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WITH THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN FRANCE



Reviving a badly wounded French soldier at the point of transfer from a first line dressing station to an ambulance at Hermonville.

COUNTING OF VOTES OF CANADA'S SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Of the 54,000 military and naval votes cast in North America, only two have not been allocated. The writing on the ballot envelopes is indistinct and the scrutineers in consequence have been unable to locate the addresses given. A further endeavor is being made to discover where the two men resided before enlisting so their votes may be properly allocated.

The North American votes are now all being entered in the polling books. When the entries are completed, which probably will be in about a week, the counting will begin.

Allocation overseas is still in progress. Complete returns may not be received for several weeks.

The Imperial Munitions Board of Vancouver, B. C., says: There is a serious need for an increased production of clear Sitka Spruce for aeroplane purposes. The Department desires the co-operation of everyone who is in a position to help, either by the increased production of No. 1 and 2 spruce logs, or by the increased production of Rived Spruce. Full particulars and specifications will be sent to all who are desirous of assisting in this direction.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The first meeting of the newly constituted Board of Police Commissioners, consisting of Mayor Harrison, and commissioners Alexander Maxwell and Charles Parnham, was held a week ago last Monday.

The mayor brought up the question of complaints regarding the running of games of "Black Jack" in the city and the board then instructed the constable to investigate the matter and to warn those suspected that such conduct would not be tolerated.

Commissioners Maxwell and Parnham requested that steps be taken to enforce the regulations regarding the carrying of lights at nights by automobiles, and the proper observance by all vehicles of the rules of the road. The board supported the request and gave the necessary instructions for enforcement.

Comox Aerie No. 1953, Cumberland, Eagles, held a Social and Dance in the Ilo Ilo Hall on Friday evening. Some 300 invitations were issued. A large number attended and enjoyed themselves with the fraternal brethren.

Dance as usual in Ilo Ilo Hall to-night 9 to 12.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the council held a week ago last Tuesday night the following matters were brought up:

The mayor reported that he had been a party to forwarding a telegram to Ottawa protesting most strenuously against the proposed Order-in-Council for the closing of theatres and other places of amusement for three days in each week. The mayor's action received the hearty endorsement of the council.

The mayor also reported the result of his attendance at a meeting of the Courtenay City Council and the Courtenay business men regarding the advisability of promptly advertising the advantages of Union Bay as the proper place for a steel manufacturing plant. At such meeting it was decided that Mr. Hurd of the "Comox Argus" and Mr. E. W. Bickle of "The Islander" get together and prepare a paper setting out all the advantages of such a site with the view of having the same published in the "Times" and "Colonist" newspapers and that telegrams be sent by the Courtenay Council and the local Council to Mr. H. S. Clements M. P., The Rotary Club, The Island Development League and the Victoria Board of Trade, asking for their assistance in advancing the interests of Union Bay as regards such steel plant.

The council then gave instructions that the telegrams be sent as requested.

Alderman Banks in his capacity of chief of the fire department reported that the fire department was being reorganized and gave assurance that everything would be done to increase efficiency and to work in harmony with the council, and that some five or six new members had been enrolled. Mr. Banks also outlined the program to be followed by the department for the ensuing year. The council expressed themselves as highly pleased with the chief's report.

The Board of Works was instructed to go into the matter of the condition of Dunsmuir Avenue, including to the Camp, with the view of later pressing the Government to make some provision for repairing the same, on the ground that Dunsmuir Ave. is only a trunk road and is to all intents and purposes as much a highway for the use of people travelling from Union Bay and other places to the lake as it is for the inhabitants of this city.

A committee consisting of Ald. Carey, Furtow and Halliday was appointed by the mayor for the purpose of drafting a complete statement touching the city's position regarding the up-keep of the school, and the taxation of certain lands, situate without the limits of the city, for school purposes.

The question of revision of trades licence by-law was set over to a future date.

The report of the select committee advising that steps be taken to collect all arrears of taxes to the end of 1916, without delay, was adopted and the city clerk instructed to notify all tax delinquents that in view of the unfortunate financial position of the city, it was imperative that such taxes be collected without delay, and that in the event of non-compliance, the city would feel obliged to institute action at law to compel payment or proceed with a tax sale.

The proposed scrvenger by-law was laid over until next regular meeting.

The money by-law authorizing the borrowing of \$2500.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada was put through three readings and was finally adopted at a special meeting held last Tuesday night.

The estimates and requisition presented by the school trustees was laid over to secure further particulars regarding some of the items.

ILO ILO ITEMS.

One of the special attractions coming to Ilo Ilo Theatre next week will be Douglas Fairbanks in a late Arcraft picture, "Down To Earth." The story of the photoplay tells of a typical American youth whose "wanderlust" and ideas of living close to nature are not in accord with the views of life assumed by his sweetheart, an ambitious society bud. Bridge parties, matinees, dances, tea parties and sumptuous dinners are the important factors in the pretty girl's career. How the persistent youth takes her away from these surroundings and wins her over to his way of thinking despite herself offers one of the most amusing tonics the screen has yet displayed. Many climes are visited and many surprises are presented in typical Fairbanks style, ranging in variety from doing a handstand on a mountain precipice 8,000 feet above sea level to teaching a hippopotamus the famous Fairbanks smile.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" Mr. Cohan's latest Arcraft offering, which is to be shown at Ilo Ilo Theatre the latter half of next week, means more to the motion picture world than probably any production that has been released this season. It not only presents the greatly desired character and personality of Geo. M. Cohan to filmland, but it gives to the motion picture screen just what it requires, namely a new type of story. "Seven Keys to Baldpate" offers something distinctly new. As a stage play it proved a revelation to legitimate theatres. Mr. Cohan has termed this play a "mystery farce" and that is just exactly what it is. It is a farce of the most humorous variety, and yet it is deeply mysterious and thrilling. At all times, right up until the last scene it has the audience guessing and then abruptly and with a startling climax springs a surprise that shows the audience what it least expected.

NAVAL FORCES BOMBARD OSTEND

Amsterdam, Feb. 6.—British naval forces have bombarded Ostend, according to a dispatch from the frontier. The marine yards were severely damaged.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Cunard liner Tuscania, carrying 2,179 American soldiers, has been torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast. Late tonight 1,912 survivors had been reported.

The first news of the disaster came in a brief dispatch to the War Department from London. Hope was built here upon the fact that the survivors were landed at two widely separated Irish ports and indications that relief vessels were at hand quickly. The first reports received in Washington stated that only 1,100 survivors were accounted for. Later the number was reported increased to 1,912.

The engagement of Miss A. Wilcock and Mr. F. A. McCarthy is announced.

FROM THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES

The following is from a letter received by Mrs. S. Horwood from her son, Pte. E. R. Horwood who left here in the spring of 1916 with the 102nd Battalion. Pte. Horwood has seen nearly two years of active service in France and Flanders:

It happened in August, 1917, that we were in the front line in what was called "The Triangle." It sure was some place. Our front line trench was in a railway embankment and was distant some fifty yards from Fritz in some places and about 75 in others. At that time I was with C. Company as a runner, that is, taking messages from the front line. Albert Shillitto, who is back in Cumberland, will tell you what that is. Well, this happened on the 8th., day of August. It was a day of excitement and hard work. We had a fairly good support. Fritz had a strong point which we had to take. Well we went over at 10 o'clock and took a few prisoners, but had to come back on account of artillery barrage. It sure was fierce on both sides. Our company headquarters were in an old archway underneath the railway embankment. At 8 o'clock the same night one of our companies went over again, with the Imperials on our left. Everything was in a rumble. I didn't know whether I was on my head or my feet. Shells were screaming and falling in all directions and of every kind from minnerwerfers to rum jars, and they can certainly do some damage. I was standing in the tunnel watching and waiting, when all of a sudden someone said, "Fritz is coming." Well, my heart jumped into my mouth. The first thing I thought of was bombs. When I looked up the Bosches were coming in bunches, but I noticed they had their hands up. The company had taken them prisoners and sent them in. One of them was very badly wounded. About 9 o'clock I was in the tunnel again and Fritz put up another barrage. Mr. Marsden, our Scout officer, was hit in the eye with some shrapnel and was bleeding very bad. Major Burde from Alberni who was O. C. of our company, shouts out: "runners, stretcher-bearers, on the double." I started out and I had to go through a railway cutting and the embankment to get to where we were wanted, a distance of 100 yards. Well, I'll swear there were shells going through that cutting the same time as we were, but we made it, though expecting every minute to go up in the air. After this was all over, our company was to go over again at 12. About 11 o'clock I was ordered to go to Brigade Headquarters with the officers' watches, to adjust our time with theirs, as there must be absolutely no mistake about the artillery fire. I got back after a hard struggle, about 11.30. The boys went over at 12 and made good. We were in this place for four days, and I was glad when I saw the relief coming in. It was here that Bobbie Swanson "went west." Bob was a fine fellow and a good soldier.

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TOWN TOPICS

MEN WANTED everywhere to show samples or mail circulars for Large Mail Order House. Permanent position will pay \$20 weekly. The Consumers Association, Windsor, Ontario.

Alderman Thomas H. Carey left for Victoria on Friday as the representative of the City Council and will attend the meeting of the representatives of the various Island Municipalities in connection with the steel works which will in all probability be established on this coast. Courtenay and Cumberland will present the claims of Union Bay as the ideal spot for such work. Ald. Carey will also interview the Government on various matters affecting civic affairs.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. George Campbell of Union Bay on Friday evening, Feb. 1st., when Mr. Campbell was presented with a purse and gold by the employees of the Canadian Collieries Union Bay Machine Shops and Foundry. Mr. Campbell, after twelve years service has severed his connection with the Canadian Collieries and leaves Union Bay. Complimentary speeches and music in addition to the presentation was part of the program during the evening.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Cumberland General Hospital held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Clinton on Thursday evening for the purpose of making further arrangements in connection with the concert and hospital ball to be held in the Ilo Ilo Theatre on Wednesday evening, March 6th. Several committees were appointed to take charge of the coming event, including a program committee for the concert, a ball committee and a refreshment committee. The best local talent will be secured for the concert, and the assistance of each and everyone will be solicited to make the concert and ball a grand success from a financial point. Particulars later.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

The amounts collected by the Red Cross Society for the month of January are as follows:

Dunsmuir Ave.	\$ 23.75
Winde:mere Ave.	6.10
Jap Town No. 5.	4.15
Penrith Ave.	13.70
Maryport Ave.	9.25
Jap Town No. 1. and	
China Town	21.55
West Cumberland	1.50
Camp	31.75
Derwent & Allen Ave.	12.70
Membership fees	2.00
Bevan	16.30
Total	\$142.75

The percentage proceeds from the Ilo Ilo Theatre on Wednesday evening Feb. 6th, for the Red Cross, was thirty dollars.

E. J. HICKS,
Sec. Treas.

CUMBERLAND LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the above association held on the 28th, ult., the following officers were elected. First Hon. President, The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier; Second Hon. President, Mr. William W. B. McInnes; Hon. Vice-President, Mr. Paul Phillipps Harrison; President, Mr. Frederick Pickard; Vice-President, Mr. James Reid; Secretary, Mr. Alexander McKinnon; Treasurer, Mr. John Biggs. There appears to be considerable activity amongst the members of the Cumberland Liberal Association, which by the way is by far the strongest and most active Liberal Association in the whole constituency.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT VERSAILLES



Photo shows Col. House seated second from left, attended by his staff. At the first meeting of the Supreme War Council at Versailles was presided over by M. Clemenceau and attended by Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, Signor Orlando, Generals Foch, Wilson and Cadorna.

BE OF GOOD CHEER!



VICTORY FOLLOWS THE FLAG.

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IF THERE IS A GOD?

In the summer twilight on the porch of Mr. Harden's summer cottage sat William Harden and George Emmet. Mr. Emmet broke the silence that had ensued after a discussion of some aspects of the war.

"I'm afraid, Bill," he said, "that the war has upset my faith pretty badly."

"Faith in what?" asked the other.

"Why, in God, of course. If there is a God, why did He permit this thing to happen? And why does He permit it to go on? Hasn't Christianity broken down?"

"To answer your last question first, I don't feel that Christianity has failed. What do the red book, the yellow book, the grey book and the white book mean? Why does each one of the nations try to cast on its enemies the responsibility for bringing on this war? Can you imagine Napoleon's being at pains to explain to the world why he overran a country? The world has become more Christian since those days. Our very abhorrence of the things being done to-day is a proof that Christianity has not failed. Christianity has bred in us sentiments of humanity and ideals of justice that are shocked at things that would have been accepted as necessary in other ages.

"Now, 'If there is a God, why did He allow this war to come and why does He allow it to go on? God's designs are larger than ours, and He may see what we do not see, and plan what we cannot understand. Personally, I take great comfort in that text, 'The wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.' I believe that there are already issuing out of the wrath of this war three things of superlative value for the human race. The first is democracy. The very fact that the issue between democracy and autocracy is again so clearly defined and stated is a great help toward democracy, and what is democracy but Christianity at work in political bodies? When Christianity proclaimed in Rome that all men were equal in the sight of God, the very scullions in Caesar's kitchen held up their heads. That doctrine finally killed slavery and tyranny in Rome. It kills them still wherever it is preached.

"The second great good from this war is the impetus that movement against the liquor traffic has received. It is safe to say that the cause of abstinence and prohibition has been put forward at least a century.

"The third great good from this war is the stimulus toward spiritual ideals. I don't mean the increased church attendance abroad, although that is significant enough. Nor do I mean the sobering effect upon the men at the front, although we are told that almost every man at the

front has become religious. I mean something broader and deeper and more fundamental than all that. The world was suffering from a real spiritual 'sag.' A temporal philosophy had mastered it. Materialism, in a variety of forms, had seized upon it. But rails of materialism had run to the sea; and it could carry the world no further. What is the war doing, and is it going to do as it progresses, and as homes are braken up and young lives are cut short, is to turn the attention of the people toward the future life. The belief in that is going to be their great consolation. I may be wrong, but I think that the decline in church attendance during the last half century has been owing, more than to any other fact, to the decline in the belief in immortality. We had no perspective and no background. The war is going to set this world against the perspective of another world. If you look on death as merely an incident in human life, of no more dramatic significance than birth itself, these young fellows who die in battle are going to have a chance to take up their lives in some other world.

"Who knows but that these three great gains may be

The far-off interest of our tears in this Armageddon? I believe Christianity is not proving itself bankrupt, but is having a rebirth if we only had eyes to see."—Youths' Companion.

THE PUP AND THE BOY.

Not many moons ago a father and a mother were cited before a Wisconsin county court on account of the misbehavior of their only child, a boy of ten.

Both parents wore an air of complete innocence. They argued that if their boy had done the wicked things of which he was accused some one else must have taught him. The blame lay on the parents of the boys who had exerted evil influences upon their child rather than on themselves. They were clearly vexed, and intimated that the action of the court was nothing but persecution.

During a recess of court, the prosecuting attorney, a kindly Christian man, was able to draw the father into a little sociable chat. It was not long before he learned that the idol of the man's heart was a young Scotch collie. A friend had given him the pup. The dog was so attractive and intelligent and was of so pure a breed that its owner took most excellent care of it. He never let the puppy mix with the curs of the neighborhood, lest it might acquire their bad habits. In order to provide the necessary exercise he took the collie for a stroll each evening. It was no easy matter, for his hours were full; but so far he had never omitted a day since the dog had been his property. With all this care, the man felt sure his pup should grow into an exceptionally valuable animal.

When court convened, the attorney put a very straight question to that man. How much time did he spend with his boy? How hard did he try to see that his boy had only the right kind of company? How did the lad spend his idle hours and with whom did he habitually associate?

To those few questions neither the father nor the mother had one satisfactory answer. They had let their boy run at large and play with any child he happened to meet. Ever since he had been able to run about his father had spent no time with him, not even on Sundays.

"You ought to raise pups, not boys," remarked the attorney. "You're better fitted for it."

An angry father left the court room. But a few weeks later, when he and the attorney met again the father was ready to thank the lawyer for the lesson and to promise that he would practice with more diligence the art of being a father to the boy.



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In the matter of the Estate of the Deceased and in the matter of the Administration Act.

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I was duly appointed Administrator of the above Estate of Jas. E. Towers, deceased, late of Bevan, B. C.

All parties having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to mail or deliver same to Wesley Willard, official Administrator, Cumberland, B. C.,

on or before the 15th day of March 18., a full, correct statement duly verified by statutory declaration showing their name, occupation, and address and the amount and particulars of their claim and the nature of security, if any, held by them, and take Notice, after the said date I shall proceed to distribute the said Estate among the persons entitled thereto having claims of which I shall have due notice, and all parties indebted to said estate are hereby required to pay me their indebtedness forthwith.

Dated at Cumberland, this 30th. day of Jan., 1918.

WESLEY WILLARD, Official Administrator.

Cumberland Patriotic War Fund.

Statement for the month of December, 1917:

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand Nov. 30th.....\$7419.67	Mrs. C. Thompson.....\$ 33.50
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, Employees..... 925.50	" H. Thompson..... 32.00
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	" E. Pearson..... 17.50
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	" M. Watson..... 12.50
	" A. Barber..... 12.50
	" M. E. Scott..... 12.50
	" J. E. White..... 12.50
	" E. Simms..... 12.50
	" J. Elliott..... 12.50
	" G. H. Darby..... 12.50
	" F. Brentnall..... 12.50
	" C. MacIntosh..... 12.50
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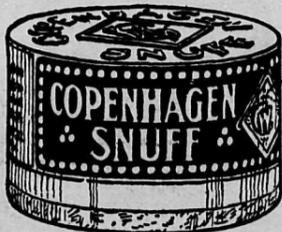
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DIV. IX.—Kathleen Cooke, Harry Quinn, Barbary Grant, Shirley Bate, Douglas Creech, Charlotte Stant.

The teachers of the Public School contributed \$10 to the local Patriotic Fund during month of January 1918.

FIFTEEN SHIPS SUNK LAST WEEK

London, Feb. 6.—The Admiralty reports fifteen British merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine in the past week. Of these ten were 1,600 tons or over, and five under 1,600 tons. Four fishing vessels also were sunk.

The British losses by mine or submarine during the past week are approximately the same as the previous week, when nine British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and six of lesser tonnage were destroyed.

WEIRD VISITORS TO CABINET MINISTERS

Crank and Inventors of Many Sorts Are Irate When Servants Rigidly Keep Them Out

You have heard work indeed to get into the War Office nowadays when you wish to see anybody important there, says an English journalist. For a host of guards of one sort or another have to be satisfied, passed, and propitiated ere you come to the man you want to see. Nor is this provision unnecessary, for every day sees an eccentric man or woman trying to get an interview with some notability in the various Government offices about Whitehall.

"I want to see Lord Kitchener, that's all! I can't see him? And this is called a free country! Well, then, I'll just go along to Buckingham Palace and see King George, and tell him about it, that's what I'll do!" Whether the angry man went to the Palace or not the smiling policeman never learned. But it is certain that his chance of interviewing Lord Kitchener without some very special appointment was about as likely as his seeing in the flesh the present Shah of Persia!

Lunatic Almost Did It

Another crank did actually get into the Home Office some few weeks ago, though how yet remains a mystery. He must have smuggled himself in somehow amongst a number of clerks, about nine a.m., when there was quite a little crowd entering. Anyway a clerk found this stranger in his room, and was blandly told by the visitor that he was waiting to be taken to Mr. McKenna, with whom he had an appointment. Luckily, the young official quickly grasped the fact that this man in his room was a lunatic, for he began to say things as to rouse suspicions. So the clerk did a very smart thing. Instead of raising the poor fellow's temper by refusing him he quite calmly asked the man to follow him, and led by devious corridors until he found himself shown through a side door into the street. What the demented one said when that happened the clever clerk did not wait to hear.

Only if you have a letter on you, showing the actual appointment made, do you get admission to the room of a Minister at the House of Commons. "One man came a month or so back," said a policeman on duty, "and told us he must see Sir Edward Grey. It was imperative, as he could put him up to a thing or two which would just about make all America immediately send thousands of men to help the allies at the front! When we told the man he had better write the Secretary for Foreign Affairs concerning it he got very much annoyed, and finally wanted to know whether England wished to win this war or not. Then he tried a new tack by vehemently declaring that I was preventing England from winning it by my stopping him there; and, finally, I had to summon another officer to remove him altogether outside Palace Yard."

Some Wonderful Schemes

"Beg pardon, can you tell me if this is Mr. Lloyd-George's house, sir?" said a lady to me in Downing Street. I happened to be going myself. "Yes, it is, madam," said I. "Oh, are you going to see Mr. Lloyd-George?" asked she. I nodded.

"May I come in with you? I very much desire to tell him something about the drink question I think he ought to know, as it is extremely urgent." I had to explain that it was quite impossible for me to ask her in with me; that she must ring and ask for an interview on her own account. Whereupon she got very angry and called me many names.

It is rare indeed that any unauthorized person does actually get into the presence of a Cabinet Minister in this way. But it has been done. I recollect one of the former secretaries of a Prime Minister telling me how he found a perfect stranger in a room close by where the Cabinet was holding a meeting at No. 10 Downing Street. The stranger quite politely explained that he was a stranger from the United States visiting London, who had thought he should like to see the famous house, and found the door open, strolled in to, ask someone if he might look round, and had walked from room to room, never meeting a servant till he had come across the secretary. But, of course, that curious chance could scarcely happen once in half a century at ordinary times, let alone when a Cabinet meeting was in progress, so thorough are the precautions which are taken against unofficial intrusions.

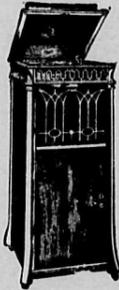
SHARP BELGIAN WIT

Galling Weapon Freely Used, Admits a German Paper

Germans are complaining that the witty people of Brussels are making the invaders the targets of their ready shafts. "The people of Brussels," writes the "Frankfurter Zeitung," "resemble the Parisians very much and possess the same kind of 'blague.' Their wit is exuberant and naturally they make the Germans their victims. The word 'boche' is now used with the diminutive ending by the people of Brussels. 'Bocheke, bocheke tut t'on ira' (little boche, little boche, you will soon have to run away) sing the children of Brussels and when you hear it sung in a fresh girlish voice, you can't really get angry. Born oppositionists, as they are, how could they suddenly drop their opposition to us? They obey all the order of the Governor in the most correct manner but their wit is occasionally very galling." The paper perhaps refers to the incidents of the people of Brussels solemnly saluting hearses and garbage wagons, pretending that the German Governor might be inside, when that official had ordered them to salute his carriage in the street.

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