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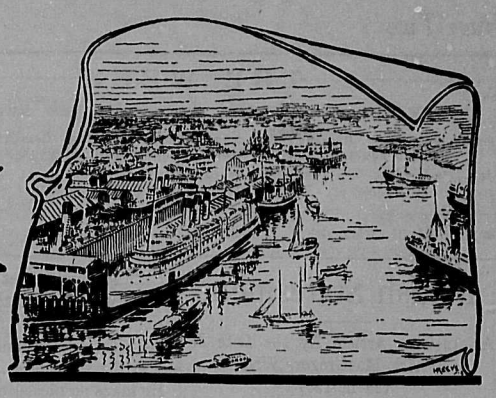

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A Year of War

I HAVE been asked to give a personal review of the year of warfare which started on the first of August, 1914, and to which the British Empire dedicated itself anew this week. The task is not an easy one, both because of the gigantic nature of the operations and because of the tremendous import of the issues raised few of which appear likely to reach a final settlement within any period of time which it is possible to define. It has become a trite saying that this is the greatest war of all the ages. The best informed military authorities agree that in the fighting line, in the reserves, and in the various auxiliary armed forces there are not fewer than 20,000,000 men engaged. The actual fighting line at all points is believed to embrace a total approximating half this number, but the men under arms represent only a substantial proportion of those who are impressed into the service of the war.

SHARING THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

We know that in Great Britain, and to a large extent in Canada and Australia, not only is every arsenal and munition factory working full time, and over time, to keep the men at the front supplied with material, but almost every machine shop has been requisitioned to supplement the work of the ordinary factories. For the first time in the history of warfare our women folk, by the tens of thousands, have tackled the ordinary avocations of men. This is one of the most striking features of the many new conditions produced. They are not only assuming the duties of postmen, car conductors, elevator attendants, messengers and motor drivers, but are engaged in the manufacture of cartridges and small ammunition. Thus has the stern hand of necessity placed its embargo upon the sex, which in previous conflicts has, in the main, had to suffer and wait at home while the great issue of the conflict was being decided at the front. In the truest sense of the term woman is sharing "the white man's burden," and in no small degree contributing to the actual success of our army.

THE NUMBERS ENGAGED

It is estimated that all told not less than one third of the total adult population of the British Isles is actually engaged in the business of war. If to this total be added the millions of the Overseas Dominions and British Dependencies who are similarly occupied, and who have withdrawn their energies from every other occupation, an enormous total, probably 20,000,000 will be reached. It is hardly likely that the Austrian total is lower, it is certain that the German is much higher. During the recent investigation conducted by the British Government to ascertain the ultimate destination of food supplies, presumably intended for the civilian population of Germany, it was concluded that 30,000,000 people in that Empire were dependent on war rations. With respect to Italy with its 2,000,000 fighting men at the front, there must be at least about 8,000,000 commandeered for various war purposes. No statistics with respect to Turkey are available, but 5,000,000 would be a moderate estimate. In comparison with such enormous totals the numerical contribution of little Servia, would appear to be almost a neglible quantity. With respect to our great ally, Russia, it is estimated that there are about 6,000,000 men in the fighting line, and 4,000,000 in reserve, wholly or partly equipped. While, unfortunately, the arsenal works and munitions factories of Russia are far less extensive than those of the other great combatant powers, there must be at least as many men working on munitions, general supplies and transportation as are under arms, which would make a present total for Russian of 20,000,000. The fighting forces of France are estimated at 5,000,000, and these have all been mobilized. They are also well equipped, for France has been busy for years in perfecting all her great munition factories. It is probable that she has in the neighborhood of 15,000,000 men whose energies are all devoted to some phase of warfare. From the above summary will be seen that either in the fighting line, its auxilliary support, in transportation, or in factories the war is absorbing the services of approximately 120,000,000 men, including 2,000,000 from that little country of imperishable renown which refuses to be beaten or absorbed—Belgium. At what a cost! I have quoted these figures in order to convey some idea of the unprecedented and exacting character of a war which in every respect transcends all its predecessors. A war which has created new conditions in every walk of life. A war with which it is not possible to compare anything that has gone before. A war which has laid its paralyzing hand on every industry which has exploded all strategic, economic and social conditions. A war which has staggered humanity and imposed a burden upon the greatest nations in the world, which taxes their almost boundless resources, and which it seems impossible to carry on for any but a limited period. There is a very definite limit to the time that 120,000,000 people in the leading European countries can abandon all the arts and occupations of peace, devoting themselves exclusively to the business of slaughter.

THE COST IN MONEY AND MEN

The amazement increases when we consider the cost. The lowest estimate of the present cost of the war to the British Empire is $25,000,000 a day, and to the whole of the powers engaged more than $100,000,000. If this be multiplied out for a year it reaches the fabulous figure of $36,500,000,000, a sum which is inconceivable to the human mind, and which it is even now impossible to contemplate. Yet if the war continues for another year on the present scale, it will cost that figure. Turning to the sadder consideration of the sacrifice of human life, we know that the British losses exceed the total number of men in that "contemptible little army" which nearly a year ago stopped the German advance to Paris. The latest returns give a total of 370,000. The total losses of all the nations engaged in the war are estimated at about 10,000,000, of which probably 3,000,000 represent the killed. How long can this human sacrifice continue? And yet the British Empire is pledged to fight it out if needs be to the last man. It is a terrible reflection that in all probability it will be fought out "to the last man," so far as the losing Powers are concerned, for there is little reason to hope that Germany will surrender until she is fought to a finish.

NO SURRENDER

We know that at any rate the British people will never surrender, so that unless, as a great writer has said, some miracle should happen, and no one is looking for miracles, the phrase which has been applied to General Joffres' operations as a war of "attrition" correctly describes the general character of the war as a whole. It must be "a wasting away," and the only element upon which that wasting is effective to the point of annihilation is the human element.

PRESENT CONDITIONS

These general characterizations lead us to a consideration of present conditions. The year closes with Germany triumphant and jubilant. If one had regard solely to her military operations and their immediate results, it must be admitted that she has every cause for jubilation. She holds nearly the whole of Belgium, the richest provinces of France, constituting nearly one tenth of its area, and the bulk of Poland. She has practically held her line on the Western frontier against the combined forces of England, France and Belgium for nearly a year. She has driven the great Russian armies from the passes of the Carpathians, from the vicinity of Cracow, and from the centre of East Prussia back into Russian Polish territory, a maximum distant of more than two hundred miles. In doing so has retaken Lemberg, and for the first time secured possession of Warsaw. But of still greater importance from every standpoint is her unexpected success in the Baltic, where in spite of the presence of the Russian Navy she has taken possession of Riga, the greatest Baltic port. This gives Germany a footing on Russian soil within one hundred miles of her most important railroad, which runs from Warsaw thrugh Vilna and Pskov to Petrograd. There for the moment our information stops, but the operations of General Von Buelow in the Province of Courland leave no doubt as to the intention of German military strategy which is to isolate the Russian armies in Poland, and probably to initiate an attack on Petrograd.

GERMAN JUBILATION

In view of these undoubted successes it is not to be wondered at the German Emperor and the German people felicitate themselves on their military achievements and it ill becomes any fair critic of the situation to belittle them. It would, however, be equally improper to estimate these spectacular achievements at their face value. One has to look at the real objective of the German attack, which was not to occupy Warsaw or Riga merely to score a military success, but in order to place themselves in a position to defeat the Russian armies, and to reduce Russia to a state of impotency which would either compel her to make peace or render her innocuous for fighting purposes. If Germany has failed to do this she has gained nothing but military prestige, and possibly a little diplomatic influence with the neutral powers, that she has defeated or can defeat the Russian army as the culmination of the present drive is an impossibility. She may inflict further losses upon them, but the masterly manner with which the Grand Duke Nicholas effected his retreat has at least prevented the surrender of any important unit and confined the losses to such as he has sustained in rear guard fighting. The drive is not yet over, and the Russian forces are consolidating on stronger lines. But for the known shortage of ammunition and other important requisites it would be safe to predict that the German advance would proceed very little further, but in view of this acknowledged shortage, and the uncertainty as to its extent it is impossible to anticipate the policy or the movements which the Grand Duke may be forced to carry out.

RUSSIA'S RESOURCES

One thing is certain, that if the worst happens and Germany is able to carry her offensive further into Russian territory and inflict even more serious losses on the Russian armies, she cannot destroy them, because their resources of replenishing are so great and sooner or later they will come again with all the vigor and dash of newly seasoned troops. Back in the Steppes of European Russia and further East in that marvelously developing country which is no longer spoken of as "bleak Siberia," are many millions of sturdy, rugged, dogged Russians getting ready to fight for the "Little Father." However severe the blow which Germany can now strike at the legions at the front, it is nothing to the severity of the recoil when the real weight of Russian military power can make itself felt in new virile troops, thoroughly equipped. To the military achievements of Germany and Austria must be added the exploits of their Zeppelins and submarines.

ZEPPELIN AND SUBMARINE

The former has so far been practically a negligible qquantity. For the purposes of invasion it has proved to be ineffective, and there is no reason to anticipate that it will be able to assume any new phase of superiority over the defences which have hitherto rendered its efforts abortive. The subject may be dismissed for the moment. From a strategic standpoint the German submarine warfare has not been more effective than its Zeppelin raids. True, it has sunk a considerable number of merchant vessels and a few warships, it has inflicted sorrow and bereavement on many families, largely by the murder of non-combatants, but its raids on our navy are more than counterbalanced by the annihilation of its own navy outside the North Sea, and its effect on commerce is so slight that it can scarcely be tabulated. Three tenths of one per cent. of the British mercantile marine sailing to and from British ports since the outbreak of war have been affected by the operations of German submarines. The spasmodic character of their operations clearly indicates that a fairly efficient defence has been evolved. While the submarine will continue to be a menace, it has ceased to be a terror.

WHAT THE BRITISH EMPIRE HAS DONE

In spite of the depression which inevitably follows the success of an enemy, it is both gratifying and cheering to be able to turn from the military successes of Germany to tabulate the far more important naval, military and diplomatic success of Great Britain and her Allies. They are so great and so numerous that we are apt to lose sight of them, or at any rate to lose the true perspective. We take them as a matter of course, just as British born people have always taken their successes. We know that we cannot lose in the end, but we never seem to know until we appear to be half beaten what efforts we require to make in order to win. Germany's plan of campaign was practically European in its scope and range, because, although she had a few scattered colonies, she knew that both the colonies and the handful of men and ships which protected them would vanish in the early stages of the war. She counted on this, and all she could do was to resolve that they should disappear in the biggest cloud of smoke possible. On the other hand, Britain's campaign was world wide. Her Empire included nations in the Seven Seas. She had one dependency in the Orient with four times the population of the whole German Empire. She had new nationalities, numbering millions of the British born at the equator, under the Southern Cross, and in the New World. How wide the strategy, how comprehensive the plan of campaign to protect, to insure the safety of, and to guarantee the commerce of this widespread Empire. Has this objective been achieved? Let us see.

DEFINITE ACHIEVEMENTS

Our contemptible little army of three hundred thousand men was mainly instrumental in saving Paris and in changing the whole tenor of the war. Our fleet has chased every German vessel from the seas, and today there is not a port in the world, outside the North Sea and the British Isles, where Germany can offer the slightest menace to our ships, or indeed to those of any other nation. As a brilliant Servian writer recently said: "The English have today a veritable sea dominion from pole to pole. English Power upon the waters was never realized in such measure, and so effectively as now. The waters controlled by the English are more than a highway, they represent nine-tenths of the best strategic positions." Every German colony except German East Africa is now in the possession of Great Britain or her allies. One of the most brilliant achievements of the war being the successful campaign of General Louis Botha in West Africa. In addition to keeping the seas open, Great Britain has strengthened the fighting line of the Western frontier to such an extent that after a year's bombardment it is still invulnerable. She has initiated an attack on the Dardanelles which has cost thousands of lives, and much treasure, for the purpose of easing the pressure on her Russian allies. But more wonderful than all, she has in the short space of one year, in spite of mistakes, of unprepardness, and of strange new conditions, raised a volunteer army which today exceeds three million men, and by one highly competent authority is said to exceed four millions. There is no parallel to this, and there are no words to characterize fitly so stupenduous an undertaking.

KITCHENER'S ARMY

When the war broke out we had less than half a million men in all our armies. Today we have between four millions and five millions, and we have not yet touched illimitable supplies which are available in certain parts of the Empire should dire necessity arise. While doing all this the British people, and the term is intended to include all of the people of the British Empire, have kept their commercial credit unimpaired, and heavy as the financial and economic strain is Mr. Lloyd George, the man of the hour, informed the British people that if needs be we can bear it for five years. Can Germany say as much?

THE SOLIDARITY OF OUR RACE

But when all is said and done, we have done far more than sink warships, annex colonies and raise armies. We have proved that the British race is one and indivisible. That there is no difference between the Briton at home and the Briton abroad. Canada has vied with Australia, and New Zealand with South Africa in service to the Empire. The Star of Indian never shone so brightly as in its hour of dedication to its Emperor. The war has welded the Empire, solidified its foundations, and strengthened its ramparts. No shock of arms can breach the fidelity of its smallest dependency, and if at the end of a year of the bloodiest warfare the world has ever seen we find ourselves saddened at the loss of our sons, we derive encouragement from the fact that we are a solidarity in a truer sense than ever before, that old England never had braver soldiers than the Empire of today, that we possess the resources in men and material with which no other power can vie; and that the second year will inaugurate a movement in which for the first time the force of British arms will be felt, the wisdom of British strategy justified, and the principles and ideals for which our sons, like their fathers, are proud to die will be vindicated.

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British Statesmen

An Incisive Article By the Late J. Herrick MacGregor, Written in 1907

Rosebery, the sphynx of the Durdans, has been at it again. Guiding the plough stilts with his good right hand that knows not what rein he pulls with the left he has driven another lone furrow clear into and over the hyphenated liberalism of C.-B.

That must have been an impressive scene in England's upper chamber when idle Lords and privileged Commons dropping the cue, the pen, the gamp, the muffin or the tamale of the moment, sped ungartered, unbuckled and untop-hatted to join the throng of hearers who had caught the megaphone whisper of rumour that Rosebery was "up!"

Who saw him rise?
"Aye!" roared the Aves,
"With great surprise
"We saw him rise!"

Why did Primrose?
"Nobody knows,"
Murmured the Noes,
"Why Rosebery rose!"

But there he is, up and doing, and swaying tremenduously the Pears' soap unscented but mutable many of high degree who would stand by the haggis policy of their leader with the strength of party training, but whose souls echo irrepressible to the slogan of a chief.

When Rosebery speaks definitely to a question he gives one the impression not of a keen dialectitian nor an impassioned orator merely, though he is something of both, but rather of a broad-shouldered warrior marching four abreast, singing as he tramps straight down the road to the skulking foe in ambush and whistling as he whets the black knife on his untrewsed calf preparatory to the flaying of one or more unfortunate.

Its a grand sight and an impressive ceremony. The pity is that after pageant he strolls away in solitary absent mindedness, trailing gory hides of glory to his home where it is suspected that he used them to bind first folios of Walter Scott and papyrus rolls of black letter duodecimos, instead of nailing them as he should like a later Luther to the barndoor of Britain with a modern thesis against the diet of worms that are gnawing at England's greatness.

Alas! "Ich kann nicht anders" is nobody's foreward now, and our might be statesmen of expediency have adopted instead for their own and their followers' guidance the borrowed substitute of "Ich dien." A good discipline to a proud prince, but a poor motto for free men, facing time and the occasion.

With Balfour balancing on one toe, his head buried in the shifting sand of public opinion and his coat tails flapping in anticipation of the strong east wind that may blow up from the west.

With Campbell-Bannerman smilingly acquiescent to the multitudinous mandates of the free fooders of England, free renters of Ireland, free thinks of Wales, free kirkers of Scotland, free lushers of Poland, free bathers, free lunchers, free fighters, free kicks at the army, free cracks at the navy, free cockshires at the House of Lords and free cheers for Old Harry.

With Churchill the youngest, striking the gyves from the manacled pig tails of South Africa and taking snapshots of himself and the ghost of Wilberforce doing time together on Olympus.

With Lord Hugh Cecil burning the midnight oil of the British museums to prove that Magna Charta, Habeas Corpus and the third Reform Bill are all based on a true comprehension of the relative values of Alb, Cope and Stole.

With Keir Hardie forerunning the gospel of communism through the colonies and setting a private detective to watch his only other waistcoat while he yodels.

One rather yawns at the raucous voice of Freedom as she is spoke, and sighs for the days when Plancus was consul, with a vague hope that Rosebery or some other beneficient giant will appear from the dark timber and grasp the tiller of state.

What constitutes a statesman?

That is a hard question. A caustic pessimist once gave the definition "A Dead Politician," but it is not so.

Your true statesman is neither dead nor always politic but a live wire charged with the voltage of a thriving nation. He makes two blades of a jack-knife where one grew before, and at the same price.

He takes no pleasure in the strength of a pull, neither delighteth he in the lobby of men.

He is not puffed up, neither modestly as Socrates, madly as Malvolio nor magnificently as Winston.

He is a scarce article, one in a box and few in a century. He differs from the politician as such in that his personal success or failure counts for little as against the national strength and welfare that he develops.

His outlook is always on the whole of mankind, and when he builds a home policy it is with instinctive effort towards a harmonious development of internal resources of moral and economic force, against external attack.

He is a worldling and a pragmatic, but he forgets not his dreams.

He is part philosopher, but truth with him is not a finality nor a road that he may always follow.

George Washington as a soldier may never have lied but as a statesman, if he maintained the same standard throughout, it was to keep the other fellows guessing when he was going to begin.

He is part artist but his art is not for arts' sake. His work is for a distant end, and is less self expression thn self repression.

He is a labouring man, for he toils eight hours a day, and a fool, for he works eight hours a night, and his wage is on the sliding scale of fame.

To jump from abstractions to the concrete. Lord Cromer is a pretty fair specimen of a statesmen. There may be other Cullinans in the clay, but he goes a good many carats.

Treve, he was an administrator and an oppointee rather than an elected representative, but for that matter any prime minister is the same thing, or would be if he conscientiously abstained from worrying about next election day and the evil thereof.

When the people's representative keeps his desk telephone constantly switched on to the vox populi connection he is liable to mistake the roar of a "No Popery" riot for the voice of God and the blaze of a burning nigger for a beacon light of caucasian civilisation.

Such little errors of judgment have side tracked many an aspirant for a niche in Westminster Abbey and a column in Gosnell's year book.

Whether he barricades the Nile and makes a garden of the desert or builds a new Britain on a new ocean, the budding statesman desigus his work far in advance of construction and is not stampeded at a flood tide or freshet.

He may alter his plans to meet the shifting alluvial topography, he may extend or enlarge his original intentions, but the principle of his structure will re to stand or fall according to the wisdom of his choice. Somewhere through his scheme he draws a base line, and groups his articulated creation about it joint by joint as need or inclination impels.

Bizarre it may be, weak in places, and finally proven to be wrong in detail, but at least it is verteable, coherent and definitely conformable to the ambitions and belief of the state's man.

London Gossip

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King George's Journeys

The King's round of visits to the troops in France, to the workers in shipyards, docks, and engineering shops, and to the sailors of the Grand Fleet have been undertaken in that practical spirit which is characteristic of His Majesty. The absence of State formality, or "royal progress" has greatly enhanced the value of the visits not only in the eyes of those with whom the King was specially concerned at the moment, but the public generally. His Majesty had the most cordial reception on July 10th, when he returned from the Grand Fleet. His last visit to the Grand Fleet took place at the end of February, but on that occasion he was only able to see a portion of it, though he was on board representative ships of all classes.

London's Fourteenth of July

London has had many flag days since war began, but not one more hearty and unanimous than French Flag Day, which was held on July 14th. While the men of France were celebrating Quartorze Julliett in the trenches by singing the "Marseillaise," we over here were doing what we could for France, if it were only by buying a buttonhole tricolor. The French colors glowed everywhere in the overcast streets. In some West End streets one walked under a sort of canopy of flags. Twenty thousand women sellers were let loose on London in the morning. Having got your flag you could then invest in the model of a 75 gun, or a beautiful medallion—a million had been sent over from France for sale in this country—showing charity feeding the homeless women and children. Actresses in motors were scouring London, and seeing that every car had a big flag to show on its bonnet. Indeed you saw the tricolor on nearly everything on wheels, from the biggest Rolls-Royce down to the coaster's barrow. The be-ribboned car of Gaby Deslys made a bright streak as it rushed about, and it was one of the amusements of the day to see the alert Parisian actress radiant in pink chiffon coaxing gold out of returned officers, but by no means refusing "any leedle."

Ten Victoria Crosses

Heroes by the score went to Buckingham Palace on July 12th, to receive their decorations from the King at the first big investiture held since the war. For the crowd the greatest moment, the climax of hours of patient waiting, was the emergence from the coutryard of nine V. C.'s in a bunch, all wearing the shining cross with the crimson ribbon, where it had been placed by the King. They came across the empty courtyard, sticking close together, as if to support one another in the ordeal that was to come upon them as soon as the hero-worshippers outside were let loose upon them. The tenth V. C. had made good his escape, or was lurking somewhere in the Palace until calmer times. The nine had prepared a little manoeuvre with a green motor-car, but it was a failure. The car was waiting across the road to rescue them, but before it could get to their side the hero-wosshippers were upon them. Two girls rushed up and gave one V. C. hearty kisses, and he bore them heroically, but the friendly mobbing that followed from all sorts of people was less relished. Everyone tried to shake hands at once; those who could not get hold of a hand slapped a hero on the back. The V. C.'s struggled through the crowd to the motor, one of them remarking, "I'd rather have the Germans." Eight of them swarmed into and upon it, and the car backed into the courtyard, where the worshippers could not follow it. The cab made a dash for the other side entrance, but things were quite as embarrassing there, and finally the cab full of heroes got away at a snail's pace through a crush of people.

Letters From Southwest Africa

Letters which have been recently received in this country from members of the force which has been operating under General Botha in Southwest Africa, throw into high relief the strong character of this great leader of men, and the difficulty of the enterprise which has been crowned with success. Botha's moral influence over his men has something paternal about it. In these letters he is frequently referred to as "The Old Man," and the writers invariably have expressed a dogmatic confidence that whatever his plans might be they were sure to mature with unfailing success. The event has justified the anticipations. Many of the men who fought with him were tough, seasoned fighters. Some fought with him during the South African campaign. Many of them then fought against him, but the admiration of the latter for his determined courage and his high code of personal honor is as keen as is that of his own burghers. One writer doubts whether the rigours of the march from the sea to Windhock have yet been adequately realised in this country. Men and horses suffered terribly from the intense heat, and on many occasions the lack of water caused a pitiless thirst. The men took it cheerfully, but as an instance of the effect of the blazing rays of the sun on the sandy, stony ground I may mention one incident. One man wagered another man a sovereign that he would not walk barefoot a distance of some thirty yards from one tent to another. The wager was taken, but after the first three or four steps the intrepid acceptor collapsed. The ground was almost like red hot iron.

ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE

Some of the best pictures seen for many a day are being shown at the Royal Victoria this week. In view of the really good show it was regretable that larger audiences were not present. For the last three days programme the special features are "The Maid of the Mountains," and "The Accomplice," two films which alone are worth the price of admission. In addition, there are several other reels, including "Cartoon Laughs," which complete a bill which deserves a large patronage.

THE PRINCESS

A play of rather uncommon interest is found in "The Truth," at the Princess this week. The theme develops through the inability of an otherwise charming young wife to tell the truth, thus nearly losing forever her husband's confidence and love. Miss Felton is convincingly easy and natural in the leading role, and Miss Saindon is good in a rather dull part. Mrs. R. P. Allen and Chas. Connors provide a rich vein of humour, and Biron Eagon is particularly happy in his portrayal of the character of the young husband, an important and difficult role. Mr. Charles Bennett is being carefully initiated into more prominent roles and will shortly be quite a credit to the company.

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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 Henry Holmes on the 27th day of June, 1912, and numbered 5623F, which has been lost.

DATED at the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., this 29th day of July, 1915.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Observer's Residence at Little Saanich Mountain, Victoria, B.C.," will be received at this office until 4.00 p.m., on Friday, August 20, 1915, for the construction of the above mentioned building.

Plans, specifications and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of Mr. Wm. Henderson, Resident Architect, Victoria, B.C., at the Post Office, Vancouver, B.C., and at this Department.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest o rany tender.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, July 23, 1915.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.—32814.

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To the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the Municipality of Saanich.

TAKE NOTICE that application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the Municipality of Saanich at their next sitting for a transfer of the hotel license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors, now held by me, for the premises known as the Burnside Hotel, on the Burnside Road, in the said District, to Terrence Carlin, of the said district.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

I have attended many ceremonies on Beacon Hill, mostly the annual celebrations of Victoria Day when "Jollity" is King. This year there was no Victoria Day, and yet the ceremony of Wednesday brought vividly to my mind recollections of the noble queen to whose grandson the eyes of the Empire are turned in its hour of crisis. The assembly was large, possibly numbering five thousand, yet only half as large as the crowd I have seen in happier days. At the first blush this might seem to indicate indifference to the occasion on the part of our citizens, but I attribute it to an entirely different cause. People are in no mood for publicity, for display, or for celebrations of any kind just now. It seems to be the irony of fate that while the Russian Forces are in full, though glorious, retreat at the end of the severest onslaught since the beginning of the war, that with the hordes of Huns thundering at the gates of Warsaw, and Von Buelow sweeping down from the north with thirty thousand Uhlans in an endeavor to cut the communications with Petrograd, there should be any ostentatious ceremony in any country represented by the Allies. Human feeling resents the suggestion, and was only half reconciled to Wednesday's ceremony because it was Empire wide, it had been ordered by the King, and it was to be of the dedicatory character. In this respect there is no reason to doubt that the proper spirit of the day was everywhere observed. In Victoria the proceedings were characterized by an entire lack of noise or boisterousness. There was a distinct note of seriousness, not to say gravity, and the universal feeling was well reflected in the official resolution made by our people to prosecute the war to a victorious end. The proceedings on Beacon Hill were admirably arranged. The programme was brief and entirely suitable to the occasion. A few plain, simple, convincing words from the Mayor, a fervid invocation by Bishop McDonald which found a response in every heart, a short pointed direct appeal from Sir Richard McBride, and an altogether admirable convincing and touching address by Mr. H. C. Brewster, who was never heard to such advantage and who gained many friends by his serious and earnest manner. The programme was brought to a fitting close by the Lieutenant-Governor, who rightly interpreted the wishes of the vast audience by voicing a special message to His Majesty the King. Then the crowd melted away as quietly as it had assembled, with the resolve so forcibly expressed by Mr. Brewster that everyone would do his "little bit" for that great cause on the success of which the future of Canada as a part of the British Empire depends.

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I intended to have said something last week on a subject very near to my heart, and only delayed doing so out of a consideration for those happy days when there was not a more enthusiastic tennis player than the Lounger. Of course, the reference is to the B. C. Tennis Tournament and the fact that I was not the only one to be saddened at the sight of twenty or thirty athletic young fellows playing tennis when they should be fighting for their country. I hope no tennis player will take this remark unkindly. If anyone has a right to make it, one who has played the game for fifty years, and is represented at the front by a son, can do so. I, therefore, make no apology for asking the tennis players of Victoria who are of military age, which means between 18 and 45, and who could pass the medical examination, to reconsider their position. To ask themselves whether they can justify staying at home and playing their favorite game here when they could be playing the "real game" at the front. This has no reference to men who are medically unfit, but few men medically unfit can play tournament tennis, and no player however enthusiastic can, with the glorious example of our champion Anthony Wilding before his eyes, justify staying at home. It is no answer to this criticism to say that tennis has given hundreds, and may be thousands, of its exponents to the British forces. So has cricket, so has lacrosse, so has football. But the game has taught its votaries little if it has failed to teach them that as long as men are called for they should be the first to respond.

There is no more marked feature of the present scene than the growing popularity of those summer resorts which are within easy distance of Victoria. When one sees a list of two hundred visitors in a week, one begins to wonder how the public managed when there was no Sol Duc, no Qualicum Inn, and no Brentwood. While thousands of visitors from all parts of the world gravitate to these splendid resorts, Victoria seems to furnish if not a majority at any rate a very considerable proportion of the whole. The reason of this is not far to seek. The three resorts mentioned offer every variety of attraction which holiday makers require. The celebrated waters of Sol Duc are curative. The golf links of Qualicum Inn are recuperative, and the glorious sea-bathing rendered a luxury by a long stretch of hot sands is not to be matched anywhere north of San Francisco. The special attraction of Brentwood, in addition to the fact that it can be reached in half an hour from Victoria, is the boating and fishing of Saanich Inlet and the luxurious catering and appointments of the hotel. Some people like to go further afield than the resorts I have mentioned for their occasional holiday. Not so Lounger, who has sampled them all and does not know which he likes best. The only way for my readers to settle this momentous question is to do likewise.

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There is an old proverb to the effect that "the early bird catches the worm." The latest paraphrase of this is "The early fisherman catches the salmon," which is my way of saying that the pink beauties are now "running" both fast and furiously. My next door neighbour went out at four o'clock on Thursday morning and before breakfast at eight had caught seven, within the turbulent waters of Trial Island. I understand that just as good sport is to be had at Brotchie Ledge. I hope some morning to have sufficient courage to stroll, I mean troll, for myself. I once did so, about six years ago, with such satisfactory results that I have been afraid to repeat the experiment lest I should not do so well. However now is the time for all men to "fush."

Lounger.

"SOTTO VOCE"

By the Hornet

That the nurses of the B. C. Hospital are to be congratulated on their smart costume, which is indirectly a compliment to the 5th Regiment.

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That while there has been a little heart-burning about the selection of the nurses, it is better to have it now than later.

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That no doubt many excellent women are qualified to nurse but their qualification does not include a diploma.

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That in the absence of this little formality it is hardly fair to other nurses or to the boys at the front to break the regulations.

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That before the war is over work of some kind will be found for every man and woman willing to undertake it.

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That the remarks of General Lessard on the subject of machine-guns furnish food for serious reflection.

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That The Week has always maintained that it was the duty of the Government to complete the equipment of our forces.

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That the demands of private charity will be so great that every dollar ought to be conserved for charitable purposes.

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That the Red Cross Fund is doing nobly, and more than justifying its claim to the premier position among organizations of its class.

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That readers of the daily press are still looking in vain for the names of Victoria's richest men among the donors of the Red Cross or the Patriotic Aid Funds.

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That if a straw shows which way the wind blows, the politicians of Canada would do well to study the example of New Zealand which has just established a Coalition Government.

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That Australia is seriously considering the adoption of a similar course.

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That the distaste for elections, until the war is over, is growing daily in every part of the Empire.

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That the politicians of Manitoba have "got their work in," and are now able to announce that no warrants for the arrest of ex-ministers will be issued at present.

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That this will not prevent, it will only delay the Nemesis which is on their track.

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That since last Friday week the people of Vancouver are asking what has become of Cotsworth and Cooke.

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That it is currently reported that they have taken to the woods.

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That when the Attorney General is "good and ready" he generally manages to get there.

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That the "Crisis in B.C." has now become a crisis in the affairs of C. and C.

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That H. Parnell, of Metchosin, may be a Liberal but he is also a good sport.

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That he is the only one of the Attorney-General's critics who has contributed $750 to the machine-gun fund.

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That he must be a god-send to the Liberal press these hard times.

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That no doubt the Victoria Times and the Vancouver World hope he will continue to publish his political views at the usual advertising rates.

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That he might prove his "independence" by giving the poor Conservative papers a share of his patronage.

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That The Week would be glad to make him a substantial reduction for cash.

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That the more one examines the Land Scheme of the unemployment committee the more unworkable it looks.

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That if there had been one or two practical farmers on the committee the scheme would have been drafted very differently.

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That meanwhile we seem to be getting very little nearer to a solution of the Unemployment Problem.

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That "Hornet" overheard a woman say in Beacon Hill Park, at Wednesday's ceremony, that the Aldermen on the platform were "a good looking bunch," especially the gentleman with the green feather in his hat.

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That needless to say the prevailing colour in this lady's costume was Orange.

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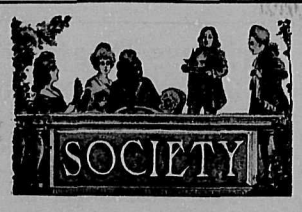

One of the most interesting weddings of the season took place last Saturday, uly 31st, at the Reformed Episcopal Church, when Cecilia, daughter of Dr. J. D. Helmcken and Mrs. Helmcken, was united in marriage to Douglas Bashby, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen.

The bride looked very fair and lovely in a graceful gown of white satin veiled with tulle, and wreath of orange blossoms. She wore a pearl pendant, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids, the Misses Edith and Ethel Helmcken were daintily attired in pretty girlish dresses of white net, with white chiffon hats trimmed with water lilies. Their bouquets were of pink rose buds. Little Miss Audrey Bushby, as flower girl, wore a Kate Greenaway frock of white silk, and a Dutch bonnet, carrying a basket of sweet peas. Lieutenant J. P. D. Pemberton was best man.

Owing to present conditions, by request of both families, the nuptials were celebrated very quietly, only a few intimate friends being present. The bridegroom holds the rank of Captain in the 67th Battalion "Western Scots."

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A fashionable attendance is expected this afternoon at the Jubilee Hospital grounds for the Red Cross cricket match between Victoria and Vancouver. A comfortable marquee has been erected and table for tea may be reserved. Mrs. F. B. Pemberton has kindly undertaken charge, and a number of young ladies will wait upon the guests.

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Visitors to Sol Duc last week included a number of well known Victorians whose presence added greatly to the gaiety of this popular resort. Mrs. W. J. Roper got up a bal masque which was immensely enjoyed by everyone. Mr. and Mrs. Agnew, of Victoria, took the first prizes as "Martha Washington" and "Beau Brummel," respectively, and Mrs. McAnally, of Cadboro Bay, was a great success in witch's costume with scarlet cloak and pointed hat, taking first prize for the best sustained character. Mrs. Butchart, of Tod Inlet, inaugurated a most successful gymhana, which included an amusing donkey race, and several ingenious features.

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Last Monday evening members of the nursing staff about to leave for the front were entertained at the Nurse's Home by Dr. and Mrs. Hasell and the nursing staff of the Jubilee Hospital. During the week the nurses have been entertained by a large number of friends.

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Major-General F. L. Lessard, C.B., has spent several days in Victoria, being especially engaged in inspecting the military units here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Drummond, of Vancouver, spent last week-end in Victoria. They are now registered at the Qualicum Beach Inn.

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Mrs. O'Neill Hayes is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour in camp at Deep Cove.

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The appointment of Miss Wilson, of Winnipeg, as head of the nursing stag, No. 5 Division, B.C. Hospital, shortly leaving for the front, is extremely popular with both nurses and doctors, her capabilities being universally recognized.

Among the registrations at the Hotel Westholme this week are: S. B. Taube, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and child, Thos. MacKay and J. Robinson, Strome, Alta.; B. Brinton, Vancouver.

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A most successful fete for the Red Cross Fund was held at Thetis Island last Saturday, in Mr. Burchete's grounds. The sum of $230 was realized for the Fund. A concert was given in the out-door theatre, and various side shows were well patronized. The refreshment stalls, held by the I.O.D.E. were served by young ladies in the costum of Red Cross Nurses. The other stall holders being clad as Great Britain and the Allies, Russian being particularly gorgeous. A large crow of people attended, some coming a great distance. Perfect weath and a good band completed a most enjoyable fete.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roper have returned from Sol Duc where Mr. Roper's health was much benefitted.

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Dr. M. J. Keys has been appointed assistant medical officer of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital. He is a graduate of McGill University, and has had wide experience in London hospitals. Dr. Keys replaces Dr. Arnott who has accepted the position of local medical superintendent of the B.C. Copper Company at Greenwood.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Forbes and family have returned from a week in camp at Smuggler's Cove, Ten Mile Point.

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Mrs. Louie Burrell and her little daughter have returned from camp at Brentwood and are staying at Ailsa Mansions.

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A flannel dance was held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club last night.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Haggard and Mrs. Haggard, of Cowichan Lake, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

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Many friends will be interested to hear that Captain E. C. Musgrave and Lieutenant Andrew Mellin of Kitchener's second army, left for France on July 30th.

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As a result of the fete held last week at the residence of Colonel and Mrs. Coy, the sum of $347.75 was netted in aid of the Blue Cross Fund for wounded horses.

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C. R. V. Bagshawe, son of Mr. E. C. V. Bagshawe, left last week for England to take up a commission in the Royal Field Artillery.

*

Mrs. George Simpson gave a successful fancy dress carnival and dance at the Gorge pavilion last Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Belson will leave for England in about three weeks. Mr. Belson will take up his commission in the Imperial forces immediately on his arrival in the Old Country.

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Mrs. Rochfort and Miss Cherry Rochfort, Runnymede Avenue, left for England last week.

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Mrs. R. Diespecker left on the S.S. Niagara last Wednesday for Australia, from where she will proceed to join her husband in South Africa.

*

Mrs. Street and the Misses Street are visiting at Cowichan Lake.

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Mr. and Mrs. Slater are the guests of Mrs. Greene at Cowichan.

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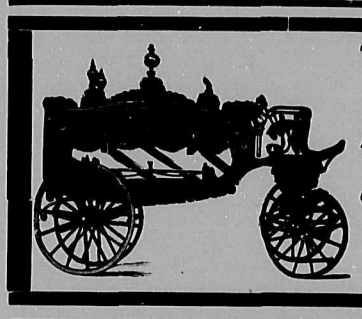

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