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Our Hero

ENGLAND buries her fighting heroes in St. Paul's Cathedral, and hither, followed by his King and his Peers, honoured by his soldiers and silently acclaimed by hundreds of thousands of his fellow citizens "Bobs" was laid to rest in our National mausoleum, alongside our greatest naval and military heroes, Nelson and Wellington. The people would have it so, and after his dear ones had paid their tribute amid the quiet homeliness of Ascot village, his countrymen claimed the illustrious dead for statelier fane. The place of "Bobs" in the heart of the nation and the Empire was unique. We were proud of his achievements, Who can ever forget them? India, Afghanistan, Africa. We proudly recognized his military genius and gladly flung at his feet the flowers and twined on his brow the bays of the victor. We admired his sagacity, his sound judgment, his restless and undiminished energy in the public service. Towards the last we began to recognize the statesman, far-seeing and solicitous for the future of the England he loved so well. But above and beyond all this "Bobs" had captured the affection of our people in every part of the Empire. We had other brilliant strategists, other brave soldiers, but none so beloved as he. And so he goes to his eternal rest with the noblest tribute which can be paid by a free people to a faithful servant—the tribute of an Empire's diadem and an Empire's love.

Progress of the War

TWO important facts have been accentuated during the week. The first that Russia has gained the upper hand on the Eastern Frontier to such an extent that there is hardly a doubt that Silesia will be invaded before Christmas. A reference to a map showing the position of the Russian lines during the last six weeks, is extremely interesting, not the least striking feature being the remarkable retreat which the Germans thought was a defeat, and which led them to rush into the trap so skilfully laid by the Russian strategists. The line of retreat extended from the Niemen River through Suwalki, Mlawa, Warsaw, Ivangorod, Lublin, and Lemberg to the Carpathians. Then after the tremendous victories along this line, in which the Germans and Austrians were routed and put to flight, the Russian army recommenced its mighty advance, and today its battle-line extends from a point near Konigsberg, through Allenstein, Soldau, a little east of Thorn and Kalisz, twenty-five miles east of Cracow, and thence south-easterly along the base of the Carpathians, where the Austrian armies are shut in. During the present week, a brilliant Russian victory has been consumated at Soldan, and another between Thorn and Kalisz, and at the moment of writing, all the avilable forces are being concentrated for an attack upon Cracow. Within forty-eight hours this attack must commence. If the Russian forces are successful, the road will be open to Breslau, the largest city in Silesia, and a point from which Berlin would be sensibly threatened. In spite of all reports to the contrary, and notwithstanding the diversion created by the Turkish armies, it cannot be denied that Russia is continuing an all-conquering advance along the eastern German frontier. The Allies have continued to hold their own, and a little more, in France and Belgium. They have again beaten back a determined attack near Ypres, which may have serious developments for the enemy. Another significant feature of the week has been the shelling of the German trenches by Cruisers of the British Navy, with most disastrous results. Of the many incomprehensible projects which the Kaiser has launched since the war began, the attempted advance towards the English Channel, has been at once the most futile, and the most costly. Meanwhile, "the silent Navy" is still in control of the seas. The German Navy is still bottled up. The British Parliament has unanimously endorsed the policy of the Government, which calls for an additional war grant of a billion dollars, and the raising of our effective fighting forces to 2,150,000 men. This is the practical endorsation of Mr. Asquith's statement that the Empire was in the fight to a finish, and that the enemy would be "crushed."

Trust Companies

WHEN the new Trust Companies' Act was before the local Legislature, there were five hundred concerns in British Columbia which had incorporated the word "Trust" in their title. This gives some idea of the extent to which that useful word had been abused. So far, only six companies in British Columbia have registered under the new Act, and only three of these, The Canadian Financiers Trust, The Dow Fraser Trust, and The Westminster Trust, are entirely Provincial in operation and ownership. The other three, The Guardian Trust, The Imperial Trust and The British Empire Trust, qualified as extra-Provincial companies, having their head offices outside of the Province. No doubt others will qualify, but the point is that several hundred companies had been conducting an illegal business, and only a few are prepared to comply with the stringent conditions of the new Act. The more the affairs of the Dominion Trust Company are looked into, the more disgusting does the situation appear, particularly with respect to the lack of protection for the depositors, who had entrusted no less than $934,885 to the defunct company. It is easy to be wise, and lock the stable door after the horse is stolen, but the experience of last year undoubtedly proves that it is impossible to protect depositors unless securities of the class required by the Trust Companies' Act, and sufficient in value to cover the whole of the deposits, are kept in hand, under the control of the Government. On this point it will no doubt be a matter of surprise to the general public to know that in colourable compliance with the requirements of the Trust Companies' Act, the required deposits to both Dominion and Provincial Governments have been made, not in cash, but in securities which cannot at the moment be realized. The principle underlying any bank deposit is that the amount deposited can be withdrawn whenever required. Obviously this cannot be the case where the security is not liquid. In this connection it is gratifying to be able to direct attention to the admirable arrangement just concluded by the B. C. Permanent Loan Company, as set forth in a circular issued this week, which states that, "owing to the peculiar conditions brought about by the war, the failure of certain Trust Companies, and other causes, they have made arrangements with several chartered Banks to take over the money and the accounts." The transfer has been effected, the Banks guarantee payment to all depositors in full, and by this means, not only have the depositors been protected, but the credit of this institution, and of the Province, has been saved. No doubt with the forthcoming session of Parliament, the Provincial Government will have to overhaul its Trust Company Legislation, and unless The Week is greatly mistaken, the deposit feature will be entirely eliminated.

The Royal Victoria Theatre

THE MEETING between a number of representative citizens and the City Council, which was held on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the future of the Royal Victoria Theatre, was one of the utmost importance to the City. Here we have one of the finest theatres on the Continent, erected at a cost of nearly $450,000. The enterprise was completed by two or three of our public spirited citizens, notably Mr. J. S. H. Matson and Mr. R. T. Elliott, who gave their notes to the bank for enormous sums long after the prospect of completing the venture by the shareholders themselves, had passed. At the opening of the theatre, the patriotic conduct of these gentlemen was fully recognized. Everyone knew that they had done a splendid work for Victoria, and had done it at great personal sacrifice. In spite, however, of the financial burden which they undertook, it is probable that the theatre would have become self-supporting, and that any impasse would have been avoided but for the disastrous collapse of business throughout the Dominion, which took place last year, followed by the war. The shareholders now find themselves face to face with a situation in which the theatre owes approximately $240,000, and is not at the moment, owing to general conditions, paying its way. Something has to be done, and that quickly. The proposal of the shareholders and directors, backed up by practically all the ministers of religion in the City, is for the City to take the theatre

over, and run it as a Municipal undertaking. The Week has long argued in favour of Municipal theatres, and hopes to see the project realized. If the Council can see its way to take such a step now, having regard to general conditions, to the finances of the City and to the burdens it has already assumed, The Week will be the last to offer any objection, but its opinion is that it would have been impossible to select a worse time for making such a proposition, and it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the general ministerial support which it secured might be accounted for on other grounds than that of any reasonable expectation that the proposal would be accepted. The theatre must go on, it must remain independent. As was very truly said by the Bishop of Columbia, it has been conducted in a manner which reflects credit on all concerned, and is an educational force in the community, which must not be surrendered. But a more practicable scheme than that of municipal ownership will have to be evolved, and it cannot reasonably be doubted that such a scheme will receive the same encouraging ministerial support which Wednesday's proposal elicited.

Civic Expenditures

A PETITION is being widely circulated and signed in Victoria, urging the City Council to make a cut of twenty-five per cent on the property taxes for 1915, which would mean approximately levying a rate of about seventeen mills, instead of twenty-two. Whether the Council will be able to make such a drastic reduction remains to be seen, but as Alderman MacNeil, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, has given notice of his intention to make a motion to that effect, it may be reasonably assumed that he has so far mastered the subject as to be able to comply with the request of the petitioners. This is a time when everyone is economizing, not from choice, but from necessity. Probably no class of people have been hit harder by the depression than property owners, and they are undoubtely entitled to consideration. It must not be forgotten that property has had to bear the brunt of the heavy expenditures made under the Local Improvement Act, and it is the contribution of property owners that has rendered the beautifying of our City possible. At a time when everyone is reducing expenses, it is reasonable to ask the civic authorities to do so, and equally reasonable to ask the members of the Council and the salaried officials to lead the way. Victoria does not always care to follow the example of Vancouver, but this is one occasion on which it might do worse. The Mayor, the Council and all the salaried officials of the Terminal City, have voluntarily agreed to a reduction graded from one-third to one-tenth. There is no reason why Victoria should not follow suit, especially as salaries were raised on a fairly generous scale during the boom times. The reduction made in Vancouver is not regarded as permanent, but is a voluntary concession to the requirements of the moment. The Week has always regretted that the Victoria Council was weak enough to retreat after proposing a very modest reduction, but those who urged its abandonment will have to realize that they made a great mistake, and that nothing so trifling would be of any value, when the matter comes to be dealt with. Presumably this important question will be left, as many others are, to the incoming Council, but if public opinion prevails, there will be no election, and the present Mayor and Aldermen will be asked to continue their services another year, always provided that they show a disposition to move quickly in the direction of cutting down civic expenditures, and leading the way with their own salaries. For the present in withholding any detailed financial statement, the Week would remind the Council that the City expenditure by-law is practically double what it was only three years ago, and eighteen per cent more than it was last year, which is somewhat of a surprise, when it is remembered that trade depression had set in at least a year and a half ago. In other words, there has been a steady increase in the cost of all departments, and there is hardly one which is not much higher in 1914 than in 1913. It will be interesting to know just how Alderman MacNeil proposes to deal with this important question.

William Blakemore.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Welsh and family, of Bellingham, Wash., are occupying "Ellora," the residence of Major Audain, Foul Bay Road, for the winter months.

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The French Cabaret entertainment under the direction of Mrs. A. D. McRae and Mrs. John Hope, in aid of the Women's Employment League, was repeated in Vancouver yesterday. Victoria Amateur artists assisting include the Misses Bodwell, Street, Little, Mesher and Phyllis Davis.

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Mrs. Hugh Pringle, Oak Bay, left on Monday for Vancouver, where she will be the guest of friends for a few weeks.

"SOTTO VOCE"

By the Hornet

THAT the Goeben is the champion sprinter of the seas, but has now run its last race.

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That the band of steel is gradually closing round the Fatherland.

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That the Zeppelin invasion of England has again been deferred until "a more convenient season."

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That meanwhile our naval guns are playing the deuce with the German base.

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That now the Hon. Sam is back there will be no further delay, and above all no "talk."

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That he will despatch the second contingent with all the alacrity which characterized the departure of the first.

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That the mustering on Salisbury Plains is not intended to be a picnic, and there will be no "cinemas" there.

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That everyone is congratulating Colonel Hobday on his call to the Front.

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That the gallant Colonel will be greatly missed in Victoria, and not least by the Amateur Dramatic Society.

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That their latest production, "Marching Orders" sadly lacked the Hobday touch.

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That some people are asking "If it takes three months to make a soldier on Salisbury plains, how long does it take at the Willows?"

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That there is nothing the matter with the prices in the public market.

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That the best proof of this is the amount of business being done.

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That some people would kick if they had the produce given free—but had to carry it home.

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That Victoria could economize on fifty per cent of her street-lighting bill and then no one would be in the dark.

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That Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir's show was the best of its kind ever staged in Vancouver, and it should be as successful in Victoria.

SOLDIER'S INSURANCE

Volunteers for the front should give prompt attention to their life insurance, since many of the Companies are declining to accept further war risks. The Great-West Life will still consider a limited number of applications. Call today at 109 Union Bank Building.

A DEFINITION WITH A MORAL

The best epigram yet produced by the war is Blatchford's definition of an island, "a piece of land entirely surrounded by the British Navy." It was worth while being the editor of the Clarion to have written that.

Mrs. D. O. Lewis has returned home form an extended visit in England.

SOCIETY

THE Island Arts and Crafs Club held a very successful exhibition at the Alexander Club. The exhibition was opened on Thursday afternoon by Hon. Dr. Young, at 3 o'clock, and for the rest of the afternoon the hall, beautiful with exquisite works of art, was the rendezvous of Victorian social and artistic circles. While space probits special mention, it was universally conceeded that the exhibition was one of the finest ever held by the Island Arts Club, and judging by the number of exhibitions from distant points, the Club is to be congratulated on the rapid manner in which its influence in promoting these fine annual exhibitions has made itself felt so widely.

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Mrs. Stanley Wheatley, Jubilee Avenue, entertained a large number of friends on Wednesday afternoon at her residence, in honour of Mrs. Raven, wife of Captain Raven, who is in charge of the N. W. M. P. forces at Edson, Alberta. The rooms were prettily arranged with Autumn leaves and carnations.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nash, Battery Street, have their daughter, Mrs Raven, of Edson, Alberta, visiting them for a few weeks.

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Mrs. Lewin received at the tea hour on Tuesday.

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Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter have left for Vancouver, where they will reside for the present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver Cox have left for Vancouver, where they will make a few weeks visit.

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The wedding took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Metropolitan Methodist parsonage, of Miss Mary Elizabeth Stevenson, recently arrived from St. John's, Newfoundland, and Joseph Renouf, custom house officer of this city.

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The private subscription dance, under the management of Mrs. George Simpson, will be held in the Alexandra Club on Monday night.

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Mrs. Nixon, of Thetis, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. de Noe Walker during the week.

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Mrs. Hoffman came over from Thetis on Monday, and is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. J. Roper, "Sherbourne," Beach Drive.

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Mr. J. Musgrave, who has been on a shooting trip on his yacht, with Mr. Muskett, has returned to Victoria.

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BY THE LOUNGER

LANDSMEN know very little on the subject of half-masted flags, but do their best. Now they must take off their hats to the ladies of the Alexandra Club, on Courtney Street, for the lesson received last Monday. Their Club flag was noticed to be at least three-quarters of the way down the staff, as observable from the street, and the only solution that occurs to a lounger is that it was to indicate the depth of sympathy felt for two great men, Lord Roberts and Hon. Wm. Templeman. Literally half mast, applies only to the sea and shipping. To half mast a flag ashore on a building is to haul it down to that part of the staff that would appear to be half mast to the observers on the street, or if any doubt exists, to haul it down its depth from the staff head. Anyway the head of the flag should be at least three feet below the full hoist. The full hoist meaning the truck of the staff in which the halliards move, and not a ball, that may be placed above the truck. On flagstaffs in public grounds or gardens, half mast means half way between the truck and the topmost stay, if no stays, at least the depth of the flag below the truck. In cases where clubs or private residences have a flag staff with a gaff or a jack staff erected in the grounds. The private, or house flag, should be flown from the mast head, and the ensign at gaff head, or jack staff. In case of the death of a club member, or house owner, the private or house flag should be half masted only. In the case of clubs, with flag staff and gaff, wishing to record the death of some person of international note, and not a member of the club, the ensign only should be half masted. Should he also be a member both flags may be half masted. Private owners with jack staff on such occasions should not fly their house flag. In case of the death of Royalty all flags should be flown half mast.

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I have been not a little amused at the fuss some well-meaning but misled persons are making about the Canadian contingent and their creature comforts. Within a week we have had two silly despatches saying that our men were having a hard time, that the food lacked the variety to which the men had been accustomed, that they were short of jam and fruit, and to crown all that they pined for the cheap "cinemas" which had glorified Valcartier for their delectation. Anyone believing these tales is a fit candidate for Colney Hatch. It is certain that Canadians will have to put up with the same fare and the same conditions as Tommy Atkins, and equally certain that they would be the first to resent any differentiation in their favour with its implied suggestion that they are molly-coddles. It is a pity that the cables should be used to transmit such rubbish when there is so much of interest that Canadians would like to know.

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I want to pay a tribute to those ladies and gentlemen who worked hard to make the latest "Revue" at the Royal Victoria such a really splendid financial success. I am informed at the moment of going to press that the profits available for the Patriotic Fund will approximate to $1,500. Well done! May I also be allowed to offer one or two suggestions in connection with a "show" which was obviously under-rehearsed. To the committee: Do not imperil your reputation by putting on a performance which has not trimmed off its crudities. To the conductor—try to get in touch with your Orchestra occasionally, if only at the end of the verses. To a certian vivacious soubrette—a little less in the limelight. To a really brilliant singer: Do not throw your bouquet on the floor while you respond to an encore; hand it to your cavalier. I venture to think that these suggestions are timely, but in any event they represent "Sotto Voce" remarks heard in the theatre by

Lounger.

MONEY TALKS

It is an old proverb which tells us that "Money Talks," the modern version is "buy for cash." Some people prefer the credit system with its luxuries of ordering by telephone, and paying whenever it suits. Nowadays however many have found out that luxuries cost money, and that the high cost of living is due in no small degree to the system of shopping which became so general during our recent boom-times. Now all that is changed, for the shopper to whom a saving is a consideration, and we see a reversion to the time-honoured custom of shopping in person and paying cash over the counter. This is the system in vogue at H. O. Kirkham's new Emporium at the corner of Fort and Government. A reference to our advertising columns will shew some of the "snaps" offered for Cash. A visit to the store will shew that it is not a case of reducing the price of inferior goods, as is too often done, but a case of selling the highest grade standard goods, such as Crosse and Blackwells, Keilers, and Heinze at a substantial reduction for cash. The enormous sales of the past week shew that the public realizes this fact.

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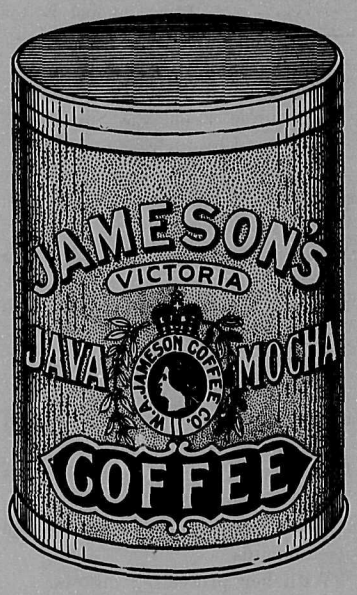

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WILLIAM BLAKEMORE.....President and Editor

Feeling the Pinch

(Reprinted from the London Spectator.)

We have most of us been taught financial self-preservation from our earliest years. There are, we have always known, people who never think about saving, or being careful, or looking forward, or making provision for their own death. They are the very rich, and we envy or despise them according to our disposition. Extremes meet, and we are always told that the very poor are like that, and we reprehend them, as a rule, pretty harshly. If we were they, we should take care of our pence as we now take care of our pounds, we say to ourselves. Any very great financial blow strikes us everywhere. We cannot do what we would have done for our children. In a horrible moment we see them "going down"—they pass in our imagination over barrier after barrier till they are very near the edge of that horrid precipice. We have often thought that financial trials might be good for the characters of other people's children, we know how very bad they might be for ours. Those fences give confidence, courage. If they were not there, would our boys and girls be what now they seem? There is a spirit of delight among the well-off young. It is an extraordinarily beautiful and attractive thing, and it exists among them only. It is in itself so good that it sometimes seems to be answer enough for those who bring a railing accusation against the present wide differences of lot. To see that spirit extinguished in our children, giving place to care or to recklessness or bitterness, would be like seeing them horribly injured before our eyes. The thought of health, too, comes into the thought of ruin. Rightly or wrongly, we all look on health as something expensive, more or less expensive according to what we can give, not something which must be bought, and, if that is impossible, for which some substitute must be obtained by means of money. Then comes the thought of our dependants. We do not necessarily mean tenants or employees, or even servants. We mean those whose necessity is eased by our superfluity, and who by word, act, or even gesture tell us so. They must suffer in our fall. Even if they do not suffer much, they will not be our dependants any more. Perhaps if we were better people than we are we should not mind; but we do mind. The thought of "beginning again" is in itself terrible. To do a young man's work, without the long vista of hope which makes a young man happy, without his physical energy, without his spur of natural ambition, without the backing of the last generation—truly we have just come out from a very bad dream.

..Post cards, photos of local regiments at Victoria Photographic Co., 1006 Government St. Phone 2726.

A STAUNCH ALLY

(Reprinted From the Sunday Chronicle.)

Hail to the King—the brave old faithful King,
Whose trident shaked at Britain's foes defiance,
Who unto her has clung, and still will cling,
Eternal in alliance!

Hail to the King, with whom allied she reigns,
Driving dark terror from her children's pillows,
Who loves her sands and girdles her domains
With her protecting billows.

Hail to the King, who brings the healthy brine,
The tossing spray, the winds upon the waters,
To fill with magic youth Britannia's line
Of sturdy sons and daughters.

Ringed by the sea, they grew to love the sea,
They roved its wastes, endured its rought embraces,
And bore forth freedom, teaching to be free
Peoples in far-off places.

Now bitter upstarts view Britannia's sway,
Envy her ships, her sailors, and her traders,
Her Fleet, and her strong sons who keep at bay
Marauders and invaders.

And he of puny soul, the braggart knave
Who sought to steal her power and rise above her,
Stands foiled, while round her flock the staunch and brave,
The hosts of those who love her.

He has not learned that love wields mightier power
Than hate to conquer hearts and win devotion,
His mean soul lacks that greatness for its dower
Of hers who rules the ocean.
No arm bears might without the might of soul,
Which conquers all. In vain his fury flashes,
She, still supreme, will tower in proud control
When he is dust and ashes.

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WM. MEED,
Hon. Secretary.

Special Notice

Pursuant to rules of the Centre, all members, donors and subscribers, members of branches, two representatives from affiliated swiming clubs or associations and one representative from any corporate body making a donation or subscription for the past year are entitled to be present and vote.

Affiliated clubs or associations wishing to be represented at above meeting must notify their representative accordingly.

ALL REPRESENTATIVES must produce at meeting the written authority of the Secretary of the Organization they represent.

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NOTICE is hereby given of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu of the Certificate of Title issued to Alexander Wilson on the 7th day of August, 1871, and numbered 312A, which has been lost.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 7th day of November, 1914.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles.

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An angel will always mean to a man any woman he doesn't live with.

Correspondence

EX-SERVICE MEN

Victoria, Nov. 14, 1914

The Editor The Week:

Sir:—As only one among many—as "Parva sub Inquite"—let me express my endorsation of your editorial "Horse Squadrons" in today's issue of The Week. The Empire's call—voiced by Lord Kitchener—is "Men and more men," and while a House tally is being made in the Old Country in order to ascertain the recruiting possibilities among those who should and will not come forward—conscriptions being more than hinted at—there are very many scores, I know—and I think some hundreds of trained ex-soldiers who are aching to get to Sir John French, but whose military stomachs rebel against weeks of A B C.

I am in a position to know that various proposals have been made to the Militia Department looking towards the organization into Regiments or Corps of just such trained material as you refer to, but the expressed policy of the department is—to discourage such on the ground:

1. That the formation of Private Corps introduces competition in recruiting prejudicial to the quality of Departmental Regiments, and

2. Instead of collecting specially competent men into a specially competent unit it is more advantageous to scatter a few of them as a "leaven" among those Departmental Regiments.

In theory, and I think only in theory, such policy is probably sound, but it fails because, in practice although the Harum-Scarum ex-Tommy does enlist in limited numbers, the reliable soldier of solid worth does not, as you know, and I know, and a good many more know; and the tremendous "over subscription" in recruiting itself refutes the argument of unfavourable competition.

The logic that found its expression in presenting a million bags of flour rather than so many car loads of wheat would be equally well applied in sending a trained regiment of professionals, instead of—or I would say rather—as well as—enthusiastic and splendid raw material of soldiers. Lord Kitchener needs men now, and it seems a casual way of treating an obvious advantage to train new regiments of untried recruits at the cost of many weeks, when in B. C. alone two full regiments (I think I do not exaggerate) could be formed in as long as it requires to enrol and medically examine; and forwarded in as short a time as was necessary to uniform them.

There is no dearth of senior or junior officers—experienced non-coms. and proved soldiers who have already received their baptism of fire.

In the emergency would such a splendid gift to the Old Country be unrecognized? Did I say "gift to the Old Country?" Rather a gift to the Empire. It is not the Old Country who is fighting. It is the Empire. It is WE.

The "Sons of Canada" are being sent. How about the Fathers of those sons? Are they less Canadian because, although they live, work, make their living and pay their taxes—and contribute to the general progress of Canada—they were not born in Canada? And what, though that Father is not as young as that son?

In referring to old soldiers you remark "some of them saw service 20 years ago." That might make a good many of them not far from 50, one side or the other. That is my case—unforunate in that, although I can still travel 30 miles a day with a pack, sleep out under a tree, do a bit on short rations, without a twinge of rheumatics, or a blistered heel, still, I suppose I am too old to go through hardships, though I have tempered my strength, broadened my experience and initiative during 30 years, along with a young man of 23 whose life has been largely spent in a town. There are scores, if not hundreds like me in B. C., mostly some years younger. Old soldiers among whom I would be a dwarf among giants—although I, too, have been military trained and have seen service.

I have a letter from Mr. Hazen (Acting Minister) in my pocket, in which he says, "No one can tell how long this war is going to last, but I think that sooner or later everyone will get his chance."

May that chance come soon, or this dreadful massacre end sooner, is the earnest desire of

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The Virginian, Rose of the Rancho, Cameo Kirby, The Girl of the Golden West, The Country Chairman, The Sign of the Cross and The Man of the Hour are a few of the photo-plays which will be shown at the Variety in the near future.

Mr. Quagliotti has also arranged for a series of war pictures, secured direct from the Front, showing many scenes taken on the actual firing line. These pictures are changed with every programme.

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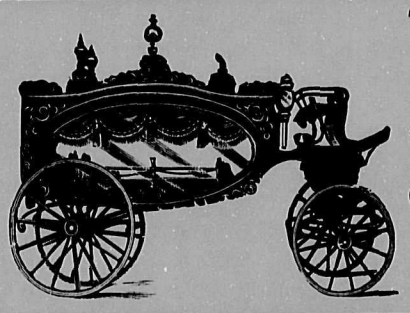

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SPORTS *and* DRAMA

RUGBY

The first inter-City Rugby match of the season between Victoria and Vancouver was played at Oak Bay last Saturday. The game was a friendly one, as the McKechnie Cup is not being played for this year on account of the war.

It was a most disappointing game from every point of view. To begin with the Victoria XV (for the first time in the history of Rugby in Victoria) turned out in Soccer jerseys, and even then not in the Victoria colours. The committee is hardly to be commended for this, it was a disgrace to the City, and was felt by every supporter of the game who saw the match. Then the question was asked, "Why was the best half back in B. C. left off the local team?"

His loss was soon apparent, as it was the half-backs who let the team down so badly.

The local forwards got the ball nine times out of ten in the Scrum, but it was lost as soon as it got out to the halves. The opposing forwards were by far the better in the loose, breaking up quickly and using their feet to good advantage. The handling of the Victoria three-quarters was very poor, for which there was no excuse, as the ball was as dry as it well could be. At the same time they got some terrible passes from their stand-off half. Out of the whole team only two stand out as worthy of mention, Galliher at full-back, and McLachlan in the forward line, both were good. The final score of six points to three, in favour of Vancouver, was a fair indication of the game, they deserved to win.

A word as to the referee: He has yet to learn a most important rule in Rugby, viz.: the advantage rule in the knock-on-again, picking the ball out of the Scrum does not entitle a side to a full pick, even if the opposing half does tackle the man with the ball.

UMPIRE.

DURING the ten years I have lived in Victoria I have not seen a better all-round company, nor so far as my taste is concerned, a better play than Victorians enjoyed on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. "Milestones" came with a great reputation, and proved to be thoroughly deserving of it. The novelty of representing the same person through three generations afforded special facilities to an author like Arnold Bennett, and a dramatist like Edward Knoblauch, of which they took full advantage. The play was simple, direct, natural, impressive and profoundly emotional. It appealed to the best in human nature, and made it easy to understand why it has held the London boards for nearly two years. Of the company it is impossible to speak too highly. Mr. Rupert Harvey as John Rhead "starred" without being a star. His elocution and superb rotund voice were a treat. Miss Florence Born, as Gertrude Rhead, gave a fine portrayal in the most finished style. Miss Mary Goulden, as Rose Sibley, was excellent, whilst the Lord Monkhurst, of Mr. Ernest Laceby reminded one of Cyril Maude at his best. It is however scarcely fair to characterize where all were equally good for their respective parts. "Milestones" records the high water mark of finished excellence in Victoria dramatic productions.

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PATRONS of the Princess Theatre this week are treated to an unusually strong play. "Within the Law," deals with several knotty problems in the social order of things. There is the sweated labour problem, where the girl accused of theft in a large Emporium denounces her employers for whom she works nine hours a day, for six days a week; and later, after her imprisonment, she joins a band of crooks who work their nefarious schemes, keeping just within the law. Quite a few nasty things are said about law and lawyers, but the situations and dialogue are particularly clever, and the interest never flags. The people in the play are mostly strong characters, depicting types that are not very often played on the stage, and therefore interesting to the majority of people who are not familiar with such characters.

Mr. Pierce deserves special mention for clever work in a difficult part, Miss Felton made quite the most of a part calling for the versatality with which she is so gifted, and Charles Harris was particularly well cast in the part of Inspector Burke. While space forbids full mention of all the players, Miss Tryna Saindon must be commended for the way in which she handled the role of Agnes Lynch, one of "the Gang," and was simply "immense."

Next week the attraction will be "Merely Mary Anne," a pleasing light comedy with plenty of fun and amusing situations.

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AFTER one or two weeks where the bill at Pantages hardly came up to expectations, it seems likely that there will be no disappintments next week at the popular vaudeville house. Maurice Samuels and a talented company will appear in a remarkable act, "A Day at Ellis Island," showing a vivid picture of the Italian immigrant at the detention station for immigrants in New York Harbour. A basket-ball game on bicycles is a great attraction, and also Reed's Bull Dogs, clever trained canines whose appearance at this time makes a special appeal to the Britisher. The motion pictures are particularly interesting, showing the funeral procession of late Inspector Hopkinson, victim of a Hindu assassin in Vancouver, and also a film showing the departure of the troops from Kamloops and other Inland towns.

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A PATRIOTIC vaudeville entertainment will be held at the Royal Victoria Theatre on November 27th and 28th, with matinee on the Saturday. The arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. A. T. Macdonald and Miss K. Dunsmuir. Mrs. R. H. Pooley will sing the famous recruiting song, "Your King and Country Need You." Dances of the Allied nations, arranged by Miss Swepstone will be one of the attractions.

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LOEW'S Vaudeville has been the attraction at the Royal Victoria Theatre last Thursday and Friday, with matinee and two evening performances tonight.

MOMUS.

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Belgian Refugees in London

A many-gabled building in Aldwych, just off the Strand, once a skating rink, more lately the headquarters of "The Civilian Force," is now a place of first resort for the thousands (over 200,000 have arrived here at the time of writing!) of Belgians pouring into London at almost all hours of the day and night. The large interior is an astonishing sight. On one side of it are the offices where the names, the condition, and the intentions of the refugees are registered. A long table is a refreshment bar from which Red Cross nurses carry coffee and sandwiches to the crowd of people waiting to know what is next to be done to them. They have become used to waiting, these driven people. Here are two families from Ostend. One consists of parents and eight young children, the other is smaller, more cheerful, only remembering its most recent adventure, the hurried flight, its home, and the twenty-two hours' sea voyage in a fishing boat to Folkstone. They are very grateful to the English, and speak admiringly of the bravery and gaiety of the English soldiers. They tell of friends of theirs, a mother and daughter who have, between them, brought over no fewer than seventeen children. A man, apparently of the middle class, is looking for his family. He left them three weeks ago to do business, and is hoping without definite reason that they are coming to Lowestoft in one of the fishing boats expected there. On the other side of the room are rough divisions, each bearing the name of an hotel. Parties of the refugees allocated to one or another assemble there at intervals, and are then taken away in hired omnibuses. It is a scene, the pathos of which is only relieved by the brisk helpfulness of the many kind people who are giving all their time to the service of the unfortunate immigrants.

Our Reduced Illumination

Londoners need nothing now to remind them that the Empire is at war. At first they seemed hardly to realise it till it was suddenly brought home to them by the adoption of certain protective measures with regard to public and private street, shop, store and house lighting. A stricter application of these measures is now being enforced, and the result is likely to be of a character more far-reaching than was perhaps anticipated. The aspect of London at night is entirely changed, and the habits of the Londoners are vitally threatened. Unlit streets have no appeal for him, and the consequence is that he is staying at home in the evening and going earlier to bed. On this account theatres have been suffering, and Sir Herbert Tree, as well as two theatre managers, have decided to make a Chinese-like change by inverting the present arrangement and giving six matinee performances and two evening ones a week. The experiment is a daring one, and it remains to be seen whether it will have the support of those people who are afraid to risk their lives in motors and taxis and 'buses in the darkened streets. Another change that has to be noted is that now the hours of public-houses will be the same as those in Scotland, no drink being allowed to be sold before 10 o'clock in the morning or after 10 o'clock at night. The closing down of London at night is naturally being felt by the tubes and omnibus companies, and it is stated that a restriction in the late evening services is contemplated.

The Position of Greece

One who has just arrived here from Athens tells me that, having regard to the situation elsewhere, the state of feeling throughout Greece is astonishingly calm. During the twenty and more years for which he has had knowledge of the country he has never seen the Hellenic nation so united and so determined to settle once and for all with Turkey if the latter, as the result of German influence, resolves to abandon her neutrality. All sorts of overtures have been made from Berlin, both by the Emperor and his ministers, to the King, the Greece is blessed with a number of both German and Turkish secret agents. She never, however, was better prepared for war, from both a military and a naval standpoint, and, though the source has been kept a profound secret, it is said to be obvious to any observer that a vast supply of munitions has of late been brought into the country.

And of Italy

Considerations not dissimilar to those affecting Bulgaria are at the back of the mind of the statesmen responsible for the policy of Italy, though there is not the smallest doubt in the latter care as to the direction in which the popular sympathy inclines. An observant Englishman, who has just returned here from northern Italy, tells me he is assured that the people as a whole lean towards the Allies, and this is shown in numerous quiet ways. Pamphlets propounding their case, and furnishing the facts of current history from their side are in very much larger demand than publications "through German eyes." A study of the supply of picture postcards showed that the pungency of Italian satirical artists was directed towards the "brutal Hun," while the comic spirit approached the French and British soldier with obvious kindliness. My informant added that an examination of postcards in which the Allies are depicted aroused in him no feeling of resentment, whereas many of those which dealt with the enemy were scathing in the extreme.

Basutos to Help the Empire

From South African newspapers which have just reached London I gather some interesting details of the anxiety of the Basutos to offer help in this time of need. It has already been stated that Griffith, the paramount chief, has offered the King financial assistance and assured the Government of their readiness to prepare for war. One party wishes the contribution to take the form of a big gun—"big enough," as one native speaker said, "to give a slap to the big German fellows." The other plan—and this appears to find most favor—is to offer to King George a destroyer, to be called the Basuto. If this comes off, it will be, I think, the first thime that native loyalty has taken such an impressive shape. The Basutos are, of course, a very prosperous people who would be well able to provide the quarter of a million or so necessary for the destroyer. They gave striking testimony of their loyalty during the South African war, when, it will be remembered, 20,000 armed Basutos were ready, if the Government had given permission, to take part in the relief of Ladysmith. One wonders whether a contribution of the famous Basutos ponies would not be particularly useful at the present time. The Basuto gift, it will be noted, is a gift direct to the King, and an expression of their personal loyalty to him.

War and the Servants' Hall

The last people in England to have feared the effects of a European war—the highly-paid servants in great houses—have been among the first to lose their situations, and now women's societies are faced with the problem of finding work for ladies' maids, highly qualified, but often elderly cooks, and specialized nurses, in a world which considers all these people as luxuries. Men servants, who have begun of late to consider their jobs precarious, are not in the same difficulty, for hundreds of Austrians and Germans have, of course, gone back to their own countries, and pressure had been brought to bear on some of the English male servants to enlist. Many of the large country houses offered the choice of dismissal or enlistment on full salary.

London, October 20th, 1914.

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DATED at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 13th day of October, 1914.

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Registrar General of Titles.

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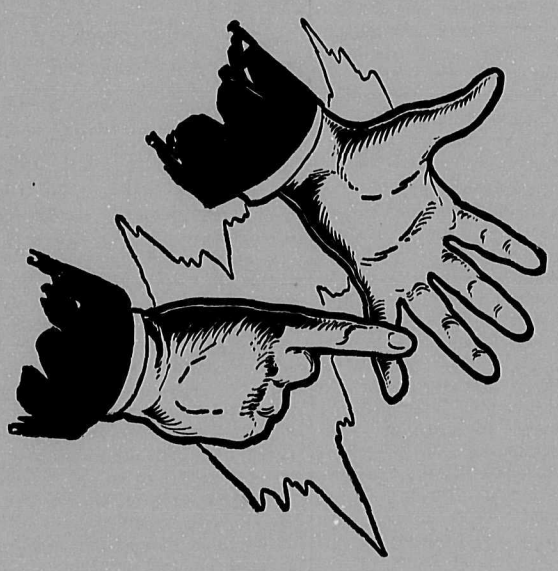

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