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CUMBERLAND IN NEED OF BOARD OF TRADE

CITY REQUIRES A GOOD LIVE ORGANIZATION TO LOOK AFTER MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST—BUSINESS MEN SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND FORM ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST CITY COUNCIL IN LOCAL MATTERS AND GOVERNMENT IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

Cumberland is badly in need of a good live board of trade. A city of this size cannot get along properly without one. That is the opinion of several prominent business men, and it has been the experience of all communities. There must be some reason to account for the absence of such an institution, and The Islander proposes to make it its business to discover that reason, and remedy it if possible.

There are many who look upon a board of trade as unnecessary, but those who feel and argue that way have not the true conception of the functions of such an organization. A board of trade is just as necessary in a business community as is a city council in civic affairs, and besides a board of trade can prove of great assistance to the governing body in the conduct of public affairs.

Now, why have we not got a board of trade? Is it because the business men of the city are not sufficiently interested in the welfare of their home town to exert a little effort to help it along? Is it because they are too much wrapped up in themselves and their own private affairs to spare the time necessary for the carrying on of such an institution? Is it because they are so devoid of public spiritedness that they sit idly by and allow opportunities for bettering the community in many ways to pass without making any effort to grasp them? Or what is the reason?

The Islander is of the opinion that none of these reasons apply to the vast majority of business men of Cumberland and that they pertain to but a few. It believes the reason why there is no board of trade here is because the business men of the city do not thoroughly understand the functions to be performed by such a body, and which can be performed by none other.

A board of trade is a private institution, in that it is not controlled by any other authority but its own, but it fills a place in the public life of a community that no other organization can fill. It can be of great assistance to the City Council and also the provincial and Dominion governments in determining how public affairs are to be conducted in its immediate district,

and it can assist by its advice and recommendations in the conduct of the affairs of the nation.

More than this; it can be of inestimable value to the city by furthering its industrial life and by bringing industries here which are being secured by other towns and cities whose citizens have possessed sufficient foresight to discern that if a city wishes to secure anything it must go after it. And if the citizens do not bestir themselves they can hardly expect someone else to do it for them.

There are many matters of the utmost importance which require the earnest attention of every person in the community, but it is necessary that the people should be brought together in order that their influence can carry weight. They cannot all be elected to the City Council; that body is limited to a certain number, but they can all be gathered into a board of trade, and that is where they properly belong.

The day has gone by when governing bodies pay much attention to individuals and they are more and more paying heed to the demands of semi-public bodies. A private individual appearing before the City Council will be assured of a respectful hearing and the assurance that what he has brought forward will be given careful consideration, but in the majority of instances that is about as far as it ever gets. Not so when a body composed of the leading business and professional men of the community put in an appearance and make a demand. By force of numbers they carry weight, and their advocacy of any project at once impresses the governing body with the importance of that project. It will thus be seen that a board of trade occupies in the community a place peculiarly its own, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the citizens of Cumberland will bestir themselves and see that no opportunities for bettering conditions here should be allowed to slip by.

The columns of The Islander are open to anyone wishing to interest themselves and also other citizens in the formation of a board of trade, and they are invited to give expression to their views.

Cumberland's Victory Loan Reaches Magnificent Total

Cumberland made a magnificent record in the Victory Loan drive which closed last Saturday, the total subscribed in this city being \$100,650.

The quota set was \$44,000, so that considerably more than double that amount was raised.

According to reports no district in the province has surpassed Cumberland, and the people of this city as well as those in charge of the campaign are to be congratulated upon the magnificent way in which they responded to the government's call for funds.

Mr. E. W. Bickle was chairman and Mr. Charles Graham secretary of the loan in this district, and their indefatigable efforts were primarily responsible for the splendid showing made.

PROSECUTION OF BREWERIES

Those Who Manufactured Beverage Seized at Beaver Inn to Be Proceeded Against.

It is understood that steps are being taken to enter proceedings against the manufacturers of the beer which was seized some time ago in the raid on the Beaver Inn. When the case against the keepers of the place was tried it could not be proven that they had been guilty of disposing of the beverage, and the case was dismissed. Now it is said the authorities intend taking action against the manufacturers of the beer. Government tests have been made by an analyst and the beer has

been shown to contain a sufficient percentage of proof spirits to warrant prosecution.

It could not be learned when the prosecutions would commence, but it is expected the necessary papers will be served within a very short time. The case is being looked after by the attorney-general's department.

THE CITY CHURCHES

Anglican—There will be no morning service in Cumberland. Royston School 3.30 p.m.; evening prayer, Cumberland, 7 o'clock.

St. George's Presbyterian—Morning services 11 o'clock; Sunday School 2.30 p.m.; evening service 7 o'clock. Mrs. Hood, wife of the pastor, will occupy the pulpit at the evening service.

Grace Methodist—Morning service at 11 o'clock; Sunday School 2.30 p.m.; evening service 7 o'clock, subject: "The Voice of Age to Youth."

MAN INJURED AT MERVILLE

Returned Soldier Accidentally Shot While Out Hunting Last Sunday.

Merville, Nov. 21.—What came very near being a fatal accident occurred near here last Sunday, when Mr. W. Bain, a returned soldier, was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of his gun.

In company with two companions, Mr. Bain was travelling through the woods, and while in the act of climbing over a log his gun was accidentally discharged. Mr. Bain's hat was blown off by the force of the explosion and he received a serious wound in the arm. He was taken to the Comox Hospital, where a slight operation was found necessary.

Although Mr. Bain's injuries are very painful, it is not thought he will lose the use of his arm, and his physician says he will be about in a few days.

BEVAN YOUTH LOSES LIMB

Johnny McNeil Meets With Serious Accident While Riding on Coal Train.

Late yesterday afternoon a serious accident occurred near Bevan in which a youth named Johnny McNeil, 10 years of age, was so seriously injured that he will lose his leg above the knee.

It appears that the boy was taking a free ride on a coal train and by some means was thrown under the wheels of the moving cars. A special train was chartered and the lad rushed to the Cumberland hospital, where every effort is being made to save the limb, but it is feared this will not prove successful.

At the last accounts the lad was bearing up well under his misfortune.

PREMATURE EXPLOSION INJURES MERVILLE MAN

Mr. W. Durham Has His Hand Badly Shattered When Blast Went Off Unexpectedly.

Merville, Nov. 21.—On Monday last, while engaged in blasting stumps, Mr. W. Durham had his hand badly shattered when a blast was discharged unexpectedly. The injury was so serious that when the patient was removed to the Comox Hospital it was found necessary to amputate several fingers. It is not thought that Mr. Durham will lose the permanent use of his hand, and he is progressing as well as could be expected.

COMOX LADIES HAVE LAUNCHED CAMPAIGN

Want to Raise Funds to Install Electric Lighting System in Their Hospital.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Comox Hospital have embarked on a campaign for the purpose of raising funds to install a different system of electric lighting in their hospital. At the present time the hospital manufactures its own light, but the system is not satisfactory and causes a great deal of trouble besides entailing more work than the staff can properly perform, and the ladies wish to install power from the company.

With the object of raising the necessary money they will put on a series of pierrot entertainments and dances throughout the district, the first of which will take place at Courtenay next Friday evening. According to present arrangements the next one will be held at Cumberland. Tickets for the Courtenay entertainment may be obtained at The Islander office.

Forfeited Their Ball.

Betty James and Mary Nelson, charged with prostitution in Chinatown during the past week, were admitted to bail, but failed to put in an appearance when the cases against them were called in court. Their bail was estreated.

Mr. Harper in Charge.

Mr. F. W. D. Harper of Ladysmith, arrived in Cumberland a few days ago and is now in charge of McLean's watchmaking and jewellery business.

Conrad Reifel, manager of the Union Brewing Company of Nanaimo arrived on Thursday and returned today.

PITLAMPING MUST CEASE

Police Authorities State Illegal Practice of Hunting at Night Must Be Stopped.

The police authorities are determined to put a stop to the illegal and unsportsmanlike practice of hunting at night and the severest measures will be taken to stamp it out. For some time back it has been known that a considerable amount of this illegal hunting has been going on, and the guilty ones were successful in avoiding detection.

Within the past week, however, several of them have been apprehended, particularly a party of four residents of this district who were captured near Fanny Bay. When a search was made of the automobile in which they were riding a number of rifles and considerable ammunition were secured, as well as several miners' lamps ready for operation. All the paraphernalia was seized and the names of the men secured.

The matter has been reported to the provincial authorities and it is understood that the case will be prosecuted from headquarters. Summonses are expected to be served today.

The penalty prescribed for this offence is pretty severe, and it is understood that in order to give a warning prosecution will be pushed to the limit. During the past few weeks several cattle have been reported as being shot by pitlampers who mistook them for deer, and the ranchers in the district have entered strong complaints with the attorney-general's department. It is for this reason, it is said, that the department is taking a hand in the work of prosecution, and future offenders can not expect any leniency when sentences are being handed out.

CUMBERLAND DRUG STORE CHANGES HANDS

Mr. A. H. Peacey Has Sold Out His Business to Mr. R. E. Frost, of Vancouver.

During the past week the drug business conducted by Mr. A. H. Peacey of Cumberland was sold to Mr. R. E. Frost of Vancouver, the announcement of the sale coming as a surprise to the business portion of the community. Ill-health in his family is said to be the cause for Mr. Peacey retiring from business in Cumberland. Until recently Mr. Frost conducted a drug store in Vancouver, where he is well known in the trade. During the month of December Mr. Frost will work with Mr. Peacey for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the Cumberland public, and at the end of the year will take over the business.

Mr. Peacey intends removing to Victoria for the winter, but beyond that he has no definite plans. Much regret is being expressed by the people of Cumberland at the prospect of losing a good citizen, as Mr. Peacey has proven.

LITTLE INTEREST IN COURT OF REVISION

Very Few Names Are Added and No Objections Whatever Are Entered.

There was practically no interest shown in the court of revision held at the provincial offices in this city last Monday. This is probably accounted for by the fact that it is generally understood that a new franchise act will be passed during the coming session of the provincial legislature, the people considering it is time wasted registering now. There were in all twenty-one names added to the list, while no objections were taken, the only ones struck off being the names of those voters who had died in the meantime.

Chinamen Pay Fines.

During the past week seven Chinamen were prosecuted on the charge of smoking and having opium in their possession. They were fined in sums varying from \$5 to \$15.

Social and Dance Big Success.

The social and dance held in the Church of England Hall on Tuesday night was a very pleasant affair. A large number attended and the evening was mostly spent in dancing. Mrs. Mordy was the lucky winner of the box of candy for being the best guesser. A vote of thanks was passed by the Girls' Guild to all those who in any way helped to make the evening a success.

The Cumberland Choral Society will hold their regular practice in the English Church Hall on Sunday night after the evening service. All members are requested to be present. Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock practice will be held in the same place.

ALLIES WILL NOT WAIT FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Paris, Nov. 21.—The supreme council has agreed upon the date when the German treaty of peace shall be forwarded as ratified. The proclamation will be issued irrespective of what the United States may do.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

London, Nov. 21.—The inability of the United States representatives at Paris to deposit President Wilson's ratification of the German treaty at the same time as those of the other powers are filed, will not prevent the remaining Allied and associated powers from proceeding to carry the treaty into effect, said Right Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, speaking in the House of Commons today. His statement was made in reply to numerous questions regarding the status of the treaty as a result of the action of the Senate of the United States.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Washington, Nov. 21.—President Wilson will take up the whole subject of the treaty of Versailles in his message to Congress on December 1. Until then he will have nothing to say concerning the Senate's action in rejecting the treaty. Indications are that a bitter contest will start when the treaty comes up again next session. By its action in refusing to ratify the treaty the Senate wiped the slate clean and will have to begin over again.

AMERICA'S ACTION WILL HURT GERMANY

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Berlin, Nov. 21.—The refusal of the United States Senate to ratify the peace treaty means not only that the smaller nations of Europe will desert the League of Nations, but that Germany will be left at the mercy of the Franco-German government it was officially said today. It is claimed that something must be done at once to relieve the present confusion. A high officer in the foreign office said what Germany wants most is peace.

BORDEN TO ACCOMPANY PRINCE TO HALIFAX

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Sir Robert Borden, now at Atlantic City, has accepted the invitation of the Prince of Wales to accompany him on his return from New York to Halifax, where the Premier will be the guest at a farewell dinner to the Prince on Nov. 24. Sir Robert will remain in Halifax until the Renown sails, then immediately return to Ottawa in time to receive Admiral Jellicoe.

KAMLOOPS WINS THE GERMAN CAPTURED GUN

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Kamloops, Nov. 21.—This city wins the captured German gun to be awarded to the district making the best showing in the Victory Loan campaign, according to an announcement from the provincial headquarters this morning.

NOT YET CERTAIN WHEN PEACE IS DUE

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—The announcement that peace will be proclaimed on Dec. 1 does not necessarily mean that it will come into force in Canada on that date, as it will rest with the governor-in-council as to just when it will be proclaimed here.

NEW CHAIN OF FARM PAPERS FOR CANADA

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Arrangements are being rapidly completed to establish a new chain of weekly farm papers all over Canada on all ordinary questions common to Canadian farmers.

MINERS ABANDON ORIGINAL DEMANDS

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Washington, Nov. 21.—The bituminous coal miners today abandoned their demand for thirty-hour week and 60 per cent. increase and will accept 30 per cent. increase and a seven-hour day.

Veterans to Enter Politics.

(Special Dispatch to The Islander.)

Winnipeg, Nov. 21.—Composed of members of all returned soldiers' organizations in Greater Winnipeg, a gathering of more than 4000 veterans decided yesterday evening to amend the constitution of the several veterans' associations and to be ready at any moment to enter the political field either in municipal, provincial or federal affairs.

Represented Victory Bonds.

In the account of the masquerade ball given by the Great War Veterans in these columns last week, through an oversight the name of Mrs. P. Myers was omitted. Mrs. Myers wore a very attractive costume representing "Victory Bonds," and there were many who considered she should have been awarded one of the prizes.

YOUNG PEOPLE REOPEN CLUB

Mr. G. Mordy, President, and Mr. E. T. Searle, Secretary of Union Bay Society.

Union Bay, Nov. 22.—The young people re-opened their Recreation Club last Thursday evening. There were about twenty young people present. Mr. George Mordy was elected president, with E. T. Searle, Jr., as secretary-treasurer. It was decided to hold a dance in the school hall the following Thursday. The young people seem very enthusiastic, and great times are anticipated for the coming winter months.

Mr. Herbert Glover returned on Sunday from Vancouver, where he has been spending the past few days.

The following vessels coaled at Union Bay wharf, during week ending Nov. 19:

- Baroda, Anyox.
- Columbia, coastwise.
- Beatrice, coastwise.
- Protective Scows, New Westminster.
- Glenboro, coastwise.
- Cheerful, Vancouver.
- Teptic, Scows, coastwise.
- Shramrock, coastwise.
- Prosperative scows, Vancouver.
- Waihora, Vancouver.
- Canadian Aviator, Esquimalt.
- Stadacona, Vancouver.
- Marmion, coastwise.
- Moresby scows, coastwise.
- Equator, scows, Seattle.
- Dautless, coastwise.
- Clayburn, scows, Vancouver.
- Achates, Vancouver.
- Moonlight, scows, Vancouver.
- Annacis, coastwise.
- Coquitlam, coastwise.

EVERYTHING READY FOR MASQUERADE

City Band Have Made Elaborate Preparations for the Entertainment of Their Guests.

Everything is in readiness for the masquerade ball to be given at the Ho-Ho Dance Hall on Monday night under the auspices of the Cumberland City Band. The committee in charge has been putting in some hard work during the week, and the scene on Monday evening promises to eclipse anything yet produced here.

Early in the evening the band will parade the main street, the members dressed in variegated costumes, for which prizes are being offered. Special efforts are being put forth to have the floor in the best possible shape for dancing and the crowds attending will be taken to various parts of the hall and seated in a systematic manner by ushers so as to avoid crowding near the entrance. Dancing will begin about 9 o'clock, and only those in proper masquerade will be allowed on the floor until after the judging has been completed.

The band orchestra of ten pieces will furnish music and the judging will be in the hands of Mrs. Merrifield of the Cumberland Hotel, Mrs. Dickson of the Courtenay Hotel, Mr. Thomas Hudson of Union Bay, and Mr. W. H. Youhill of Cumberland. The full list of prizes offered for competition will be found on page five of this issue.

Music and Photoplays

CONSIDERING the small field upon which they can draw for musicians and the consequent handicap to which they are subjected, the Cumberland City Band is an organization which deserves the greatest credit for the class of music it handles, both as a band and as an orchestra. When one stops to consider that in cities of much greater population than Cumberland no better bands are found than the one referred to one cannot refrain from expressing his admiration for the ability shown by the members of the city band, and their courage and tenacity in sticking together under rather adverse circumstances. Few people realize the many obstacles which a band is compelled to encounter and overcome, and for this reason they are not accorded the hearty support to which they are entitled. In a place like Cumberland a band has to rely upon its own resources to a great extent. There is not sufficient opportunity for engagements to recoup the members for the loss of time and energy, and they are very frequently called upon to give their services without charge. For this reason every citizen of this city and the surrounding district should not allow the opportunity to pass to assist in helping along such a worthy organization. Next Monday night the band is giving a masquerade ball at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre, and it is only due to them that the citizens should see to it that they have a capacity attendance. The dance is being given for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the organization, and all those who are desirous of seeing the band kept up to its present state of efficiency or even improved should not hesitate to give a helping hand. The person who cannot dance can at least show their appreciation by putting in an appearance as a spectator. The Cumberland City Band is worthy of every consideration, and it sincerely hoped that a goodly number of people will not forget them on Monday evening.

Mr. Geo. A. Fletcher, head of the music house bearing his name, who recently visited his Cumberland branch, stated in an interview with a representative of The Islander: "The big question we will be up against this season is not where we can sell the goods, but where we can get them. Already a shortage of pianos and phonographs is being felt and some of the large companies are very much behind with their orders. The Edison company alone is \$5,000,000 in arrears on orders and although they are making more instruments today than they ever did, they are not holding out any hopes that the situation will improve. We have large shipments of phonographs on order, but I would strongly advise intending purchasers to shop early in case they are disappointed."

Two young French women musicians will be heard for the first time on this side of the water this season. One, Micheline Kahn, a harpist of such reputed powers as to make her coming an event out of the commonplace rut. Harpists have seldom stirred the public to applause. It is not altogether a grateful concert instrument, and the literature written for it belongs properly to the more intimate space of the salon. But, if Americans are as responsive to the sorcery of Mlle. Kahn as French audiences have been, she is likely to blaze a trail that will not soon be forgotten. The other French woman, Yvonne Astruc, will appear on the same programme with Mlle. Kahn. Mlle. Astruc plays the violin; played it well enough, it appears, to win the first prize offered by the Paris Conservatoire in 1909.

"The Eleventh Commandment," which will show at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre tonight, contains a distinguished cast. Lucille Lee Stewart in the part of Dora Chester is the embodiment of sincerity, winsomeness and deep feeling, and the role fits her better than anything she has ever done for the screen. Miss Stewart is well known as the star in "His Wife's Good Name" and other successes. Walter Miller, who plays the role of adventurer, is a "type" who never fails to register strongly in the role of the blasé clubman or cynical man of the world. Huntly Gordon will be remembered for his many satisfying screen characterizations. One of the finest pieces of character work seen on the screen is that done by Carlton Macy as Dr. Mayo, the philanthropist. Grace Beal as Mrs. Chester has a sympathetic part which she portrays admirably. Altogether the cast is a notable one and one fully up to the standard.

A perhaps dubious eclat attaches to Richard Strauss' new opera, "The Woman Without a Shadow," in that the

orchestration is scored for the largest number of percussion instruments yet known to have been used in an opera. Drums, large and small, a revolving drum, triangles, castanets, tambourines, tom-toms, gongs, glockenspiel, celestas, glass-harmonica, a wind-machine and a thunder-machine constitute part of the equipment.

"Au Clair de la Lune," newly harmonized by Hugo Brandt, from Jean Baptiste Lully's charming old melody is included in a book on "The French Folk-Song," by Mr. Brandt, who calls this particular piece "the most famous of French nursery songs." The song is issued for high and low voices.

Beautiful Gloria Hope is the star of "The Guilty Man," which is the attraction at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre Monday. Supported by a specially good cast, including Vivian Reed, William Jarwood, J. P. Lockney, Charles French and Hayward Mack, Miss Hope has done more than her share towards making "The Guilty Man" a success. As the daughter of a Parisian dancer, she murders her stepfather in defense of her mother and is prosecuted for her state by her own father, who, recognizing his crime in deserting the mother and this beautiful daughter throughout the years, takes them back, arguing the jury to show mercy, and clasping them both in his arms, asks their forgiveness.

A Toronto girl, Elizabeth Campbell, is a member of the Society of American Singers appearing at the Park Theatre, New York, this season. Miss Campbell is a contralto.

The newly established Bureau of Fine Arts in the Japanese Government will handle all matters regarding architecture and music. Dr. Mori, one of the most prominent literary men and art critics in Japan, has been appointed the president of the bureau.

A story of mystery and romance will be presented at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre next Tuesday in "A Midnight Romance," second of the new Anita Stewart productions. The extremes of entertainment are accomplished in the opening scenes of a boat load of refugees from a foundered liner being landed on the American shore, and in the closing scenes of a grand ball and reception in honor of one of the refugees, who, throughout the production, is known as Marlee, a hotel maid. The story concerns her experiences as a servant employed by the Sea View Hotel. A peculiar phase of the production is that the audience has no more idea of her beyond that than the members of the cast who succeed in involving her in a series of thrilling and mysterious experiences.

Reginald Sweet's delightful group of four songs to lyrics of Tagore are now available; they are "Twilight," "Thine Eyelids Droop," "Remind Me Not" and "If Only in Dreams." Besides these, there is his one-act opera "Riders of the Sea," with libretto by J. M. Synge, also a dramatic ballad, poem by Browning, "Porphyria's Lover," written for baritone and orchestra.

Still another musical setting has been given Lieut.-Col. John McRae's famous lines, "In Flanders Fields." Homer Bartlett has composed a melodious setting which ought to be sung widely. It is unaffected in its flow, contains sound musicianly writing, has a dramatic—almost operatic—section on the text "Take up our quarrel with the foe" and gives the voice big opportunities.

Susan Lane, depicted by Constance Falmadge, the heroine of "The Honeymoon," which will be shown at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on next Thursday and Friday, is a high-strung, jealous, yet adorable girl. Hardly are the words of her marriage ceremony cold, so to speak, when she flies into a tantrum because Marion Starr, one of her bridesmaids, speaks in an aside to Dick Greer, the bridegroom. Susan's brother, Phillip, is in love with Marion and she with him; the only obstacle is an entanglement with Maisie Middleton of the Jigfield Frolics. Marion and Phil tell Dick the whole story and, since Maisie's troupe is to be at Niagara while the honeymooners are there, they finally prevail upon him to consent to interview Maisie and buy her off. How Susan sees Dick enter the would-be vampire's room and impulsively secures a divorce, and how they are finally reconciled and remarried by a minister who is providentially at hand—makes a story that will furnish the audience with an evening's delightful joy-bringing entertainment.

Ethel Newcomb, American pianist, long a pupil of Leschetizky, and for nearly fourteen years his assistant at

Leipzig, wrote at one time, so it is told, to Andrew Carnegie, suggesting that, as in Europe occurs, a pension might be settled by the millionaire on the veteran teacher-genius. "Mr. Carnegie has received your letter," wrote his secretary in answer, "and is much impressed by its sincerity. He cannot accede to your suggestion, however, as he cannot approve Leschetizky's action in taking four wives."

Anthony Ponsella, brother of Rosa Ponsella, Metropolitan soprano, is said to be gifted with a remarkable voice. But he refuses to consider its exploitation. "We have two singers now in the family," he observes of his two sisters, "and I think that is quite enough."

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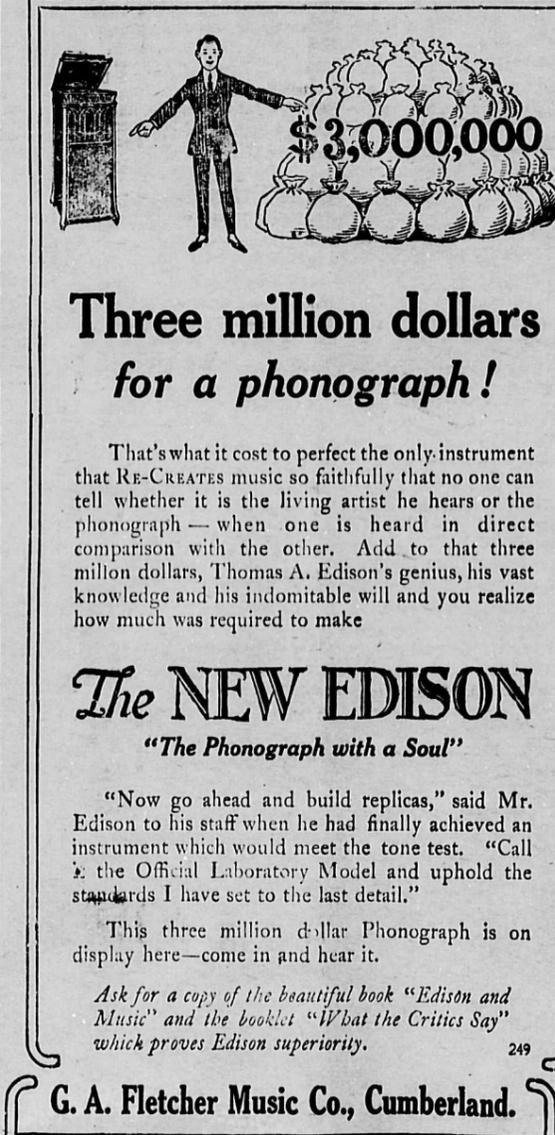
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Monday---Gloria Hope in the Gripping Drama, "The Guilty Man."

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CUMBERLAND COULD ONLY DRAW WITH LADYSMITH

RAIN! Oceans of it! Mud! Tons of it! These were some of the conditions which greeted the Cumberland and Ladysmith footballers last Sunday when these teams met in the final game of the schedule of the Up-Island Football League.

There was not a very large crowd present, the weather being mainly responsible, but there was a goodly number of Cumberland fans nevertheless, and it was fortunate for the spectators that there was a grand stand in which they could take shelter from the elements.

The state of the field, however, made it impossible for either team to play up to anything like their regular form, and the element of luck was most pronounced during the whole game. Owing to the rain the ground was very slippery and it was almost impossible for the players to hold their feet.

Rain was falling in torrents when the referee blew his whistle for the commencement, and during the whole afternoon there was no let-up to it. Both teams turned out full strength. Ladysmith won the toss and Brown kicked off for Cumberland. He made for Ladysmith goal, only to be checked by Strang. This let Ladysmith forwards away, and Heyland, the centre forward, had a try at goal. Walker saved, but Ladysmith forwards could not be dispersed and for the next ten minutes they were continually pressing Cumberland goal and gave Walker a few hard shots, but the old reliable had no difficulty in clearing his lines.

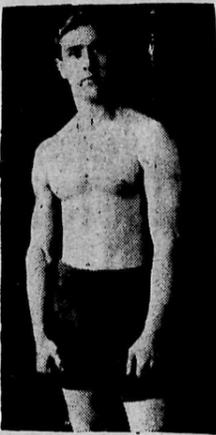
The rain was coming down in torrents at this time and the ground was wet and muddy. This made the ball slippery, which handicapped the players to a great degree. This was particularly true of the Cumberland men, as many of them could not keep their feet. The Cumberland boys now had their inning at the other end and kept Shepherd and his team-mates busy for some time. Ladysmith again got away, only to be checked by Wilkinson, but their forwards were not to be denied. The right wing worked the ball down to Cumberland goal, sent over a fine cross; Heyland, the centre, got his foot on the ball and scored a fine goal for Ladysmith from twenty-five yards out, giving Walker no chance whatever.

Cumberland boys then pressed the Ladysmith defence for some time, but could not pierce them. The local men made great efforts to equalize the score, but the heavy ground seemed to be against them. The first half of a hard contest was called with the score standing Ladysmith 1, Cumberland 0.

When the second half commenced the weather had not improved any. The Cumberland men, however, were determined to even up matters, and the forwards simply played with the Ladysmith defence. Many times they had hard luck in not locating the net; but it seemed as if their turn was bound to come.

Bannerman was playing a fine game for Cumberland; in fact all the forwards were playing splendid combination football, the best that has been seen on the

TO MEET ALL COMERS.



MR. SINC SWANSON, who has consented to don the toggs and go to the mat with anyone at the Piper benefit smoker.

Island for some time. At this juncture Bannerman sent over a cross and T. Jackson scored a good goal for Cumberland, which equalized the score.

Both teams worked hard for the rest of the game, but neither could succeed in penetrating each other's defence, and a hard-fought game played under extremely trying conditions ended in a draw of one goal each.

Mr. William Burnip acted as referee, and although a few of his decisions appeared to be at fault, he no doubt did the best under the circumstances. It was almost impossible to keep a strict line on the play as the official himself had great difficulty in keeping on his feet, so slippery was the ground.

As a result of the game, Cumberland and South Wellington are tied for first place with 12 points each and their schedule games completed. As no other team in the league can possibly reach this number of points the contest rests between these two old antagonists.

NAT BEVIS.

BABE RUTH IS IN REAL EARNEST SO HE SAYS

A sporting writer of San Francisco says: This holdout talk of Babe Ruth is shaping itself a bit more serious than Harry Frazee, Red Sox owner, ever suspects. Since Ruth made the announcement that he would demand \$20,000 next year, the Beaneaters have not been inclined to take the matter in earnest, but upon steaming into port yesterday the demon pellet puncher verified his announcement and hinted that Frazee would have to step lively if he expects him to sign at all.

In the East Ruth is easily the greatest drawing card in baseball. The sensational Tyrus Raymond Cobb is old stuff. The fans have lapped Ty for the last twelve years and, although a great gate attraction, he is not in the class right now with the Boston Tazzan.

Ruth's argument is based on sound logic. He claims there are southpaw pitchers in the American League getting \$10,000 a season for working twenty-five and thirty games, while he takes part in 154 games, sets up a world's record in home runs and pitches about twenty games for the same amount.

RECORDS BROKEN IN BILLIARD TOURNNEY

Two world's records at three-cushion billiards were broken at Cleveland by Tiff Denton of Kansas. Denton scored fifty points in thirty innings in his match with Byron Gillette of Buffalo in the three-cushion billiard championship tournament, breaking the previous record of thirty-six innings. Gillette scored twenty-three points.

JIM PATTON OUT WITH CHALLENGE TO FELTON

James Patton, who was beaten by Barry in 1913, has challenged A. R. Felton for the sculling championship of the world, to be rowed on the Par-matta River, Australia.

BIG BENEFIT SMOKER. Friends of John Piper Will Give Entertainment for the Purpose of Raising Funds.

John Piper, better known as "Shots," has been ill in the hospital for the past few months, and as his condition does not seem to improve, the doctors have advised a change of climate. His friends are organizing a big smoker on the evening of Nov. 29, for his benefit. An excellent programme is under way and one of the headliners will be the redoubtable Sinc Swanson, who has agreed to meet all comers. This will prove one of the most interesting bouts pulled off in the wrestling game here, as there are lots of local wrestlers who think they can slip it over on the old master. Several boxing bouts are being arranged and with such talent as Benny Reese, Ed. Hunden, Pitcher Boyd, Young Sammy Jones and a couple of boys from Bevan, and Alex. Michalik and Jacky Nesbitt in the lightweight and bantam-weight classes. The boys should not be backward in helping in this worthy cause. There will be lots of singing, instrumental music, and several novelties never introduced at a smoker here before. So get your tickets early and avoid the rush. The smoker will be held at the Union Hall on the evening of Nov. 29.

DECIDING GAME IN LEAGUE SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW

TOMORROW will be the great day in football circles of Cumberland and South Wellington. These teams come together for the purpose of breaking the tie which exists between them for first place in the Up-Island Football League. It will be the third time they have met this season. In the first game at Cumberland the score wound up a draw. At South Wellington four weeks ago Cumberland succeeded in gaining a 1-0 victory. Tomorrow's game might very well go to either team, so evenly matched have they proved to be.

Cumberland is the only team in the league which has not suffered a defeat this year. In the eight games played they have won four and drawn two, while South Wellington has won five, drawn two and lost one. On the form shown during the league games there is very little between the two teams. Cumberland, perhaps, has a slight advantage on a field that is firm and fast, as their players on the whole are somewhat lighter than those of South Wellington. On heavy

ground, however, the local players are a trifle handicapped and the two teams are placed on a more even basis.

The Cumberland players are out to do or die tomorrow; they are determined to bring the silverware back with them and they are leaving undone nothing that will tend toward success. Despite the despicable state of the weather during the past week they have been applying themselves consistently to their training, and their trainer declares they have never been in as good condition this year as they are at the present time. Last Sunday's game at Ladysmith proved the kind of stuff they are made of. The ground was very heavy and some of the lighter members of the Cumberland team were expected to collapse under the strain; but they bore up bravely and at the finish they were all about as fresh apparently as when the game started.

The game will be played at Ladysmith. It must be played on neutral grounds, and as the Nanaimo field cannot be depended upon when the weather is inclined to be wet, there is nothing to it but to go to Ladysmith. It is stated that South Wellington wished to have the game postponed for a week, presumably for the purpose of giving them an opportunity of getting into shape, but Cumberland declined and insisted on the game being played tomorrow. It is understood that Cumberland expressed a willingness to postpone the game for a week providing it was played at Bevan, but South Wellington bucked on travelling the distance and so the negotiations were declared off.

If one were to be guided by the expressions of the Cumberland men there would appear to be nothing to it but a win for the local team. Every member of the team expresses the utmost confidence in their ability to trim their southern antagonists and optimism is the dominant note through their line of talk. They all express the hope, however, that the weather man will be kind and grant them dry weather and a hard field on which to play. Under these conditions they have no misgivings as to what the result will be.

It is to be hoped that old Pluvius will be kind for once.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab paid \$1000 for an autographed picture of Harry Lauder at a Los Angeles auction for war charities.

(Additional Sport on Page Six.)

ROBERTS-ROSS BOUT IS OFF

Vancouver Pugilist Breaks His Hand and Will Not Be Able to Box Against Roberts.

A telegram from Vancouver to Messrs. Davis and Brown gave them the disappointing news that George Ross had broken his hand while training and would be unable to box Roberts tonight. Messrs. Davis and Brown have gone to considerable expense in advertising and arranging the bout, and the many boxing fans in Cumberland will feel disappointed in not seeing this long-promised go. Local interest has been high on the return contest between these two boys.

Promoters Davis and Brown, however, promise a super-attraction in the near future when they will try and line up two top notchers. They will not disclose the names of the boys to the public at present, but the contest should be a humdinger.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE FORMED FOR DISTRICT

Devotees of the Great Indoor Game Hold Meeting and Form an Organization.

At a well-attended meeting in the Waverley Hotel last week a basketball league was formed. The following officers were elected: Hon. President—Chas. Graham. President—J. Dixon, Courtenay. Secretary—R. Rideout, Cumberland. Treasurer—F. A. McCarthy, Cumberland. Executive Committee—Gus Lapsansky, Courtenay; Fred Dallos, Waverley Hotel; Joe Dallos, Waverley Hotel; A. H. Rowan, Cumberland City; Guy Gibson, Bevan.

An executive meeting will be called some time next week to draw up a schedule.

NANAIMO ALL STARS TO PLAY AT CUMBERLAND

Crack Organization of the Southern Part of the Island to Pay This City a Visit Soon.

On the evening of November 29 followers of the basketball game are advised to hie themselves to the band hall on the football grounds and there they will see what promises to be one of the most strenuous games seen in this district for years. Nanaimo will play a return game with Cumberland, and Cumberland is out to wipe last Saturday night's draw game off the boards.

The Cumberland boys are training consistently and the girls are going to play a preliminary game, so it gives every promise of being a good evening's sport. The game will start at 7 o'clock.

The total capital expenditure for construction and enlargement of canals in Canada has amounted to \$112,428,000, of which \$20,000,000 were spent before Confederation.

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WEEK-END BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Results of week-end football games in Great Britain were:

First Division— Aston Villa 2, West Bromwich Albion 4. Blackburn Rovers 12, Manchester City 4. Bolton Wanderers 2, Arsenal 2. Bradford City 3, Everton 3. Chelsea 4, Preston North End 0. Liverpool 3, Bradford 3. Manchester United 0, Burnley 1. Notts 2, Sunderland 2. Oldham A. 4, Sheffield United 0. Sheffield Wednesday 2, Derby County 0.

Second Division— Blackpool 1, Fulham 1. Bristol City 1, Stoke 2. Clapton Orient 2, Leeds City 1. Huddersfield 5, Coventry 0. Hull City 3, Barnsley 1. Rotherham 3, Grimsby Town 1. South Shields 5, Nottingham Forest 2. Stockport County 3, Lincoln City 0. Tottenham Hotspur 2, Bury 1. West Ham United 1, Leicester Fosse 0. Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Birmingham 2.

Southern League— Brighton and Hove Albion 2, Queens Park Rangers 3. Brentford 1, Reading 0. Crystal Palace 4, Gillingham 1. Merthyr Tydvil 2, Bristol Rovers 1. Millwall Athletic 0, Swindon Town 2. Northampton 2, Swansea Town 2. Norwich C. 2, Southampton 1. Newport C. 1, Cardiff 3. Portsmouth 2, Exeter City 0. Southend United 3, Luton Town 0. Watford 3, Plymouth Argyle 0.

Scottish League— Aberdeen 1, Kilmarnock 0. Albion Rovers 2, Queens Park 0. Ayr United 1, Celtic 1. Dumbarton 1, Partick Thistle 1. Falkirk 3, St. Mirren 1. Hearts 3, Airdrieonians 1. Raith Rovers 1, Dundee 3.

Four games were postponed on account of snow. Amateurs of England beat Amateurs of Ireland 5 to 0.

In the Rugby games Oxford showed some clever work, but their three-quarter backs were very weak against Blackheath, who won 8 to 3.

In the Northern Union, Lancashire Cup semi-finals, the results were: Rochdale 8, Swinton 2. Widnes 5, Oldham 2.

Yorkshire Cup semi-finals— Huddersfield 15, Wakefield 6. Leeds 16, Battley 5.

League Matches— Kingston 26, Bramley 0. Salford 6, Barrow 8.

Rugby Union County Championships. Yorkshire 18, Durham 0. Cornwall 8, Devon 13. Richmond 21, Merchants 11. Cheltenham 3, Bristol 10. Newport 16, Heath 0. Cardiff 8, Swansea 3. Northampton 6, Leicester 6.

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POOR SCORING DID THE TRICK

Cumberland Was Only Given a Draw When They Should Have Had a Win.

In one of the best basketball games seen in Nanaimo since the days of the old Mosquitoes, Cumberland secured a draw, although some of the Nanaimo people claimed that Cumberland won by five points. A mix-up in the scoring, or something worse, made Cumberland equal with Nanaimo. Teh manager of the Nanaimo team did the scoring and with a pencil and an old blue envelope, instead of the usual league score sheets. There was bound to be a mix-up.

Nanaimo started off with a rush and some fast, snappy basketball was played, Bottey and McBride easing into the scoring column frequently, while Salty Shepherd and Kin Cameron, the gasoline king, did duty like a stone-wall. Celle, the human dynamo, played a great game in this period and the checking of McBride by Farmer was spectacular. Farmer shifted to forward and then the tune began to change. Lapsansky, Celle and Farmer repeated for points. The half-time score was 16 for Cumberland, 20 for Nanaimo.

In the second half Cumberland forwards started with a rush and a few minutes after the whistle Cumberland had equalized. At this period a bunch of Cumberland rooters arrived and proceeded to demonstrate for the northern city. This gave the boys new courage and point after point resulted. Nanaimo, however, always came from behind, and with McBride stationed at the basket kept within close touch. Dallos and Nunn were playing a strenuous game, but at the final sound of the whistle the scorekeeper announced the game a draw. The teams agreed to play five minutes more, each scoring a basket in the overtime period, and the final score stood 35 points for each side.

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THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL.

Centuries have passed since there appeared in the banquet hall of Belshazzar part of an arm and a hand, the finger of which left an inscription. The king and those seated about the banquet board were struck with fear, and they were at a loss to know the meaning of the writing until Daniel interpreted it for them. The revelation had a momentary effect only, and the king and the nation to whom the warning was sent soon drifted back into their old ways. That was many years ago, but the world has been going on in the same way ever since, warnings being allowed to pass unheeded to the detriment of not only one section but to the world as a whole.

Quite recently the handwriting has appeared, figuratively speaking, on the legislative halls of Canada, and though the warning was loud and most pronounced, it does not appear to have been forceful enough to arouse from their state of lethargy and false security those who have control of the affairs of the nation, and they continue to allow things to drift along as in the past. They will probably not become thoroughly awakened until it is too late, for them at least, when the people will tell them in no uncertain manner that they are "weighed in the balance and found wanting."

Two years is not a very long time to remember, and yet those in charge of the government at Ottawa appear to have forgotten entirely the pledge they made to the people when appealing for votes during the last election. They appealed to the people to support them on the question of conscription—not only of men to do the fighting, but also the resources of the country. They were returned to power on that platform, but they have failed to carry out one of the essential planks, that of applying conscription to wealth as well as to life. At first when reminded of their promises in this regard they offered as a palliation for not having made a move, that the sending of men to reinforce the army in the field was of paramount importance and as soon as that had been accomplished they would turn their attention to the implementing of the other planks in their platform. People then took them at their word and trusted that in good time the wealth of the country would be made to do service as had been done with the manhood of the nation. But the people are still waiting, and apparently the end is not yet.

Within the past year innumerable excuses have been offered as to why conscription has not been applied to wealth and production, but none of them appear adequate. In some respects, in fact, the government has openly encouraged the exploiting of the people by certain favored classes. There may have been some excuse (we say may have been) for placing the price of wheat at \$2.25 a bushel when the war was on in order to stimulate production of this absolutely necessary commodity, but to our way of thinking there is no excuse for it being continued. The same authority which compelled the young men of Canada to go overseas and do the fighting for the nation could just as well compel the wheat growers to continue growing the required quantity of grain at a price at least half of that now being paid. When a man was drafted for service in the army he either went into the

army or he went to jail, and the same process could be adopted with the husbandman who refused to till his land when ordered to do so. In doing so the government would have received the same generous support as was accorded them in supplying men for overseas.

They, however, appear to have lacked the courage to apply conscription in this respect. They apparently had visions of opposition in certain quarters where they could otherwise count upon support when an election came along, and for this reason the interests and well-being of the people as a whole were sacrificed on the altar of political expediency. Yet it would appear as though this sacrifice had been in vain. When conscription of men was being enforced farmers' sons were exempted on the plea that they were required at home to help produce supplies for the army and for the starving millions in Europe, and one would have thought that this, coupled with the exorbitant price at which wheat was set, would have assured the government a solid support from the agricultural sections. But it has not. True, it has demonstrated that those who were given special consideration have in turn shown their ingratitude, but that is not at all surprising, for ingratitude is one of the distinguishing traits of human nature.

But the farmers are not the only ones who have been benefiting by the lack of proper action by the government. Vast fortunes have been and are being made by manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers and retailers, simply because the government has not had sufficient backbone to bring them under control, and compel them to serve the country as they compelled the young men whom they tore from their families and sent overseas. For a time a half-hearted attempt was made to carry out the policy enunciated with regard to the conscription of wealth, but again the spectre of opposition appeared and the attempt was nipped even before it had begun to bud.

Is it any wonder, then, that support is being withdrawn from those at present in office? To the great majority of people they no more resemble those who were returned two years ago than chalk resembles cheese, and for this reason they are losing supporters by the thousand. And the irony of the whole thing is that the very class which was given so much consideration is the very one which is proving the undoing of the government.

Ingratitude, however, is not confined to the farmers or the profiteers; the government itself is pretty well tarred with it. To be convinced of this one has but to take into account the manner in which the returned men have been treated in the matter of gratuity. One would have supposed that if there was any one particular class to which the government would have been grateful that class would have been the men who had done the fighting and who had returned. Yet in their treatment of the veterans the government has shown as little gratitude as have the others. They therefore have no reason to complain if their former supporters turn from them.

Not only does this apply to the government but to the individual members of parliament. Many of them have protested loudly of their sympathy with the returned men in their demands, yet when the time came for them to put that sympathy into effect they were lacking in courage and slavishly followed the behest of the party whip and voted for the shelving of the veterans' appeal when the test came.

"Mene mene tekkel upharsin."

Lieut. Maddalena, an Italian airman, flew from Stockholm to Helsingfors, a distance of 440 kilometers, in two hours and twenty minutes.

WANTED: A GOOD SERVICE.

Under the above heading a couple of weeks ago we touched upon the urgent necessity which existed for a transportation service commensurate with the needs and importance of this section of the Island. Since that time it has been announced that "probably next May a daily train service will be supplied." The announcement is a welcome one, but time will tell whether those who were responsible for it were in earnest.

However, that is not the question we started out to discuss. There is another instance in which a good service is wanted. That is communication. One would imagine, with two telegraph and one telephone system on the Island, that communication could be had at any time with the rest of the Island and the mainland. We imagined that some time ago while in Nanaimo, but our imagination received a severe jolt. This is how it worked out: It was necessary to get into communication as soon as possible with a party in Vancouver. We knew there was no use going to the government telegraph office on Sunday, as that institution is never open for business of any kind on that day. We betook ourselves to the C.P.R. telegraph office, and to our surprise and disappointment we found that institution closed also. Then a happy thought smote us, one could always depend upon the telephone office being open, as that institution maintained a constant service: We had had the experience of being able to get "central" at any hour of the day or night. With the assurance of one who is sure of his ground we turned out steps in the direction of the Nanaimo telephone exchange. We tried the door; it was locked, and a notice informed us that if we wanted to use the phone we would have to go to a certain hotel. Nothing daunted, we followed directions, but when we approached the clerk at the hotel he politely informed us that we would have to use the pay phone. After waiting for about half an hour until the party using the pay-phone got through with it, we succeeded in getting "central" and put in a call for long distance. After another fifteen minutes' delay we got in touch with the party with whom we wished to talk in Vancouver. Not more than half a dozen words had been exchanged when an operator somewhere along the line "butted in" and broke the connection with Vancouver. Another delay of five minutes and we resumed our conversation. When we had got through our business the lady at "central" said "Two dollars, please." We informed her ladyship that there was no place in the phone where we could stick a two-dollar bill, and the reply came back that we should have it changed into quarters and they would register. With a frown and a grunt of dissatisfaction, the clerk of the hotel consented to make the change and we were able to liquidate our indebtedness to the telephone company.

It had taken considerably over an hour to accomplish that which could have been done in less than five minutes if there had been at our disposal a proper service. And considering that beside the fee for the use of the phone we were compelled to keep an automobile standing all that time—and motor cars are paid for at so much per hour, and not a trifling sum either—we have come to the conclusion that a person who wishes to do any communicating on Sunday must be possessed of a good fat bankroll and an unlimited stock of patience.

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CURRIE GIVES REASON FOR PASSCHENDAELE

MISCONCEPTION AS TO WHY CANADIANS WERE GIVEN THE TASK OF TAKING THE GERMAN STRONGHOLD DISPELLED BY THE MAN WHO COMMANDED THE CANADIAN TROOPS—MORALE OF ALLIED ARMIES WAS IMPAIRED AND A SMASHING VICTORY WAS REQUIRED TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE.

By THE LANCEBEZAN.

THE visit of Gen. Sir Arthur Currie to this city about the second anniversary of the taking of Passchendaele brought to mind the controversy which has been carried on in some quarters as to the wisdom of the engagement in view of the losses sustained by the Canadians during the fight. Taking advantage of his presence here I availed myself of the opportunity to remind him of the promise he had made me a year ago last March while on a visit to the Canadian front that when the war was over he would tell me the reason why the battle was fought and why it was the Canadians were selected to do the job. While the story as told by Sir Arthur is not given verbatim, the following is a fairly accurate outline of his remarks:

"I promised you I would some day tell you the story of Passchendaele, and so I will," said Sir Arthur in commencing. "In order to fully understand the reasons for the battle and the taking of the ridge it will be necessary to go back to the early days of 1917. You will remember that 1917 was the disastrous year for the Allies. There were many things happened that year which were not allowed to be made known outside the army because of the effect they would have upon the various peoples, but now that the war is over there is no harm in telling some of them.

"Early in the summer, Gen. Neville at the head of the French army had inaugurated an offensive on the Aisne with the intention of breaking through. He launched attack after attack, but each time he was checked with terrible losses. After a series of failures the French troops became disheartened, and when a further attack was ordered matters were aggravated by a mutiny which broke out in the French army in which more than 200,000 troops were involved. The morale of the French army was so impaired that it was impossible to continue the campaign, and Gen. Neville was recalled. The French soldiers were deserting in large numbers and it looked at one time as though the whole army would give way. Added to these difficulties was the tendency on the part of a great many people in France to sue for peace on the best terms that could be secured.

"It became necessary to do something to offset this current of despair which had swept over the French army and nation, and so the British army was urged to try and do something to revive the drooping spirits of their allies. Several attacks were made in the north. It will be remembered that during the early part of 1917 the German submarine menace was at its height, and it might not be out of place here to remark that had the undersea campaign been continued for another three months the Allies might have been compelled to sue for peace. For a time the British army had not more than two weeks' supplies of rations in France, and with the way the ships were being sent to the bottom it would not have taken long to exhaust this supply. In order to meet the submarine menace and defeat it, the British army launched a campaign to capture the submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge. This campaign

had the desired effect to a certain degree, but the army did not make very great headway, and the men in the ranks were commencing to lose heart and confidence.

"This was the state of affairs when Sir Douglas Haig came to see me. The morale of the British army was at that time at its very lowest point during the whole war. Winter was coming on, and the British commander decided that he must wind up the summer campaign with a smashing victory. At our meeting, Sir Douglas informed me of his plans, which included the taking of Passchendaele, and asked me if I thought the Canadians could do the job. Haig said he believed the Canadians were the only ones he could rely upon, and he asked me to undertake the task. I told him I believed the boys from Canada could be depended upon to do the work, but that I would only undertake the task with the understanding that we should be allowed to choose our own time and carry on the attack in our own way. To this Sir Douglas consented, although he had set the date on which he wished the attack to begin. I told him we could not be ready by that time and would require at least a week longer, in order to get our guns up and in position. I was told the guns could not be taken any closer owing to the lack of roads, and I replied that we would build the roads. I was told the roads could not be built, and my reply was that if they could not be constructed and the guns taken up we might as well abandon the idea of taking the ridge. The British commander then gave his consent to the construction of the roads, although he was convinced that the attempt would fail.

"I had selected October 28 as the day for launching the first attack. I had told Haig that I proposed fighting four battles, using two divisions and having them relieve each other. The second battle was to be fought on the first of November; the third on the fifth and the fourth on the tenth. We were able to get things in shape sooner than I had expected; the roads had been built and the guns had all been taken up and placed in position. We were then in a position to partially meet the wishes of the British commander on the opening day of the attack, so that we delivered our first stroke on October 26. The second battle was advanced to October 30, and the third and fourth were fought on the days originally selected. The methodical way in which the boys from Canada carried out the plans of the battles was a revelation to everyone. As a result of our victory and the capture of the ridge and village of Passchendaele new heart was put into not only the British troops in the north, but it had an electrifying effect on the French. The ridge was taken so late in the year that the Germans could not make any attempt to retake it, and during the winter both the French and the British armies were rehabilitated and their morale was brought back to their old standard.

"There have been many guesses hazarded as to the number of casualties suffered by the Canadians during the taking of Passchendaele, some of them amounting as high as 60,000. The

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actual casualties among the Canadians during that fight was 17,000 all told. That was quite large enough to be sure, but it was nothing compared with those sustained in other engagements fought by the British army. And the losses were slight in view of the wonderful effect the victory had on the whole of the Allied armies. From that time on the British commander relied upon the Canadian corps when a difficult job was to be done. He pronounced them as the finest attacking force in the world, and the engagements in which they were the leading troops in the days that followed is proof that he meant what he said.

This account of Sir Arthur Currie puts a new phase to the taking of Passchendaele, and dispels many of the erroneous impressions which have prevailed since that memorable battle. During his conversation Sir Arthur also related the story of the battle of Amiens and the events which transpired to the Canadians during the last one hundred days of the war. As space will permit these will be given in the columns of The Islander, and they should prove interesting reading.

Thirty-eight survivors of the wreck of the United States steamer Council Bluffs have been rescued in the North Sea.

A strike of metal workers has been declared at several great industrial centres in Czechoslovakia, notably at Pilsen.

Hope of rescuing the crew of the Polarland, who abandoned their ship in a storm, has been given up in Halifax.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE B. C. GOVERNMENT

The following appointments by the British Columbia Government were announced in last week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette:

The Honorable John Oliver to be acting minister of lands during the absence from the province of the Hon. T. D. Pattullo.

James Putman Vye, M.D., of the City of Victoria, to be a justice of the peace. To be notaries public—

Robert James MacLaren, of the City of Vancouver.

Leonard Sydney McGill, of the City of Vancouver.

Oswald Lawrence Bancroft, of the City of Vancouver, barrister and solicitor.

Douglas McDonald Hunter, of Prince Rupert.

Wesley A. Blair, secretary to the agent-general for British Columbia in London, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits within the United Kingdom for use in the courts of British Columbia.

The German national debt next year, apart from indebtedness under the peace treaty will amount to more than fifty billion dollars.

IN the County Court of Nanaimo

Holden at Cumberland, B.C., Oct. 8, 1919.

TAKE NOTICE that by an order of His Honor Judge Barker, I was appointed administrator of the estate of Wm. Phillips, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same properly verified on or before the 15th day of December, and all parties indebted to estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith. WESLEY WILLARD, Official Administrator.

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- Best Sustained Character, Lady—First prize \$8 cash; second prize, goods, value \$2.50, A. H. Peacey.
- Best Sustained Character, Gentleman—First prize, \$8 cash; second prize, goods, value \$3, T. E. Bate.
- National Costume, Lady—First prize \$7.50 cash; second prize, goods, value \$3, A. H. McKinnon.
- National Costume, Gentleman—First prize \$7.50 cash; second prize \$2.50 gold piece, E. Perodi Poolrooms.
- Best Hobo—First prize, box of cigars, W. Henderson; second prize, two tickets for suit cleaning, Cumberland Tailors.
- Best Comic Group (three or more)—Prize \$10 cash.
- Best Representative of Any of the Allies, Lady or Gentleman—Prize \$6.00.
- Best Advertisement, Lady or Gentleman, Comic or Otherwise—First prize \$5; second prize \$2.50.
- Best Clown—First prize, box apples, value \$4.50, Mumford & Walton.
- Best Flower Girl—First prize, goods, value \$5.00, Mrs. Rideout; second prize, box chocolates, value \$2.50, J. Fraser.
- Best Comic Gentleman—Prize \$5.00 cash.
- Best Comic Lady—Prize \$5.00 cash.
- Best Topsy—First prize, goods, value \$5.00, T. D. McLean; second prize, goods, \$2.50, J. H. Halliday.
- Best Dressed Old-fashioned Couple—Prize \$8.00 cash.
- Tombola Prizes for Spectators.

The band will parade the main street at 7:30 p.m. in various costumes. Prizes will be given to members of the band for best representation, judging for this event to take place on the parade.

The judging for the events at the hall will take place at 11:15 p.m. sharp.

Music furnished by the band orchestra of nine pieces. Only persons in proper costume will be allowed on the floor until after the judging is completed at 11:15.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

NORAH McSHANE.

This pretty old Irish love song was written by Eliza Cook, whose verse is everywhere known and loved. The ballad is one of the many love songs indited to the favorite Irish name of "Norah," and combines the delightful strain of humor and tender feeling which characterizes so much of Samuel Lover's poetry.

I've left Ballymornach a long way behind me,
To better my fortune I've crossed the wide sea;
But I'm sadly alone, not a creature to mind me,
And faith, I'm as wretched as wretched can be.
I think of the buttermilk fresh as the daisy,
The beautiful hills and the emerald plains;
And oh, don't I oftentimes think myself crazy
About that young black-eyed rogue, Norah McShane?

I sigh for the turf-pile so cheerfully burning,
When barefoot I trudged it from toiling afar,
When I tossed in the light the thirteen I'd been earning,
And whistled the anthem of "Erin Go Bragh."
In truth I believe that I'm half broken-hearted,
To my country and love I must get back again;
For I've never been happy at all since I parted
From sweet Ballymornach and Norah McShane.

Oh! there's something so dear in the cot I was born in,
Tho' the walls are but mud, and the roof is but thatch;
How familiar the grunt of the pigs in the mornin'
What music is lifting the rusty old latch!
'Tis true I'd no money,—but then I'd no sorrow;
My pockets were light, but my heart had no pain;
And if I but live till the sun shines tomorrow,
I'll be off to ould Ireland and Norah McShane.

WHILE Viscountess Astor was announcing her candidacy for the Commons that body was passing a bill to enable women to sit in the House of Lords. One political height after another is stormed by women, and their invasion of both branches of Parliament will be no more striking than their imminent invasion of the judiciary in America. Some uncritical historians of mediaeval England used to draw brilliant pictures of peereesses and abesses sitting at Westminster, albeit not debating; and though careful students have ridiculed this, they have not denied that great ladies have been in Parliament in all but a physical sense. There was the famed Countess of Dorset, who wrote defiantly to a secretary of state, who had put up his own candidate in a constituency she swayed: "I have been bullied by a usurper, I have been neglected by a court, but I won't be dictated to by a subject. Your man shan't stand." The late G. W. E. Russell said of Lady Bridgewater that after her husband's death she ruled her tenants so absolutely that whenever the polling officer asked their will, they replied: "We votes for Lady Bridgewater."

One housekeeper who is ever alert to make the commonplace accessories of the home attractive as well as useful, recently painted her new agate garbage pail a delft blue, bordered with grey, to match the color scheme of the kitchen, lining with a solid white enamel finish which was most refreshing. By keeping the pail lined with fresh paper daily, it is as dainty as one could wish. Pleased with the results, she experimented on the handle of the broom, which responded equally well to her efforts. The wooden handle of the chopper came next, as well as other wooden things, which could be treated this way with success.

Another woman painted her coal scuttle, formerly a dingy grey, with a glossy black, relieved with a conventionalized cluster of gay flowers. The brick-colored flower pots, which were in a straggly group near the back door, came under the brush next, and received vertical black bands relieved with the same gay bouquets. Later, when she fitted out the front porch with black and grey cretonne, brightened with flower forms, she carried the experiment there also, and she found that her miscellaneous pots soon resembled jardinières.

The visit of the King and Queen of Spain is interesting as it is so long since these rulers were able to pay a visit to England, as well as because they are both popular in London. Since the armistice there have been several royal visitors, including the King and Queen of the Belgians, and the charming Queen of Roumania and her daughters, while a visitor expected soon is the Shah of Persia. It is a pity that the latter should come at the time of the year when the air is chill, and draughts are more plentiful than other things one might mention, but no doubt the hospitality he will receive will make up for much that is lacking in the autumn weather.

The shield donated by the children of the Sunday school in honor of the men who went overseas, both those

living and those who have fallen, was unveiled at Holy Trinity Church last Sunday evening during the recessional. Margaret Bunbury, youngest daughter of Chief of Police and Mrs. Bunbury, officiated at the unveiling. The ceremony was most impressive.

A bright and pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. E. Jackson, when a number of friends gathered together to celebrate the occasion of Miss Jessie Clark's birthday. Among those present were Miss Oliver, Miss Brown, Miss Bevis, Miss Potter, Miss Hurdon and many others.

A very jolly evening was spent last Wednesday night when Mrs. Owen entertained in honor of the Old Fashioned Girls, who won the hearts of Cumberland people with their simple songs of the South. A number of guests were present and the evening was spent in music and dancing.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, accompanied by Lady Currie and their two children, arrived in Cumberland Friday afternoon. While here they were the guests of the Canadian Collieries at their official residence, Beaufort House. Gen. Currie and party left again on Monday afternoon for Victoria.

Mr. R. H. Roper, an evangelist, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday night and also rendered a number of solos in an excellent voice. Mr. Roper's work lies chiefly among the lumber camps of British Columbia.

Mrs. Hood, wife of the Rev. Mr. Hood, who so ably filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Courtenay on Sunday last, will occupy the pulpit of St. George's Presbyterian Church at Cumberland Sunday next.

Miss Booth, traffic supervisor of British Columbia for the B. C. Telephone Company, arrived here on Thursday. Miss Booth takes the place of Miss Graig, who is now stationed at the Kootenay district.

Mr. R. H. Roper was a visitor here during the week-end and while here was the guest of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hood.

Thomas Graham, general manager of the Canadian Collieries, left on Thursday morning for Victoria and will return on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomson left on Wednesday's train for Victoria, where they will spend a few days.

Mrs. Alex. King left on Friday morning for Victoria for a short visit and returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dando of Headquarters, visited Cumberland.

Jack Newton, inspector of mines, arrived in Cumberland on Monday.

Mr. Bradley arrived in town this week and left on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Parkinson left on Monday's train for Victoria.

Henry Devlin of Nanaimo arrived in Cumberland on Tuesday.

Short Jobs at Sport

By OLD SPORT

We went and we came back with a draw, even up with South Wellington, after one of the hardest games played this season, on a ground that resembled a skating rink. Some of the slides and flops by the players would do credit to Vernon Castle, the dancer, in his famous back to nature dance.

Some of the boys got so close to old Mother Earth and covered with so much of her that they looked like as if they had come from the mud baths of Arkansas.

Rain fell down in bucketfuls, sheets and every other way that rain can fall, except up. Pete Shearer said it never rained so hard since he left Glasgow.

Jim English said he thought he could learn to skate himself.

The boys played hard. Every man dug in, but victory could not be grabbed when so much needed. In front of the goal it looked like a melee at Vimy Ridge; two or three openings, but the ball was so wet and slippery that when the boys kicked it north it went south. Ladysmith was out to win.

Dicky Stobhart, the thirty dollar wonder, and Pete Green, the man who never scored a penalty, were on the sidelines rooting for a Ladysmith victory. They went home much disappointed, and they will be more so after tomorrow.

Cumberland has to travel over the submarine route to Nanaimo once more to win the league. They have taken three points off South Wellington and defeated them on their own grounds. It can be done again.

That road to Nanaimo is some road. A man could make better time with a canoe than with a car.

Dave Chambers, the genial one of the Bevan Club, has challenged the world with his team of basketballers, the Wallobies, champions of Siberia. R. Yates, mine host of the Bevan Hotel, is his star forward. Guy Gibson, the strong man; Lauckie McMillan of the Bevan Dispensary; Dave himself, stout and hefty; Dave Austin, the giant timber king, and A. Nother, the dark horse. Dave is keeping under cover to spring on all unwary basketball sharps.

The ladies have started in to train and with a little more practice and confidence they will make all the ladies in the district step lively.

Let's go and show them that what the home brews have done once they can do again. Tend to your knitting; hustle them all the time; not a minute's rest; your forwards can depend on the defence to do their best. Get into goal; bang it; kick it; get it through, and Cumberland is the winner of the hardest league that has been played for years on the Island. The public are behind you; your own folks will wait on the result with the deepest interest. Let's not disappoint them, boys. Let's go! Let's go!

The girls will do better work if they get a couple of coaches from among the men as they don't seem to grasp the checking and passing game very easily.

I hear South Wellington are not going to turn up at Ladysmith next Sunday, but the boys don't want to let that fool them a little bit. South Wellington will be there. Their only reason for asking a postponement is to give them a chance to scour the country for players; but Cumberland's manager nickered that by getting the game next Sunday.

The residence clause that a player must be seven days in the district, bars any player signed this week. If they had got a postponement they could sign players from all over the country.

South Wellington makes the excuse that they are all crippled up. They have not played a game since a month tomorrow, and at the time Cumberland played they were the healthiest bunch of crippled in the world.

I believe the Stobhart family will be on deck, and Jimmy Smith, the man who can ~~run~~ all night, and the rest of McGregor's thirty-dollar wonders.

Canada has in the Dominion parks in the West the largest number of buffaloes now existing anywhere on the continent. According to the latest returns there are 8 in Rocky Mountain Park, 2920 in Buffalo Park, and 161 on Elk Island, making a total of 3089—an increase of 545 over the number returned for the preceding year.



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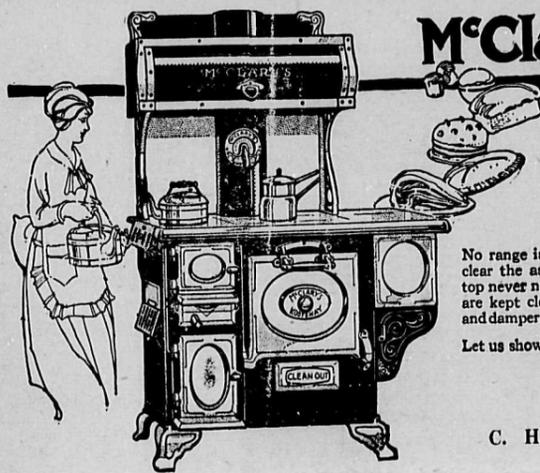
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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

An order of the Canadian Wheat Board has been received to the effect that all wheat for domestic purposes imported into British Columbia must pay an additional 10c per bushel over and above the government fixed price. "As this does not apparently apply to any other province, it would appear that, as the wheat grown in British Columbia this year is almost exhausted, it is the intention of the Wheat Board to take advantage of the lack of surplus at the Coast and force the consumer to pay \$3.33 per ton more for wheat," said a dealer, who continued: "This will be a stiff body blow to the poultry industry. This recent advance in wheat is very ill-timed, as it will, no doubt, have a deterring effect on returned men and others who have completed arrangements for embarking in the poultry business, as the hatching season will commence in about two months."

S. W. S. Evans, cashier for Evans, Coleman & Evans, and S. M. Strachan, manager for Johnson & Reeve, Vancouver, are charged with misappropriation of funds aggregating \$31,000 from the firm of Evans, Coleman & Evans. Both men are at liberty on \$2500 bail. The funds are alleged to have been taken from time to time. Twenty thousand dollars of the shortage is attributed to Evans, while Strachan, who is charged with aiding and abetting, is claimed to have been responsible for the disappearance of \$11,000.

Asking for an increase in pay, a petition was presented to Mr. Justice Gregory in the Assize Court at Vancouver, last week, by the petit jurymen. This petition asked for a daily pay of \$4, this being an increase of \$1.00 over the present allowance. The judge replied that it was not within his jurisdiction to grant the increased pay, but that he would forward it to the attorney-general. It was suggested by the judge that an amendment could be secured, enabling in a long assize, to discharge one panel after it had served a certain period and call another one.

Charles Scott, a husband and the father of six children, left his wife and family at Port Coquitlam a little over a month ago, intending to go to Vancouver to cash a cheque. He has not been heard of or seen since and the chief of police of Port Coquitlam has asked the provincial police to assist in searching for him. He is 47 years of age and five feet six or seven in height. His most marked peculiarity is that some of his fingers stick out straight as a result of having been broken.

Dr. E. C. Arthur of Nelson has been appointed by the Provincial Government to the position of travelling medical health officer for the province, the appointment being decided upon by the cabinet. His duties, Hon. J. D. MacLean, head of the provincial department of health, explained, will take him on periodical trips over the province inspecting the various private and public institutions receiving aid from the government and he will act in an advisory capacity.

The body of Frederick L. Jenkins of Vancouver, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, who disappeared on October 30, has been found in the Schuykill River. Friends of the family identified the body. On the day Jenkins disappeared a man was seen to jump from a bridge over the river near the navy campus and police boats had been dragging for the body ever since. Young Jenkins was the son of H. L. Jenkins, a Vancouver lumber dealer.

Parents with children are to be especially invited to become participants in a scheme for the construction of a co-operative apartment house which is to be erected in Vancouver at a cost of nearly \$600,000. It will be the largest of its kind in Canada and one of the largest in the world. Children are to be provided with everything in the way of playing accommodation.

Mr. R. S. Somerville was elected president of the Vancouver Canadian Club at the annual meeting held last week. The principal other officers are: First vice-president, W. G. Murrin; second vice-president, Dr. S. B. Scott; literary correspondent, W. C. Brown; secretary-treasurer, J. R. V. Dunlop.

Pleading guilty to being under the influence of liquor while in charge of an automobile, D. McCulloch was fined \$100 by Magistrate Jay in the Saanich police court.

The agreement handed down by the B.C.E.R. conciliation board has been

signed by the representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and the company. The signing of the agreement settles the deadlock that has existed between the company and the men for the past few months.

After two years of proportional representation, Nelson will conduct the coming civic elections on the old majority plan, the City Council decided last week, adopting a motion by Alderman McHardy on those lines. The ward system, however, probably is permanently gone. Ald. Rose giving notice of motion to abolish it.

CANADA.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholls has passed away at the residence in Toronto of her son, Sir Thomas White. The late Mrs. Nicholls was in her 84th year. She was born in Omagh County, Tyrone, Ireland, in 1836. While quite young she married James White, and in 1859 she and her husband sailed for Canada, settling as farmers in Halton County, where they had relatives. Mr. White died in 1869, and subsequently Mrs. White became the wife of Thos. Nicholls of Hamilton, who is also deceased. Five children survive. They are Sir Thomas White of Toronto, Mrs. (Dr.) J. A. McNiven of Acton, Mrs. (Rev.) George Mason of Oakville, M. E. Nicholls, director of public information, Ottawa, and Mrs. William Atunle of Comber, Ont.

It is understood that the Exchequer Court will pass upon the claim of Sir Charles Ross for compensation for the expropriation of the Ross rifle factory which the government took over in 1916. The Scottish baronet's claim for compensation and damages for the loss of his fifteen million dollar contract was eighteen million dollars. The government refused him the necessary fiat permitting him to enter action on the ground that in the order for expropriation the maximum value placed on the property was three million dollars. The case will now go to the Exchequer Court in order that the actual amount to be paid may be determined with three millions as the limit.

While every pound of domestic coal mined in Alberta is urgently wanted, so much so that it is stated that in some parts of Saskatchewan the distressed citizens are buying lumber at \$40 a thousand feet to burn in their houses in order to keep warm, practically all the collieries in the Drumheller Valley complain that they are still unable to secure enough cars to take care of their output. W. H. Armstrong, coal commissioner, says there would be no shortage were the car supply adequate.

John Wilson, formerly a sub-inspector in the Dominion police enforcing the Military Service Act, is in a hospital at Regina with 100 stitches in his throat, following an attempt to commit suicide with a small penknife while in a police cell. Mary Wilson, whom he married in Scotland in 1908, is missing, and has not been seen since September 27, 1918, and is believed to have been murdered by her husband, according to the police.

Arrested at Calgary as he was about to step aboard the Trans-Canada for Montreal, Arthur King, in an attempt to jump his bail from a charge of counterfeiting, was arrested by Detective Sharpe of the provincial police and taken to the barracks, where he put up a fight. He had a gun, a bottle of whiskey and some cocaine in his pockets. He will now face four additional charges.

Three scows laden with cartridges from the war ordnance stores, said to be no use further, were towed into the middle of the river at Quebec and sunk. They were made for the Lee-Enfield rifle, used overseas after the Ross rifle was abandoned, and are said to have been part of a huge surplus on hand.

A bronze memorial tablet to the late Col. John McTear, author of "In Flanders Fields," was unveiled at Guelph, Ont., in the collegiate institute, where the soldier-poet was a pupil from 1883 to 1888.

Citizens of Winnipeg have inaugurated a movement to amalgamate Thanksgiving Day with Armistice Day in the future.

A storm on Lake Superior which developed hurricane force was responsible for the loss of two freight vessels last week-end.

Hon. C. J. Doherty has received a cablegram from the burgomaster of

Mons, conveying the grateful greetings of the citizens of that city to Canada on the anniversary of the day when Canadian soldiers captured it from the Germans.

ENGLAND.

Col. Arthur Owen Vaughan, the Welsh soldier novelist, has died in a London nursing home at the age of 51. He wrote under the nom de plume of "Owen Rhoscomyl." He raised a troop of horse in the Boer War and became chief scout in the advance from Bloemfontein to Pretoria and on to Koomatipoort. He was mentioned in dispatches and was awarded the medal for distinguished gallantry. When the war with Germany began Col. Vaughan formed the Welsh Horse, which saw service in Gallipoli and Palestine. Col. Vaughan served in France with the Northumberland Fusiliers and was awarded the D.S.O.

London's second "victory ball" death was a suicide, a coroner's jury decided. Mrs. Alma Velzera Steane, central figure in many international romances, died from cyanide poisoning, self-administered, the jury found. She was believed to have been insane. A physician testified at the inquest she previously had attempted to take her life. Mrs. Steane's death came almost exactly one year after that at Billie Carlton, American actress, who was found dead in her apartment after London's first victory ball, immediately following the signing of the armistice.

The food controller has appointed Mr. McCurdy, parliamentary secretary to the ministry of food, to be chairman of the departmental committee which is being set up to consider the working of the London wholesale markets and their influence on food prices. Lieut.-Col. E. F. Strange, assistant secretary in charge of the fish, fruit and vegetable division of the ministry, will be vice-chairman.

The Canadian Red Cross has secured a house in Prince's Gardens, London, as a hostel for Canadian women arriving next spring to visit graves in France. The house will accommodate 56 persons, each guest to pay seven shillings for daily maintenance. Arrangements also will be made for a journey to Boulogne and subsequently to the cemetery.

Lord Bryce, replying to critics of his protest against Italian rule of the German speaking in Tyrol, says: "I have been a devoted friend of Italy all my life and privileged to know Mazzini and Crispi. But friendship does not prevent a man from regretting a mistake, which he sees a friend committing. A country gains nothing by annexing unwilling subjects likely to prove disaffected. Remember the fate of the Austria-Hungarian monarchy."

For more than a year past there has been in operation at Brighton a diamond polishing factory, which was opened for the express purpose of giving employment to disabled soldiers and sailors. At present it accommodates about 500 such men, but when a large extension that is now nearing completion is in full working order the number will be about 2000.

Walter Hume Long stated in the House of Commons that the cost of the battleship Hood, exclusive of guns and ammunition, amounted to more than \$25,000,000. H.M.S. Hood was launched in August, 1918, and is the first capital ship built since the battle of Jutland. The old Majestic cost under \$5,000,000 and the Dreadnought type cost nearly \$10,000,000.

The war office announces that during the week ended October 15, 57,118 officers and men were demobilized and discharged from the army, being at the rate of more than 8000 a day. The numbers discharged since the armistice are 146,120 officers and 3,316,000 other ranks—total 3,462,120.

The Queen has sent a quantity of silks and brocades to the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, of which institution she is patron. The materials are used by the patients in making articles for the annual sale of work.

At Willesden police court the identity of a witness, a working boy of 16, turned on the question whether he was smoking a cigarette. Asked by the magistrate if he was doing so, he replied scornfully: "What, me smoke a fag? I was smoking a cigar."

Raymond Poincare, President of the French Republic, was installed as Lord rector of Glasgow University. The French President was given a hearty welcome.

Thirty-two thousand guineas were paid at an auction sale for a picture of St. Eustace, by Vittorio Carpaccio, the famous fifteenth century Venetian painter.

FOREIGN.

The increasing number of marriages between French girls and Chinese laborers in France has resulted in the minister of the interior warning French women that most of the coolies already have wives in China, where upon arrival with their husbands they would be regarded merely as secondary wives.

The frozen bodies of several Austrian artillerymen perfectly preserved have been discovered by St. Bernard dogs in an Alpine trench near the summit of the Stelvio Pass, about 10,000 feet above sea level. It is believed that a whole battery was buried in the deep snow. Searching parties uncovered seven bodies.

SHORTER PARAGRAPHS.

Polish candidates won a majority of the elections in Silesia.

Alfred J. Dickey, assistant deputy fire marshal for Ontario, is dead.

While crossing the Russo-Finnish frontier, Professor Baron Nolde was shot by a Finnish sentinel.

Prince Rupert wishes to be made the mail distributing centre for the entire north coast country.

The British steamer Talus, from Glasgow, June 14, for New York, has been reported at Lloyd's as missing.

Two thousand shop assistants have gone on strike at Cairo for twenty-four hours, alleging breach of contract.

Because with prohibition his fees were so small he had to run the road roller to make a living, Sheriff Hecox, Osawego County, Mich., resigned.

The sailing ship Colbert on her way from Fecamp to England was cut in half by a Swedish steamship. Two of the crew of twelve were rescued.

Zionist colors were hoisted by the Jewish community at Saloniki in celebration of the anniversary of Arthur J. Balfour's declaration on Palestine as a Jewish state.

From reports of wreckage off Manitou Island it is feared that the big ore carrier John Owen, reported overdue, was lost in the gale which raged over Lake Superior.

A New York highwayman got only \$2.60 from John Michenfelder. He took a suit of clothes John was carrying, wrote his address and promised to send him a pawn ticket.

Prince Sabaheddin, leader of the Liberal opposition in Turkey, is leaving Montreaux for Constantinople. It is believed that he has been recalled to form a new government.

Statistics just published show that the capital invested by British enterprises in Latin-American republics amount to \$5,000,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 is invested in Brazil.

Although only 14, Rena Marke, gypsy, has been married twelve times, she told the police. Each time her father collected "compensation" and then secured her release through the courts because of her tender years.

Of the nine provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were the first to become British territory. They formed old Acadia which was ceded by France to Great Britain by the treaty of Utrecht, 1713.

The first savings bank in the Dominion under charge of the government, was the Halifax Savings Bank, established in 1832. The first Canadian bank note was issued by the Canada Bank in 1792. It was for "5 chellins."

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Rheumatism Makes Life Unbearable for Silvertown Woman until Relieved by T. R. C.'s

Mrs. Oswald McDougal, Silvertown, B.C., in a letter covering ten closely written pages, says: "When on a visit to Eastern Canada last June (1918), I contracted Flu. It left me a rheumatic cripple. I lost 20 pounds in 10 days. I could not walk or dress. I was almost helpless, and suffered agony all the time. Finally, my husband decided to take me back to B.C. at once. When we reached Toronto, I had to go to bed while my husband went for the nearest doctor.

"Enquiring from a policeman, he was told, 'If it's rheumatism, go to Templeton's store, 142 King St. W.' I thought my husband was crazy when he returned with a large box of T.R.C.'s, but I soon blessed our good luck, for now I am as well as ever, have gained 22 pounds, and haven't an ache or pain. T.R.C.'s made me well again, and I hope this letter may be the means of helping other rheumatic sufferers."

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MAYOR D. R. McDONALD BEGINS HIS CAMPAIGN

HEAD OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT SAYS HE WILL LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED TO BRING DOWN THE COST OF FIRE INSURANCE—OPENS CAMPAIGN BY STRONG LETTER TO UNDERWRITERS—CITIZENS BEHIND MAYOR IN HIS EFFORTS TO SECURE EQUITABLE TREATMENT.

His Worship Mayor D. R. McDonald this week entered actively upon his campaign to have fire insurance rates in this city reduced. He has evidently made up his mind that if it is at all possible the premiums will be brought down to the proper level or at least more in keeping with those prevailing in other towns and cities of the Island. On Tuesday His Worship instructed the city clerk to forward the following letter to the underwriters at Victoria:

Cumberland, Nov. 17, 1919.

The Vancouver Island Underwriters' Association, Victoria, B.C.

Gentlemen,—I am instructed by Mayor D. R. McDonald to invite your attention to the extremely high rates of fire insurance in this city.

This is the more extraordinary since we not only have a first-class water supply, with abundance of pressure (never less than 150 pounds in the recent drought) with good fire-hydrants at all necessary points, but we also have a first-class fire truck, manned by a competent fire brigade.

The fact that no fires within the city limits have been allowed to get beyond the starting stage in the last ten or twelve years is, in itself, a testimonial to the efficiency of our fire department.

All this, however, gentlemen, has cost money, and we feel it is only right that the expense incurred, and the resulting immunity from serious fires, carrying with it, as it does, a greatly decreased liability for the insurance companies, ought, in common justice, also carry with it a material reduction in our city rates.

The fact that it has not, so far, had any such effect, forces one of two conclusions, therefore: either Cumberland is not getting a square deal from the Underwriters' Association or else there are facts in the case of which

the City Council have not been informed which seriously injure our status in fire ratings.

We appeal to you, gentlemen, to let us know the truth of this matter, and to say what you require to be done or carried out in order to bring our fire risks down to what we know they ought to be.

Should it be possible for a representative of your association to visit this town on this matter, the Mayor and Council would be pleased to afford him every assistance he may require to obtain all the information desired.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) T. MORDY,

City Clerk.

In connection with rates on insurance for Cumberland The Islander has been making some enquiries during the week, with the result that sufficient evidence has been secured to convince it that there is something wrong. The Islander representative has shown four separate policies held by one gentleman, the lowest premium on which was 6.05 per cent. per annum, and he was assured that this rate was about the lowest of any in town owing to the fact that his business is located on a corner and is therefore not subjected to much risk from the street.

In the investigation it was also brought to light that, because of the excessive rates, people in Cumberland were not carrying nearly as much insurance as they were entitled to and that they are carrying a great deal of risk themselves besides paying enormous rates for what protection they can afford. The business man referred to expressed his opinion on the insurance question in the following terms: "There is no denying the fact that there is something wrong somewhere.

There is apparently no earthly reason why Cumberland should be compelled to pay such high rates when the splendid system of fire protection is taken into consideration. There is no city or town on the Island which affords its citizens more protection from fire, and yet we are called upon to pay the highest premiums of any on the Island. Why, over at Courtenay, where they have no fire protection at all, the rate is scarcely more than half of ours. Something must be done about the matter, and I am sure the citizens will unitedly stand behind Mayor McDonald in his fight for better terms."

Another business man said he was convinced there were sinister influences at work which were militating against Cumberland. The difficulty was not with the local agents, but with those higher up at Victoria. That was where the rate was set and the local agents had no option but to charge the rates set by the underwriters.

Several other prominent men expressed their appreciation of the stand being taken by the mayor and promised every assistance in their power. According to one gentleman a move will likely be made whereby concerted action will be taken. It is felt that the rates charged are absolutely outrageous and that unless they are reduced the matter will be taken up with the government with the object of having them bring down legislation which will compel the insurance companies to treat the public fairly.

The Islander has the assurance of His Worship that once having put his hand to the plow he does not intend to turn back, and will stay with the job until the rates for insurance for Cumberland are placed on a fair and equitable basis.

CUMBERLAND NIMRODS SECURE MANY DEER

Well-known Hunters Report Game Fairly Plentiful, but Difficult to Get.

During the past couple of weeks several parties of hunters have taken to the woods in the district around Campbell River, and some very good hauls have been made. They, however, report the game as being very difficult to secure, although they are fairly plentiful.

One party composed of Joe Gordon, Wm. Gordon, Jim Gordon and Chas. Dalton, were out for two days and returned with two animals. Another party headed by Wm. Merrifield and Thos. Ripley remained out for three days and secured three deer.

The nimrods state the deer in the Campbell River District are in the very best of shape and are rolling in in fat.

Several of the above named gentlemen have paid visits to the beaches in search of duck, but so far they report no luck.

Warning From Police Chief.

Cumberland, B.C., November 17, 1919. Editor Islander,—I much regret to say that there is a certain element in this city that can only be described by the well-known word "hoodlums," consisting for the most part of young lads between the ages of sixteen to twenty-three. These lads usually travel in small gangs, and consider that by doing mischief to property and making a noise they are showing themselves to be "real sports" and daredevils,—though they take particular care to make sure that the police are not in the neighborhood at the time. For the benefit of these gentry, and as a warning, I would like to draw their attention to the fact that loitering on the public streets, screaming, shouting, singing, or in any way creating a disturbance or obstructing passers-by, is an offence under the Statutes and is liable upon conviction to a fine of fifty dollars or to imprisonment with hard labor for six months or to both fine and imprisonment.

The grown men of this city are as a rule orderly and law-abiding citizens. The little children, though rather troublesome at times, are, after all, only kiddies, and are better controlled by their parents than the police, but the "hoodlum" element are a menace and detriment to any city. In some parts of Vancouver the citizens are threatening to take the law into their own hands and give them a much needed lesson. That will not be necessary here and I wish hereby to give notice that I will make a strong effort to put an end to the wanton destruction of property and unnecessary noise made by the gangs I refer to, and I shall press for a heavy penalty as a warning and example, even to a jail sentence without the option of a fine.

I am hired by the city to maintain law, order and peace, and to the best of my ability I intend to do so, no matter how I may offend those who consider that noise and mischief are signs of a live town.

Yours truly,
C. J. BUNBURY, Chief of Police.

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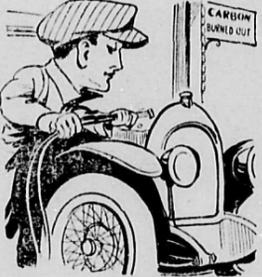
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