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STATES CUTS RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

Can Not Agree to Unbridled Atrocities at Sea

DEMANDED BY STATES AMERICANS TAKEN BY RAIDER BE RELEASED

American Government Requests German Government to Free Them at Once; Should German Submarine Sink American Ship Congress Would Declare War Immediately, Says Rep. Flood

Washington, Feb. 3.—The United States has formally demanded of Germany the immediate release of the Americans who were taken prisoners on prize ships by the raider in the South Atlantic.

In all there were 64 Americans taken from the steamships Georgic, Mount Temple and Voltaire. Sixty of the prisoners are confined in the prison camp at Dulmein, Westphalia.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Chairman Flood, of the House foreign relations committee, evidently regards the chance of avoiding war with Germany as remote.

"If an American ship is sunk by a German submarine," said he, "it will be followed immediately by a declaration of war by Congress."

The news of the break was received in the House as the naval bill was being considered.

SPANISH CABINET URGED TO BE FIRM

Germany's Threat Has Brought Appeals From Many Towns in Spain

DIGNITY OF NATION MUST BE UPHOLD

London, Feb. 3.—A Madrid dispatch to Reuters says that the Spanish government has telegraphed the central powers asking that the time allowed Spanish ships to return to port be extended.

Many towns are protesting against the note of the central powers and have sent appeals to the government to support with dignity the interests of the nation.

The administration has prohibited an anti-German meeting which was called at Santander.

The consulates of the central powers at Barcelona and the camp of interned Germans near that city are being guarded by the police.

GERMANS REMOVED FROM THE APPAM

Commander and Crew Taken Off by American Coast-guard Cutters

GERMAN VESSELS AT BOSTON ARE GUARDED

Washington, Feb. 3.—Lieut. Hans Berg and his German prize crew were removed from the liner Appam at Newport News to-day by coast-guard cutters under direction of a United States marshal. The ship is in the custody of the federal court pending appeal to the supreme court from a decision awarding her to her British owners.

Boston, Feb. 3.—One hundred and nine policemen, under command of Superintendent Crowley, were sworn in late to-day as deputy marshals and immediately ordered to the waterfront on guard duty at the pier where six German ships are docked.

AMERICAN NAVY YARDS ARE CLOSED TO ALL BUT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES; ATLANTIC RESERVE FLEET PREPARES

Washington, Feb. 3.—No one other than officials and employees of naval yards and stations is to be admitted to such government reservations. Secretary Daniels announced to-day that orders to this effect had been issued and would be effective immediately.

No special orders for increasing the guards at the stations, arsenals, wireless plants, naval magazines or other reservations have been issued, but each commanding officer has authority to take any steps necessary.

Secretary Daniels reiterated that the winter cruising orders of the Atlantic fleet, now in Cuban waters, had not been changed. It is known, however, that the bureau chiefs of the navy department have been instructed to give out no information without specific orders from the secretary.

Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 3.—The Mare Island navy yard was summarily closed to everyone save officers and men to-day by Capt. M. Bennett, the commandant. Even delivery wagons of merchants were turned back.

Bremerton, Feb. 3.—The commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard to-day ordered the entrances closed to all persons except employees, and these are required to be identified.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Although officials at the Philadelphia navy yard refused to discuss the matter, the indications were that the warships of the Atlantic reserve fleet were being made ready for sea duty. The guard of marines at the yard has been increased and no one is allowed aboard the ships without special permission.

Spain Will Act for States; Switzerland Is Asked by Berlin

Washington, Feb. 3.—Spain will take over the diplomatic interests of the United States in Germany.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Germany's diplomatic interests in the United States will be assumed by the Swiss legation.

Austria Following in Germany's Wake in Submarine Plan

Washington, Feb. 3.—A long dispatch received from Ambassador Penfield is understood to announce the adhesion of Austria to Germany's course.

AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS MAY BE CONVOYED; ATTEMPT MADE TO-DAY TO SEND DOWN AMERICAN TORPEDO BOAT

Washington, Feb. 3.—Convoying of American merchantmen through European waters by warships is being considered by the government.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—According to a report at the Philadelphia navy yard, an attempt was made to-day to sink the torpedo boat Jacob Jones.

A machinist's mate is alleged to have opened the sea-cocks, and as the boat was being towed into her dock she was seen to list. Investigation revealed that the sea-cocks had been opened and when the vessel finally had been docked there was two feet of water in the hold. The chief machinist's mate was arrested and placed in irons, it was said.

ALL UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO LEAVE GERMANY

Washington, Feb. 3.—Ambassador Gerard's instructions are to close his embassy, as well as all the consulates in Germany. All embassy attaches, consuls, consular agents and their staffs are to be brought out of Germany.

This makes the severance of relations more complete than is usual in such cases.

STEAMSHIP DAMAGED; TOOL SHOP BURNED

Indications Germans and Austrians in United States at Work

New York, Feb. 3.—Word reached the police to-day that coincidentally with the publication of the news of the rupture with Germany, the Austrian freighter Himalaya, which has been lying in Newark Bay, an estuary of New York harbor, had been put out of commission. The report had it that the piston heads and other parts of her engines had been smashed by the use of crowbars and axes.

Tool Shop Burned.
New London, Conn., Feb. 3.—A tool shop on the state pier, a portion of which is leased by the Eastern Forwarding Company for storage and handling of cargo for the German submarine Deutschland, was burned to-day. The loss was small. In the shop was metal used in the pier construction work.

NEW YORK POLICE TAKING MEASURES

Points Likely to Be Attacked Guarded Since Break With Germany

New York, Feb. 3.—News of the rupture with Germany spurred the police to take precautionary measures. Police were ordered to all places "likely to be attacked," including the water supply and the entrances to the great bridges over the East river. Men also were detailed to guard foreign consulates.

PLOT TO MAKE A DASH OUT TO SEA

Captains of Interned Vessels at New York Planned Sensational Coup

TWO VESSELS WERE TO BE SUNK IN HUDSON

Providence, R. I., Feb. 3.—The Providence Journal says this morning: "The hurried search of ships of the Hamburg-American Line, the North German Lloyd and the Austro-American lines made on Thursday by Collector Durley Field Malone, of New York, and the great increase in the numbers of the neutrality squad yesterday were the result of information given to the treasury department last Tuesday to the effect that a plot was being hatched in the German and Austrian consulates in New York to send five of these ships to sea and to attempt to sink two others across the ship channel of the Hudson river. The facts with relation to this plot were turned over to the treasury department at the suggestion of the Providence Journal."

Working under direct orders from Ambassador Bernstorff of the German embassy and Acting-Ambassador Zwiendinek of the Austrian embassy the German and Austrian consul-generals in New York called a meeting of several captains of the interned ships in the office of the German consul-general on Monday, January 22. The coming of Germany's blockade declaration was known and discussed at the time and the captains of the Vaterland, the President Grant, the Pennsylvania, the Al-Jemania and the Himalaya, an Austrian ship now anchored between Perth Amboy and Staten Island, were given orders to have their coal bunkers filled at once secretly and wherever possible to transfer coal from other vessels and to get on board these ships large quantities of sugar, coal oil and gasoline which had been slowly collected about the various docks for months. Orders were also given at this meeting to increase the engine room force of each of the steamers to its full capacity and to be ready for sea at a moment's notice. Notice was also given to the Hamburg-American Company to have a number of tugs in readiness for bringing those vessels out into midstream with steam up every night until further notice. At a secret conference following this meeting it was also decided that, two other vessels, believed to be Kaiser Wilhelm II. and the Princess Irene, both lying at Pier No. 2, at the Bremer docks in Hoboken, should be ready to move out immediately after the escape of the five.

Petrograd, Feb. 3.—An explosion on the ice-breaker Tzellouskina at Archangel, according to an official announcement issued to-day, is believed to have cost about 39 lives. Three hundred and forty-four persons were injured. Fire spread to various parts of the wharf and damaged a number of buildings.

IF AMERICAN VESSELS SUNK AND LIVES LOST MR. WILSON WILL ASK WAR BE DECLARED



Will Go Before Congress for Purpose of Making Request, He Tells Members of Both Houses in Announcing to Them That Diplomatic Relations Between States and Germany Broken Off As Result of Germany's Declaration of Unrestricted Submarine Warfare

Declares American People Seek to Remain True to Their Historic Principles; Must Take Stand Against Sea Savagery As Threatened by Berlin

Washington, Feb. 3.—Severance of diplomatic relations with Germany was formally announced to the country and the world by President Wilson at a joint session of Congress to-day at 2 o'clock. The United States stands on the verge of war, with all the historic precedents of centuries pressing it forward.

Fervently invoking the guidance of Almighty God in the step he had taken, President Wilson detailed to Congress why the United States could not continue relations with a warring power which repeatedly invades its sacred rights and takes the lives of its citizens.

Calm, with a sense of right in what may prove the most sombre moment of American history, the president stood in the historic hall of the House of Representatives and with senators and representatives before him, spoke the words which may carry the country into the world conflict, not for aggression and not for power; only for law and humanity.

Silent and attentive, the company of the nation's law-makers listened with rapt attention while President Wilson told of the course of the United States in the now unsuccessful diplomatic struggle to dissuade Germany from her campaign of ruthlessness.

The president spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the Congress:—The imperial German government on the 21st day of January announced to this government and to the governments of the other neutral nations that on and after the first day of February, the present month, it would adopt a policy with regard to the use of submarines against all shipping seeking to pass through certain designated areas of the high seas, to which it is clearly my duty to call your attention. "Let me remind the Congress that on the 8th of April last, in view of the sinking on the 24th of March of the cross-channel passenger steamship Sussex by a German submarine without summons or warning and the consequent loss of the lives of several citizens of the United States who were passengers aboard her, the government addressed a note to the imperial German government in which it made the following declaration:

His Warning.
"If it is still the purpose of the imperial government to prosecute the relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines without regard to what the government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity, the government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue. Unless the imperial government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels, the government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German empire altogether."

Germany's Reply.
"In reply to this declaration the imperial German government gave this government the following assurance:—

"The German government is prepared to do its utmost to confine the operations of the war for the rest of its duration to the fighting forces of the belligerents; thereby also insuring the freedom of the seas, a principle upon which the German government believes itself now, as before, to be in agreement with the government of the United States. "The German government, guided

URGES \$500,000,000 TO PREPARE STATES FOR HOSTILITIES

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator Thomas to-day introduced an amendment to the House bill proposing a \$500,000,000 issue of non-interest-bearing treasury notes to put the nation in a "state of naval and military preparedness."

The amendment was read but not discussed. The notes would be payable to persons from whom the government purchased munitions, could be used to pay taxes and would be redeemable in 1925.

ICE-BREAKER BLEW UP AT ARCHANGEL; THIRTY LOST LIVES

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WILSON'S DECISION FINDS SUPPORT AMONG CONGRESSMEN BECAUSE PATH ONLY ONE WHICH COULD BE CHOSEN

Washington, Feb. 3.—At the Capitol the news of the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany came like a thunderclap. Everywhere there were expressions of support and approbation.

One of the first to hear the news was Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, of the foreign relations committee.

"Can that be true?" he fairly shouted. "I did not believe the president would do it. I thought there might be another note. I'm with him," the senator emphatically declared, pounding his desk after a moment's hesitation. "Now we'd better see to it that our marines prevent the dismantling of any more German ships in our ports."

"It is sincerely to be hoped that this necessary break will not drag the United States into the war. There are limits, however, to endurance beyond which no self-respecting nation can go. This government can not permit the defiance of all the laws of civilization by any nation to pass unchallenged."

"The president has done the only thing that any self-respecting nation could do," said Senator Reed, of Missouri.

"I approve the president's action," said Senator Poindexter, Republican. "I think the country will unflinchingly support it. It was the only thing to do."

"We have to show our vitality as a nation," asserted Senator Sausbury, Democrat. "Any other course would merely be a postponement of what we are doing now."

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BRITISH RAIDERS TOOK PRISONERS

Successful Surprise Attack Was Carried Out Northwest of Gueudecourt

London, Feb. 3.—The following official report was issued last night: "In a successful enterprise last night against enemy trenches northwest of Gueudecourt, on the Somme front, we took two officers and 56 men prisoners. An enemy attack on British posts in the neighborhood of Gueudecourt was driven off by our machine gun fire. "There was considerable artillery activity at many points on our front. East of Bouchavenes we bombarded enemy dumps with destructive effect. "Warmer weather has resulted in increased aerial activity, and yesterday much useful work was done. Four of our machines are missing." French Report.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The War Office gave out the following last night: "In Belgium, in the sector of St. George, German troops attempted a surprise attack off one of our small posts. The attack collapsed under our fire. "In the region of St. Mihiel, our artillery carried out a destructive fire against German organisations in the forest of Apremont. Everywhere else the day has been quiet." The Belgian statement said: "A cannonade, varied in intensity, occurred on the whole front to-day."

HOW PROMOTIONS BEING REGULATED

Kemp Issues Memorandum Dealing With Requests Reaching Militia Department

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia, has given out for publication a lengthy memorandum. It is as follows: A large number of requests of a personal nature with reference to soldiers serving overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Force are being received daily by this department and by the Canadian military authorities in England. It is considered desirable, therefore, to explain the methods which, in the interests of fair and equitable treatment to all concerned, are followed in each case.

The policy adopted with respect to these requests has been formulated with every possible regard for the personal interests of the soldiers concerned and the natural anxiety and interests on their behalf of their relatives and friends. It should be remembered, however, that at this stage of the war the brave men of our own Canadian army and those of the British and allied armies require all the support that can be given them in their heroic fight for liberty, justice and civilization. To this end the services of every available man in whatever capacity his physical and other capabilities fit him to occupy, are urgently required both in England and at the front. It should be clearly understood, therefore, that the exigencies of the military situation must be the primary consideration in dealing with such requests. The following statement explains the procedure adopted in dealing with the various cases mentioned: (1) Requests for commissions for men serving overseas. Every opportunity is given to deserving men to qualify for commissions, both in England and at the front, and the only way an application can be considered is when it is made by the soldier himself to his commanding officer, by whom he must be recommended. It will then be forwarded through the usual official channels. A printed application form is available, which the soldier can obtain from his commanding officer for this purpose. (2) Requests for the return of men to take out commissions in Canada. The authorities in England have definitely asked that no further requests of this nature be forwarded, as every opportunity is given to deserving men to qualify for commissions in England and France, and they are all needed there. An application may be made by the man concerned to his commanding officer for permission to qualify in England or France for a commission. (3) Requests for the return of officers for duty in Canada. All experienced junior officers now in England and France are required there. As regards senior officers, the authorities in England have arranged to inform the department of militia and defence of Canada of any surplus of such whom they recommend as can be spared for return to Canada. (4) Requests for promotion. The military authorities propose and intend to make all promotions according to efficiency and merit, and records of all officers and men are carefully kept with a view to assisting proper selection in this respect. The officer or man concerned must first be recommended for promotion by his superior officer.

JAPAN WATCHING BILLS IN STATES

Objects to Anti-Alien Measures in Idaho and Oregon

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Japan's representations to the United States against the anti-alien land bills pending in the Idaho and Oregon legislatures, although made informally through her embassy here, are considered no less serious at this critical juncture of international affairs than her protests against the California law four years ago. Absolutely nothing had been permitted by the administration to become public until the protest was disclosed by appeals to the Oregon and Idaho delegations in congress to use their influence at home to prevent passage of the bills at this time.

The state of feeling in Japan, probably much disturbed by the recent criticism in the government, has been represented to the state department as being so serious that the Japanese statesmen who wish to preserve friendly relations with the United States, fear the passage of more legislation in this country may force the situation at home beyond their control. Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator Borah has laid before Secretary Lansing a telegram from the Idaho state senate explaining that the anti-alien bill just passed by the House is aimed at all aliens and not particularly at the Japanese, and asking that the federal government abstain from attempting to interfere with its passage. Mr. Lansing was interested in the explanation, but said it did not change the situation, in as much as it did apply to Japanese. Senator Borah took no further steps. Senator Chamberlain reported that he did not expect to interfere, as he believed the legislature of Oregon has a right to pass such a bill. Senator Wilbur declared, when questioned, that he had not acted on pressure from Washington, but had withdrawn the measure entirely upon his own volition.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—The following casualties have been announced: Infantry. Killed in action—Pte. H. Godfrey, England; Pte. G. Inde, Toronto; Pte. A. Tinker, England; Pte. G. Waywell, Toronto; Pte. Wm. Winkworth, Swansea, Ont. Accidentally killed—Pte. W. Newcome, England. Previously reported missing and believed killed; now killed in action—Pte. H. Holmes, Toronto; Pte. R. Haig, England; Pte. A. Paul, Winnipeg; Pte. C. Reynolds, England; Pte. A. Wilmot, England; Pte. W. Duggan, England; Cpl. A. Scott, Texas, U.S.A.; Pte. E. A. Wardhaugh, Belleville, Ont.; Pte. L. Patterson, Montreal; Pte. A. Dalhousie, Scotland. Died of wounds—Pte. R. Short, England; Pte. F. Anderson, England; Lieut. L. Jellett, Edmonton; Pte. Thos. Cummings, Carleton Place, Ont. Previously reported killed in action; now severely wounded—Cpl. H. Beyer, Glengarry, Ont. Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Pte. P. McDonald, St. Peter, P.E.I. Seriously ill—Pte. D. Robertson, Scotland; Pte. H. Jackson, Balcarres, Sask.; Pte. Ed. Luscombe, England; Pte. J. Alexander, St. Thomas, Ont.; Pte. G. Curtin, London, Ont.; Cpl. H. Herdridge, Nakusp, B. C.; Sergt.-Major S. Baldwin, England; Pte. G. Wheelcombe, Vancouver; Pte. J. McLean, Echo Bay, Ont.; Pte. E. Taylor, England; Pte. W. Steele, Weyburn, Sask.; Sergt. J. S'arrow, Scotland. Wounded—Pte. E. Welham, Toronto; Pte. E. Muldoon, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Cpl. C. Jones, England; Pte. W. Beardwood, Toronto; Pte. G. Brignall, England; Pte. A. Jupp, Carberry, Man.; Pte. R. George, Newfoundland; Pte. J. Evans, Montreal; Sergt.-Major J. Macfarlane, Montreal; Pte. H. Comfort, Newcastle, N. B.; Pte. A. Sutherland, Scotland; Pte. A. Sabean, St. John, N. B.; Pte. H. Morris, Montreal; Cpl. Wm. Ball, England; Pte. L. McKenzie, Fort Garry, Man.; Sergt. L. Brown, England; Pte. R. Ellison, England; Pte. L. McDonald, Battleford, Sask.; Pte. J. Todd, Hamilton, Ont.; Pte. G. Ferris, England; Pte. R. Shearer, England; Pte. W. Smith, Oshawa, Ont.; Pte. J. Deakin, New York; Pte. W. Fall, Trenton, Ont.; Pte. F. Rudd, England; Pte. D. Spaulding, Scotland; Pte. H. Haquette, Montreal; Pte. H. Nelson, Montreal; Pte. C. Hunter, Toronto; Pte. J. Kirkland, Scotland; Pte. C. Vermonden, Holland; Pte. A. Smith, Toronto; Pte. J. Donaldson, Australia; Pte. J. Atherton, Welland, Ont.; Pte. J. Douglas, Ireland; Pte. G. Beatty, Toronto; Pte. C. Brown, Edmonton; Pte. W. Jenkins, Garry, Ind.; Sergt.-Major F. Bradley, Burks Falls, Ont.; Sergt. C. Stevens, England; Cpl. Thomas Andrews, Toronto; Cpl. C. Giles, Toronto; Pte. S. Lazota, Welland, Ont.; Pte. O. Barry, Minden, Ont.; Pte. E. Hall, England; Pte. C. Burd, Ridgeway, Ont.; Pte. P. Ranger, England; Cpl. W. Denning, England; Pte. H. Eaton, Griffin Creek, Alta.; Pte. F. Barnes, Innisfail, Alta.; Cpl. M. Thompson, Port Hope, Ont.; Cpl. A. Hodgkins, England; Pte. F. Martin, England; Pte. J. Franch, England; Pte. W. Hutchinson, England; Pte. R. Mitty, Scotland; Pte. H. McDonald, Roxbury, Mass.; Pte. G. Brasher, Toronto; Pte. A. Shute, Toronto; Lieut. G. Little, London, Ont.; Lieut. A. Mortimer, Scotland. Wounded and missing—Pte. A. Barber, England; Pte. Wm. Scott, Leduc, Alta. Wounded, but on duty—Pte. E. Mor-

NORWEGIAN STEAMSHIP BLOWN UP; ONE KILLED

London, Feb. 3.—The Norwegian steamship Jerv, of 1,112 tons gross, has been blown up, according to announcement by Lloyds' shipping agency. One member of the crew was lost and the others were landed.

ELECTION FEBRUARY 24 IN NEW BRUNSWICK

St. John, Feb. 3.—Attorney-General Baxter yesterday afternoon announced a provincial election in New Brunswick. The nominations will take place on February 17 and the voting on February 24.

To Relieve Catarrhal Deafness And Head Noises

Persons suffering from catarrhal deafness and head noises will be glad to know that this distressing affliction can usually be successfully treated at home by an internal medicine that in many instances has effected complete relief after other treatments have failed. Sufferers who could scarcely hear have had their hearing restored to such an extent that the tick of a watch was plainly audible seven or eight inches away from either ear. Therefore if you know of someone who is troubled with head noises or catarrhal deafness, cut out this formula and hand it to them and you may have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. The prescription can be prepared at home and is made as follows: Secure from your druggist 1 oz. Parment (Double Strength), about 75 cents. Take this home and add to it 1 pint of hot water and 4 oz. of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day. Parment is used in this way not only to reduce by tonic action the inflammation and swelling in the Eustachian Tubes, and thus to equalize the pressure on the drum, but to correct any excess of secretions in the middle ear and the results it gives are nearly always quick and effective. Every person who has catarrh in any form should give this recipe a trial. Any druggist, or simply you, or a bottle will be sent on receipt of the postal note or money order. Address International Laboratories, 74 St. Antonio St., Montreal, Canada. Warnings for Reliability.—Reliable Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., and reliable repairs, 1124 Government St.

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BRITISH STEAMSHIP LINES NOT FRIGHTENED

Liverpool, Feb. 3.—On being asked as to the general attitude of Liverpool shipowners in the face of the German threat to sink all shipping without warning, the manager of one of the largest shipping lines said: "I do not think there will be any change. Personally I should not hesitate to send a dozen ships to sea tomorrow at my own risk. For two years the Germans have done their worst. There is no cause for alarm. The Germans have made threats before which they have not been able to make good. "The underwriting business is going on as if nothing had happened."

WAS RELIEVING BELGIUM.

New York, Feb. 3.—The steamship Euphrates, sunk by a German submarine, was under charter to the Belgian relief commission and would have taken another cargo from New York for Rotterdam had she returned safely to the United States. It was stated by representatives of the commission here to-day. She carried a crew of between 25 and 30 men, none of whom was an American so far as is known.

A ROAST FOR HUGHES.

London, Feb. 3.—Discussing Sir Sam Hughes' speech in the House at Ottawa, the Star says: "He is more loyal to the Ross rifle than to the men. The Canadian equipment was not thrown aside through War Office prejudice in favor of our weapon, but by the Canadians themselves. That ought to be sufficient even for Sir Sam Hughes."

Weakened by Anaemia Doctors Gave No Hope

Said She Was Threatened With Consumption, and Gave Her Three Weeks to Live

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FOUR KILLED AND FIFTY WERE HURT

Cold Caused Survivors of Train Wreck in Iowa to Suffer

Cromwell, Ia., Feb. 3.—Four known dead and 50 injured, one probably fatally, is the toll of the wreck of train No. 12, C. B. & Q., which ran into a broken rail 200 yards east of the station here last night, left the tracks and toppled down a 60-foot embankment into a frozen slough. Scores of men and women in nightclothes were hurled through windows and cut and bruised. They clustered about the ice and snow in a temperature below zero until a relief train with physicians arrived from Creston one hour after the wreck. Not until 12:30, nearly three hours after the wreck, were the last of the dead and injured, some of the latter badly frost bitten, taken from the wreck.

All of the dead and more seriously injured were passengers in the wooden chair-car, which was partly demolished. Occupants of the three steel Pullman cars were cut and bruised, but none of them was fatally injured. It is not known if there are any bodies in the wreckage, but search is being made.

The engine, tender and a smoking car did not leave the track. The observation car was derailed, but was not ditched.

All of the injured were treated at hospitals, hotels and private residences in Creston.

The train, eastbound, was running 20 minutes behind schedule, but slowly. The telegraph wires were destroyed by the wreck and other wires were crippled by the cold weather, and it was nearly an hour before relief could be called.

"LEAK" INQUIRY GOES ON AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 3.—The congressional committee investigating the so-called "leak" on President Wilson's peace note came back to Washington today to resume its hearings in a further effort to ascertain the source of transmission of an advance report of the note from the firm of F. A. Connolly & Company, Washington brokers, to E. F. Hutton & Company, New York brokers.

The committee transferred its inquiry here from New York because of the press of international affairs.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, \$2.00 per dozen.

GERMANY'S THREAT IS A CONFESSION

British Discern Enemy Has Lost Hope of Victory in Field

London, Feb. 3.—Reflection for a few hours over Germany's latest threat has left the British public less worried than appears to be the state of public mind in most neutral countries.

Two points of the issue stand out strongly in all public circles. First, that the German decision is the counsel of desperation and a virtual confession that she has abandoned hope of military victory in the field. Second, that as she has shown no restraint in recent months in her submarine warfare on shipping bound to opposing belligerent countries, it is needless to feel dismayed at what she is likely to do in the future, since probably all available submarines have been in full employ, and it is unlikely that in the near future Germany can have a much greater number of underwater boats at her command.

The British public is not displaying any special alarm. There are some who are even inclined to welcome the threat as providing a useful stimulus to the government and the nation.

The German press, on the other hand, appears less confident of the happy results of the latest stroke. The German papers are warning their readers not to expect too much immediately from the new submarine campaign. Disappointment seems to be reflected in the German press that the new move has failed to bring about further negotiations with the United States on the peace question.

The point is noted here that in the German note is the expressed intention for the first time not to make an attempt to annex Belgium.

WILL GO TO FRANCE.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Twenty-one Stanford University students, due to leave here Sunday to join the American ambulance corps on the French front, will be deterred in their plans only by Secretary Lansing or their fathers and mothers. The present international crisis has not caused a change in plans so far, according to W. F. Bourn, president of the Friends of France, under whose auspices the volunteer recruits are to be dispatched, unless the department of state objects. "We expect no objection," Bourn said.

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WHAT BREAKING OF RELATIONS MEANS

History Indicates Declaration of War Between States and Germany Near

POSITION OF INTERNED GERMAN STEAMSHIPS

Allies Lose Assistance of States for Prisoners; Also Teutons

Washington, Feb. 3.—The breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany does not mean war, but easily may lead to war. It is an act of protest characterized in the usage of nations as a "measure short of war."

The danger that war may follow is accentuated by the diplomatic history of the world. Modern times show no instance of a diplomatic break between two first-class nations that has not been followed by hostilities.

The rights of the Germans in the United States and of Americans in Germany are practically unaffected by the severance of relations. No treaties are terminated or suspended; they remain in full force and effect unless either government decides to renounce them, which under international practice generally calls for a notice of one year.

The German consuls in the United States and the American consuls in Germany, holding their places by virtue of treaties, could continue to perform their usual functions, but they no longer would work under the supervision of diplomatic officers.

There is no change in commercial relations, already badly crippled by the war. Individuals and corporations may continue their usual affairs provided they do not deal in contraband, and their obligations are as binding as ever. The courts still remain open to them for redress, but they have no facility for direct intervention by their diplomatic officials. They may, however, be represented by the diplomats of the friendly powers requested to care for the interests of the respective governments.

Interned Ships.

There should be no sequestration or confiscation of private property, either in the United States or Germany, although certain circumstances. The 95 or more German merchant ships tied up in American ports since the beginning of the war may be used by the United States, but the German owners ultimately must be compensated. The ships scattered in the ports of the continental United States, Porto Rico and the Pacific island possessions, including the Philippines, comprise some of the best known liners and aggregate 323,375 tons gross.

Only in case of war is there possibility of their being absolutely confiscated, and even then such action is doubtful for the United States, in the world court of nations, has been the leading exponent of the inviolability of private property. Mails will continue to move under the Geneva convention and other existing special conventions. There should be no restrictions upon the free movement of travelers between the two countries other than the fixed policy of the United States to issue no passports to Americans wishing to visit the war zone unless they have pressing business there. In fact, so far as individuals are concerned the status remains practically unchanged by the break in diplomatic relations.

There is, however, one relation between the United States and Germany which ceases through the diplomatic rupture. It is the humanitarian task of guarding the welfare of the entente soldiers in the prison camps of German civilians and the care of German civilians detained in the entente countries. This vast task, which has been performed by American diplomatic representatives in England, in the French camps, in Africa and in the Russian camps extending to the icy waters of Siberia, will have to be confided to other hands. Likewise the welfare of British, French, Russian and other entente prisoners in Germany, Austria and Turkey will pass to some other neutral power.

MUST BE CONSERVATION OF FOOD IN BRITAIN

London, Feb. 3.—The food ministry has issued a public appeal to the nation to limit the consumption of bread to four pounds, of meat to two and a half pounds and of sugar to three-quarters of a pound weekly per head.

The food controller says that after consideration of available stocks and the probable need in the future of supplies, the situation requires that heads of families should endeavor to limit household consumption to this basis.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS WATCHING THE APPAM

Newport News, Va., Feb. 3.—Collector of Customs Hamilton and District Attorney Smith last night boarded the coastguard cutter Yamacraw, which had come here on neutrality duty, and kept her searchlights trained on the prize ship Appam. Reports said the officials had intended to remove the prize crew from the Appam, but that word had come from Washington to delay action.

RESPONSIBILITY IS BORDEN CABINET'S

Waited for Hands to Be Forced Regarding Ross Rifle

NO EXCUSE EXISTS, SAYS HON. F. OLIVER

More Definite Course Needed in Connection With National Service

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Continuing the debate on the Ross rifle in the Commons, F. B. Carvell, Liberal, Carleton, N. B., declared it was strange steps had not been taken by the government for the manufacture of the improved Lee-Enfield, which is being manufactured in the United States. In war time, he said, the contract with the Ross factory could not hold, and the government could have taken over the control of the factory if necessary.

Sir Sam Hughes made a vigorous defence of the Ross rifle. The whole trouble, he said, had been due to defective ammunition, the Ross rifle showing its superiority over the Lee-Enfield in all the tests made.

Hon. Frank Oliver.

Hon. Frank Oliver vigorously criticized the government. He said that when war broke out the government should have taken steps to see that the rifle in the hands of the soldiers was the very best. This had not been done, and no action had been taken until the government's hands had been forced by the British authorities. There was no justification or excuse for the action of the government, and it could only be ascribed to the fact that the then minister of militia had always defended the rifle and still did so. The responsibility was strictly the government's.

Sir Robert Borden, replying to the member for Edmonton, said the government was as anxious as possible to see the men at the front well supplied with the best possible rifles.

"Does the honorable member realize," said Sir Robert, "that he is making an attack upon a rifle for which he is responsible as a member of the government which adopted this rifle?"

No Notes.

Mr. Oliver replied that his complaint was that when the rifle had actually been tested the government had not taken notice of the tests.

"I deny this," said Sir Robert. "We did take notice as soon as we were informed of the situation and ordered the first division to be armed with the Lee-Enfield. We then considered what was to be done."

Mr. Oliver, in reply, said that he had been a member of the government which had adopted the Ross rifle. It had served its purpose during the time of peace, and was the best target rifle in the world. He would not accept any responsibility for it as a service weapon. He relieved the government of all responsibility for sending the rifle to the battlefield, but held it responsible for any delay in discarding it after it had been found to be a failure. The Canadian militia authorities should have acted and not waited for the British authorities.

E. M. Macdonald.

E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Pictou, N. S., urged that better methods be evolved in order to secure the required number of men promised by the prime minister. The billing system, which had been very effective, had been abandoned. He asked if the government had any new system.

Sir Robert Borden answered that already 400,000 men, including the active militia and permanent forces, had been raised. Measures were under consideration for the raising of a considerable force for home service. He could not say any more at the present.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux praised Maj.-Gen. Lessard, and wondered why he had not been given command of a brigade.

The prime minister agreed as to the ability and services of Maj.-Gen. Lessard. He had had discussion with Maj.-Gen. Lessard and had put to him certain proposals which he had urged him to undertake. These proposals he would communicate privately to Mr. Lemieux.

Hon. Charles Murphy.

Hon. Charles Murphy declared that it was notorious that at the outset of the war Maj.-Gen. Lessard's services had not been availed of because of the hostility of the late minister of militia. The fact was, that the services of the most accomplished soldier of Canada had not been properly utilized.

Lieut.-Gen. Hughes asserted that Maj.-Gen. Lessard was by no means the best officer in Canada. There were others just as good. He had done well as officer commanding the Toronto division. On two occasions, however, he had been guilty of actions which would have brought about his dismissal by "any other minister of militia in the world."

Lieut.-Gen. Hughes then made a long statement in regard to an inquiry which had been conducted into the affairs of the 36th Battalion. According to this explanation, Maj.-Gen. Lessard had conducted an inquiry in connection with difficulties which had arisen in the regiment during the summer camp when outsiders were taken in to fill up its ranks. He had made two reports on the matter, one for himself, and the other, which was marked private and confidential, for Adjutant-General Williams. In this report he had intimated that his other report was not likely to be acted on because the commanding

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officer was an Orangeman, as was also the minister of militia. Sir Sam's second complaint against Maj.-Gen. Lessard was in regard to the famous mobilization of the Toronto forces by order of Maj.-Gen. Lessard shortly after the outbreak of the war, because of a German invasion scare.

There was a long interchange between Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Frank Oliver in regard to the purpose of the national service movement. The member for Edmonton declared that the government should have made its purpose clear. The means adopted to achieve the object arrived at, he said, were inadequate. If the idea, back of the cards was compulsion, it should have been made clear, and conversely

first object aimed at by the national service campaign was to secure the largest possible number of suitable men for the front. In addition it was thought to secure as complete a record as possible of Canada's manhood in order that the industries of the country might be properly manned. He realized that the plan was not free from difficulties, but predicted that on the whole it would be successful. The prime minister stated that before the adjournment of the House he proposed to submit a statement now being prepared by the director-general of national service. This statement, he said would make it clear that splendid results had been achieved.



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vention will be incalculable. In that respect Washington's action is the most notable development of the war situation since this empire, confronted with a similar choice in the case of Belgium, chose the way of honor, suffering and sacrifice.

In a military sense the United States is wholly unprepared for war, especially a war with land forces. It has, however, an efficient navy which will be of incalculable service in conveying freight ships across the Atlantic and clearing the seas of hostile raiders.

Berlin is reported to have anticipated a break with the United States but to have decided to risk such a development on a submarine campaign which it hopes will shorten the war by starving the allies into submission.

EXIT VON BERNSTORFF.

The Kaiser need have no reproaches for von Bernstorff. He worked wonders considering the heavy load he had to carry in the form of his country's record. We question if Germany has another diplomat, not even the subtle Prince von Buelow, who could have made that outlaw nation presentable to the American people as long as von Bernstorff has made it.

AN AMAZING DEFENCE.

The press dispatch of the debate on the Ross Rifle in the House of Commons yesterday reports the Prime Minister as stating that the government was "more or less bound" by the terms of the contract made by the late administration with the rifle company.

The government was not even "bound" to take the rifle with which the Canadian soldiers were equipped and which was unloaded upon them for a year and a half after the first grim test notwithstanding the adverse reports of Sir John French, General Alderson and Sir Douglas Haig.

Count von Tarnowski, the new Austro-Hungarian ambassador, has just reached Washington. To-day he presents his credentials to the president. To-morrow he probably will receive his passports.

The All-Highest prefaced his declaration of ruthless submarine warfare with an announcement that it was dictated by the interests of humanity.

The Austrian ambassador to the United States, upon whose behalf a safe-conduct was demanded of Great Britain, assumed the duties of his high office yesterday.

Hypnotized Americans have from the first maintained that they were loyal citizens of the great republic. They now will have an opportunity to demonstrate the truth of their professions.

The allies hardly will withhold a safe-conduct from von Bernstorff, who doubtless will be decorated with an iron cross for the very effective work he has done in the United States.

It cannot be said that President Wilson acted precipitately. He allowed the Prussian many days of grace in which to turn from the error of his ways.

The decision of the United States has confirmed the sentence upon the Hun as "a fugitive and a vagabond upon the face of the earth."

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Alarm Clocks. Reg. \$1.25, for \$1.13

Samoine Cleanser. To clear—1 gal. Reg. \$1.50 for 90c; 1/2 gal. Reg. 90c for 50c; 1 qt. Reg. 50c for 35c; 1 pt. Reg. 30c for 15c; Odd Vegetable Dishes. Reg. \$1.50 for 75c; Odd Soup Tureens. Reg. to \$4.25 for \$1.00; Odd Spoon or Pickle Trays. Reg. 25c for 10c; Double Handle Cups and Saucers clear at, doz. \$1.00; Odd Glassware—Covered Sugars, Celery Trays, Butter Dishes and Spoon Trays. Values to 25c clear at 10c

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mined to make another effort to reopen the mines which formerly supplied the Tyee smelter with ore.

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While it was fully expected that the company would employ a large number of men at the smelter, the news that

the mines are to be reopened is satisfactory, as promising considerable employment in the district.

Col. Stevenson said that he considered the metalliferous possibilities of Vancouver Island would in a few years warrant rivalry with its well known mineral development, and the owners were coming to the island in absolutely assured confidence of the business future of the proposition now in hand.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Feb. 3, 1892.

The James Bay Athletic Club intends holding a grand regatta at Shawanigan Lake some time in May. A race for the B. C. championship will then take place.

The grand council of the Royal Templars of Temperance of the province is holding a meeting in this city, commencing last evening. A public gathering will be held to-night. Delegates from the various cities are attending.

The first of the twelve boilers built by the Albion Iron Works for the Moodyville sawmill is on Spratt's wharf, and the others will be sent to the same place for shipment.

SOME SUBJECTS FOR THE COUNCIL SESSION

Variety of Matters Will Be Before Aldermen on Monday; May Continue Estimates

Variety rather than important matters will be the keynote of the business before the city council at its meeting on Monday evening. There is, in addition to the list of matters suggested by the Civic Retrenchment Association to which allusion was made yesterday, a subject referred to the finance committee which has not yet been dealt with, and that is the point raised by members of the association urging the appointment of an independent auditor. Since the city balance sheet will not be ready for two weeks yet, it is improbable any action will be taken in the meantime. It is reported in the treasury department that the delay in presentation of the annual statement is due to the late date set now for receiving taxes, which makes it difficult to close the books as was formerly the case.

The Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association is not ready to make any statement, the council will be informed, on the question of lower insurance rates yet.

The council will be asked to pass the two by-laws to straighten out difficulties which have transpired in the registration of titles to lands acquired for the expropriation of Port street, east of Cook street, and also to confirm the change of name of part of Fisgard street to Balmoral road.

The result of the conference with Esquimalt councillors in regard to school tuition fees will be reported, showing a contra account claimed by the district council.

The damage done by the swelling up of wood block pavements will be the subject of reference, since the solicitor is reporting on a case in point where the E. C. Electric railway complains of a car being derailed on Government street owing, it is alleged, to that cause.

Naval and Military Methodist Church, Esquimalt, Choir concert, Tuesday, February 6.

"Resthaven" Thanks.—The officer in charge of "Resthaven," the convalescent hospital for returned soldiers, Sidney, expresses thanks for generous donations to the hospital, as follows: Bible Society of Victoria, 25 copies of the New Testament; Mrs. Brothour, Sidney, two cushions; Union Club, Victoria, playing cards; Mrs. Barrow, Sidney, 7 boxes of apples; Mrs. Hallam, 2 cushions; Colonel Layard, books; Miss Mara, books and magazines; Mrs. Fred Maynard, illustrated papers; Sidney Friends, 3 cushions and books; Mrs. Hill, books; Mr. J. J. White, books; Mrs. Wheeler, roller towel.

Western Divisional Meeting.

At Winnipeg on Thursday last a meeting of the western division of the National Council of Y. M. C. A. Workers was held, at which reports of the four provinces this side of the great lakes were discussed and plans for the future considered. The reports and recommendations of this meeting will be placed before the meeting of the entire national council at their sitting in Toronto on Wednesday next.

Case Dismissed.

The case of G. D. Simon, a Chinese jeweler and watch repairer of this city, accused of selling a watch on Sunday, December 31st, in violation of the law, was dismissed by magistrate in the police court this morning. Mr. Bishop, who was stated to have received the watch from Simon, is at present with the forces, having left this city with the Inland Water Transport and was therefore unable to appear in court to corroborate the statement of the accused.

MORE RAIN LAST NIGHT.

With the rain last night there has fallen during the last forty-eight hours 4.3 in. the considerable rise in the temperature which accompanied this facilitating the cleaning up of the snow, which has been very considerably reduced in depth all over the island. A high barometer to the south and low barometer to the north have brought southerly winds across the island, and a consequent considerable modification of the weather, which is now spring-like in temperature, the maximum point touched by the mercury up to noon to-day being 43, just a degree above the point at which it stood at 5 o'clock this morning. The low barometer influence is still showing itself over the northern part of the province. In Kootenay and Cariboo districts the thermometer has now gone above zero. At Prince Rupert it still remains fairly cold with just 18 above zero. At Triangle Island, on the other hand, it was 42 this morning, and considerable rain has fallen during the twenty-four hours all over the island. In the prairies there is still much frost, many points recording 20 to 30 below zero. Southwards through the States it is also still cold, and Memphis to-day had 14 degrees of frost. Portland, Oregon, reports 50 above zero.

STUDENT WORK IS A FEATURE OF Y.W.C.A.

Associations Now Found in Connection With Most Colleges

Great opportunities of work among the students of colleges, secondary schools and high schools have been developed of recent years through the agency of the Young Women's Christian Association of Canada and the United States.

The work is so entirely different to that undertaken in the city institutions of interest. The local governing body is chosen from among the students themselves, it being felt that it is essential to have a student to understand the conditions. Such governing body is called the Y. W. C. A. council, and is made up of the regulation officers and the various committee convenors. Every college of any size in Canada has one of these organizations, and in order that there may be no overlapping of work the various student bodies which are organized for purposes of evangelization are unified under the name of North American Student movement. It is a great body of Christian students, composed of the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Association of Canada and the United States, and the Student Volunteer movement for Foreign Missions. The work of these societies are in many cases focussed on the same college communities, and there are many questions of mutual policy which would naturally come before a consulting council. Such a council of North American Student movements was established in 1912.

Two of the biggest problems in connection with the Canadian student work are owing to the vast geographical extent of the movement and its rapid development owing to the large number of new colleges springing up in the west. Because of the great territory over which the colleges are scattered it may readily be seen that a vast amount of time and money is necessary to make possible the traveling student secretary's visit to the colleges. The difficulty of bringing to the summer conference the student representatives of the distant colleges prevents such representatives from having the inspiration and help of these gatherings in many instances.

The spiritual side of the association work is, naturally, its outstanding character. Bible study, mission study and social service study classes are all part of the work. As an outcome of these classes many students devote part of their time in college to a definite form of social service work. The association draws many of its most able recruits from these young women in the student department. Canadian women students are proud of the fact that one of their number has built up the work among the women students in Japan.

Social needs of the students are not overlooked. A special attempt is made to befriend new undergraduates, and to commend to them in a practical way the aims of the association.

It is in the summer conference that the student worker finds the soul of the movement. A Canadian summer conference has been held annually since 1909 at Elgin House, Muskoka, delegates carrying back to their colleges the inspiration for the year's work. It is the aim of the association to add a summer conference for the west and for the east.

The Young Women's Christian Association has in its student work an immensely vital force, a force that is being developed to the greatest possible efficiency for the spreading of the gospel of the Master of Men.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT C. G. A. BAND

Next Sunday Evening commencing at 8.45 p.m.

The total proceeds will be given in aid of the Canadian Red Cross Fund.

Programme


1. March—Our Fallen Heroes—To the Memory of the Brave and the Proud
2. Overture—Count of Essex, Mercadante
3. Vocal Solo—Selected
4. Trombone Solo—The Better Land, Cowen, Bdr. Whittingham
5. Grand Fantasia—Memories of the Opera
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LATE HARRY LACEY WAS WELL-KNOWN HERE

Deceased Was Travelling Agent for R. P. Rithet & Co.

The remains of the late Harry Lacey, whose death occurred yesterday at Nanaimo after a brief illness, arrived in Victoria on the E. & N. noon train to-day, and were taken in charge by the B. C. Funeral Company who have the arrangements in hand for the funeral. This will be on Monday from the residence of the deceased, 1241 Oxford street.

The late Mr. Lacey was travelling agent for R. P. Rithet & Co. He was born in England 36 years ago, and came to Canada about 10 years ago. For some time he was in charge of Messrs. W. R. Megaw's grocery store at Vernon, B. C. and about six years ago removed to the coast. He became associated with the R. P. Rithet firm very shortly afterwards, and became a very valued employee of the company, being energetic and very capable.

His widow and a child survive at the family residence, Oxford street, and his father and mother and other relatives are living in the city.

The deceased was a member of the Commercial Travelers' Association and of other fraternal bodies in the city.

WORK for the Victoria Patriotic Fund

should apply as soon as possible to the secretary, phone 1685.

North Ward Branch, Red Cross, which suspended work during the present week owing to the impassable condition of the sidewalks and generally deterrent weather, will reopen on Monday again in the district who wants to help the work is invited to call at the rooms and give a hand. Donations either of equipment or furniture for the rooms will be very gratefully received by the committee.

Esquimalt Red Cross. Esquimalt Red Cross will hold their postponed concert in aid of the Red Cross on Monday evening in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Admiral's road. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock, and, as a first-rate programme has been devised, a very pleasant and enjoyable evening is anticipated for the patrons of the event. Twenty-five cents admission is being charged, and the proceeds will go to the Comfort-bag Fund. Music, refreshments and games are being provided by the ladies of the committee.

Hollywood Branch. The work in the Hollywood Red Cross branch is progressing very favorably. The rooms are open every day of the week except Saturday. There will be a general meeting of this branch in the rooms upstairs in the Margaret Jenkins school at 8 o'clock on Monday evening. All members and their friends are requested to attend.

ALL BRANCHES BUSY

Various Entertainments Are Planned for Red Cross Benefit.

English Mail In.—There arrived this morning at the Victoria post office an overseas mail comprising 3 bags of letters and 4 bags of papers. The mail came via New York.

Remanded Till Monday.—The case of Joe, a Chinaman who is accused of stealing a pair of rubbers from the shoe store of A. E. Matheson, Government street, was remanded till Monday, by Magistrate Jay, in the police court this morning.

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One usually associates a grill, or to use the older term grill room, or going further back still, a chop house, with things essentially masculine. In any case, art in its musical sense is as yet rarely associated with the many things dished up by the serious visaged waiter to a mere man for his creature comfort. Many are the mistakes, even though there be equal virtues, of ancient customs. While passing through time of unusual anxiety, and rush, what is the need for the constant of the busy men and the much-occupied woman—for the idea of a grill room for a man alone is quite unthinkable to-day—to be accompanied by some diversion. It has long been said that company at a meal is an aid to digestion, and even more may be said of music, yes, and dancing, too.

The demands of the age were recognized by the management of the Westholme Grill a long time since. Perfection of cuisine was the first essential; that was accomplished, is retained and promised until the end of the chapter. The diversion was created. What is more, the diversion is healthy, entertaining, and begets the approbation of the most fastidious in art as well as propriety. There is excellent food at sensible prices and a high grade entertainment without additional cost. The surroundings are cosy and con-

genial, where husband and wife may pass a leisure hour without regrets. As to the artists, Marie Theresa in her Spanish dances displays a grace in execution that reminds one of the professional ballet. Nan Andrews as a character singer does not belie the title. Her repertoire is a comprehensive one, the majority of her selections being of the wholesome, humorous type, their popularity being reflected in the number of encores. Songs of the more serious order are entrusted to Miss Roadstram, who possesses a soprano voice beautifully modulated and displaying a vigor in attack of the heavier themes. To Beatrice Watson, however, upon whom devolves the whole of the accompaniments, special word may be permitted without making invidious distinction. As an accompanist her work is as near perfect as it could be, while her pianoforte solos, chosen always in good taste, are perfect examples of technique from a finished artist. She is a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music, London, England.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The entire receipts from the concert to be given to-morrow evening at the Royal Victoria theatre by the 5th Regiment band will be given in aid of the Red Cross funds. The band will be assisted by Mrs. D. B. McLaren and R. B. MacKenzie, who sing solos and duets. The programme will commence at 8.45.

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AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

In "The Social Secretary," Triangle-Fine Arts feature to be seen at the Royal Victoria theatre for the last time to-night, Norma Talmage is starred in a play entirely different from any of the others in which she has appeared, and in a part which is both unique and interesting.

She is seen as a beautiful young woman who has to earn her living and is annoyed by the unwelcome attentions of every man for whom she works. After having left half a dozen positions because of this persistent persecution she answers the advertisement of a woman of wealth who wants a social secretary.

Before doing so she disguises herself in such a way that no one would suspect her of being beautiful. She pulls her hair straight back, puts on heavy-rimmed round glasses, paints some ugly lines into her face and tops off the general effect with a surprisingly ugly bonnet and dress. She gets the job, and the comedy situations created by this disguise, keeps the audience in continual rounds of laughter to the end of the picture.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

The vaudeville programme which will hold the boards at the Pantages next week promises to be one of much interest. It is noted for two features in particular, and several other attractive elements which will assure a popular offering. One headliner will be a musical comedy of rare brightness and quality and the added attraction will be the "Grand Old Man of the Ring" and his promising son.

"Mr. Chaser" is a musical farce-comedy, with twelve people, including the tenoric dancing "bellboy girls." George Leonard and the Chesleigh Sisters play the leading roles in this attraction, which is said to be the finest musical comedy that has come this way in many months. The action takes place in the lobby of a summer hotel. Comedy situations interspersed with song and dance feature the act.

The other headliner is Bob Fitzsimmons and his son, Bob Jr. Bob, sr., tells a few untold facts concerning his rise to champion of the world, and then boxes three rounds with Bob, Jr., who is striving to become a world champion like his famous father, Bob, sr., has been away from the stage for five years. There is a lot of pathos and sentiment in his life story as well as a lot of humor. Anthony and Mack, as the Italian and the politician, present an act that for comedy and bright lines is hard to excel. The types are very well drawn and the whole act is said to be very exceptional. China possesses two classy dancers, Joe Chong Haw and Rosie. Yden Moey. They are called the "Ysena Castles," and provide novelty on the bill. Leslie and Sol Berns will be seen in a comedy skit, "The Train Announcer." This turn has been pleasing the Pantages fans all along the circuit.

The twelfth chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" intensifies the interest in the serial which, after next week, has but three installments to reach its conclusion. The mysterious mantle plays an important part in this episode, but in the hands of the arch villain this time.

THE COLUMBIA.

In the course of events Pete wanders into "The Turkish Dream" where Tessie Mooney, "Princess Zim-Zim," is dancing. But the sudden defection of the piano player leaves the show in a precarious condition. Pete saunters into the show and presently starts playing the piano. He is offered \$10 a week to continue his activities before the piano and decides to take it. Tessie's finer qualities respond to the refinement of this stranger and before the girl realizes it, she is in love with him. He does not consider her seriously because he is still in love with his former fiancée, but when Tessie kisses him one day, he takes her in his arms, for he is lonely and disconsolate—and then realizes that the girl thinks that he is in love with her. Rather than

break her heart by disillusioning her, Pete makes the great mistake of deciding to go through with the marriage, because he has just read in the paper

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of the engagement of Alice to another man. So Tessie is taken to the atmosphere of Fifth avenue and etc reveals himself in his true colors as a millionaire. But the clashes between Tessie's former modes of life and those of Pete are frequent. The result is an interesting study in human nature. The production was directed by Del Henderson. To-night is the last time this fascinating story will be pictured at the Columbia theatre.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

C. V. La Farge, of Seattle, is at the Dominion.

E. Aked, of Calgary, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Geo. N. Hale, of Nelson, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

A. J. Patterson, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress hotel.

J. M. L. Chernault, of Lillooet, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Frank Stackpole, of this city, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Capt. S. W. Bucknham, of Nanaimo, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rowan, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel.

W. H. Ramsden, of New Westminster, is a new arrival at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. L. T. Seavey is over from Port Townsend and is at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Munday, of Chicago, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

James Palmer and son, of Vancouver, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

Mrs. D. Thompson and Mrs. K. Wilson, of Nanaimo, are staying at the Dominion.

D. Alexander is down from Shawnigan Lake and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

W. D. A. Mason and Mrs. Mason, of Vancouver, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Geo. H. Turner is over from Vancouver and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

A. N. Westhaven, of Saskatoon, is visiting the coast and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. B. McKinnon and son, of Chemainus, are amongst the recent arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Maude Baby, of Ladysmith, is a visitor in Victoria, and is the guest of Mrs. J. D. Sinclair, of McClure street.

Herbert Smith, G. Keefe, C. A. McColl, G. Read and H. C. Forrest, of Vancouver, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

A number of his friends have been privileged during the week to see at the Dallas hotel, where he is staying, Colonel Appleton's beautiful collection of Japanese color-print landscapes by Hiroshige. These landscapes are to be shown at an exhibition under the auspices of the Island Arts and Crafts Club, Union Bank building, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross.

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SPEAKS OF BIG WORK

Miss V. M. Hamill, Y. W. C. A. Student Secretary, Refers to Growing Power of Associations.

Miss V. M. Hamill, National Student secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Canada, is visiting friends in the city this week-end. Miss Hamill states that there are in Canada 48 student associations, many of these being in the Normal schools of the various provinces. There are in the World's Student Christian Federation, with which the student Y. W. C. A. is affiliated, 24 national organizations with 180,000 student members. Like all the other Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. work the Christian Student Federation has received great stimulus since the war began. In Russia the student body was considered revolutionary prior to the war, but in the past two years they have won the confidence of the government to the extent that their work has been very much encouraged and plans put out for four great buildings in student centres. The Federation in England has done much in unifying the ideals of the allied nations, in their great effort to stand together as one nation in the cause of right.

Miss Hamill is herself a graduate of Toronto University, and appreciates the value of these student associations in the Y. W. C. A.

BENEFIT BAND CONCERT

Very Interesting Programme at Royal Victoria Theatre To-morrow Night for Red Cross.

The following is the complete programme being given to-morrow night in the Royal Victoria theatre by the 15th Regiment band and assisting artists in aid of the Red Cross funds. Mr. Donham is very kindly giving, without charge, the use of the theatre, and the proceeds of the collection will go to the good work.

March—Our Fallen Heroes...Round (To the Memory of Our Brave)

Overture—Count of Essex...Mercedante Vocal—Selected...Mrs. D. MacLaren.

Trombone—The Better Land...Cowan Bdr. Whittingham.

Grand fantasia—Memories of the Opera...Tobain

Vocal duet...Mrs. MacLaren and Mr. McKenzie. Air Varié—Abide With Me...Rimmer (By request.)

Vocal—Selected...R. B. McKenzie. Selection—Byng Boys Are Here...Ayer (By request.)

God Save the King Accompanist—Mrs. A. J. Gibson.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 3-5 a. m.—The barometer remains low in Cariboo and being high to the southward, mild and rainy weather is general on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, while at Prince Rupert cold weather continues and moderate temperatures are general in Cariboo and Kootenay. In the prairie provinces the temperature ranges from 20 to 30 below zero.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m., Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild with rain. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, fresh

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Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, .30; rain.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .30; raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 10; calm; cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 29; minimum, 12; calm; cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 6; calm; cloudy.

Tatoush—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 25 miles S.; rain, 1.94; raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.35; temperature, maximum yesterday, 51; minimum, 45; wind, 30 miles S. W.; rain, .14; cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 20 miles S.; rain, .06; cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 69; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles E.; clear.

Temperature. Max. Min. Penticton 29 22 Cranbrook 22 22 Nelson 23 22 Prince George 13 13 Calgary 12 23 Edmonton 24 24 Qd'Appelle 16 26 Winnipeg 22 22 Toronto 2 22 Ottawa 12 12 Montreal 10 10 St. John 6 6 Halifax 22 22

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Friday.

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PERSONAL REMINISCENCES BY CHARLES HAYWARD

Interesting Anecdotes of Judge Begbie and Other Pioneers of British Columbia

There are old-timers and descendants of old-timers who still take a lively interest in the recital of reminiscences of early days in Victoria.

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Peculiar Cases.

When Sir Matthew once fined a man one hundred dollars for assault, the prisoner became impertinent, saying he had the money already in his pants pocket, whereupon the judge added six months imprisonment, inquiring whether that was in his pants pocket also.

On one occasion I was interested in a case for damages, which was heard before Sir Matthew, arising out of the wrecking of a submarine plant, engaged in removing rock in Victoria harbor, which was run down by one of the Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamers.

"About half of the crew of the steamer were called as witnesses to prove the vessel's course, while all the employees on the plant testified to where it was moored. In charging the jury the learned judge remarked that if they had only the personal contradiction evidence before them, on which to base a verdict, their task would be an onerous one, but he would introduce a new witness named Mr. 'Gravitation,' an intimate friend of the late Sir Isaac Newton, who proved that as the coal from the wrecked craft was afterwards recovered from the rock so consequently must have been moored there. This view was accepted by the jury, who subsequently recorded a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against the company.

"Our courts have always stood in high repute for unimpeachable integrity, and there has never been a whisper of scandal, but some of their judgments from a legal standpoint would make our present day lawyers 'sit up and take notice,' and would, if compiled, make interesting reading. Practically there was no appeal from one judge to another, as it was a case of Caesar vs. Caesar, while the courts of eastern Canada were too remote.

"These early times were balmy days for those interested in real estate or owning homes of their own, for taxation was based on actual value, or the revenue capable of being derived from it. Besides strict economy was practiced in the administration of affairs, but unhappily these days have passed. It is not long since that, not being content with the natural increase in real values, highly paid boomsters were engaged to inflate our assessment roll, bringing about that dangerous period either as regards cities or individuals, when credit was too good, and an era of reckless extravagance ensued, which will take years of careful administration to adjust.

"Few but those living here in the early days can realize the intense unrest and disappointment which was felt at the continual failure of the Dominion government to comply with the terms of union or the modifications suggested by Lord Carnarvon," said Mr. Hayward. "At last the temper of the people was so aroused that fears were entertained of some overt act of disloyalty or worse, while open threats of annexation to the United States, together with an extraordinary interruption of the proceedings of the provincial parliament followed a public meeting, when some of the fiery speeches indicated that the interests of the people were then in danger. It was decided to storm the House. This was done. Hundreds rushed off pell-mell, jumping the bar, invading the sacred precincts, and loudly charging the members present with forging chains to bind us. Of course an immense uproar ensued. The premier, Mr. Amor de Cosmos, moved that the sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Thomas Harris, a very feeble and corpulent old man, be directed to clear the House. The decision with which the suggestion was received, indicated how useless it was to proceed, so a stormy adjournment took place.

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"The incident brought to the attention of the authorities the urgency of action. The Hon. James D. Edgar, armed with large powers, was deputed to make a matter of it. It was popularly believed that Edgar brought with him to facilitate his work a large supply of what was known as 'balm,' which being wisely distributed proved a potent charm in disarming the malcontents. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Edgar when 'balm' was not even mentioned. It was on the occasion of his visit to the Elk lake water scheme then in progress. He was accompanied by the city councillors, of which I was one. Some unforseen delay at the lake suggested the idea that we play 'pitch and toss' to fill in the interval. Mr. James Drummond, to whom the whole credit or discredit of the scheme belonged, had carefully planned, as he said, to show the cheap skates a thing or two. So he came prepared with quite a large number of twenty-dollar gold pieces, which he privately distributed among the players. Edgar himself declined to play, but was more than astonished at the magnitude of the game and at the small fortunes won and lost, and in subsequent letters to the eastern press expressed himself freely on the occurrence and its evidence of the reckless extravagance of the west.

Social Life.

Referring to the social life of the period Mr. Maynard said that this compared favorably with the later decades. They mostly knew and appreciated each other, and as there were few public entertainments and no moving pictures 'the necessity for being easily accessible for their own mutual entertainment really made life enjoyable.

"The self-sacrificing charity that has been so manifest during the past few months," he added, "was always more or less in evidence. At no time in my experience did deserving institutions languish for want of funds."

In reviewing such a long period, Mr. Hayward said in conclusion, naturally one could not help thinking of the many lost ones whose friendship and

love had made the years memorable. "We hope our descendants and successors, who have many privileges and advantages which were denied to their forefathers will imbibing something of their resourcefulness and energy, and patriotically do their share in making their 'goodly heritage' a better and happier land to dwell in," said this pioneer as a final word to link the past and future of British Columbia's capital.

AMMUNITION COLUMN TO DOUBLE STRENGTH

Lieut. Irwin Announced That 68 More Men Are Now Needed by Draft

Lieutenant Irwin, who has recently received instructions to double up on the local strength of the overseas draft of the 5th C. G. A., is very anxious to complete his numbers, now sixty-eight, as quickly as possible, and to all volunteers he will be glad to furnish particulars as to service.

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He crossed the ocean in command of the 5th Brigade which he took to France and was at the head of the 4th Brigade when he was admitted to hospital suffering from gastritis. When his recovery was complete he was asked by the authorities to return to Canada and raise the ammunition column, a part of which is now recruiting in this city.

The total number of men when at full strength will be over 800, they are being raised in four sections besides the headquarters department. Sections 1, 2 and 3 will consist of three officers and 168 men each, while No. 4 section which is being raised in Victoria, Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg, will consist of four officers and 256 men.

The progress that has been made in this city has been very satisfactory to the authorities. At the beginning of this week the draft was up to full strength consisting of one officer, 64 men and two trumpeters. On Wednesday morning orders were received to the effect that the authorities were to take immediate steps to double their numbers with the exception of trumpeters, no more of whom are required.

Lieut. Irwin will be successful in his task of raising the required number of men is practically certain. If the events of the future can be judged to any extent by what has taken place in the past, the ammunition and artillery units which have been raised in this city have always been supported in a very wholehearted manner and the rapidly with which the first 68 men were enlisted gives promise for a successful campaign in securing the remainder that are required.

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MINSTRELS TO REGISTER ON MONDAY MORNING

Bantam "Black and White" Show Promises to Be Notable Event

The Bantam minstrels are intending to obey the ancient rules of etiquette obtaining with dusky entertainers and to proclaim their presence in the town on the morning of the first day of the show. Paddy Green, the big humorist, and Tom Nagel, the far-famed Bantam "back tucker," who have been elected to represent the end men on the parade, remarked yesterday that the world, and much less the minstrel show, could not get along without tradition, and that they therefore proposed to paint the town pink, this being their favorite color.

Considerable commotion has been caused among the minstrels by the announcement that no flowers will be received by the artists on the nights of the show. This is rather a breach of etiquette which should not have been permitted and the niggers are genially disappointed to know that not even the usual bunch of carrots will be allowed.

Messrs. Fletcher Brothers have lent their Steinway Grand piano for the occasion, which is much appreciated by the promoters. One of the best turns in the second half of the programme will be a duel between Major Taylor and Lieut. Fuller, entitled "I'm afraid there is somebody looking."

The dates of the show are Monday and Tuesday, February 5 and 6, and the place is the Royal Victoria theatre. The proceeds will go to local civilian charities.

LITTLE HOPE NOW

Private R. H. Corbett Missing Since Oct. 8 Has Two Brothers Fighting

No further news is available at present concerning the fate of Robert Henry Corbett, a private in the Royal Canadian Regiment, who has been posted as missing since October 8 last year. The official intimation received from Ottawa by his brother E. Corbett—foreman of the pressroom at the Times office—merely states the fact and inclines to the belief that the worst is to be feared. There is, however, a very remote possibility that he may be a prisoner in Germany, although there is slender hope for that.

Corbett comes of a fighting family; he has two brothers beside himself who are doing their bit in France. Joseph is a sergeant in the 47th Battalion, with which unit he left Victoria in 1915, while Arthur, the eldest of the family, who went with the im-

perial forces to France from Ireland, is engaged in staff duties at headquarters.

Pte. Corbett enlisted for overseas service at the outbreak of war and was drafted with the Royal Canadian Regiment to Bermuda in the latter days of 1914. He received his first baptism of fire when that unit reached France in 1915, and during the whole of the Somme offensive up to the time of his, now presumed, death, in October, he saw much of the heavy fighting in this sector. Before going overseas he was engaged as an accountant in the city. He was twenty-seven years of age and had spent the previous six years in Victoria, since coming out to Canada from his home in Cork, Ireland.

GETS APPOINTMENT

Lt. P. E. Nyland Leaves the City for England Next Week

Another well-known Victorian in the person of Lieut. P. E. Nyland is leaving during the next few days for England and active service. He has been given an important appointment as

transport officer after having qualified for his commission at Work Point.

Mr. Nyland was for a number of years engaged in the city, but for the past two years has been occupied in Vancouver as passenger agent for one of the railway companies there. Resigning his position in August last for the purpose of going overseas, he enlisted in the 242nd Battalion and rendered valuable assistance to that unit by his success as a recruiting officer. It was after his work with the 242nd that he entered the Royal School of Infantry at Work Point.

Mr. Nyland is well-known in club and fraternal circles in the city, the members of which will all join in wishing him a safe return.

IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE CANADIAN SAPPER

Lieut. Evans, C. E., is on Extended Tour of Explanation

Lieut. E. Evans, of the Canadian Engineers, who is at the present time making an extended tour on behalf of recruiting for that branch of the service, from Prince Rupert over the Grand Trunk, through the Yellowhead and back along the main line of the Canadian Pacific to Vancouver and Victoria, writes that his special mission of explanation is bearing good fruit. It has hitherto been the belief that the Canadian engineer at the front was the man who actually digs the trenches and does the rough work in connection with road construction.

Lieut. Evans has made a point of his mission the exploding of that idea. He states emphatically that the sapper to-day is a man of considerable importance, since, to the ordinary sapper, the duty of executive work is entrusted.

The engineer has no time for the work that is easy of accomplishment by the average Tommy who has not been trained in the handling of men or of laying out important work. One sapper will very often have the handling of 50 to 100 men nearly every day of his service at the front. These men are supplied to him by division headquarters and he therefore is called upon to play the role of consulting engineer. Lieut. Evans expects to be in the city shortly to remove the present recruiting headquarters to Government street if possible.

SAPPER BARF TELLS OF CHRISTMAS FEAST

Former Assistant Building Inspector Relates Experiences of Amateur Cook

In a letter to friends in the city under date of December 31, from the now familiar address, "Somewhere in France," Sapper J. Barf, who was a former assistant building inspector in the employ of the city of Victoria, describes the "social activities" in the front line trenches on Christmas day. He says in part:

"We all had parcels more or less, and I was fortunate in joining in with seven others, all old chums of my section, and we secured by far the best dug out, and although not quite shell proof it was comparatively dry and contained a stove. That is, a nail keg converted did justice for that. Christmas day opened with the usual French rain, but 'faired up' towards noon.

"As dinner time came round one man essayed to make soup as a starter. I handed him some Oxo tablets while others made similar contributions, and it was to be a real treat. Fifty Oxo tablets and some soup squares of his own all went into the concoction, the amateur cook thought it a rare opportunity to provide a treat. He meant well, but the final result resembled a plum pudding, and required to be hacked out. Sorry to relate it still remains a 'dud,' for it would fail to explode under any circumstances. Roast chicken and real plum puddings, however, followed the 'soup' and made up for a good deal. Even to fruits and cigars we luxuriated in this dug out, and Fritz left us severely alone all the day long—but he made it up during the night." Sapper Barf says that he is in good health and despite the celebrated Somme mud there is lots of fun at the front.

GETS MILITARY CROSS

Prominent Young Rancher of Upper Country Wins Coveted Distinction

Lieut. Noel F. Bacon when war broke out was managing a large cattle and horse ranch in the Lac La Buis country of the interior and after putting his affairs in order he left for England for the purpose of "doing his bit." He has just been decorated with the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry on the Somme front in September last. He has gone through the whole of the heavy fighting on the western front since the latter part of 1915 with the Royal Horse Artillery, to which he was gassed after taking the officers' training course in England.

Born in London 26 years ago, Lieut. Bacon came to Canada direct from school when he was 18 and during his residence in the Dominion has been connected with the livestock industry in various parts of the Northwest. He is a well-known horseman and polo player in the upper country.

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LEAVING FOR ENGLAND EARLY NEXT WEEK

Another Victorian Accepted for Service in the Royal Flying Corps

Originally of the 107th East Kootenay Regiment, followed by a term at the School of Instruction at Work Point, where he qualified for a commission, afterwards becoming attached to the 25th Battalion, Lieut. Emerson L. Smith has had an opportunity to secure a good groundwork in military training as an infantry officer. The final disposition of the 25th Battalion, however, into two companies and their departure overseas as such, obliged a number of the junior officers to look for fresh fields and pastures new. Lieut. Smith was not long in making his choice, for as soon as Lord Innes-Kerr arrived at the coast in connection with the Royal Flying Corps, Lieut. Smith secured an interview, made his formal application, passed the required tests and was accepted for this branch of his majesty's service. He is leaving for his early next week for Toronto, where he will await further instructions relative to his departure for England to commence his course of active service training.

Lieut. Smith is the only son of Lincoln Smith, assistant to the manager of the C. P. R. Coast Steamship Services, and was born in Ontario twenty years ago. He received his education at his native home and at the Victoria High School. Well-known among his fellows as an athlete and actively associated with the Y. M. C. A., he has also pursued many lines of useful study, since he possesses certificates from the St. John's Ambulance Association and the Royal Life Saving Institution, with the medalion of the latter. His father was one of the junior to the Prince of Wales Fusiliers at Montreal and was a lieutenant in the York and Simcoe Regiment during the Riel rebellion.

Among the government notices in the latest issue of the Canada Gazette under the title of copyrights appears the following: "Song of the Canadian Engineer," words and music by Lieut. B. C. Hillman." Lieut. Hillman was in the city yesterday and it will be remembered that before the war he was connected with the B. C. Follies and is well known throughout the province.

The following gassed announcement appears in the Canada Gazette of January 27: "38th Regiment (Victoria Fusiliers)—To be lieutenant (supernumerary): Provisional Lieut. (supernumerary) E. A. Henderson from the 30th Regiment (British Columbia Horse), December 1, 1914."

Lieut. F. J. MacKenzie, M.P.P. for Delta, is now attached to the 32nd Highlanders, a Toronto battalion in training in England. It was previously stated that he had been transferred to the Army Medical Corps, but the latest advice received dispel the rumor.

The one-time city editor of "The British Columbian," James Harry Vidal, has joined the newly authorized Railway Construction Battalion, the British Columbia company of which is to be raised and commanded by Major Marsh, of New Westminster. For the past year Vidal has been on the orderly room staff of the 104th Regiment, and he will now take over the orderly room duties of the new company. Harry Vidal is very well known, and has been associated with the 104th Regiment for many years past. He was also captain of the Civilian Rifle Association and a rifle shot of considerable repute.

To cost just under thirty-five thousand dollars, a contract was awarded yesterday to S. J. Newitt & Co., of Vancouver, for the construction of a military hospital at the terminal city. In connection with this work a systematic canvass of the city has been made for actual cash donations to create the fund necessary to cover the contract price, and it is understood that the whole amount is in sight. The building will be commenced immediately.

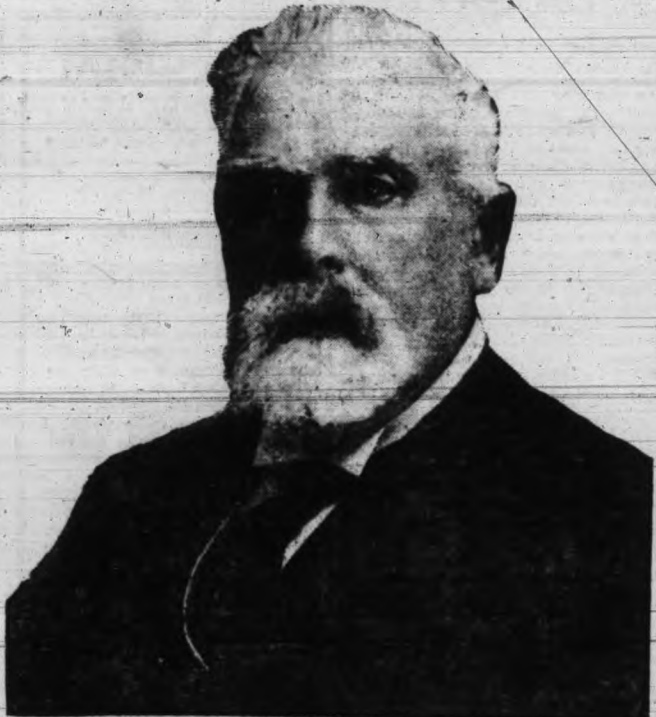
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HERE SINCE 'FIFTIES



Mr. Charles Hayward, One of the Pioneers of Victoria

out from San Francisco bay, bound via Portland, Ore., to Esquimalt. My first call in Victoria was on the Very Rev. Edward Cridge, chaplain to the Hudson's Bay Company, then rector of Christ Church (now the cathedral), who gave me a very cordial welcome, having been my counsellor, guide and friend during my boyhood days while he was pastor of the district church at Westham, England, which my parents attended. It was from this church that in 1854 Mr. Cridge received his appointment to the Hudson's Bay Company. He at once married a district visitor of the parish, Miss Mary Winmill, and started on one of the company's sailing vessels on the long trip via the Sandwich Islands to Victoria. It was his custom annually to send a semi-public letter to his old parishioners in which he described in vivid language the actual beauties of Vancouver Island and its vicinity, with interesting allusions to the numerous tribes of Indians with which they were surrounded, and which our fancy painted as being the noble red men portrayed by Fenimore Cooper. Our natural instinct to 'travel and see foreign lands' was aroused, and as soon as convenient we set our faces westward.

"Among others whom I saw on the first day after landing here was the governor of the island, Sir James Douglas, in his modest state uniform, with his bodyguard, the stalwart Sgt. Bowden, in attendance. Both Sir James and Bishop Cridge were men of strong and unimpeachable character, who, most happily, successfully used their influence to advance the material and moral progress of the country, and whose memories are deservedly revered."

Government in 'Sixties.

"My recollection of our form of government in the early 'sixties," recalled Mr. Hayward, "was that it was decidedly autocratic. Later it merged into a

excellent Mr. Justice Needham was sent out. One of his early cases was a suit brought by J. A. Pidwell and others against the Hudson's Bay Company for damage sustained by them when the company's steamer, 'Labouche', was wrecked on a voyage from San Francisco to this port. The learned judge in submitting the issue to the jury showed with great clearness and emphasis that it was simply a question whether the loss was caused by the negligence of the company, of which there was no doubt in his mind, or by the act of God. Now, although we had secured a first-class independent judge, the old jury list remained unchanged with the old leaven. They consequently blamed the Almighty with the disaster, thus relieving the company from responsibility.

Miscarriage Terrorized.

"From the earliest times we have been prompt and energetic in dealing with criminal offenses, and our judges were a real terror to evil-doers. Judge Sir M. B. Begbie stood first and foremost amongst them. It is said that when making his periodical circuit of the mainland, the disruptive hangers-on of the mining camps took to the woods. After convicting at Cariboo a notorious blackguard of a serious offense, it became the duty of the deputy sheriff of that county to convey him to the coast. It was no enviable task, as the prisoner was desperate, so the deputy appealed to the judge for assistance, who drew his attention to his warrant, which read, that he was to take the body to its destination. This satisfied the deputy, who then alone undertook and executed the task. The tyranny and severity of this judge was not all reserved for the prisoners, for many a learned counsel, or hesitating witness, suffered from his caustic remarks, and even the juries were not exempt, for when a jury acquitted a man charged with having murdered a companion with a sand-bag, the evidence of which was very conclusive, the judge on discharging the prisoner, advised him to sand-bag the jury as they

left the court, for they richly deserved it.

SPORTING NEWS

PROVINCIAL BOARDS SHOULD SETTLE CASES

Appeals to National Registration Committee Causes Long Delay

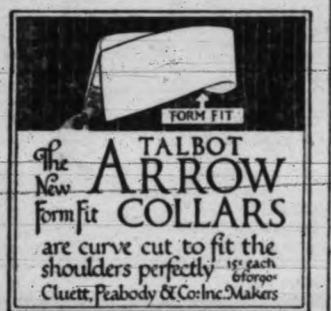
The registration board of B. C. A. A. U. should be vested with authority to make reinstatements of cases where there have been no flagrant violations of the amateur code, according to prominent local officials who will suggest shortly to the B. C. A. A. U. officials that the A. A. U. of C. governors be asked to permit the coast men to adjudicate upon cases coming under their notice without the necessity of referring them to the national committee which rarely ever meets, and which is dilatory in dealing by mail vote with cases.

"There has been no serious violation of amateur laws by the baseball men of New Westminster who are applying for registration, and their cases, at least five, were reviewed by the Vancouver registration committee last year and reported on favorably, yet it was necessary to appeal to the national committee, the majority of whom could not have been familiar with the cases, before their registrations were accepted," observed a Vancouver official. "This is unnecessary red tape. There are 14 more players seeking registration and if the old procedure is followed their cases must go before the national registration board. If every case must go up then it would appear as if a lot of time was being wasted in having the local registration committees hear cases."

"The national body should be one appointed to deal with cases which it is found impossible to settle amicably by the local or provincial committees. The national body should be an appeal board. The provincial committees surely are competent to judge cases coming before them without having to send them along to Toronto. The baseball cases including the one affecting Geo. Fenney have gone up. The baseball cases were settled in a short time, but Fenney is still outlaid because no one appears to know who's who or why in national affairs. A provincial committee could have settled them all inside of 24 hours were, under existing conditions, appeals to the national board occasion long delays."

OFFICIAL RESIGNS.

Dr. Wood, who has handled all the Toronto N. H. A. games this season, has forwarded his resignation to Montreal. His work Wednesday night was not satisfactory to either Canadians or Torontonians.



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TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Charles Murray Sustains Two Broken Ribs and Broken Nose

Charles Murray, of the Seaford Highlanders of Vancouver, who was to have met Russ Leighton in the principal bout of a military and naval boxing tournament in this city next Wednesday, has met with an accident in which he received two fractured ribs and a broken nose. Under these circumstances there is nothing which can be done but to postpone the tournament. Although no other details were given as to the nature of the accident, it is evident that he will not be able to get into shape for a match for some considerable time.

The tournament therefore will be postponed indefinitely, but will not be cancelled, and as soon as arrangements can be made the event will be held.

VICTORIAS IN FRONT IN PATRIOTIC SERIES

Playing spectacular hockey the Victorias took the lead in the Winnipeg Patriotic Hockey League series at Winnipeg by defeating the 228th Battalion pick-chasers 4 to 2 in a thrilling exhibition of hockey. The Victorias led at half time with 2 to 1. The soldiers had a big edge on the play, but failure to take advantage of opportunities lost them many goals. Early in the second period the Victorias scored again and from then on to the finish played a three-man defence, relying on their speedy men to break away, which they did for one goal while the soldiers notched two.

The play was fast and furious from start to finish. Borland starred for the winners, while Benson brothers were the pick of the losers.

AMERICAN BATTLER WINNER IN ROUNDS

In an international lightweight bout at Sydney, N. S. W., Lew Edwards, of America, defeated Jimmy Hill, of Australia, in the second round of a twenty-round bout, when he knocked out the Australian with a left hook to the solar plexus. Edwards was a three to one favorite, but Hill opened the fight in a way that delighted his supporters, and won the first round on points. In the second he attempted to repeat, but Edwards caught him unaware and he took the count. He recovered shortly after the referee counted him out.

STANFORD BEGINS ROWING PRACTICE

Stanford University, Feb. 3.—Varsity crew veterans and "hopes" were on the water at Redwood City today for the 1917 season. The freshman candidates start practice Monday. There will be three boatloads of them this year. Despite his announcement that he was out of it because of pressure of legal duties Frank (Husky) Guereña, Stanford's diminutive coach, was in a launch as usual bossing the job.

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TWO REFEREES FOR VANCOUVER GAME

Irvine and Seaborn Appointed to Officiate in Tonight's Game

For the first time this season two officials will be in charge when the Portland Rosebuds, lowly tailenders in the Coast League race, clash with the Vancouverites to-night on Vancouver ice. President Frank Patrick of the P. C. H. A. announced yesterday that he would comply with the request of the Portland club for two officials, and that George Irvine and Seaborn as judge of play. Portland's action in refusing to accept Mickey Ion as referee in further games has stirred up the fans in the Rose City, all of whom stand behind Ion, while the four newspapers in the Oregon city have also taken a decided stand against the action of the Portland club.

Taylor in Lineup Again.

Although he did not make the trip to Portland earlier in the week, resting up after the strenuous game against Seattle, "Cyclone" Taylor will start against the Rosebuds to-night, Moynes playing the utility roles again.

Mets and Vancouver for Title.

Coast fans are pretty well satisfied that the championship lies between Vancouver and Seattle. Portland is figured out of the race, but the Buds have a chance to upset the other teams whenever they play, and for this reason are always dangerous. With Johnson now piloting them, the Buds are said to be going better than ever.

OTTAWA'S CLAIM TO DENNEY SUSTAINED

At a meeting of the executive of the National Hockey Association Thursday in Montreal the Wanderers lost their claim on the services of Cy Denney, formerly of Toronto, on a technicality. The Wanderers had signed the player a few days ago.

According to the constitution, the Wanderers should have got the written agreement of the Toronto club before approaching Denney with a contract. This, however, they failed to do, and they proceeded on a verbal arrangement which was to take Hague to Toronto in exchange for Denney. Hague failed to report, whereupon the Toronto club sold Denney's services to the Ottawa. The Wanderers' claim in connection with the case was thrown out by the executive, and it is probable the Ottawa contract will be sustained.

SEATTLE HOCKEY TEAM IS WINNER

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 3.—The Seattle ice hockey team smothered Spokane under an avalanche of goals here last night, winning by a score of 14 to 1. Bernie Morris, the star center of the Seattle team, suffered a broken cartilage in his left knee, and probably will be out of the game for the rest of the season.

BASKETBALL.

To-night at First Presbyterian gymnasium there will be two games of basketball in the ladies series, and one game in the intermediate boys, all scheduled games of the Sunday School league. The first of these takes place at 7.30 p. m. between the Belmonts and Presbyterian "B" team, and this should be a fine struggle, as they are well matched; the second at 8.15 between the league leaders (Presbyterian "A") and Congos, and the third game between the Congos and Metropolitan intermediates should be worth going some distance to see. This game takes place immediately after the ladies' second game.

AFTER NEW RECORD.

Nome, Alaska, Feb. 3.—A. A. (Scotty) Allan, with a team of fast dogs left here recently to break the overland record to the southwest Alaskan coast. At the head of his team is his famous leader Baidy, which has competed in six All-Alaska Sweepstake races, and which crossed the line winner in two of them. When Allan, in September, 1915, sold his racers to the French government for use in the Alpine service, he would not include Baidy in the deal.

CLOSELY FOLLOWED.

Elk River, Minn., Feb. 3.—An attempt by Fred Hartman to steal a march on his competitors in the Winnipeg-to-St. Paul dog race was frustrated here early to-day when within a few minutes after Hartman had departed alone for Anoka at 2.31 o'clock, the four sleeping men were awakened, and they prepared to follow the plucky American pacemaker.

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A Scottish farmer who had gone to the laird to pay his rent was complaining about the bad season, the poor crops and the small price he was getting for his grain, and hinting that a reduction in the rent would be acceptable. "But, John," said the laird, "you were saying that all your crops had been poor this season. I have been told, however, that you had a very good crop of beans." "A good crop?" ejaculated the farmer. "Mon laird, if I had beanstalk had been a piper he wadna have heard his next neighbor playin'!"

TO TRY AGAIN FOR LOWER GAS RATES

Real Estate Exchange Will Take Up Subject Once More; War Relief Act

At the annual meeting of the Real Estate Exchange held this week, C. T. Cross was re-elected president and R. W. Douglas vice-president. W. Crow was again chosen hon. secretary.

The executive will be composed of J. Musgrave, Beaumont Boggs, E. C. B. Bagshawe, A. H. Harman, L. U. Conyers, A. McD. B. Fraser, F. Landsberg, A. Carmichael and A. S. Barton.

The committees are constituted as follows: Membership, J. Musgrave, F. R. Brown and B. Boggs; publicity, L. U. Conyers, McMoran and T. W. Howard; legislative, E. C. B. Bagshawe, A. Carmichael, J. Forman, B. Boggs and W. Crow; arbitration, F. R. Brown, A. H. Harman, E. C. B. Bagshawe, B. Boggs and J. Musgrave.

The question of enlistment of certain men in home guard to avoid payment of liabilities was mentioned in connection with the effect of the War Relief Act, and it was decided to confer with the Mortgage Association of Vancouver, which is taking the matter up with the attorney-general, with a view to have representation when a deputation waits on the government with regard to the amendment of the statute.

Arrangements are being made with the government for lieutenants-colonel of battalions to be appointed, with regard to acknowledgments from soldiers on overseas service.

The gas committee collected a great deal of data some months ago with regard to the price of gas in neighboring cities. At that time it was not found possible to get the city council and Victoria Gas Company to reduce the price, which is 50 per cent. more than most other cities on the Pacific coast. The council will be asked to receive a deputation on the subject, and the secretary was requested to communicate with the manager of the gas company again.

The favorite map of the southern end of the island, known as the S. E. district map of 1912, is out of print, and it was resolved to ask the government to have a new issue made for the convenience of the public.

The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed that the policy of investing the exchanges' income in mortgages has enabled the institution to carry on in the lean years, but the cost of operation in the year, while retarding the annual dues in 1916, the effect was a small inroad on the resources, however, the exchange has a balance of \$350 in hand in the bank and \$1,862.50 on hand in realty investments. A. H. Harman had certified the accounts.

SHYLOCK.

To the Editor:—I have read with interest Mr. Salmon's appeal to have the "Merchant of Venice" banned. This drama of that greatest poet, Shakespeare, will be presented by the matriculated students of the Victoria High School. They agree that an explanation is necessary of their opinion on Shylock's character. We look more deeply into the matter than to get a misconception of the character of the Jew, which has been so often misrepresented. We believe that Shylock, goaded to desperation by humiliating and wholly unwarranted insults and bodily attacks, acted justly according to his own lights and those of the times. He did not execute the villainy which was taught him by the acts of the Christians. In fact, it is generally agreed that Shakespeare wrote the play with the purpose of rebuking the Christians for their treatment of the Jews.

This is our opinion on Shylock, and it shows Mr. Salmon's statement to be erroneous.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.
Feb. 2, 1917.

MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION

To the Editor:—The subject of proportional representation has been discussed in several letters in your paper. I venture again to revert to it in order to suggest that it would be very opportune to try out the method in the election of municipal councilors. Where the "ward" system has been abolished, as in Victoria and New Westminster, the chances of a top-sided council are made easier and a just representation of the people more difficult.

Fortunately the bane of party politics has not yet infested the Victoria civic chamber in any marked degree. Yet it is noticeable that the representatives are overwhelmingly chosen from one class. The professional or labor elements are conspicuous by their absence, and the female taxpayers must get along without any representation at all. Why should this state of things be? Why should the working classes, for instance, be unable to secure a direct representative of their class in the civic parliament? Why should the commercial be so largely predominant to the practical exclusion of other classes? It is true that Alderman Fullerton has faithfully assumed the obligation of voicing the views of labor, but he has not received any mandate from the organized bodies of workers in the city. Every time someone has been chosen to uplift the banner of the toiler the citizens generally have declined to support the one chosen. Yet it is indisputable that the labor vote is so large as to entitle it to at least two representatives in the council. Solely through the incidence of the present unrepresentative system and method of election, workers and women are voiceless in the municipal chambers throughout the province. Surely when the franchise matters are asked for by the Union of Municipalities, the basic one of fair representation should be considered. Democracy demands it; justice requires it, and it needs but the persistent challenge of one legislator to force it upon the attention of the legislature. Who will be the man behind the gun?

W. MARCHANT.
Feb. 3.

CAN BE SAVED AND CURED OF DRINK

Good News to Mothers, Wives, Sisters.

To have seen one you love, going down this road to ruin, and to have heard him try to laugh and joke away your fears, while you watched the drink habit fasten on him; to have known suffering and to have borne a sorrow to which physical pain is nothing, and when at last he comes to that turn in the road that sooner or later must come, and wakes to the fact that he is a slave to the drink you think everything will come right. He will fight the habit and you will help him escape it; but he can not do it. Drink has undermined his constitution, inflamed his stomach and nerves until the craving must be satisfied. And after you have hoped and then despaired more times than you can count you realize that he must be helped. The diseased condition of the stomach and nerves must be cured by something that will soothe the inflamed stomach and quiet the shaking nerves, removing all taste for liquor.

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WANTED: AN AGRICULTURAL POLICY—ORGANIZATION OF FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

No. 1.

To the Editor:—During the recent election, the above words were very much in evidence, especially on the part of Conservative speakers.

Apart from the Agricultural Credits Act, which has proved itself what most far-seeing persons conversant with agricultural conditions expected, that is quite inadequate to meet the existing situation, and from first to last only placed on the statute book to catch votes, the Conservatives have always more or less laudably admitted that they lacked a coherent agricultural policy, but have claimed, with a great amount of truth that the Liberals were in equally bad plight.

Indeed from the public utterances of Mr. Brewster and his supporters one could only gather the fact that they realized the seriousness of the situation and were open to suggestion and advice.

It is from this attitude on the part of the leaders of the present government that I venture to place before them and the public some suggestions that are the result of two years' close study from the point of view of an island farmer.

It may be said, I think, with a considerable amount of truth that no provincial government in British Columbia has ever had a carefully considered agricultural policy. I think that this is primarily due to two reasons. Firstly, because the farmer is not a numerous class in the province, and consequently the ministry of agriculture has been tucked on to some other portfolio. It is to be regretted that present government has seen fit to follow precedent in this respect, and secondly because the somewhat starved department of agriculture has never been in touch with the man on the land and has never understood his needs or his desires. Metaphorically speaking, it has been chasing its own tail for a good number of years, and incidentally has got tied up in a good deal of red tape.

As a matter of fact, so long as a certain limit in expenditure was kept to, things under the recent administrations have been left very much in the hands of the deputy minister, Mr. W. E. Scott, who, though doubtless an excellent official, for that very reason is not the man to direct the development of a great industry.

The revolution of the official mind, whirling in a sea of statistics, almost always evolves a cure-all, a sure scheme whereby we are all to become rich and prosperous. Several of these dead chickens have issued forth from across James Bay, and the latest perhaps is goats.

Now I have nothing against goats as a means of wealth, except perhaps the smell. Even political goats have their uses, and apparently their emoluments. But the little circular going the rounds of the institutes is so typical of the department that I simply must comment on it. In almost the same breath the department fishes out from the sea of statistics "two facts." One, that a goat will give more milk than a cow in proportion to feed consumed. The other that the price of mohair is rising skywards.

There is nothing to inform the unwilling that the milking breeds—the Anglo-Nubian and the Toggenburg—are short-coated varieties, or that the Angora, while producing excellent mohair, is not likely to rival the lactative qualities of the Holstein cow.

Another point neglected by the department is that goats' milk is principally valuable for its medicinal qualities, being exceedingly good for constipatives and for its cheese-making properties, for the proper development of which we entirely lack facilities. Further, that as a general item of human diet it has never been popular where cows' milk was obtainable. It seems therefore that if any considerable portion of the farming community were to take the department at its word, and go heavily into the milk goat business, we should arrive at a state of affairs incompatible with progressive progress—a very visible supply but an invisible demand.

Having given this little instance of the manner in which the officials of the department of agriculture spend their time, I will suggest a means whereby those same officials may get to know the real farmer, and spend at any rate some of their working hours in doing the things he wants instead of busily wasting themselves translating into pamphlets the brain waves of some irresponsible individual who imagines he has discovered the panacea for all agricultural evils.

First and foremost the department requires a representative on the spot in each agricultural district or group of districts. The duties of this civil servant would comprise: (a) making himself personally acquainted with every farmer within his district; (b)

institutions are learning that not only better health but an improvement in the behavior of their inmates with a lessened tendency to wrongdoing follows upon the inauguration of dental supervision.

The mouth as a carrier of germs has not been given its place of importance. In Boston infectious children's diseases have been practically eliminated by giving dental care and enforcing mouth hygiene daily.

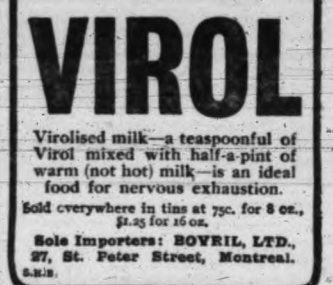
Where is Victoria in this matter of the preservation of the child? Is it not true that "the care of the child is a sacred trust, and we must give him his birthright of 'preparedness' for his adult life, even though he may have sprung from an environment of poverty or of ignorance. The state must see that as many obstacles as possible to his full and perfect development and growth are removed. In my opinion a great step in conservation would have been made if our schools were provided with an adequate force of trained dentists, giving all their time to the work, who would examine and report, or give the necessary treatment to children unable to secure such service for themselves?"

ERNEST A. HALL.
Feb. 3.



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tendering expert advice when required; (c) superintending experiments carried out by the farmers themselves under advice and government guarantee; (d) inspection and testing of live stock; (e) inspection of noxious weeds, and plant diseases; (f) inspection of dairies, cow barns, creameries, etc.; (g) inspection, and grading of local-grown seeds; (h) judging of crop competitions, and model plots in connection with rural schools.

He would have to be provided with a car in which to make his calls and tours of inspection, and in a prosperous and well developed district would probably require a central office and the services of a stenographer.

So much for his official duties. But there are still further uses to which a district representative may be put.

Throughout the province there are bodies called farmers' institutes, excellently designed in as far as they go, to express and translate into action the wishes and ideas of the rural population.

Their usefulness has, however, of late years been very much circumscribed by the red tape and petty autocracy that has been the rule in the department of agriculture.

Resolutions passed by farmers' institutes, if not in conformance with the ideas of the deputy minister, have been quietly relegated to the pigeon-hole of forgetfulness. The only body, supposedly representative of the farmer which has any say in the consideration of farmers' resolutions prior to coming before carefully packed farmers' conventions, is the advisory board, consisting of six gentlemen appointed by the department. The most careful inquiry will find it hard to discover wherein this august body has ever justified its existence. It certainly does not represent agricultural public opinion, which in fact has been steadily dying through sheer want of expression.

I suggest that this select little party should be abolished and in its place district advisory boards formed, consisting of the district representative as ex officio secretary, and a delegate elected from each farmers' institute in his territory. By this means farmers would have their own chosen mouthpieces in direct touch with the government, and be able to express their views with some effect to government officials. These gentlemen might perhaps be somewhat dislocated in the even tenor of their way, but they could be started on a sphere of genuine usefulness in disseminating much-needed education through an original channel such as outlined above instead of wasting time, paper and printer's ink in issuing haphazard pamphlets which are never read, and delivering sporadic lectures, the majority of which are quite unsuited to local conditions, and which go in at one ear and out at the other. The average British Columbia farmer is not a university undergraduate reading for his degree, and in consequence unorganized lectures are about as unsuited to his digestive faculties as trips to an infant in arms.

The constitution of the farmers' institutes in themselves can scarcely be bettered. All that is needed is some machinery to give them power of expression, and this I claim the above suggestions are designed to do.

H. B. WINGATE WHITE.
Cobble Hill, Feb. 1.

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Conan Doyle Thinks We Can Talk With the Dead

Famous Novelist Says Spiritual Movement's Claims Are Nearer Positive Proof Than Any Other Religious Development

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

If any one were to look up the list of subscribers to Light for the year 1887 I think that he would find my name. I am also one of the oldest members of the Psychical Research Society. Therefore if, after thirty years of thought, I venture to respond to the editor's invitation to say a few words upon spiritual intercourse, I cannot be accused of having sprung hastily to my conclusions. Those conclusions can be expressed concisely in one sentence.

In spite of occasional fraud and wild imaginings, there remains a solid core in this whole spiritual movement which is infinitely nearer to positive proof than any other religious development with which I am acquainted. The days are past when the considered opinions of such men as Crookes, Wallace, Flammarion, Lodge, Barrett, Generals Draxman and Turner, Sergeant Bannister, W. T. Stead, Judge Edmonds, Vice-Admiral Osborne Moore, the late Archdeacon Wilberforce, and such a cloud of other witnesses, can be dismissed with the empty-headed "all rot" formula.

As J. Arthur Hill has well said in a recent number of The National Review, we have reached a point where further proof is superfluous, and where the weight of disproof lies upon those who deny. If, to take one of a thousand examples, the only evidence for unknown intelligent forces lay in the experiments of Dr. Crawford, recorded in a true scientific spirit of caution in your columns, I do not see how it can be shaken. We should now be at the close of the stage of investigation and beginning the period of religious construction.

For what is this movement? Are we to satisfy ourselves by observing phenomena with no attention to what the phenomena mean, as a group of savages might stare at a wireless installation with no appreciation of the messages coming through it, or are we resolutely to set ourselves to define these subtle and elusive utterances from behind, and to construct from them a religious scheme which shall be founded upon human reason on this side and upon spirit inspiration on the other? These phenomena have passed through the stage of being a parlor game; they are now emerging from that of a debatable scientific novelty; and they are, or should be, taking shape as the foundations of a definite system of religious thought, in some ways confirmatory of ancient systems, in some ways entirely new.

Where are they confirmatory? They are confirmatory as to all those moral laws which are common to most human systems and which are so sanctioned by reason that where reason is developed they need no further support. They are confirmatory as to life after death, which has been taught by most religions but has been denied by many earnest and thoughtful men. They are confirmatory as to the unhappy results of sin, though adverse to the idea that those results are permanent. They are confirmatory as to the existence of higher beings whom we may call angels and of an ever-ascending hierarchy above us, culminating in heights which are beyond our sight or apprehension, with which we may associate the idea of all power or of God.

They are confirmatory as to the existence of the "Summer-land," or heaven; but assert that every human being finds his or her ultimate, but not necessarily final, resting place therein. Thus, this new revelation, so far as it has been systematized, supports many of the more important contentions of the old ones. In this compass points true, then our old compasses did not wobble so badly after all.

But now for the point of correction or addition. These take the form of more positive teaching as to the nature of death and of the world beyond. By this teaching death makes no abrupt change in the process of development; nor does it make an impassable chasm between those who are on either side of it. No trait of the form and no peculiarity of the mind are changed by death, but all are continued in that spiritual body which is

the counterpart of the earthly one, at its best, and all contains within it that core of spirit which is the very inner essence of the man.

Nature develops slowly, and not by enormous leaps, so that it would seem natural that the soul should not suddenly become devil or angel but should continue upon its slow growth. Such would appear to be a reasonable solution, and such is the spiritual teaching from beyond. Nor apparently are the spirit's surroundings, experiences, feelings, and even fancies very different from those of earth. A similar nature in the being would seem to imply a similar atmosphere around the being to meet the needs of that nature, all etherealized to the same degree.

What of the colors which we know to exist beyond the violet of the spectrum? What of the notes which we can detect by the vibration of the diaphragm but which are above the pitch of the human ear? We can see for ourselves how in these instances there is an unseen and unheard physical world close to our own. I do not say that it is this world which the spirits inhabit, but at least it shows how very near to us, even in the space which we ourselves occupy, other worlds may exist as oblivious of us as we of them.

It is in the possibility of communion that the main feature of this new teaching lies. The conditions being similar on either side of the partition of death make the idea of communication more feasible. Spirits claim that they are happier than we, but they have no more force of intellect than they brought over with them and they have the same difficulties in solving the question of communication as their relatives on earth.

On both sides of the partition the vast majority would appear to be utterly indifferent and ignorant upon the subject. But also on both sides there are bands of pioneers who, as we know in this world, comprise some of the best intellects of humanity, and who are, as we are told, reinforced upon the other side by more advanced spirits. These are beating down the partition, and hear the sound of each others' picks.

Many ways have been devised, all imperfect, but some of them fittingly and wonderfully successful. Clairvoyance, clairaudience, the direct voice, automatic writing, spirit control—these are the various methods, all depending upon that inexplicable thing called mediumship, a thing so sacred, and sometimes so abused.

Such, in brief, is the spiritual philosophy where faith—a two-edged virtue—is replaced by actual demonstration. The evidence upon which this system rests is so enormous that it would take a very considerable library to contain it, and the witnesses are not shadowy people living in the dim past and inaccessible to our cross-examination but are our own contemporaries, men of character and intellect whom all must respect. The situation may, as it seems to me, be summed up in a simple alternative.

The one supposition is that there has been an outbreak of lunacy extending over two generations of mankind and two great continents—a lunacy which assails men or women who are, fittingly and eminently sane. The alternative supposition is that in recent years there has come to us from divine sources a new revelation which constitutes by far the greatest religious event since the death of Christ (for the Reformation was a rearrangement of the old, not a revelation of the new), a revelation which alters the whole aspect of death and the fate of man.

Between these two suppositions I can see no solid position. Theories of fraud or of delusion will not meet the evidence. It is absolute lunacy or it is a revolution in religious thought, a revolution which gives us, as by-product, an utter fearlessness of death and an immense consolation when those who are dear to us pass behind the veil.

There are many superficial inquirers to whom the ideas of a divine revelation and of such humble phenomena

as Rochester rappings or moving tables seem incompatible. The greatest things have always come from the smallest seeds. The twitching leg of a frog suggested the whole development of electric science, and the rattling lid of a kettle was the father of steam, as the falling apple is said to have suggested the law of gravity. It is the simple thing that catches the eye. But the wise investigator does not dwell too much upon the first suggestion, but passes onward to consider what they have suggested and whither they have led.

There remains the question which troubles many earnest souls as to whether such communion is right. Personally I am not aware of any human power which may not be abused. It is an abuse of such a power as this that it should be used in a spirit of levity or of mere curiosity.

It is either an absurd farce or the most solemn and sacred of functions. But when one knows, as I know, of widows who are assured that they hear the loved voice once again, or of mothers whose hands, groping in the darkness, clasp once again those of the vanished child, and when one considers the loftiness of their intercourse and the serenity of spirit which succeeds it, I feel sure that a fuller knowledge would calm the doubt of the most scrupulous conscience. Men talk of a great religious revival after the war. Perhaps it is in this direction that it will be.

VICTORIA BOY SCOUTS

Troop 2 Reorganized; Ambulance Badges; Sea Scouts; Mr. Henegge Visiting Vancouver.

It has been said and is still believed by some that there is no religion back of the Boy Scouts movement. True, it is itself with any particular faith or denomination, but it has had since its inception a very clear and definite religious aim underlying its whole programme.

A scout promises to do his duty to God at the very outset and Sir Robert Baden-Powell in his "Scouting For Boys," says: "The study of God's work is a fit subject for Sunday instruction. Scoutmasters must have a full appreciation of the religious and moral aim underlying the practical instruction all through the scheme of scouting." The religious policy of the movement states: "It is expected that every scout shall belong to some religious denomination and attend its services."

Many successful troops of Boy Scouts are connected with churches and religious institutions. Surely then, the Boy Scouts' Association is a religious organization with a programme broad enough to embrace all denominations of the Christian faith.

Charles Stetle, in his "Boys of the Streets and How to Win Them," says: "Sometimes we are so much concerned about there being religion enough in our plans for the boy that we forget to leave enough boy in the plans."

Troop II (Collegiate school) has now been reorganized and under Scoutmaster Scarratt, is going to be subdivided into four patrols, Jackals, Wolves, Bears and Stags. The names of the patrol leaders have not yet been communicated. The total strength of the troop will be 32 scouts and they are arranging for a bugle band. This is "going some," and we are on the lookout for martial strains down Rocklands.

Troop III, continued ordinary work during the week. Owing to the snow the intended soccer match with the Collegiate school (Juniors) was postponed indefinitely.

Troop X—Owing to an error in printing last week's letter the former holders of the Wilkerson Shield for proficiency should have been noted as the "Otter" patrol, and not, as printed, the "other patrol."

Troop XI—At the usual Friday meeting instruction was given in ambulance work by P. L. Nash, and in pioneering by Instructor Maxim. J. Marshall and W. Maxim have been appointed instructors for Troop XI. The Buffalo patrol of this troop under P. L. Maxim, are the present holders of the Wilkerson Proficiency Shield, and they mean to hold on to it for all they are worth. Last Saturday members of Troops III and XI had a pick-up practice football match at Beacon Hill. D. Hinks and R. Wootton captained the sides, the latter's team winning.

Troop XV (Collegiate school)—Troop Scribe Heggis I, reports that out of eleven scouts who appeared for the Ambulance Badges last week the following were successful: A. S. M. Thurburn, Patrol Leaders Price and Marpole, Scouts Fraser II, Mist, Prickard and Watson. This most creditable showing must be largely ascribed to the kind interest taken in the matter by Mrs. Barnacle, who coached the candidates, and to whom the warmest thanks of those interested in the scout movement are due.

Sea Scouts—Under the auspices of Capt. Hose and Lieut. McDonagh the movement for embodying troops of sea scouts is taking shape and exciting interest and enthusiasm even outside Esquimalt. Pending the return of the assistant commissioner for British Columbia from the mainland definite details of organization have not yet been fixed on, but Lieut. McDonagh has now some sixty scouts at Esquimalt to start with, and from Keating and Gordon Head have been received reports that Messrs. Devereux and Edwards respectively have some dozen boys each ready and eager to be formed into local troops of sea scouts as soon as it can be arranged. In this connection it should be noted that quite a number of boys in the Fairfield district

have expressed their desire to form a local sea scout patrol and if any resident of that district, with the necessary qualification for training such a troop, wishes to emulate the public spirited action of the gentlemen above noted it is hoped that he will communicate either with Mr. Henegge, the assistant commissioner at the Boy Scout Association headquarters in No. 517 Central building, Victoria, or with Lieut. McDonagh at the navy yard, Esquimalt.

Mr. Henegge, the assistant commissioner, is in Vancouver and is having a very busy time, there being no less than 17 troops to visit there. He had been to Ladner and Cloverdale, and is making Vancouver his headquarters for some time to come, as from it he can reach the boundary, Fraser valley and coast centres conveniently.

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PRINCE RUPERT TO TAKE NORTHERN RUN

G. T. P. Steamer, Now Overhauling, to Replace Prince George This Month

The extensive overhaul and repairs on the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship Prince Rupert, being carried out by Yarrows, Ltd., of Esquimalt, are expected to be completed toward the latter part of this month, when the vessel will be dispatched in the Prince Rupert service, replacing the Prince George.

While the vessel was in the graving basin repairs were made to damage caused by a stranding which occurred last summer, a number of shell plates having to be renewed. It is now understood that the Prince Rupert will be again ready for commission by February 20.

The steamer Prince-John, which stranded at Rocky Point, Wrangell Narrows, last Friday, is making her way down the coast under her own steam, and is expected to arrive here some time to-morrow to enter drydock for survey. The vessel is holed forward but is not thought to be extensively damaged.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Feb. 2.—Arrived: Str Mexico Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str Winder, Bellingham; str Wapama, San Francisco; str Umilla, Tacoma, Tacoma; str Capt. A. F. Lucas, San Francisco, via Point Wells; str Governor, San Diego, via Victoria, B. C., and San Francisco; str Umilla, Tacoma; str Wapama, Tacoma.

Tacoma, Feb. 2.—Arrived: Str Umilla and Wapama, from Seattle.

Bellingham, Feb. 2.—Sailed: Str Winder, for Seattle. San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Arrived: Strs La Primera and Santa Monica, from Astoria; str E. Kilburn, from Portland; str Admiral Goodrich, from Nanaimo; str Yescante, from Port Gamble; str Yellowstone, from Coos Bay; str President, from San Diego; Sailed: Str Coronado, for Aberdeen; str J. A. Chancellor, for Portland; Jap str Toyohashi Maru, for Vladivostok; Jap str Wakasa Maru, for Chemulpo; U. S. C. J. Manning, for Baltimore.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 2.—Arrived: Strs Beaver and Santa Barbara, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str Johan Paulsen, for San Francisco; str Breakwater, for Coos Bay.

Flavel, Ore., Feb. 2.—Arrived: Str Northern Pacific, from San Francisco.

FIRE ON INDO MARU

Blaze in Cotton Cargo Caused Damage Estimated at \$200,000.

According to exchanges brought by the liner Mexico Maru, fire broke out in the cotton cargo of the O. S. K. steamer Indo Maru at Kobe on January 10 last. No. 2 hold, in which the outbreak occurred, was flooded and the hatches battened down, and in this manner the flames were, finally subdued, but not before extensive damage had been done to the cargo.

The hold contained 4,500 bales of cotton, a considerable part of which was destroyed either by fire or water. The damage was roughly estimated at \$200,000. The Indo Maru, which is now the cotton cargo of the O. S. K. steamer, was formerly an O. S. K. trader to this port.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, 12.00 per dozen.

FIRST SCHOONER TAKES MAIDEN DIP

Margaret Haney Successfully Launched at Cameron-Genoa Shipyards This Forenoon

CEREMONY WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH

Cheering Throng of Prominent Citizens Witnessed the Interesting Event

"There she goes." To the rousing accompaniment of plaudits of a huge throng of enthusiastic spectators, shrieking whistles of the shipbuilding and waterfront plants and nearby craft, and the creaking of timbers as the wedges were knocked from under her bilges forward, the trim looking auxiliary schooner Margaret Haney, first of the ship to be completed at this port for the Canada West Coast Navigation Company, gaily decorated with flags, was successfully launched this morning from the yard of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd.

Promptly at the stroke of 10 a. m. the vessel's sponsor, Miss Isabel Elliott, the well-known ballerina of this city, at a given signal raised the festooned bottle of champagne and smashed it against the looming bow, giving the craft the name which it will carry to the ports of the world, and almost imperceptibly at first the big wooden hull moved toward the water, gathering momentum as it slid gracefully down the well greased launching ways.

With the action of the pretty sponsor, the towering hull, released from the detaining wedges, slipped easily down the cradle, and with increasing speed forged out into the waters of the upper harbor, while a crumple of foam seethed past the after quarter and out underneath the bows like a snowy cushion softening the vessel's first bow upon the briny.

On the release of the vessel the big crowd gathered on the launching platform rushed to the outer rail to follow the hull on its fleeting journey to its natural home and waved responses to the privileged number crowding the forward deck of the ship.

It was a perfect launching, everything going off without the slightest semblance of a hitch, to Victoria rests the honor of the first successful launching under the new shipbuilding regime in this province. Vancouver attempted to put the schooner Mabel Brown into the water in a hurry, but the unexpected hitch occurred and a week elapsed before she was finally lowered into the basin. The builders took no chances on this occasion. The ways were thoroughly tested out to eliminate any possibility of sagging, the runs generously greased, and from the moment the hull was released, she never looked like sticking. Riding gracefully down the slip the big hull took her maiden dip beautifully and never was she off a perfectly even keel.

Prominent among those attending the launching ceremony was the premier, members of the provincial cabinet and House of Assembly, civic officials and representatives of the adjacent municipalities, shipping men and professional and business men, none of whom were blasé enough to repress their feelings as the hull was sent into the water.

Among those present on the reviewing stage were Premier Brewster, Hon. A. Macdonald, attorney-general; Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance; Hon. Dr. J. H. King, minister of education; John Hart, M. P. P.; H. C. Hall, M. P. P.; R. M. Wolvin, president of the Canada West Coast Navigation Company; H. W. Brown, of H. W. Brown & Co., Ltd., for whom the vessels are being built; J. H. Price, president of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd.; W. S. Taylor, manager of the shipyard; E. W. Tribe, H. B. Thomson, head of the shipping credit commission; Aldermen Cameron, Johns, Walker and Fullerton; City Engineer Rust, Capt. J. W. Troup, manager B. C. coast service; Norman A. Yarrow, manager of Yarrows, Ltd.; R. Reid, manager of the Victoria Machinery Depot; L. E. Becker, of Johnson & Higgins, of Seattle; W. T. Ined, insurance adjuster at Seattle; Mayor McBeath, of Vancouver; E. J. Palmer, of the Victoria Lumber Manufacturing Company; Mr. Justice Martin, local judge in admiralty; Capt. J. W. Macpherson, wreck commissioner for British Columbia; Lieut.-Commander Walter Wingate, commander of H. M. C. S. Grilse; Mrs. Wingate, Walter Adams, C. H. Lugin, president of the board of trade; R. T. Elliott, Mrs. Elliott, Col. Duff Stuart, officer commanding the local military district; Col. Tooley, J. O. Cameron and officials connected with the shipbuilding plant.

Immediately following the launching Premier Brewster and many of the others on the reviewing stand stepped forward to offer hearty congratulations to J. H. Price, manager of the shipbuilding plant, and the heads of the owning company. No formal speeches marked the launching ceremony. When the vessel took the water she was picked up by the tugs Mystery and Dorothy, of Capt. Gardner's fleet, and towed to a berth alongside the fitting-out wharf. The launching was in charge of Capt. Alexander Gow, marine superintendent for the Canada West Coast Navigation Co. The schooner is named after Mrs. Margaret J. Haney, wife of the president of the Home Bank of Canada, who is interested in the owning company.

ACTED AS SPONSOR



MISS ISABEL ELLIOTT

The Margaret Haney is one of the ten ships so far contracted for on this coast by the H. W. Brown interests. As these vessels are completed other keels will be laid, as it is the intention of the company to build an unlimited number of vessels.

These vessels, of which the Margaret Haney is the standard type, are five-masted auxiliary schooners, 225 feet along the keel, 260 feet over all, beam 44 feet and depth of hull 19 feet. They will be equipped with auxiliary power using oil fuel. The Bolinder Diesel type of engines, developing 320 horsepower and under normal conditions the ship will average a speed of 7 knots under engine power, will be fitted. They will be manned by a crew of fifteen men. The cargo carrying capacity is estimated approximately at 1,500,000 feet of lumber. The ships are being constructed according to plans passed and under special survey of Lloyds with a view to obtaining the highest class of register. The ships are being built under the supervision of Lloyds' surveyor and when completed will be classed A 1 for a period of twelve years.

British Columbia film available has been put into the hall of the Margaret Haney and tough natural knes have been used for bracing purposes. The rudder stock is fashioned from Australian iron bark, imported from Australia.

Such progress has already been made in fitting out the vessel, while on the ways that it is anticipated by the builders that she will be ready for commission within a month. All that remains to be accomplished before she is ready to put to sea is the stepping of the five masts, the rigging of the masts and yards, and the installation of the twin auxiliary engines.

The vessel has a capacious and unobstructed hold with two roomy hatches. In the fore-castle are roomy and well ventilated quarters for the accommodation of the crew and apprentices, there being plenty of head room. The captain's and officers' quarters are located in the poop, eight cabins lining the port and starboard sides, with the mess room in the centre, the store rooms being located right aft. Viewed from the poop the solidity of the schooner is clearly apparent, even to the layman.

Now that the schooner is in the water an immediate start will be made in stepping the five masts which are ready for hoisting aboard. This work will be done under the supervision of Capt. Reid, who has been awarded the contract for stepping the sticks on all the schooners building for the company.

The two-cycle Bolinder engines will be installed under the supervision of Engineer Kingsley, chief engineer for the builders. The Margaret Haney, and also the other motorships building for the Canada West Coast Navigation Company, will have compressed air plant installed for the handling of sails and other ordinary purposes aboard ship. Crude oil, driven into the chamber under air pressure is atomized and the great heat generated in the pressure explodes the charge, no spark being used as in the case of internal combustion engines. efficiency in power is secured. Each of the vessels now under construction will have a carrying capacity of 1,500,000 feet, inclusive of the deckload. An interesting feature of the construction of the Margaret Haney is that over 300 tons of metal, including, of course, the engines, has been used in the strengthening of her timbers. The owners have decided to establish the custom of apprenticeship in finding the crews for the ships building in the province, and an excellent opportunity will be afforded the right class of youth

to learn every branch of seamanship. The plan is to have two apprentices article to each ship, under direct supervision of the skipper. Special quarters have been provided for the apprentices in designing the accommodation aboard ship. With the successful launching of the Margaret Haney the ways are left vacant for the immediate laying of the keel of the fourth schooner. This is expected to take place on Monday. The schooner Laurel Whalen, which occupies the next slip, will be the next vessel to take the water, and under the present rate of progress it is likely that she will be launched by the middle of March. By way of appreciating the work of the employees on the ships under construction, the management is tendering them a smoker, to be held at 8 o'clock to-night at the Eagle's hall. The smoker will be under the direction of E. W. Tribe and G. H. Swain, and the affair will be opened by a few introductory remarks by Manager Taylor. Following the launching all the employees were given a holiday.

Movies Were Evident. The newly-organized Superfluties Motion Pictures, Ltd., reeled off the first film this forenoon at the launching of the Margaret Haney, the operator in charge being Mr. Rosedale, one of the local men interested in the project. Two films were taken, one for shipment east to Toronto, while the other will be shown at local theatres. These interesting pictures will be seen locally next week.

WIRELESS REPORTS

8 a. m., Feb. 3. Point Grey—Rain; S. E. light; 30.10; 42; thick seaward. Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E. light; 30.20; 42; sea smooth. Pacheña—Rain; S. E. fresh; 30.15; 43; heavy swell. Estevan—Rain; S. E. light; 29.58; 38; sea moderate. Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.90; 30; sea smooth. Triangle—Fog; rain; S. W.; 30.00; 43; sea moderate. Spoke str Princess Beatrice, midnight, off Egg Island, northbound; spoke str Venture, 12.05 a. m.; Millbank Sound, southbound. Dead Tree Point—Snow; calm; 29.81; 42; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E.; 29.42; 53; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Hazy; calm; 29.80; 34; sea smooth. Passed in, str Princess Maquina, 7.15 a. m., northbound. Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 30.20; 41; thick. Spoke str Jefferson, 11 a. m.; Seymour Narrows, southbound. Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E. light; 30.20; 41; sea smooth. Spoke str Chelohsin, 8.30 a. m.; Johnstone Straits, northbound; spoke str Mariposa, 8.35 a. m., off Helmecken Island, 7 a. m., southbound; spoke str Prince George abeam, 9.30 a. m., southbound. Pacheña—Rain, S. E.; 29.25; 45; heavy swell. Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.90; 31; sea moderate. Ikeda Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.90; 42; sea moderate. Dead Tree Point—Snow; calm; 29.90; 35; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Overcast; N. E.; 29.82; 35; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.82; 30; dense. Passed out, str Princess Maquina, 9 a. m., northbound; spoke str Northwestern, 10.16 a. m., ten miles south of Ketchikan, northbound; spoke str Valdes, 11.30 a. m., off Watson's Rock.

ANNOUNCES C.P.R. PLANS FOR YEAR

No Large Expenditures, Says Grant Hall; Car Ferries for Gulf

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—Grant Hall, vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Western Lines, returned last night from Montreal after a stay of ten days. He was there on his annual visit regarding appropriations for the current year. In discussing conditions and appropriations Mr. Hall said: "As we have no very large work in contemplation such as building new lines or additions to buildings, the appropriations necessarily are confined to regular maintenance work and keeping the company's property up to its present high standard of efficiency."

While the company's faith in western Canada's future is as strong as it always has been, there will be no large expenditures of capital this year for the reason that during the past eight or ten years the terminal and other facilities have been so generously increased that the demands of traffic are very well met. The linking up of the line from Vancouver to Assiniboia will be proceeded with as early as possible and that branch completed. That will give a direct communication between Moose Jaw and the Weyburn-Lethbridge line and materially reduce the mileage between the west and southern Saskatchewan, making it especially advantageous in regard to the haulage of coal. Ballasting will be completed into Manyberries from the west on that same line which finishes it through from Lethbridge to the former place. We are also building an extension to Pier D at Vancouver and will build two large new car barges for freight service on the B. C. Coast which will enable the company to better accommodate the new industries now established in the vicinity of Vancouver.

Our observation is that it would hardly be judicious to consider extensions or building of new lines on account of difficulty of obtaining steel rails but the president, Lord Shaugnessy, has this year followed his usual far-sighted policy of allowing all necessary appropriations for the proper equipment and maintenance of the railway.

Have you any announcement to make regarding the movements of Vice-president Bury while in England and Russia? "No, Lord Shaugnessy has already given out all there is to be said on the subject."

LINER MINNESOTA READY TO DEPART

Has Left Drydock to Load Cargo for the Atlantic Seaboard

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The great steamship Minnesota, recently purchased by the International Merchant Marine from the Great Northern Steamship Company, will leave drydock to-day and will tie up at the wharf, where she will be loaded with general cargo for Swayne & Hoyt, of the Panama Pacific Line. She will sail for New York about February 12. The United States collier Justin, bought last year by the Garland Steamship Company of New York, left Tacoma on December 22 for Shanghai and has not been reported since. She carried only enough oil for 20 days. Her agents are J. T. Steebe & Co., of Tacoma.

The steamship Eagle will be launched from the Potrero yards of the Union Iron Works to-day. She is being built for the Standard Oil Company. The vessel will be used solely for carrying oil to the Orient. Mrs. Robert L. Hague will act as sponsor. The auxiliary powered schooner Santino, recently launched in Grays Harbor, has been chartered by Hind, Ralph & Co. to carry lumber to the Atlantic at \$15 a thousand board feet.

BOUND FOR LONDON

H. A. Elgee, Breakwater Engineer, Will Offer His Services to the War Office.

H. A. Elgee, who for the past four years has been the local representative of the big British contracting firm of Sir John Jackson, Ltd., supervising the construction of the Ogden Point breakwater, left by the afternoon boat for the mainland en route to England. Following his arrival at London, Mr. Elgee will offer his services to the War Office. William Knight, the company's superintendent of construction, will remain here until the entire plant used in the construction of the seawall has been safely stored.

Grant Smith, head of the firm of Grant Smith & McDonnell, contractors for the government piers at Ogden Point, accompanied by E. W. Hauser and associates, arrived in the city yesterday from St. Paul. Mr. Smith expresses himself as well satisfied with the progress made on the concrete piers which are now rapidly approaching completion.

STRINDA FOR DRYDOCK

The Norwegian steamer Strinda, under charter to the C. P. R., which is expected to pass up to Vancouver from Vladivostok next week, will come to Victoria after discharging to enter drydock for general overhaul and minor repairs. Yarrows, Ltd., will undertake the work. The Strinda is loaded for Esquimalt on Feb. 12.

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ANOTHER REPORT OF DEUTSCHLAND'S FATE Previous Report on Capture of German Submarine Freighter Gets Corroboration Further substantiation of the report appearing in the Times on January 20 to the effect that news had been received here that the German submarine freighter Deutschland had been captured and taken to one of the bases on the east coast of Scotland, reached here yesterday in a letter mailed to John Idlens, of 2625 Roseberry avenue. The message received here on January 30 stated that reports were being freely circulated in Edinburgh that the Deutschland was under seizure at Queensferry, Firth of Forth. Mr. Idlens's letter, received from an intrepid friend in London, says that the merchant diver was captured and is now moored near Perth, Firth of Tay. The letter added that the booty taken with the Deutschland amounted to \$2,000,000. The Deutschland, which is reported to have sailed from Bremen on January 2, is considerably overdue at her American port of destination, and in view of the corroborative reports that are reaching here, there appears hardly any doubt that the submarine has been taken in the British net stretching its tentacles over the North Sea.

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MILLION IN ESTIMATES FOR FINAL PAYMENTS Ottawa, Feb. 2.—It was stated officially yesterday the million dollars in the main estimates for Victoria harbor are for final payments of the contract for the breakwater held by Sir John Jackson, Ltd., and to complete the work on the piers, etc., that will not be finished until summer. The million dollars does not include any new works. Plans and estimates are being prepared by the public works department for a ferry slip, trackage and shed accommodation in connection with the piers. If these are prepared in time as from 1917-likely be placed in the supplementary estimates when the House reassembles in April.

**CORRESPONDENCE ON
ROSS RIFLE, MARK III.**

Reports From Sir John French
and Sir Douglas Haig;
Strange Delay

A part of the story of the Ross rifle, Mark III, with which Canada's troops were armed at the outbreak of the war, is told in voluminous correspondence between the government and the war office, tabled by the premier in the Commons. It is only a part of the story which is told, however; the real story will doubtless come out later, when a parliamentary inquiry is obtained.

The correspondence tabled begins with a letter sent on March 30, 1916, in which Sir R. L. Borden asked Sir George Perley to report as to the real facts regarding the efficiency of the Ross rifle. This report was asked for because the government wanted to know as to whether further orders for the manufacture of the rifle should be placed. It will be noted that this request comes only after the Canadians had been in the trenches for more than a year, and had long since fought the battle of St. Julian. It was after this battle that the stories began to come back to Canada as to trouble with the rifle.

General French's Ordered Re-arming. There is enclosed to the Canadian government Sir John French's report on the Ross rifle, under date of June 13, 1915. In this report General French says that in view of rumors of a growing want of confidence in the Ross rifle, he had caused the committee to have a test made. The result of the committee's findings was that the Ross rifles could not be relied upon to work smoothly and efficiently in rapid fire with any ammunition other than that of Canadian manufacture. He notes that no Canadian ammunition was at the time available. Consequently, he says, he ordered the re-arming of the infantry of the Canadian division with the Lee-Enfield. This was carried out before they went into action on June 15. He suggests a further investigation by the army council through the most highly qualified experts available, with a view to finally determining whether it might be advisable to restore the Ross rifles to the Canadian divisions. He adds: "In conclusion, I would observe that I have never condemned the Ross rifle, nor have I sufficient data to justify me in doing so."

He notes that the main trouble seemed to be that the ammunition of British manufacture was not suitable for use with the Ross rifle, and he recommends "a slight alteration to the chamber of the rifle, which will better adapt it for use with the British ammunition."

There is nothing in the correspondence, as tabled, to show that this report of Sir John French was given to the government here until July of 1915. It was not until the spring of last year apparently that Sir Robert Borden finally took decisive action to secure the real facts in regard to the way the rifle met actual service conditions.

General Haig's Report. Then, in response to the various communications to the war office through Sir George Perley, the report of Sir Douglas Haig, May 23, 1916, was produced. This reads:


"I have the honor to inform you that I have satisfied myself, after extensive inquiries carried throughout the Canadian corps, that as a service rifle the Ross rifle is less trustworthy than the Lee-Enfield, and that the majority of the men armed with the Ross rifles have not the confidence in it that it is so essential that they should possess. The inquiry on which these conclusions are based was the outcome of an urgent application from a battalion on the 3rd Canadian division for rearmament with the short Lee-Enfield rifle, and in consequence of a high percentage of jams experienced with their Ross rifles during a hostile attack on the 1st of May, 1916."

"(2) I am accordingly of the opinion that the 2nd and 3rd Canadian divisions should be rearmed with the short Lee-Enfield rifles. It will be remembered that the 1st Canadian division was so rearmed on the 12th of June, 1915."

Second Report More Condemnatory. Between the lines it is apparent that Gen. French's condemnation of the Ross rifle was not nearly so conclusive as Gen. Haig's. Gen. French had attributed the trouble mainly to the ammunition, and had recommended the enlarging of the chambers with a view to obviate further jamming. This enlarging was done; then the rifles were given back to the troops. Some months later, when the rifles were again called upon to stand the ordeal of battle they were found unsatisfactory, and Gen. Haig finally took action to recall all of them. What parliament will have to inquire into will evidently be: who was responsible for the enlarging of the chambers, and how it came about that the last condition of the rifle was much worse than the first.

Lee-Enfields Not Yet Made Here. The correspondence further develops the fact that the war office suggested to the Canadian government on July 5, 1916, that it should go ahead with the manufacture of the improved Lee-Enfields as already being manufactured in the United States. Although six months have elapsed since that suggestion was made, and although the war office notified the Canadian government early in 1916 that there were not enough Lee-Enfields available to replace all the Ross rifles, no steps have apparently been taken yet to secure the manufacture in Canada of the new and improved arm by the established factory here.

Left to Commander-in-Chief. On May 15, 1916, Sir R. L. Borden



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cabled to Sir Max Aitken to the effect that the Canadian government would leave the question of the efficiency of the Ross rifle to the judgment of the commander-in-chief. The cable added: "It is the only arm we are equipped to produce in Canada at present, and we believe it effective if properly used. The minister of militia informs me that reports or recent official tests in England thoroughly demonstrate the efficiency of our rifle."

On June 5, 1916, Sir Robert Borden cabled to Sir George Perley, asking whether Great Britain had adopted a new type of rifle. If so, the cable continued, the British order for the Ross rifle might be cancelled and a new order for 100,000 rifles of the new type might be given instead.

"Under Consideration" Six Months. On June 24 Sir Robert again cabled to Sir George Perley, asking for "definite, reliable and thorough reports on the merits of the Ross rifle." This information was needed because the government had had under consideration "since January last" an order for 100,000 additional Ross rifles. Sir Robert Borden further noted that the master-general of ordnance had for several months been urging "immediate action."

Exchange Recommended. Replying to this cable on July 5, Sir George Perley stated that the officer commanding the 2nd Army Division stated that the working of the Ross rifle during the last fight "has only confirmed his opinion that Canadians up the 3rd Division have lost confidence in their rifle, and he recommends that rifles in this division be exchanged." Sir George Perley noted also that Sir Douglas Haig had re-

commended that Lee-Enfields should be issued to all three divisions of the Canadian Corps. This suggestion by Sir Douglas Haig had been approved by the Army Council, which hoped to be able to use the Ross rifles thus released, as well as those in possession of Canadian troops in England, for other war purposes. Sir George Perley also forwarded Sir Douglas Haig's suggestion that the Canadian government should go ahead with the manufacture of the improved Lee-Enfield.

A few days later Sir George Perley forwarded to Sir R. L. Borden the two reports of General French and General Haig, to which reference is made above. Lee-Enfield suggested to be made.

On July 11, 1916, Sir Max Aitken cabled to Sir R. L. Borden stating that the secretary of war wished the Canadian government informed that a new type of Lee-Enfield rifle had been adopted, and that, with a view of securing a uniform type for all his majesty's forces throughout the empire, all existing facilities for the production of this rifle in the overseas dominion "would doubtless be utilized."

4th Division Rearmed. On August 30, 1916, the governor-general cabled to the colonial secretary asking if there was any truth in the report that the 4th Canadian Division was armed with the Canadian rifle when dispatched to France. The colonial secretary in reply declared that the 4th Division had been sent to France armed with Ross rifles, but that the Lee-Enfields had been sent to France to be substituted for the Ross rifle.

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**WAR PROFITEERS DO NOT
WANT AN ELECTION**

—BY H. F. GADSBY—

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Parliament is watching straws, because straws show which way the wind blows. One of the chief straws is the speech from the throne, which contained even less than the usual amount of nothing. The only thing it mentioned with any definiteness was the extension of parliament, which is the leading, not to say solitary, feature of the Borden government's domestic policy.

No death knells for the Borden government if it knows it. It realizes that it is safe enough as long as it can avoid a general election. Some talk there is of sudden dissolution and a quick appeal to the country in case parliament refuses to grant an extension, but this looks like pure bluff. Neither the Borden government nor its throng of supporters, who will never come back, feel like taking fate by the forelock. Why do ahead of the schedule? Mortui saluamus, but let us string the salute out.

The chances are that the moribund parliament crowd will bring pressure to bear on the Borden government to take the limit—that is to say, if any pressure is needed, which is a moot question. October is a long way off. There are eight crowded months of life yet with spoils of office to distribute and the biggest appropriations ever made

in the history of Canada to handle, so why quit before the game is played out? Why challenge destruction by an early general election, especially when the wicked Grits are chafing and clamoring for it, no matter when it comes?

The sooner it is over the sooner to sleep. True. But who wants to sleep so long as the war produces fine opportunities for graft for the Borden government's friends? Moreover, the food barons don't want to see the Borden government go out before next October. There are a few dollars in the country that they haven't got yet, but they reckon to give the high cost of living another squeeze and shake us down for the last cent. Then, and not till then, will the Borden government be allowed to depart in peace.

After the address in reply to the speech from the throne has been debated for a week or perhaps for two weeks, the House is expected to get round to the extension proposal. The speech from the throne was very careful to promise that it would be about the first resolution brought down. Premier Borden would like to have it off his mind before he goes to England.

Such being the case, he would like to feel that the life preserver, in the shape of an extension, which he threw

out, had done its work, and that he could come back anywhere inside of two months, and still find a Canada that acknowledges him as premier. He is particularly anxious that Canada should not do anything in his absence which would interfere with his chances of a peerage. At one time Premier Borden would have been satisfied with the chief justiceship of the supreme court of Canada, but now he rather fancies ending his days in England as Canadian-law lord on the judicial committee of the imperial privy council at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Premier Borden likes England. It is the place where the peerages come from.

For these and other reasons Premier Borden would like to see the extension matter settled before he leaves for England. But it is doubtful whether the House will be in as great a hurry to settle it as Premier Borden. It is a matter that can very well wait until Premier Borden comes back from England with the message or messages the statesmen over there ask him to deliver. When parliament scans these messages it will be in a more knowledgeable frame of mind to determine whether Premier Borden should have more time to carry his messages out.

At this writing it doesn't look as if Premier Borden would plunge the country into a general election immediately, if the extension is not granted before he leaves for England. He is betwixt Seylla and Charybdis anyway, and he naturally puts off the day when he is due to run on the rocks.

Meanwhile he has an eye to safety first, while he is gone. If the first day's proceedings are any gauge, Mr. Hazen will lead the House in his absence, whenever Sir George Foster is not on the job. Premier Borden keeps

looking over his shoulder for Sir Thomas White, feeling nervous, as he does, at having the Finance Minister behind him, ever since the national government with Sir Thomas as the nation, blew up.

This does not mean, however, that Sir Thomas takes second place. Not at all. Sir Thomas sees to that. On opening day Premier Borden arose as usual and delivered the obligatory tribute to the members of parliament who had died during the recess. Sir Wilfrid Laurier seconded in tasteful panegyric. According to custom, the ceremony should have ended there, but parliament was much surprised when Sir Thomas rose and rendered an additional tribute to his late deskmate, Postmaster-General Casgrain. He may have been sincere, no doubt he was, but it looked like crowding the mourners.

R. B. Bennett hit it off about right when he asked Sir Thomas in the corridor, "And whom did you speak for?" The "National" government, I suppose."

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These will, doubtless, be the last appointments of this sort to be made by the government, as it is a portion of the Liberal platform to give the selection of these boards to the people themselves by popular election. Legislation is necessary to this end, and presumably it will be enacted at the coming session.

In making these appointments the executive has endeavored to carry out the principle which is behind its position in this regard. The two nominees named on the boards are the two candidates who polled the highest votes at the recent election, so that they may be taken as embodying the will of the people in a larger degree than any other of the members of the aldermanic board. In politics both are supporters of the government.

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County Court—The first Monday in the month will be observed on Monday next on which day judgment summonses and applications for naturalization will be heard and the steward and February county court lists spoken to. At noon on Monday also Madam Justice will appear before Judge Lampan on a charge of unlawfully killing fortunes, when she will be represented by W. H. Bullock-Webster.

Florence Nightingale Chapter—The annual and monthly meeting of this chapter will be held next Monday, the 5th, at the Y. W. C. A. at 3 p. m. The business will include a report of the patriotic work of the chapter and the election of officers. Mrs. Hickman and Miss Marlett, the general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. will be the speakers.

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The capable manner in which the traffic on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway is being handled has been shown lately by the way in which the trains have been operated during the period that snowfalls have been common over the parts of the island where the lines are situated.

The management of the road was able to announce this morning that during the worst of the weather the trains operated on time, and, as a result passenger-traffic was in no way interfered with.

Along the Alberni route the fall of snow was considerably heavier than on other parts of the road and in the mountainous districts, slides, blocking the track were very numerous. The company, however, were prepared for these, and were thus able to make a speedy resumption of traffic, on that part of the line. The thaw which is being experienced in the vicinity of this city is common throughout the whole island, so that at present there is no fear of any interruptions in the general operation of the line.

BIG SUM INVOLVED

Contractors Make Claim of Over Half-Million Re Kettle Valley Railway.

In the Supreme court on Thursday next, February 8, an important case is down for hearing in the matter of Grant Smith & Co., plaintiffs versus The Kettle Valley Railway Company, defendants. S. S. Taylor, K. C., is counsel for the plaintiffs and Messrs. Bodwell & Lawson, with E. C. Mayers as counsel are acting for the defendants. Grant Smith & Co. are claiming for the balance of money due for work done and materials provided by them at the request of the defendants in the construction of a single track railway from Penticton to Hydraulic Summit, which with cost and profit amounted in all to \$3,084,886.00, of which sum \$2,284,976.61 has been paid, leaving a balance now claimed by the plaintiffs amounting to \$699,909.39. Interest on the latter amount to date from Oct. 31, 1914, is also part of the claim of the construction company.

Nerviline Ends Neuralgia, Brings Relief Instantly

No Remedy Like Old "Nerviline" to Cure Pain or Soreness

That terrible ache—how you fairly reel with it—that stabbing, burning neuralgia—what misery it causes. Never mind, you don't have to suffer—use Nerviline, it's a sure cure. Not an experiment, because nearly forty years of wonderful success has made a name for Nerviline among the people of many different nations. "There is nothing speedier to end Neuralgia headache than old-time 'Nerviline,'" writes Mr. G. C. Dalgleish, from Evanston. "It is so powerful and penetrating that it seems to eat up any pain in a minute. My family couldn't get along without Nerviline. We always keep the 50c family size bottle handy on the shelf, and use it to end chest colds, sore throats, coughs, earache, toothache and pain in the back. My wife swears by Nerviline. For cramps its effect is astonishing and we believe it is better and speedier than any other household family remedy."

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WANTED FOR EXPORT—Offers of saffron-crystals. Address Box 1783, Times.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

EXCHANGE—Clear title lots for house, will assume. Dunford's, 211 Union Bank.

OAK BAY RED CROSS

Monthly Meeting of Committee Held in Council Chamber Last Night.

At a meeting of the Oak Bay committee of the Red Cross held last night in the council chamber, Oak Bay Ave., with the president, P. F. Curtis, presiding, it was decided to try to open another work room in the Willows district. Mrs. Bullock Webster, Mrs. P. S. Lammman and the president were appointed a committee to make arrangements. Anyone who would like to lend a room for this purpose is asked to communicate at once with either of the members of the committee.

It was reported that there is accommodation for a few more workers at the rooms in the High School building, and that arrangements could be made for a party of ladies to work together if so desired.

The branch has been very active during the month and Secretary Clayton reported the receipt of the following amounts during the month of January: Members' fees, \$4; subscriptions, \$20.75; wheat drives, \$15.50; theatre concerts, \$48.30; Ping Pong club, \$35; traffic for scarf, \$10.10; making shirts, \$3; sale of rags, \$2.25; home products fair (gate receipts), \$48.60; total receipts, \$187.60; balance in bank, \$403.71. The sum of \$200 was ordered to be paid into the head office, Temple building.

Mrs. Rattenbury reported that a series in which drivers had been held up to date the sum of \$124 had been netted. This was made up as follows: Mrs. McR. Smith, \$12; Mrs. C. Willis, \$21; Mrs. H. O. Lewis, \$30; Miss Floyd and Mrs. Munn, \$61. This money will be turned in at the close of the season.

The following donations were received during the month: Mrs. Gordon, \$5; Mrs. Doe, \$2; Mrs. Beedham, 1 comfort bag; Mrs. Thornton, 1 bag; Mrs. Troughton, 1 bag; Mrs. Hope, paper and envelopes; Mrs. Shrapnell, 11 face cloths and 16 pyjama cords; Mrs. Sampson, shaving stick and razor; Miss Astor, 2 pairs socks; Mrs. Todd, 1 pair socks; Mrs. Harris, 1 pair socks; Miss Finlayson, 3 pair socks; Mrs. Ard, 1 scarf; Mrs. Winterbottom, face cloths; contribution box, \$2.50; Mrs. Curtis, 10 gross buttons.

The following articles have been made during the month by the ladies: 95 day shirts, 9 hospital shirts, 68 pyjamas, 4 dressing gowns, 5 convalescent suits, 144 hinders, 90 scullerets, 114 T bandages, 132 pair socks, 10 scarves, 3 caps, 5 pair wristlets, 8 sweaters, 4 comfort bags.

Letters of resignation were received from Mrs. F. A. Dunbrack and Mr. R. Fowler. Both of these workers have joined new branches which have been opened near their homes. The opinion was expressed that their valuable services would be a distinct loss to the Oak Bay committee, but an effort will be made to get others to fill their places.

If Strength Declines As Age Advances Follow This Suggestion

So many women grow old before their time, perhaps your wife or sister. A little while ago, buoyant, full of vigor and activity she enjoyed life and imparted pleasure to the whole family; but now in a few short years she has faded and lost color and strength. She is just ready to develop some disease that will further weaken and debilitate. You remember how it began, failure of appetite, tired in the morning, found housework burdensome, always nervous and a little irritable. It's a shame to let her go down-hill further when you can build her up so quickly with Ferronze. The change this nourishing tonic makes in a weak woman is surprising. It gives great zest for food, increases appetite and digestion enormously. The blood gets richer and stronger and adds new life to every organ in the body. A rebuilding process works through the entire system. The first week will show an improvement, and a month or two will fatten up the thinnest, most run-down woman you can think of. Take Ferronze for lost color, for nervousness, for weakness—use it when you're run-down and feeling poorly—it will do you more lasting good, keep you in better health, than anything else. Just as good for men and children, too, because Ferronze is harmless and safe, 50c per box or six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct by mail from the Carrhazone Co., Kingston, Ont.

M'TAGGART RESIGNS

Fruit Markets Commissioner Going to Winnipeg to Take Position on Paper.

W. E. McTaggart, who for the past year and a half has occupied the position of B. C. fruit markets commissioner with headquarters at Calgary, has handed his resignation to Wm. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture. McTaggart is going to Winnipeg to take charge of the circulation department of one of the largest and best-known agricultural papers in the west.

McTaggart's experience in the past has fitted him admirably for the position which he is taking over. As a member of the editorial staff of the Vancouver Daily Province he also took a very keen interest in both the advertising and circulation departments, and kept up-to-date in regard to any few methods employed in advertising or increasing circulation.

For some time McTaggart occupied the position of markets editor on the Daily Province and it was while employed in this capacity that his work attracted the attention of the officials of the B. C. department of agriculture with the result that McTaggart was offered the position he has filled so ably during the past eighteen months. McTaggart's leaving the service of British Columbia will be a great loss, which will be felt more keenly by the fruit-growers, as it is through McTaggart's department that the work of ad-

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PRISONERS OF WAR

Collections Made by Red Cross for Last Two Weeks in January. Were \$1,379.37.

Collections received from January 15 to 31, 1917, for the prisoners of war fund, by the Victoria city and district branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, totalled \$1,379.37. The amount was made up as follows:

North Vesuvius school, per Arch W. Dodds.....	2.50
Langford school, per Miss E. A. Mercer.....	1.50
Mrs. Rose.....	4.00
Orange Circle.....	4.00
Miles M. MacIntyre.....	4.00
Margold Circle, per Mrs. Lawrence.....	5.00
Mrs. M. Phillips.....	10.00
Miss L. Russell.....	5.00
Mrs. A. W. Tuckey.....	5.02
James Bay Hotel Circle.....	2.00
Miss Clarke.....	2.50
Eric H. Allen.....	4.00
Sandwich school.....	1.75
Miss Thompson.....	1.00
Sister Agnes Keyser Chapter, I. O. D. E.....	9.00
Miss D. Smith, proceeds of dance.....	9.99
James Bay Hotel Circle.....	2.00
Eady-Smith-public school.....	11.90
E. M. Sandilands, proceeds of dance at Skidgate.....	15.50
Miss Jones.....	1.00
St. Margaret's school, per Miss Walker.....	21.00
Mrs. Walker's Circle.....	4.00
Miss Helen Thompson.....	1.00
Victoria west branch, Red Cross, per Mrs. Danley's Christmas concert collection.....	8.50
Wellington school, per Miss I. H. Loudon.....	2.25
St. Andrew's Red Cross workers.....	10.00
Nanaimo Red Cross Society.....	100.00
Mrs. Somebody.....	1.00
Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, proceeds of Gift Shop.....	1,131.85
Total.....	\$1,379.37



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S.O.S. DRAMA ON SHELLED STEAMER

APPEALS TO WARSHIPS SPEEDING TO RESCUE

How a Ship Carried on and Escaped Submarine After Thrilling Experience

By Alfred Noyes in the London Chronicle.

Few of us at home realize the intensity of the ocean-drama in which our merchant seamen, night and day, are risking their lives to keep our sea-roads open.

The tale of the unarmed Anglo-Californian, for instance, was illuminated for me by the exploration of a record of her wireless messages.

The Anglo-Californian was homeward bound from Montreal to Avonmouth, with a cargo of 27 horses.

A wireless message was then received telling the captain to hold on as long as possible, and he decided to go on again.

The firing grew so hot that, when the submarine signalled "abandon ship," the captain decided to obey.

Man-of-War to the Rescue. I shall not attempt to paint that picture—the smoke, the confusion, the changes of command, the concussion, the neighing of the horses.

"This was an invisible destroyer speaking from a new point of the compass, 40 miles away." "Don't know who he is. Believe it is Sphinx."

"No. Cryptic said something about approaching you." "I can't hear him."

"Steer as much east as possible." This was Cryptic resuming her long-distance instructions and cross-examination with the calm of a doctor addressing a nervous patient.

"If we steer east we shall have submarine abeam. We can't do it." "Can see your smoke. Hold on. Fanned red and blue bands, with yellow star. We are making your smoke."

"According to your position I am nine miles off you." "We are the Anglo-Californian?" "Have you many passengers?"

"No; but we are 150 men on board. Crew." "Please fire rocket to verify position. What is position of submarine?"

"Right astern, firing at wireless." "Now firing our rockets. Submarine signals. 'Abandon vessel as soon as possible.'"

NONE SO DENSE We admire men who attain their fame by ability pure and simple. They serve as a light in life's darkest night to cheer when hope is sinking.

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SUB-COMMITTEE MEETS

Many Matters of Interest to Farmer Will Be Presented to Minister. The delegates appointed at the recent meeting of the Domestic Food Products Committee of the Board of Trade met at the board's room yesterday afternoon for the purpose of formulating their plans to lay before the minister of agriculture in respect of certain legislation suggested as a means of assisting the farmer.

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN Capt. Fletcher, of the 48th Highlanders, is Acting-Major. News was received yesterday that Lieut. A. C. Fletcher, son of Thos. S. Fletcher, of the 15th Battalion, 48th Canadian Highlanders, had received his promotion to captain, and is still acting major whilst in command of his company, ranking as from September 28, 1916.

IN MEMORIAM

Bertha Curry, eldest daughter of W. S. Curry, former resident of Medicine Hat, who was known by the name Sister Madeline Jerome, died in the Madelon of St. Norbert, Manitoba, at the age of 23 years and 9 months.

PERSONAL

S. Akamatsu, Japanese consul at Portland, Ore., arrived in the city this afternoon to meet Mrs. Akamatsu, who is due on the Shidzuoka 'Maru' tomorrow.

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TAKES STEPS TO GET MONEY DUE PROVINCE

Half-Million Dollars Believed to Be Due in Timber Royalties by Lumbermen. The minister of lands has appointed as temporary accountants to take action in regard to arrears of timber royalty which are due, and to excess of royalty which is believed to be owing to the province.

BERNSTORFF MAY MOVE TO MEXICO

Or to South America Should Entente Refuse Safe Conduct. Washington, Feb. 3.—As soon as he was informed that he must accept his passports, Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, arranged with the Swiss minister, Dr. Paul Ritter, to take over the German embassy.

SPANISH AND GREEK VESSELS SENT DOWN; TWO MEN MURDERED

Madrid, Feb. 3.—The Spanish steamship Budron and the Greek steamship Eikon have been torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-41. Two Spaniards were drowned in the sinking of the Budron.

STATE GOVERNORS SUPPORTING WILSON

Washington, Feb. 3.—Governors of states began early in the afternoon to wire President Wilson, approving his course. The first messages to come were from Governor Lowden, of Illinois, and Governor Manning, of South Carolina.

THERMOGENE CURATIVE WADDING

—is best for backache, lumbago, etc. So clean, so different from the old fashioned messy poultice. Your druggist sells Thermogene.

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WILSON'S COURSE WAS INEVITABLE

No Other Possible, Says Senator Chamberlain; Senator Tillman's Remarks. Washington, Feb. 3.—"It was the only thing that could be done," said Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee of the Senate, when informed of the break with Germany.

VICTORY WILL BE WON, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

London, Feb. 3.—"The burden on my shoulders is overwhelming," said Mr. Lloyd George, in responding to a municipal welcome at Crickioeth, Wales, his home, yesterday, "but I am confident that with the united efforts of us all, and with the justice of our cause, we shall confound the devices of the wicked one."

MR. OLIVER OBJECTS.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—In the Commons this afternoon Hon. Frank Oliver took exception to a report in L'Evenement of Quebec, of his speech in the debate on the address when he stated that National Service was the only logical service for Canada.

APPLICATIONS

Accompanied by testimonials and references, will be received at the office of the undersigned until February the 15th, 1917, at 4 p. m., for the position of Medical Health Officer during the absence of Dr. G. A. B. Hall, and for the position of Sanitary Inspector.

Doctor Tells How To Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent In One Week's Time in Many Instances

A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home. Philadelphia, Pa. Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weaknesses? If so you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you.

OBITUARY RECORD

There died at Kamloops, at 523 Columbia street, on the 2nd instant, Miss Katie Gertrude John, aged 23 years, a native of this city, and daughter of Richard John, of Victoria. Funeral announcement will be made later.

ATTENTION We beg to advise our patrons that we have secured the services of an expert photo-engraver. We are now prepared to handle all classes of copper and zinc half-tones, cartons, line work, color plates, etc.

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MINING PROSPECTS IN THE LILLOOET

M. L. Chernault Says That Considerable Activity Will Occur This Spring

An interesting account of mining work in the Lillooet district is brought to the city by M. L. Chernault, who has been working at the Bridge River section, east of Lillooet. The Cadwalader Creek camp is the most important in this mining district, and Mr. Chernault comes from the Coronation mine, which closed down for the winter on the first of December. Mines in this district are idle for the three months covered by the snowfall, and he states that when the season reopens on March 1 there will be very considerable activity.

Mr. Chernault mentioned the Coronation group, and the Pioneer as particularly active, and also spoke of the Lorne. He says that the principal work accomplished in the Coronation group during the past season has been that of development, which shows an increased width in the vein, disclosing a good grade ore assaying high in gold.

He understands that the result attained at the Pioneer group will involve an extension of the mill capacity, which has been about 15 tons a day. The results of the ore milled in the last week of operation were exceptional, and justify extensions in the spring.

He says that the opening of the Pacific Great Eastern railway has greatly facilitated the operation of mining properties in the Lillooet country, as in the past the high cost of getting out the product, as well as obtaining supplies had crippled development along many lines. He says it is understood that between the creeks flowing south to feed the Bridge river, and north to supply the Chilcotin river, there are expected to be valuable deposits discovered, but the character of the country, as well as the tremendous cost of transportation, have discouraged prospecting endeavors in the past. The impetus, however, which mining has received in the past few months will stimulate further prospecting in this part of the province.

Mr. Chernault is registered at the Dominion hotel.

COMPLAINTS MADE BY RETURNED SOLDIERS

Assistance of Provincial Executive Asked to Remedy Adverse Conditions

The claims of returned soldiers upon the people of the province, the delays which arise in the payment of pensions to men or to their widows or dependents, and a reduction in the scale of pensions which they say has taken place, were matters brought to the attention of the government yesterday afternoon by a deputation of men who have come back from the front, in which were H. W. Hart, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Association and spokesman for the deputation, A. G. Hutton, J. T. Tait, T. H. Tilly, R. McLennan and A. Tait.

Especially a strong complaint made that there is grave delay in the matter of payment of pensions, and it was claimed that between the time when a man's pay ceases, or the separation allowance to a soldier's dependents ceases on his being killed, and the receipt of the first installment of the pension, men and women are often left in a destitute condition and dependent on the charity of friends or the public. It was also claimed that after being led to believe that the proposed readjustment of the scale at Ottawa would result in an increase it was found that the scale cut in two the pensions expected.

Much criticism was expressed in regard to the returned soldiers' employment committee, which is a local body working under the direction of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission. Mr. Hart stated that but a small number of the members of the committee appeared to take any interest in its work, that no systematic and aggressive attempt was made to secure positions for men or arouse the interest of employers, and that the methods of publicity by which it was sought to get in touch with those who had work to offer were quite inadequate.

Mr. Hart admitted that the secretary of the committee was wholeheartedly in sympathy with the work but did not think that he fully realized the needs of the men, and suggested that a returned soldier be placed in the position who would be acquainted with the requirements of his fellow-soldiers. In the provincial public service he thought that more attention should be paid to the employment of returned soldiers wherever possible for whatever work was offered, that the single men in the service who were eligible for active service should be eliminated from it, and that the government should make a systematic effort to bring about better facilities for men finding work.

It was stated by the spokesman that the association had sent a deputation to W. J. Bowser when premier and had been given a lot of promises by him, but that these promises had not been carried out. The speaker expressed the opinion that while some of the matters of which they complained were controlled from Ottawa, the local

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White Sale **39c**

February White Sale Commences Monday

Important Savings on Women's Undermuslins



- Reg. \$4.50 to \$8.50. White Sale Price . . . **\$3.69**
- Reg. \$5.50 to \$11.50. White Sale Price . . . **\$4.69**
- Nightgowns in slip-over style; made of nainsook and longcloth, trimmed with fine lace and embroidery. Reg. \$4.50 and \$5.00. White Sale **\$3.69**
- Nightgowns, made of nainsook, in slip-over styles, French hand embroidered and trimmed with fine Val and Irish lace. Reg. \$6.75 to \$10.00. White Sale **\$4.69**
- Petticoats, made of muslin, with lace and embroidery frills. Reg. \$4.75 and \$5.75. White Sale **\$3.69**
- Nightgowns, made of nainsook, in slip-over styles and elaborately trimmed with fine lace and embroidery. Reg. \$5.50 to \$9.50. White Sale **\$4.69**
- Princess Slips of muslin and nainsook, elaborately trimmed with fine lace and embroidery. Reg. \$4.50 to \$5.50. White Sale **\$3.69**
- Princess Slips, made of nainsook, with French hand-embroidered yokes and frills. Reg. \$5.75 to \$11.50. White Sale **\$4.69**
- Combinations, Corset Covers and Drawers of nainsook, dimity and dotted Swiss, daintily trimmed with fine lace and embroidery. Reg. \$4.50 to \$7.50. White Sale **\$3.69**
- Combinations, Drawers and Corset Covers, made of nainsook, French hand-embroidered. Reg. \$5.75 to \$10. White Sale **\$4.69**
- Petticoats, made of nainsook and longcloth, with deep frills of lace and embroidery. Reg. \$6.00 to \$11.50. White Sale **\$4.69**

- Reg. \$1.00 to \$2.00. White Sale Price . . . **89c**
- French Chemise. Reg. \$1.50 and \$1.65. White Sale **89c**
- Gowns, made of muslin, in high and slip-over styles, edged with lace or embroidery. Reg. \$1.00 and \$1.25. White Sale **89c**
- Combinations, Drawers and Corset Covers, lace and embroidery edgings. Reg. \$1.25 to \$2.00. White Sale **89c**
- Dressing Sacques, made of white lawn with large collar of allover embroidery and knife pleating. Reg. \$1.75 value. White Sale **89c**

- Reg. 25c and 35c. White Sale Price . . . **19c**
- Corset Covers, made of good quality muslin and trimmed with lace. Reg. 25c value. White Sale **19c**
- Tea Aprons, with frill or scalloped edge. Reg. 25c and 35c. White Sale **19c**
- Drawers, made of muslin, in open and closed styles, with hemstitched and lace edgings. Reg. 25c value. White Sale **19c**

- Reg. \$1.25 to \$2.25. White Sale Price . . . **98c**
- Drawers of muslin and longcloth, with lace and embroidery frills, open and closed styles. Reg. \$1.50 and \$1.75. White Sale **98c**
- Corset Covers, trimmed with lace and embroidery. Reg. \$1.25 to \$1.75. White Sale **98c**
- Princess Slips of muslin, lace and embroidery trimmed. Reg. \$1.50 to \$2.25. White Sale **98c**
- Drawers, French hand-embroidered. Reg. \$1.50. White Sale **98c**

- Reg. \$2.25 to \$4.50. White Sale Price . . . **\$1.98**
- Gowns, slip-over style, made of nainsook, hand-embroidered and trimmed with lace insets and edgings, also with Irish lace yokes. Reg. \$2.25 to \$3.50. White Sale **\$1.98**
- Combinations, Corset Covers and Drawers, French hand-embroidered. Reg. \$3.00 and \$4.00. White Sale **\$1.98**
- Combinations, Corset Covers and Drawers, made of nainsook and muslin, trimmed with fine lace and embroidery. Reg. \$2.25 and \$4.00. White Sale **\$1.98**
- Princess Slips of nainsook, lawn and muslin, trimmed with lace and embroidery. Reg. \$2.50 to \$4.00. White Sale **\$1.98**

- Reg. 65c to \$1.00. White Sale Price . . . **59c**
- Drawers, made of muslin and crepe, open and closed styles, lace and embroidery trimmed. Reg. 65c and 85c. White Sale **59c**
- Corset Covers, trimmed with lace and embroidery. Reg. 65c to \$1.00. White Sale **59c**
- Petticoats, in muslin, with deep frill and lace trimmed. Reg. 75c value. White Sale **59c**

- Reg. \$1.75 to \$2.75. White Sale Price . . . **\$1.49**
- Drawers, of nainsook and longcloth, open and closed styles, trimmed with lace and embroidery. Reg. \$2 and \$2.75. White Sale **\$1.49**
- Corset Covers, daintily trimmed with lace and embroidery. Reg. \$2 to \$2.50. White Sale **\$1.49**
- Gowns of fine quality nainsook, edged with deep embroidery on neck and sleeves. Reg. \$1.75 value. White Sale **\$1.49**

Corsets Specially Priced for this White Sale

- Corsets, made of good quality coutil in medium bust and long hips, with four hose supporters; daintily trimmed with lace. Sizes 15 to 27. Reg. 85c. White Sale **69c**
- Corsets, made of coutil in low bust and long hips, free hip bone and four hose supporters. Reg. \$1.25 value. White Sale **95c**
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- Corsets, made of pink coutil or white, with fancy stripes. These come in medium bust and long hip, free hip bone, elastic inset and four hose supporters. Reg. \$1.75 value. White Sale **\$1.39**
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GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Officers of International Boundary Survey and Geological Survey Give Names to Topography.

A number of decisions of the Geographic Board of Canada, within the past two months affect the topographical nomenclature along the international boundary in this and the adjoining province.

The names of men who served on the boundary survey are honored and perpetuated, and also those of some of the officers of the Geological Survey of Canada.

For the long-time director of the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, Sir William E. Logan, who occupied that position from 1841 to 1869, the range of mountains east of Francis Lake, in Yukon territory, has been renamed Logan Range, instead of the old Indian name Toothoo. The mountain in that range, to which the name Logan has been given in the past, is now to be known as Hunt, after the late Dr. T. Storry Hunt, who was chemist to the geological survey. Mount Billings commemorates the name of EDWARD BILLINGS, paleontologist and Mount Murray, formerly Tent Mountain, that of Alex. Murray, Sir William Logan's assistant.

Mount Anderson, in the Kootenay district, is given its name for Lieut. S. Anderson, R. E., of the international boundary survey. Mount Lyall, on the borders of British Columbia and Alberta, gets the name of Dr. Lyall, R. N., surgeon and naturalist of the survey. Mount Hagg, in the same vicinity, that of Captain R. W. Hagg, R. A., astronomer and senior military officer. Mount Eris, a companion peak, the name of a headland on the west coast of County Mayo, Ireland; and Mount Pengelly, after an assistant. Other officers of that survey honored are Lieut.-Col. J. S. Hawkins, R. E., the British commissioner, Captain G. H. Richards, R. N.; Lt. Roche, R. N.; Lt. Galwey, H. Bauerman and Mr. Boswell, V. S.

The geographic board has changed its mind about the name of the bay on the west of Lina Island, Skidegate Inlet, which it had previously fixed at Cowitz. Hereafter it will be known as Kagan.

William Morden Carthew, a Dominion land surveyor, who was a Lieutenant in the 39th Battalion and was killed at Ypres on June 1 last, is commemorated in a mountain near the international boundary, and just over the line from British Columbia in Alberta.

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government could exercise influence enough to secure a change, and that if representations were made the changes desired would be effected.

The reimposition of the poll tax was urged, the proceeds to go to the Patriotic Fund and be available for assisting needy cases, of which he gave the executive several instances. Both among soldiers and the dependents of men who have been killed. This tax, Mr. Hart said, would catch the aliens who have in many cases taken the places of men who went away on active service. It was suggested by him in conclusion that the legislature should adopt some form of memorial ceremony for the dead soldiers of the province.

Hon. Mr. Brewster assured the deputation that the intention of the administration was to give a fair and square deal to the men who had done their duty by the empire, and to aid returned soldiers in every way. In every place possible with qualifications and efficiency returned soldiers would be given the preference in the public service. The premier suggested to the deputation that their association keep some sort of register of returned soldiers in the matter of qualifications, former occupation and the like, so that when there was a call for a man or men a prompt response could come.

As to the complaints made, the premier remarked that the province contributed \$15,000 to the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission and that, therefore, the government might very well look into these and, if it appeared possible, make any representations towards removing the causes. In the matter of the payment of pensions, he thought, there might be too much red-tape. Steps were being taken to deal with the eligible men in the service, he informed the deputation. In regard to the proposed memorial service, the government would give it sympathetic consideration.

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