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BLOCKING OF PORTS OVERSHADOWING ALL ELSE FOR MR. WILSON

Hundreds of Telegrams Pour in on Washington Urging Government to Take Steps to Relieve Intolerable Situation Caused by Submarine Campaign Being Carried on by Germany

Washington, Feb. 17.—What has virtually become a blockade of the Atlantic ports of the United States by Germany's ruthless submarine campaign was regarded by officials to-day as overshadowing the collateral issues of the situation.

That President Wilson soon will go before Congress to announce steps to relieve the situation was the generally accepted view, but no time has been set for his action, and there was no intimation of how soon it will be taken.

The effect on the country's shipping situation was reflected in the receipt of hundreds of telegrams by government officials to-day urging that something be done to relieve the congestion.

Officials recognize that the holding of the majority of American and other ships in port fast is becoming intolerable. The piling up of freight on the railroads, while believed to be largely due to weather and other conditions, nevertheless is looked upon as in part the result of the inability of exporters to clear American ports of freight.

Means of protecting American ships against the German submarines still are under consideration. Many officials believe the President has the power to direct the Navy Department to furnish these vessels with guns and gun crews. Nevertheless the possibility that a clash with Germany might result is expected to cause the President to go before Congress before taking such a step.

From Several Angles.
Washington, Feb. 17.—The Government to-day considered the problem of a tie-up of ships in American ports by the German submarine danger from several angles. While the President and the Navy Department pondered the arming of merchantmen, Secretary McAdoo was preparing a list of vessels held in ports and Secretary Redfield was at work on a comprehensive analysis of the damage submarines are causing to shipping generally.

Great Britain's proclamation of a new mined area in the North Sea to restrict the movement of German submarines to and from their home ports and the plans to make Halifax instead of Kirkwall a port of search for trans-Atlantic shipping between the United States and Northern Europe neutrals were expected to provide some relief from the general shipping congestion.

VOTE NEXT SATURDAY IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Contest for Legislature in Every Constituency in the Province

St. John, N. B., Feb. 17.—Liberal candidates having been chosen in Queen's County at a convention yesterday afternoon, the line-up for the battle of the ballots in the Provincial election next Saturday is complete. This is nomination day, and it finds no seats out of the forty-eight going by acclamation.

So far the contest has not been very keen, but it is warming up as the last week is entered upon.

The Liberal campaigners are pointing out that the Government party is simply the same old one whose leader, Hon. J. K. Flemming, was compelled to retire from the premiership and two of whose followers in the House also retired, and they charge that the administration has been marked by wholesale graft and that the real issue is the question of honor in public life. The opposition is pledged to take the crown lands and roads out of politics and to enforce and strengthen, if necessary, the Prohibition Act. The Liberal platform also includes progressive planks relating to the election law, agriculture, education and immigration.

The Tory speakers, led by Hon. James A. Murray, who but recently became Premier, are using the new liquor prohibition law, which was put on the statute books to be in effect May 1, as campaign material, promising also a new road policy. They also are putting forward a plan for settling returned soldiers on the land.

ROUMANIAN FRONT.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Fighting has been resumed on the Roumanian front, the War Office announced to-day in the following statement:
"On the heights north of the Otuz valley engagements were begun at dawn this morning."

BERLIN WOULD PUT ONUS ON STATES

Both Governments Realize Impossibility of Averting War, Says Correspondent

WILSON TRYING TO KEEP THE BRAKES ON

Intimate Friends of His Say His Mind is Made Up

New York, Feb. 17.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune writes:

For the moment the United States and Germany appear to be almost united in object. As long as Kaiser Wilhelm insists on the prosecution of the sea terrorism which he has declared, both governments realize the eventual impossibility of averting war. At the same time both are indicating an anxiety to extend as much as possible the twilight zone between peace and war.

Germany's Purpose.
It must be understood—and the highest officials of the American Government do understand—that Germany, convinced that an outbreak of hostilities is only a question of time, now is actuated by the single purpose of throwing upon the United States the onus of a declaration of war.

It is agreed here that the situation has not altered greatly in four days. Only two questions were debated at the cabinet meeting yesterday, and Mr. Wilson's official advisers left the White House with much the same differences of opinion as when they left it on Tuesday.

The two questions discussed were the arming of American ships and this country's relations with Austria. The President and cabinet members reached no conclusion on either question.

Mind Made Up.
This does not mean, however, that the American Government is without a policy. As a matter of fact, intimates of the President say the mind of the administration is firmly made up and the future course of the United States is definitely outlined. It is a course that will lead straight to war unless Germany should withdraw the declaration of hostilities and renew the Sussex pledges.

The break with Austria will be postponed as long as possible. The chief reason for this is the situation of the thousands of Americans who, as far as this Government knows, are at the mercy of the Turks and Bulgarians. When the break comes with Austria, severance of diplomatic relations with Turkey and Bulgaria will be announced at the same time. There is hardly any doubt that a break with all three powers is coming quickly.

The hesitation in supplying guns for American merchantmen now lying idly at their docks while export freight is piling mountain high in all the seaboard cities, is due to the desire not to hasten the overt act which will mean war. It is on this question of time that the members of the cabinet have a difference of opinion.

Keeping Brakes On.
Despite the constantly rising murmur from the pacifist middle west, because American ships are being held in port by German terrorism, the administration is inclined to keep on all the brakes which it can control. A comparison was made to-day in Government circles between the situation now confronting President Wilson and that which confronted President McKinley in 1898. The battleship Maine was blown on Feb. 15, nineteen years ago. It was two months before Congress declared war.

BRITISH NAVY TO HAVE 400,000 MEN

London, Feb. 17.—A force of 400,000 men is required for the British navy, according to the naval estimates for the coming fiscal year, which provide for that number.

ARMY OF HOLLAND WILL HAVE "TANKS"; SOLDIERS SKATE

The Hague, Feb. 17.—Holland continues to improve and modernize her defenses. Among other ultra modern war machines which soon will be received here are several "tanks." Two frameworks for these machines have just arrived from the United States. They are equipped with four-cylinder motors of the most powerful type. The army construction works will equip them with armor.

On the fact that the canals were frozen over last week, motor sledges have been on trial, and the troops have been exercising on long "hikes" on skates.

DIRECTED RAISING OF GREAT WAR LOAN; RT. HON. A. BONAR LAW



BERLIN'S PROPOSALS TO UNITED STATES

Washington Not Much Inter- ested in Plan for Revision of Treaty

GERMANS WISH TO SAVE MERCHANTMEN

Washington, Feb. 17.—The full text of the explanatory and supplemental clauses proposed by Germany as a protocol to the Prussian-American Treaty were made public to-day by the State Department.

Briefly, the protocol would amplify the treaty so as to place Germans in this country and Americans in Germany in case of war on exactly the same footing as to all property rights and freedom from detention in concentration camps and sequestration of property that are applicable to other neutrals. Nationals of either country might remain fully undisturbed in the other country as long as they pleased and not for the nine-month period provided in the treaty.

Merchant ships of either nation might not be seized or driven to sea unless under a safe conduct to their home ports through all possible enemies, and their captains and crew might not be made prisoners.

Broken by Germany.
Officials here have pointed out that while Germany's violation of several provisions of the treaty may be taken by this country to have vitiated the convention, the United States still will continue to live up to its spirit. Two promises already have guaranteed that German ships or private German property will not, even in case of war, be seized and used by this Government.

Little interest is shown by the State Department officials in the German proposal. There is no intention that any immediate action will be taken. Whether the new document constitutes in effect a new treaty subject to ratification by the State or whether it is a mere explanatory protocol is one of the points at issue. It is shown to have new provisions or to modify the sense of earlier document, the approval of the Senate would be essential.

RECOGNIZE DANGER OF VACILLATION

American Officials Would Steady Course but Germany is Interfering

Washington, Feb. 17.—The administration recognizes the danger of representing this Government to the people of the United States as inclined first to blow hot and then blow cold toward Germany. That danger is accelerated by the apparently deliberate purpose of Germany to tighten the tension and then let it down.

There has been a series of incidents to demonstrate this purpose. Mr. Gerard was held for a few days, virtually a prisoner. Then he was permitted to depart. There is the incident of the Yarrowdale prisoners. Some 66 former American consuls in Germany have been held up in their exit from Germany. Now the report comes that they are being permitted to depart. The American Relief Commission was ordered to leave Belgium at once. Now comes the news that that order has been suspended.

GERMAN RAILWAYS IN VERY BAD SHAPE

Rolling Stock Has Deteriorated; Problem is a Formid- able One

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IS EVEN WORSE OFF

Associated Press Correspondent in Berne From Berlin Describes Conditions

Berne, Feb. 17.—(By a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Although the most serious of the great problems which to-day occupy the attention of the German leaders is the food question, of almost equal importance is the situation presented by a thousand difficulties. Until the present winter the difficulties were felt but little and were not recognized generally as constituting a major problem until the shortage of food became more acute by reason of the lack of rolling stock, the depreciation of freight cars and the sudden cold spell which froze the rivers and canals.

Surplus Gone.
At the beginning of the war Germany had a surplus of railway cars, freight cars and locomotives, which had been provided expressly against such an emergency. In consequence, the first two years of the war the supply was adequate. The conquest of Belgium resulted in the capture of a comparatively large number of Belgian freight cars which to-day may be seen everywhere in Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Austria-Hungary, Serbia and even Roumania. The factories in which rolling stock ordinarily is produced and repaired, however, are needed urgently at present for other purposes. Moreover the shortage of oils has made it impossible to keep the cars in proper condition. Such few cars as were captured in Russia have been found unavailable because they are of broader gauge. The German surplus, deteriorating from month to month, has gradually come to pieces. Shortly before the correspondent left Berlin it was described by an unusually outspoken German railway official as "miserable."

Passenger Service.
From time to time passenger service in all parts of Germany has been reduced until at the present time the trains, which at this season are cold to the freezing point, are terribly overcrowded, frequently late and seldom complete even short journeys without at least one hot box. From the beginning of the war the Government has proceeded on the basis that the troops must be supplied with all kinds of necessities at the expense of everything else, and the magnificent German track system is loaded down constantly with trains carrying troops, supplies and ammunition. Not only is it impossible for civilians behind the front to travel without difficulty, but food supplies often are jeopardized.

Rivers Froze Over.
The problem has been increased by the necessity of shifting troops frequently between the western and eastern fronts to counteract offensive movements of the allies. Beginning with last fall the canals and rivers had come to be used more and more for the transportation of foodstuffs, partly because boats have a longer life than cars. Then came the cold, which froze everything but the larger rivers and even stopped transportation on the Rhine for a time. Every city in Germany had long felt the pinch from the lack of horses, automobiles and other means of short haul transportation. This, in connection with the stoppage of water traffic and the great reduction in the number of trains, has brought trying need to the larger cities. Centres like Berlin have not had even their scant allowance of potatoes, flour and other commodities. The arrival of spring and warmer weather will help the situation, but not greatly, because it will merely make water transportation again possible. Thorough-going repairs for the re-establishment of the railroad equipment would be possible only by cutting down the output of ammunition from factories that in peace times were car shops but were reorganized for war purposes.

Austria-Hungary.
All that applies to Germany is doubly true of Austria, and especially of Hungary, where the gradually increasing shortage of cars and depreciation of rolling stock in general are added to the difficulties imposed by the tremendous stretches that are single-tracked, as for instance, from points only a short distance from Budapest all the way to Transylvania. Whereas the Germans in the early days of the war had men and materials to reconstruct hundreds of miles of broad-gauge tracks in Russia, the press of double-tracking lines of communication is increasingly difficult. Austria-Hungary, which is less ready than Germany to resort to stringent measures, refuses for the time being to consider the

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RECORDS SHATTERED BY FLOOD OF GOLD FOR VICTORY LOAN

Estimates Place Total Given to British Government for War Purposes at About \$5,000,000,000; Machinery for Dealing With Applications Tested to Utmost Capacity at Last Hour

London, Feb. 17.—In financial circles much enthusiasm reigns over the success of the war loan. The financial editor of the Times says the stock exchange is talking confidently of a thousand millions new money from the loan. Undoubtedly the figures will be beyond all precedents. The feature of the subscriptions in many country districts has been the quantity of gold brought to the banks and post offices by workmen and women.

In Enfield, the busy munitions area, £7,000 in gold was paid in small amounts for stock certificates during the week. Among yesterday's subscriptions were £1,000,000 from Lord Nicheldam, £850,000 from the Rio Tinto Company, £150,000 from the Kodak Company and £50,000 from the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

A gratifying feature of the loan was the extent to which County Dublin farmers subscribed. For the most part it was new money in hard cash.

The Chronicle's city editor says it is safe to say that the amount subscribed greatly exceeds the expectations formed when the loan was first launched. The estimates vary considerably, but all the authorities place the minimum of new money subscribed at £700,000,000, inclusive of the conversion of treasury bills.

About £1,000,000,000.
The maximum mentioned in the city was as high as £1,500,000,000. It would surprise no one should the figure turn out to be from £800,000,000 to £1,000,000,000 (nearly \$5,000,000,000), representing virtually new money.

The enthusiasm on the Stock Exchange was great. When business closed yesterday a cheer arose that grew in volume as it rolled through the various markets. The loan is spoken of as the greatest financial triumph in the world's history.

Machinery Strained.
Reports yesterday from the big cities told of exciting scenes at the banks when the eleventh hour subscribers to the "victory loan" tested to the utmost capacity the machinery for dealing with applications.

The citizens of Glasgow hold the record for subscriptions, with a total of £100,000,000. The queue outside the Glasgow Savings Bank was so long yesterday morning that the applicants had to be admitted in groups.

Snowed Under.
The city editor of the Daily News had to confess on Thursday that the leading banks in the city had been snowed under by the applications for the loan, and it was no exaggeration to say that the huge response of the public exceeds all expectations.

A notable feature was the large number of subscriptions paid in full. The demands on the banks in connection with the loan outstripped all precautions taken to prevent undue disturbance of the money market and caused inconvenience simply from their magnitude.

FRENCH DESTROYED A GERMAN SALIENT

Successful Attack at Ammer- zweiler, Alsace; Artillery Duel in Champagne

Paris, Feb. 17.—An artillery duel in the sector of Maisons de Champagne was reported by the War Office this afternoon. French troops made a successful attack at Ammerzweiler. An appreciable loss was inflicted on the Germans, the statement says.

The text of the report follows:
"There was active artillery fire in the sector of Maisons de Champagne. In the region of Eparges a German surprise attack was broken up."

"After a bombardment late yesterday one of our detachments penetrated the German salient at Ammerzweiler (Alsace) and completely destroyed it."
"On January 23 Captain Doumer brought down his fifth German aeroplane. Yesterday one of our pilots destroyed a captive German balloon."

AN AERODROME AND BRUGES HARBOR WERE BOMBED BY BRITISH

London, Feb. 17.—"Some of our naval aeroplanes dropped heavy bombs with good results on the Ghistel aerodrome on Friday," says an official announcement to-day. "At the same time Bruges harbor and shipping again were attacked. Bombs were observed exploding on objectives."

STORY WAS UNTRUE.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—It took a private detective just seven minutes to-day to decide that Fred J. Farrell was not telling the truth when he surrendered to the police here and declared he had seen Bernard Lewis slay Maule Colbert, an artist's model, in Philadelphia, on Dec. 23. Farrell, who is a soldier, will be turned over to the military authorities.

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TWENTY-ONE SHIPS REACHED NEW YORK

Yesterday's Arrivals Will Assist in Relieving the Congestion There

New York, Feb. 17.—Owners and agents of ships declared to-day they were ready to do their part in relieving the railroad freight congestion. They predicted that exporters would have no cause for complaint that they could not find vessels to carry their goods—at least no greater cause than existed before the declaration of the new German submarine campaign.

Railroad men were inclined to agree that the new German submarine campaign played only a small part in the freight situation. The most important factor in the situation, they said, was the weather, which had been the worst in many years.

Twenty-one merchant ships arriving yesterday promised greater cargo space than the port of New York has enjoyed for some time. Fourteen of these came through the war zone.

War risk insurance to-day showed a slight reduction from the high rates prevailing since the beginning of the new submarine campaign. Quotations that had been invariably 10 per cent. for trans-Atlantic voyages now range from 8 to 9 per cent. Rates to the Mediterranean are 11 to 12 per cent.

Opinion in shipping circles is that the cut in insurance is due to the protection offered shipping by entente convoys and patrols within the war zone and to the heavy weather, which has decreased the effectiveness of U-boats.

PALMER DECLARES STATES WILL FIGHT

Entente Will Win, Famous War Correspondent States at Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—"The allies will win. The United States will not be frightened any more, and she will strike Germany with all the might of her one hundred million population and vast resources."

These statements were the keynote of an address by Frederick Palmer, the noted American war correspondent, here last night.

One of the greatest mistakes Germany had made was to believe that "no American could be made to fight." He predicted that if the United States should go to war the interned German liners soon would be carrying men, munitions and guns across to France, conveyed by American destroyers.

He pointed to a number of ways in which the States could help, and with vigor declared:

"Then we will stop making luxuries; we will make war supplies and strike the Germans at every point possible. And the German-Americans will be behind the flag of the United States to man."

He briefly reviewed the trend of the war from the outbreak down to the Somme offensive, recalling the day before the great offensive, when the chief entente intelligence officer told the war correspondents just what was going to happen. He pointed out that the offensive was not meant to break the German line.

"Soon, however," said Mr. Palmer, "the line will be broken. The Russians and the Italians will stay great offensives; the British will break through on the west, and the Germans will be forced to shorten their lines. The allies can win on the western front. Hindenburg has sidestepped the western front all along, but he can not evade the issue any longer."

"This summer will tell, and when the allies do make their next big strike it will be of such dimensions that the shell fire of last year will appear to be but a little spray."

MINEFIELDS EXTENDED BY BRITISH NAVY

Greater Area of North Sea Made Dangerous; Notice Given

Washington, Feb. 17.—Notice of a dangerous area established in the North Sea, because of operations against Germany has been given by the British Admiralty. A copy of this notice, dated February 13, has been received at the State Department. It warns shipping that after February 7 a prescribed area, including all waters off Germany and parts of Holland and Denmark, will be dangerous and should be avoided. The notice says:

"In view of the unrestricted warfare carried on by Germany at sea with German mines and submarines, not only against the Allied Powers, but also against neutral shipping, and the fact that merchant ships are constantly sunk without regard to the ultimate safety of their crews, His Majesty's Government gives notice that on and after the 7th of February, 1917, the undermentioned area in the North Sea will be rendered dangerous to all shipping by operations against the enemy, and it should therefore be avoided."

The notice, which replaces one issued January 25, bounds the area as follows:

Dangerous zone: The area comprising all the water except Netherlands and Danish territorial waters lying to the southwest and eastward of a line commencing four miles from the coast of Jutland in latitude 56 degrees north, longitude 8 degrees east, and passing through the following positions:

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ANOTHER RAID BY BRITISH NEAR SOUCHEZ

London, Feb. 17.—The following official report was issued last night:

"We entered German positions south-east of Souchez during the night and captured eleven prisoners. An enemy party that reached our lines north-east of Arras early this morning was driven out last night."

"The enemy's artillery has displayed great activity in the neighborhood of Saillies (Somme). There was considerable activity by both sides near Morval."

"Yesterday one British aeroplane and three German aeroplanes, one of which fell on our side of the line, were brought down in aerial fights. Five other enemy machines were driven down damaged; while another German aeroplane was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns. Four other British machines are missing."

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The following official statement was given out last evening:

"In the Champagne, south of Ripont, an attack was executed by our infantry with foresight and energy to a full success."

"On the Maisons de Champagne farm road Hill 185 four hostile lines on a width of 4,000 metres were stormed to a depth of 800 metres. Twenty-one officers and 837 men of other ranks were made prisoner. Twenty machine guns and one mine thrower were brought in as booty. Our losses were small."

"The French increased their own losses by useless counter-attacks, which they carried on in the evening and this morning against the position taken from them."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. C. Kruger, High River, Alta.; Pte. J. Johnson, England; Pte. J. Crandell, Sapperton, B. C.; Pte. J. Gilholme, Winnipeg; Pte. H. Hensleigh, Canwood, Sask.; Sergt. W. Auger, England.

Previously reported missing; now reported killed in action—Pte. A. Pinchbeck, Edmonton; Sgt. D. Campbell, Scotland; Pte. M. Peddie, Medicine Hat; Pte. C. Dibble, England; Pte. J. Wilson, Toronto.

Previously reported missing and believed killed; now killed in action—Pte. J. Rennie, Tindell, Man.; Pte. H. Stevens, Edmonton; Pte. E. McDonald, England.

Died—Pte. J. Manson, Scotland; Cpl. A. Hamilton, Scotland; Pte. J. McMan, Nanaimo; Pte. R. Taylor, Ottawa; Pte. L. Squire, Williamstown, Ont.; Pte. W. Auser, England; Pte. J. Bryon, Toronto; Pte. M. Hill, Regina; Cpl. A. Perry, England; Pte. W. Holroyd, Kerney, N. S.; Pte. H. Gold, Edmonton; Pte. R. Watson, England.

Died of wounds—Pte. S. Clark, Renfrew, Ont.; Pte. A. Burke, Westmouth, N. S.; Pte. J. Cooke, Toronto; Pte. R. Robertson, Sydney, N. S.

Previously reported missing; now believed killed—Pte. Thos. Spoor, England; Sgt. W. Templeton, Scotland; Sgt. C. Pinney, March, Ont.; Pte. W. Anderson, Toronto.

Previously reported missing; now presumed to have died—Pte. S. Clarke, Stratford; Pte. F. Wood, Brandon, Man.; Pte. C. Darley, Ireland; Pte. A. Robertson, Dartmouth, N. S.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. Baker, England; Pte. H. Cote, Kingston; Pte. M. Stuarth, Vegreville, Alta.; Pte. J. Johnston, Winnipeg; Pte. H. Ager, Summersland, B. C.; Pte. J. Langhill, Pictou, N. S.; Pte. M. Sultzer, Paisley, Ont.; Pte. G. Ballas, Greece; Pte. D. Byers, Ireland; Pte. D. McCall, Saskatchewan; Pte. T. Tucey, Ireland; Pte. S. Gallias, Quebec.

Wounded—Pte. H. Davis, Hamilton; Pte. A. Dauphin, Starbuck, Man.; Pte. F. Johnson, England; Pte. H. Stagg, Collingwood, B. C.; Pte. E. Pittman, England; Lieut. E. Hoise, Brandon, Man.; Pte. J. Bruce, Toronto; Pte. Thomas Wylie, Carman, Man.; Pte. Thomas Richardson, Carman, Man.; Pte. B. Kirk, Riding Mountain, Man.; Pte. C. Kingsley, Scotch Bay, Man.; Pte. F. Lindsay, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Macdonald, Winnipeg; Cpl. J. Bryce, Hamilton; Pte. D. Fisher, Sydney, N. S.; Pte. D. Parker, England; Pte. H. Thomas Hinds, Stratford; Pte. H. Fisher, Ireland; Sgt. S. Evans, Ireland; Pte. A. Guay, Lewiston, Maine; Cpl. J. Esten, Toronto; Pte. F. Tavernier, England; Pte. G. Cooke, Toronto; Pte. N. Campbell, Vancouver; Pte. J. Gerard, Green Lake, Sask.; Pte. W. Anderson, Ottawa; Pte. H. Kimber, Ottawa; Sgt. R. Sharp, Banff, Alta.; Pte. J. Foot, England; Pte. V. Ratram, Sudbury, Ont.; Pte. C. Herthon, Eagle Bend, Minn.; Pte. J. Parker, Toronto; Pte. L. Finch, Woodroyd, Man.; Pte. A. Stephenson, England; Pte. A. Barnett, England; Pte. E. Duggan, Montserrat; N. B.; Pte. N. Moleschinsky, Russia; Pte. A. Watling, Chatham, N. B.; Pte. J. Watt, Scotland.

Wounded; returned to duty—Pte. F. Smith, Camborn, Ont.

Shell shock—Pte. C. Kellett, Markham, Ont.

Prisoner of war—Pte. D. Greig, Toronto.

Missing—Cpl. H. Briggs, Woolford, Alta.; Cpl. F. Clarke, England; Pte. J.

ITALIAN FRONT.

Rome, Feb. 17.—The War Office reported last night:

"Last night we shelled enemy infantry collecting in the neighborhood of St. Caterina. East of Gorizia some hostile detachments which were on our lines were surrounded and taken prisoner. South of Gorizia enemy troops attempted to advance towards our Soffer and Vertolba positions but were promptly stopped by our fire. There was the usual artillery fire all along the front yesterday."

COMING TO VICTORIA.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Geo. Skinner, the wife of a leading hotel man here, and their two daughters will leave this week for Victoria, where they will remain for the next few weeks. Mrs. Skinner is a daughter of Lady Waldron, of London, and a granddaughter of Hans Wagner, founder of the Railway Palace Car Works, of Pittsburg.

E. F. Stephenson, Dominion Lands Commissioner for Western Canada, left this week to spend a month at Victoria.

USING STEEL NET.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17.—A warning to mariners that a big steel net, such as Great Britain has used as a guard against German submarines, is being placed in position at the entrance to Hampton Roads, was issued yesterday by Rear-Admiral McLean, commander of the Norfolk navy yard. About half of the work has been completed.

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COST OF INQUIRIES.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—The total amount of fees paid to lawyers of Winnipeg in connection with the inquiries into the erection of the Parliament buildings here, the Agricultural College and highway over-payments, together with ex-members' trials, up to end of the fiscal year on Nov. 30 was \$105,677.

Weakened by Anaemia Doctors Gave No Hope

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Mrs. J. Adams, Port Hope, Ont., writes: "About six years ago I was taken with very weak spells and though I doctored with the family physician and used other medicines for two years, I got very little relief and, in fact, continued to grow weaker. I was so weak I could not wait on myself or raise my hand to my head and decided to go to my daughter in Toronto. When examined by Toronto doctors they pronounced me to be in a dangerous condition, threatened with consumption and other ailments and said I would not live for three weeks."

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MESH OF NETS TO BE MADE LARGER
 How Ottawa Government Will Prevent B. C. Fall Salmon Reaching States

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Measures will be put into effect shortly by the Government which will practically prevent the export of what is known as British Columbia fall salmon, to the United States. During the past seasons there was a large export of fall salmon from Canada to the United States, in which country the product was canned and sold as British Columbia salmon packed on Puget Sound. As a matter of fact this salmon was not allowed to be canned in Canada at all, as it was considered that at that time of year it would not be in sufficiently good condition.

AMERICAN RAILROADS PLANNING FOR WAR
 Special Committee Dealing With National Defence Will Meet Soon

New York, Feb. 17.—The special committee on national defence of the American Railway Association, composed of presidents or other officials of 18 roads in all parts of the country, will hold its first meeting at an early date in Washington to learn from President Wilson and the Council of National Defence what would be asked of them in time of war. Railroad officials who have participated in the discussion since the special committee was appointed believe that these instructions would fall under the following heads: Movement of troops, transportation of supplies, classification of equipment, building of new terminals at strategic points, to make possible the rapid unloading of troop-trains and the construction of new roads demanded by the system of defence mapped out by the army heads.

AMERICANS READY TO LEAVE GERMANY
 Many Are Awaiting Permission Near Swiss Border; Financial Losses

Geneva, Feb. 17.—Many Americans who have been living in Germany are reported to be waiting near Singen and Constance for permission to cross the frontier into Switzerland. It is reported from Scaffhausen that only a few Americans have entered Switzerland from Germany since Ambassador Gerard and his party arrived at Berne. The Swiss and Spanish ministers at Berlin are said to be giving every assistance in their power to the Americans still in Germany.

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FARMERS' UNION NOW IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
 Delegates to Convention Here Decide on Extension of Co-Operative Movement

The movement began at a gathering of the Cowichan Creamery Association last November in the direction of the formation of a farmers' union among the agricultural producers of this province was consummated yesterday afternoon at a province-wide meeting held in the legislative buildings, when it was unanimously decided to form a British Columbia Farmers' Union.

market information; to obtain by united efforts profitable and equitable prices for farm produce; and to secure the best and cheapest transportation.

At the Cowichan meeting R. M. Palmer, Cowichan Bay, was named as chairman of the provisional committee to carry out the arrangements for the convention now being held here, and Walter Patterson, Koksilah, was appointed provisional secretary. Mr. Palmer is occupying the chair at the convention. He explained what had been done already at meetings in Cowichan, Alberni, Royal Oak, Courtenay, Metchosin and Saanichton, towards forwarding the interests of the farming community through the establishment of this Union.

VIOLATED TRUST OF MANITOBA GOVERNMENT

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—The Norris Government has discovered how stolen cancelled cheques, receipts, vouchers and other records found their way from the government offices into hands of the Conservative organization. Photographic copies were appearing daily in the Conservative newspaper here. A member of the treasury staff was kept on against the good judgment of the new Government, but was dismissed on Oct. 15 last. Up to that time, however, he had stolen many documents, the property of the Government, and evidently had sold them to the Tory party organization.

COMING TO VICTORIA.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Frank T. Stacey, architectural draughtsman for the Grain Growers' Grain Company, left last night for Victoria, where he has accepted a position with the Victoria Machinery Depot. Before he left the office staff here presented him with a club bag.

DYING AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Harry M. Drummond, Assistant Receiver-General here, one of the old-time citizens of Winnipeg, is dying and will not live through the day.

"LEAK" INQUIRY.

New York, Feb. 17.—Little more public information is expected from the investigation of the presidential peace note "leak" and its consequences until the House Rules Committee makes its report to Congress. All the machinery of the inquiry, including records of transactions submitted by stock brokers here, has been transferred to Washington. The members of the committee have returned to the national capital and Sherman L. Whipple, the counsel, expects to join them there to-day.

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COST OF LIVING MOUNTING STEADILY

Climbed Still Higher in Dominion of Canada During January

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—There is no let-up in the increase in the cost of living, according to the monthly figures of the Labor Department, and while the increase in January was not a heavy one, the tendency was upward. The wholesale price index number for the month stood at 208.1, as compared with 204.8 for December and 170.2 for January of 1916. The standard index number is 100, so that the cost of living has more than doubled since the average was struck. How things have been boosted in the last two years is indicated by the fact that in January, 1915, the wholesale index was 138.9 and in 1914 it was 136.5.

Meat went up considerably in January, as well as fuel. In Ontario there were some slight changes in rents. The cost of a list of 19 staple foods averaged \$10.27, compared with \$10.11 for December, \$9.28 for January, 1916; \$7.97 for January, 1915, and \$7.74 for January, 1914.

NO HEREDITARY TITLES WANTED, SAYS ROWELL

Toronto, Feb. 17.—In congratulating the Premier of Ontario, Sir William Hearst, upon the knighthood just conferred upon him, N. W. Rowell, K. C., Liberal leader in the Legislature, commented on notes in the press that the barony just conferred was the first given to a native Canadian resident in Canada. He said: "I venture to think that in the free democracy of Canada we are not improving conditions by importing hereditary titles—passing from father to son. I hope this one may be the last. I think when we are fighting the battles of democracy the world over, the tendency should be for the people of the Old Country to bring themselves into harmony with our spirit of democracy rather than for us to transplant part of the old feudal system into Canada."

MONEY ORDERS SUSPENDED.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Suspension of money order service between all post offices in Cuba, except the city of Havana was announced to-day by Postmaster-General Burleson at the request of the Cuban Government.

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You know what a particular chap he is about the bread and pastry he eats, and I blame you a great deal for this as he is always talking about the bread, buns, pies and cakes he used to get at our home.

However, my first results were so good, and Bill's comments were so encouraging that I am taking your advice and using Royal Household Flour only. Not only am I taking your advice in my choice of flour but I noticed that our grocer seemed pleased when I asked for Royal Household and that is a good sign don't you think? In fact he told me that he could gladly recommend it.

Since we have taken up house-keeping I now realize that all this agitation about the advanced cost of living is real and serious, and we are just going to eat more bread. Will says that if people would eat more bread, provided it is made from a good wholesome flour such as Ogilvie put up, there would be stronger and more healthy people about.

Oh by the way, I wrote the Ogilvie Office in the Dominion Building, Vancouver, asking them for a copy of their cook book and along it came a few days ago with such a nice letter. I have really enjoyed reading their cook book and am just crazy to try some of their recipes. They read as though they would be simple to make and there are so many delightful and inexpensive ways of preparing them that I know I am going to enjoy my home baking thanks to the help of Ogilvie's.

Ethel is coming over to spend Tuesday with me and I anticipate a jolly time showing her how easy and economical it is to use Royal Household Flour to put the finishing touches to a meal.

your loving Beatrice



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THE GERMAN SPURT.

The Germans claim to have stormed French positions in the Champagne sector to a depth of half a mile on a front of a mile and a half, capturing twenty-one officers and 858 other prisoners and twenty machine guns. The point of attack is just west of the Argonne forest and the fighting took place on ground captured from the enemy by the French in September, 1915. In that offensive, it will be recalled, our allies advanced on a front of twenty miles to a depth at some places of more than two miles and then were halted. The German resistance at Tahure left the enemy with a salient which evidently was becoming increasingly uncomfortable under the French pressure on its flank, and it is this disturbing element that the Teutons have just assaulted. As the Paris War Office does not contradict the German claim the enemy evidently has been successful in a partial sense at least. It will be observed that the advance is credited to the army group commanded by the German Crown Prince, who is now on his old job again, having risen from the command of a division to the chiefship of three armies in less than a month.

While the German attack was a local and isolated affair, it may have been prompted by other considerations than the French pressure upon the Tahure position. The Teutons either may anticipate a French offensive in that district in co-operation with the allies' activities at the Somme and elsewhere, or they themselves may meditate a desperate attempt to break the French front in the Champagne. If the second theory is correct the attack on the Champagne Farm and Hill 185 will be followed by more violent fighting within a few days. Somewhere on the western front, however, the enemy is bound to repeat in some form his adventure of last winter and spring in the hope of either getting through or relocating the plans of his foe for the great drive which the German leaders fear more than any other prospective development of the war. He began the Verdun campaign on February 21 last year. Whatever he proposes to attempt this year cannot be delayed much longer.

The military critic of the London Times includes a German effort to throw an army into England among the possibilities of the future, even if the operation involved the destruction of the German navy. But if the German navy were destroyed in an attempt to cover an invasion of England what would become of the invasion itself? Suppose an army forced a landing on British soil under cover of a sea fight, what would happen to it when its communications were cut off? It would be completely trapped. The enemy is desperate, but he could not be desperate enough to attempt an invasion of the United Kingdom until he first satisfied himself that he could keep his communications open, or, in other words, had first destroyed the British fleet. Nowhere on the three main fronts is

the prospect less inviting from the German point of view than one which must include the annihilation of the British navy as a preliminary to a successful operation by land forces hundreds of miles distant from their main bases.

The Germans have been showing more activity on the eastern front during the last week. A few days ago they delivered a strong attack south of Kimpolung in Bukovina, and gained some ground, from a part of which they were ejected by Russian counter-attacks. The positions taken had been lost to the Muscovites a fortnight before. The Teutons also attacked east of Lemberg and west of Lutsk, but scored no appreciable successes. These may be the opening chapters of a powerful Teuton offensive on the southern wing of the eastern front. Von Hindenburg tried his hand southwest of Riga, on the northern wing, a few weeks ago and failed to gain anything worth while. It is well known that his single-track mind cannot see victory anywhere but on the eastern front. But his capacity for striking heavily there is limited by the exigencies in the west, where his greatest danger lies. Under existing conditions neither Germany nor Austria can concentrate the bulk of her military strength for an offensive against Russia; Britain and France in the west and Italy in the southwest, together with the demands of the Macedonian front, impose a serious limitation on the arm with which the enemy would attempt to hurt back the legions of Russia. If the line in the west could be strengthened without heavy loss von Hindenburg's difficulty in this would be substantially diminished, but Germany has lingered too long there to attempt a withdrawal without risking catastrophe.

HUNGARIAN CALCULATIONS.

There is one thing to be said for the Hun: when he puts his hand to the plow the idea of turning back hardly ever enters his head. He has proclaimed his intention of prosecuting his murderous campaign of frightfulness against all shipping, belligerent and neutral, and the natural consequences of his lawlessness are not going to deter him from at least trying to attain his objective. His mind is easy regarding the possible hostility of the smaller neutrals, and if he has any misgivings respecting a pending collision with the United States, he manages to maintain an appearance of equanimity. In fact, he has weighed the situation in the balance and believes the preponderance of advantage will be in his favor even if Uncle Sam should "get his dander up and take the mad bull by the horns." Here is the situation as diagnosed by Herr Rathmeister, a member of the Prussian representative chamber, for the enlightenment of all concerned: "The danger of an imaginable unfavorable attitude on the part of neutrals is not nearly so great as the chance of winning by the employment of submarine ruthlessness." According to a cabled report, the same speaker went on to say that the cost of German ships in American harbors was not more than Germany's war bill for three days; that Germany hoped to sink more than 600,000 tons of shipping monthly, that is, say, more than was interned in America; that the United States, in the event of war with Germany, would not be able to transport 500,000 men across the Atlantic, because tonnage of 3,000,000 required would not be available; that the German submarines in the new zone would be safe, barring accident not anticipated; and finally that England's food supply would not last more than twelve weeks, in which time the United States could accomplish nothing in the war. In the meantime a virtual state of war obtains as between the United States and Germany, as the ports of the republic are effectively blockaded, if only by a threat.

SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER.

The campaign for the collection of waste paper which was inaugurated in the schools by the Red Cross Society a month ago has had substantial results, as a perusal of the report which appears in our news columns today will show. The Society believes, however, that the amount obtained from this source can be doubled if young Victoria organizes fully behind the movement and has the active cooperation of the elder generation.

Old newspapers, magazine and pamphlets are preferred, as they are the most easily packed and disposed of. Apart altogether from its patriotic aspect and its underlying purposes the movement is deserving of support because it emphasizes upon the youthful mind the advantages of thrift and the prevention of waste. The schools have made an excellent showing for the first month, but they have only scratched the resources of the city in this respect. We are confident that next month's report will show that they have doubled the output, which means that through their efforts the funds of the Red Cross Society will have been very materially increased.

WHY NOT HERE?

A dispatch from Ottawa a few days ago said: "The British Government's aerial plans for Canada involve the expenditure of millions of dollars, the establishment of a large number of reserve squadrons of the Royal Flying Corps, and the construction of aeroplanes on a large scale." Mr. F. W. Baillie, of the Canadian Cartridge Company, has been selected as the director of the Canadian organization. Mr. George Morrow, president of the Imperial Life Assurance Company and general manager of the Dominion Securities Corporation, is assistant director. Mr. A. H. Mulcahey, purchasing agent of the Grand Trunk Railway for Winnipeg and the west, has been secured as purchasing agent, and Mr. Arthur F. White, also identified with the Dominion Securities Corporation, has been appointed secretary. The Canadian flying establishment is entirely an imperial organization, forming a new wing of the Royal Flying Corps.

The Vancouver Sun is moved by the foregoing to inquire if any attempt has been made to procure the establishment of one of these aeroplane factories at Vancouver. The Times makes a similar inquiry in respect of Victoria. The advantages of this coast for the development of aeroplane centres and the training of airmen ought to be known to the authorities. They have had expert reports on the subject. If they have not already decided to establish stations here the matter should be drawn to their attention.

THEY HAVE IT NOW.

H. H. Stevens, Vancouver's member in the House of Commons, thinks the movement for a National Government in Canada is a plot to place the affairs of the Dominion in the hands of the few men who control the manufacturing and financial life of the nation, which in his opinion would be a very undesirable thing. This interpretation of the National Government movement and the conclusion based upon it are not original with Mr. Stevens. They bear, we think, the imprimatur of Mr. Rogers and with that distinction may be regarded as official. "Whatever may be the merits and defects of the National Government scheme, a second's reflection is all that is needed to show that the theory voiced by Mr. Stevens falls all over itself. Why should the big interests agitate for a National Government for the purpose of getting control of the affairs of Canada when they have everything in their hands now? They appointed practically the entire ministry with the exception of the three Nationalists and their wants have been supplied to the very limit. The tariff has been raised almost as high as "Haman's Gallows," the ideal for which they strive; they have been allowed to merge, combine and squeeze to their heart's content; the consumer has been bound in forty different ways; the war tax is a joke as far as the profiteers are concerned. Even the tariff was raised against British imports, much to the delight of the Germans, who welcomed this as an auxiliary to their submarine campaign against British trade.

How could the big interests improve their position by occupying the Privy Council office? How could Sir William and Sir Donald get more than they have got in the last three years if they were members of the Government? Indeed, the big interests would really lose, for they would have to work for the results, which they do not have to do now. Their heads would have to draw up hills, make speeches and do a lot of things which would take up their time and energy. Now they get what they want without any extra exertion.

As we understand the proposal for a National Government, one of its chief objects is the elimination of the big interest control of the present administration. In the main it would be an effort to reproduce in Canada for the war the system adopted in the United Kingdom, France, Italy and the other belligerent countries. Its promoters advocate the mobilization of the best executive talent of Canada to take the place of the collection of mediocrities and worse now trying to administer the affairs of the country. The movement is not likely to succeed because Bob Rogers, whom Mr. Stevens deeply admires, and others who would have to go when honesty, resolution and efficiency became the requirements of office, will oppose it. A National Government worthy of its name would not include more than three of the present ministers at Ottawa.

In his remarks in the Ontario Legislature yesterday N. W. Rowell, K. C., leader of the Ontario Opposition, made the following reference to the subject of titles in Canada:

"I venture to think that in the free democracy of Canada we are not improving conditions by importing hereditary titles passing from father to son. I hope it may be the last. I think when we are fighting the battles of democracy the world over, the tendency should be for the Old Country to bring themselves into harmony with our spirit of democracy rather than their transplanting parts of the old feudal system into Canada."

On a referendum this observation of Mr. Rowell's would be endorsed by an

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overwhelming majority of the people of the Dominion. Canada does not want an hereditary aristocracy, and it would be a mistake to interpret the eagerness with which a few people here reach out for titles as a fair expression of the attitude of the public as a whole.

Herr Rathmeister some weeks ago expressed the opinion that the accentuated submarine campaign would starve Great Britain into submission within twelve weeks. Not to put too fine a point upon it, that seems to be another Hun miscalculation. How many "frightful" expedients have been resorted to since the war began that were going to speedily reduce Britain to a state of impotence? The Zeppelin preceded the submarine, and it was not the first.

The Dominion officers charged with the duty of looking into the matter of trusts that are alleged to be at the bottom of the high cost of living are going to prosecute the British Columbia sugar combine. A reduction in the duties that make the formation of combines possible would have more effect than the prosecution of all the trusts (and there are many of them) which are picking the pockets of the people of Canada.

Come to think of it, it is pretty tough on men like Baron Shaughnessy and Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, for instance to be told by implication that they are not to be trusted as members of the government of a country which tolerates Bob Rogers in one of the principal ministerial posts.

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—Selling, First Floor

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word from the Balkan Fox, presumably his mind would be at rest.

GERMAN RAILWAYS IN VERY BAD SHAPE

(Continued from page 1.)

blockade plan proposed by Germany for lightening the transportation problem by preventing prospective travelers from using trains unnecessarily. It was pointed out that the train service might be reduced still further if travel were regulated by a card system.

More Accidents.

The transportation problem is complicated by the employment of substitute workers, chiefly women, who have been introduced everywhere in Germany and Austria, not only on railroads but also on street cars in the cities. Roughly fifty per cent of the women thus employed have been strong enough to endure the strain, but even these women have been less efficient than the men. The number of railroad accidents, such as derailments, mistakes in switching and collisions, has increased to an alarming extent notwithstanding the great reduction in train service.

SCANDINAVIAN PLATOON

Prince Rupert Officer to Recruit Canadian Scandinavians for the 223rd Battalion.

Lieutenant Berner, of Prince Rupert, who has been acting as Assistant District Signalling Officer at the Military Headquarters here for the past few months, has been authorized to raise a platoon composed entirely of Scandinavian, with the whole of British Columbia as his territory. When full strength has been secured the platoon will be attached to the 223rd Battalion, now being raised at Portage la Prairie.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Feb. 17, 1892.

A. W. Vowell, Indian Commissioner, left by the Danube last evening for the North on an inspection trip.

Mr. L. H. Northey, of Tacoma, representing a syndicate of capitalists in this city, is in Victoria on railway business. He is in the city with regard to the Canada Western Railway scheme. He states that the survey would cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

The laying of the foundation stone of the new school-church of St. Marks at Cloverdale occurs to-morrow. The Bishop of Columbia, Archdeacon Scriven, and other clergy will attend. The seating capacity is 130.

Your Pick for 50c, and it is a good miner's pick with a strap handle worth \$1.50. Handy for the garden. Get one Monday at R. A. Brown & Co's, 1302 Douglas St.

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To Prairie Folk and Others.—Before securing hotel accommodation it will be to your interest to investigate the special rates offered by the management of the Prince George hotel. Strictly modern and fireproof, phone, steam heat, hot and cold water in every room, elevator service at all hours, cleanliness and comfort with the best service. Prince George hotel (next the city hall).

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An "Olden Time" Entertainment in the Reformed Episcopal Schoolroom to-night under direction of Mrs. J. C. Newbury, at 8 p. m. Adults, 25c; children, 15c.

The Ladies of Court Triumph, A.O.F., will hold a miscellaneous shower and whist drive at the Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, next Wednesday night, February 21, at 8.30. In aid of the Resthaven Convalescent Hospital. The following articles will be much appreciated: Cushions, hammocks, steamer rugs, wastepaper baskets, small mirrors, flower vases, music and pictures. The ladies will serve refreshments and a musical programme will be rendered during the evening.

Mr. Inkster's Sermons—Morning: "The Rainbow." Evening: "Are Peace and Joy Possible Here and Now?"

Library Appropriation.—Civic Estimates Committee last evening declined to appropriate an additional \$1,000 for the public library. The appropriation is \$13,000. Next week Alderman Sargent continues his appeal to the adjacent municipalities for assistance to purchase books.

Amalgamation of Institutions.—The Estimates Committee of City Council last evening did not deal with the question of civic support to institutions like the Children's Aid Home, the Day Nursery, etc., as the special committee, which is investigating the various points, is not ready yet to report on the subject.

Japanese Leper.—Late yesterday afternoon Tom Goldsmith phoned the police headquarters from the outer wharf that a Japanese leper was on his way toward the city in company with two other Japanese. The police immediately were put on the case but for some time the man was not found. It was finally learned that he was at the Inawa Hotel on Fisgard Street. He was then taken to the Isolation Hospital. It appears that he came in from Vancouver on the afternoon boat with the intention of embarking on the S. S. Shidzuoka Maru for Japan. He was refused his passport, however, by the ship's doctor.

Presentation Made.—In the office of the Provincial Horticulturist yesterday afternoon a number of the delegates to the recent convention of fruitgrowers met and through L. E. Taylor, Kelowna, made a presentation to W. E. McTaggart, who has been Fruit Markets Commissioner at Calgary and who is severing his connection with the Association on April 1 to accept a position with Graingrowers' Guide, a Winnipeg trade publication. The gift took the form of a handsome engraved gold watch, and in handing it to Mr. McTaggart, Mr. Taylor referred to the splendid work the recipient has done for the fruitgrowers of the province in developing the prairie markets. The best wishes of the Association went with him in his new sphere of activity. Mr. Taylor assured him.

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British Columbians Honored.—Dr. S. F. Tolmie was elected as third vice-president of the Holsten-Frisian Association of Canada, at its convention in Toronto the other day. William Montgomery was elected vice-president for British Columbia of the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada.

Delays Action.—Action was deferred by Streets Committee of Council yesterday on the application to improve an area in front of the North Ward School. Aldermen were unable to decide whether the space should be boulevard or filled with cement. The former costing \$555 the latter \$700. The subject will be taken up in committee next week.

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No Manure in Summer.—The City Streets and Sewers Committee yesterday declined to modify its plan to prohibit the use of manure during the summer months from street sweepings and stables, and an applicant in the Hillside Avenue District will be so informed. Aldermen thought there was no guarantee that the manure would be spread and used immediately after delivery.

City Yards.—The City Council Committee, composed of Aldermen Walker, Johns and Cameron, has been asked to make a detailed report on the city yards, in order to recommend economies in connection with the consolidation of the stores' staffs, material, etc. All the Aldermen appear to agree that there is too much overlapping of departments at the present time.

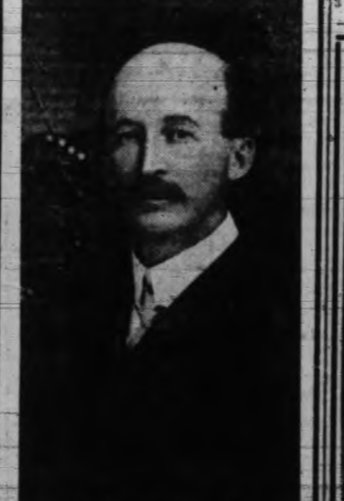
Conservatives of New Westminster.—The following officers were elected by the New Westminster Conservative Association for 1917: President, D. E. MacKenzie; first vice-president, A. P. G. McDonald; second vice-president, R. A. Braden; secretary, W. B. Blaine; assistant secretary, William McElroy; treasurer, George Blakey; executive, Martin Monk, Joseph Jagers, John Thompson, J. A. Blair, Harry Stewardson and C. D. Peole.

Will Not Intervene.—"Nobody but a motor truck driver would go up there," observed Alderman Andros in Streets and Sewers Committee of the City Council yesterday when an application was made for material to be supplied for the repair of the private portion of Terrace Avenue, between Rockland Avenue and Dumbarton Terrace, whereas the part connecting with Oak Bay Avenue is public, but is on a steeper grade. It transpired that the word "private" is marked at the Rockland Avenue approach, which is favored by motor truck drivers on account of easier ascent. The aldermen declined to intervene, the lane being only 10 feet wide, and will not be taken over.

The 5th Regiment C. G. A. Band

Assisted by Mrs. Andros Taylor, Elocutionist, and Mr. J. Hunter, Vocalist, will render the following programme

- Next Sunday Evening at the Royal Victoria Theatre, commencing at 8.15.
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1. March—Nammur.....Richards
 2. Overture—Le Roi D'Yvetot.....
 3. Vocal Solo—The Veteran Stephen Adams
Mr. J. Hunter
 4. Japanese Patrol—Fou Sa Ka.....Tobani
Mrs. Andros Taylor
 5. Selection—Katinka.....Eudora F. Fini
 6. Recitation—The Charge of the Light
Brigade.....Tennyson
 7. Soldier's Chorus from Faust.....Gounod
 8. Vocal Solo—Wait.....Del Hardor
Mr. J. Hunter
 9. Grand Fantasia—Reminiscences of
England.....Godfrey
 10. God Save the King.
- Accompanied by Mrs. A. J. Gibson; Conductor, Bandmaster W. J. Smith.



Rev. John Mackay, D.D.
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Will Preach in
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MISS L. CARSON

Who is appearing in the Yama Yama girls at the Elks' Big Vaudeville Show for the Patriotic Fund.

The Church of Our Lord Ladies' Aid will give a "silver tea" with musical programme, at the residence of Mrs. McTavish, 912 Heywood Avenue, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 20. Proceeds for Red Cross comfort bags.

Fined This Morning.—In the police court this morning two Chinamen, Jim and Lee, were fined \$15 and \$2.50 each for smoking opium in premises at 573 Fisgard Street. The accused were caught by Sergeant Blackstock and constables.

Found in Opium Joint.—Hong Wa and Moon Ty, two Chinamen, were each fined by Magistrate Jay \$15 and \$2.50 each for being found in an opium joint situated at 523 Fisgard Street. The arrests were made by Inspector Heatley and constables.

To the Members of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. O. E.—Owing to the fact that the Provincial Conference of the Council of Women is being held on the 27 and 28 instant, the meeting of the Lady Douglas Chapter will take place at the King's Daughters' hall on Wednesday, the 21st instant, instead of Wednesday, 23rd. Tea will be served and all members are requested to make a special effort to be present as many matters of importance will be brought up for discussion.

R. O. Hadley Lecturing Here Sunday

Pastor Roy O. Hadley, of Portland, Ore., will lecture here Sunday evening at 7.30. His subject, "The Kingdom of God Now at Hand," is one of special interest, dealing particularly with the signs of the times according to the Scripture and the evident approach of the Kingdom of Peace (The Kingdom come) so long prayed for by the Christian Church.



PASTOR HADLEY
Portland, Ore.

Pastor Hadley is an orator and Bible expositor of force and ability, and is known throughout the length of both Canada and the States. He is just completing a five months' tour, in addition to being one of the Bible Students' traveling evangelists, he has been a Methodist Episcopal minister for eighteen years. The lecture is under the auspices of the Associated Bible Students. Seats are free and no collection is taken. The lecture will be delivered in the Princess Theatre. In addition to the evening service he will also lecture in the same auditorium at 3 o'clock upon "The True Baptism."



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11 a.m. "An Enemy of the People" (Henrik Ibsen)
7.30 p.m. "Dante's Inferno"

The above are Mr. Latham's themes for Sunday at the FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, Fernwood Road and Fisgard Street.

"MERCHANT OF VENICE"

Fine Performance of Shakespearean Play to Be Repeated To-night by High School.

High School students are lending themselves to the Red Cross to-night by repeating in behalf of the funds of that society their very fine performance of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," given last Saturday night before a packed and appreciative house. The fact that the Fernwood branch of the Red Cross appealed to them immediately afterwards to give the performance a second time in aid of their funds bespeaks the high character of the production, and should be sufficient to induce many who have not already enjoyed the play to patronize it to-night.

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AT THE THEATRES

THE VARIETY THEATRE.

Robert G. Vignola, who directed the Famous Players' adaptation of Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen," in which Louise Huff and Jack Pickford starred on the Paramount Programme, and who also presided over Miss Huff's appearance in "The Reward of Patience," has directed the Famous Players' adaptation of Dickens's well-known novel "Great Expectations," in which Miss Huff and Jack Pickford are co-starring. It is the Paramount attraction at the Variety Theatre to-day.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

Good vaudeville in many of its most interesting forms will be offered at the Pantages next week, beginning with the matinee on Monday. It will be a programme of variety and excellence which will meet with the approval of the patrons of this popular house.

"A Telephone Tangle" is the title of one of the many features, and will prove very popular for the novelty will appeal to anyone, especially those who have had mix-ups on the telephone themselves. "A Telephone Tangle" is a new comedy of the purest fun imaginable; it is built along novel lines and has many opportunities to cause much merriment.

The Bellair Brothers will offer a distinct novelty, which includes "looping the loop to a hand-to-hand stand," and many other tests of endurance and ability. They carry a special apparatus just for the one trick, but it is so remarkable that it is worth while to present this trick, which is as far and vanced from the usual routine of hand-to-hand balancing that there is no adequate word in the English language to describe their offering in the proper manner.

The Famous Australian Wood-choppers will present a remarkable series of tree felling and other bush novelties; these performers are considered to be the champion axmen of the world, having gained this distinction while in Australia, their native country.

Herbert Dyer and Company will

hold a laughing spot on the bill. Their offering is said to be a distinct novelty and Dyer has made a big reputation with his inimitable comedies.

Elizabeth Catty will present a refined instrumental entertainment that will be a treat to lovers of good music.

Bobbie and Nelson will offer a non-sensical number that has one thing in its favor, and that is its fun-making possibilities, which is all they attempt.

"The Shielding Shadow" will present more thrills and sensational developments in the fourteenth chapter of the popular serial which will be presented the week following. Immediately following the close of this story, delightful Pearl White will return to the Pantages screen in her best effort yet produced, "Pearl of the Army."

ROYAL VICTORIA.

Appearing with Douglas Fairbanks in "Manhattan Madness," his latest starring vehicle, which is the feature attraction at the Royal Victoria Theatre for the last time to-night, is a supporting company numbering several players familiar to Triangle patrons through their appearance in prominent roles in previous plays.

Fairbanks' leading woman, Jewel Carmen, has come to the front rapidly since joining the Triangle forces several months ago. Her first appearance was with De Wolf Hopper in "Sunshine Dad," then she played the siren in the Norma Talmadge feature, "The Children in the House," and since has appeared with Fairbanks in three successive plays, "Flirting With Fate," "The Half-Breed" and "Manhattan Madness."

A strong character part is in the hands of George Beranger, whose remarkable portrayal of "Automatic Joe," the comedy bandit in "Flirting With Fate," must be remembered by all who saw it. Beranger also appeared with Fairbanks in "The Good Bad Man" and "The Half-Breed."

Macey Harlan, long a recognized performer of villains on the speaking stage, seen with Fairbanks in "The Habit of Happiness," and with Dorothy Gish in "Betty of Graystones," has a role of much mystery in "Manhattan Madness."

Other prominent parts are played by Eugene Ormonde and W. P. Richmond.

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has a splendid character in that of Camille, and does it the fullest justice. Admittedly the finest and most expressive actress now before the motion picture camera, she rises to the great opportunities which this character gives her.

Paul Capellani, late of the Comedie Francaise, plays the part of Armand. This photoplay will be at the Columbia Theatre Monday next.

THE DOMINION THEATRE.

"When Theda Bara, the William Fox star, was told that her next part was to be that of Cigarette in Ouida's "Under Two Flags," she literally jumped for joy. Despite the current fashion not to read Victorian literature, Miss Bara had read "Under Two Flags," and she knew that Cigarette was a soldier-girl of the great African desert.

Theda Bara likes soldiers. She is always liked by soldiers. She has a story to tell about a visit she made a few years ago, to a summer camp down South. It was the only time, she says, that she'd ever heard of a girl commanding a squad of United States troops—and Theda Bara was the girl.

Miss Bara had been the guest of a girl friend who lived near the camp. Together they paid daily visits to the "parade grounds," in the afternoons, to watch dress parade. Sometimes they would go earlier in the day, and talk with the brother of her friend, who was a colonel.

In this way Miss Bara came to know several members of the camp. One morning, when she visited them, with her friend, she found a complete company, commanded by the colonel she knew, lined up to receive her. She laughed gaily when she saw them, and wanted to take the affair as a joke, but the colonel advanced toward her, saluted, and said:

"We're ready for you to take command, Captain Bara."

She returned the salute, and was about to laugh, when she thought she'd turn the tables on the squad. She knew they were trying to make sport of her. So she looked at the colonel and said:

"Take your place, sir."

A barely perceptible smile passed across his face, as he stepped behind the rows. Then Theda Bara showed her friends that she had not been inattentive in her visits to the regiment.

"Right shoulder arms!" she shouted, in an military tone, as she could conjure. The movement was executed. "Present arms!" she called, and the troop obeyed.

Then, in rapid succession she went down the manual of arms, making the men sweat to execute her commands as quickly as she called them out. After about five minutes of this strenuous exercise she called arms to the order. Then she looked at the colonel.

"Colonel, dismiss the company," she said, and turned away.

The company did not need dismissing. J. H. broke up at once, and sat on the ground and the rocks and anywhere it could find a seat. The company was completely exhausted, and Theda Bara was smiling. She had turned the trick on them.

Then one of the men sauntered slowly and painfully up to her.

"You've convinced me," he said. "The first chance I get to vote for suffrage I'm going to do it."

Theda Bara is the star at the Dominion in "Under Two Flags."

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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S. Edwards, of Vernon, is a guest at the Dominion.

C. H. Baird, of Toronto, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Dr. A. E. Cameron arrived in the city yesterday from Agassiz.

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A. M. Lovelace, of San Francisco, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

James Morrison, of Hanley, Sask., is a new arrival at the Dominion.

A. J. Neff and son, of Shawinigan Lake, are at the Dominion hotel.

J. D. George and Mrs. George, of James Island, are at the Dominion.

Mrs. Segrup and daughter, of Dunsmuir, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

The Rev. Chas. H. Huestis, of Red Deer, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. George Burton, of Montreal, are staying at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. McReno, and Mrs. E. R. Rogers are guests at the Empress hotel from Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wagner, of Seattle, came over on the Seattle boat yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Burrows is down from Shawinigan Lake and is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

C. J. Gordon and J. F. Gordon, of Saskatoon, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Geo. S. Pearson is down from Nanaimo and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Ben Breyan, Mrs. Breyan and T. W. Breyan, of Elrose, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion.

J. A. Cunningham, President of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association, was in the city yesterday.

The Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona hotel include J. B. Love and Miss M. Musson.

Chicago registrations at the Empress hotel yesterday included C. J. Cornwall and G. Alexander.

R. A. Copeland and E. A. Day are in town from Kelowna and are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wingate White are down from Mill Bay and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Washington Grimmer is over from Port Washington, B. C., and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Messrs. Dingle and Prisk have arrived from Battleford, Sask., and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

W. S. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, of Vermillion, Sask., are amongst yesterday's registrations at the Dominion.

W. McCartney and Mrs. McCartney, and W. B. Lynn and Mrs. Lynn, of Greenwood, Man., are revisiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. T. C. Hubbard, of 137 Clarence Street, entertained a merry party of little girls on St. Valentine's Day, in honor of Miss Babs Rowbotham, who leaves shortly for Vancouver, where she will reside in future. After a pleasant afternoon spent in playing games the little guests sat down to a well-laden table decorated with tokens appropriate to the day. Among those invited were: Babs Rowbotham; Rhoda Harrison, Marguerite McDonald, Dorothy Melville, Cherub Johnstone, Helen Ferguson, Thelma Youngs, Helen and Biddy Boyce, Eileen and Violet Malahay, and Charlotte Pike.

The first of a series of dances and concerts which is to be held at the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt, for the entertainment of the returned soldiers, was given last night before an audience numbering more than fifty of the patients and an additional hundred guests who are friends of officers, nurses, and men at the institution. The programme, like those which will follow, was arranged by Mrs. J. S. Harvey, wife of Major Harvey, O. C. of "I" Unit, Casualty Company, and was thoroughly enjoyable.

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The musical features were supplied by Miss Baird, Miss Lugin, Miss Humphries, Captain Craddock, Lieut. Hankey, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Forman, vocalists; Miss Hankey, piano solo; recitation, Miss Pearson. Supper was served at the conclusion of the programme, and afterwards the company indulged in dancing, this being the closing feature of a very enjoyable evening. It is Mrs. Harvey's intention to hold these entertainments weekly, with the assistance of Esquimalt and Victoria artists.

Mrs. Macdonald Fahey will leave on to-morrow's boat for Vancouver, where she will appear in recital on Monday evening.

Lieut. Col. Duff Stuart returned to the city this morning from Vancouver, where he attended the funeral of the late Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ralph Smith.

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NOVEL "JOY RIDE" WAS TAKEN IN A "TANK"

Sgt. Arthur Petch Writes of Thrilling Rescue of Two "Land Ships"

EXPLOIT WHICH WON HIM HIS MILITARY DECORATION

An interesting letter from Sgt. Arthur Petch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petch, of Sluggetts, Saanich, tells some of the military exploits in which he has been engaged since going to the front, particularly in connection with the rescue of two tanks. Sgt. Petch, it will be recalled, won a decoration for brave action on the field. He left here with the 48th Battalion, now Canadian Pioneers.

"During the June scrap in Ypres I was in a position to help a few Canadian comrades out of tight hole in Sanctuary Wood, for which I received the decoration, and which any man would have done had he had the chance. Further than that I consider myself lucky. I had no reason to feel highly elated over the medal. It almost makes a man feel there is nothing too great to accomplish, knowing there is so much interest taken in his welfare by friends at home. My intentions in this letter were to carry out your wish regarding some of the exploits which might prove interesting.

"You spoke of the tanks, and that gave me my first cue, for I had occasion to become thoroughly acquainted with them and shall never forget the experience. On the morning of Sept. 16 last our adjutant came to my commander with orders that I was to proceed with ten picked men to a certain place immediately, where I would receive detailed instructions and off I went, wondering what was in hand this time. I was soon to know, for we were taken in a motor car to within a reasonable safe distance of the firing-line, and there I was met by four officers and quietly informed as to my work. There had been a terrible battle the day previous, and the tanks had taken a very prominent part in it, but unfortunately on their way back some of them had met with hard luck, and I was to get them out. The first one proved quite an easy task, but on proceeding to the next one I will admit my heart felt very feeble, for she was on a ridge and partly in view of Fritz, who, needless to say, was pounding away at it with shells of all calibre, vainly trying to negotiate a direct hit.

"I am sorry that I am not in a position actually to describe one of the 'brutes', but to say the least they are a wonderful and mighty invention, and well worthy of their name, 'H. M. Land Navy.' Personally I don't blame the Germans for being afraid and running away from them at first sight. "The shelling was something cruel, and it almost looked like suicide to attempt to do any work on it. But we went at it and luck was with us, for we were able to keep the tank between us and Fritz. "Again there was another farther up, on the same ridge, under full view from Fritz, and if possible the shelling was worse. I decided to work half my men on each tank. They were possibly 150 yards apart, and after doing wonderful work the night previous had run broadside on into deep trenches, making it impossible for them to 'carry on.' "If you knew their weight you would easily understand what sort of a job it was getting them out, for they were down on one side in 7 ft. of earth and high and dry on the other side, but we started working like niggers vainly trying to keep our minds off the shelling. "It had been Fritz's ground the day previous, and we could look down into his trenches from where we worked. Naturally we looked like 'easy meat' to Fritz, and I often think that had the earth been of a hard nature, 'Nuf said.' They got in one good hit on the hind steering-wheels, and took them off as clean as a whistle, and a second later one of the tanks' crew was killed by a small piece of shrapnel hitting his wind-pipe. We buried him right there. I might say we voiced the opinion that we were also digging our own grave. Finally I said to the officer in charge of the tank that she was ready. We started the engine. In five minutes she pulled herself out, and when Fritz saw his meat moving he redoubled his

efforts, for shells came twice as fast and machine guns were opened up, luckily to no avail. We soon were below our side of the ridge. We then went to the other, and unfortunately had two casualties. But again we were successful and got the machine out. "The next work was to get them away from that district, and being very short-handed it proved a long, tiresome and dangerous task. But at 5.30 a.m. we had them out on the main road, and, thank goodness, my work was completed and I was allowed to take the rest of my fellows and proceed home. I shall never forget the beautiful words of thanks given by the officers of the tanks, and they also said they didn't think men could work like our boys did. He also said we would be instantly recommended, and indeed it was worth all our hard work to note the entire satisfaction on his face for being able to save his ships. "There are humorous sides to everything. I had my 'joy ride.' After we had the engines started it was only necessary for two to stay outside and pick out the best ground to take them out, so I sent the boys in the tanks and with the senior officer decided to take first shift. Talking about hot work. Good night! We would go ahead about 300 feet and pick out our path, and then back again to the tank and give our instructions which way to come. We came to a place which seemed impossible, for three trenches came to a junction, and on account of dug-outs it was impossible to go another direction. I said we could not do it. The officer said he could, and gave instructions to bring her ahead. "The gap to cross was roughly 11 feet, and on the one side was ground level, the other side 5 feet higher. Here's where my laugh came in. My

men being inside were not aware of this, and when Mr. Tank came over they must have thought a salvo of 9-inch shells had hit her, for firstly her nose came over the gap very slowly for 10 feet, and then down she went with a rush, seemingly to hit bottom and stay there; but the skids on the fore-runners caught on the bank and pulled her up safely on the other side. It certainly looked very queer from outside to see her dip one moment and the next to be sitting on her haunches, but it must have been a little more exciting inside, as I afterwards learned, for the fellows not anticipating such erratic moves were taken unawares and tossed around like a cork on a choppy sea. "Later I was relieved and went inside. To describe my feelings would fill a volume, so I won't try. But it had all my previous 'joy rides' faded beyond recognition. What it lacked in speed was more than made up in excitement. Bullets pattered on her armour plate as rain on tin, and the shell-fire, which was deafening outside, was scarcely to be heard from within, giving one a great feeling of security which otherwise is obtainable only when miles away from it all. The inside of Mr. Tank, though not very elaborate, is a wonderful piece of mechanism.



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House Surgeon of the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and whilst following his duties there entered for the Civil Service in India. There were twelve vacancies and sixty-three applicants, and he came out second. He spent the next five years in the Eastern Empire, and was highly successful as a military doctor, performing wonderful operations, and also being amongst the party who successfully searched for the murderers of Mr. Williamson and Dr. Gregson. He was appointed doctor to an expedition party which endured great hardships caused by floods and lack of nourishment. The party reached Rima, lying between Tibet and China, and in subsequent official reports he was specially mentioned and many honors were conferred on him. On May 11, 1914, he returned to his home town, Blaquau Festiniog, where the inhabitants came out in thousands to greet a beloved native son after many years' absence. The Royal Oak-ley silver band marched at the head of the procession, and the magnificent and sincere demonstration of the multitude's welcome moved the young doctor profoundly. It was hoped that he would make his residence in his home town, but when the present war broke out he donned the King's uniform, and now holds a commission in the Indian Field Artillery, having been sent out to Mesopotamia. He won the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery. He is one of five brothers who hold commissions in the army, one, Lt. D. O. Evans, having made the supreme sacrifice.

A School of Signalling will commence at Work Point Barracks, Victoria, B. C., on the 19th instant. Candidates authorized to attend will report themselves to the District Signal Officer, M. D. No. 11, at 9 a. m. on that date.

SON OF FESTINIOG

Fiancee of Miss Lloyd George is Brilliant Young Welsh Doctor.

The engagement was announced a few days ago of Miss Lloyd George, daughter of the Premier of Great Britain, and Capt. T. J. Carey Evans, (M. C.) M. D., F. R. C. S. (Eng.). The following is a translation from the Welsh "Cymru" re the latter, kindly sent in by D. C. Hughes, of Heywood Avenue: Capt. Carey Evans was born at Blaenau Festiniog in 1884, and is the eldest son of Dr. R. D. Evans and a nephew on his mother's side of the eminent Dr. Robert Armstrong Jones, head of the Claybury Hospital for the Insane, London, Eng., who was recently appointed to the Royal Commission to investigate the effect of the present war on the nerve centres of the brain. "Dr. Carey," as he is known to his compatriots, received his early education at Brighton and Torgu, Wales. He received his medical education at Cardiff, Glasgow, St. Bartholomew's (London), and Brussels. During his stay at these institutions he won many first prizes and medals, passing his final medical examination on the eve of his 21st birthday. He took his preliminary F. R. C. S. whilst in his 18th year, being the first student ever to succeed at so early an age. The final he took when he was twenty-four, one year ahead of the age specified by the institution for the granting their diploma. Following this final examination he joined his father, and through his kind and unassuming manner became the idol of thousands of his countrymen. "Later Dr. Evans was appointed



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PAPER SHIPMENT HELPS RED CROSS

Society Benefits to Extent of \$547.06 From Month's School Collection

The fact that the Red Cross Society benefits to the extent of \$547.06 from the first shipment of paper gathered by the Victoria school children during the last month should give fresh zeal to the young people to continue their efforts in behalf of the undertaking. The following indicates how the schools stand with respect to the collection:

Table listing school names and their respective contributions to the Red Cross paper collection. Schools include South Park, Sir James Douglas, Oak Bay High, etc.

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COLLEGIATE SCHOOL—1157 ROCKLAND AVE. PHONE 62.

There is a great accumulation of valuable material in many stores, offices and downtown blocks, and with a little effort this could be made available. Where the quantity is considerable it would be a great help to the Red Cross cause if owners having motors or delivery rigs would deliver at whatever school they favor. If this is impossible, the schools will arrange for its regular removal when notified. Janitors of city buildings who will sort out newspapers, books, and pamphlets and arrange so schools can get it will be doing their "bit" by helping the Red Cross to care for the sick, the wounded and the prisoners of war in Germany. Everyone who helps in this important work, besides benefiting the Red Cross, is helping to inaugurate a system which will, by preventing waste, increase the national wealth, train the coming generation in habits of thrift, and help to win the war.

MORE ACCOMMODATION FOR SOLDIERS NEEDED

Facilities for Giving Medical and Surgical Treatment Must Be Increased

That the matter of providing suitable accommodation for returning soldiers who require medical and surgical treatment is daily becoming urgent, and that something should be done immediately to cope with the problem was a phase of the work that was dealt with at the meeting of the board of the Royal Jubilee Hospital which was held last evening. The question of providing increased accommodation was introduced by Dr. Fraser, who stated that Vancouver is making great strides in order to deal with the returning soldier, who requires medical and surgical treatment. He pointed out that the Terminal City has raised \$30,000 for the erection of temporary wards in conjunction with the Vancouver General Hospital, for the special treatment of returned men, and that it was absolutely necessary to have accommodation where serious surgical cases could be dealt with and properly treated. "I would suggest, Mr. President, that a start be made on the permanent new wing of the hospital; for unless we do something our neglect of the matter will greatly detract from the status of this city. The present accommodation for military patients in Victoria is taxed to the utmost, both the Work Point and Esquimalt hospitals are full, and additional space is absolutely essential."

A. C. Fraser then raised the question as to whether the material for a permanent structure could be procured. "So far as I have been able to ascertain the condition of the steel market it appears quite evident to me that it would be impossible for us to procure the material to proceed with the work for months. We would also have to add to this fact that the price at present is almost prohibitive. Of course I am aware that if we erect temporary structures they will be useless in a few years, and as a result a lot of money will have been wasted, still I feel confident that the increased price that we would have to pay at the present time for steel for a permanent structure would entail an even greater expenditure in the long run." After considerable discussion a motion was carried to the effect that the matter be referred to the executive and to a committee of members of the

medical association to determine what action would be the most advisable to follow. Private Cardwell, of the 47th Battalion, Made Supreme Sacrifice on Feb. 4. A telegram yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Joseph Cardwell contained the distressing intelligence that her husband, Private Joseph Cardwell, had been killed in action on the western front on the fourth of this month. The deceased soldier left Victoria on the 23rd of May last year with the 58th Battalion, transferring to the 47th, and going to the front with that unit from England. Private Cardwell came to British Columbia from Belfast five years ago and is now survived by his wife and two little girls, who reside on Lake Hill Road, Saanich. Mrs. Cardwell has lost a brother and a brother-in-law during the present war, both of whom were serving with Irish Regiments.

Particularly to Those Who Have Friends and Relations in the Western Scots. An interesting collection of souvenirs in the shape of pictorial booklets, containing reproductions of photographs portraying the training operations of the 67th Battalion Western Scots in the Old Country, have been received in the city, a limited number of which are now on sale at the cigar stand of Cal. St. Hines at the corner of View and Government Streets. In view of the fact that this Battalion was largely recruited from Victoria and the adjacent neighborhood, and that the men made many friends here during their long stay, it is certain that the copies will be eagerly snapped up. Every officer and man on the strength of the battalion immediately prior to the departure of the unit across the channel has his place in the various groups included in the booklet. Demand will doubtless outstrip supply so that early application for copies is advised. A Qualifying Course, Horse and Field Artillery, for officers (all grades) and non-commissioned officers, will commence at the Royal School of Ar-

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Aberdeen, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Str Carmel, from San Francisco. The str Daisy and Gray's Harbor did not sail, as previously reported, being harbored. Mukilteo, Feb. 16.—The boat J. M. Griffiths arrived to-day from San Francisco.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 16.—Arrived: Str Col. E. L. Drake, from San Francisco, via Victoria, B. C.

Port Ludlow, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Str Albert Meyer, from Kananis, thence January 12, in tow of tug Wanderer.

Eagle Harbor, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Str Forest Home, from Port Allen, thence January 19, in tow of tug Richard Holyoke.

Tacoma, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Strs Santa Alicia and Umatilla, from Seattle.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Str President, from San Diego; str Bradford, from Vancouver, B. C. Sailed: Str Queen, for San Pedro.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16.—Sailed: Strs Beaver, Despatch, Willamette, Multnomah and J. A. Chanslor, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Str Santa Cruz, from Antofagasta; str Santa Monica, from Willapa Harbor. Sailed: Str Elizabeth, for Bandon; str Daisy Putnam, for Aberdeen; str Nippon Maru, for Hongkong; str Bee, for Bellingham; str Hardy, for Cape Bay.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of February, 1917.

Table with columns for Date, Sunrise (Hour Min), and Sunset (Hour Min). Rows list dates from Feb 1 to Feb 28.

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Arrivals and Departures

Table with columns for Service, From, and Date. Lists arrivals and departures for various routes like Vancouver, Seattle, and Port Angeles.

MEN GRANTED LEAVE TO SERVE OVERSEAS

Four Members of Local Marine Department Joined Up With Inland Water Transport.

The Marine Department here has contributed largely to the Inland Water Transport during the past few days, no less than four men who have been employed under Capt. G. E. L. Robertson in the government service at this port, having joined up with this popular unit. They are: J. Sutherland, chief engineer on the Dominion light-house tender Estevan; T. E. Morrison, second engineer, D. G. S. Estevan; W. G. Brown, chief gas-blower expert, and George Hartnell, book-keeper at the local office of the Marine Department.

Mr. Sutherland has been in the government service for the past four years, having joined the Estevan when she came out to this coast from Collingwood. His shipmate, Mr. Morrison, has been employed for the past eight years on various government ships on this coast.

As a buoy expert, Mr. Brown has been associated with the department since 1902, and Mr. Hartnell's period of government service here dates back to 1911.

These men have been granted indefinite leave of absence in order to serve with the imperial forces. The enlistments have brought about a number of changes among the personnel of the Estevan's officers.

J. R. Butler, formerly chief engineer on the Quadra, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Sutherland on the Estevan, while Third Engineer Stewart has been promoted to the post of second engineer. The third berth will be taken over by T. W. Allen.

Brown and Hartnell left with the draft which was dispatched east last night. Sutherland and Morrison will get away with the next batch to be sent overseas.

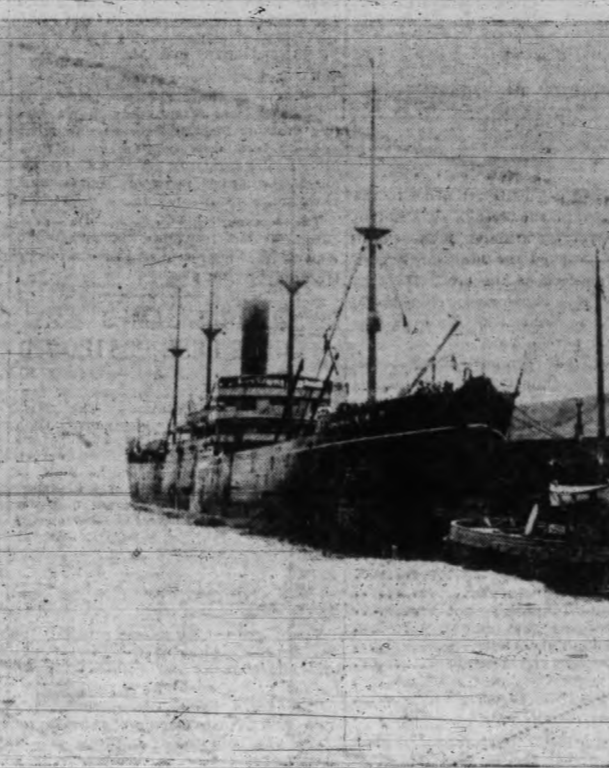
WIRELESS REPORTS

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 29.85; 33; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Clear; N. fresh; 29.94; 33; sea moderate. Pachena—Clear; calm; 29.80; 28; light swell. Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.69; 25; light swell. Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.70; 32; sea smooth—Passed out, str Princess Beatrice, 7 p. m., northbound. Triangle—Cloudy; N.; 30.00; 37; light swell. Spoke str Prince George, 10.15 p. m., Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound; spoke str Camosun, 11.15 p. m., Millbank Sound, northbound. Dead Tree Point—Overcast, N. E. light; 29.90; 24; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.78; 32; sea smooth. Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.90; 32; sea smooth. Spoke str Latouche, 2 a. m., 30 miles north of Ketchikan, southbound; spoke str Admiral Goodrich, 7 a. m., off Point Webster, northbound; spoke str Juneau, 7.15 a. m., due Ketchikan, 8 a. m., northbound. Noon. Point Grey—Clear; calm; 29.84; 41; sea smooth—Passed out, str Col. Drake, 3.25 a. m., Spoke str Santa Ana, 11 a. m., off Gabriola Beacon, northbound. Cape Lazo—Overcast; N. fresh; 29.83; 28; sea moderate. Str Prince George beam, 2 a. m., southbound. Spoke str Chelohsin, 11.10 a. m., north of Seymour Narrows, southbound. Pachena—Clear; calm; 29.80; 47; light swell. Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.55; 45; light swell. Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.63; 37; sea smooth. Spoke str Cordova, 11 a. m., seven miles south of Alert Bay, southbound; str Alaska, 11 a. m., off York Island, northbound. Triangle—Cloudy; N. fresh; 30.00; 38; sea moderate. Spoke str Admiral Farragut, 8 a. m., off Fog Rocks, northbound; str Norwood, 11.20 a. m., Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound. Dead Tree Point—Clear; N. E. light; 30.01; 31; light swell. Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.83; 37; sea smooth. Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.90; 35; sea smooth.

ESTEVAN GETS AWAY

The lighthouse tender Estevan left port yesterday afternoon for the West Coast to replace the buoy recently displaced in a gale at San Juan.

DUE IN PORT FROM ORIENT



N. Y. K. LINER KAMAKURA MARU

FIVE TRANS-PACIFIC LINERS COMING ON NOW FITTING OUT FOR NORTHERN RUN

Kamakura Maru Leads Big Tonnage Arriving From the Orient This Month

Starting with the N. Y. K. liner Kamakura Maru to-morrow, five ocean liners are posted to reach here from the Orient before the end of the month.

The total cargo being shipped across the Pacific aboard the five ships amounts to approximately 30,000 tons and nearly a third of the aggregate is destined for British Columbia ports. The liner Kamakura Maru, which left Yokohama February 2, is bringing in 5,600 tons, of which 800 tons will be discharged at this port. She also carries 158 passengers in all classes, all but three, stowage being routed through to the United States.

Running closely behind the Kamakura Maru is the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Chicago Maru, with a total of 42 passengers and a full cargo of about 5,600 tons.

The Blue Funnel liner Ikon is now crossing the Pacific with 10,000 tons of Orient freight picked up at Hongkong, Manila and Yokohama. She is expected to reach the latter part of the month. The bulk of the Ikon's cargo is manifested to Seattle, but she will put off 200 tons here and 1,900 tons at Vancouver.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Montague is also looked for toward the end of the month with a good-cabin list and 5,000 tons of cargo. The Montague is carrying a larger list than usual owing to the temporary break in the service by the withdrawal of the larger Empresses for annual overhaul. Another Oriental liner due within the next ten days is the N. Y. K. steamship Sado Maru from Kobe and Yokohama. She has approximately 5,000 tons of cargo and a good list of passengers.

The O. S. K. liner Hawaii Maru, which is now loading outward cargo on this coast, is shortly due to leave port for Yokohama and Hongkong.

FOREMAST IS STEPPED

Yesterday Saw the First Stick in Place Aboard Margaret Haney.

The first of the five big sticks to be stepped aboard the new auxiliary schooner Margaret Haney, the foremast, was wedged into position yesterday. The main, mizen, jigger and spanker masts will be stepped in the order named, and within a few days the riggers will be hard at work in getting the vessel ready for sea.

NEW CANAL RECORD.

The former Hill liner Minnesota, 20,000 tons, recently purchased by the International Mercantile Marine, which sailed from San Francisco the other day for New York, will be the largest vessel to pass through the Panama Canal in order to pass through the Isthmian waterway—the Minnesota is drawing but 20 feet of water. If loaded fully she would draw considerably more and would be unable to attempt the passage of the canal.

INCREASE IN FISH EXPORT.

Fresh fish to the value of \$365,514 was exported through Vancouver to the United States during the year 1916, compared with a value of \$282,137 for the previous year. The value of preserved fish was \$52,728, compared with \$81,606 for the year 1915.

ARCATA MAKES CALL.

The United States coastguard cutter Arcata, which has been patrolling the Straits since relations were broken off with Germany, is in port to-day taking of water. She has been assisted in her patrol work by the lifesaving tug Snohomish.

BOUND FOR HONGKONG

N. Y. K. Liner Shidzuoka Maru Sails With Full Cabin List.

With all her cabin accommodation taken up, the N. Y. K. liner Shidzuoka Maru, Capt. Noma, got away last evening on her return trip to the Far East. Among her passengers was Francisco Rivas Vicuna, Chilean minister to Japan, who is returning to take up his duties at Tokyo, accompanied by Senora Vicuna and four children.

Others leaving by the liner were: G. C. Snider, for Kobe; H. F. Kay, for Shanghai; Mrs. L. J. Boxley, for Manila; Mr. and Mrs. George Glueker, for Yokohama; Mrs. Mary Cornwall, for Hongkong; and W. M. Routh, for Shanghai. The liner took out a capacity cargo.

WERE ON SHORT RATIONS

Sailors on Retriever Making Up for Previous Food Shortage.

The overdue barquentine Retriever, bound from Australia via Honolulu to Grays Harbor, was picked up by the tug Prosper and towed to an anchorage in Clallam Bay. The barquentine had been missing exactly a week when picked up by the tug, the sailing vessel having been spoken February 8 by the tanker Lansing, short of provisions. The Retriever had been beating it up and down the coast since the latter part of January in trying to make Grays Harbor. When the vessel dropped her hook in Clallam Bay she was 122 days out from Adelaide.

TIDE TABLE

Tide table for February 1917, showing high and low tide times for various dates.

The time used in Pacific standard, for the 12th meridian west. It is counted from 6 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower low water.

Equivalents—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dock at any time, add 19.6 feet to the height of high water as above given.

The giraffe was not the only animal that puzzled eighteenth century writers. Buffon, for instance, didn't know what to make of the crocodile. In one of his works there is a serious discussion on the question whether the crocodile should, or should not, be regarded as an insect! The hardness of the external casing of a crocodile is compared with the hardness of the external casing of a beetle. Ultimately, however, Buffon decides to remove the crocodile from the list of insects, on the apparently sole and sufficient ground that an animal of such large proportions would make "altogether too" terrible an insect.—London Chronicle.

TRANSPORTATION

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B. C. COAST SERVICE VANCOUVER, daily at 2 and 11.45 p.m. SEATTLE, daily at 4.30 p.m. ALASKA, from Victoria, Feb. 19, at 11 p.m. PRINCE RUPERT and ANYOX (Granby Bay) from Vancouver every Wednesday at 11 p.m. OCEAN FALLS and SWANSON BAY, from Vancouver every Thursday at 11 p.m. HOLBERG way ports, from Victoria, Feb. 20, at 11 p.m. CLAYQUOT and COMOX, from Victoria, every Tuesday at midnight; from Vancouver, every Wednesday and Friday, at 9 a.m. POWELL RIVER, UNION BAY and COMOX, from Vancouver, every Saturday at 11.45 p.m. Full particulars, rates and reservations from L. D. CHETHAM Phone 174 1102 Government Street



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SPORTING NEWS

TRAINING FOR BOUT IS IMPORTANT PART

Work in Ring Only One Phase of the Life of

"He's in great shape, isn't he," pipes a ringside fan when some fistic gladiator climbs through the ropes and takes his seat in his corner. After the well-timed, main event steps through four fast rounds and... and fresh, free... for the box office to collect his slice of the purse, the ring follower murmurs, "Pretty soft."

But little does the average boxing fan know of the siege of training that the boy who is in "great shape" has to go through in order to harden his muscles, perfect his wind and judge of distance so as to battle through four stiff rounds at top speed and finish fresh and strong. The fan sees only the boss in the ring—he does not see the long hours of the hardest kind of work which the well-trained battler goes through in preparation for a contest. The grinding road work, pulleys and weights, handball and many other divisions of the athlete's preliminary work are important parts of the boxer's life, and the weary hours spent at grueling training stunts are the hours in which the boxing favorite really earns his share of the purse.

Don't Like the Training. Ask any boxer who has been out of the game for a time why he doesn't take another whirl at boxing, and he will tell you that it is not because he fears the actual work in the ring, but that it's the training that's the bugaboo.

An ambitious battler with a man-sized bout on his hands is busier than a one-armed day carrier on St. Valentine's Day. From road work to the showers is a long, hard grind.

Road work, the old reliable weight reducer, is probably the most important item in the list of training stunts. Bundled in heavy sweaters, the boxer jogs along the road in early morning for miles at a stiff gait, and after a five-mile jaunt returns, panting, to the gymnasium with sweat streaming from every pore. It is road work that makes the fat disappear and the surplus weight drop off in ounces.

A Limbering Exercise. The pulleys are usually the first exercise the training boxer goes through, limbering the muscles in both arms and legs. Then the busy battler turns to the punching bag, or maybe the spudbag, and whistles away for ten minutes at a time without a let up. Both are excellent exercises, the sandbag giving the boxer an opportunity to "rough it," as it clinches, as well as a chance to practice every variety of punch, while the punching bag trains the eye and affords the boxer the chance to "time" his blows.

Then comes boxing, both of the real variety and the shadow kind. Shadow boxing is an aid to speed and footwork, but the old slam-bang gymnasium battle is the best for the ambitious ringman. Nothing but plenty of work with sparring partners can give the boxer the experience he needs, and the ring work is one of the important requirements.

Handball is Popular. Handball is becoming more popular than ever as a conditioner. The little bouncing rubber ball, darting back and forth, affords the training boxer excellent experience. It develops speed as well as trains the eye. It is becoming more and more popular with boxers, and promises to hold a more important place in training in the future.

Neck and stomach exercises, unpopular but necessary forms of training, usually come in for a few minutes of the boxer's time. Seated on a low stool, with feet planted between two bars on the wall, the boxer squirms amid sways while sharp pains from the soft parts of the body testify as to the value of the exercises.

After the heavy work is over, then comes the welcome shower, a rub down and afterwards a good night's sleep. But another morning means more road work, more boxing, more... Who says the boxer doesn't earn his salary?

LOCAL SWIMMER



MISS MADGE GRIFFIN

Who several years ago set the Canadian Indoor 100-Yard Ladies' Swimming record at one minute thirty-six and three-fifths seconds. For some time past Miss Griffin has not been engaged in any swimming events, and it is the record that she set that Miss Audrey Griffin will attempt to lower.

NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPS TOURNAMENT

August 30 is Set as Date for the Opening of the Series

New York, Feb. 17.—According to official announcement, Thursday, August 30, has been selected as the opening of the national singles champions tournament to be held at the West Side Club, Forest Hill, L. I. The officers of the U. S. National Lawn Tennis Association state that an effort is to be made this year to group the big tournament so that players may compete for national doubles championship and the national singles championship in the shortest period that can be allotted, and do justice to both events. As the doubles championship is to be decided on the tournament, to be held at Longwood, it is felt that such an arrangement will find favor, particularly with players from the south and middle west who might not care to spend the time that a league campaign around the tennis circuit involves.

SMITH IS DEFEATED BY JACK DILLON

New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, was awarded the referee's decision over Cumbert Smith, of Philadelphia, at the end of a 20-round bout here last night.

BOWLING NEWS.

In the Commercial Bowling League game last night between the Fairalls and Capital City Bakery team and the Cameron Lumber Co., the former proved victorious, the full score being as follows:

Fairalls	152	141	131
Hixtable	143	137	131
Brown	135	163	131
Trewin	146	206	127
Aaromon	112	125	116
Total pins—2,233			

Cameron Lumber Co. McDonnell 128 158 111 Tuttle 135 126 123 Wilson 158 158 168 Mitchell 159 148 148 McMillan 112 112 131 Total pins—2,088. Two matches will be played to-day in the Junior League. In the afternoon the Navy plays the Volunteers and in the evening the Dentals play the Silver Springs.

AUDREY GRIFFIN MAY SET A NEW RECORD

Local Girl Shows Great Promise as Champion Swimmer

On Saturday, February 24, Miss Audrey Griffin, of this city, will attempt to lower the Canadian 100-yard ladies' indoor swimming record, which is at present, registered as one minute, thirty-six and three-fifths seconds, being the time in which the distance was done by Miss Madge Griffin several years ago. The attempt will be made in the tank of the local Y. M. C. A., as one of the events in a swimming gala that is to be held on the stated date.

Miss Audrey Griffin is a daughter of C. E. Griffin, formerly of this city, who is now residing at Hill Island, Sidney. She first came into prominence as a swimmer three years ago, when Frank Crompton, who at that time was in charge of the city swimming baths at the Gorge, saw that she had exceptional abilities, and by careful instruction under him, she developed to a remarkable state of perfection in the treading water. For the last three years she has been a member of the Victoria Ladies' Swimming Club, the pioneer ladies' swimming organization of British Columbia. Her associations with the members of this club have done much to develop her abilities in the various lines of aquatic sports.

In 1915 Miss Griffin was the winner in the through Victoria swim from the Cadsway to the Gorge, in which race she passed John Headley, the leading swimmer, 100 yards from the finish. Last year she again won this event. In 1915 she also carried off the outdoor 50-yard Ladies' B. C. Championship, and undoubtedly she would have been again successful last year had the event been held; but owing to the fact that there was no one swimmer who felt capable of competing with her the race was called off.

SPOKANE HOCKEYISTS DEFEATED EASILY

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17.—The Spokane hockey team was outplayed by Portland last night, and the result was a 9 to 1 victory for the Oregonians. The visitors scored their lone tally in the first period, but from then on it was a Portland procession. Charley Tobin and Tommy Dunderdale each scored three goals for Portland, while Irvin, Harbour and Marples scored one each. A fight between Grace, of Spokane, and Loughlin added excitement to the occasion, but no damage was done outside of a ten-minute penalty being imposed on each. Score by periods: Portland, 2, 3, 2-9; Spokane, 1, 0, 0-1.

SPEED RECORD.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 17.—Carl C. Fisher, of Indianapolis, drove his express cruiser Shadow III, over the 10-mile circular course in Biscayne Bay here to what is said to be a new record for speed boats of this class. The Shadow III covered the distance in 20 minutes 41.85 seconds, defeating the Raven III, owned and driven by Chas. W. Koteher, of Detroit, and the Boomerang, handled by her owner, Huston Wyeth, of St. Joseph, Mo.

WINS FROM WALLACE.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Willie Jackson, of this city, who gained prominence by knocking out Johnny Dundee several weeks ago, defeated Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, here last night, outpointing him in seven of the ten rounds. Each weighed 128 pounds.

TITLE ASPIRANT



MISS AUDREY GRIFFIN

Who will attempt to lower the Canadian 100 yards Ladies' indoor swimming record next Saturday in the tank of the local Y. M. C. A.

DO ATHLETES MAKE THE BEST SOLDIERS?

Germans Do Not Know the Meaning of "Sportsmanship"

Writing for the New York Tribune, O. McGeehan calls attention to the fact that while the French as a nation are the poorest athletes in the world, they have proved the best soldiers, or at least as good as the best. He does not draw any conclusion from this, preferring to treat it as the exception which proves the rule, and expresses his belief that compulsory physical training in connection with compulsory military service is a sound principle. No doubt the fighting ability of France has been the greatest sensation of the war. The French people were not expected to do what they have done; and this was due to the common mistake that the boulevardiers of Paris were the French people. They were the French people that most visitors saw; and they have done their share of stiff fighting, but they have not played the part that the French peasant and mechanic has played. With the French peasant and mechanic, however, most visitors to France had little to do.

At the Olympic Games. It is to be admitted that at the last Olympic games the representatives of France made a wretched showing. In the track and field competitions at Stockholm, France had just one representative. This was Jean Bouin, and by finishing second to the Finn, Kolehmainen, in the 5,000-metre race he saved his country from a zero in these competitions. Bouin was killed at the Battle of the Marne. In the minor Olympic sports, France captured four first prizes, winning the riding competition, the tennis championship in covered courts, the competition for shooting with army rifles and the yacht race of the six-metre class. The fact that French soldiers did win the rifle-shooting competition ought to have saved anyone inclined to assume that to be a good soldier it is necessary to be a good athlete. France also won a number of second prizes, but if military prowess were to be judged by the attainments of athletes, then France would be to the United States as Roumania is to Germany. The United States was the great athletic champion at Stockholm.

French Attitude Toward Sport.

The fact is that France, until comparatively recent years, has been indifferent to athletics. She has never had and is never likely to have that devotion to outdoor games and sports that the Anglo-Saxon races has developed. Some sixty years ago I. Hope, an English barrister, wrote a book on "Britanny and the Chase, With Hints on French Affairs," in which he developed the attitude of the French to his favorite sport. He said: "The Frenchman's inferiority in the chase is great; no resolute following of the object with quiet and skill and a firm determination to get at it, enjoying the while the free air of the hillside, the open scenery, the charms of bell and glade; but all noise and bluster, talking, now singing some hoarse refrain, now bawling to the dogs or diverting to rest or to light the eternal pipe." Those who have enjoyed the "Exploits of Brigadier Gerard" will recall in this connection the episode of how the brigadier slew the fox.

City Soldiers Best?

Mr. McGeehan believes that there is something in the theory of an old army surgeon who held that the best soldiers were not the husky farmer lads, but the comparatively puny city dwellers. This surgeon, who was examining recruits for the American army at the time of the war with Spain, said that when he picked his regiment he didn't want athletes or the "husky, regular-living, beefy kind." He wanted a lot of "pale-faced hoodlums from the city, who can miss a meal or two and stay awake for two nights running. Your farmer boys and athletes," he said, "are good barracks soldiers, but for the field give me the undercity city youngster. Life in the field is unnatural, and so is life in the cities. The city boy doesn't expect everything in the way of food and sleep to come with the clock." His experience in the Civil War had taught him that some of the finest regiments, from the point of view of the physical fitness of the men, went to pieces without being put to much strain. They couldn't do without their regular meals and their regular hours. They couldn't stand being routed out at all hours of the night, or sleeping in the mud.

Germans Not Athletes.

There may be something in this theory, and there can be no doubt that unhealthy slum dwellers, for instance, can at least exist in conditions that would speedily put in his coffin a healthy farmer lad. But as far as the original question is concerned, it ought to be pointed out that the Germans are no more a race of athletes than the French. In the past few years they have devoted less attention to sport than have the French, and it goes without saying that they do not know the meaning of the word "sportsmanship." The French, on the contrary, have been more and more influenced by Great Britain in this respect. To take but one instance we may mention Georges Carpentier, the acknowledged boxing champion of Europe, and probably the best man of his weight, or anything near it, in the world to-day. It is safe to say that even Hindenburg or the Kaiser would cut a poor figure against Carpentier in a prize fight, under Queensberry rules.

MINOR LEAGUE CLUBS TO OPEN AS USUAL

New York, Feb. 17.—All minor baseball leagues will open the season as usual, even though the United States should become involved in war, and the question of suspending play would be decided later, President Barrow of the International League announced to-day. "I have received assurances," he said, "that the resolution passed by the league last year, turning down the two-year drafts would be reconsidered and a rule substituted which will prohibit drafting from a class 'AA' league unless the player had been in that company more than one year.

The International League clubowners have decided to follow in detail the American League plan for military training for the players.

CITY LEAGUE GAMES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

In order that the games may not conflict with the presentation of the "Merchant of Venice" at the Victoria High School this evening, the two City League basketball games that were to have been played in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. have been postponed until Wednesday evening next. The two matches that were scheduled for to-night were between the Freeman and the Presbyterian and the High School and the Y. M. C. A.

BASKETBALL.

There will be two games in the Sunday School League at the First Presbyterian gymnasium, commencing at 8 o'clock this evening.

The ladies' game, scheduled for to-night at 7:30 between Presbyterian "F" team and Reformed Episcopal, has been postponed. The first game, at 8 o'clock, is between James Bays and Presbyterian "A" team, and the second game will be between Presbyterian "B" team and Congos. Both these matches will be closely contested, as the former games played between them resulted in very close scores.

ATHLETES' SOCIAL.

The St. John's Church Athletic Club is arranging an interesting social in honor of the Young Ladies' Club of the Church on Monday evening. The social will be held in the boys' division of the Y. M. C. A., and the programme will begin at 8 o'clock.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Students Will Again Present Shakespeare's Masterpiece, "The Merchant of Venice."

The success scored by the matriculation students in their presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" has led to many urgent requests for a repeat performance. In compliance with these insistent demands the students are again offering the play in aid of the Fernwood Branch of the Red Cross Society. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining the consent of the school officials to a repetition of the performance, but the strong representations prevailed when an understanding was reached whereby the officials of the society agreed to attend to all business details and to assume all responsibility other than the acting. Thus the students are relieved from the worry attached to the sale of tickets, advertising or the procuring of costumes; all of which duties, to be sure, would have anything but a pronounced salutary effect on their school work.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society are working in an energetic business-like way, sparing no effort to make the performance a financial success. The players themselves are bent on improving on their success of a week ago. It is expected that the auditorium will be crowded to-night, and for assurances there is the worthy purpose and the proven excellence of the performance.

Portia Society.

In the last meeting of the society the subject "Resolved, that there should be an international conference backed up by an international police, to settle international disputes," which, by the way, was a victim of the boys' onslaught a week ago, was debated. The judges, Miss Adele MacLeod and Mr. Andrews, decided that the gagative, Patricia Smith and Daisy Corrance, had defeated their opponents, Miss De Blaquiere and Joyce Burrell.

Beta Delta Society.

The Beta Delta are to be congratulated on securing the services of the Rev. J. G. Inkster as a lecturer last Thursday. Mr. Inkster's address dealt with the Orkney Islands. He traced their history, described the inhabitants, their lives, in fact gave a very instructive and entertaining lecture, interspersing delightful bits of humor amid the more sober facts. The school evinced its appreciation of Mr. Inkster's efforts by very hearty applause and realizes that it owes a debt of gratitude

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to the Beta Delta Society for securing Mr. Inkster's consent to speak. Athletics.

High School Rugbyists are looking forward to another encounter with the University School in the near future, and they solemnly assert that the game will not end in a draw, neither will it be favorable to the University players. The V. I. A. A. are also regarded as prospective victims.

Both girls' and boys' basketball teams are actively engaged with the Thompson Cup games against Vancouver as the consummation of their wishes. It might be well to point out, in this connection, that the mainland High Schools must play off to decide which will meet the winner of a similar elimination series among the Island High Schools. One game decides the championship of British Columbia, whilst the series entail the playing of home and home games. This year the Vancouver boys visit Victoria.

VICTORIA BOY SCOUTS

(By George.)

Appropos of the interest now being taken in the local organization of troops of Sea Scouts, referred to hereunder, it may be interesting to recall the magnificent behavior of some seventeen British Sea Scouts who were on board the ship Britannia gunk last November in the Mediterranean. They performed the duties to which they had been assigned with calmness to the end. Indeed one plucky little fellow being on duty with the officers who were launching the boats, finding that one of the officers had got so hoarse with shouting out orders that he could not go on without a drink, of his own accord went down three decks of the sinking ship and brought him up a glass of water. He was almost too late, as he found his comrades had already been ordered to and had got into the boats, leaving him behind. He was literally thrown overboard by the officers who were last to leave the ship. All were saved though one of the Scouts had a narrow escape from death, being in a boat that was caught and smashed by one of the propellers. Luckily he managed to seize and hold a rope till rescued, escaping with lacerated hands. The next day the Scouts were entertained and feasted by the Scouts of Athens.

Troop II. (Collegiate School.)

Last Wednesday the troop, numbering 28, marched to Gonzales Hill with their band, put out attacking posts and practiced other instructive Scout games.

Troop III.

We are glad to learn that Troop Scrib D. Campbell, who has been ill, has now recovered. Members of this troop during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday assisted the Red Cross branch of the Fairfield district by taking around messages, etc. Next Tuesday a football match has been arranged with the Collegiate School.

Troop X.

This troop is still busy preparing for the entertainment to be given at the Gorge in aid of the troop funds, and will also assist the Sea Scouts at the concert being given on Saturday, February 17.

Troop XI.

Acting Scoutmaster G. Wootton has arranged for a route march this week, to be followed by a competition in the troop in matters regarding which ten-teen and second class Scouts will be proficient. The competition is to be run somewhat after the fashion of the old spelling-bees. It should prove entertaining and we hope to have a fuller account of it next week. Instructor W. Maxim has joined the 5th C. G. A. The good wishes of the whole troop follow him in his new career and it is hoped that the interest in sport, which he was instrumental in cultivating in the troop, will be kept up with undiminished ardor as a tribute to and recognition of his good work while with the troop.

Troop XV. (University School.)

Scribe G. R. Heggie (I.) reports that the weekly parade was shifted from Monday to Tuesday as the school turned out at the wharf to welcome back Pte. J. R. Kingham, an old boy convalescing from wounds received at the front. It has been learnt from the examiner that three more Scouts, viz: Heggie (I.), Heggie (II.) and Heggie (III.), have passed for the ambulance badge, thus making a total number of eleven that passed out of twelve Scouts that took the examination. This splendid result is mainly to be ascribed to the efficient coaching given to the troop by Mrs. Barnacle in this subject. The troop is now turning its attention to making as good a display in signalling, and under Scoutmaster Barnacle progress is being made in Semaphore and Morse. The tenderest and second-class Scouts are meanwhile reviewing their work and making the basis of their knowledge sound before passing to the next step.

Sea Scouts.

In aid of the organization of the First Patrol (St. Louis College), Victoria-Sea Scouts, a concert is being held at 8:15 p. m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Princess Theatre. Various prominent ladies and the Arion Club are supporting the entertainment, as also members of local Boy Scout troops. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of parents to listen to the remarks of Capt. Walter Hose, R. N., and to be persuaded that the Boy Scout movement (of which the Sea Scouts form one branch), is one

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That Capt. Hose has had marvellous success in educating the parents of boys to the possibilities of the training to be given is shown not only by the large number of boys attending the St. Louis College who have signified their willingness to be enrolled in the First Patrol, but by the expressed intention of other gentlemen in other districts to follow the example so worthily set them. Mr. Edwards, of Gordon Head, has signified his intention of seeking registration for a troop of Sea Scouts to be formed at Gordon Head, and Mr. T. A. Willey, of 1693 Government Street, wishes it to be known that he has secured the use of a store at the Junction of Obed Avenue with Tillicum Road, and that he will present there from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. each Thursday evening ready to accept the names of boys wishing to join a patrol to be formed in the Gorge District.

The Navy League Chapter of the I. O. D. E. have expressed their intention of taking under their fostering care the promotion of the Sea Scout organization, and will endeavor to enlist the sympathy and support of parents whose boys may usefully become members. In the same way a project has been mooted to put more prominently before parents of this city actual testimony of the efficiency of the land side of the organization of which further details will appear when plans have sufficiently matured.

The Bubble.

The interest and support of all local troops is invited towards making "the Bubble" (Editor's address 1065 Pemberton Road, phone 813), a success. Although issued primarily in the interest of the Eleventh Troop, as a venture edited by local Scouts for local Scouts, members of other troops will find it interesting and entertaining. Prizes continue to be offered for answers to puzzles. (We suspect that the editors will in future have to allow a more extended time for solutions to be sent in of their brain-twisters.) The cartoonist who made an excellent hit with the cartoon in No. 3 of the paper has followed it up with a clever sketch of how to form four on one leg in the most recent issue. The editors would gladly welcome the assistance of talent in other troops if any one wishes to submit sketches or contributions.

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FOUR BRITISH SHIPS LISTED AS SUNK

Three Were Sent Down by Submarines and One by Mine

London, Feb. 17.—The sinking of the following British steamships was announced by Lloyd's this afternoon: Marie Leonhardt, 1,488 tons gross; Marion Dawson, 2,300 tons gross; Queenwood, 2,701 tons gross. The crew of the Queenwood was saved, except three men, who were killed.

TURKS WILL LET AMERICANS LEAVE

At Last Constantinople States Willingness to Let Refugees Go

Washington, Feb. 17.—Permission for the departure of American refugees from Turkey has been given by the Ottoman Government. A message from Ambassador Ekus, at Constantinople, received by the State Department today, states that a Turkish authority expressed the hope that the Americans would be given passage soon and their departure would be in no way interfered with.

American missionaries in Syria, Palestine and Turkey are awaiting transportation at Beirut. The naval collier Caesar and the armored cruiser Des Moines are now at Alexandria, Egypt, loaded with food supplies and stores for delivery in Syria and Palestine.

State Department officials said the question of Germany's submarine "zone" in Mediterranean waters would have to be taken into consideration before the two vessels were dispatched to Beirut. Permission also must be obtained from the British and French for the vessels to pass through the Allies' blockade. France already has consented to such an arrangement.

Ambassador Ekus said the Turkish Government had reduced the quarantine from 30 to one or two days in order that the Americans might leave at once.

REVOLT IN CUBA IS BEING BROKEN

Havana, Feb. 17.—It is officially said that Colonel Fajal's forces have occupied Ciego de Avila, the rebel headquarters in Camaguey province. The town was entered on Thursday, the rebels fleeing at the approach of the troops. Government forces now hold the Cuba and Juanez and Moron railroads and have captured sufficient stock for the transportation of troops.

The rebels are reported to have broken up into small groups, some heading for Camaguey and others for Las Villas, and their escape is believed to be practically cut-off. Administration officials claim that the backbone of the uprising in Camaguey province is broken.

After the occupation of Ciego de Avila by Col. Pujol, one of the two cavalry squadrons stationed in Camaguey, composed of 80 officers and men, surrendered at Tunas de Saza to Col. Jans.

ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, Feb. 17.—The Adige valley area was the scene of considerable activity by the artillery, said an official report issued this evening.

"Our batteries caused fires to break out on the enemy's Suggia line. Minor encounters favorable to us are reported from various points."

Along the Julian front there were the usual artillery actions. The railroad station at St. Lucia di Tolmino was hit by our fire.

TURKS' ATTITUDE

Washington, Feb. 17.—Expressions of friendship for the United States and of the hope that friendly relations may continue have been given to Ambassador Ekus by the Turkish Foreign Office. A dispatch from the ambassador makes no reference to Turkey supporting Germany's submarine policy or that she intends to apply it with the few submarines known to be under her flag.

FORCED HANDS OF MAKERS OF PAPERS

How President Wilson Made Them Agree to Fair Prices

Washington, Feb. 17.—It became known today that the print paper manufacturers yielded in their opposition to the Government's efforts to restore normal prices and agreed to permit the Federal Trade Commission to determine a fair scale only when confronted with the alternative of personal action by President Wilson and a special session of Congress to pass remedial legislation. At President Wilson's direction, it was said, Secretary McAdoo summoned one of the principal manufacturers, who was acting as spokesman for the others, and informed him that although as the Government itself was not permitted by the constitution to impose prohibitive restraint upon the press, the administration did not intend to remain idle while an alleged monopoly through extortionate prices for print paper effectually imposed greater restraints than the government might ever contemplate.

Mr. McAdoo, it was said, speaking for the President, informed this representative manufacturer that with many daily newspapers of the United States threatened with being forced to close up, a special session of Congress would be called if necessary to pass legislation to restore the prices and supply to normal levels. At the same time the federal grand jury in New York was preparing to bring indictments for criminal prosecution. The sequel was the action of the manufacturers yesterday in signing an agreement permitting the Federal Trade Commission to fix fair prices.

AMERICAN CONSULS ARE NOT AWAY YET

Eighty-Six Still in Germany; Lansing Hears From Swiss Minister

Washington, Feb. 17.—Full information on the departure of former American consuls in Germany was delivered to Secretary Lansing today in a note by the Swiss Minister. It is understood that every facility is being made for the departure of 86 former American officials and their families.

While Mr. Gerard had expected that a second trainload of officials would leave Munich for Switzerland some day this week, there has been some delay in their assembly and officials do not know when or how they will come out. No alarm, however, is felt.

No reports of indignities by search and detention to Americans leaving Germany have come to the State Department since its protest against such practices was sent to Berlin just before diplomatic relations were broken off. It was stated officially today that the German Government had not replied to the protest.

Counsel Seltzer, at Breslau, and Consul Pike, at St. Gall, forwarded reports of bad treatment by German military authorities upon which the State Department made its protest. In the cases reported men and women were stripped of their clothing.

Berne, Feb. 17.—The American Legation received notice today that the American consuls who were left in Germany when Ambassador Gerard left will arrive in Switzerland via Schaffhausen on Tuesday afternoon. It is expected that a large number of American residents in Germany will arrive with them.

NATIONAL GUARDS IN STATES TO BE READY

Washington, Feb. 17.—Demobilization of the entire National Guard force remaining in the federal service on the Mexican border, including troops from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, was ordered today by the War Department. Maj. Gen. Funston was directed to send all guard organizations home for muster out as soon as he can complete arrangements for the movement.

DIED IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 17.—Frank L. Joannini, private secretary to Ambassador Naon, of Argentina, died early today of injuries received last night when his automobile in which he was riding collided with a car. He was 40 years old and leaves a widow and young son.

STOPS COUNTING OF BALLOTS IN ENGLAND

McBride Retains Sir John Simon to Advise About Prohibition Vote

STATEMENT ISSUED BY WILLIAM SAVAGE TO-DAY

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—William Savage, chairman of the Soldiers' Votes Committee of the People's Prohibition Movement, gave out the following for publication today:

"William Savage, chairman of the Soldiers' Votes Committee, has received a cable from London to-day which shows that Mr. Huxley visited Epsom to investigate conditions there and found that there was universal knowledge at Epsom of the wholesale prohibition which occurred there."

"Liquor was used freely during polls. Military records show other irregularities."

"Special and definite protests have been made against 4,500 spurious ballots."

"Count now 320 for; 5,628 against; 74 spoiled; repeaters, 44."

"Auditor recognizes the very serious situation."

"The situation was so serious that Mr. Bayley referred the whole matter to Sir George Perley, who immediately consulted Sir Richard McBride. As a result of this conference the Agent-General stopped all further counting, and has retained Sir John Simon to advise upon the powers of the Agent-General in connection with the whole disgraceful matter."

A dispatch received by the Times from Vancouver to-day, earlier than the above, said: "Unless there should be some sudden change in the complexion of the returns being received from London, where the overseas votes on the prohibition referendum are being counted, it is conceded by many prohibitionists that the measure is doomed to defeat."

This much was admitted by several prohibitionists seen by a representative of the Times to-day.

William Savage, chairman of the soldiers' votes committee of the People's Prohibition Movement, stated that he had no other expectation than that, judging from the returns now coming in, the majority against prohibition recorded by the soldiers' vote would be sufficient to overcome the big majority polled in favor of the measure by the civilian vote in this province.

This view is quite generally held by prohibitionists who have not, however, given up hope of attaining their end in the first place. It is claimed by leaders of the movement that there have been serious irregularities in the voting of the vote overseas, and a strong effort will be made to have these charges investigated by the Government. The prohibitionists state that they have a mass of evidence they are prepared to submit when the opportunity is presented in support of this contention.

Direct Government Action. Another course is open to the prohibitionists, a course in fact that the leaders of the movement already have discussed informally, and that they say they probably will follow—that of asking for direct Government action.

A provincial convention of prohibition workers will be held in Victoria March 7, when the question of permanent organization will be discussed, as well as that of law enforcement. The question of approaching the Government for direct action, to bring prohibition into force in the province, while not on the programme, undoubtedly will be the principal topic that will come before the convention. In the opinion of many prohibitionists, if the Government is asked to-day what next would occur in the event of the defeat of the prohibition referendum, William Savage replied: "Direct Government action. I am in favor of asking the Government to pass an enactment giving the province prohibition."

View of Many. The view held by many prohibitionists is that the people of the province have expressed a desire for a "dry" measure, and that in view of the irregularities they claim have taken place, it is the duty of the Government to take the matter into its own hands.

W. A. Cantelon, a prominent prohibition worker in the referendum campaign, when approached said that he wanted to satisfy himself first on the result of the vote, the circumstances surrounding it, and what truth there was in the charges, before making up his mind as to what his individual action should be.

W. H. Malkin, a prominent prohibitionist whose word goes a long way with the movement, stated that he was not thoroughly in touch with the situation just now, but that he thought the whole question was one that no one should commit himself upon until there had been careful consideration. The result of the vote should first be known, and the nature of the protest that had been lodged during the counting of the ballots before any definite action was decided upon. Speaking individually, he would not care to express an opinion until he was in full possession of all the facts.

A. E. Turk's Statement. A. E. Turk, the head of the organization of anti-prohibitionists, when told that it was likely the prohibitionists would ask for direct government action said: "It means that if the province wants prohibition the people should get it, but if the people do not want it they should get it anyway. In other words, it is a case of 'let the heads you lose.' I understand that the prohibitionists got what they asked for"

GENERAL ADVANCE ON NEW YORK MARKET

Steel Issues and Coppers Most Prominent; General Bullish Feeling Prevails

GREAT BATTLES ON WESTERN FRONT SOON

Drive by Allies is Near; German's Efforts With Troops

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 17.—The cold which has held the western front frostbound for nearly a month is gradually moderating, and it is easy to sense all along the battle-line an unmistakably quickening which tells of the approach of spring and foreshadows the coming to grips of the greatest armies yet assembled in the world war. Already these armies are reaching out toward each other, testing various parts of the lines and attempting to discover the most likely point of contact for the beginning of the titanic struggle in which the allied armies will defeat the German forces.

In anticipation of eventualities, the Germans have removed the civilian populations from the cities and towns in proximity to their lines, but no such precaution has been felt necessary behind the allies' front.

Never silent, the British guns are beginning to roar more and more steadily. Last night they were booming with particular violence in the sector of the Somme. From a distance the battle might easily be mistaken for the grumbling echoes of a passing summer storm. The chorus of guns rises and falls like great peals of thunder and there are flashes in the darkened sky like the play of lightning along the horizon.

Rearrangement. New groups of divisions have been identified recently along the German lines, bearing out reports of great troop movements now going on in Germany. British officers, however, say that this concentration is not so formidable as it appears at sight. They say that many of the so-called new German divisions are merely a rearrangement of old divisions. These statements are based on information carefully collected during the continuing trench raids. In a raid undertaken this week an apparently new Bavarian division was located. It was discovered afterwards that this corps had been made up of regiments taken from older divisions, namely, the 5th, 6th and 7th.

Another manoeuvre carried out by the Germans has been a coming out of regiments and divisions, by which groups of 25 of the youngest men were taken from each company in the line and sent back to Germany to form new units or corps d'elite. British officers believe that it is on these corps d'elite that von Hindenburg is placing his greatest reliance.

According to information obtained here, the gaps in the companies have not been filled and the diminution in numbers has been covered in some instances by reducing infantry regiments from four battalions to three. One infantry company was encountered recently with a rifle strength of 72 out of a regulation complement of 175.

Even Landsturm. Recently landsturm regiments have been identified on the front here. For many they had been employed in patrolling the Dutch frontier and protecting lines of communication.

According to prisoners, the picked men of the landsturm are in the trenches, while those who are unfitted for the hardships of the firing line are on duty at the depots in the rear. Utilization of the landsturm battalions in this way permits the organization of young man divisions in Germany and it is the latter, British officers say, whose movements now are reported and who are depended upon to withstand the shock of the immediate battle. Many boys of 17 and 18 also have been found in the German trenches by the British raiders.

The British staff is keenly interested in a report that prior to the declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany, von Hindenburg stated to Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg: "Everywhere our front is invulnerable. The supply of reserves is ample and the troops are in good spirits and absolutely reliable."

Doubts Exist. The British point of view is that the last three words of this statement constituted an admission that doubts were entertained in German circles as to the reliability of their troops. There is no disposition, however, to underestimate the stubborn resistance that the Germans have the power of making. The evacuation of Grandcourt by the Germans and other minor successes won by the British in their initial operations are interpreted as meaning that the Germans are prepared to give way at some points in order to fall back on carefully prepared main lines of defence. Lines that have not been hammered by bombs and shells after the manner of so many of the present front trenches.

Artillery is looked upon as the deciding factor in the coming battle, and upon artillery the British have been concentrating their energy.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

(By Wise & Co.)

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The wheat market opened with a range for May of 172 to 173. Soon after the opening the market gained some strength on shorts being disposed to cover and fair buying by commission houses, advancing two and a half points over the low of 172. Towards the close, however, a slight reaction set in, May wheat finally closing at yesterday's price of 172. Corn and oats advanced without any change. Broomhall, Liverpool: Wheat dull and easier with expected larger export clearances and better outlook for shipping; several cargoes arrived yesterday. Corn firm with moderate export offers and good demand for spot. Oats firm with advancing spots.

Wheat—High Low Close
May 172 172 173
July 148 148 149
Sept. 171 171 172

Oats—High Low Close
May 101 101 101
July 99 99 99
Sept. 100 100 100

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GENERAL ADVANCE ON NEW YORK MARKET

Steel Issues and Coppers Most Prominent; General Bullish Feeling Prevails

GREAT BATTLES ON WESTERN FRONT SOON

Drive by Allies is Near; German's Efforts With Troops

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 17.—The cold which has held the western front frostbound for nearly a month is gradually moderating, and it is easy to sense all along the battle-line an unmistakably quickening which tells of the approach of spring and foreshadows the coming to grips of the greatest armies yet assembled in the world war. Already these armies are reaching out toward each other, testing various parts of the lines and attempting to discover the most likely point of contact for the beginning of the titanic struggle in which the allied armies will defeat the German forces.

In anticipation of eventualities, the Germans have removed the civilian populations from the cities and towns in proximity to their lines, but no such precaution has been felt necessary behind the allies' front.

Never silent, the British guns are beginning to roar more and more steadily. Last night they were booming with particular violence in the sector of the Somme. From a distance the battle might easily be mistaken for the grumbling echoes of a passing summer storm. The chorus of guns rises and falls like great peals of thunder and there are flashes in the darkened sky like the play of lightning along the horizon.

Rearrangement. New groups of divisions have been identified recently along the German lines, bearing out reports of great troop movements now going on in Germany. British officers, however, say that this concentration is not so formidable as it appears at sight. They say that many of the so-called new German divisions are merely a rearrangement of old divisions. These statements are based on information carefully collected during the continuing trench raids. In a raid undertaken this week an apparently new Bavarian division was located. It was discovered afterwards that this corps had been made up of regiments taken from older divisions, namely, the 5th, 6th and 7th.

Another manoeuvre carried out by the Germans has been a coming out of regiments and divisions, by which groups of 25 of the youngest men were taken from each company in the line and sent back to Germany to form new units or corps d'elite. British officers believe that it is on these corps d'elite that von Hindenburg is placing his greatest reliance.

According to information obtained here, the gaps in the companies have not been filled and the diminution in numbers has been covered in some instances by reducing infantry regiments from four battalions to three. One infantry company was encountered recently with a rifle strength of 72 out of a regulation complement of 175.

Even Landsturm. Recently landsturm regiments have been identified on the front here. For many they had been employed in patrolling the Dutch frontier and protecting lines of communication.

According to prisoners, the picked men of the landsturm are in the trenches, while those who are unfitted for the hardships of the firing line are on duty at the depots in the rear. Utilization of the landsturm battalions in this way permits the organization of young man divisions in Germany and it is the latter, British officers say, whose movements now are reported and who are depended upon to withstand the shock of the immediate battle. Many boys of 17 and 18 also have been found in the German trenches by the British raiders.

The British staff is keenly interested in a report that prior to the declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany, von Hindenburg stated to Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg: "Everywhere our front is invulnerable. The supply of reserves is ample and the troops are in good spirits and absolutely reliable."

Doubts Exist. The British point of view is that the last three words of this statement constituted an admission that doubts were entertained in German circles as to the reliability of their troops. There is no disposition, however, to underestimate the stubborn resistance that the Germans have the power of making. The evacuation of Grandcourt by the Germans and other minor successes won by the British in their initial operations are interpreted as meaning that the Germans are prepared to give way at some points in order to fall back on carefully prepared main lines of defence. Lines that have not been hammered by bombs and shells after the manner of so many of the present front trenches.

Artillery is looked upon as the deciding factor in the coming battle, and upon artillery the British have been concentrating their energy.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

(By Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Montreal, Feb. 17.—To-day's short session closed a very dull week in the local market. The small changes to-day were toward higher prices. The steel shares showed a tendency toward improvement, but there was absolutely nothing in the balance of the market to indicate a leaning in either direction.

C. P. R. gross earnings for the second week of February show an increase of \$288,000 as compared with the corresponding period last year.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Ames Holden, Bell Telephone, Canadian Pacific, etc.

Wheat—On a Close

Table with columns: On a Close, Bid, Asked. Lists wheat prices for various months and grades.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

(By Wise & Co.)

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Lists local stock prices like Blackbird Syndicate, Can. Copper Co., etc.

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BANK OF MONTREAL

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Advertisement for The Royal Trust Company, Executors and Trustees, Head Office, Montreal, listing directors and services.

UNITED FARMERS WILL STAY OUT OF POLITICS

New Organization Decides Not to Form an Independent Party

The United Farmers of British Columbia was the name chosen this morning for the new organization of farmers which is being formed at a convention being held here.

It was decided by the organization to confine its political activities to an education of the farmer along economic lines and to endeavor to enlist the support of candidates of the existing parties for policies which will benefit the farmer, instead of forming an independent political body apart from the old parties.

This decision was taken with practically the unanimous approval of the delegates, only one standing out by voting away from the present parties.

The section of the constitution as suggested in the draft dealing with parliamentary representation read: "To effect the adoption of a platform and policy free from existing party lines, and the pledging of the membership to support or oppose any candidate in accordance with the platform adopted by the union."

To this James Jackson, Comox, moved an amendment that the section read as follows:

"(a) To effect a platform and policy independent of existing party lines. (b) To use every legitimate means to induce candidates for and members of Provincial and Dominion Parliaments to adopt such platform and policy.

"(c) At election time to ascertain and to publish the views of all candidates in relation to such platform and policy.

"(d) Where, in the judgment of the central board or of a convention, there is any electoral division no candidate in prospect who commands the confidence of the association as a supporter of its platform and policy, and where, in the judgment of the central board or of a convention it is expedient so to do, to nominate a candidate of its own who will act independently of party organizations in Parliament on all questions affecting the association's platform and policy, and to organize and use every legitimate means to secure such candidate's election, with full authority to use the association's organization and available funds for this purpose."

This was seconded by Mr. Wingate-Whyte. From the experience of Albert R. D. Trego, vice-president of the United Farmers of Alberta, advised the infant association to cut out all reference to politics, and one of the delegates reminded the convention that as organized bodies the United Farmers would exert a powerful influence on candidates of the old parties without becoming a party of their own.

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Hans Helgesen, Melrose, at one time member of the legislature for Esquimalt, was the sole opponent of the passage of this.

"Until the power of political partyism is broken we farmers can never hope for anything," said Mr. Helgesen. "Parties have been a plague to the people from first to last."

The other sections of the constitution, as printed on another page in this issue, were then taken up and adopted with slight alteration.

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PRESBYTERIAN MEETS

Interesting Annual Meeting Held This Week Provides Many Good Reports.

Delegates from all over the Island attended the third annual meeting of the Victoria Presbyterian of the Women's Missionary Society, which convened on Thursday in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. William Archibald, Mrs. Oswald, Lady Smith, responding Mrs. W. L. Clay presented greetings from the provincial president. Among the reports were those of the literature secretary of the provincial society, Mrs. Thornton; one from Mrs. Ledingham on the missionary work in India; from the Supply and Mission Band Secretaries; and on the Mission Band work. Miss Macconnell read an excellent paper on Systematic Giving. The invitation from the ladies of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, to hold the next meeting in their church, was accepted by the Presbyterian. St. Paul's recorded that Mrs. Macconnell, an honored member of their society, had last week been presented with a life membership certificate. Mrs. R. A. Brown presided at the day sessions and Rev. Dr. Clay at the evening session, at which Rev. W. L. Macrae, missionary to the Hindus in Victoria, spoke.

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Mr. Oliver said that many of the agriculturists may feel that so far he has not been giving the time he should to agricultural matters, but the fact was that having been given the portfolio of railways in addition to that of agriculture it was not an ideal situation with which he had a grapple, owing to necessary strong measures which must be applied to the present railway situation, and which take up a great deal of his time.

"I feel that the agricultural interests of the province are entitled to the very best service that I can give, but the present agricultural needs are not quite as pressing as the railway needs are. There is now a great pressure in railway conditions here, and this pressure is so very heavy sometimes that something has got to give—and I do

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ARMENIAN TAG-DAY

Gratifying Collection Made Yesterday in Victoria to Help Persecuted People.

The Armenian Relief Society "Tag Day" in Victoria yesterday realized very handsomely for the fund to aid the Armenian sufferers, the number of people who were in the city in connection with "Dollar Day" making the occasion more successful financially than might otherwise have been the case. Approximately \$2,000 was taken.

Hardly an instance was recorded of refusal to drop something into the collection boxes. The number of tags disposed of by the collectors indicated that there must have been a particularly large number of people in the downtown and suburban streets, as during the day no less than 25,000 tags were distributed. The Great West Permanent Loan Company very kindly lent one of their offices in the Union Bank Building for headquarters, and until a late hour last evening Mr. Perry, the manager, was busy counting the returns, which were afterwards deposited with J. A. Taylor, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, treasurer of the Armenian Relief Society.

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THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 17.—5 a.m.—The barometer remains low over the interior of B.C. and fair, moderately cold weather is becoming general, with moderate winds on the Coast. The temperature ranges from 10 below zero in Alberta to 22 below in Manitoba, with heavy snow in the latter.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday, Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.6; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 24; wind, 8 miles N.W.; weather, cloudy. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.6; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

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Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 2 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., Friday. Highest temperature 44. Lowest 28. Average 41. Minimum on grass 28. Maximum in sun 54. Rain, .04 inch. Bright sunshine, 1 hour 36 minutes. General state of weather, fair.

OBITUARY RECORD. The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Tomah Tapp Wing, wife of Jack Yipp Wing, of 838 Harb Street, aged 54 years. She was born in Cheuk Sney Hoy, China, and was a resident of this city for the past twenty years. She leaves besides her widower, one son, Jack Yipp, and one grandson of this city, also relatives in China. The funeral, which is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Company, will be announced later.

George Burroughs, a seaman on H. M. C. S. Rainbow, died yesterday at Esquimalt at the age of 22. The funeral will be held on Monday at 1.15 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, and forty-five minutes later services will be held with full naval honors at the Esquimalt Naval and Garrison Church. Rev. W. Bangs-Allen officiating. Interment will be made in the Naval cemetery. The deceased had no relatives here.

Miss Isabelle Hagan died yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital. The funeral will take place Monday morning from the residence, South Saanich, at 10.30 o'clock, and later at the Roman Catholic Church. The remains will be interred at South Saanich. The services, which are in charge of the B. C. Funeral Co., will be conducted by Rev. Father Rondon.

West Saanich Women's Institute.—The West Saanich Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, with a large attendance of members and friends who listened with much interest to a splendid address on the subject of "Citizenship for Women," given by Mrs. Spoford, of Victoria. The Red Cross report showed that good progress was being made with the sewing, 120 articles having been sent in during January in addition to \$18 in cash. Arrangements were made for a concert and dance to be held at the Brentwood Hotel on March 6, in aid of the Red Cross and Patriotic funds.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Several Matters for Attention of Aldermen on Monday Covering Variety of Subjects.

A number of matters will occupy the attention of the aldermen at the weekly meeting on Monday. Resolutions on the board deal with a return of the motion passed with regard to the Kendrick Sharp claim on Pandora Avenue, arrangements for collecting taxes, and for the alteration of the Motor Traffic Regulation Act by exempting fire departments from the speed regulations while en route to fires. A deferred motion proposed to petition the Government with regard to classification of cities according to population.

The Council has to select from three applications, a medical health officer, a temporary appointment, and a sanitary inspector. For the latter post there are 21 applications, one endorsed by the Plumbers' Union, another by the Returned Soldiers' Association. The names have already been published. Two resolutions from outside bodies are waiting consideration, one from the Empire Club of Toronto on national economy, the other from the B. C. Veterinary Association, asking the Council to go on record in accord with the association viewing with disapproval any movement to diminish the requirements of the Contagious Diseases of Animals Act, the continuation of the tuberculin test for cattle, and to prevent grade cattle being introduced not subject to the test.

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Personal

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E. W. Peters, general superintendent of the C.P.R., and E. W. Hamber are in the city to-day from Vancouver.

A very enjoyable masquerade was held last week at "Resthaven," invitations having been sent out by the officer commanding, the matron, sisters and patients of the institution to enjoy the entertainment arranged. Over a hundred guests from Sidney, North and South Saanich and Victoria attended, most wearing some form of fancy-dress costume which gave a gay and bizarre effect to the gathering. The dance opened with a grand parade round the hall, during which onlookers voted on the costume which they deemed most worthy of the prizes offered. Dr. Pearce afterwards presented the prizes as follows: First lady, Sister Baxter, blue Pierrot; second lady, Sister Bridgeman, Grecian costume; first gentleman, Sgt. Crouse, nigger minstrel; second gentleman, Pt. Caird, microphone.

RETURNING SOLDIERS. The following list of British Columbia soldiers have crossed from England on the Misanabie and will leave for the West from Quebec to-morrow: A. Holmes, S. Langton, B. McAllan, H. Davy, D. Major, B. Leslie, S. Brown, J. Bloom, J. Duncan, M. Lumy, S. F. McGee, V. G. Gordon, J. West, A. Watson, A. Heaton, R. Anthony, J. Ancoit, A. Andrew, E. Clark, E. Cooley, S. Forsyth, M. Fuller, J. Hay, W. Huestler, T. H. Henderson, R. Lord, A. Lammont, D. Roberts, J. Ryland.

Played in Shakespeare.—The performance at the Naval and Military Methodist Church, Esquimalt, on Thursday evening of "The Merchant of Venice" was a very praiseworthy effort, all the actors showing that they had given time and thought to the character interpretations. The parts were taken as follows: Duke of Venice, Rev. R. Hughes; Antonio, Miss Mabel Adams; Bassanio, A. Lockley; Gratiano, Roy Hebden; Salario, Robert Miller; Lorenzo, Bert Hebden; Shylock, Gordon H. Jolliffe; Portia, Mrs. Gordon Jolliffe; Nerissa, Miss Hazel Stevens; Clerk of the Court, Miss Edith Javers. The prologue was spoken by Archibald Miller, and the parts of the play shown were Act I, Scene III; the whole of Act IV, and portions of Act V.

Sam also made it plain that he didn't want to give the dear old Conservative party so long as there was a chance of him becoming a Cabinet Minister again. Sir Sam is under advertisement that there is to be a shake-up which will shake Premier Borden out, and that then is his chance. If he gets thrown down then he can go out and form a Third Party and become Premier along that route. He can easily fit it up with Billy Maclean, who has a third party, too, but would lump it in with Sir Sam's if Billy Maclean was made Finance Minister. Let W. F. handle the revenues of the country and he doesn't give a hoot who makes the laws.

Sam's views on the Hon. Mr. Perley, Minister of Militia Overseas, as ornamental and superfluous, were highly entertaining; also his opinion of the British officer in general and his frank criticism of the V.A.D. hospitals in England as marriage bureaus, where hatched-faced society spinsters who had no other chances married our Canadian officers while they were too weak and ill to resist. Sam threw most of his information into his address, and his advice are always very illuminating. Incidentally Sam threw in a few remarks about British staff officers which will, no doubt, make their hair curl when they read them in the Canadian correspondence, shall we say, of the London Times. It seems that they suffer, not only from the red-tape worm, but from the army worm, the book worm, and a few others.

Sam's five years' association with his Nationalist colleagues in the Borden Cabinet have evidently had their effect. He gave a certificate of character to that "much misunderstood" young officer, Armand Lavergne, which, of course, would make the Nationalists feel sweet as far as it went. But alas, in the very next sentence he was trampling their most sacred doctrine underfoot and advocating conception of the most thoroughgoing sort.

Thus and so did Sir Sam swing the bill by the tail to the glorification of himself and all his works. It was when his Ego ran into Tom White's that he invited trouble. Sam has a fairly good Ego, but it is old and short-winded. Tom's Ego is young and strong and quick at the uptake. Sam, as I remember, took four separate cracks at the Finance Minister. You can look them up for yourself. But the one that caused trouble was when he said that Sir Thomas was poking his nose into everybody's estimator, and how he had

Old Country Football. Glasgow, Feb. 17.—Following are the results of scheduled games in the Scottish Football League, played to-day on the grounds of the first mentioned clubs: Dumbarton, 6; Rangers, 2. Queen's Park, 1; St. Mirren, 2. Celtic, 2; Dundee, 0. Partick Thistle, 0; Hearts of Midlothian, 0.

Ayr United, 1; Clyde, 1. Ardronians, 3; Kilmarnock, 2. Hibernians, 2; Motherwell, 3. Falkirk, 2; Morton, 0. Hamilton Academicals, 1; Third Lanark, 1. Aberdeen, 1; Raith Rovers, 2.

New York, Feb. 17.—A steel net designed to protect the port of New York from hostile submarines and other war craft in the event of war was put in place at the entrance of the harbor to-day.

For the present it will be kept in position only between sunset and sunrise, and will bar all ships from leaving or entering the harbor during the night. In case of war its construction provides for placing it as a permanent barrier.

A KNIGHTLY JOUST AT OTTAWA— SIR SAM AND SIR THOMAS

By H. F. GADSBY

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—To discriminating persons the best show of the session was the clash between the two hard-boiled Egos—Sir Sam's and Sir Thomas's. It has always been conceded that Sir Sam doesn't just exactly hate himself, but the Finance Minister adores himself with passion tender still.

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URGES CONTROL OF LIGHTING RATES

Aldermen Are Asked to Press Particularly Lower Gas Charges

High price of illumination, particularly gas, and also the larger question of increasing cost of living, were presented to the aldermen in Streets and Sewers Committee of the City Council yesterday by a deputation from the Real Estate Exchange.

The fact that not only are rates higher but the quality of the gas is poorer than in other coast cities, was alleged by the delegation.

The Council was urged to have public utilities placed under a board like the Board of Railway Commissioners by appeal to Ottawa, in cases where the franchises are confirmed by statutory enactments, and cannot be attacked by municipal intervention.

C. B. Bagshawe introduced the deputation and explained that two years ago the Victoria Real Estate Exchange had taken the subject up, and had learnt through the city solicitor that the charter of the Victoria Gas Company, issued in 1860, had expired by non-renewal. Various efforts had been made with the officials of the Gas Company in a vain endeavor to secure lower charges. The Exchange had been induced to take the subject up because of the federal inspector's report that the quality of the gas was the poorest in Canada. The Exchange felt that something should be done in the interests of apartment houses, where gas was used extensively, and where the demand for gas fittings was generally made by tenants.

The Exchange would like to take up electric lighting rates, Mr. Bagshawe said, but those were covered by the B. C. Electric Railway Co.'s Jordan River agreement. The deputation wanted the meter rents abolished, and that the deposit system should be revised and interest allowed on the deposits. The subject had not been urged for some time because the financial interests had been adverse to borrowing. In order to establish competitive utilities.

Beaumont Boggs said the opportunity had been lost when the city did not secure the charter for gas, and thus have been in competition with the public service utilities when necessary. Personally real estate men, he said, lost tenants because the gas rates were so high. He had practically rented premises in James Bay recently when the prospective tenant backed out because he was unwilling "to burn gold."

R. W. Douglas agreed with Mr. Boggs, and stated that some effort should be made to force a change in the interests of residential tenants. The committee was told by the officials

of the Gas Company that the consumption of gas was so small in Victoria that lower rates could not be given. In Winnipeg prices were about one-third.

F. Landsberg alluded to experiences in California, where several cities had appealed to the legislature, and as a consequence an investigation had revealed that the companies were earning 12.5 per cent, as a consequence of which the rates were cut to lower the earnings to 6.5 per cent. There were four factors to consider: Lower taxation, reasonable rates for water, cheap paper and cheap illumination. Without a change in the price of power the establishment of industries was impossible in Victoria. The same principle applied to illumination. His impression was that the power and lighting company was making the citizens pay in light and power rates to cover deficits on various undertakings of the company, such as interurban lines.

Alderman Johns stated that when the Gas Company was operating independently, the customer received more consideration, in connections, fittings, etc.

Alderman Andros asked Mr. Landsberg what he would suggest?

Mr. Landsberg replied that an effort should be made to apply to Ottawa for the creation of an authority to hear public utility appeals, like the Railway Board with transportation matters.

Alderman Cameron favored reference to some board like the Railway Board, and to the Union of Municipalities to draw attention to the necessity of dealing with subjects affecting public utilities.

The delegation was thanked.

A Pimple Face or Poor Complexion Quickly Disappear

Thousands of young men and women would be handsome and attractive were it not for unsightly pimples, blackheads, and rough uneven skin. Custom seems to recommend lotions and salves, but unfortunately their effect is but temporary. These disgusting blemishes do not originate in the skin—their birth in every case goes further back, to the blood, which must be cleansed of humors before the pimples depart for good.

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That workmen who are earning big wages possess a grand piano or even two pianos is evidence that a love of music is one of the first pleasures indulged in when a man begins to have more money than he wants for necessities. I could tell you of a workman in a Midland town, who, being of a musical and mechanical bent, has built himself a small organ in his living room. The instrument possesses a reed stop and several pedal notes, and is a marvelous piece of ingenuity. As the family is a large one and the room about 12 feet square, it can be imagined what inconvenience the family is willing to undergo in order to indulge its love of music. The organ fills about one-third of their living room.

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MINING PROSPECTS ON THE WEST COAST

Many Abandoned Claims to Be Worked During Coming Season

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There is more interest in mining as a business on the West Coast of Vancouver Island at the present time than has been experienced for many years past. This position has been brought about largely owing to the fact that a number of low grade properties which, with the old time low metal prices and other conditions remained unproductive to work, are now attracting the attention of developing capital owing to the changed conditions. This has resulted in the taking up of a number of these old properties, and the carrying out of sufficient work upon them to demonstrate what has been fairly well-known, the presence of suitable bodies of ore which are now of shipping quality. There is no doubt that the reopening of a smelter on Vancouver Island, and the probability also of a smelter on the West Coast will cause the development of properties which are not now considered, but which are known to possess enormous tonnage.

West Coast Properties

One of the best informed men on the West Coast properties is J. F. Bledsoe, M. E., who has just returned from a political tour of the Albernai riding, during which he has had an opportunity to see how work is developing from a mining standpoint. "To begin at the north end of the island, at Quasnoo we have the Yreka, which is going ahead full blast with all the men the owners can use to advantage. They are certainly opening up a magnificent showing, and Yreka is able to furnish the basis for local smelting operations. In the same vicinity there are a number of other very promising claims, the Old Sport, Merry Widow and others. Prospectors working in the district also have discovered some encouraging locations.

"At Sidney Inlet, in addition to the high grade boronite ore of recent development by Mr. Silverman, there are considerable low grade areas, which metal prices have warranted for shipping purposes. At Tofoa, at the head of Deer Creek, that camp which had become dormant, has been revitalized, some properties promising well.

Barclay Sound.

"Coming now to Barclay Sound, the revival is divided into two phases, copper and iron development. To deal first with copper, the Monitor group on the Albernai canal recently developed a considerable body of ore of shipping quality in a part of the claim which was supposed to have been worked out some years ago, a 12-foot vein being discovered lightly covered with debris and country rock, which is an illustration of the argument that prospecting should precede the extraction of the ore body around the property under development, or else the proposition is abandoned before it should be. The Hayes claims in the same vicinity have been investigated by New York capitalists, and it is understood a bond has been taken. Old timers in the district believe that in the Hayes property the lead was lost from misdirection of work rather than any absence of mineralization. At Ecoul, on Barclay Sound, a large body of low grade ores has recently been found, and bonded so as to be developed this summer. On Copper Island there is also a group of claims located, where it is stated Chicago capitalists will undertake a considerable amount of development work in the coming summer.

Magnetite Ore.

"Turning to iron, recently very widespread interest has been shown in the development of the iron industry on the Pacific Coast, and more particularly the utterances of the Premier on its importance, has directed attention again to the Barclay Sound district. Men with knowledge of the district have been aware of enormous deposits of iron ore. At Sarita, Victoria people have owned for a number of years an immense tonnage of ore. At Sechart, near the Whaling station, the old Anderson claims, which were extensively developed at one time, are also available. At Effingham Inlet last summer a number of excellent locations were made of high-grade iron workings. At Anderson Lake the same thing is true. These, together with some old properties, and others discovered during the last season, tend to show that in and around Barclay Sound millions of tons of ore are in sight awaiting development. The magnetite ore of the West Coast is of a very superior quality, in its freedom from phosphorus and titanium, yielding therefore readily to Bessemer treatment. It averages from 60 to 75 per cent iron, and identical similar ore from Texada Island, formerly used at Ironside, Wash., show that the finest grade of pig iron can be produced in the world.

"Should the electrolytic process of reduction of the magnetite ore be recommended by experts, there are innumerable mountain torrents yielding the abundance of hydro-electric energy,

and also in the neighborhood of Barclay Sound there are the requisite fluxes, limestones, etc., so that either with furnaces or electrolytic processes all the necessary materials are available. Should the blast method be pursued, iron ore, fluxes and coke can be readily obtained on the island. Again, if the furnace men require hematite ore, it is available at Howe Sound.

"An inventory of the mineral resources of the island, such as is fore-shadowed in the Bureau of Mines preliminary report, is greatly to be desired in the development of these resources."

ROTARIANS PLANNING FOR BUSY CONFERENCE

Victoria's Delegates Will Be Good Advertising Agents; Many Novel "Stunts"

Believing that the Rotarian seed when planted on the right ground produces the full bloom of optimism, co-operation, good fellowship and an abiding spirit of loyalty, more than three score Victoria Rotarians will journey to Vancouver during next week-end to take their allotted part in the Northwest Conference of Rotary Clubs, to be held in that city on the 24th and 25th days of February. The programme of the proceedings issued by the host club at the Terminal City admits of the addition of nothing calculated to ensure a higher measure of success for the event than the adequate provision in the way of good things which characterizes the time table for the Saturday sessions and the less strenuous Rotarian exercises for the day following.

Wear Glengarry Caps.

The office of the local secretary has taken on a resemblance of a military hatter's far away in the Highlands, since on display there is a collection of Glengarry headgear, intended for the "stunt artists" who will inform Vancouver in no uncertain manner that the Victoria Rotarians have arrived next Friday night. The Glengarry cap will be the distinguishing feature of the local delegation. Members selecting and adjusting their "hats" this morning were much concerned as to the correct tilt and the quickest method of inducing the cap to remain on the "thatch" more or less firmly, since the two or three samples on view displayed a desire to draw themselves up rigidly in the natural state—as soon as adjusted.

Basketball Friday Night.

Since the basketball team of the Victoria Club is looking forward to adding laurels to its former triumphs on Friday evening, it is fully expected that all who possibly can will leave on the afternoon boat on the 23rd. Others will take the midnight boat to be on hand bright and early next morning, so that delegates from all the clubs representative of the Northwest will be able to commence the business session in the Oval Room of the Hotel Vancouver at 9:30, continuing until 11:30.

Luncheon is to be served in the Ball Room at 12 noon and to terminate promptly at 2:30. The programme states clearly that this gathering is to be attended only by the mere man. The ladies will be engaged at the noon-time repast in the Rose du Barry room, to which the same time is allotted.

A Good Wind-Up.

Two and a half hours in the Oval Room, viz. from three until half-past five, which the ladies will have the privilege of attending, will be devoted to the second session of the business of the conference. The evening proceedings will commence at half-past six with the banquet in the Ball Room for both ladies and gentlemen, which is scheduled to terminate promptly at 8:45. A full day will be brought to a conclusion by a grand ball, at which the merry throng will "trip the light fantastic" from half-past nine until the witching hour of midnight.

Rotary Sermons.

On Sunday, the 25th, arrangements have been made for Rotary sermons to be preached in a number of the churches in the morning, since there will of course be no business of the conference transacted on that day. In the afternoon delegates and their ladies will tour the city in automobiles, reporting to the Vancouver Golf and Country Club at Burquitlam at 4 o'clock, when tea will be served. Afterwards the party will return to Convention headquarters.

The General Conference Committee of the Vancouver Rotary Club has made a special request that the banquet and ball be quite formal—the men to appear in business dress on all occasions.

Good Advertising Medium.

Talking to the Times this morning, Captain Goodlake, the energetic secretary of the local club, is expecting a great deal of good to accrue to this city by reason of the convention. The members who intend to go over to Vancouver are working hard to ensure the success of the various items of their programme, the novelty of which will cause the many visitors from distant points to become rooted in the belief that Victoria is not only on the map, but very much alive. Each member will be an advertising agent in himself. He will have the Rotary principle in mind the whole time. One of those principles is to make himself known to his fellow Rotarians.

Will Advance City's Claim.

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- Separate Skirts for girls in navy cotton taffeta, made with embroidered wide box pleat and finished with belt at waist. Sizes 8, 10 and 14 years. Price **\$1.75**
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Now that the city has been called upon to make the first payment for the quarterly assessment on the corporation for the Workmen's Compensation Act, it is realized that the advice of the comptroller last December has been fully justified. It has proved an expensive feature, and one which will warrant the city in making common cause with Vancouver City Council to secure lower rates, by the removal of some of the employees from the five per cent class.

The first quarterly payments on the city police department amounted to \$784.89, and on the fire department to \$596.92, and the total cheque, including these assessments, for the quarter was \$2,761.39.

What these figures represent as compared with the cost of protecting this class of employee in the past may be gauged by the fact that the firemen were covered for the whole of 1916 by the payment of a premium of \$429, while there has only been one accident benefit paid for an injured policeman in the last three years, making the police protection cost practically nothing.

The secretary of the compensation board explains that the levy for these departments is based upon the whole province, in other words the large municipalities on the coast have to carry every small district up country with three or four policemen or firemen.

As already explained, the amount of premium to be paid to the board for

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men on municipal works is considerably in excess of any claims during the period of the boom, the municipal employees of this class being grouped with building construction, which is regarded as more hazardous.

The Vancouver authorities have already submitted figures on the effect of the act on that city, and there is no doubt the subject will receive close attention, with a view to a re-rating of certain classes of employees, by representations to the board. At first it was indicated that it might be possible to get along on three assessments a year, instead of four, now the more

hopeful view of two assessments being adequate is held out to aggrieved officials.

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Sewer Work in Oaklands—The City Streets and Sewers Committee yesterday appropriated from the Northwest Sewer loans, sums to lay sewers on Westall Street, between Ruby Road and Gosworth Road, and on Pearl Street between Ruby Road and Adelaide Street.