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PREMIER BRIAND DENOUNCES GERMAN PEACE PROPOSAL AS "A TRAP" AND MANOEUVRE TO SEPARATE THE ALLIES

Asks People to Have Confidence in Final Outcome of Struggle; Will Seek Increased Power to Carry on War, but Promises Government Will Not Adopt Scheme of National Mobilization

Paris, Dec. 14.—Premier Briand accompanied his denunciation of the German peace offer as a trap with an announcement that he would ask for the increased power with which to carry on the war, according to full reports of his speech before the chamber of deputies yesterday. At the same time the premier promised that the government would not undertake any scheme of national mobilization such as that involved in the German home army plan.

"Evidently," said the premier, "recent developments are serious, but it is necessary to recall what has happened in 1916. After eight months it is not a German but a French victory which in truth has been inscribed on French flags."

The premier referred to the French success at Verdun and the gains made on the Somme and derided Germany for its claim of victory while it was taking such measures as what he termed the militarizing of the entire population. The chamber applauded unanimously when he affirmed that the war government of France would not follow the policy of Germany. He asked, however, for power to regulate all questions concerning the national defence, including the possibility of requisition, but said that if the latter step was considered necessary it would not be carried out inconsiderately. The chamber again applauded when he announced that the government would ask for the suppression of the liquor traffic throughout France.

Confident of Outcome.
Premier Briand expressed the certainty that some of the measures taken by Germany have behind them the object of intensifying the war next spring when he said, she will have stronger armies to face. He warned France to be prepared for those efforts and to have confidence in the final outcome. Then he turned to a discussion of the German peace proposal.

"It is after having proclaimed its victory," he said, "while at the same time making new efforts to gain it, that Germany sends us certain words which I am not able to explain. You have read the address delivered by von Bethmann-Hollweg, the chancellor of the German empire. I have not the text and therefore I cannot give an official opinion, but it is improbable that in the present circumstances those who are asked to intervene will accept a task which might well disturb confidence here. I will make known officially the precise concerted opinion of the allies, but I must now warn my country against possible poisoning of opinion. When a country armed to the teeth, mobilizes its entire civil population at the risk of ruining its commerce and disorganizing the homes of which it is so proud, when its factories are working overtime to increase its war materials, and when it takes, in disregard of the law of nations, the people of an invaded country and obliges them to work for it, if at that moment I do not cry out to my country: 'Look out, take care, I would be entirely culpable. What comes from wonder as a proposition to negotiate peace is made at a time when Belgium is invaded, Serbia is invaded, ten departments of France are invaded.'"

Deputy Andre Lefevre here interrupted, saying: "And crimes unpunished."
Attempt to Deceive Neutrals.
Premier Briand resumed: "It is a redoubtable moment and I can not call your attention too much to the facts. What do we see in this address, it is the same cry to deceive neutrals or the clairvoyance of the German people—it was not we who desired this horrible war. It was imposed on us. I want to answer for the hundredth time, no. You were aggressors and whatever you say, the facts are there to prove it. The blood is on your heads and not on ours."

"Now coming to the bottom of things, I have the right to denounce this manoeuvre, this gross trap. We want, it is said by our enemies, to give our people all the means to prosper that they can desire. Others are offered as aims, a consent not to annihilate them. After the Marne, after Verdun, France resisting firmly is offered this. Such a document must be thoroughly meditated upon to see toward what objects it tends."

There was loud applause at these words and Deputy Thierry Cases shouted: "The country thinks as you do."
Premier Briand then concluded: "From this postscript I must say that there is a manoeuvre to separate the allies, disturb the conscience and demoralize the people of the French republic. In circumstances such as these one will not do less than the convention."

A resolution of confidence in the government was adopted by a vote of 214 to 165.
Press Comments.
The disappointment shown by the press over the new administration is

DOMINION SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO BRITAIN'S PREMIER

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Prior to his departure for England yesterday Sir George Foster, in his capacity as acting prime minister, sent the following cable to Right Hon. Lloyd George, prime minister of Great Britain: "The Canadian government sends hearty congratulations. Canada stands with you and the Empire for a vigorous prosecution of the war until complete victory is attained."

NO PEACE UNTIL COMPLETE VICTORY

Canadian Officers at Front Hear of Proposals Made by Germany

BELIEVE OFFER WILL BE REJECTED BY ALLIES

Regarding Success on the Somme as the Turning Point in the War

Northern France, Dec. 14.—(By Roland Hill.)—I have been privileged to listen to a discussion at the Canadian corps headquarters of Germany's offer of peace. Somehow, news of this class filters through to the trenches before it reaches the capitals of the allies, some times by wireless, some times through an important captured prisoner or document. It was known that peace offers by the central powers were going to be made. Every Canadian staff officer and even the generals showed mysterious unanimity on that point. They were unanimous, too, that the offers never would be considered by the allies.

I listened to an imperial artillery major who had been attached for a considerable time to the Canadians. He said: "The only peace Britain would consider now, especially when a vigorous government is in power in England, is a victorious peace, and that will not be until the Huns and their allies are at least beaten back into their borders, broken and without any possibility of their violating whatever terms are made. The Hun proposals of peace are nothing but a trick, possibly for an armistice, which no allied soldier would consider."

In the opinion of these men, who have been through the fighting, the Somme has been the turning point towards complete victory.

REQUESTS FEDERAL FRANCHISE FOR WOMEN

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Sir R. L. Borden received a surprise of his western tour when Mrs. Nellie McClung, who secured five minutes audience with him in Winnipeg, asked for the immediate granting of the federal franchise to Canadian women and women of British birth.

"Do you really think women of Canada want federal franchise at once?" he asked.

"Yes," Mrs. McClung replied. "I am sure of it, and I think it would save trouble to give it to them now."

Sir Robert refused to commit himself, but replied that women of Canada had certainly earned the right to every consideration.

GRANT COMMISSIONS TO MEN IN RANKS

Many Canadians, Now in England, Are Preparing for Promotion

London, Dec. 14.—A considerable advance lately has been made among the Canadian forces in selecting men for the ranks for commissions. Those who pass the initial scrutiny are sent for a month's training at Seaforth and if they still prove suitable, pass to the military school at Croftborough. This system is likely to ensure an essential surplus of officers necessary for the big operations in the spring.

DEATH ROLL INCREASED

Another Body Removed From Ruins of Factory at Peterboro.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 14.—The death toll from fire at the Quaker Oats Company was increased to 8 this morning when the body of James Foster, aged 64, was recovered from the ruins of the boiler room. The position of body would indicate he was sitting on bench when the wall toppled over and buried him in the wreckage.

WEST HAS RECRUITED MORE THAN SHARE

Figures Covering Enlistment in Canada to Beginning of December

EAST STILL NEEDS OVER 125,682 MEN

Province of Quebec at Bottom of List With No Sign of Improvement

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Western Canada and British Columbia have recruited 11,332 men more than their share of Canada's army of 500,000 men. The east still needs 125,682. This is shown by official figures obtained at the local recruiting office and compiled to the beginning of the present month. All the western provinces have provided their shares of men required and Ontario needs only 7,935, but the stumbling blocks are Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, which need 89,214 and 28,533 respectively.

In detail figures are:
Eastern Canada.
Province Recruited Needed
Quebec 47,214 89,214
Ontario 155,474 7,935
Maritimes 23,631 28,533
Total 231,323 125,682

Western Canada.
Province Recruited Surplus
Manitoba, etc. 74,578 2,748
British Columbia ... 36,149 3,459
Alberta 34,285 4,345
Total 147,090 11,332

Recent recruiting figures show there is an apparent revival in Montreal district, but Quebec province still is keeping at the bottom of the lists with no signs of improvement. Toronto leads with 82,554; British Columbia, third, 58,149.

APPEAL REFUSED IN SLINGSBY CASE

House of Lords Gives Decision Without Calling Upon Respondents

London, Dec. 14.—The House of Lords refused the appeal in the Slingsby case today without calling upon the respondents.

In giving judgment the House of Lords held that it had been established that the child in question was the son of Lillian Anderson and that it also had been proved that the child was handed over to Mrs. Slingsby. The House of Lords expressed regret at the pain caused by the decision to "the gallant officer who is now serving his country—Commander Slingsby."

In the House of Lords lay the last hope of the Slingsby claimants in the contest which has been before the courts of England and the United States for several years. An inheritance was left in England to the first heir of three brothers of the name of Slingsby. The estate, in Yorkshire, is valued at about \$500,000. The case grew out of the attempt of one brother to establish himself as the father of an heir and the denial by the others. As the alleged heir was born outside the empire it was necessary to establish the fact of his legitimate birth. In December, 1912, a petition was presented in the probate court for a decree that Charles Slingsby was the lawful son of Charles R. Slingsby and Dorothy Slingsby. It was said the child had been born in San Francisco in 1910. Thomas and Alan Slingsby, brothers of Commander Charles R. Slingsby, alleged no heir had been born, that the infant's mother was Lillian Anderson and its father Paul Colvin; that the child had been procured for the petitioners and passed off by them as their lawful offspring; the birth record being altered. The probate court declared the child was the legitimate heir.

TWO MORE VESSELS SUNK BY GERMANS

London, Dec. 14.—Lloyds shipping agency announces that the ship Emma Laurens has been sunk. The crew was saved.

A Reuter dispatch from Christiania reports the sinking of the steamer Bjor by a torpedo. The crew was landed.

The Emma Laurens was a French barge of 2,152 tons gross. She was last reported at Bordeaux on Sept. 27. The Bjor was a Norwegian steamer of 1990 tons, built in 1888.

BRITAIN WILL RAISE ANOTHER MILLION SOLDIERS

London, Dec. 14.—A supplementary estimate issued to-day provides for an additional one million men of all ranks for the army service during the present fiscal year. The original estimate was for 4,000,000 men.

RUSSIA'S PREMIER IS GAINING STRENGTH

Regarded as Likely That More Changes Will Be Made in Ministry

GERMANS CANNOT SHAKE DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE

Czar's Forces Preparing to Strike Mighty Blow in the Spring

London, Dec. 14.—(By Arthur S. Draper.)—Russia's political crisis is undoubtedly of the utmost importance from whatever angle viewed. Nothing since August, 1914, has a closer bearing on the war than the reorganization now taking place in Petrograd. Before considering the future it is necessary to investigate the past and find what factors have brought about the present situation. Unlike France's and England's, Russia's crisis is due almost entirely to internal conditions. Inadequate transportation is the fundamental reason. A nation of 180,000,000 people cannot go to war without sadly deranging its whole economic structure. Russia is no exception. After two years of war Russia finds her economic situation bad, for the czar's country lacks great organization and power. Lack of money never stopped a big war. The present Russian crisis is attributed directly to the poorer food distribution in Petrograd and Moscow, where there is an acute shortage, while in the south conditions are comparatively good. In the north there is an insufficiency of meat, bread and sugar.

German Agents at Work.
German influences always are strong in Russia, and have done their best to accentuate and emphasize the situation. Moscow and Petrograd contain most of the legislators and people of influence as well as the great poor population. Poor people, waiting at the stores to get their small allowance of sugar or bread are frequently accosted by German agents, who pass along the line saying "See your country's plight. If you stopped fighting you would get plenty of sugar and bread. Why do you not make peace?" These men have made an impression on the poor people, and have created unrestfulness.

There is no greater progressive nor radical, no braver nor more far-sighted statesman in all Russia than Miliukoff. He saw plainly where Sturmer's course was leading, and how impossible it was to maintain unity without the support of the Zemstvos. So he took action requiring the greatest courage. When he had completed his speech in the Duma, he had eliminated Sturmer and put Russia part way on the road to victory. It required great bravery, but Miliukoff is no coward.

Though the Russian situation is improving, it is still far from perfect. Protopopoff also must go or the Duma will consider its work only half done. (Concluded on page 3.)

BANKERS ASKED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Invited to Ottawa to Discuss Finances With Sir Thomas White

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, has invited the members of the Canadian Bankers' Association to come to Ottawa to-morrow to discuss with him in a general way the matter of Dominion and Imperial finance in Canada during the coming year. The Dominion government will of course require to make further public loans, although none is in immediate prospect, and the imperial munitions board will require such funds as can be made available in Canada for the purchase of shells, explosives and other munitions here.

FELL TO HIS DEATH

London, Dec. 14.—An inquest has been held on Lieut. Crawford Thomas Miller, of the Canadians, attached to the Royal Flying Corps, killed on Friday by falling with his machine. It is stated that he rose a thousand feet. A verdict of misadventure and error of judgment was returned.

CHANCELLOR ASKS FOR VOTE OF CREDIT FOR TWO BILLIONS

Bonar Law Confines Speech to Financial Side of War; Daily Average Expenditure Has Risen to \$28,500,000; No Proposals for Peace Yet Received By the British Government

London, Dec. 14.—In moving a vote of credit of £400,000,000 in the House of Commons to-day, A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, decided to confine his speech entirely to the financial side of the war and, in the absence of Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith, owing to illness, it was expected the debate would be merely along this line. However, this will not prevent members of the small group of peace advocates from asking questions in an effort to draw out the government in regard to Germany's peace proposal.

To-day's vote of credit is the fourteenth since the outbreak of the war, bringing the total for the present fiscal year to £1,750,000,000 and the grand total for the war to £3,432,000,000.

The chancellor announced that the daily average expenditure of Great Britain in the war had risen to £5,710,000. He said the actual expenditure had exceeded the estimate owing to the increase in munitions and additional loans to Great Britain's allies and to her dominions.

The chancellor said: "Financially we can not hope to go on indefinitely on the present scale, but we can go on long enough to make sure that it will not be from financial causes if we fail to secure victory."

No proposals for peace had yet been received by the British government from the central powers, he said. He added that the entente allies required adequate reparation for the past, and adequate security for the future.

Arming Merchant Ships.
In the House of Commons to-day Thomas Macnamara, financial under-secretary for the admiralty, announced that the admiralty had under earnest consideration the matter of arming merchant ships.

Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said that the complete blockade of Greek ports did not imply a state of war between Greece and the entente allies. Fully alive to the dangers of delay in dealing with what he termed the unsatisfactory situation in Greece, Lord Robert Cecil told the House that the entente allies were able to present certain demands to the Greek government for the purpose of clearing it up.

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GERMANY REPLIES TO WASHINGTON'S PROTEST

Washington, Dec. 14.—Germany's reply to the American protest against deportation of Belgians arrived at the state department this morning. It is understood to contend that the United States has not been accurately informed of the purposes of the deportations, which are said to be made on the ground of social necessity.

ACCEPTS NEW POST

E. A. McMaster Becomes Secretary of Manufacturers' Association in British Columbia.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—E. A. McMaster, divisional freight agent for the G. T. P. at Edmonton in succession to W. J. P. McGregor, has resigned, being selected secretary for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in British Columbia. Mr. McMaster left yesterday for Toronto to complete preliminary arrangements for opening of a branch in Vancouver, of which he will have full charge. Mr. McMaster started with the company in 1907 in Fort William, where he was also chief clerk to the general superintendent. In July, 1913, he became commercial agent in Regina, which office he held until October last, when he was promoted to a position in Edmonton.

WILL RAISE FARES.

London, Dec. 14.—Fares for civilians on railways in England are expected to be increased five per cent. on New Year's Day.

CONCILIATION BOARD SETTLES DISPUTE

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Announcement was made by the department of labor this morning that the dispute between the maintenance of way men on the Canadian Northern, western and eastern lines, has been settled by the board of conciliation named to deal with matter. A schedule of wages satisfactory to both parties has been drawn up by the board and the western lines. In the east the majority report has been accepted by the men, with some slight changes as to classification.

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ALL NEW MIXED NUTS, per lb.....	25c	Per lb. 20¢ and.....	15c
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DECLARES GERMANY ON VERGE OF DEFEAT

French General Says Peace Offer Shows That She Realizes Danger

Paris, Dec. 14.—General Malletree has written the following concerning peace: "The German wireless has sent throughout the world bulletins of victories of the imperial armies in Roumania; and again affirming the invulnerability and invincibility of Germany and the weakness of the entente allies. At the same time German agents are urging peace. This is a strange contradiction. The more the Germans are victorious the more they talk of peace. They appeal to the human sentiments of neutrals and invoke mediation. Humanity and mediation—what a derision, what a satire! "The truth is Germany feels she is in a tight corner and on the verge of defeat. The supreme appeal to her national energies as also her mendacious manoeuvres for speedy peace show that Germany feels herself in danger. Make it well known in America that the tocsin is sounding in the allied countries. The last phase of the struggle is about to begin. It will be formidable."

IMPRISONED BRITISH CAPTAIN.

London, Dec. 14.—The Times editorially demands retaliation if the Germans harm Captain Blaikie, of the British steamship *Caledonia*, taken prisoner after his ship had been sunk by a German submarine. The Times insists that the government treat the highest ranking German naval or military prisoner in precisely the same way as the Germans treat Captain Blaikie.

HOLDING GREEK STEAMERS.

London, Dec. 14.—Lloyds report that the Greek steamers *Eftichia*, *Vergatti*, *Princess Sophia Mikalis*, *Ericos* and *Constantino Embricos* have been detained at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands. This indicates an extension of the area over which the blockade of any Greek shipping applies, and also that the Portuguese government is co-operating with its allies to make it effective.

GERMAN VIEWS ON PEACE PROPOSALS

Offer Declared to Be Sign of Strength, Not of Weakness

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Commenting on the peace proposals, Germania, the Catholic organ, expresses especial pleasure that the central powers appeal to the people, as well as to neutrals. It enthusiastically approves the peace overtures, which it terms the privilege of the stronger in war and a performance of the holiest of duties to humanity and Christian morality. The newspaper declares that the emperor's note to Germany's opponents is a document of the love of peace, than which none could be greater, fairer or go further lengths and which proves that Germany, despite its enormous military successes, does not wish to strike in cold blood to destroy its enemy, but in consonance with its responsibility to God and the world offers them the hand of peace. Only a fool it declares, will see in the offer an indication of weakness.

"The question is, however," adds the newspaper, "whether Germany's opponents will not reject the overture as frivolously as they started the war." Should they do this, it declares, then there will be no one who can fail to see for himself who the real systematic destroyers of the world are.

"The German people to a man stand behind the emperor's peace overtures," it comments, "but Germany will stand behind him in holy unity and holier anger if his well-meant intentions are frivolously talked."

"The circumstances will have to take the cause which a just God placed in our hands when he gave us the power which our enemies already feel so acutely and which they will have to feel until the end."

The evening edition of the *Lokal Anzeiger* refrains from predicting either success or failure for Germany's peace overtures. The editorial lays stress on the declaration that the offer is an indication of strength and not of weakness. It calls the day speech-making in importance, but doubts whether this Christmas, at any rate, can bring to realization the Biblical "Peace on earth, goodwill to man."

The newspaper both opens and closes its editorial with the imperial chancellor's words: "We are prepared for peace, but we are ready to fight on."

Victor Hahn, in the *National Zeitung*, likewise lays emphasis upon a characterization of the peace overtures as a sign of strength rather than of weakness and expresses belief that the responsible statesmen of the entente will not care to construe otherwise. Herr Hahn devotes considerable space to the unsuccessful efforts of the Conservatives and Socialists to debate the proposal in the reichstag and points out that the offer is as yet merely an imperial suggestion that peace be discussed and not the actual discussion itself. When the time comes for talking peace terms, the people, he believes, will have full opportunity to express their varied wishes regarding peace as a reward for their sacrifices and he thinks the government would hardly venture to open negotiations without being fully informed about the desires of all classes of the people.

"The condition of every peace negotiation," says the Berlin *Vossische Zeitung*, "must, of course, be a continuation of the fight until the moment when tangible conditions have been laid down, because the German proposals rest on the basis of strength of arms. The longer the negotiations are prolonged, the greater will be the advantages of our arms. If the German people see that the peace offer bears no fruit they will then, like their allies, demand from the government a continuation of the war with all available means.

"We want the war to end as quickly as possible.

"If the peace which we freely offer is not accepted we will force peace with the sword and by all means of war on land, war on the sea and war in the air."

AUSTRIAN ARCHDUKE AS REGENT OF POLAND

Warsaw, Dec. 14.—Archduke Charles Stephen of Austria has been selected to be regent of Poland with the prospect of election as king later.

The state council, composed of the leading personalities of the general government of Poland, probably will be convoked before Christmas. The Bavarian state councillor, Count Lerchenfeld, will act as German commissioner, with District Councillor Zychlinski as his representative.

Archduke Charles Stephen, a cousin of the late Emperor Francis Joseph, is commander of the Austrian navy. He is 26 years old. It has been reported several times in the last two years that he had been selected for the throne of the new kingdom to be established in the Polish local territory captured from Russia.

DUTCH CHAMBER HEARS OF PEACE PROPOSAL

London, Dec. 14.—The German peace proposals came in for a brief discussion in the Dutch second chamber, says a Reuter dispatch from The Hague. The war minister, replying in the name of the government, to some observations by the Socialist leader, Pieter Teytelstra, said: "The government has with interest taken cognizance of what took place in the German Reichstag and the government is following with special attention what has happened and what will result therefrom."

GERMANY TRIES TO IMPRESS NEUTRALS

How Proposal is Regarded in Responsible Quarters in Paris

Paris, Dec. 14.—If a reply is made to the German note it will be only after consultation with the allies of France, which would require considerably time. Inquiry in responsible quarters elicited the opinion that Germany's suggestion is a manoeuvre designed first, for effect at home; second, to impress neutrals; third, as a test of public opinion in belligerent countries, with the chances of some reaction there. Germany's suggestion is rejected in authoritative quarters, where it is considered to be a repetition in more concrete form of the peace discussions originating in Berlin from time to time in the last 15 months.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The following casualty lists have been issued:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. Thomas Perley, Ireland; Pte. S. P. Hodgson, England; Pte. H. R. Meredith, Ireland; Pte. Henry Spain, Ireland.

Missing and believed killed—Pte. R. S. Winslow, England.

Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Pte. John Graham, England.

Previously reported wounded; now reported prisoner—Pte. E. H. Armitage, England.

Previously reported missing; now reported prisoner—Pte. A. G. Reynolds, England.

Wounded—Pte. Wm. Anderson, Scotland; Lieut. Geo. Fisher, England; Sgt. W. James, England; Pte. F. F. Strober, England; Cpl. Wm. Seald, Scotland; Cpl. H. Wilson, Ireland; Pte. Clifford Allen, England; Pte. A. Clackson, Sweden; Pte. James Lindsay, Scotland.

Killed in action—Pte. M. O. Clarke, Brechin, Ont.; Sgt. J. C. Cory, Carlisle, Sask.; Pte. H. Lockwood, Quebec; Pte. W. J. Knight, Youkers, N. Y.; Pte. A. Marcott, Lewiston, Maine; Pte. H. Morris, Toronto; Pte. Sam Thompson, Montreal; Pte. R. Powney, Montreal; Sgt. Major George Redhead, Regina.

Previously reported missing; now officially reported died while prisoner—Pte. D. Saunders, Nicholasville, N.S.

Missing, believed killed—Pte. W. Clitheroe, Teeswater, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now reported missing, believed killed—Pte. J. Stewart, Winnipeg.

Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Pte. N. J. Armstrong, Vancouver; Pte. S. Bennett, Kerrisdale, B. C.; Pte. A. Bouthame, Quebec.

Missing, believed prisoner—Pte. Wm. Apps, Rochester, N. Y.

Previously reported missing; now reported prisoner of war—Pte. W. H. Stankard, Wallon, N. S.; Pte. A. Schofield, Black River, N. S.

Previously reported missing, now unofficially reported prisoner of war, wounded—Pte. Frank Woodcock, Toronto.

Previously reported wounded; now reported prisoner—Pte. E. H. Sweeney, Thornburn, P. O. Victoria.

Dangerously ill—Pte. A. Roy, Quebec.

Seriously ill—Pte. G. Kennett, Duncan, B. C.; Pte. J. Whitmore, Windsor, Ont.

Wounded—Sgt. D. R. Honeyman, New Westminster, B. C.; Pte. H. S. Simpson, England; Pte. F. H. Vandercar, London, Ont.; Pte. A. Wadden, St. John's, Nfld.; Pte. J. Esteman, Toronto; Cpl. R. C. Boustead, Toronto; Pte. H. Bussell, Winnipeg; Pte. F. Brett, Toronto; Capt. H. P. Coombs, Simcoe, Ont.; Sgt. Wm. Fitzgerald, Montreal; Pte. Geo. Friend, Vancouver; Pte. R. Gordon, England; Pte. W. A. Hill, Toronto; Pte. J. Lizotte, Montreal; Pte. R. Maline, Calgary; Pte. Frank Ranks, Toronto; Pte. Wm. Townsend, Kingston, Ont.; Pte. W. S. Wickers, Bellingham, Wash.; Pte. M. Wisberg, Montreal; Pte. C. Young, Stirling, Alta.

Mounted Rifles.

Killed in action—Pte. W. J. Brown, Detroit, Mich.; Pte. R. D. Wallamore, Point Grey, B. C.; Pte. B. H. Sunstrom, Regina.

Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing, believed killed—Pte. C. E. Cronwell, Humber Bay, Ont.; Pte. A. R. Rogers, Toronto.

Wounded—Pte. R. R. Hubbard, Boston, Mass.

Artillery.

Died—Pte. F. M. Miller, Madoc, Ont. Services.

Dangerously ill—Pte. A. W. Hancock, Hamilton, Ont.

Medical Service.

Seriously ill—Pte. H. J. Johns, Windsor, B. C.

Infantry.

Previously reported missing; now presumed to have died—Pte. R. Gardner, Quebec; Pte. A. M. Magee, St. John, N. B.

Missing, believed killed—Pte. J. Cole, Thorold, Ont.

Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Pte. T. Anderson, Unity, Sask.; Pte. J. Dampson, Lawrence, Mass.; Pte. D. Phipps, Montreal.

Missing—Sgt. A. V. Arding, Paris, Ont.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now reported wounded and prisoner—Pte. S. Miller, Brantford, Ont.

Seriously ill—Pte. W. A. Kiewens, Chippawa Hill, Ont.; Pte. J. W. Keeshing, Cape Croker, Ont.; Pte. L. Kendall, Zofield, Alta.

Wounded—Pte. W. B. Baldwin,

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Patrols Repulsed East of Armentières; French Destroy Mine Works

London, Dec. 13.—The war office communication issued last night says: "Hostile patrols endeavored to enter our trenches last night east of Armentières, but were driven off."

"There was the usual artillery activity throughout the day at different points along our front. We carried out bombardments of the enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and Ypres."

French Report.
Paris, Dec. 14.—The bulletin issued by the war office on the campaign reads:

"South of the Somme the enemy artillery, energetically counterbattled by us, violently bombarded our trenches in the sector of Blaches-Le Maisson-ette-Barlois."

"In the Argonne a surprise attack directed against an enemy salient north of Four de Paris enabled us to destroy hostile mine works and bring back prisoners."

"Everywhere else the day was comparatively quiet. A German captive balloon was destroyed by our artillery near Douvaucourt."

Belgian communication: "In the region of Dixmude and in the direction of Steenstraete there were reciprocal bombardments, which, during the course of the afternoon became particularly intense, followed by destructive fire by the Belgian batteries against the defensive organizations at Eandmark 18, on the Yser."

PEOPLE ARE DESPERATE

New York Writer Says Germans Are Sick of Imperialism and Want Peace.

New York, Dec. 14.—The surge of democracy and present dire need in Germany have forced the kaiser's government to move for peace, according to Miss Madeline Z. Doty, whose articles based on a detailed study of conditions in Germany last summer are being published in the Tribune. Never before in history has any nation or group of nations been given such an opportunity the allies have now. She believes in their acceptance of the peace offer lies the freedom of the small nations and the end of German militarism. In the refusal the binding together of all parties in Germany into

one force determined to fight to the end.

"The working people of Germany are desperate," Miss Doty said. "There is not enough food to nourish them properly. They are sick of imperialism and want peace and democracy."

WILL PRESENT PEACE PROPOSAL TO ITALY

Swiss Government Has Forwarded Note to Minister at Rome

Geneva, Dec. 14.—The Swiss government has transmitted Germany's peace proposal note to the Swiss minister at Rome for presentation to the Italian foreign office.

The Swiss newspapers generally believe there is little hope of the proposal even being considered by the entire allies.

"We will be greatly mistaken if the entire allies do not refuse to begin conversations, but decline to take notice of the desire of the powers which have everything to gain and nothing to lose by a premature peace."

The manoeuvre seems to have as its object the introduction of discord among the entente allies and discredit among their peoples. It is also a clever answer to the German Social Democrats, whose demands for peace are ever increasing.

"The peace initiative came from Vienna and is reported to be the work of the new emperor. The news became known simultaneously in the four capitals of the Germanic allies, where there was great joy but anxiety over the probable reply."

OTTAWA NEWSPAPER MERGER.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—It is understood that negotiations to bring about the amalgamation of two Ottawa newspapers, the Evening Journal and Evening Free Press, have been practically completed. P. D. Ross, the owner of the Journal, it is stated, has purchased the Free Press, which will go out of existence on January 1. Beginning then, the Journal will issue both morning and evening editions. The amalgamated newspaper will probably be called the Journal-Press, and will be conservative in its politics. This reduces the number of newspapers in the capital to two, the Citizen and the Journal-Press. Both will have morning and evening editions.

Grubbs—I'm told Jinks's cook has left him, but he seems perfectly cheerful. I can't understand it. Stubbs—That's because you never dined with Jinks while the cook was on the job.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

OPPOSES HASTE IN REJECTING PROPOSAL

Manchester Guardian Sees Advantages in Discussing Germany's Offer

London, Dec. 14.—Discussing the peace proposal the Manchester Guardian says: "It would be a profound mistake to regard the advance by Germany as a mere move in the diplomatic game designed to achieve its ostensible purpose, but as aiming merely at impressing neutrals and putting her enemies in the wrong."

"The thing is much too serious for that. Germany is suffering deeply from the war, as indeed, every nation engaged in it."

It is unquestionably, on Germany's part, a genuine bid for peace, and ought to be so treated by our own government and rational opinion here. It is unnecessary to offer even a formal armistice or to admit of the intervention of any third party, but the interchange of views would be immediate and direct. After what has happened an interchange there must be; to refuse it would not merely be to put ourselves hopelessly wrong in the eyes of all neutrals—we must add, in the eyes of moderate and reasonable people here—but to forego every real advantage, for it would be no small advantage to know definitely and not in general terms what are the objects which Germany seeks to extract from the war, while the German people would know with equal certainty what are the objects which the Entente Powers propose to extract from it."

It is the opinion of The Guardian that this would produce a real peace party in Germany, which, it says, heretofore has been prevented. The paper continues:

"It would be for all parties a case of cards on the table—a most salutary result—and we all would know and not merely conjecture, exactly what it is which stands between us and peace, if the war is to go on, why it is so, and for what definite objects. That is, it would be an enormous and stimulating gain."

Saying that the test which the new government faces will decide its capacity for statesmanship, The Guardian adds: "The government will have to carry the nation with them, and they will not carry it but only the more irresponsible part of it, by merely slamming the party opened door."

Referring to the terms formulated by Mr. Asquith and Viscount Grey, The Guardian says there must be no whitening down of them and that the responsibility of rejecting them must be thrown on Germany.

RUSSIA'S PREMIER IS GAINING STRENGTH

(Continued from page 1.)

Believing that with Sturmer out his position was much stronger, Protopopoff has tried to withstand the attacks against him. But in the last few days he has been gradually turning over his duties as minister of the Interior to Prince Volkonski, evidently planning a strategic retirement. There is a strong possibility that Sazanoff, who conducted the negotiations by which Russia is to get Constantinople as her plum in the war, will return to the foreign office.

Gaining Support.
Trepoff as premier is gaining the confidence and support of the high and the low. Beyond all looms the powerful figure of the Grand Duke Nicholas. No matter how influential the German agents, and their strength can not be over-estimated, they are unable to break the determination of the people, for the empire considers this the national war. Under the new regime German influence is bound to be weakened if not eliminated. With Kolli-media temporarily put out, Russia's flag has grown. The czar now has 1,200 miles of front, or nearly three times the length of the west front. For this work stupendous supplies of high explosives and machine guns must be furnished. According to a Russian informant, who is in a position that qualifies him to speak with authority, Japan is supplying most of these munitions—"quite enough for the trans-Siberia railroad to handle."

The new stretch of 900 miles of the Alexandrovsk-Murmansk railroad will greatly relieve Russia's situation in this respect. There remains one fundamental handicap, Russia's isolation from her allies. So far unity of action and co-operation has not developed to the point of highest efficiency; the supreme difficulty lies in the lack of an allied war council, a body with the power to direct and operate the movements of all the members of the entente. In this respect Germany's imperial staff holds a distinct advantage. The developments in the last fortnight are bound to remedy the situation. Whatever arrangement is made, Russia must necessarily play a more or less lone hand, but a hand powerful enough to strike a mighty blow in the coming year.

DENOUNCES GERMAN METHODS IN BELGIUM

London, Dec. 14.—A strong protest against the deportation of Belgians was made at a great meeting of the Social Democratic Labor party, held at Amsterdam, according to a Reuter dispatch from that city. Magistrate Kllegen, of Amsterdam, the principal speaker, strongly condemned German methods in Belgium. A resolution was adopted appealing to all lovers of freedom, especially German Socialists, to

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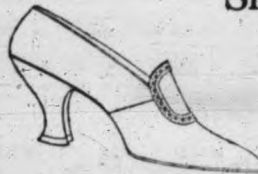
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of three centuries ago when whistling on Sunday was a capital offence, when people were pilloried for sneezing in church, and when every little village had its witch. Before long, at this rate, the only sane place on earth will be the front-line trenches in France and Flanders.

The enfranchisement of women is beginning to bring forth fruits meet for consideration. The wife of the Mayor of Umatilla, Oregon, has defeated the Mayor of Umatilla, Oregon, in a contest for the chair of chief magistrate of the city. We have no comment to make on the matter. Anything may happen, even in staid Victoria, these revolutionary days.

St. Paul and Minneapolis have a bone of contention. A wave of crime has swept over both cities and the police of each are charging one another with harboring the perpetrators. Neither is claiming that it has more criminals than the other, a marked variation of the usual order.

President Wilson seems to think he would cut quite a figure in the world with the Kaiser's dove of peace fluttering on his shoulder.

COMFORT-BAG SHOWER

Many Gifts Collected at Reception Held by Bantams' Officers' Wives Yesterday.

Mrs. Bruce Powley and other 34rd Battalion officers' wives were hostesses at a "comfort bag shower" held yesterday afternoon at the officers' mess. Nearly two hundred visitors called, and by the end of the day two immense clothes baskets piled high with everything called for by the Red Cross for the fitting-out of a soldier's comfort bag provided ample testimony to the success of the undertaking. Mrs. Bruce Powley, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Woollasson welcomed the guests as they arrived, everyone on entering depositing her gift on the donation table, which was in charge of Mrs. Gordon Smith and Mrs. Colgate.

The rooms were very attractively decorated with flowers and foliage, the tea-table being particularly pretty with its big silver centre bowl of pale pink chrysanthemums, and, at either end, bowls of golden and white chrysanthemums. Carnations and palms were used in the ante-room, and ivy festooned the walls. The pretty scheme of decorations was conceived and carried out by Mrs. Thwaites, Miss Meredith and Miss Taylor, who were assisted by several of the officers. Mrs. Greenhill and Miss Crothers were in general charge of the tea-room. Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. White poured, and other ladies assisted in the serving of the dainty refreshment. The battalion orchestra, under Sgt. Press and Bandman Crawford, discoursed instrumental music during the afternoon, while vocal selections, which also added greatly to the pleasure of the event, were contributed by Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Rochford. Mrs. Bridgewater acting as accompanist for the singers. The officers' wives provided the tea, the necessary assistance in the cuisine being given voluntarily by the mess cook and his helpers under the direction of Sgt. Watts, this help being much appreciated by the ladies.

All the comfort bag donations, together with \$15.20 received in cash,

entangled their predecessors, should be in a position to do this. What has been known as the reign of Mackenzie & Mann in British Columbia is at an end.

THE CHANGE IN ESQUIMALT.

The result of the Esquimalt recount demands an expression of sympathy for that constituency. Through the soldiers' vote the district will be represented in the legislature by a gentleman whose election methods in one memorable instance were more in keeping with the system of the country with which this empire is at war than with the spirit of British institutions. It is deprived of the services of another gentleman who would have labored tirelessly and effectively for the promotion of its interests. Mr. McCurdy's ability and energy undoubtedly would have given Esquimalt conspicuous representation. He will have some consolation in the fact that the electors who were on the spot and were familiar with the issues involved and the principles at stake gave him a majority notwithstanding the strength and activity of the machine.

The incident shows, however, what would have happened in the province generally if the margin in the civilian vote between the two sides had been very close. The Bower government would have been returned to power through the devious way in which the soldiers' vote was taken. The Times has been in receipt of numerous letters from soldiers at the front and in England complaining that they were denied an opportunity to vote, while others have vigorously condemned the absolute disregard of elementary precautions for the secrecy of the ballot which marked the voting in many places. This is a matter the attorney-general's department should inquire into closely. We should know more about the disfranchisement of so many of our soldiers.

A Washington dispatch, announcing receipt of the Hun peace proposals, says President Wilson is in a double state of mind as to how the communication should be treated. He would dearly love to act as an intermediary between the warring nations, but is doubtful of the reception any attempt to "butt in" would receive. Woodrow need not have any doubts upon the subject. He has been content to play the part of an outsider all through the conflict, even at times when American lives were wantonly taken by German pirates. That is a part that will be most becoming to him until the end. He has taken the ground from the first that the war was no concern of the United States, and that its origin was a matter of indifference to him. The settlement of terms of peace after the war has been fought to a conclusion should not be permitted to be any part of the business of President Wilson.

No doubt after a great deal of modest hesitation, the All-Highest has been persuaded to submit to decoration at the hands of Hindenburg. A portion of an Iron Cross now reposes upon his bosom, harrowed at the thought of the devastation that has been wrought in the world in this "war of self-defence." But why was not the honor of decorating such an innocent breast bestowed upon a Hohenzollern rather than upon a man who, notwithstanding that he is a hero worthy of a wooden statue, still is nothing more than a subject? Why was Little Willie, the hero of Verdun, passed over?

One question for the League to Enforce Peace—after this war—now being organized in the United States: Would the republic be willing to assist in achieving the objects of the league to the point of fighting? Or would it go no farther than to send notes to whatever malefactor may precipitate war? If it is not willing to fight for the principles defined by The Hague convention and numerous treaties, what weight can it put behind a League to Enforce Peace?

The Leipzig Nachrichten recalls the fact that the late Lord Kitchener said the British would not begin to fight until 1916, and warns the Huns not to anticipate too much from the Kaiser's peace negotiations. The counsel is timely. Our dispatches to-day announce that provision is about to be made by the British Parliament for an addition of one million men to the fighting force of the empire. The real fighting, for the Huns, will begin in 1917.

One Gosden, a former employee of the late Bower government, has written to the Conservative organ in Vancouver that under the new regime it is impossible for him to obtain justice in the courts of the province. His appeal is addressed to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa. Mr. Gosden's plea appears to be well taken. Two attempts were made to secure justice for him, and not under the new regime either, and each effort resulted in failure.

And now the High School is informed that it may not have a dance in its auditorium. What next? Verily we are rapidly reverting to those drab days

manoeuvre collapses. There is no cure for the mania in which Prussianism has its root. Give it breathing space, let it have the faintest justification for the policy for which it stands, and it will break forth again. Europe, indeed the whole world, is now paying for its failure to take Prussia by the throat when she fell upon Denmark fifty years ago or when she overran France five years later. It never must make that mistake again.

BRITAIN'S FOREIGN TRADE.

The New York Tribune thinks the state of Britain's foreign trade, is scarcely less than miraculous under the circumstances. It points out that the value of the nation's exports of merchandise to foreign customers in the month of October was normal, a very little less in fact than it was in October, 1913. The exports for October of each year during the last four years are given as follows:

1916	\$220,875,000
1915	169,845,000
1914	143,010,000
1913	233,115,000

Last October, therefore, British exports of merchandise, not including military supplies sent abroad, were only \$12,240,000 less than in October, 1913, the year before the war. It was not a freak month. The rise in exports has been consistent and uninterrupted. Allowance has to be made, of course, for the fact that in these comparisons money value is expressed. The rise in prices has affected money values. But in many instances quantities are rapidly increasing, especially of cotton and woollen goods. In a state of war, importing her raw cotton at very high prices from the United States, England is holding her old foreign trade in cotton piece goods. "We have hardly touched it competitively," the Tribune says. "We sell the cotton as before and British labor converts it into fabrics as before for the markets of the world."

Notwithstanding the exigencies of the greatest war in which he ever has been engaged, Mr. Bull, with characteristic tenacity, is keeping his grip on his foreign trade. Indeed, he is doing much more than that; he has extended his activities to Germany's foreign trade, or rather Germany's late foreign trade, as well. He has more than five million men in his army and navy; more than four thousand munition plants producing war material, but he has succeeded in keeping his great industrial establishments in operation, and will do so to the end of the chapter. In fact he has to do this, even to the point of purchasing war supplies abroad, if necessary, for his wealth is based upon his trade, and his wealth is one of the main props of the entente's resistance. That fact is being emphasized pretty forcibly these days by the desperate efforts the enemy is making to cut off that trade by submarine frightfulness.

SIR WILLIAM, BUT NO FERRY.

Sir William Mackenzie came to town on the steamer of a rival transportation company, not on the "modern, first-class passenger and freight ferry" and the palatial car on which our morning contemporary in its regular Sunday rhapsody used to travel from the handsome union terminal on the reserve to Halifax without a single break. He could not do so because these things do not exist. The Union terminal, the palatial rolling stock and the magnificent ferry steamer are still on the lap of the gods.

Last year—we think it was last year, or the year before—when the contract for the ferry was alleged to have been awarded to a Quebec shipbuilding company, we were told that the reason why no tenders were invited from British Columbia builders was that they would not be able to deliver the vessel in time. Speed was the essence of the contract. The ferry had to be in operation between Vancouver Island and the mainland by July 1, 1916. Owing to the war, British Columbia shipbuilders, we were informed, could not obtain certain materials they would require in time to complete the work within the limit and the company simply could not wait. But when July 1 came without the ferry we discovered that time had ceased to be the essence of the contract. The Quebec firm, it appeared, was also handicapped by the war. However, it would overcome the disability and deliver the ferry by December 1. And December 1 has come and gone and still no ferry. Instead we have Sir William himself, who assures us that the vessel will be here next spring.

The people of British Columbia are willing to make due allowance for the disabilities created for the company by the war in a general sense as long as they do not have to meet any of the liabilities assumed by them, but this reservation does not cover works the Canadian Northern is well able to carry out. It certainly does not cover the "modern, first-class passenger and freight ferry service" nor the terminals on the late Bower's reserve. They look to the new government to see that their interests are protected and promoted in regard to these undertakings and the government, free from the alliances which



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THE PEACE MANOEUVRE.

The French press attributes the German peace proposals to dread of another winter campaign in its relation to the internal conditions of the central empire. This view is supported by indications which commend it to war-watchers much less informed than France is of the state of affairs in the chief enemy countries. There undoubtedly is a serious shortage of nutritious food-stuffs, for even the army, which is the best fed element in Germany and Austria, is on radically reduced rations. The German Chancellor admitted this much in the Reichstag when he stated that the removal to Germany of supplies found in Roumania was already hurriedly in process. A few weeks ago the German food dictator announced his intention of resigning because he was unable to cope with the situation.

But underlying this latest move of the Hun is the ever-present dynastic motive. The Hohenzollern is fighting for his place, which external pressure is making more and more insecure. It was largely to avert revolution which, whether peaceful or violent, would deprive him of his prerogatives, that the Kaiser and his satellites precipitated this war. Now that the logical processes of the external conflict have confronted them with the same contingency they want peace. Their situation is really hopeless. Only through triumph over their foes could they have made themselves secure.

While the terms proposed by Germany have not been detailed, of one thing we may be certain: The enemy will insist upon the maintenance of his present position in the Balkans. To do this he will be willing to evacuate France and Belgium, and even forego the restoration of his colonies. He might make the evacuation of territory in the west conditional upon the return of his colonial possessions in the first instance, but with a great show of magnanimity and as an earnest of his desire for peace, finally would withdraw his demand regarding his colonies. Why? Because in preserving the present status of the Balkans, Germany would have attained the main external objective for which she promoted this war. She would have unbroken dominion from the North Sea to Bagdad and to the borders of Egypt. She would dominate the eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Even more important than that, she would have a vitally important strategic position from which to launch her next blow at the most vulnerable sections of the British Empire. She therefore would consider her African and Pacific possessions to be only temporarily alienated, confident that she would get them back in the next great war when she fought Great Britain under more favorable conditions.

Peace by agreement at this time or any other time until the power of the Prussian warband is broken by defeat, therefore, could be nothing more than an interlude. The nature of the men who made this war have not been changed, as we shall have good reason to realize immediately the present

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Musical Programme Arranged by J. O. Dunford Aids Good Cause

One of the outstanding features of the concert held last evening at the Old Victoria theatre in behalf of the Patriotic Aid fund was the presentation of gold watches to two men who had shown notable bravery during the circumstances attending the sinking of the S. S. Leona which foundered in the Straits in 1912. The recipients were Capt. James Hunter and G. Boomer, G. H. Barnard, M. P., making the presentation on behalf of the marine and fisheries department of the Dominion government.

"I thought there was no more fitting occasion than the present, when we are here for the purpose of raising funds to take care of the wives and children of brave men who are doing gallant acts at the front," said Mr. Barnard before calling the two men forward to take their awards. Mr. Barnard then recited in brief the events which were the occasion of the presentation. The S. S. Leona, loaded with concentrates and on her way from Britannia Beach to Seattle, had encountered heavy weather in the Straits her cargo had shifted, and within ten minutes she foundered. Mr. Boomer, the chief engineer, had taken his life in his hands when he went below to stop the engines. When he came up from his perilous mission it was to step from the deck literally into the ocean. Capt. Hunter had taken charge of the lifeboat. This was in a damaged condition, but despite the fact that it was night when the accident happened and the weather stormy he had stayed about in the neighborhood of the wreck for hours succeeding in saving Mr. Boomer and two other members of the crew. In addition to that he had navigated the small craft to the mouth of the Fraser River and there safely landed all saved from the wreck.

"It is impossible to express in sufficiently glowing terms appreciation of such bravery," said Mr. Barnard, who read portion of the findings of the board of inquiry which had gone into the history of the case. Mr. Boomer and Capt. Hunter were then called forward, amid generous applause, which at first drowned the words of the speaker, receiving the presentations.

"We are all glad to claim you as fellow-citizens of Victoria," said Mr. Barnard, who later on behalf of the recipients, "men who think actions speak louder than words," he explained, expressed the thanks which they were too diffident to speak publicly.

Musical Programme.

This interesting incident of the programme took place with frequent interruptions of applause. The lower part of the house was fairly well filled, but the receipts were not so large as were hoped.

A very pleasing programme was offered. The Fifth Regiment band opened the proceedings by playing military airs, the instrumentalists being very heartily applauded after this and the subsequent numbers which they contributed to the evening's entertainment. They also assisted in one or two cases by playing accompaniments for some of the singers.

The vocalists were Mrs. J. Longfield, who sang very artistically "The Enchanted Glade" and "We Shall Miss Our Soldier Lads"; Mrs. R. H. Pooley, who brought the house to unwonted enthusiasm with "Pack All Your Troubles" and "Smile, Smile, Smile"; Miss Dorothy Kirk who contributed "When the Boys Come Home" and "The Only Way"; J. O. Dunford, the organizer and director of the entertainment, who was in good voice sang "Khaki and Gold"; R. B. McKenzie, who was given a hearty recall, "The Sunshine of Your Smiles" and "The Homes They Leave Behind"; J. H. Crook, who contributed the familiar favorite, "I Fear No foe"; and A. Palmer, whose baritone solo, "The Skipper," was much enjoyed.

H. H. Hollins, a humorous impersonator, gave two humorous readings, one a burlesque of "Excelsior," which made his audience laugh uproariously, the other "The Barge Derby," an amusing incident recited in the make-up of a bargee. Miss Kate Renwick danced the sailors' hornpipe, wearing the costume of a blue-jacket. This was very well done.

The entertainment had its serious reminders, Mr. Forman, chairman of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Campaign fund, making an appeal to the audience and impressing on those present the necessity of contributing to the worthy cause. A short history of the work and aims of the organization was given. It was estimated that 100,000 men of those who had gone to the front were married men who had left families behind them dependent in some measure on the Patriotic Aid Society, which supplemented the separation allowances of the men to their families. Victoria would require through the coming year, it was estimated, about \$350,000 to care for such soldiers' dependents in the city. The amount allotted to the city was \$200,000, and this the campaign committee was now out trying to collect. The difference between this amount and the sum required for actual disbursement would have to be made up by the general funds of the Patriotic Society of Canada. Mr. Forman referred with gratification to a visit which he had just paid to James Island where he had seen the employees of the Canadian Explosives Company with very satisfactory results, the response having been very generous.

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A retaining wall on the line of the E. & N. railway, about a mile and a half north of the Goldstream water tank, saved in yesterday morning, and completely blocked the road. The cave-in was due to heavy rains.

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Discretion "Better Part."—The Conservatives of Dewdney, have changed their minds as to the propriety of offering opposition to the re-election of Hon. John Oliver, minister of agriculture and minister of railways. Some days ago the Bowser supporters in the constituency had practically made up their minds and W. J. Manson, who was soundly beaten in the general elections, expressed his readiness to face the music again. At a meeting of the Central Conservative Association, held at Port Couillard on Tuesday, at which Mr. Manson was present, it was deemed to be inopportune to force a contest, so that on Saturday Hon. Mr. Oliver will be re-elected by acclamation, as will his colleagues.

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All manner of colors are thrown together in wild profusion at these gatherings, for Fashion has provided a wide range of colors this season. To enumerate each and all of the different colors and their various shades would make a very long list indeed, so mention is made of some of the most prominent. These are bright greens, royal purple, blues and reds in different tones, lighter shades of pink and blue, apricot and maize, as well as all-white and all-black, which are well represented, as are the black-and-white combinations.

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Lacy Underskirts in Evening Gowns.

A very popular fancy, worthy of note, is the use of lacy underskirts with evening frocks, the underskirt forming part of the dress. The dress is usually cut short in front, giving place to a rich petticoat and gradually sloping toward the back. In very elaborate gowns, petticoats of silver or gold lace are worn with gowns of rich velvets, silver or gold tissues. Satins and broadcled silks combined with tulle or silk nets also fashion some very sumptuous gowns.

The loosely-fitted chemise dress which has been so highly favored is one of the styles frequently seen for evening, and equally popular are the dresses in Moyen Age style.

In the sketch is a very graceful evening frock that for quiet simplicity and real elegance can not be surpassed. The foundation is of lace, and the overdress, which hangs in panels at the front and back, is of chiffon velvet or satin. A headed girdle with tasseled ends is wound twice around the waist.

Dance frocks are still worn mod-

erately short. Even the dresses with trains are not long, though skirts in general, as every one knows, are longer this season than last.

Mention must be made of the new angel sleeves which are seen on so many gowns. These graceful flowing sleeves are of transparent tulle or net. Some of them reach almost to the hem of the skirt, while others are a good deal shorter, reaching only as far as the waistline or thereabout.

A Smart Street Dress.

In the smart walking dress shown in the sketch is seen an example of one of the very new sleeves for daytime dresses. The fullness at the elbow is obtained by means of pleats, below which the sleeve fits very closely from the elbow to the wrist. Such details as



For the Street

the sleeves and the unusual pockets at the sides with a flat panel at the front and back is characteristic of many of the new designs.

On this figure is also seen one of the small turban hats with flowing veil which are being very much worn at present. The small hats have very little trimming on them. As many of the veils are heavily embroidered with wool or chenille at the top this serves as a decoration for the hat, which needs no other trimming. The embroidered part of the veil covers the top of the hat.

Small hats are enjoying great popularity and the Russian turbans are considered especially smart. When hats are not small they are very large and many of them are oddly shaped. Large picture hats of black velvet or hatters' plush are quite popular. They are trimmed with ostrich or paradise and are lovely for formal wear.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

R. Yerburch, of Duncan, is at the Dominion.

H. J. Baker, of Savona, is a guest of the Dominion.

C. A. Ferguson, of Seattle, is at the Dominion hotel.

C. M. Hobb, of Lomond, Alta., is staying at the Dominion.

H. F. McMahon, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. F. W. Lent, of Calgary, has arrived at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. C. C. Muir, of Duncan, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

T. J. Hocking, of Palo Alto, Cal., is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Capt. A. F. Yates, of Nanaimo, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

C. H. Muir, of Wenatchee, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. W. Fishery, of Port Angeles, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Geo. A. Ticehurst is here from Calgary and is a guest of the Dominion.

Mrs. F. Yates and son, of Shawnigan Lake, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

R. H. Plaskett and Mrs. Plaskett, of Macleod, Alta., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. E. Jenner and Miss Thomson, of Halifax, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

E. B. Craine, Mrs. Craine and J. R. Craine, of Armada, Alta., are staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldfinch are among the Vancouver arrivals staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Hay are among the prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. F. W. Hindsdale left yesterday via Northern Pacific railway for a visit to Portland, Ore.

Mr. Mrs. and Miss Kingstall are down from Prince Rupert and are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. L. Clarkson and wife, of Calgary, are visiting the coast cities and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

H. E. McEwen and Mrs. McEwen, of Tompkins, Sask., are visiting Victoria and are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lindsay left yesterday via the overland route for California, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Winnifred Carter left yesterday via Northern Pacific railway for Wilton, N. D., where she will reside in future.

Henry Schnake, of the Schnake Machine Works, with Mrs. Schnake, was in the city yesterday from New Westminster.

F. W. Decker and Mrs. Decker, and W. H. Decker and Mrs. Decker, of Decker, Man., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Miss E. A. Clark and Miss M. I. Clarke, of Shawnigan Lake, are visiting the city and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Vancouver registrations at the Empress hotel yesterday included Harry Howes, Henry A. Stone, Robt. Stewart and H. B. Adams.

A. E. Hodgins, of Cayley, Alta.; C. F. Stein, of Veterans, Alta.; and K. J. Johnson, of Baldwin, Man., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

Mr. M. Leus left yesterday via Northern Pacific railway for San Francisco, from where he will take the N. P. S. S. Co. steamer Great Northern, for a trip to Honolulu.

C. W. Reynolds, J. W. Swartzlander, E. M. Leighton, L. H. Suhr and H. Mays comprise a party from Los Angeles. They are staying at the Dominion hotel prior to leaving for the Orient.

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PARAMOUNT PICTURES

AT DOMINION AGAIN

Programme of Feature Film Will Start Monday at Yates Street House

The paramount programme of feature pictures will again be resumed at Dominion on Monday next, Dec. 18. The opening feature for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be the latest Lasky production, "The Soul of Kura San," starring with the wonderful Japanese actor who appeared last at Dominion in "The Cheat and Alien Souls." In this production he will co-star with Myrtle Stedman. So popular has been the success of this picture where it has already been shown that in some instances it has been run for an additional week. For the Thursday change Thomas Meighan and Anita King will appear in "The Heir to the Hoopah," a breezy western comedy, the dramatic version of which played more than a year on Broadway.

LOCKS AND CHAINS DO NOT HOLD HIM

Hardeen Accepts Crazy Crib Challenge From Military Police of B. C. Bantams

Hardeen has been challenged again. Not satisfied with his having been put to the test of escaping from the packing box built upon the stage of the Pantages theatre last night by the shipping staff of Fletcher Brothers, Music house, the military police of the B. C. Bantams have challenged the "King of Handcuff Kings" to a "real" test, which will take place on the Pantages stage to-morrow evening at the first performance.

The Bantams police think they have a very much more difficult test than has ever been given Hardeen at any of his previous performances here. They propose to fasten him into a steel crazy crib, a device which secures all parts of the body from head to foot so that there is no chance to reach any of the fastenings. They make it clearly understood that Hardeen must make his escape from this device in full view of everyone in the theatre and without the aid of any screens or cabinets. They have submitted a written challenge covering all the points which are calculated to put Hardeen to the fullest possible test of his mystifying ability.

Hardeen has accepted the challenge and will make an attempt to escape from the crazy crib, which is a test he has never before been put to in this city. It is many times more difficult than his better known straight jacket trick. The test will take place on the stage at the Pantages theatre Friday night during the first performance.

Aside from Hardeen's mystery performances, there is much of interest on this week's Pantages' bill. Howard and Rose, a grand opera singer and a pianist, entertain with their nifty musical offering. Mr. Howard performs with dexterity upon the banjos, even going so far as to juggle three at once and play a tune on all three at the time. John T. Doyle and Company, in the "Danger Line," have a pleasing little dramatic comedy which gets across big. Joe Whitehead, well everyone knows, now laughable Joe can make himself, and he is even excelling himself this time. Wood, Melville and Phillips please with a chatter and song act. The Osaki Japs have an acrobatic turn which is a real novelty and wonderfully appreciated.

The fourth episode of "The Shielding Shadow" boasts of a town-destroying earthquake for the main thrill. The action and plot move with rapidity and serves to make this chapter one of the best to date.

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MANTELL STAR IN

PLAY AT VICTORIA

"The Living Death" Title of Stirring Drama Being Shown at Royal Victoria Theatre

The photoplay, "The Living Death," which will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria for two days only, tonight and Friday, starring Robert B. Mantell with Genevieve Hamper, is one of the strongest dramas that has ever come from the celebrated William Fox studios. It deals with a woman loved by two men, one of whom is already married to her. The play was written by Mary Murillo and produced under the direction of J. Gordon Edwards. Briefly, its story is as follows:

Count Fabio Romani (Mr. Mantell) lives happily in the love of his beautiful wife, Juliet (Miss Hamper) in whom he believes implicitly. Romani has a friend, Durazzi (Stuart Holmes), whom he has befriended on many occasions. Durazzi and Juliet secretly love each other, but Romani is blind to the bond of adoration, which is developing day by day between his wife and the artist.

When cholera spreads over the little Italian village in which the trio lives, panic seizes the inhabitants. Romani himself develops symptoms of the dreaded scourge, but in reality his indisposition is nothing other than sunstroke. When he is taken home, unconscious, his wife and Durazzi conspire to have him buried alive as one who has succumbed to the plague.

An emergency coffin is procured and the unconscious form of Romani is placed in it and consigned to the family tomb. When he regains his senses, the realization slowly comes to him that he is within the gruesome confines of the vault. After superhuman effort he bursts the panels of the wooden coffin and steps forth to the floor of the tomb. In effecting his release he discovers a casket of jewels which an outlaw has stored in the vault for safe keeping.

It is after his escape from the place of his confinement that Romani realizes for the first time the unfaithfulness of his wife and the treachery of his erstwhile friend, Durazzi. He disfigures himself as the wealthy Count Caesare and seeks the company of his wife and the artist, neither of whom suspects his identity. He lavishes his wife with part of the jewels obtained from the bandit's treasure chest and thus ingratiates himself into her esteem. Promising to give her all of the gems in the collection if she will marry him, he induces her to overthrow Durazzi to whom she is betrothed. As Count Caesare, he marries his wife for

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Blindfolding her, Romani takes Juliet to the tomb, shows her the treasure, over which she gloats greedily, and then tears the false beard from his face. When Juliet realizes that it is the living Count Fabio to whom she is talking and that he is cognizant of her perfidy, she begs for mercy. Fabio, however, turn an unhearing ear to her entreaties, locks her in the vault and leaves her a raving maniac—his vengeance complete.

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Average Amount of Game Has Been Brought In; Salmon Fishing Poor

The attention of hunters is called to the fact that to-morrow is the last day of the deer season. Wild fowl will then be the only game in season, so that from now on ducks and geese will hold the attention of island huntsmen.

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FIGHTERS ANXIOUS TO MEET FRENCH SOLDIER

Heavyweights Want to Have Chance to Enter Ring With Carpenter: The promised visit of Georges Carpenter to America has revived interest in the heavyweight class.

BOWLING NEWS

Table with columns for Shipbuilders and Garrison, listing names and scores for various bowlers.

JOHN D. MARSH IS BACK FROM FRONT

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Pte. John D. Marsh, second divisional ammunition park, former star long distance runner, is back from the war after doing 18 months' work with the motor transports in France.

SPORTING NEWS

INTER-LEAGUE BALL GAMES NEXT SEASON

American and International Teams Will Meet in Matches in Coming Year: International League and American Association baseball magnates have finally ratified an agreement calling for a post-season series next fall between the teams of both organizations.

TO ENTER PROTEST AT NEXT MEETING

Owing to the fact that it was decided to meet only once every two weeks, no meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association was held this week. It is understood that a protest has been entered against the win accorded to the Garrison over the B. C. Bantams in last Saturday's game.

LEAGUE'S REFUSAL CAUSES INTEREST

Action of Internationals in Defying Commission is Topic of Players: The refusal of the International League to abide by the decision of baseball's supreme tribunal, the National Commission, in granting the Brooklyn National League club \$9,000 in its claim against the defunct Newark club, was the principal topic of consideration when the representatives of the National and International Leagues and the American Association resumed their deliberations in New York yesterday.

ORDNANCE CORPS WINS FROM RODD HILL 2-1

A fine soccer game was witnessed yesterday between the Ordnance men and a team from Todd Hill Battery, in which the former club won by a score of two goals to one. The first period saw some very even play, but in the second the defeated team played the stronger game.

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NO NIGHT RACING FOR QUEBEC CLUBS

There will be no burning of the midnight oil at racetracks in Quebec. The proposal to hold meetings after 6 o'clock in the evening has been turned down by the public bills committee of the Quebec legislature.

SAM LANGFORD PUTS K. O. OVER JOHNSON

Sam Langford still possesses the old sting to his punches. At St. Louis recently he went up against Lee Johnson, a New York heavyweight and slipped over a knockout in the twelfth round. The bout had only thirty seconds to go when the Boston "Tar Baby" cut loose. He gave away thirty pounds.

ENJOY WINTER SPORTS

Hockey and Skating Hold Favor With New Governor General and Family: Ottawa, Dec. 14.—His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire is evidently going to emulate the examples of his predecessors and prove an enthusiastic supporter of the Canadian outdoor sports.

ED. LEWIS DEFEATS SANTEL IN BOUT

Stranger Ed. Lewis is the new champion wrestler of the Pacific coast. At San Francisco he defeated Ad Santel, the former title-holder, in a two-hour limit match. Lewis secured his first and the only fall of the bout, in one hour 42 minutes and 40 seconds by means of a head lock and face hold, while the men were on their feet.

TO TRY ENGLISH SPELL

Boston, Dec. 14.—The Harvard racing crew will have an English rivalry shell at its disposal for the race with Yale next June, a boat turned out by an English builder having arrived on the steamship Cambrian. The builder has produced shells for the Oxford and Cambridge University crews for many years.

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SGT. STRONACH GETS MILITARY MEDAL

Member of 67th Battalion Honored by General of Division

Sergeant A. Stronach, of the 67th Western Scots (Pioneer Battalion) has been awarded the Military Medal for marked bravery under fire. The presentation of the medal was made before the whole unit by the major-general commanding the division, an account of which appears in the latest issue of the Western Scot as follows:

"The 27th of September was a memorable day for this battalion. After several weeks of nerve trying work in the trenches during which we paid the price of such work in full, the battalion was drawn up in hollow square and addressed by major-general commanding the division. Previously Lieut.-Col. Ross had taken occasion to thank officers and men for their excellent showing. The general made a special journey to visit the battalion and his first act was to call Sergeant Charles Stronach, of 'A' company, our youngest sergeant, out of the ranks and in full view of the entire battalion, pin on his breast the coveted blue, white and red ribbon of the military medal 'for marked bravery under fire.' The general referred to Sergeant Stronach's gallantry in attending wounded in face of murderous enemy fire and said that he was delighted that the first occasion of this nature at which he had had the pleasurable duty of officiating should have been with our Battalion.

"The general then spoke of the battalion's work in the trenches in very warm terms. He said that the record the battalion had made was second to none in the Canadian army and reflected great credit on the character of the men and the discipline of the corps. He affirmed the great necessity of discipline. The morale of a corps was determined in passivity rather than in action. He was proud of the battalion and felt that he could depend upon it whatever should come."

CAPTURED PLATOON

Sham Fight at Strawberryvale Ended in Securing of Objective.

In the rough timbered country at the head of Portage Inlet, No. 2 company of the 143rd, B. C. Bantams, captured an enemy platoon which was defending the Strawberryvale post office and broke through the line, thus securing their objective and winning the day. The company was in command of Capt.



MRS. JAMES ARDEN

Daughter of Capt. Bucknam, who is engaged in the Imperial Nursing Service in England. She has come to France to attend her brother, Pte. Bucknam, of the C. E. F., who is in hospital.

Reid, and was ably supported by a machine gun section which did deadly work among the enemy.

Companies 1, 3 and 4, in command of Capt. J. Gordon Smith, Major Wollaston and Major Gore Langton respectively, marched out by the Burnside road and threw a cordon around the post office. There was not much skirmishing on account of the rough nature of the country, but an excellent idea was formed of the work necessary in a wooded country. The men marched something like eleven miles in all, but they swung through town on their return just as if they were leaving instead of returning.

WESTERN SCOTS WHO HAVE GIVEN LIVES

Copy of Little Paper Printed in Shell Hole is Interesting

The Western Scot, written, edited and printed literally in a shell hole under fire just back of the firing line on the "warmest" part of the British front by Lieut. C. L. Armstrong of this city has just arrived. It is dated November 18, and it contains a good deal of interesting information in regard to the doings of the battalion in which so many Victorians are fighting, and which has been doing such splendid work.

It gives a list of those killed in action up to the date of publication as follows:

Name	Date
Lieut. A. M. Hall	9 9 16
Lieut. P. Macintosh	10 9 16
Cpl. W. W. Harwood	14 9 16
Pte. J. Rowan	23 8 16
Pte. H. Arter	25 8 16
Pte. C. J. Booth	26 9 16
Pte. J. Dollard	28 8 16
Pte. W. Thomas	1 9 16
Pte. J. H. N. Gleave	1 9 16
Pte. A. L. Sykes	1 9 16
Pte. A. Campbell	1 9 16
Cpl. A. D. Belyea	3 9 16
Pte. J. S. Anderson	3 9 16
Pte. J. Conner	9 9 16
Pte. G. Jensen	9 9 16
Pte. G. H. Chapman	14 9 16
Sgt. W. R. Jones	10 10 16
Pte. H. Bannister	11 10 16
Pte. N. F. Murray	11 10 16
Pte. W. J. Uren	11 10 16
Pte. W. C. Ayers	11 10 16
Sgt. A. Anderson	11 10 16
Cpl. J. Fraser	11 10 16
Pte. E. Snowden	11 10 16
Pte. R. O. Thornton	11 10 16
Pte. S. A. Kit	12 10 16
Sgt. J. Murphy	18 10 16
Pte. J. E. Kirkbride	18 10 16
Sgt. H. O. Grant	20 10 16
Pte. G. P. C. Palmer	22 10 16
Pte. R. McCourt	22 10 16
Pte. E. C. Innes	22 10 16
Pte. G. Nichol	23 10 16
Pte. R. L. Lawson	11 11 16

The following notes are from the same number: "Word from Bramshot is to the effect that Capt. Okell is improving



PTE. ROY K. McINTOSH

Son of J. W. McIntosh, of Edmonton, who is now visiting Victoria, is a native son of this city, where he spent the first eighteen years of his life. He left with his parents for the Albertan capital three years ago, and there enlisted soon after the war began with the 66th Battalion. Later, he transferred to the 31st Battalion, with which corps he is now on service.

slowly. Mr. Marsden has won a hard fight and is able to be up and about, though very weak yet."

"Excuse this paper if it is sort of blotchy. The printer got most of the shrapnel out of the ink, but not all. These blamed Archies ought to remember that whatever goes up must come down. We are trying to get the quartermaster to issue a tin hat for the ink can."

"One thing that all ranks have noted in the manner in which the C. O. visits every section in which any of the Western Scots are operating. He brings cheer always, and the men say he brings them luck."

"It was a rare treat some time ago to have a band concert and to hear the pipe band play 'retreat' once more. Bandmaster Turner's lot have improved even on their former ability, which is saying a great deal, and their efforts were greatly appreciated. As for Wulle's pipe band, it was simply inspiring to listen to and see their performance. And the incidental interjections were surely extraordinary; how unusual to listen to 'You Called Me Baby Dill a Year Ago,' with the deep roar of artillery punctuating every bar!" "Recently we had the pleasure of entertaining in the mess Lieut.-Col. Fawcett and Mr. Cooke, adjutant, of the Anzac Pioneers. A comparison of experiences with our gallant brother colonials was most interesting."

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- Men's Silk Lisle Suspenders, with stitched leather ends, 75c and **\$1.00**
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- Special Sets Garters and Suspenders to match, 75c and **\$1.00**
- Better Sets, silk finished, in beautiful boxes, \$1.25, \$1.50 and **\$2.00**
- Belt and Suspender Sets, specially marked at **\$1.50**
- Men's Silk Neckwear, boxed ready to ship. Special **50c**
- Better Lines of Men's Neckwear, in fancy boxes, 75c, \$1.00 and **\$1.25**
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- Better Lines of Silk Scarfs, in assorted shades, \$3.00, \$4.00 and **\$5.00**
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- Silk and Leather Collar Bags, priced \$1.25, \$2.00, \$3.00 and **\$4.00**
- Men's Silk Hosiery in staple shades, boxed ready for shipping, 50c and **75c**
- Men's Silk Hosiery in heavy drop stitch effect, all shades **\$1.75**
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- Linen Handkerchiefs, specially boxed, 25c, 35c and **50c**
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- Fine Range of Men's Pyjamas in fancy stripes, \$2.00 to **\$3.00**
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We have gone through our stock of 75c and \$1.00 Neckwear and selected special lines for our 50c case of Christmas Neckwear. If you are in doubt compare our stock with the other fellow. 75c and \$1.00 values, boxed, **50c**

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Take a glance at our front window tonight and see the beautiful display of Silks we are showing. Never have we shown a more unique range of handsome Scarves. Values \$1.00 and up.

Hundreds of Ties to Select From at 75c

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21 only, Men's Suits, trimmed with good canvas and linings and nicely finished; sizes 34 to 42, regularly sold at \$15.00 and \$20.00. Special December offer at **\$10.00**

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Our stock of Khaki and Linen Handkerchiefs is complete. Ask to see the special line of Khaki put up three in an envelope, initialed. Other lines marked as low as

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WATCH OUR WINDOWS GOVERNMENT AND YATES FIT-RITE

Military Items

Pte. S. Terovich, of the Yukon Company, stationed at the Willows, was severely injured when engaged in a friendly bayonet fight yesterday with a fellow-Montenegrin. The blades of the weapons were sheathed in scabbards



when the fun commenced, but one accidentally came off and Terovich was stabbed in the upper part of the thigh. Had it not been for first aid rendered immediately he would have bled to death.

Lieut.-Col. Guthrie and Capt. Percy Godenrath addressed a returned soldiers' meeting in Vancouver at the beginning of the week, when it was decided to organize a national union for linking up the different associations. H. W. Hart, A. G. Hutton and J. E. Tait attended as delegates from Victoria. Authorization has been given the 162nd Battalion to recruit a draft of 250 men for overseas with headquarters at Kamloops. Recruiting will commence immediately. The 162nd Battalion will furnish a guard of honor to meet Premier Borden on his arrival here on Saturday. A specially picked body of men will be chosen to honor the first citizen.

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ON SALE FRIDAY MORNING

- A New Shipment of Women's High Cut Kid Lace Boots—120 pairs, bought to sell at \$7.00 per pair. Special Sale Price **\$5.85**
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LOCAL MEN REPORTED IN CASUALTY LISTS

Several Soldiers With Homes Here Wounded; Aviator Killed in Action

Pte. G. Kennett, whose name appears in yesterday's casualty list, is a resident of Duncan, where he has been engaged for years in the teaming business. He left the Cowichan district as a member of the 2nd Canadian Pioneer Battalion. Inquiry to-day at his home community elicited the information that his wife has been officially notified that he is receiving treatment at one of the base hospitals. He has three children.

Pte. F. W. Davis, reported wounded, is a son of Mrs. A. Davis, who resides at 62 San Juan avenue. At the outbreak of the war he joined the 5th Regiment, and then transferred to the 47th Battalion, leaving with the first overseas draft of that unit for France. Pte. Davis is a native of Nova Scotia, where he was born 22 years ago. He came to Victoria at the age of six, was educated here, and on leaving school drove a truck for the Vancouver Milling Co. Besides his mother, he has two sisters living in the city both younger than himself. An elder brother is also serving at the front.

Mrs. H. Holman, of 631 Esquimalt road, has been notified that her youngest son, Pte. John Holman, has received a gun shot wound in the chest. He was born at South Shields, England, 17 years ago, and came to Canada in 1913. After the outbreak of war he joined the 88th Battalion and left for overseas on May 23 of this year. Prior to joining the colors he was employed at the Esquimalt Naval Yards, where his father is at present engaged. He has two brothers, the elder of whom is an employee of the local firm of Weller Bros., while the other is quartermaster on the patrol boat "Galano." His brother-in-law, Mr. R. M. King, is at present fighting in France with the 67th Western Scots' Battalion.

Flight-Lieut. C. J. Beatty, of Victoria, was killed while carrying out a reconnaissance on Sept. 15. While flying over the German position his machine became disabled and he lost control. While in this predicament five enemy aeroplanes attacked him and he was unable either to fight or escape. The Germans surrounded and wounded him in the head, but he landed his machine within his own lines, dying shortly afterwards. Lieut. Beatty was born at Welsler, Idaho, and became a naturalized Canadian in this city. He was engaged by the provincial government on civil engineering work in the Quesnel district, where he is well known. He also took part in the laying out of Strathcona park. Leaving here with the Mechanical Transport draft early in the war he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps on reaching England, and did splendid work in the service.

END OF CHRISTMAS TERM AT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

The Christmas Play will be given at THE SCHOOL on Friday, December 15 At 8.30 p. m.

PROGRAMME "THE SNOWBALL"

- A Farce Comedy in Three Acts. Scene—A Sitting Room. Three Acts. Time—Present Day. Stage Manager, A. Tomlinson, Esq. Characters: FELIX FETHERSTONE, A Practical Joker. THURBURN. UNCLE JOHN, Who Does Not Understand Himself. HARRY PRENDERGAST, Who Does Not Understand Himself. SAUNDERS, A Man-Servant. MRS. FETHERSTONE, Who Presses the Joke. ETHEL GRAINGER, An Innocent Victim. PENELOPE, The Avenging Venus. GOD GAVE THE KING.

The Roll of Honor on which are the names of 179 old boys and masters who are serving their country in this war. The present boys are looking forward to the presence of the old boys who have returned from the war, among whom will be noticed: Capt. M. H. Bell-Irving, D. S. O., M. C. of R. F. C. and Capt. P. R. Watts, of 16th Batt. The former has had a most distinguished career, winning the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross for his gallant deeds. During the last exploit he was seriously wounded; he is now recovering and is expected to return in the near future. Capt. Watts is convalescing after being disabled on the Somme front. Capt. Watts has been at the front for 1 1/2 years and has been in several engagements where the Canadians greatly distinguished themselves. During the evening the warden, the Rev. W. W. Bolton, will give a short address. Special Cars Will Be Run From the Willows.



CORPL. A. F. SHAW

Eldest son of Major and Mrs. C. A. E. Shaw, of Morrissey Internment Camp, who lost his life in action on November 19. Corp. Shaw was only twenty years of age, being born in Victoria in 1896. He attended high school here for some time, but was in the Kootenays when war broke out and enlisted in August of last year with one of the Kootenay battalions. He belonged to a long line of soldiers, his grandfather being Major Alexander Shaw, of Oak Hill, Toronto, his great-grandfather, Capt. Alexander Shaw, an officer in the peninsular war and at Waterloo, and his great-great-grandfather, Major Thomas Shaw, one of the founders of the Empire; being in command of the troops in upper Canada at the time of his death. An only brother, the late Corp. Shaw is with the 195th Battalion now in England.

GASOLINE FIFTY CENTS GALLON IN HOLLAND

The automobiles made here have satisfactorily filled the gap in Europe caused by the discontinuance of automobile manufacture by the war, is the opinion of Anton P. M. Ceuryvoorst, Overland and Willys-Knight dealer at Amsterdam, Holland, who is also the distributor for these two cars in the land of dikes and windmills. "Before the war," said Mr. Ceuryvoorst, "there were only four makes of foreign automobiles sold in Holland. To-day scarcely a Canadian or American car lacks representation. "We sold more Overland and Willys-Knight cars during the past year than ever before; in fact, our sales would have been tripled had we been able to get the cars. Unfortunately, shipping facilities to Holland have been very uncertain. Ninety per cent. of the space on board steamers bound for this country is used by the Dutch government for its own needs. "In Holland," continued Mr. Ceuryvoorst, "the system of automobile taxation differs from the one in your country. Over there we are taxed according to the horse and stroke of the motor; thus, an Overland model 75-B with its motor of 2.24 inch bore and 4 inch stroke is taxed \$80 per year. The Overland model 85-Six would cost the same, while the models 48-B, 86 and 85-Four would all be assessed \$100. Gasoline, since the war, has become quite an expensive item. Before the war we paid 25c per gallon, but during the past two years the price has doubled. Here is where the economy of all Overland and Willys-Knight cars proves a sale factor that enables the making of more sales. Mr. Ceuryvoorst estimates that in Holland, a country of six million inhabitants, there are about 7,000 registered automobiles.

"A SICKLY WIFE NO FIT MATE FOR ANY MAN" GIRLS AND WOMEN SHOULD LOOK WELL TO THEIR HEALTH AND STRENGTH. Never before was physical health and vigor so highly esteemed, and so eagerly sought for as to-day. No man finds happiness in a sickly wife, and the woman who wishes to enjoy the pleasures of life should spare no effort to maintain perfect health. Is your daughter growing up strong and ruddy? Has she strength to drink in greedily all the pleasures that youth so zealously seeks—or is she compelled to use the street car instead of enjoying the delightful exercise of walking—does she after the ball arise refreshed and vigorous, or is she exhausted, indifferent, and perhaps irritable? When strength and vigor can be so easily maintained by Ferronzone, when the glow of health is so quickly brought to the cheeks and elasticity to the step, it is plainly a mother's duty to see that Ferronzone is on hand to assist her daughter back to health. Upon the wake of Ferronzone quickly follows a stream of rich, nourishing blood which imparts that power and surplus energy so earnestly desired by those in ill-health. Stop and think what this means for your daughter—certainly a great deal, and it can be accomplished by Ferronzone. Every growing girl and young woman derives enormous benefit in many ways from this nutritive, vitalizing tonic. It is specially suited for young women and is a guarantee of health and regularity as long as it is used. Ferronzone is free from alcohol and perfectly safe to use. Prepared in the form of a chocolate-coated tablet and sold in 50c boxes or six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct from The Catarhonzone Co., Kingston, Ont.

Miss Pearl White, who is to be seen at the Columbia theatre, has been the cause of a new word being added to the language. To be a "Pauline" is to be superbly daring—boldly courageous, and get away with it. She was born March 4, 1889, in Antioch, Missouri, of half Irish, half-English parentage. The precocious youngster broke into the spoken drama at the infantile age of five as Eva in that good old standby, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." After a couple of seasons in "Uncle Tom," Miss White went back home to school. She had no sooner graduated than she got the circus fever and joined a "three ringer" which was playing a "one day only" at her home town. Two years of this and then she went back to the stage again from which she graduated to the stock company of Pacific Express in Jersey City. To-day the dashing blonde is famous everywhere as Pauline of "The Perils of Pauline," the biggest and most popular of all the serials that have been put on films.

ROCK BAY BRIDGE Meeting of Harbor Committee on Subject is Set for To-morrow Afternoon. Although there will be no meeting of the streets committee of council to-morrow, and that is welcomed since the estimates committee will be in session in the evening, Alderman Todd, chairman of the harbor committee, has asked for the members of the committee to meet him in the afternoon, to endeavor to settle some policy with regard to the Rock Bay bridge. The time is drawing close now if a money-bill is to be submitted in January for the purpose of augmenting the credits now standing to this appropriation, and Alderman Todd stated this morning that therefore he thought the committee ought to be called together for the purpose of discussing the subject. The city council some weeks ago rejected the proposal to accept tenders for the wooden span, for which bids had been opened, and then reverted to the old idea of seeking a steel span. The report recently presented by the city engineer was not encouraging, since owing to the greatly advanced price of steel, the cost was estimated at about \$40,000. Naturally the figure shocked the aldermen, and no action was taken. The chairman of the committee feels that the people in Victoria West, and Store street occupants especially are being harshly treated in having further delays, particularly after the strong

ADVOCATE CANADIAN NICKEL REFINERY

Duncan Board of Trade Favors Establishment of Import-ant Dominion Industry

The construction of a nickel refinery in Canada in order to overcome the necessity for exporting Canada's raw material, thus running the risk of having it fall into enemy hands, is advocated by the Duncan board of trade in a resolution passed at a recent meeting. It is self-explanatory and follows: Whereas, 80 per cent. of the world's supply of nickel is mined in Canada, and

Whereas, almost the whole of the remaining supply is mined in the French colony of New Caledonia, thus leaving practically the whole of the world's known nickel deposits in their natural state in the control of the allied governments, and Whereas, owing to the fact of there being no nickel refinery in this country it is necessary to export Canadian nickel ore to a neutral state for treatment, and Whereas, nickel is largely used in the manufacture of armaments, projectiles and other military and naval requirements, and Whereas, large supplies of this metal have been and are still being exported from the said neutral state to our enemies in Germany, and Whereas, even more serious consequences would result from the foreign treatment of nickel ore in the event of the before-mentioned neutral state becoming involved in war with this country, Be it therefore resolved that the Canadian government be urged to take immediate steps to insure the erection in Canada of a nickel refinery at the earliest possible date, and that pending the completion of such refinery, the Canadian government take such action as will best assure control of the Canadian nickel supply for the sole benefit of the allied nations, and Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, to the honorable the minister of militia and defence, and to the representatives in parliament from this province, and Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to other boards of trade throughout Canada, to other influential public bodies and to the press, urging that they endorse this resolution and do everything possible within their power to further the object of this resolution.

and repeated representations made by property owners. Conclusively evidence of the prejudicial effect on business property in that section of the city was given at the court of revision on the assessment roll, showing that through Store street being turned into a cut de sac, the rental value of buildings had seriously depreciated. *Alderman Todd is not prepared to say officially what class of structure should now be recommended to the ratepayers for approval. ISLANDS RECOUNT COMMENCED TO-DAY Long Argument as to Validity of Affidavit Heard This Morning After a discussion lasting an hour and a half his honor Judge Lampman this morning decided to go ahead with the recount for the islands constituency. M. B. Jackson, M.P.P., took exception to the manner in which the affidavit asking for the recount was taken. It was sworn to by Major W. W. Foster before his commanding officer, who also was a notary public, but it was not sealed with the official seal. Mr. Jackson claimed that even if a notarial act was good without the seal, then the act did not allow of a notary executing his powers outside the province of British Columbia. E. E. Miller, on behalf of Major Foster, argued at length in favor of the recount. He quoted many judgments and rulings to prove that the affidavit was legal. His honor agreed that the notarial seal might be dispensed with, but thought there was nothing to show that the notarial authority could be executed in a foreign country. He so expressed himself and was about to deliver judgment when E. H. Pooley discovered a ruling of the chief justice in which the opinion was expressed that an official has a right to exercise his

duties without the province, and in stating his opinion that the mayor of Victoria had a right to exercise his functions if in Seattle. Judge Lampman stated that he would follow the ruling of the chief justice. The finding of the statute, he said, was like the arrival of Blucher at Waterloo. It came just in time. Accordingly the court at once set about opening the ballots and counting, and the work is still going on.

Asks for Hearing.—It is not usual for an appointment to be sought with a public body without disclosing its object, but the Victoria School Board has been asked by the Teachers' Association for a meeting without any clue as to the reason. It is assumed that it may have reference to a restoration of salaries, but nothing is disclosed in the letter. The subject is left with the chairman to take up at a meeting later.

Meets With Accident.—Mr. O. B. Lane, of Lane & Son, printers, Courtney street, met with an accident this morning on his way to business. While turning a corner he fell from his bicycle, breaking his left leg, just below the knee. He was immediately removed to the Jubilee hospital, where he is being attended by Dr. Ernest Hall.

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TO FORM KHAKI CLUB FOR RETURNED MEN

Women's Canadian Club Propose to Help Discharged Convalescents

Victoria may shortly, through the enterprise of the Women's Canadian Club possess a Khaki Club where returned soldiers waiting for employment may live comfortably at very moderate cost until they have found some suitable occupation.

The idea was taken up by the local organization following a suggestion from A. C. Flamerfelt, who addressed the executive of the Women's Canadian Club a few weeks ago on his return from Eastern Canada telling of the successful working of Khaki Clubs in some of the eastern cities which he had visited. The matter was given careful consideration, and a deputation called on the chairman and secretary of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission for the purpose of discussing the question. The following letter was sent to Dr. H. E. Young by the club secretary, Mrs. Hyndman, on December 13:

"Dear Sir,—It having been represented to the Women's Canadian Club, that the establishment of a Khaki Club in Victoria, similar to those now operating in Montreal, Vancouver and other Canadian cities, would be of great advantage, and as we can plainly see that the need of such a club for returned soldiers has for some time been existent here, we have taken the matter under consideration.

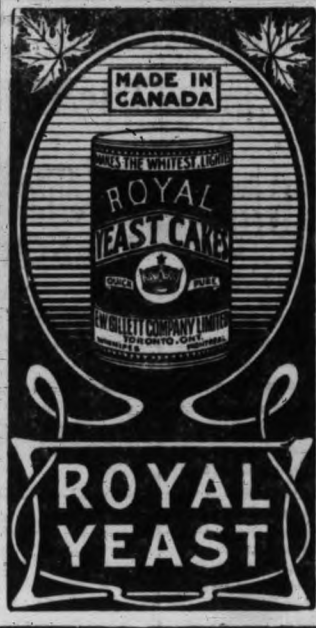
"The order and plan, as well as the successful operation of Khaki Clubs, are no doubt well known by the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission. The Women's Canadian Club, therefore, offers to use its best efforts towards the establishment of a Khaki Club in Victoria, should such an un-

dertaking meet with the approval and endorsement of your commission." Dr. Young replied as follows: "Madam,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, in which you say the Women's Canadian Club offers to use its best efforts towards the establishment of a Khaki Club in Victoria, should such an undertaking meet with the approval and endorsement of this commission.

"This matter was brought to the attention of this commission by Mrs. Hanington, president of your club; Mr. McPhillips and Mrs. Jenkins, and was discussed informally. We have no hesitation at all in saying that we endorse such a movement on the part of the Women's Canadian Club of Victoria, and will do all in our power to assist in such a worthy object. We are the more prompted to this opinion in view of the success which has attended the establishment and work of a similar club in Vancouver city; not only on account of the intrinsic merit of such a movement, but because it means greater opportunities and a concentration of efforts which will mean better and improved service to the returned soldier."

"The committee which administers the Returned Soldiers' Fund held in trust by the Women's Canadian Club has for some time felt the necessity for some such place as that proposed, where the men after leaving the Convalescent Hospital might reside while looking for employment, although strict emphasis is placed on the condition that it is only while looking for such employment that the men will be admitted to the club. A week's residence, it is intended, shall be given without charge to any man leaving the Convalescent Home who wishes to avail himself of the lodging while seeking employment. Should he wish to continue his residence after that time the soldier will be required to pay a nominal sum, about \$4 weekly, although should any man be taken in residence who is unable to pay even this amount the expense will be covered from the Returned Soldiers' Fund administered by the special committee of the Women's Canadian Club.

"The Khaki Club movement, as the correspondence shows, is no experimental undertaking, and in taking it



up here the Women's Canadian Club is only instituting locally what has already proved a very great success in Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax and Vancouver, the last-mentioned being established about two years ago and proving so successful that larger quarters are being sought.

PLAN TO ENTERTAIN INVALIDED SOLDIERS

Empress Hotel Management Will Hold Dinner on December 22 for Men

Soldiers of the Esquimalt Military Hospital are to be entertained by the management at the Empress hotel on the evening of December 22, dinner being served at the ballroom at 8 o'clock. Manager Benaglia so informed the Times yesterday. A musical programme has been planned.

Reference already has been made to the cabaret performance in aid of the same body of men, which is timed for next Tuesday. It also is taking place at the hotel.

With regard to the Christmas entertainments, instructions have been issued from headquarters that owing to the condition of war, and at a time when so many families are in mourning throughout the Dominion, the regular seasonal gatherings at Yuletide and the New Year will be suspended this year. However, there will be special meals served on the eve of the two approaching festivals.

"Puss in Boots." Special arrangements are also in hand for the crowds who will gather for the Christmas pantomime "Puss in Boots," and when the details are arranged, there is no doubt that the hotel will be well patronized after the performances.

For many years the children of the employees have come to look forward to the annual Christmas tree, with its load of presents. Owing to the embargo mentioned above, there will not be any gathering of this character in 1916, but the manager plans a surprise packet, with some simple gift for the children, which will be distributed before the coming Christmas. If St. Nicholas will not be seen in person, he will certainly pay a visit prior to the happy Yuletide, from which each child is to benefit. In that way the opportunity will not be missed to keep alive the spirit of good feeling between the management and staff.

MISSION CONTINUES

Dr. Wilson, of Vancouver, Being Succeeded by Dr. Matthews at Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Vancouver, last night ended his part of the special eight days' mission which is being held at the First Presbyterian church. The attendance, which has been steadily increasing since the beginning of the week, was very gratifying. There were on the platform with Rev. Mr. Inkster, pastor of the church, Dr. Wilson and Rev. Dr. Cameron, the last mentioned leading in prayer. J. G. Brown sang "He Lifted Me." Dr. Wilson's subject was "Bid Me Come," the theme being based on Peter's experiences when he was sinking and beheld his Lord walking on the sea. The great problem which he had to decide at that moment was whether he should trust God for his safety or depend on the material means at which most ordinary men would have clutched. He did the former, and was saved. Dr. Wilson applied the moral to modern-day problems. Was the man of to-day going to look for Divine help in the solution of the seemingly insurmountable difficulties, or was he going to trust to the thin and dangerous material helps which he saw before him?

Dr. Matthews, of Seattle, will commence his part of the mission to-night at 8 o'clock, when he will speak of "The Second Coming of Christ."

Temperance Rally.—A rally of the temperance workers of Nanaimo, was held on Tuesday night, and was addressed by Messrs. John Nelson and Jonathan Rogers, of Vancouver. At the close of the meeting delegates were elected to attend the temperance convention in Victoria, as follows: Messrs. Irving and McMillan, and Messrs. Manson, Coburn, Murray, Waugh, Bennett, Bradfield, Shepherd and West.

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- OUTING SHIRTS**
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 Heavy Flannelette Shirts, English makes; sizes 14 1/2 to 17. Regular \$1.50. To clear at..... **85c**
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 1 Only, 12 lb. Grey Wool Blanket. Regular \$12.50. Now..... **\$7.75**
 1 Only, 10 lb. Grey Wool Blanket. Regular \$6.00. Now..... **\$4.25**
 1 Only, 8 lb. Grey Wool Blanket. Reg. \$4.75. Now..... **\$3.25**

- MEN'S SOCKS**
 Heavy Cotton Socks—Per dozen pairs, 85c, or 3 pairs for..... **25c**
 Hand-Knitted Wool Socks—Dandy for soldiers at the front. Per pair..... **55c**
 Penman's Silk Socks—All shades. Reg. 75c. To clear, 3 pairs..... **\$1.25**
 Silk Socks—Extra heavy A1 quality. Reg. \$1.50. To clear, 3 pairs..... **\$1.75**
 Penman's Wool Mixture Seamless Half Hose. Per pair..... **25c**

- UNDERWEAR**
 Heavy Cotton Ribbed Shirts and Drawers—Reg. 60c per garment. To clear at half-price, per suit..... **65c**
 Fleece-Lined Shirts—Brown ribbed..... **40c**
 Penman's Fleece-Lined Shirts—Rt. at 75c. To clear..... **50c**
 Penman's—Elastic ribbed. Values to \$1.75. To clear, per garment..... **95c**
 Dr. Neff's Ribbed Underwear—Reg. at \$3.50 per suit. To clear, per garment..... **\$1.00**
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 "Bull Dog" Brand—Noted Vancouver make, high-grade, cottonade. Reg. \$2.75. To clear..... **\$1.95**
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 Carpenters' Aprons, 6 only; with clasps. Reg. \$1.00. Now..... **60c**
 Mackinaw Coats, heavy, 48 oz. Reg. \$8.50. Now..... **\$4.00**
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Long Coats—Reg. \$6.99. Now..... \$3.25	

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 5 Only, "Myrtle" V-shape Sweater Coats; sizes 36 to 42. Reg. \$4.50, now..... **\$2.95**
 5 Only, Navy Sweater Coats; sizes 36, 42, 44. Reg. \$4.50, now only..... **\$2.95**
 5 Only, Red Sweater Coats with military collar; sizes 38, 42, 44. Reg. \$4.50, now..... **\$2.95**
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Saturday, December 16

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Prime Minister of Canada, and

R. B. BENNETT, K.C., M.P., Director-General National Service

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STEAMERS COLLIDED IN CHESAPEAKE BAY

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The British oil tanker *Telena* was the ship which crashed into the *Merchants & Miners* liner *Powhatan*, in lower Chesapeake Bay last night. Badly damaged about the bow, the *Telena* came into the shipyard here early for repairs. So far as could be learned none of her crew was hurt.

Beached on Thimble Shoals to keep her from sinking the *Powhatan* lay in shallow water to-day with a great hole ripped in her side by the *Telena's* bow and exploding boilers. Four negroes of her crew had been injured by falling beams from the impact of the collision. All her passengers bound from Baltimore to Boston had been safely taken off during the night by other ships.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS				
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From
Niagara	Holls	7,582	C. P. R.	Sydney
Canada Maru	Suruga	7,759	R. R. R.	Hongkong
Empress of Asia	Davison	8,884	C. P. R.	Hongkong
Yokohama Maru	Noma	4,619	Gt. Northern	Hongkong
Tamba Maru	Nagasue	2,803	Gt. Northern	Hongkong

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES				
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For
Empress of Japan	Hopcraft	2,003	C. P. R.	Hongkong
Niagara	Holls	7,582	C. P. R.	Sydney

COASTWISE SERVICES				
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For
For Vancouver				
Steamer Princess Victoria	leaves daily at 2 p. m.	and steamer Princess Mary or Alice daily at 11.45 p. m.		
From Vancouver				
Steamer Princess Adelaide	arrives daily at 3 p. m.	and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 6.30 a. m.		
For San Francisco				
Steamer President	Dec. 15			
From San Francisco				
Steamer President	Dec. 11			
For Seattle				
Steamer Princess Adelaide	leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.			
Steamer Princess George	leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.			
From Seattle				
Steamer Princess Victoria	arrives daily at 1 p. m.			
For Port Angeles				
Steamer Sol Duc	leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.			
From Port Angeles				
Steamer Sol Duc	arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.			

NINE MEN FROM B. C. ON LOST SHIP

Complete List of Officers and Lower Ratings Aboard H. M. C. S. Grilse

A revised list of the petty officers and men who are believed to have perished with the loss of H. M. C. S. Grilse was received this morning by the admiral superintendent, Esquimalt dockyard.

The names of the men and their registered addresses are:

W. J. Tremble, chief petty officer, Portugal Cove, Nfld.

Leading seaman—F. Chandler, West Northend, Eng.; J. Ashwin, London, Eng.; W. Parker, Essex, Eng.; J. Tucker, Lancaster, Ont.

Able seamen—A. J. Harris, Ireland; A. Braser, Montreal; J. Calhoun, Vancouver; M. Canley, Vancouver; L. Larson, Vancouver; A. B. Ford, Victoria; F. C. Collins, Saskatoon; A. Anderson, Victoria; F. Churchill, Winnipeg; F. A. Gorman, Winnipeg; A. Donely, Vancouver; R. F. A. Robinson, Dartmouth, N. S.; N. Lucas.

Shipwright—J. Annette, Vancouver.

Yeoman of Signals—A. E. Brown, Severn Bridge, Ont.

Signalman—H. W. McAuliff, Halifax.

Engineer artificers—G. G. Ross, Kingston, Ont.; F. S. Swarbrick, Kingston, Ont.; G. H. Taylor.

Stoker petty officers—A. French, Boston; P. Johannes, Montreal; W. H. Bala.

Stokers—J. D. Malone, Leeds, Eng.; A. Newland, Boston; M. Harris, Queenstown, Ireland; F. Downey, Liverpool, England; P. Jennings, Coker-mouth, Eng.; J. McClusky, North Hamilton, Ont.; J. Penny, Warminster, Eng.

Commander's Steward—G. Buckingham, Avonmouth, Eng.

Chief cook—D. J. Dickson, Halifax.

Ship's cook, third class—M. A. Eldridge.

Officers' steward—J. Cote, Lewis, Que.

Steward's boy—G. Hooper.

The names of the officers believed lost with the vessel have already been published.

Sub-Lieut. R. E. Winslow, R. N. C. V. R., is well known in this city, having for a time resided with his sister at their home on Gonzales Hill. He was 31 years of age and was educated at Eton College, Eng. At the outbreak of the war he joined the R. N. C. V. R. and served on H. M. C. S. Rainbow on the Pacific.

TIDE TABLE

December

Date	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water
4	10:37 9.1	18:50 2.6
5	11:09 9.2	19:22 2.8
6	11:38 9.5	19:51 3.1
7	12:05 9.8	20:18 3.5
8	12:29 10.1	20:43 3.9
9	12:50 10.4	21:07 4.3
10	1:08 10.7	21:29 4.7
11	1:23 11.0	21:49 5.1
12	1:35 11.3	22:07 5.5
13	1:44 11.6	22:23 5.9
14	1:51 11.9	22:37 6.3
15	1:56 12.2	22:49 6.7
16	1:59 12.5	22:59 7.1
17	2:00 12.8	23:07 7.5
18	2:00 13.1	23:14 7.9
19	2:00 13.4	23:19 8.3
20	2:00 13.7	23:23 8.7
21	2:00 14.0	23:26 9.1
22	2:00 14.3	23:28 9.5
23	2:00 14.6	23:30 9.9
24	2:00 14.9	23:31 10.3
25	2:00 15.2	23:32 10.7
26	2:00 15.5	23:33 11.1
27	2:00 15.8	23:34 11.5
28	2:00 16.1	23:35 11.9
29	2:00 16.4	23:36 12.3
30	2:00 16.7	23:37 12.7
31	2:00 17.0	23:38 13.1

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of December, 1916.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Dec. 9	7:53	4:18
Dec. 10	7:53	4:18
Dec. 11	7:53	4:18
Dec. 12	7:54	4:18
Dec. 13	7:54	4:18
Dec. 14	7:54	4:18
Dec. 15	7:54	4:18
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Dec. 17	7:54	4:18
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Dec. 25	7:54	4:18
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Dec. 27	7:54	4:18
Dec. 28	7:54	4:18
Dec. 29	7:54	4:18
Dec. 30	7:54	4:18
Dec. 31	7:54	4:18



CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINER NIAGARA

Will Make Port This Evening

TWO NAVAL DRAFTS FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

Men for Halifax Station and Overseas Division Leaving Esquimalt This Week-End

Two drafts of men recruited in the Royal Naval-Canadian Volunteer Reserve, one for service out of the Halifax station on the Canadian Atlantic coast, and the other for the overseas division serving with the Imperial navy, are leaving Esquimalt this week-end.

With the dispatch of these two drafts additional men are immediately required to fill in the gaps, and also to swell the number of recruits being enlisted under the scheme recently organized by the Hon. Rupert Guinness with a view to getting 5,000 naval recruits to serve with the British fleet in the North Sea.

The recruiting campaign for the overseas division is now well under way from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard, and with the organizing machinery working smoothly it is expected that recruits will begin to pour in at the various provincial centres. Naval officers are being sent to all the outlying districts, and men are beginning to come slowly, but not as fast as those in charge of the recruiting arrangements would like.

The draft which leaves Esquimalt on Saturday for Halifax will be in charge of Petty Officer J. Haulch, a South African veteran, who was with Carlingford's Hospital and was twice wounded, being the holder of the King's and the Queen's medals. The party includes:

A. B. S. W. Green, O. S. R. Hillier, O. S. Geo. Potts, O. S. Robt. Little, O. S. Thos. Lawrenson, O. S. Jas. Hilton, O. S. Jos. Pelegrinelli, A. B. Edward Cahill, O. S. H. A. Potter, O. S. E. J. Gardner, O. S. J. N. Calderwood, A. B. Jno. Young, A. B. Anthony Gerrard, P. O. Jas. Baugh, A. B. Robt. Jamieson, O. S. Gordon Low, A. B. Jno. McKinnon, Leading Seaman W. O. Roberts, O. S. Wm. S. Halliday, O. S. Alex. N. Bryan, O. S. E. L. Harris, O. S. G. Parsons, O. S. James Newton, O. S. Jno. Hill, A. B. Wm. Hill, A. B. Arthur Lathe and O. S. Geo. S. Gibbons.

The draft leaving for service overseas includes: N. H. Roe, W. J. Ham, Lawrence Goodwin, Wm. Draper, P. Annis, W. G. O. Galliford, Jno. McNab, G. Dods, A. E. Davis, A. R. Cameron and Thos. L. Hicks.

The following seamen of the Pacific division have been permitted to transfer for overseas service, and will go with the draft: Arthur S. Tregarthen, in charge of the party, A. S. McIvor, W. A. Selco, Wm. Gandy and L. O. Hicks.

The following stokers of the Pacific division will also leave with the draft: G. D. Hynes, G. A. Peachey, Peter Barron, Robert C. Anderson and James Lancaster.

VESSLS ARE SOLD AT ENHANCED FIGURE

Dunsyre, Formerly Registered Here, and John Ena, Have Again Changed Hands

San Francisco's mayor, James Rolph, Jr., who has disposed of a number of vessels at enhanced figures during the present shipping boom, has put through another big deal by the sale of the ships *Dunsyre* and *John Ena* to the Standard Oil Company.

The reported price paid for the *Dunsyre* by the oil company is \$250,000, and for the *John Ena* \$375,000. It was only in February last that James Rolph purchased the *John Ena* from Capt. A. P. Lorentzen for \$180,000. Since that time the vessel has made a voyage to Sydney, thence to Iquique, and later to Honolulu, where she is at the moment.

When owned by Eschen & Minor the *Dunsyre* was registered at Victoria, B. C., together with the *Poltaloch* and *British Yeoman*. The latter ships have been disposed of at handsome prices since the outbreak of war, and the port of registry transferred.

The *Dunsyre* is a vessel of 2,149 tons registered, and was built in 1891 by W. Hamilton & Co. of Port Glasgow.

The *John Ena* is a four-mast steel barque of 2,842 tons register, having been built in 1892 by R. Duncan & Co., Ltd., Port Glasgow.

NIAGARA'S ARRIVAL

The Canadian-Australian liner *Niagara*, Capt. J. T. Rolfs, is due to reach Victoria on Friday at 4 o'clock this afternoon from Sydney and Auckland. She is expected to come alongside the outer docks about 5.30 p. m., to disembark passengers and put off mail and cargo. She has about 79 tons of freight for this port.

TALHYBIUS ROCKED BY EARTH TREMOR

Blue Funnel Liner Arrives Bringing News of Big Quake at Kobe

When the Blue Funnel liner *Talhybius* was lying in Kobe harbor en route from Hongkong to Victoria a violent earthquake rocked the foundations of the Japanese city causing consternation among the populace, damaging buildings and dumping shipping in a most inconceivable manner.

The heaviest shock occurred on the afternoon of Sunday, November 26, and at that time the *Talhybius* was taking aboard cargo at Kobe preparatory to clearing for Yokohama. Officers of the *Talhybius* state that the ship and other vessels in the harbor rocked violently, various articles in the cabin being hurled from their accustomed places, while loading operations were seriously interfered with. There were several smaller shocks after the first big quake. On shore the effect was more serious, although no loss of life was reported.

The roof of the Oriental hotel, one of the principal hosteries near the waterfront, was more or less damaged, and other buildings were affected by the disturbance.

"It was a most peculiar experience," said Capt. F. W. Cullum, master of the *Talhybius*, who happened to be dining ashore at the time. "It was an unusual sensation, and one that I don't want to experience again in a hurry."

All movable articles in the place where Capt. Cullum was dining came crashing to the ground, people rushed out to the sidewalk and general consternation reigned for a time. Capt. Cullum says earthquakes are most unusual in the Kobe district, although the surrounding country is of a volcanic nature.

The officers who were aboard the *Talhybius* at the time say the ship rolled and pitched badly as if she had been struck by a submarine upheaval. Smaller tonnage in the harbor narrowly escaped serious damage by going adrift.

First news of the occurrence was brought by the *Talhybius* which docked here at 10 o'clock this morning after a fast run from Yokohama. The liner succeeded in making port one day ahead of schedule.

Just before she sailed from Yokohama a typhoon was out ahead of her and, as the glass was very low, some dirty weather was anticipated. Fortunately, however, the liner escaped the bad weather that has been experienced by a number of ships arriving here recently. "We managed to dodge the worst of it all the way across," remarked Capt. Cullum.

The *Talhybius* brought in a full cargo of general Oriental merchandise, the principal shipments being 21,430 bales of hemp, 12,887 cases of rubber, 4,000 bags of rice and maize and 1,300 bales of raw silk.

For this port the ship brought 275 tons, mostly rice. Thirty Chinese steerage passengers were landed at William Head for bacteriological examination and 25 are booked through to the United States.

SUBMARINE ASHORE NEAR HUMBOLDT BAY

American Diver H-3 Piled Up in Fog; Vessels Rushed to Her Assistance

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 14.—The United States submarine H-3, commanded by Lieut. Commander H. R. Bogusch, went ashore in a fog early to-day on a shoal off Samoa, two miles north of the bar on Humboldt Bay. The diver was rolling heavily at 19.15 this morning to an angle of forty-five degrees, but watchers ashore at a distance of 200 feet, heard the diver whistle "all safe," three blasts.

The *Cheyenne*, mother ship of the submarines H-1, H-2 and H-3, which were on their way to Mare Island navy yard from Bremerton, was standing by a mile northwest. A tug was a quarter mile to the west and a life-saving crew from Humboldt was near the distressed diver to shoot a line aboard. It was feared the H-3 would be a total wreck.

Watchers along the coast said the submarine was apparently beached. Aid has been sent out from here.

The three submarines H-1, H-2 and H-3 were expected to put in here last night or to-day. The *Cheyenne* asked for a tug last night from outside the bar, but the fog was so thick it was not seen. Samoa is located on a strait and it is believed the submarine got inside the bar and lost her way in the fog and started northward into the strait.

Help was sent by water and overland, a journey over stretches of sand hills which at times almost stalled the rescue party sent that way.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Point Grey—Fog; calm; 30.25; 29; thick.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 30.31; 28; sea smooth.

Pachena—Clear; calm; 30.55; 21; sea smooth.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 30.09; 42; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 30.09; 28; sea smooth. Spoke str. Venture, 7 a. m., abeam Port Hardy, southbound.

Triangle—Overcast; S. W. light; 30.40; 23; sea smooth. Spoke str. Venture, 7.25 a. m., abeam Maud Island, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 30.05; 26; sea moderate.

Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E.; 29.80; 30; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E.; 30.05; 41; sea smooth. Passed in str. City of Seattle, 8 p. m., southbound; out, str. Prince George, 12.15 a. m., northbound.

Noon.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 30.30; 40; sea smooth. Spoke str. Prince Rupert, 8.45 a. m., off Cape Mudge, southbound; spoke str. Princess Beatrice, 8.15 a. m., abeam Maud Island, northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; S. W. light; 30.30; 23; sea smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 30.12; 47; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 30.06; 29; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.98; 26; sea rough.

Ikeda Bay—No report.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E. strong; 29.90; 41; sea rough. Passed out, str. City of Seattle, 8.45 a. m., southbound.

LEON DUE SATURDAY

Harold S. Cove, local agent for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., has been advised that the Harrison Direct Line steamer *Crown of Leon*, Capt. Oliver, sailed from San Francisco at 2.30 p. m. yesterday on the last lap of her voyage from Liverpool to Victoria. She is expected to arrive here Saturday night. The *Crown of Leon* has about 250 tons of general cargo for discharge here. She is making her first trip to this coast in the service.

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EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

To the Editor:—The way of the reformer these days is evidently a path strewn with roses, and your correspondents who are in favor of educational reform are having things all their own way. They seem to object chiefly to the curriculum of our High schools, and it is the easiest thing in the world to rave against the "classics," and to decry the education given in England to what one of your correspondents calls the "so-called leisured classes."

Now, sir, to what exactly do your correspondents object in our High school time table? Taking the subjects one by one, it is found impossible to drop any, with the single exception perhaps of Latin, and how much time do you "waste" on Latin?

I have read very carefully through our "Public Schools Report" for B. C., and I fail to recognize our "east-iron, rigid, classical system," and I strongly advise Mr. Pease to study this volume and he will easily discover wherein we "believe in the dignity of labor," and that he is mistaken in thinking that our system has "nothing to offer for those who wish to become skilled workers."

"PRECEPTOR"

December 12, 1916.

THE ELECTIVE-GROUP SYSTEM OF EDUCATION.

To the Editor:—In proposing something constructive in educational reform, may I first hasten to make certain this fact: in saying that there is need for improvement in education I do not wish to seem to have been criticizing the public school system in any remarks I may have made. As a teacher I am not conversant with the needs of the public school system, but from an observer's point of view I think it most fair to say in all fairness that no praise is too high for the degree of excellence and efficiency to which it has attained. One must be a carping critic indeed who would begrudge the department of education and the teachers the proper praise for the work accomplished there. Furthermore, I do not wish to seem to be criticizing the work being done in the High schools of this province; splendid results are attained for a few. My contention is that the work is on wrong principles of education because:

- 1. The system offers training only to the student destined for a professional or commercial life.
2. As a consequence it is absolutely one-sided.
3. We believe nowadays with John Ruskin in the dignity of honest, useful and cheerful work. As Carlyle puts it: "To work is to worship." Who would deny that a good farmer, a good mechanic, any skilled workman, in fact, or a scientifically trained housewife, is as much use to the community as a teacher, a doctor or a lawyer? Each has his place; but no place is made in our High school curricula for the first mentioned very useful members of society.

This last is due to the fact that we have a rigid curriculum (the curriculum, by the way, is optional in spots, but the optional subjects if given are taken by a negligible few). The curriculum is rigid in requiring its most cases two foreign languages and not less than one, except in the commercial course, where certainly a modern language should be given. But who would be so absurd as to say that a farmer in Spanish should know the Latin for hay or alfalfa (if any), and not know how to produce better commodities of that nature? If a farmer's son gets a higher education it takes him away from the land and to the city, when the thing of all things we need in this province is a back-to-the-land movement. The greatest impediment in getting returned soldiers on to the land is that no opportunity has been afforded them of getting training in the elements of agriculture.

The curriculum of our High schools is not even a good one of its kind; it only gives a smattering of knowledge as compared with the system after which it is modelled. Too much emphasis is placed upon the study of languages. In Victoria High school the student has almost twice as much ac-

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tual school-work in languages—I do not know how it works out as regards time spent in home preparation—as he does in the study of English language and literature. The point of it all is that the pupil receives a thorough knowledge neither in English, Latin nor French. They do not study history until their third year; they do not study civics in the High school at all. What is the remedy?

I would submit that the elective-group system would solve some of the above problems. Let me explain. When a boy enters the High school under this system he has a choice of one out of as many as ten groups. For convenience sake we will name these groups as follows: (1) Latin, (2) scientific, (3) modern languages, (4) general course, (5) literary, (6) commercial, (7) manual training, (8) domestic science, (9) agriculture, (10) trade courses.

Now I do not mean to suggest that a student would have to study Latin altogether if he chose that group. Latin, however, would be his most important subject—his major subject. In this same group would be English, algebra, geometry, history and one or two more subjects which he could elect or choose. English would be a requisite in every group.

We have no domestic science course in our High school, but if a young woman can graduate from a High school knowing how to live on an income of \$1,000 a year or under, if she knows how to prepare menus for a day not to exceed \$1.25 for a family of five, giving them good food on such an amount, if she has some knowledge of food values, or the hundred and one domestic duties which she can be taught in an interesting, scientific manner, I maintain that such knowledge is infinitely better for those who cannot hope to go to a university than is a smattering of advanced mathematics or languages. Let me give a list of subjects studied where such courses are given: English, history, civics, chemistry, mathematics, physiology, health and hygiene—some lessons being given by doctors and nurses—cooking, household management, sewing and millinery, with as many optional courses as the student can take.

Long ago Thomas Arnold characterized education as that which should prepare the boy or girl for his or her two duties in life: First, that of preparing the student for his own particular calling in life; secondly, that of preparing him for his duties as a citizen. Edmund Spencer in his book on education, speaks of the education most worth while in this order: (1) That which prepares the student for a solution of the problem of economic living; (2) that which prepares for citizenship; (3) that which prepares for parenthood; (4) that which gives cultural training. Does not our High school curriculum look at the last first? I should like to see someone defend our present system in the light of what Arnold and Spencer think as the education most worth while.

I feel that I have only given a sketchy account of the elective-group system. I have said nothing of the manual training, for instance. The point to emphasize is that what we need is a wide course of studies designed to help the boy or girl in getting a living and at the same time give them something to broaden their vision and understanding.

With which I leave the subject, feeling that I have already trespassed too much on your space in this and previous letters. For your consideration, however, I thank you.

Dec. 13. PEPYS.

E. L. Pease, who has been made president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, was born in the province of Quebec in 1856, but by business training and long residence might well look upon the maritime provinces as his home. He gained his first banking experience in 1874 when he joined the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Montreal. He shortly afterwards joined the Merchants Bank of Halifax, which later became the Royal Bank of Canada, and remained in the Nova Scotia capital until 1887, when he returned to Montreal as local manager of the Royal Bank. He was made general manager in 1900, vice-president in 1908, and managing director early in this year. The Royal Bank is now one of our leading financial institutions, and no small portion of the success it has attained is due to E. L. Pease.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

HERE TO ADVOCATE BUREAU IN NEW YORK

Useful Publicity Work Can Be Done in Metropolis, Says Miss Pearson

Satisfied that there is a great field for publicity in connection with the advantages and attractions of British Columbia, and particularly those of Vancouver Island as a tourist and sportsman's centre, among the large cities of the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, Miss Maude Pearson, a member of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, was in the city yesterday.

She is staying at Koksilah for a time, and while on the island is conferring with provincial officials with a view to obtaining financial aid for the fitting up of a room at the Baltimore hotel, New York, with exhibits of the resources of the province, especially such natural history features as would be likely to influence big game hunters to visit this section of the Northwest. Miss Pearson is no stranger to this part of the continent, having organized personally conducted tours in the past 18 months in connection with the agency with which she is associated, the Canadian Alaska Bureau of Travel and Information, whose headquarters are at that hotel.

It is not, however, the personal end of the proposal which makes its particular appeal to her, but the incidental publicity which can be secured for this section of the country among people who have formerly visited such summer resorts in Europe, and know little about what British Columbia has to offer. She is able to show that a number of people who were here this year from the Atlantic states first heard of Vancouver Island and Victoria as a resort through the agency, and she states that with an exhibit to tell its own tale she can direct a very much larger travel this way. She has a wide connection through the federation, and by articles and "travelogues" is able to sustain interest.

Miss Pearson says the agency has not any connection with any railway or steamship company, and therefore is free in recommending routing of passengers than the ordinary travel concern.

So far as the management is concerned, she would arrange for all public money to be expended through a bank, which would have complete control of expenditures. "Publicity," she states, "in New York city to-day among the class who have leisure and money will earn a golden reward if taken before these people revert to the policy of summering in Europe, to which custom and training have directed them. It is surprising how ignorant some eastern people are about conditions here, and they must have a practical demonstration in the form of an exhibit to induce them to make the trip."

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During a recent dance in the Rumpus Ridge neighborhood in Arkansas the usual fight took place among the attending swains. There was considerable shooting and some bloodshed. The battle was regarded with equanimity by most of the beauties present, but one girl, a stranger to the greater part of the assemblage swooned. "Who was it that fainted away?" asked Miss Duckie Burcher, a little later. "I know," replied Miss Pearlie Smother's. "Some town gal, I reckon; they're most all sickly."—Kansas City Star.

OBJECT TO DANCING AT HIGH SCHOOL

Trustee Board Decides Not to Allow Terpsichorean Art at Local Institution

Should the High school be used for dancing? That question was answered in the negative by the city school board last evening by a majority vote. The matter came to an issue by an application by Principal Smith, of the High school, for permission to hold a concert and dance during the Christmas week for the purpose of meeting some payments on cadet uniforms, etc. It was proposed to hold the concert in the auditorium and the dance in the gymnasium.

In the past, before the school entertained in its present home, gatherings of these character were held in the Alexandra Club ballroom.

Trustee Dr. Hall objected to the grant on the ground that some people objected to dances in the schools. He had no personal views on the matter.

On that point he was supported by Trustee Deaville, while Dr. Hall remarked he had no objection to the dances as such, but felt they should be held elsewhere.

Trustee Hay submitted that the board was encouraging difficulty by making this case a precedent. Trustee Shortt said several hundred

dollars were wanted, and Mr. Smith felt it more or less of a duty to see the money paid. There were no funds to meet this liability. He did not think the money would be raised by concerts, the city was flooded with concerts, and people were importuned to buy tickets daily.

Mr. Hay was informed by the chairman, Trustee Jay, that the dances in past years had been well conducted, and elevating in character.

The amendment to grant the use of the building for the concert, but not for the dance, was carried by a majority vote of the board.

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XMAS TREASURES, to H. Holly and greenery, 1116 Blanshard. Phone 2417.

SAANICH RATEPAYERS—Ward Seven will hold their annual meeting Friday, December 15, at 3 p. m., Presbyterian Hall, Tillamook road.

LADY requires two unfurnished rooms or small cottage, Jubilee Hospital district. Apply Box 905, Times.

LEASE—100 acres, Saskatchewan, near town, rail, elevator, 50 acres been cultivated (40 acres wheat, 10 acres alfalfa, 10 acres corn). Box 94, Times.

AT FERRIS'S—Fine carpets, good as new, bargain, 419 Douglas street.

AT FERRIS'S—Brand new house of furniture. Call and see it and save money. 419 Douglas street.

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WANTED—Woman, for general housework, from 9 till 3, 1622 Clare St.

FIELD APARTMENTS—Cosy, furnished flats for rent. Opposite new Drill Hall, Phone 2387.

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SIXTY CENTS AN HOUR for your repairs. Phone 214. Standard Plumbing Company, Pandora street, opposite City Hall.

UNFURNISHED, 5-room house, modern in every particular, furnace and hardwood floors, near sea and golf links, No. 48 Lamson street, "Rockwood," T. H. Slater, 511 Union Bank Bldg. Phone 4829.

SIX-ROOM, furnished house, modern, with furnace, near car, 218 Empress. Apply T. H. Slater, 511 Union Bank. Phone 630.

FOR SALE—4.7 acres, near Elk Lake siding, V. & S. Ry., suitable for fruit farming, partly improved. Apply Box 6, Maywood P. O.

MOTHERS HELP required. Apply 1140 Rockland Ave.

BOARD OF TRADE

Several Subjects Being Discussed This Afternoon at General Meeting.

The Board of Trade is this afternoon discussing the question of the development of the reserve property with a view to the utilization of the industrial sites. Hon. John Oliver, minister of railways, is present as well as the city members other than the premier, who is unable to attend.

Shipbuilding will also be considered at some length, and it is expected that a proposal will be made to have a commission appointed with a view to collecting data and relics relating to the war.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Schofield left this morning by the 9 o'clock train for Chemainus, and this evening will conduct a confirmation at Thetis Island, returning to Victoria to-morrow night. This will be the first confirmation which Dr. Schofield has conducted since his consecration to the bishopric.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT, see the sewing machine electric motor. 718 Yates.

REQUIRE at once for 1 or 2 months, ample security offered, good interest allowed. Box 673, Times.

THE WINNING LIMERICKS in the Limerick competition will be published in the Christmas issue of "The Week" out-to-morrow.

CHEAP ACREAGE AND HOUSE, 3 acres, all cleared, fruit trees, good house and barn, 3 miles from Victoria and close to car line; price \$2,000, terms Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas street, Phone 1468.

WANTED—Six-room house in James Bay, will pay some cash, assume small mortgage and give 2 clear title lots in Oak Bay. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas street, Phone 1468.

GRAPHOPHONES sold on weekly or monthly payments. 718 Yates.

WANTED—Good, smart, messenger boy, references required. Apply W. J. Wilkerson, Jeweler.

BE SURE and get a copy of the Christmas edition of "The Week," an extra special number.

DIAMOND SOLITAIRE RING, cost \$25, suitable for lady, sacrifice for \$20 cash. Box 86, Times.

POOL TABLE for sale, in good condition, must sell, all complete. Box 84, Times.

WANTED—Seven or eight-room, modern house, near High school, in exchange for good suburban lots on paved road, 10 minutes from Marigold station, clear title, taxes paid up, would pay some cash or assume up to \$1,500. Box 85, Times.

FOR RENT—House, 135 Vining street, \$5 per month, close to High school, near car sheds. Apply at corner house. Phone 3441R.

SEWING MACHINES, fully guaranteed, from \$10 up. 718 Yates.

WANTED—Partly furnished or unfurnished house with garden, James Bay preferred; must be reasonable. Box 92, Times.

LOOK AT THIS SNAP—Lot 60x230, all cultivated, good soil, no rock, level, equal to two full sized lots, only \$20, on terms, Dunn Ave., Swinerton & Musgrave, 640 Fort St.

IT HAS been found necessary to hold the Boys' Central Cadet concert, on Dec. 19, in the 728-Victoria instead of 727.

A CASH PRIZE is offered in the Christmas edition of "The Week" in a new Limerick competition. \$100.

LOST—A Jersey cow, Phone 1236R, 15-Munday.

WORK WANTED for good heavy team and teamster. Phone 278Y.

FOR SALE—Motors, I am offering No. 736 Roderick street, just off Douglas, near car sheds, for \$1,500, terms, 10 per cent. P. R. Brown, 112 Broad St.

ON THE SEA—No. 167 Dallas road, 4 roomed cottage, sewer, electric light, hot and cold water, \$1,300; terms, \$200 cash, balance \$12 per month, interest at 6 per cent. P. R. Brown, 112 Broad St.

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TRANSFERRING PIANO, plays any piece in any key to suit your voice. Yes, it's a Heintzman! \$100 less than original price will buy this.

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IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY ASSURED

Victoria Capitalists Interested in Company Just Incorporated

While interests from the mainland have been talking of what can be accomplished in this province in the utilization of its immense iron ore deposits, and what will result from the establishment of steel plants, a little body of Victorians has been quietly at work organizing a company which will commence in a modest way, but in a way which, with a continuance of the same spirit of self-help and dogged determination, will lead to the development of its business into a rolling mill in which may be turned out all the products of a steel plant.

As everyone knows, a steel plant, in the full sense of the term, is a most expensive thing to organize and get started, and means the investment of an immense sum of money. For any one with no more than a quarter or a third of a century of recollection in a large city, can recall the small beginnings from which some great plant of to-day has evolved. If any big firm can come along here and establish a plant of large proportions at the outset, it will be very welcome, but more welcome should be the establishment by local capitalists of an industry which ought to have a prosperous future before it.

The company, which received its certificate of incorporation from the registrar of joint stock companies to-day, will be known as the Aetna Iron & Steel Company, Limited. Its authorized capital is \$250,000, divided into two thousand five hundred shares of \$100 each.

The directors of the company are David Milne, Joshua Kingham, Samuel M. Officer, Lieut.-Col. Richard Angus, Reeve George McGregor, George H. Robertson and R. W. Douglas. All of these are business men of experience and standing, who are putting their own money into the new enterprise as an investment. There is no promotion stock in this company.

At the head of the company is David Milne, who has been intimately connected with the creation of Medicine Hat as an industrial centre, and who is a man who believes in the natural adaptability of Victoria for manufacturing city. What has been done in the Alberta city, with the one indigenous asset of natural gas, Mr. Milne argues can be done, and outdone, in Victoria with all the natural resources at its doors and the great facilities which it possesses.

Mr. Milne spent several years in Medicine Hat, where he was one of those who took a leading part in developing its natural gas wells, which was followed by the establishment of industries, including an iron and steel mill. In the latter money has been made from the start, although it has not one of the advantages of a city on a transportation facility.

During the three years he was mayor of Medicine Hat, Mr. Milne was also public commissioner, and his terms of office were marked by industrial expansion.

Mr. Officer is a Scotsman, brought up on the Clyde among its shipyards. He spent seven years in Spain in the management of a shipbuilding plant there, and for the last 15 years has been in Japan as general manager of one of the big shipyards in Tokio. Leaving there some time after the outbreak of war he came to this coast, and for the past six months has made his home here.

The other members of the directorate of the new company are all well and favorably known businessmen of Victoria, who have all been connected with its commercial life in an active way for considerable periods.

At present the company is negotiating for a site, but finds that the excessive price asked may seriously affect its plans. If a site cannot be had here, which will combine the necessary requirements for deep-water and rail access, power at a reasonable rate, which is assured here, and such surroundings as will afford suitable sites for homes for the highly paid class of work which the mill will employ, it may be that it will have to seek what is needed elsewhere on the island or possibly on the mainland.

It is planned to commence with the new factory this day, which will be increased just as rapidly as the demand warrants. The plant will be an open-hearth one, using scrap iron, pig and a little ore. It will turn out angle-iron, T-iron and merchant bar. It is the intention, as soon as can be done, to take up the smelting of iron ore to supply the requirements of the plant, and in time to proceed on to the erection of a rolling mill and the manufacture of structural steel. There will be no rushing into this, however, the aim of the company being to establish its business on a sound basis and extend it as the business does makes this advisable.

The offices of the company will be here, unless failure to secure a site at a fair price drives the company away to another place.

University School Play.—To-morrow evening there will be two cars provided to convey friends to the University school, Mount Tolmie, to attend the Christmas play and entertainment. The first car will be the regular car which leaves the city at 7.15, and fifteen minutes later a second car will start from town. Special cars will leave Mount Tolmie at 10.30 to convey the visitors back to town.

WARD THREE LIBERALS MEET THIS EVENING

Election of Officers for Coming Year Will Take Place

The annual meeting of the members of the Ward Three Liberal Association will be held this evening in the Liberal rooms, Arcade building, Broad and View streets.

At this meeting the outgoing officers will report on the work of the past year and the activities of the association. Officers for 1917 will be elected, and other business will be transacted. A large attendance of the members of the association is requested by the officers this evening. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock.

RECOUNT CONFIRMS RESULT IN ISLANDS

The result of the recount in the Islands' riding was announced, just as the Times went to press, to confirm



M. B. JACKSON, M. P.

The election of W. B. Jackson over Major W. W. Foster. Judge Lampan found the new member's majority to be four.

LOCAL NEWS

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Special Rates for Winter Months—The Prince George Hotel offers special winter rates of \$8 per month to a limited number of guests. This rate includes all the privileges of this fine hostelry, use of bath, phone, reading, writing and music room, etc. Elevator service to all floors at all hours of night and day. Steam heat, hot and cold water in every room. Apply Prince George hotel, corner Douglas and Pandora.

Case Against Hotel—A summons has been served, returnable to-morrow in police court, charging the licensee of the Occidental hotel with a breach of the liquor act by an alleged sale after hours.

Sold Tea on Sunday—In the city police court this morning George Lerick, of 192 Menzies street, was fined \$10 for selling a pound of tea to a customer on Sunday, November 26, contrary to the Lord's Day act.

Pandora Street Assessment—Argument on the injunction in connection with the Pandora avenue assessment, which was to have been heard this afternoon.

Chinese Cases Continue—The case for the prosecution in the Chinese unlawful assembly charges is continuing to-day. On the stand this morning was one of the leaders of the other side, who has already faced a charge in an earlier group.

NELSON IS SUSTAINED

Liberal Member in Slocan Retains Seat on Judicial Recount.

Advice received from Nelson city to-day state that in the recount for the constituency of Slocan, being held in that city before Judge Forin, the election of Charles F. Nelson, the Liberal candidate, is sustained over William Hunter, Bowser candidate and former member.

In the civilian vote Hunter had a majority of fourteen, and this was cut down to five by the soldier vote in Canada, which gave Nelson nine votes more than Hunter. The overseas vote was 28 for Nelson and 20 for Hunter, the majority of six overseas thus giving the former the seat by one vote.

No change was made by the recount in the civilian and Canadian vote, and it is now apparent that the Old Country ballots, which left here on Monday, have not shown any change.

COMPLICATIONS IN GORGE ROAD BY-LAW

Assessment of Central Section is Confirmed by Court of Revision To-day

Naturally the promise of some relief to the city taxpayers by way of a general plan, which has been much in the air since the tax delinquency scheme had been broached, occupied the stage at the court of revision on a local improvement held this morning.

The session was robbed of its chief interest by the litigation concerning Pandora avenue, and pending the decision of the judge with regard to the writ of prohibition, Mayor Stewart announced that that by-law would be taken up at an adjourned court in Christmas week, on December 23.

The air was thus cleared for attention again to Gorge road, between Manchester road and Carroll street, a case which has been before the court three times this year.

The court at its last meeting had directed the city engineer to make a report on certain difficulties raised at that session. In this report, which was read, it was stated that the adjustment of frontage affected by the Barnsley bridge construction on the Barnsley property had been provided for in the former assessment roll before the court in March, but such assessment had been declared invalid by another court as not being in accordance with the original schedule attached to the official report under which the works were done.

With regard to the lateral connection, less had been put in than allowed for in the original plan, and no water services on the land affected by the bridge construction.

Ex-Judge Harrison, on behalf of Miss Parshale, an owner, and James Forman for J. Barnsley, the owner mentioned above, addressed themselves respectively to the general principle, and the specific case of the bridge's effect on the occupation of the property.

Mr. Harrison regretted that the council having created some legal Frankenstein, allowed the monster to terrify them against doing justice. He noticed that the engineer commented on the error in the original report, and it was not like the custom of officials to admit mistakes. The assessment having made an assessment which would have done something to redeem the admitted grievance, in stepped the Frankenstein to prevent redress being given.

These courts of revision were the only avenues of relief for aggrieved ratepayers, and yet when they came to be paid, the law was used to prevent relief being given for error of appointment of the levy. "What I would like to point out to you," he said, "is that until you make the annual payments on lots approximate proportionately to the saleable value of the properties you will never be out of this mess, because the annual charges make sales impossible. Much of the city property cannot be sold now, since it has not a saleable value. You must have some scheme of annual payments to justify a transfer of property."

Alderman Tood was prepared to agree largely with the speaker, but said that it was impossible to treat the Gorge road different to other schemes, and anything that was done would have to be done as part of a general plan.

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- Child's Set, knife, fork and spoon, 25c to .90c
- Nut Cracks, each, .25c
- Nut Picks, set of 6, .20c
- Jack Knives for the boys, 25c to \$2.75
- Safety Razors, \$1.00 to \$5.00
- Liquid Veneer Spray and Sprayer for father, complete, \$1.50
- Electric Iron, "Canadian Beauty," \$3.50
- Electric Iron, "Hot Point," price cases, \$4.25
- Cream and Sugar, china, 30c, 45c and \$1.25
- Aluminum Roasters, "Wear-ever," \$4.25 and \$5.25
- Aluminum Gridirons, "Wear-ever," \$2.85
- Aluminum Steamer and Sauce Pot, \$2.20
- Aluminum Coffee Percolators, \$2.60 and \$3.50
- Cake Icing Set, 90c and \$1.50
- Pudding Bowls, 10c to .25c

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A. E. FOREMAN ON COST DATA SYSTEM

Address at Rotary Club Indicates Value of Proper Accounting

"Efficiency in Civic Work Under the Cost Data System," was the subject of an address given this afternoon before the Rotary Club by A. E. Foreman at their regular mid-week luncheon.

Mr. Foreman, who was formerly assistant city engineer, gave some of his experiences in connection with work in the city and particularly the value of the system in increasing the efficiency of the men in doing public work by day labor.

During the past three years it was shown that no less than \$5,250,000 had been spent on municipal engineering work outside of the Sooke lake water-works.

In the first place he found that in civic work there seemed to be a different standard of business ethics to that obtaining in private business.

Political influence at that time was rife. The men took advantage of this and often threatened foremen when complaint was made.

Here on inspection, Vice-President R. Marpole, of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, was in the city to-day on a periodical inspection trip.

It was the duty of the engineer at that time to alter the conditions and introduce some system to make up for the drawbacks.

Now it is possible to know by comparison the results of the different foremen who, being aware that the engineers knew their record, worked accordingly.

SERVICE CORPS FOR WOMEN ORGANIZED

Wives and Mothers of Soldiers Form Volunteer Work Society

A Voluntary Service Corps, the membership of which is to consist of wives and mothers of soldiers on active service and other women who may be considered eligible for enrollment, was formed last night at a meeting held at the I. O. O. F. rooms, 733 Fort street.

On motion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Forman for his address.

It was announced that there would be a luncheon as usual next week and that a seasonal entertainment would be provided.

Sanich Institute.—The West Saanich Women's Institute held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 12th.

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Premier's Condition.—London, Dec. 14.—The condition of Premier Lloyd George has taken a slight turn for the worse.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The note conveying the proposals for peace by the central powers, which the United States is to transmit to the entente belligerents, has arrived here.

MAKING LOANS TO ALLIED GOVERNMENT

Chancellor of Exchequer Gives Figures in Moving Vote of Credit

London, Dec. 14.—The chancellor of the exchequer, A. Bonar Law, in moving the vote of credit for £400,000,000, in the Commons to-day said that assuming the rate of expenditure was the same as at present, the vote would carry them until February 24.

In discussing the vote of credit, Mr. Bonar Law said an additional £200,000,000 would be required from Feb. 24, to which time to-day's vote is expected to suffice.

One of the immediate undertakings of the committee will be the furnishing of a room in some central place in the city where the wives of soldiers who have large families may leave their small children during Christmas week.

At the preliminary meeting Mrs. Day called attention to a letter which she had received from the wife of a soldier pointing out the difficulties of the soldier's wife left with young children and who, deprived of her husband's company and assistance, struggled with unpeppable loneliness and depression while she coped with her household duties and the care of her family.

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FRENCH ACTIVE IN VERDUN REGION

Assume Offensive and Are Advancing on Both Banks of the Meuse

Berlin, Dec. 14.—French troops took the offensive in the Verdun region this evening, says to-night's war office statement, advancing on both banks of the Meuse.

After a violent artillery bombardment French troops attempted an advance in the Argonne yesterday. They were repulsed by the Germans, the war office announces.

All along the front in Roumania the Teutonic forces are making progress, it is announced officially. All of great Wallachia, south of the railroad between Bucharest and Cernavoda now is in the hands of the Teutonic forces.

Austrian Ministry Has Resigned.—London, Dec. 14.—The Austrian government has resigned. This announcement is made in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

The emperor has accepted the resignation of the ministry and has entrusted Alexander Spitzmuller with the forming of a new cabinet.

The ministry of Dr. von Koerber, which has resigned, succeeded that of Count Karl Auerkirk, who was assassinated in Vienna October 21.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET.—Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Wheat closed 2c. for Dec. and 1c. higher for May. Oats were higher for both May and Dec.

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Who returned to-day on sick leave. He went from here with the Victoria men, who afterwards formed part of the First Contingent. He has been wounded several times. He has previously served his majesty in the Sudan and South African wars, for which he holds medals.

"Is your wife interested in everything you write?" "No. Only the cheques."

WHEAT PRICES ARE STEADY AT CLOSE

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The wheat market was inclined to be weak again owing to the absence of buyers, and during the day May wheat sold three points off the high.

Spot wheat unchanged, corn steady, unshelled and threshed, rough, Argentine harvesting is showing very bad and in parts there is no harvesting.

North and central districts are turning out poorly, while the south only averages 20 per cent of normal.

Wheat—Open High Low Close. Dec. 152 154 152 153. May 168 167 168 167.

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Metals Market.—New York, Dec. 14.—Lead, 57.67; spelter weak; spot, East St. Louis delivery, at 111. At London, lead, 230 1/2.

Prices Decline in New York.—New York, Dec. 14.—The stock market sold off sharply soon after the strong opening to-day, the decline being sequential to receipt of the news that Washington had received the full text of the German peace note.

War-shares fell 30 to 7 points and other issues of a more stable character also became heavier. Much of the selling issued from preferential quarters and was more effective because of lack of support.

Bank Clearing.—Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day were \$3,541,000, as compared with \$2,677,802 for the corresponding week last year and \$2,607,700 two years ago.

Fire Losses Heavy.—Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 14.—The worst fire in the history of Summerside yesterday did damage estimated at \$325,000, with about \$175,000 insurance spread among thirty companies.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Montreal Stocks, Sharp Decline in New York Market

Fluctuations Likely to Continue Until Political Atmosphere Clears

New York, Dec. 14.—The opening prices were strong throughout the list; but it was rumored from Washington that the allied embassies at Washington had allowed it to become known that the allied governments will make representations to Germany with a view to securing terms of peace which might form the basis for opening peace negotiations.

This had a depressing effect on prices and a sharp decline took place. U. S. Steel declined to 112, Anaconda to 85, with all the leaders off from 2 to 4 points. Until the political atmosphere is cleared the market will be subject to fluctuations. Call money at 4 per cent. Bank of England rate unchanged, 6 per cent.

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Arizona Copperfields 3. Can. Copper 34. Crown Reserve 119.

Standard Lead 114. Stewart M. & D. 39. U. S. Smelting 711 1/2.

U. S. Steel 112 1/2. Do, pref. 121 1/2. Utah Copper 117 1/2.

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YOUR CHRISTMAS WANTS Can Be Supplied Here to the Smallest Detail JAMES ADAM Particular Grocer 2 STORES 2

LIET. W. C. ELLIS Who returned to-day on sick leave. He went from here with the Victoria men, who afterwards formed part of the First Contingent.

WHEAT PRICES ARE STEADY AT CLOSE Chicago, Dec. 14.—The wheat market was inclined to be weak again owing to the absence of buyers.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY HERE

Delegation From Mainland Favorably Received by Provincial Executive

Sympathetic consideration of all plans which have for their end the development of the iron and steel industry in this province, as well as the economic expansion of the province along every line of productive enterprise, was pledged by Hon. H. C. Brewster this morning on the occasion of a visit from a delegation representing business interests on the lower mainland.

The immediate object of the deputation was to bespeak such measure of co-operation between the provincial and the federal governments and any individuals or corporations as embark upon the production of steel as will best lead to the establishment and development of the iron and steel industry on such a basis as will permit of the immense iron deposits of Vancouver Island and the province generally being utilized.

It was remarked by one member of the deputation who has attended in that capacity in the executive council chamber on many occasions that never had a body of businessmen been received in a more business-like fashion, and never had he felt that the statements of the government were so sincere and to the point as those which fell from the lips of the premier to-day.

And he is not a political supporter of the government of the day, either. Hon. Mr. Brewster repeated his definite declaration of policy as to resources required for the prosecution of the war which may be found to be in their hands. In answer to the particular prayer of the deputation he promised that the cabinet would take the matter up at once and formulate a line of action which will be in the interests of the whole province, and of the empire at large.

The premier was accompanied by Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K. C., attorney-general; Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance; Hon. John Oliver, minister of railways and agriculture; and Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands.

The members of the deputation were: Vancouver—Nicol Thompson, Norman McLean, W. A. Blair, E. A. Haggren, C. E. Cartwright and J. A. Cunningham (B. C. Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association).

New Westminster—A. J. B. Jardine. North Vancouver—Mayor Hanes, M. P., P. Ald. Duncan Foreman, A. G. Ferry, president of the board of trade; A. Phillips, G. E. Kent.

South Vancouver—Reeve Winram. Point Grey—Councillors T. W. Fletcher and Thomas Pearson.

Mayor Hanes, introducing the deputation, stated briefly the object of its visit and the municipalities and organizations represented.

Nicol Thompson read a memorandum embodying the views of the deputation, prefacing it with the remark that the deputation did not endorse any particular corporation, but it believed the time had come to take energetic steps to encourage the establishment of iron and steel industries.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the fact that there are no blast furnaces in the province, and few on the coast. An industry in this province would have practically the whole Pacific coast for a market, with opportunities for an export trade to China and Japan.

The coast market had been estimated by competent authorities at 200,000 tons annually, and if the manufacture of

pipings, railway steel and shipbuilding steel was to be undertaken there would be a market of over two million tons a year. British Columbia had the ore, flux, transportation facilities and other advantages which would enable it easily to compete with the eastern and lake steel plants.

Tool steel of a high grade, he was informed, could be produced from British Columbia magnetic ore at \$2 a ton cheaper than from Norway ores. This province contained the iron deposits which must constitute the empire's store of iron in the future, the deposits of other countries having an appreciable life. These must be conserved by co-operation of the federal and provincial governments with the operators, whereby the province's resources of coal and iron could be manufactured within the empire.

The deputation asked that encouragement should be given to anyone who would, on a business basis, establish the industry, whether by a guarantee of bonds or a bonus on the product would be for the government to decide.

E. A. Haggren, representing the Vancouver Board of Trade and the Chamber of Mines, declared the establishment of the industry to be perfectly feasible. The Lake Superior Steel Corporation had found it so, and if it were not for the Balkan situation interfering with financial arrangements a plant would have been in operation by this time (either at Union Bay or in the vicinity of Vancouver).

The failure of the steel industry to get a footing, Mr. Haggren asserted, had been largely due to the pessimistic view taken by the department of mines here, entirely due to the provincial mineralogist. To himself personally and to others that official had stated that the industry was impossible, on account of the high price of coke compared with Pennsylvania, but the statements of engineers should completely disabuse the minds of the government of that. By modern processes coke could be produced of a quality and at prices suited to the industry.

Mr. Haggren pointed to the fact that in many constituencies there were iron deposits, and that the development of these would benefit the whole province. He suggested that the services of engineering and mining experts of the University of British Columbia might be availed of by the government in research work, and so the province at large, as well as students, derive benefit from the large outlay on that institution.

C. E. Cartwright spoke on the transportation and other advantages which a plant on this coast would have, and which would enable it to compete with any in the world.

Norman McLean suggested the formation of a permanent committee, on which might be representatives of labor and capital, to work here and assist in making representations to Ottawa. Mr. McLean urged strongly that the province do not allow the steel works which would be established, if all put their shoulders to the wheel, to come under the control of any aliens, whether alien enemies or not. The province might expect bitter and perhaps unscrupulous opposition from certain sources and should guard against this.

J. A. Cunningham stated that if British Columbia had had the mills during the last two years it would have meant fifty millions to the province in orders for ammunition. He declared the development of the steel industry to be worth more than all the railway construction of the last twenty years. We had been putting the cart before the horse; transportation would come when the freight for transport offered; the development of industries was all-important, and in whatever it did the government could be satisfied it would have the people behind it.

President Perry, who also spoke for Reeve Bridgman, of North Vancouver

district; Reeve Dinnam and Ald. Jardine all supported the establishment of industries.

Hon. Mr. Oliver asked if the deputation knew what proportion of the iron deposits were in American hands. Mr. Thompson replied that there was no American control of deposits to any extent except on Texada Island. The best properties in the province were not yet staked.

The premier expressed his appreciation of the attendance of such a large deputation and its opportuneness at this time. He regretted that the minister of mines was out of town, but assured the deputation that Hon. Mr. Sloan is keenly alive to the development of the mining industry in this province. This visit was also particularly opportune in that Sir Robert Borden would be here on Saturday, and this matter would be taken up with him along with other subjects which the government considered of importance to the province, the Dominion and the empire at large.

On the point of alien control of British Columbia minerals the premier remarked that while there were many Americans who were strongly pro-British, there were others who were at this time not sympathetic to the allied cause. The question of molybdenite had been mentioned and the fact that some officials of the provincial mines department rather threw cold water on the idea that we have any deposits of this valuable mineral. Their statements that we had no molybdenite have been disproved, but there looked like retarding interests somewhere which did not wish our deposits to be utilized for imperial purposes.

"That being proven," said the premier, "we will take such steps as will be drastic enough to see that this mineral and any others that are of use to the empire are made available for the empire at the present, or else we will get out of the way and allow the munitions board to act." (Applause.)

Mr. Brewster reminded the deputation that the province is down to bed-rock; that it has to get out and work the same as its citizens have to do in times of financial stress. The government desired to promote production all along the line, and to make the immense natural resources which were British Columbia's yield the wealth which lay innate in them. It was the duty as well as the intention of the government to work out the best methods of attaining this end. The province had natural resources out in the back-yard, as one of the speakers had said, and there was no doubt that in the province were the brains and business acumen needed to take advantage of these.

The progress of metallurgical science was such that to-day ores which were of too low quality to be profitably treated formerly could be made to yield commercial products. At one time only hematite ore—and it was pleasing to know that this province had large deposits of it—could be utilized for the making of steel, but it was not now absolutely necessary to have it to make good steel. We had good coking coal, and if there was a market for coke afforded it would aid the coal-mining industry.

It was asserted by metallurgical chemists that nowadays there was more in the by-products which could be taken out of coal and other resources than out of the principals. These were all matters which should and would have the sympathetic consideration of the government.

"The suggestion of your support comes to the government very acceptably at this time," said the premier in conclusion. "We have to face the problems of the province on behalf of the people, and we are anxious to have the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the people in a sensible programme of increased production."

The aim at the development of our own industries for the benefit of our own people and the benefit of the nation and the empire. We want to see the time when we shall have exports of the things we now have to import. I can assure you that in this matter some line of policy will be adopted as quickly as possible.

The thanks of the deputation were conveyed to the premier and his colleagues by Mr. Thompson.

ESQUIMALT RECOUNT

Not One-Fifth of Registered Voters Overseas Got Chance to Vote.

Some interesting figures are available as a result of the recount of the ballots cast in England and at the front for the Esquimalt candidates.

It is shown by a comparison of the records that only one-fifth of the soldier voters from that constituency who were in the Old Country or France at the time of the election had an opportunity to exercise the franchise, and that the total number of men who voted there as from Esquimalt was only one-third of the registered vote from the constituency then over there.

It is known that there are 369 soldiers who are on the Esquimalt voters' lists in England and France during the elections. Of these the names of 75 appear upon the poll-book returned from the agent-general's office. There also voted as from Esquimalt 53 other soldiers whose names are not on the voters' lists and who were enfranchised by the Military Forces Voting Act.

Of this total of 128 votes recorded in the poll-book as having been cast there were two ballots spoiled, and the other 126 were found to be marked, 81 for Pooley and 45 for McCurdy.

In yesterday's recount the county court judge declared R. H. Pooley elected by a majority of two, the total vote, as he found it, being 655 for him and 653 for A. W. McCurdy.

Liberals Elect Officers.—At a well-attended and representative meeting of Liberals of Ladysmith held last evening the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, Premier Brewster; president, James Strang; vice-president, W. W. Walkem; 2nd vice-president, E. G. Pannell; secretary, David Gourlay; treasurer, George Cavin.

J. N. HARVEY'S BIG CLOTHING SALE ENDS SATURDAY. Look through your wardrobe, make a note of the goods you need for present wear and also for the near future. The savings are genuine, and many of them cannot be replaced. Act quickly. Sale ends Saturday.

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TRU-KNIT. Tru-Knit Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, soft and warm. Per suit \$1.70. White Ribbed Shirts and Drawers. Sale Price, per garment \$1.00. Fleeced-Lined Shirts and Drawers. Sale Price, per garment \$1.55. Stanfield's Shirts and Drawers. Stanfield's Shirts and Drawers, natural color. Our special, per garment \$1.00.

Borsalino and French Hats. Borsalino and French Hats, guaranteed colors. Values to \$5.00. Sale Price \$3.25. Men's Soft Felts, values to \$3.00. Sale Price only \$1.00. Men's Soft Felts, reg. \$2.00 and \$3.50. Sale Price \$1.95. Men's Stiff Hats, reg. to \$3.50. Sale \$2.65.

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THE RED CROSS PANTOMIME PUSS IN BOOTS. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Evenings. December 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and Saturday Matinee in Christmas Week. A SOUVENIR PROGRAMME. Will be published on Saturday containing a full cast of the performers, a synopsis of the play, and a NEWLY WRITTEN FAIRY TALE. By Superfluties. This book will be printed in colors and should be in every Christmas stocking. PRICE 10 CENTS. ON SALE EVERYWHERE. HUNDREDS OF GOOD SEATS. Can still be booked for any of the performances. Price 25c, 50c and 75c. BOOKING OFFICE, SUPERFLUTIES SHOP, BELMONT HOUSE. Open 10 to 5. Telephone 4123 and Seats will be retained.

Executive committee, D. J. Thomas, P. Malone, W. G. Fraser, J. McDonald, Chas. W. Walters, P. Burke, P. D. Comley, James King, George Hillier, W. E. Aberdeen, William Ward and J. A. Knight. On regular motion, it was unanimously adopted that a resolution expressing the confidence and

support of this association in the present government, be forwarded to the premier. An expression of confidence and support in the member of Newcastle was passed.

"Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product."

FIVE MEN ARRIVE. Lieuts. Ellis and MacCraig and Ptes. Saunders Rankin and Pierson Back. The following returned soldiers were on the afternoon boat from Vancouver to-day. There was an unusually large turn-out of citizens to see the men disembark, and very hearty cheering welcomed them as they came out to Belleville street: Lt. W. Ellis, Lt. R. Maccaulig, Pte. V. Saunders, Pte. D. Rankin, and Pte. J. Pierson.

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Port Wine, \$1.00, 75c	50¢
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French Brandy, \$2.75 to	\$1.35
Scotch Whisky, \$2.00 to	\$1.25
Rye Whisky, \$1.50 to	85¢
Lager Beer, dozen, 75c and	\$1.50

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In our yards, lot of Leghorns, Wyandottes, R. I. Reds and other Pullets, Hens, 8 Cockerels, 1 Mare sent down from Ganges Harbor, also

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To-morrow and Saturday

Dec. 15, 16
At 2 o'clock both days the whole of the

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as per list in last Saturday and Sunday's papers.

The order of selling will be as follows:
To-morrow (Dec. 15) — Drawing Room, Hall, Study, 2 Ground Floor Bedrooms, Stairs and Landings.
Saturday, Dec. 16th — Upstairs Bedrooms, Sewing Room, Household Linen and remainder of goods.

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Arrangements for Sir Robert Borden's Meeting in Royal Victoria

Arrangements are being made for the patriotic meeting in the Royal Victoria theatre on Saturday evening, which is to be addressed by the premier of Canada, Sir Robert Borden, on the utilization of the man-power of the Dominion.

Mayor Stewart will preside and the speakers of the evening will include Premier Brewster and R. B. Bennett, M.P., Calgary, chairman of the national service board.

On the stage and in the boxes and loges, which will be reserved and to which admission will be by card of invitation, there will be a number of prominent citizens. The remainder of the theatre will be open to the public.

Those to whom invitations are being sent are the members of the provincial executive, local members of parliament and legislature, members of the city council, members of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, the board of trade, the trades and labor council, Red Cross Society, Daughters of the Empire, Women's Canadian Club, Canadian Club, and other public or semi-public organizations, clergymen and the press.

The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock. There will be a short programme of patriotic selections.

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Sheriff's Sale

Under and by virtue of a warrant of execution issued out of the county court of Victoria and to me directed against the goods and chattels of E. Henderson, Victoria, B. C. I have seized and taken possession of the well bred mare "Warwick Lily," broke to saddle and harness, one rubber tire buggy and harness, English riding saddles, ladies' side-saddles, bridles, stirrups, bits, Columbia graphophone, cabinet and 42 records, chairs, oil heater, rockers, etc., and will offer the same for sale at public auction on the premises, 761 Fort Street on Saturday next, December 16, at 10.30 a. m. Terms of sale cash.

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December 13, 1916.

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- Men's Leather Everett, chocolate or black, with flexible leather sole, all sizes, per pair\$2.00
- Men's Leather Opera and Everett, black or brown kid, per pair\$2.75
- Men's Romeo Slipper, elastic side, flexible heavy sole, in brown or black, per pair\$3.00



Women's Felt Juliet, with fur trimming, leather sole and heel, all sizes, per pair. \$1.50

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PROPER VENTILATION NEEDED IN SCHOOLS

Report From School Health Officer is Filed With Board; Other Matters

The report on the heating and ventilation of the city schools, which was before the city school board last evening, after several weeks of consideration by the school health officer, did not prove to be very revolutionary.

Dr. H. J. Wasson submitted with the report annexed tables, showing the cubic contents of each class room, the number of cubic feet per pupil, and cost of heating per pupil. Dr. Wasson said he had come to the conclusion that "There is no school in Victoria which cannot be maintained satisfactorily under ordinary weather conditions and to do this, it is only necessary to keep an even heat in the furnace, and not a big fire that is allowed to go cold."

Dr. Wasson dealt with the desirability for occasional opening of windows, and also with overcrowding. In the latter connection he said: "Some of the classrooms are overcrowded. At least 20 cubic feet of air per pupil should be allowed, otherwise ventilation is liable to be unsatisfactory. A temperature of 62 to 65 degrees is most suitable, and the best when the tax-payers' costs were considered, the amount would be small."

Trustee Dr. Hall thought it would show the city board was not anxious to exhibit any animosity, and that it was not intending to force fees on those going to the school.

The matter was agreed to without further comment.

THREE LICENSES WILL HAVE CONSIDERATION

All Others Are Renewed by Commissioners at Yesterday's Session

The quarterly meeting of the city license commission, held yesterday afternoon, quickly disposed of the agenda, leaving only three licenses for consideration the question of three licenses, which will require attention on account of complaints as to the conduct of their holders.

R. C. Lowe appeared in connection with the Panama hotel transfer application, as there has been a conviction for selling after hours since the last session. He addressed himself to the conviction, stating that the licensee, Sidney Mitchell, had dismissed the man who sold the liquor in his premises after hours on a Saturday night. The licensee, owing to sickness, had been unable to give personal attention, but having recovered, he was now in a position to supervise it better.

The mayor—I am prepared to cancel the license.

City Prosecutor Harrison—Before your worship takes that course you should have a certificate of the conviction, and proof that the person against whom the conviction is entered is the same person as the one before you.

The mayor—I have no hesitation in saying that the Panama is causing trouble all along. I have no sympathy with them at all. I have done all I could to advise the licensees to obey the law. They have made all kinds of promises, which are not carried out.

Mr. Lowe pointed out that in the period covered by his worship's re-

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- Baby Booties, from \$1.75 to\$2.50
- Dollies, 6, 8, 10 and 12 ins., from 50¢ to\$1.50
- Centres, 18 to 22 ins., from \$2.50 to\$5.00
- Tray Cloths, from \$2.50 to\$8.00
- Runners, from\$4.50 to\$10.00

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- Long Kimonos, made of silk and satin, in plain and Paisley designs. Regular value \$11.50 to \$16.50. Special at\$5.00
- Dressing Sacques, made of wash silk in pretty floral patterns. These come with loose front, shirred back and ribbon girdle. Regular value \$4.99. Special at\$2.25
- Dressing Sacques, made of white lawn with large collar and cuffs of all-over embroidery; front finished with knife pleating. Regular value \$1.75. Special at\$1.00

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