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The Jitneys Again

ON WEDNESDAY the Colonist published a dispatch from London dealing with the affairs of the B. C. Electric. The special reference was to the low price of its stock, which has fallen from 114 in June last to 50. The Capital loss represented by the decrease amounts to upwards of $12,000,000. The position is even worse than this would indicate because many stockholders paid 150 for deferred and 120 for preferred stock. It is pointed out that this condition of affairs is creating alarm among the investing public and that the effect of this feeling will be to restrict the money available for the necessary developments of the Company, and also to make it difficult for other issues from British Columbia to be successfully floated. This is a matter which calls for the serious consideration of the public, the Government and the Municipalities not only as a matter of justice to a concern which has $46,000,000 invested in the Province, but because B. C. is so entirely dependent upon London capital for the development of all its industries that it must maintain its good standing in the money market. The author of the dispatch referred to manages to put the usual sting in the tail when he says: "Several English publications have referred to the conditions, stating that the circumstances call for vigorous action by the civic and Municipal authorities along the line of regulating and taxing motor vehicles to the same degree as the street railway is regulated and taxed."

Obviously this refers to the "Jitneys" and is intended to influence the Municipalities in the matter of regulation. It is only a little while ago that the street railway companies argued that the "Jitney" was a freak affair and would prove to be but a transient guest. Unless The Week is entirely mistaken the companies have abandoned this conception of what is undoubtedly a popular innovation and a great public convenience. They must realize that the "Jitney" has come to stay, that it is a natural evolution of the transportation system, otherwise there would be no raison d'etre for urging legislation and regulation. The public is willing to allow this, but only up to the point where there is no danger of killing the service. This has been amply demonstrated whenever an attempt at over-regulation has been made. It is the part of wisdom to recognize the "Jitney" as a permanent institution, as one which will ultimately find employment for far more men than any street railway company. One which will be constantly modified and adapted to the requirements of the public, both by the car manufacturers and the municipalities. Under these circumstances it is perhaps time to consider how it is possible to develop the latest transportation system without unfairly competing with, or unduly crippling vested interests. Not only self interest in the matter of procuring capital for investment, but that sense of fair play which never becomes extinct in British communities demands that the subject be approached with all considerateness. The Week has always believed that the newer system should be made largely supplemental to the old one. Competition cannot be eliminated, no vested itnerest has the right to ask for that, but it can be made fair. This is not to be achieved by the imposition of excessive license fees, or heavy insurance, it can only be arrived at by an expert investigation into the details of transportation and probably by a readjustment of fares on the part of the street railway companies. The Week believes in that readjustment which now seems to be inevitable. It will be policy to carry passengers short distances for even lower fares than any which have yet been imposed. The profits of a street company depend mainly on carrying large numbers of people comparatively short distances. To do this they must be offered an attractive fare. On the other hand, since it is impossible to carry a small number of people long distances at a minimum fare, there is little doubt that a series of distance limits will have to be fixed with an increasing charge beyond each limit; only in this way can the earnings be at all equalized with the cost of transportation and the company be insured a steady profit. The Week believes that these are practical suggestions that will repay study. It is equally convinced that they offer an alternative to the impractical suggestion to tax the "Jitney" out of business.

John Bryden

THE passing of the late John Bryden is an incident of note in the history of Vancouver Island. For the general public it derives its interest from the fact that he was one of the earliest pioneers, a man who was for many years associated with Robert Dunsmuir in laying the foundations of our Island prosperity. For thirty years and more he was in the fighting rank, and was possibly the most potent factor in developing our greatest industry to a pitch which gave it world renown. During those thirty years he established an unblemished record as a man of the highest integrity, the broadest sympathies, and the most enlightened intelligence. Many of the men who were proud to work under him have already passed away, but the tradition of his kind, honourable, and considerate management survives with their sons. The last twenty years of his life were spent in comparative retirement, for Mr. Bryden was a modest, retiring man; yet he never ceased to take a keen and quiet interest in public affairs, and to the last his opinions reflected that sagacity and sound judgment which were so characteristic. Like the great Governor, whose name will forever be associated with the history of Vancouver Island, John Bryden came from "North of the Tweed," and his life's work adds still one other chapter to the illustrious record of those noble Scotsmen who have had so large a share in the creation of this Dominion.

The Film Censor

THE picture houses have been complaining about the censorship and asking that an arbitration board be appointed to review the decisions. The Attorney-General, to whom this application was made, declined to grant it, but said that he was willing to personally inspect any film turned down by the censor which the houses considered should not have been so dealt with. This reply was not satisfactory to the trade, yet a moment's reflection will show that on the presentation of the case made by the delegation no other reply was possible. They declined to make any specific charges against the censor or to specify any particular films with respect to which they thought his judgment had been at fault. This was not unlike going into court and asking for a verdict without submitting any evidence. The Week has always been a strong advocate of the "Movies," and believes that their value, both for entertainment and instruction has been fully demonstrated. There was a time when American agencies were flooding British Columbia with very objectionable pictures. This created the necessity for a censorship, but that the censorship has been effective in ruling out the objectionable features cannot be denied. If it has been too drastic in its operations the fact has only to be proved to ensure their relaxation, because public opinion would not allow anything to stand in the way of the legitimate exploiting of the one form of entertainment, which above all others has established itself in public favour.

The Typothetae

THE public has been much interested in the progress of the action instituted by a local printer, Mr. O. J. B. Lane, against some ten or a dozen printing firms who combined under the classical title of "The Typothetae", for trade purposes. This interest arose from the fact that on several occasions when the City Council had been considering tenders for printing, all the tenders would be identical, clearing indicating common action. So strongly was this resented that on one occasion at least the Council threatened to go outside the City for its printing if the combination continued. Mr. Lane lost his case, which was heard in the Supreme Court and a verdict was rendered on the 26th inst. by Mr. Justice Gregory. The loss of the case was on personal issues, and because Mr. Lane was not able to make good on his pleadings. He alleged that there had been a conspiracy among the other printing firms to injure him in his business, and as a result of that conspiracy he was injured and his credit affected. With this phase of the question the public is less interested than with the pronouncement of Mr. Justice Gregory on the general question. That

pronouncement reads as follows: "It seems to me that the effect of their association is to eliminate competition almost entirely, and they seem to overlook the fact that if times are dull and business is very poor, according to their system the cost will increase and they should be entitled to charge more; and if they did that certainly it would have a very disastrous effect on the public." In the final clause of his judgment Mr. Justice Gregory intimates that since Mr. Lane was not an injured party he had no "Locus standi" to institute an action in the public interest, and that the only person who can do so is the Attorney-General. Probably, however, since the Typothetae was dissolved immediately Mr. Lane's action was launched there will be no occasion for the Attorney-General to fight the public question in the Courts.

A Faithful Servant

THE news of the death of Col. Wadmore on Friday night came as a shock to the community. Although the Colonel had not been very well of late no one anticipated a fatal termination of what seemed to be a case of simple indisposition. Colonel Wadmore was barely past the prime of life, having been born in 1855. He was a man who combined with a high sense of the importance of his military duties a gentle spirit and a natural kindliness which made him universally beloved. He was not only an experienced officer who had served his country honourably and efficiently, but he was an omnivorous reader and a student of public affairs. It was natural that at the outbreak of the war the Militia Department should instinctively have appointed him to a position of trust for there was no more patriotic citizen in British Columbia, and no man more faithful in the discharge of the important duties that were assigned to him. There will be wide-spread regret at his passing, which will be intensified by its unexpectedness.

William Blakemore.

"SOTTO VOCE"

By the Hornet

THAT German Supremacy in music is now a Bach number.

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That Von Tirpitz was recently heard to say in soliloquy, "What's yours is mined."

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That in one of his speeches the Kaiser is reported to have said, "Germany intends to set her stamp upon the world," but not until we've licked her.

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That it is now expected that after the war the Kaiser will go to Heligoland.

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That after the bombardment the Dardanelles were in "Sore straits."

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That Germany has bitten off more than she can chew, but Berlin could easily chew more than she has to bite.

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That there is more than a suspicion that the rise in bread is due to activity in the yeast.

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That apropos of the "Follies" the successful theatrical manager owes a lot to his lucky stars.

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That there are times when it is good not to be a politician—and one time is now.

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That since the recent political crisis there has been a run on Shakespeare's "King Lear".

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That the unanimity with which the old members of the local Legislature have been re-nominated is both remarkable and significant.

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That the Conservatives of the Columbia riding are expecting to bury the hatchet and agree upon a new candidate.

That the proposal to hold an election in the trenches is so ridiculous as to savor of opera bouffe.

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That Gadsby's sketches of leading politicions are clever and smart, but would be more enjoyable if they were less superficial.

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That Seattle is acheiving an unenviable reputation in the matter of "jitney" accidents.

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That a little extra stringency on the part of the Victoria police would probably check a similar tendency here.

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That there is no spirit of lawlessness, but one of over-eagerness.

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That the first pleasure resorts to open their doors to Easter visitors are the Brentwood and Qualicum Beach Hotels.

The following gentlemen were returned at the election of benchers of the Law Society held in the Law Courts: Messrs. E. V. Bodwell, K. C.; E. P. Davis, K. C.; G. E. Corbould, K. C.; Sir C. H. Tupper, K.C.; L. K. McPhillips, K. C.; J. H. Senkler, K. C.; W. C. Moresby; R. T. Elliott, K. C., and A. P. Luxton, K. C. This means that last year's board was re-elected.

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At a meeting of the Red Cross Society R. Ross Sutherland was elected chairman with F. W. Jones and Mrs. Bullen as vice-chairmen. The following form the executive: Lady McBride, Mrs. Home, Mrs. Hasell, Rev. Father A. Wood, Dr. Hudson, C. Bagshawe, Rev. J. B. Warnicker, G. L. Beckwith, Reeve George McGregor, Mrs. Fleming; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Chas. Williams.

Romance stalks the young—and lays in ambush for the old.

PEASANT AND KING

You who put faith in your banks and brigades,
Drank and ate largely, slep easy at night,
Hoarded your lyddite and polished the blades
Let down upon us this blistering blight—
You who played grandly the easiest game,
Now can you shoulder the weight of the same?
Say, can you fight?

Here is the tragedy; losing or winning
Who profits a copper? Who garners the fruit?
From bloodiest ending to futile beginning
Ours is the blood, and the sorrow to boot.
Muster your music, flutter your flags,
Ours are the hunger, the wounds, and the bags.
Say, can you shoot?

This is your game; it was none of our choosing—
We are the pawns with whom you have played
Yours is the winning and ours is the losing,
But, when the penalties have to be paid,
We who are left, and our women-folk, too
Rulers of Europe, will settle with you—
Are you afraid?

EASTER FASHIONS FOR THE FAIR

IT IS quite a pleasure to take a preamble through the shops at Easter time. Everything is so new and fresh, it really makes one wake up and take an interest in life. But, alas! How shabby and rusty one feels unless one can don a new outfit from the tempting display so tantalising to look upon.

Suits are, of course, the one thing uppermost in our minds, for how hateful is our old one on these bright spring days. After several seasons of dark shades, the lighter colours are coming into their own again. Among a large selection of the very newest spring costumes shown at Gordon's, Ltd., are several chic models in sand gaherdine. The short coat predominates, with half, or full belt, self or metal buttons, and skirts cut fairly full. One model showed quite a full circular skirt, while another was plain gored. Some hip yokes are seen, and these are really very becoming to most figures. One of these pretty suits was priced at only $35.00, and being beautifully lined and finished the kgure was most moderate.

A charming novelty suit of Belgian blue fancy poplin, with coatee and ripple basque will appeal to many, also a neat navy serge with embroidered cream poplin collar. An infinite variety of checks, tweeds, and covert cloths are there in all sizes, and at all prices.

While shopping at Gordon's, nobody should fail to visit the new French room under the supervision of Madame Carlyon. Among dainty novelties to be seen here was an exquisite hand-made robe de nuit of shell pink crepe de chine, embroidered with butterflies. A pretty cream silk crepe blouse similarly embroidered would be a delightful gift for an Easter bride. Charming crepe de chine golf coats are also being designed here, and find purchasers as soon as they are out of the workroom. Some of the latest importations in model suits and gowns will be shown in the French room, on their arrival, which is expected daily.

In the millinery department there were several chic styles, and it is evident that the most exclusive models can be cleverly copied here for those who require them.

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At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

IT IS not often that I have witnessed such a tragic occurrence as that which happened on Bay Street on Wednesday afternoon when Private Hutchinson was killed. I should not refer to the matter but that there is one feature of the case deeply impressed on my mind. Private Hutchinson, with a number of other soldiers, was leading one of the new remounts, but whether he was an inexperienced horseman or whether he failed to recognize the character of the animal he was leading I do not know, the strange thing is that about one minute before the fatal occurrence an English gentleman who was standing at the corner of the street called my attention to Hutchinson with the remark, "That man does not know how to lead a horse, if he is not careful he will get killed". He had a long tether, and was holding the halter at the end instead of having a short grip near the horse's head. This brought him well behind the animal, and what my friend anticipated actually happened, he had not gone more than fifty yards before the horse lunged out, and poor Hutchinson dropped dead. As an inquest will be held, I suppose I ought not to say any more, but the loss of a brave young fellow under such circumstances is a tragedy, and should not have been possible.

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Last week I had something to say about digging lots and planting gardens, this week I want to add the following story to what was then said; meanwhile I am glad to notice quite a number of men busily engaged in this work, some on land that has not been cultivated for many years. Last Friday, a gentleman was accosted by a labouring man who pleaded extreme poverty and asked for the price of a meal. My friend being of the practical sort, suggested work first and pay after. The man acquiesced and was set to work in the garden. The wife started him with a substantial dinner at 1 o'clock, after which he worked until 5. When the clock struck 5 he promptly dropped his tools. He had not proved to be a skilled worker in any sense, and after having a good tea, the master of the house who had returned home offered him a dollar, and told him that if he liked he might come back the next day and continue work for several days on the same pay, viz., $2 a day and grub. He has not since been seen.

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I notice a little restiveness on the part of some of the City Fathers, noticeably Alderman Porter, at the interest which the Civic Retrenchment Association, continues to take in Municipal affairs. The Aldermen evidently think that the Association ought to have been well satisfied with what it has achieved. Not so the active members of the organization who keep on "coming back" in a most refreshing, not to say exhilarating manner. The last occassion was on Monday night when a letter was read by Secretary Tomlinson voicing the dissatisfaction of his committee at the action of the Council in voting the sum of $1,500 for a Victoria display at the Panama Exposition. From the standpoint of the C. R. A. the protest may be all right, but Alderman Porter wants to know who is running this City anyway, and possibly his protest was justifiable unless the Council is to surrender all its initiative.

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About ten days ago I witnessed an occurrence which I hope and believe is without precedent in Canada. It was the day on which the news reached Victoria of the sinking of the Irresistible and Ocean in the Dardanelles. A well known German resident of Victoria was riding in a jitney car which passed along Broad Street, the car stopped for the passengers to read the bulletins, and as soon as he read the news this "scallawag" stood up in the car and cheered. The other passengers pulled him down, and the chaffeur remonstrated. This led to an altercation in the course of which the German made some very uncomplimentary remarks about the British Navy. The whole incident was disgraceful and painful. This man has lived in our City for some years, he came here penniless before the boom, and is now a considerable property owner. He has posed as a public man, and has run for office. He has enjoyed the protection of the British Flag, and prospered under it, yet his mean little soul knows nothing of gratitude or decency, and when men's hearts are aching at the loss of life and misery caused by the barbarous fighters of his country, he has the insolence to cheer at our misfortunes. A public opinion that will tolerate this sort of thing must be badly in need of some stimulus. What is Major Ridgway Wilson, the Officer in Charge of war prisoners going to do about it?

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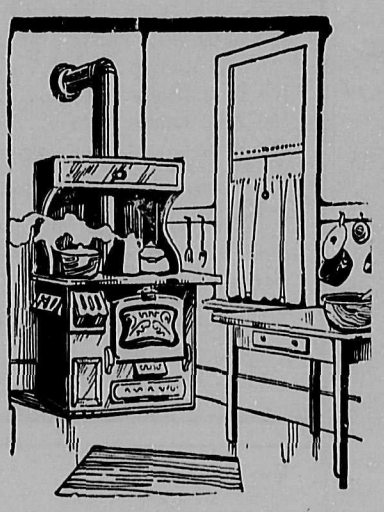
We all know that Victoria is a city of unique distinctions. We have a climate, we have an air of our own, we have a leisured class, we have quite a lot of "flannelled oafs," and we have, or thought we had copper coinage. But while all the others are realities, the latter is only a supposition. I remember last year that Mrs. Hannington, Mrs. Foulkes and a few other indefatigable ladies of the Household League were full of rejoicing because they had succeeded in bringing Victoria within the "Cent Belt". I begin to think that they "whistled before they were out of the wood," because a lady of my acquaintance visited half a dozen stores this week before she could induce one to accept copper money in payment of a purchase. She declares that in several stores she was frigidly informed by a young "cash" lady of supercilious air that "copper coins are only used in villages." Suggestions of London, Paris, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver did not stampede these young ladies from the stand they had taken, even at the loss of an order. They positively refused to contaminate their fingers by handling the currency of the bourgeois. I shall be pleased to furnish the Household League with the name of the lady in question if they desire to renew their campaign for popularizing the effigy of King George stamped in bronze.

Lounger.

THE COLUMBIA

For the first part of next week, vaudeville turns at the Columbia include The Fisher Trio, in a premier singing and dancing act of the kind that the public enjoys. An Irish tenor, Gerald Griffin, will appeal to lovers of the songs of Erin, and Arnold Brothers are the best of blackface comedians. The usual entertaining motion pictures conclude.



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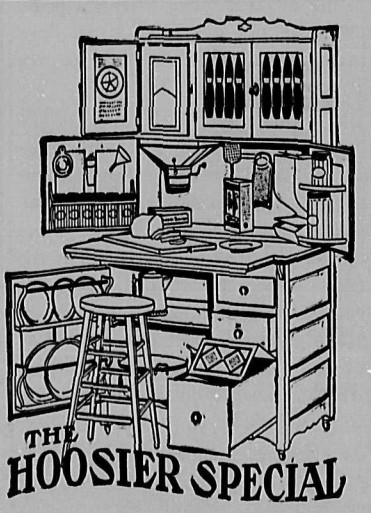

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WILLIAM BLAKEMORE.....President and Editor

Holland's Future

(By H. G. Wells)

(Suppressed by the British Censor)

It is no good talking now of buffer States, because the German conscience cannot respect them. Buffer States are just anvil States. At any rate, very considerable annexations of German territory by Belgium and France are now inevitable, and Holland must expect a much larger and stronger Belgium to the south of her, allied firmly to France and England.

And to the north is it very likely that the British will be able to tolerate the continued German possession of the Frisian Islands? These islands, and the coast of East Friesland, have had but one use in German hands, and that use has been the preparation of attacks on England. Clearly the British may decide to have no more of such attacks. Every advance in scientific warfare may make them more dangerous and exasperating. The British intend soberly and sanely to do their utmost to make a repetition of the present war impossible. To secure this they may find it necessary to have Germany out of the North Sea. But they have no desire whatever to take either the Frisian Islands or East Friesland, if Holland will save them that trouble.

Now, suppose the Dutch will not think of this now. Suppose, for the want of their aid, the Allies are unable to press the war to the complete regimentation of Germany, what will be the position of Holland in twenty years' time?

She will stand between England and Germany. A Germany incompletely beaten means an Anglophobe Germany. Belgium and France expanded, recuperated, allied, linked by a common literature and language, may be too formidable for another German attack. So that there is the possibility that in twenty years' time or so Germany, recovering and vindictive, may in some way contrive to hold off France and Belgium, and try her luck against England alone. By that time submarine and aeroplane may be so developed as to render a German attack on England much more hopeful than it is at present, especially by way of the Rhine mouth. What, in the light of the Belgian experience and the new doctrine of a "right of way," will be the outlook for a little isolated Holland, as small as she is now, as a buffer State in such a case?

She has always been claimed as a part of the great Pan-German scheme, and at any time she may find the German heel upon her face, vindictively punishing her for her lack of enthusiasm for Teutonic brotherhood. Hadn't she better get herself a little larger and stronger now; hadn't she better help to make the ending of the German threat more conclusive, and link herself definitely with the grand alliance of the Western Powers? Now she could make a very good bargain indeed. If she inquired she would find Britain ready enough to guarantee the integrity and protection of Holland's colonial empire forever by the British fleet. All the four Western Powers, France, Belgium, Holland, Britain, would be willing to make the most binding pledges for such mutual protection. It is the manifest common-sense of the setlement that they should set up such a collective guarantee. And, in addition, there are these Frisian Islands, and East Friesland, and that dangerous wedge that Germny drives into Holland along the Rhine. It is not difficult to map a very much improved Dutch frontier along the Ems, and thence striking down to the Rhine and meeting the iron country on the left bank of the Rhine, whose annexation and exploitation is Belgium's legitimate compensation for her devastation and sufferings. Here are the makings of a safer Greater Holland! Thousands of Dutchmen must be looking on the map at the present time and thinking such things as this. There, clearly and attractively, is the price of alliance.

The price of neutrality is an intact Holland—and a certain isolation in the years ahead. But still, I admit, a not unhappy Holland, Dutch and free. Until a fresh Anglo-German struggle begins. Yet, be it noted, a Holland a little hlpless and friendless if some renascent Asiatic Power should presently covet her Eastern possessions.

The price of participation with Germany, on the other hand, is complete envelopment in the warm embrace of the "good German brotherhood"—the gradual substitution of the German language for the Dutch, and a Germanization of such colonies as the Allies may still leave for Holland, frequent State visits from Kaisers, and the subordination of Dutch mercantile interests to those of Hamburg and Altona (Germanized) Antwerp. And —the everlasting howling everywhere of "Deutschland, Deutschland uber Alles.'

(No! No! They will never fight for the Germans. No sane people will ever fight for the Germans if they can possibly avoid it. Not even our press censorship, not even the Maxmillian Krafts in our silliest weekly papers will provoke Holland to that.)

But I have a sort of feeling, for the reasons I have stated, that even without any serious breach of Dutch neutrality by the Germans, Holland may decide presently to put her troops beside the Belginas. And if, as is always possible, the Germans do make some lumpish onslaught upon Dutch neutrality, then I am convinced that at once that sturdy little country will up and fight like the devil. And do remarkably well by it.

And I have a much stronger feeling that presently the Dutch Government will ask the Germans to reconsider their proposed annexation of Belgium. Upon that point Holland has absolutely dictatorial power at the present moment. She could secure the independence of Belgium at the cost of a litle paper and ink, she could force Germany to evacuate her sister country by the mere movement of her army.

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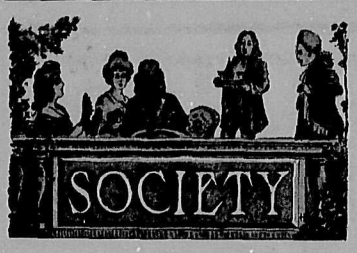

MRS. F. H. BARNARD will open the Daffodil Show at the Empress Hotel this afternoon. This popular annual affair under the auspices of the King's Daughters is likely to prove even more attractive than usual. The beautiful Empress ballroom with its soft colourings should be a fairyland when massed with exquisite flowers of spring from Victoria's sunny gardens. A delightful musical programme has been arranged, and a special attraction will be some dainty dances by children.

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Distinguished visitors of the week were Mr. and Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence, of London, England, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pethick, Heywood Avenue, for a few days. A reception was given in their honour at the Victoria Club on Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence added greatly to the pleasure of the evening by giving an inspiring address on the subject of the work of British women in connection with the War. Special mention was made of the wonderful accomplishments of the Women's Emergency Corps, with their surplus food committee, responsible for the feeding of so many Belgian refugees. Special emphasis was also laid upon the fact that now, as in the Boer War, for every soldier slain, there are at least four or five non-combatants who lose their lives, and many of these are of course women and children. Mrs. Lawrence also expressed the opinion that this war will not prove to be a war of armies and navies, but a war of starvation, and the first to starve will be women and children. In view of these arguments it is unnecessary to point out that women have a great deal to do with war, and are the greatest sufferers thereby. In regard to the political enfranchisement of women after the war, Mrs. Lawrence thinks that in view of the remarkable services to the Empire rendered now by British women, and the exploding of many absurd arguments, men will take the opportunity of giving gracefully what eventually they will be no longer able to withhold. The work being done now by women with the best results is the work of the women who were already organized as suffrage societies, and who on the outbreak of war were quickly mobilized for immediate practical work. Among a large number of people present at the reception on Wednesday were, in addition to the guests of the evening, Hon. Dr. H. E. Young and Mrs. Young, Mrs. W. J. Roper, President of the Victoria Club; Mrs. Gordon Grant, President of the Political Equality League; Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Story, Commander and Mrs. Hose, Mrs. Mary Riter Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pethick, Mr. and Mrs. Hebben Gillespie, Mr. C. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Osler, W. R. Hall (of Calgary), Mrs. Hermann-Robertson, Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. Fred Pemberton, Mrs. Ricardo, Mrs. Dennis Harris, Mrs. Tod, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Golby, Mrs. Burke Roche, Mrs. G. O. Cuppage, Mrs. Cnacher, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Duncan, Miss Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hallward, Mr. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shallcross.

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Mr. E. V. S. McClintock, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Mrs. McClintock are visitors in town from Alberni.

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Mrs. J. L. Brady, Golden, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. O. Meredith Jones, Shoal Bay.

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Mrs. G. L. Foullkes, Hampshire Road, entertained at tea on Thursday afternoon.

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Major Rous Cullin, 88th Fusiliers, has taken over his new appointment as second in command of the 48th Battalion.

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Mrs. Mashiter Edwards, Rockland Avenue, entertained on Tuesday in honour of her sister, Mrs. William Roper Hull, of Calgary.

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Lieutenant Routh, C.M.R., and Mrs. Routh have removed from "Mount Edwards" to Beach Drive, Oak Bay, for the summer months.

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The engagement is announced of Mr. Campbell Brady, of Golden, to Miss J. Wells, also of Golden, B. C. The date of the wedding is arranged for April 5th.

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Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil-Hayes, Cadboro Bay, entertained at dinner on St. Patrick's Day. Covers were laid for eight.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Roper Hull are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roper, "Sherbourne", Beach Drive.

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Miss Marion Sanson, Calgary, is the guest of Miss Pearl Peterson, Esquimalt.

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Mrs. P. de Noe Walker and her youngest son have gone to visit Mrs. Nixon, Kuper Island.

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On Easter Monday, April5, the Fifth Regiment Band will give their first annual dance in the Drill Hall, under the patronage of Col. Ogilvie, D. O.C., Lieut-Col. Holmes, Major Angus and officers of the Regiment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Weiler and Master Weiler have left for San Francisco.

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Mrs. J. G. Ulloch, Vancouver, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Asser, Oak Bay, for a few days this week.

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Arrangements are being made for a gymkana to be held at the Willows on Easter Monday, the proceeds to be devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund.

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An interesting Pianoforte Recital was given by Miss Norah Dodd on Thursday, March 25th, at 1259 Richardson Street, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund. Miss Dodd, who has recently made a successful debut in Victoria, rendered a varied programme with much skill and charm. She was ably assisted by Miss Eva Hart, whose beautiful soprano voice has made her one of Victoria's most popular artists.

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Mrs. Lukes gave a bridge and tea last Monday afternoon.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society held a whist tournament at the residence of Mrs. Blackwood on Wednesday.

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A bridge tournament to raise funds to supply tobacco for Canadians at the front was held at the residence of Sir Richard and Lady McBride on Friday afternoon, March 26th.

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Many friends will share with Hon. Archer Martin and Mrs. Martin anxiety for their son, Lieutenant E. O. Carew Martin, who has been wounded at the front, and is now in the hospital at Boulogne.

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THE STAGE

IN SUNNY FRANCE

It is greatly to be regretted that so good an entertainment as "In Sunny France" should not have been successful from a financial standpoint. Having regard to the quality of the opera, the ability shown by the composer, and the patronage accorded by the most influential society people there was no reason why the Patriotic Aid and Belgian Funds should not have benefited to a considerable extent. As a matter of fact the production barely covered expenses, and neither Mr. MacDonald nor the charitable funds derived any pecuniary benefit. This was entirely due to inefficient management; next time Mr. MacDonald produces an entertainment he should secure a competent stage and business manager. The advertising was a farce and the stage management painfully defective. The training of some of the children left much to be desired, and there was a general laxity which spoke eloquently of inexperience in direction and instruction; the single exception was in the case of the "Tiny tots," whose work was admirable, especially that of the inimitable little Marjorie Renwick. The dancing left much to be desired, and conspicuously that of the would-be-waltzers in the Cabaret scene. The enebriated tramp might well have been eliminated, the hypnotic scene was in poor taste and could be spared. The principals who could sing should have been given more to do, and this was especially true of Mr. Petch, the outstanding vocal performer of the caste. The libretto may have been good, but as it was inaudible the audience had little opportunity of judging. Yet with all these defects it is only fair to say that Mr. MacDonald produced a musical comedy of an unusually high order. The music was the thing, and would be bound to make a success if the opera were adequately rendered. There were at least half a dozen excellent numbers, notably, "Tennis" "The Taxi Song," "You," "Bohemia," "Twilight," "The Seasons" and the "Huron Death Chant". All these were admirable, and "Tennis", delightfully sung by Miss Griffiths and chorus would make Mr. MacDonald's fortune if it were placed on the market. It was one of the most tuneful, catchy, topical songs heard for many a day. Mr. MacDonald was well supported by the Chorus and children, and would be well advised to try again under more competent management. It is only fair to add that Mr. Hurst rendered valuable assistance as Musical Conductor.—

Morris.

VARIETY THEATRE

Next week the patrons of the Variety Theatre will be treated to an exceptional feature in having presented to them the Comedy Drama, "Her Triumph" by the international celebrity, Gaby Deslys. This opportunity of seeing on the films such a world-wide actress, should not be missed, and we venture to say that there will be but few vacant seats in the house as the attraction will only run for three days. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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One of the big popular successes this week at Pantages is the act by Archie Nicholson and Co., the comedy instrumentalist, who combine rollicking humour and musical skill in a splendid offering which has been encored time and time again during their week's sojourn here.

"The Serpent of the Nile" is an ambitious production, and is a personal triumph for Bothwell Browne, female impersonator, who is ably assisted by Francis Young and a troupe of ten dancing girls.

Another act which met with a good deal of approval this week is that given by Grace La Dell, a petite Parisienne, whose clever shooting with revolver, rifle and army service gun is accurate, almost the point of the miraculous.

Next week the big feature attraction will be Herbert Lloyd and Co's. burlesque in vaudeville entitled "The King of Diamonds." Starring with them will also be Willie Zimmerman in life-like portrayals of the world's celebrities. The coming bill is a big-six-act affair, and in addition to the above includes those great equilibrists the Arnesens, Tom and Stacia Moore in "The Dream Girl;" Amedio with his accordian; and a dancing sensation by Weily & Ten Eyck.

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UNFAIR METHODS.

Victoria, March 16, '15.

Editor Week:

Sir—An attempt to injure the business belonging to a worthy citizen is being made by some labor people when they display on the streets large signs proclaiming that "boycotting is illegal." If an investigation were made into the charge that a well-known gentleman is unfair to organized labor, the perpetrators of the injustice would discover their error and mistake.

As an uninterested party I wish to state that I have had occasion to learn something of the matter, and know for a positive certainty that his first consideration in employing men is that of worthiness and nationality, never once has he employed foreign labor, and a cursory examination into this statement would prove that at all times he gives the preference to ex-service men, native sons or a needy man. The imaginary grievance is one that organized labor should regard as a kindly act for the one man who is the source of the trouble has many on his hands to support, and the person attacked is unwilling to discriminate against him in the face of the stern fact that starvation might be the result.

Justice should always be the motife of organizations, and if the labor council would only remember that the gentleman attacked has on very many occasions given the use of his theatres free of charge, and has already made arrangements to allow the use of his theatres to the labor council, also free of charge, during the present campaign they would realize that they are dealing with a man of substantiality, who is fair to labor to the extent of monetary loss.

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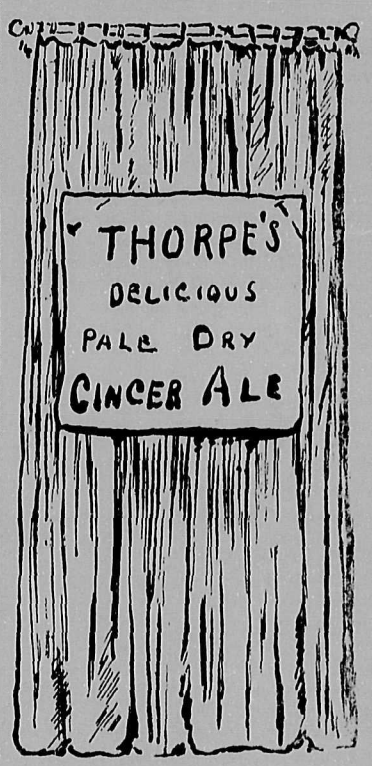

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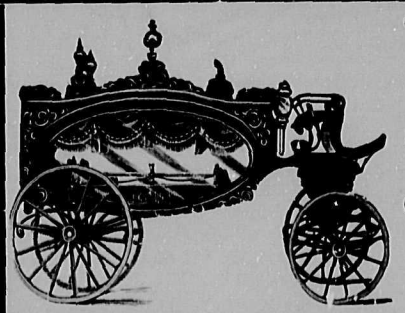

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Department of Public Works,
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R. A. RENWICK,
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Department of Lands.
Victoria, B.C., March 11th, 1915.
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