely of professional men and women won great praise for the officer commanding, who justified the confidence of the military authorities in an unusual measure.

On July 27 the unit awaited orders to move, on August 2 it was reviewed by General Lessor, on August 29 left for England, and on November 29 of the same year arrived at Salonica, where it has been doing good work ever since.

Colonel Hart was city coroner for Victoria for a number of years, and

FIRST IN UNIT TO BE PROMOTED ON FIELD

Major C. B. Schreiber, Well Known Here, Shows Soldierly Ability

Major C. B. Schreiber, a well-known Victorian who left with the 5th Battalion, formerly assistant-adjutant of the unit while it was stationed at the Willows camp, has been promoted in the field. He left here with rank of captain, and has received his majority within the last few weeks, being the first member of the unit to get promotion in the field.

Major Schreiber belongs to a family well-known in County Cork, Ireland, where his ancestors established themselves about three hundred years ago. He early showed a bent for the army, passing in the army class at Cheltenham with the hope of entering the service. This, however, he was unable to do, and subsequently, when he went to India, became a member of the Singapore Rifles, being stationed at Singapore for about a year. He came to this country about fifteen or sixteen years ago. For the four years from 1899 to 1903 he was with the Northwest Mounted Police, for the first year of that time being stationed at Dawson and White Horse. This was the year after the big rush, when the duties of a Northwest Mounted Policeman was by no means light. The three subsequent years he was at Regina in the service. He was for four years at Prince Rupert with the Grand Trunk Pacific survey in the early days of that city. Since coming to Victoria he had been in the real estate business in partnership with Mr. Lubbock. Mrs. Schreiber lives at Gonzales Hill.

B. C. BOY SCOUTS WILL ASSIST POSTMASTER

The following announcement has been made by T. R. Hennege, assistant commander of the Boy Scouts for B. C.: The director general of national service having earnestly invited the assistance of the Boy Scouts Association during the first week of the new year, the Boy Scouts of British Columbia will give all the assistance possible to the postmaster of their locality during the first week of the new year, and by so doing render service to their king and country.

COLONEL HALL IS VISITING VICTORIA

Officer, Formerly O. C. of 30th Battalion, on Business Trip Here

In the spare moments of a very much occupied business visit to Victoria, Col. John A. Hall, for many years a prominent resident of the city, who arrived from the Old Country on Saturday, is exchanging greetings with some of his numerous friends here.

Col. Hall, who before the war was officer in command of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., and who went to England in February, 1915, in command of the 30th Battalion, was given a special office on the British explosives committee at Whitehall about May or June of that year, his connection with the Victoria chemical works, of which he was active manager for some years, bringing him to the recognition of the war office shortly after his arrival in the Old Country. His practical knowledge of explosives gave him inestimable advantages for the post which he came to occupy, and led to the important responsibilities with which he has since been entrusted.

Besides his extensive and practical knowledge of explosives Col. Hall is splendidly fitted by his organizing ability for a high office of the kind which he occupies. This characteristic was recognized by the military authorities in England soon after his arrival, and he was retained at Shorncliffe training camp after the departure of his battalion in order that he might superintend the subsequent training of troops arriving from this country. Col. Hall, who is a guest at the Union Club, states that he is not at liberty to discuss the reasons for his visit to Victoria, but it is understood that it is in direct connection with the work of the explosives board.

MILITARY ORDERS

Announcements From War Office Regarding Changes in Local Units.

Announcements made in district orders, issued yesterday respecting the granting of certificates, appointments, transfers, etc., are as follows:

- Transfers-The following transfers are authorized: To "F" unit, M.H.C.C., C.E.F., from the 25th Battalion: Pte. Spencer Salvatore, Pte. Victor Long. To "J" unit, M.H.C.C., C.E.F., from 231st Battalion: Pte. Samuel Edwin Taylor. To 19th Battalion, C.E.F., from the 22nd Battalion: Pte. Gust Malm. To 23rd Battalion, C.E.F., from 225th Battalion: Pte. Alexander Smith. To 22nd Battalion, C.E.F., from 5th Battalion: Pte. G. Mendall. To "J" unit, M.H.C.C., C.E.F., from 50th Regiment: Pte. George W. Mansell. Attached-Lieut. W. H. Wallace, 102nd Regiment, R.M.R., is attached for duty to the 16th East Kootenay Regiment from the 7th November, 1916.

Certificates-The following military engineering certificates are granted: For the rank of sergeant in the 5th Field Company, C.I.: Lance-Cpl. D. J. Tepeorten, Sappers A. P. Augustine, G. Aspell, H. Blankadder, C. H. Brand, A. Cavers, H. N. Compton, J. F. Eric, King, P. Gray, R. E. W. Gwyther, G. Lyon, L. C. J. Matthews, W. J. Pittman, J. Boyce, L. Swan, S. D. Scott, T. W. Smart, C. H. Soltan, L. K. Waller, D. H. Wylie. The following infantry certificate is granted for the rank of sergeant: Lance-Cpl. T. Yates, 225th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.

Pte. John L. Colbert, of the Colbert Heating Co., who was injured on the Western front, being blown out of a trench, is now in the Convalescent Hospital, Uxbridge, England, making steady progress towards recovery, according to a letter received to-day from him by his wife, Mrs. Colbert resides on Transit avenue, Oak Bay.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS Men of Two Services Are Subject of Consideration by Various Organizations.

The Connaught Seamen's Institute has done good work among sailors and seamen visiting port during the last twelve months, 198 names registered on the books of the institution showing the number who have availed themselves of the privileges of the home. Of this number about half have been navy men, and it will be a source of particular satisfaction at this time to know that there is a place in Victoria, where men of the service can go in their leisure hours in port. The number of visits paid to the home during the year was 1,047, 285 free beds have been given, and 3 sailors helped. Among the extension-work contemplated during the coming year is a new Seamen's Institute at Esquimalt for the naval branch of the work. Nothing has yet been decided in this connection, however, but good results are looked for from the negotiations now under way.

F. A. MacDiarmid is chairman of the institute committee, which is greatly helped in its efforts for the welfare of the sailor in Victoria by the Ladies' Guild, the chairman of which is Mrs. Thomson. The ladies dispensed this year with the usual Christmas dinner served at the home, and instead decided to do some of the sailors and their wives. Such a large number of the men in port are confined to hospital this year that only a small number were present at the Christmas party. During the year the guild has lost two very interested workers in the persons of Mrs. Pemberton and Miss Thain. The port missionary and members of the guild have made a point of visiting sick sailors, both at St. Joseph's and the Jubilee hospital, also at Fleet Bay hospital in the dockyard.

Returned Soldiers. Several organizations are devoting themselves specially to the welfare of the returned soldier. The Women's Canadian Club aside from its already well-organized activities in this direction is preparing to open a khaki club where the men who have been discharged from the convalescent hospital and who are about to set out to seek work can stay pending finding some suitable occupation. The scheme is being promoted with the hearty sanction and co-operation of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission of which Dr. Young is chairman.

Other organizations which have funds available and are giving attention to the matter of the returned soldier are the Returned Soldiers' Employment commission, of which the Hon. Col. Prior is chairman; the Red and Blue Cross and Returned Soldiers' Flower Guild, of which Mrs. Hugo Bevan and Rev. A. de B. Owen are the moving spirits; and the Returned Soldiers' Association.

The WEATHER Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 1-5 a. m.-An ocean storm area now centred off Vancouver Island is causing strong southeasterly gales and heavy rains there, while on the Lower Mainland and in Eastern Washington snow is falling. The temperatures have moderated in British Columbia and no zero temperatures are reported in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday, Victoria and vicinity-Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled with rain or sleet. Lower Mainland-Easterly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled with snow or sleet.

Reports. Victoria-Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 26; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, .10; weather, raining. Vancouver-Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 22; wind, 8 miles E.; snow, .38; weather, snowing.

Kamloops-Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 20; weather, clear. Barkerville-Barometer, 29.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 22; wind, 10 miles S. W.; rain, .20; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert-Barometer, 29.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 20; calm; rain, .82; weather, fair. Tatoush-Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 28 miles S. E.; rain, .50; weather, raining.

Portland, Ore.-Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 20; wind, 14 miles S.; rain, .02; weather, raining. Seattle-Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .12; weather, clear.

San Francisco-Barometer, 30.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .12; weather, clear.

Table with columns: Location, Max, Min. Rows include Pentleton, Cranbrook, Nelson, Calgary, Edmonton, Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax.

NEW YEAR SERVICES

Intercession and Prayer in Catholic Churches; Masses This Morning. Special New Year services have been held in the Catholic church yesterday and to-day. Complying with the request of the government services of intercession and prayer for the final outcome of the war were held yesterday, and in the evening Father McKee, lately returned from the trenches of France and Belgium delivered the sermon. Starting this morning at 8 o'clock special New Year masses were held. At the last of these, which commenced

VANCOUVER SCULLERS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Lieutenant Sweeney Husband of Well-Known Victoria Lady.

The well-known Pacific Coast oarsmen, Lieuts. "Bimbo" Sweeney and Christie, both of the Vancouver Rowing Club, have been wounded in recent engagements on the Somme front, according to private advices received. They are now convalescing in one of the hospitals in France. Lieut. Sweeney, who left Victoria with the 11th C. M. R., and who upon his arrival in England, transferred to the 72nd Battalion, is expected to rejoin his battalion early in the new year. The wounded officer, whose father is manager of the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver, married Miss Violet Pooley, of this city. After the outbreak of war he came from the mainland to train with the 11th C. M. R. Battalion at the Willows.

JAS. BRAID NOT DEAD

Followers of Golf Will Be Glad to Know Famous Player is Alive.

New York, Jan. 1.-Followers of golf throughout the United States and Canada will be glad to learn that the reported death of James Braid, the famous Scotch professional, was based upon a case of mistaken identity, and that Braid is very much alive and looking forward to the time when conditions abroad will permit him to visit this country and play in a series of exhibition matches. Early in the month a short dispatch from London announced that James Braid, the famous golfer, had been killed while boarding a moving train in the Waterloo station. It further stated that Braid had been thrown backwards from the train and had died on the way to the hospital, apparently from a fractured skull. The report was given wide publicity, and it was not until recently that it was learned that the man killed was not the open champion of 1901-5-6-8-10. The James Braid who was killed in the manner described was a professional golfer employed by the Southsea club, and so far as known no relative to the James Braid, who with Ray, Vardon, J. H. Taylor and one or two other players, stand out as the most famous exponents of the ancient and honorable game.

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To the Electors City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:- You are respectfully requested to mark your ballot for Alderman in the forthcoming election, January 11, 1917, thus:

EDWYN BRENTON ANDROS X

I am in favor of PROGRESS, THRIFT, ECONOMY. Wishing you the compliments of the season and thanking you in anticipation. Yours truly, E. B. ANDROS

644 Linden Ave., Dec. 28, 1916. To the Electors City of Victoria

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**OUTLINE PLAN OF
TAXATION RELIEF**

Another Scheme is Explained
for Benefit of Public and
Delinquency Committee

**METHOD IS INDICATED
OF MEETING POSITION**

Seeking a Solution Along Line
of Least Resistance to
Help Citizens

The most interesting feature of the
civic meetings of this week apart from
campaign gatherings, is that with re-
gard to tax delinquency, the second
meeting of which will be held on
Wednesday afternoon. At that meet-
ing it is proposed to admit representa-
tives of the property owners to the
aiders in seeking a solution.

The Times has to-day received a sug-
gested plan which follows somewhat the
novel lines, from a well-known citizen,
which he hopes to lay before the citi-
zens for their consideration prior to
the meeting.

What Plan Proposes.

It should be premised that
the scheme which is briefly outlined
herein is intended more to indicate
than to prescribe a method of dealing
effectively with the question of relief
from the burden of taxation.

"It is properly an illustration of how,
in the event of adequate legislation be-
ing provided, such relief may be effect-
ed without trenching upon the powers
the city possesses, or undermining the
fundamental principles and measures
upon which the credit of the city has
been, and is, based.

"It does not contemplate tampering
in any way with the sinking funds to
finance the city's needs. Its object is
to ensure their sufficiency and safe-
guard their stability.

"I will not bar the council from pro-
ceeding, during the relief period, with
any new work of local improvement
which the council or the ratepayers
may deem necessary.

"It should be borne in mind that it
makes no attempt to adjust and differ-
ence as to the relative position in re-
spect to the city, of those who have
received expropriation moneys and
those who have not received them, of
those who have paid local improvement
assessments, partially, or in full, and
those who have not paid them. In the
one case the moneys have been paid
to the property owners affected, and
there is no lawful means of getting it
returned, no matter how excessive have
been the sums paid. In the other case,
those who have paid have, insofar, and
inasmuch, saved their properties, and
even if they have not paid, their prop-
erty will be held for their delin-
quency, should the scheme proposed be
carried out.

In any event, such cases are alto-
gether too numerous and complex to
be considered in any scheme of relief
such as the one under consideration.
The following is the scheme:

The Scheme.

1. Three million five hundred thousand
dollars to be borrowed at 5 per cent.
for 50 years' period on the credit of the
city as a whole.

2. Five hundred thousand dollars of this
sum to be deposited in the bank and
remain there in deposit for 50 years,
bearing interest compounded annually
at 4 per cent. The remaining \$3,000,000
to be applied as follows:

3. Cancellation of overdraft—\$1,000,000
or a less sum, as may be required, in
the cancellation of the overdraft at
the bank for one year, thereby allow-
ing the taxes collected at the end of
or during the year to form the revenue
available for meeting the expenditure
for the ensuing year.

4. Payment of interest on local im-
provement bonds—\$1,000,000 or a less
sum, as may be required, to be applied
for five years for the payment during
that period of the interest on local im-
provement bonds.

5. Expropriation bonds—\$1,000,000 or a
less sum, as may be required, in the
payment of the interest and sinking
funds of the bonds issued in respect of
the expropriation of property on the
trunk roads and possibly others on
which expropriation has been made.
This payment to extend over a period
of ten years.

6. General taxes—Balance, if any, to be
devoted to the relief of the general
taxpayer who may be unable on ac-
count of the financial stringency of the
times to pay present current taxes by
such plan, or method, as may be de-
vised and considered expedient and
equitable, in addition to other forms of
relief herein contemplated.

Notes on the Above Heads.

The deposit of the \$500,000 referred
to in No. 2 will accumulate at the end
of 50 years \$3,553,440, or \$3,440 more
than sufficient to amortize the entire
loan.

The cancellation of the overdraft at
the bank will save the city the \$45,000
interest now paid thereon (\$750,000 now
borrowed at 6 per cent—\$45,000) direct-
ly, and render possible a further sav-
ing of \$30,000 derivable from the bank
by credit deposits of unexpended bal-
ances of taxes paid in, or a saving
from both sources of \$75,000 yearly
thereafter—\$750,000 yielding 4 per cent.
—\$30,000.

This amount of \$75,000 representing
as it does the total sum annually, the
overdraft costs the city when added to
the annual outlay for interest on the
local improvement bonds represents a
yearly charge for interest of \$275,000
under present circumstances. The in-
terest on \$3,000,000 per annum at 175-

000 at 5 per cent. But if the payment
contemplated in No. 4 is made on ac-
count of interest on local improvement
bonds, this result would follow,
namely:

Deduction from the present interest
charge to the city, namely, \$275,000 on
account of bank overdraft and local
improvement bonds annually, the an-
nual interest charge on account of the
proposed loan, namely, \$175,000 (which
would be paid in order to wipe out the
overdraft and the interest on said
bonds for a period of five years), there
remains an annual saving in interest
for five years of \$100,000, or in the five-
year period, of \$500,000.

It is stated that the annual charge
on the revenue on account of interest
and sinking funds on the bonds is-
sued in respect of expropriations is
\$120,000. This computed for ten years
amounts to \$1,200,000. This sum also
would be saved to the city. It might
be said that it would be necessary to
make provision for this charge of \$120,-
000 annually in the eleventh year and
thereafter, but it may reasonably be
expected that by that time the revenue
will have gained sufficient increase and
buoyancy to meet the strain. If, under
present circumstances it has to meet
it, it should be able to do so in ten
years' relief from that necessity. The
same observation holds good in re-
spect of the interest maturing after
the five-year period (though that stress
may be modified as hereinafter indi-
cated) of cessation of payment of in-
terest by expropriation on local im-
provement bonds.

Extension of Period.

The modification above referred to
relates to the probable adoption of a
plan of reducing substantially the
amounts to be paid by owners of prop-
erty annually in instalments for local
improvement assessments by arrang-
ing for the division in future of all
local improvement works into two
parts, namely, those portions of the
work which are (a) temporary and
those which are (b) permanent, that
portion of the instalment which re-
presents a temporary work such as sur-
face work on pavements remaining as
at present, and that portion which may
be regarded as permanent being pro-
vided for my assessments spread over
a period of 25 or 50 years.

Regarding the question of making
this method retroactive, it may be said
that the debentures already issued and
sold respecting these works cannot be
disturbed or interfered with, as they
are beyond reach. But the difference
between the assessments for local im-
provement works under the old and
under the proposed new method, might
not unreasonably be met by a loan
spread over a long period specially
adapted to meet the necessities of the
case like the one herein contemplated
(which this loan is intended to assist)
in the case of such works as have al-
ready been completed, the city to ob-
tain power for this purpose.

General Beneficial Features.

(a) The cancellation of the overdraft
would save the city approximately
\$75,000 in interest in one year, or in 50
years \$3,750,000. This calculation serves
to show what the city has lost in the
same time.

(b) The further interest charges
would also disappear, namely:
Interest on expropriation bonds
and sinking funds charges
for a period of 10 years.....\$1,500,000
Interest on local improvement
bonds for a period of five
years.....1,000,000
\$2,500,000

(c) The elimination of the charges on
account of expropriation and local im-
provement bonds, together with the
saving which would be effected in the
matter of the overdraft would pro-
duce a corresponding decrease in the
millage or general taxation even if
the present assessment were maintain-
ed, while the relief afforded in the
matter of local improvement taxes and
expropriation payments would be in-
stant and effective.

(d) The city's credit would not be
impaired, but rather strengthened and
consolidated. No deficiency in the sink-
ing funds of local improvement, or
other bonds, would then have to be
faced.

(e) The inevitable result of the re-
lief affords in the matter of local im-
provement and expropriation assess-
ments, coupled with the existing re-
bate of one-sixth in respect of general
taxes, would produce a marked in-
crease in the payments of general
taxes and prepare the way for taking
up the increased charges on account
of interest on the loan herein con-
templated at the expiry of the five and
ten-year periods above referred to, and
this, without reducing to any appreci-
able extent the present general assess-
ment. A big cut in assessment values
is tantamount to advertising to the
world that city property has under-
gone a very serious depreciation and
has a decided tendency to impair the
credit of the city.

(f) It would also enable the council
to avoid the necessity for holding tax
sales for a number of years.

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Lot 1—Values to \$18.75. **\$9.50**
January Sale
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January Sale
Lot 3—Values to \$37.50. **\$21.50**
January Sale

Women's Novelty Coats

Regular values to \$45.00. **\$13.50**
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This is the greatest bargain we have offered on Novelty Coats.
They come in long and ¾ lengths, made in the more extreme styles,
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January Sale price

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The styles are up to the minute and every dress is
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Cretonne and Art Sateen.
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both sides; others are made
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and drab. Reg. to 25c values.
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