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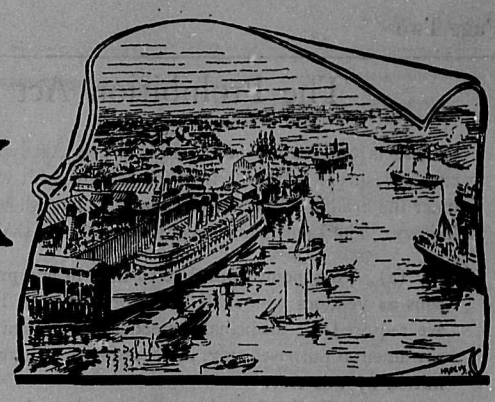

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Progress of the War

THE passing of the week chronicles the continuance of the great offensive. There have been no spectacular victories on the Western front, and no great haul of prisoners or materials, but the advance both by British and French troops has been continuous and in the aggregate a not inconsiderable number of men and guns have been seized. It is quite clear that the offensive is to be not a brilliant dash, but continued steady pressure, and as this is now being exerted on all fronts, it must sooner, or later wear down the resistance of the Central Powers. That it is the wisest policy we must all believe, and the Empire will have the fullest confidence in the strategy of the great generals who have devised it. Germany shows no inclination to abandon her assault on Verdun. Indeed she is pressing it home, and there is little doubt that the forward movement of the Allies in Northern France is due to the great pressure exerted by Germany around Verdun. The confidence of the French is not shaken, and there seems no reason to question that they will be able to keep the Crown Prince's Army at bay. Recent movements in Flanders indicate the interesting possibility of a strong British advance in that sector, in which case our Navy would be able to co-operate. Nothing would be less surprising than that an offensive is preparing in which King Albert and his brave soldiers will bear a conspicuous part. Meanwhile Russia continues to hold the offensive on the Eastern Frontier. Although her headlong course has been temporarily checked she is making gains every day, and is still easily able to exercise the initiative. The week is one of justified optimism, and the Empire breathes easier than at any time since the outbreak of war.

The Provincial Elections

THE Writs have been issued fixing September 14th as the date of the Provincial Elections, and "willy nilly" the next two months we shall be compelled to take some interest in matters which most of us would have been glad to taboo during the War. There are several features of the impending campaign which should be kept in mind. The first is that however disinclined people may be to discuss political issues, it will not help the War to ignore them. Indeed something much to the disadvantage of the Province might well happen if people generally refused to interest themselves in the Elections, and allowed matters to drift. Men have said on the streets that they would not vote, but an attitude of indifference cannot be justified under any circumstances, and on the present occasion the more we have the great interests of the country and the Empire at heart, the more is it our bounden duty to exercise the franchise in order that those interests may be safeguarded. The next outstanding feature of the situation is that many people are dissatisfied with some recent legislation, and on that account are not taking part in the campaign. The Week would urge such to reconsider their position. It objects as much as anyone to some of the Legislative enactments of the last Session, and has exercised its right to say so, but dissatisfaction with part of a Government programme is a poor justification for withdrawing all support, and so playing into the hands of the enemy. Any Conservatives who may feel slack in this regard should ask themselves whether they wish to carry their resentment to the length of helping the Liberals into power. If so, well and good, and in that case it would be more consistent if they went to the polls and voted for Mr. Brewster and his ticket. In any event they should remember that the Conservative party, through its elected representatives has on the whole given this Province good government for thirteen years, and there is no evidence in sight that a change of Government would improve matters. For any Conservatives to contribute to such a disaster would be "cutting off their nose to spite their face." This brings us to the crucial feature of the Elections, which undoubtedly is that while the people are heartily sick of certain phases of political life, such as machine control, the abuse of patronage, and irregularities at elections, they are above all things anxious to secure a good business Government. There is no use denying the fact that the Province is "in a parlous state," with heavy accrued liabilities which are increasing, and with diminishing revenues. It is neither a time to swap horses, nor to try experiments. We have the natural resources which, if wisely developed, can make this Province rich and prosperous; the Conservative administrations have shown themselves keenly alive to the importance of developing those resources, and the new Minister of Mines, who possesses public confidence, has outlined a practical policy which he is industriously pursuing. There is a greater renewed activity in the sale of mining property, and there is little doubt that if Mr. Lorne Campbell is allowed a free hand, this great industrial department will experience an era of prosperity unprecedented in the history of the Province. The improved condition of the lumber industry is leading to greater activity both in manufacturing and in the sale of timber areas, whilst agriculture is claiming more attention at the hands of the Government than ever before, and Mr. Bowser's administration has started out with a Minister of Agriculture. The Week believes that the majority of the electors in British Columbia will be unwilling to transfer the reins of power to the Liberal leaders under these circumstances, especially as they have proved themselves more capable of raising a host of unfounded charges than of contributing any constructive ideas to the Provincial policy. Whatever chance Mr. Brewster had has certainly not been enhanced by the achievements of the Opposition during the recent Session, and his action in issuing the Writ which aims at disqualifying all the legislative acts of the Session was widely resented by business men, not only because of the lack of acumen, which it displays, but also because it evidences a policy of desperation. The Week does not predict a sweeping victory for the Conservative Party; it expects, and would much prefer to see a strong Liberal Opposition in the House, and for this reason regrets all the more that Mr. Brewster has not been able to attract influential public men to his platform. It is no exaggeration to say that he comes before the Electors with a weak, destructive policy, and a weak ticket. There is no doubt that the personal element will weigh more than usual in the forthcoming Elections, the general determination being to return men of good character and proved capacity. Nothing would be so certain to presage defeat to the Government as to disregard this. It should be the paramount consideration with those conventions which are yet to be held. Despite the mistakes of the past, and the resentment aroused during the last Session, The Week believes that this Province is still Conservative at heart, and is not prepared to transfer the Government to a party which has only one asset—the respectability of its leader.

The Pilgrims Luncheon

ON Wednesday the Pilgrims' Club, of London, gave a luncheon to a former Assistant Attorney General of the United States. They were fortunate in securing the attendance of Viscount Bryce, who ever since his term of office as Ambassador at Washington has been a "persona grata" with the American people. Viscount Bryce is a man of strong individuality, of remarkable breadth of view, of recognized peace proclivities, and one of the greatest living exponents of democratic principles. Anything, therefore, which he has to say on the subject of peace and war would be of peculiar interest, because he would go further than most men to prevent war. At one time he came dangerously near being classified with the peace-at-any-price adherents, but he just escaped. The Pilgrims' luncheon furnished the occasion to discuss this subject, and especially to reply to an address signed by Americans, many of whom had just come from Germany. The address contained one clause which furnished Viscount Bryce with an excellent text: "The War must end in a draw; why not make peace at once and save further bloodshed?" The learned speaker scouted such a statement, and declared peace to be impossible. In the first place he denounced the idea that the War would end in a draw. He was certain that the Allies would win, because "they would prove to be stronger on land, and of their supremacy on sea there was no question." He then pointed out that peace was impossible now because no terms which the German Government would accept would satisfy the Allies. Any peace now would be a patched up peace, not permanent, a mere truce. Viscount Bryce drove this home with irresistible force, pointing out that the strongest reason of all why peace was impossible now was because "the Allies are fighting for great principles, which the German Government has outraged, and which at all costs must be vindicated." This is an epitome of the case from the lips of an able statesman and a brilliant scholar. It was most appropriate that it should have been uttered at such a time and place. There is no doubt that it will produce a profound impression in the United States, where the noble speaker is so well known, and where the opinions of hardly any other public man would be received with as much respect.

Returned Soldiers

THE COLONIST is perfectly right when it points out that the proper time to begin the consideration of plans for the settlement of returned soldiers was when the War broke out. That is nearly two years ago, and even yet little but missionary work has been done. The only practical suggestion has reference to Land Settlement. The suggestion emanated from the Home Government, and has been taken up by every Dominion. It was natural that this should be the first subject considered, because all the Overseas Dominions have large areas unoccupied and clamouring for cultivation. It is in line with the genius of the British Empire to build up its dependencies by colonization, just as it is in line with the best fiscal policy of the Dominions to settle their lands first. With this desire and with Land Settlement as the first plank in the Imperial platform no fault can be found. The mission of Sir Rider Haggard emphasizes its importance, and since it is now certain to result in the "open door," we have at least the nucleus of an Imperial scheme. The Week, however, would venture to suggest that while this phase of the subject cannot be too thoroughly thought out, or too carefully elaborated, it barely touches the fringe of a great question. We are too apt to think of Land Settlement as an enterprise in which any man can engage. We think of other industries as more or less expert and requiring special training and preparation, but we think of farming as an occupation into which any man can tumble at will and make a living. There could be no greater mistake, under latter day conditions farming is not only a highly scientific industry, but one which offers few rewards if a man is not specially trained. The sole exception to this general statement is wheat-growing on the prairies, and that may be dismissed without much consideration, because very few of our returned soldiers could be expected to withstand the rigors of the prairie climate. The tendency now-a-days is not to rule-of-thumb farming, but to intensive cultivation. This pre-supposes not only vocational training, but capital. Mr. E. H. Scammell, who accompanied Sir Rider Haggard, made it clear that vocational training is contemplated, but no one has yet faced the graver problem of sufficient capital to ensure success, especially in a Province like British Columbia. As high an authority as Mr. W. E. Scott, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, has said recently that no land costing more than two hundred dollars an acre when ready for the plough can be farmed profitably. What then is to become of most of the land in British Columbia, which would cost as much or more than this merely for clearing? But the problem is much bigger than this. The opinion of The Week is confirmed by a very high authority that not more than one per cent. of the returned soldiers will be prepared to settle on the land. What provision then is to be made for the other ninety-nine per cent? The vast proportions of their number dwarfs into insignificance the Land Question, which, however important in itself, becomes relatively of little importance. No doubt Mr. Scammell's idea of vocational training is applicable to all trades and industries, but what is required is that co-ordination of effort, which will help the men who may be prepared to take this training and to fit themselves for occupations in which they can earn a living. This all leads to the big question of manufacturing enterprises, and accentuates in the most impressive manner the utter lack of such provision in British Columbia. The Colonist is wise in suggesting that this is primarily a matter for the Federal Government, but it is also a matter for each Provincial Government, because it is so intimately associated, not only with the welfare of the returned soldiers, but with local development and prosperity. It is a subject which cannot be too quickly considered; the problem which it is calculated to solve may be with us sooner than we are aware.

French Patriotic Society

THE French Patriotic Society of Victoria, of which the President is Madame Sanderson-Mongin, is holding a "Tag Day" on Friday of next week, in aid of French Soldiers, of destitute War Widows and Orphans, and of the Blind and Crippled in France. The Local Branch is affiliated with the Ouvroir Holophane, Boulevarde Hauffman, Paris, which is associated with the work of the French Red Cross Society. The President of the Ouvroir Holophane is Madame Waddington, wife of the French Ambassador, and associated with her are many prominent British and French men and women of the Society which works for the wounded, crippled and destitute French soldiers and their dependents. The date of the "Tag Day" is well chosen, for it is that of the French National holiday, established for the celebration of the fall of the Bastille in the Revolution of 1789. On that day the French people were fighting to destroy the same domineering spirit of senseless autocracy which is the curse of Germany today, and which has precipitated the present war. This circumstance adds force to the appeal, and taken in conjunction with the splendid work of our Allies, should move the heart of every Victorian to do his "bit" towards making this "Tag Day" a success.

Congratulations to Sir Edward Grey on his elevation to the Peerage. No man ever better deserved the high honour, or will carry it with greater modesty. His services to the Empire in her hour of sorest need have been second only to those of Kitchener. Sir Edward Grey has proved himself to be the greatest living diplomat and his ability in exposing the duplicity and chicanery of the German Foreign Office have secured him an enduring place in the history of his country.

The Victoria Times made its usual bad guess as to the date of the Elections. The day before the Premier announced it as September 14th, the Times argued that a reference of the Premier to the action of the British Government in refusing to allow Canadians to vote in France presaged the probability of an earlier date, instead of which it turns out to be a week later than the latest date which had been mentioned. It is just possible that Mr. Bowser was having his little joke, knowing how easily the Times would fall into the trap.

Rarely has a Judge spoken so emphatically as Mr. Justice Murphy in deprecating the action of one Gillespie, of Vancouver, a mean scoundrel who had been befriended by the late Hon. C. E. Pooley, and then tried to rob his estate and to besmirch his character. There has not been a more honourable man in British Columbia than Mr. Pooley. He was one of the finest and best of our pioneers, and when Mr. Justice Murphy said that there was not the slightest ground for any reflection on him, he said what everyone knows to be the simple truth.

If letter writing would build the Johnson Street Bridge the people of Victoria would have been walking across it long ago. In fact one almost begins to wonder whether it has not been written to death. The Colonist is right in one thing—the public want the bridge, and as every other scheme has failed, it might be well to see if the Government cannot carry it through. There is little doubt that if it were prepared to do so, there would be a possibility of making better terms for the right of way. There is no encouragement to the holders of the approaches to reduce their price, unless there is business in sight. As a rule people will not run round offering reductions.

The Hamilton Spectator has now fallen foul of the Editor of the Colonist with reference to his remarks on the word "endorsation." The Week cannot repress a little gratification at this, because the Hamilton Spectator really is an authority. At the time the Colonist condemned its use, and said there was no such word The Week detailed a member of its staff to write an erudite article on the subject, giving numerous references on the origin, use and meaning of the word. But possibly he had all his trouble for nothing, and the Editor of the Colonist never saw the article. If he had seen it I do not think he would have continued to ask "What is the use of the word, anyway?"

William Blakemore

The Prohibition Act

There is one feature of the Prohibition Act which has attracted widespread interest. It is the feature dealt with in Clause 4, under the heading **"Vendors of Liquor."** The whole clause reads as follows: "The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power

(a) To appoint from time to time fit and proper persons as vendors who shall keep for sale such liquors as are required for medicinal, mechanical, scientific, and sacramental purposes only, in accordance with and as permitted by this Act:

(b) To fix the salary to be paid vendors, and the price for which liquor shall be sold:

(c) To make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing the duties of vendors and the manner in which vendors may sell liquor under this Act, and to make such other regulations as may be deemed necessary for the proper administration and carrying into effect the provisions of this Act."

This subject of Government **Vendors** has become a burning question in other Provinces, especially Saskatchewan, where the system has been grossly abused. It has led to the springing up of a host of **Vendors** all over the Province, and as they are all political appointees, it can easily be imagined how little real control there is over their actions.

It is because of the so widespread determination on the part of the public to obtain liquor that the druggists of British Columbia refused to become **Vendors** under the Provisions of this Clause, well knowing that the traffic conducted under the abnormal conditions incident to the Prohibition Act would prove derogatory to their business.

Anyone who reads Clause 7, which specifies the persons to whom a vendor may sell liquor, will realize that this Clause is really the "Joker" in the pack. It specifies that a sale may be made **to any person for mechanical or scientific purposes, to any druggist, to any physician, to any dentist, to any veterinary, to the person in charge of any hospital, to any Minister of the Gospel, and to any person for strictly medicinal purposes.**

The only safeguard which the Act provides is that in certain places the purchaser must make an affidavit that the liquor is to be used only for the purpose specified. This may be all right in the case of the man who intends to keep the law, but laws are made for law-breakers, and probably the most ardent Prohibitionist would not deny that the making of an affidavit would not lie very heavily on the conscience of a thirsty man if it enabled him to procure the liquor. Once in his possession, it would require a "spotter" for every purchaser to prevent it being perverted from use under the Provisions of the Act.

It is no exaggeration to say that the large number of persons entitled to procure liquor from the vendor opens the door so wide for abuse that no possible amount of Government inspection could prevent it.

Clause 11 is worth noting. It reads as follows:

11. "Except as provided by this Act no person by himself, his Clerk, Servant or Agent shall have or keep or give liquor in any place wheresoever, other than in the private dwelling house in which he resides.

Once again this designates the private dwelling house as the only safe drinking place. **All roads lead to the "private dwelling house."** There is no limit to the quantity of liquor which may be purchased or stored there, the only restriction is that if purchased in bulk it must be imported, and if purchased from the vendor in smaller quantities under the Provisions of the Act, it may be stored there.

Sub-section 3 of Clause 14 provides an open door for the physician, and while it is not suggested that the physicians of British Columbia are one whit worse than those of any other Province, it may be pointed out that they would have to be a great deal better, if they did not abuse the Act.

In the Maritime Provinces, which were under the Scott Act for many years, unworthy physicians constantly pandered to the craving for liquor until it became a scandal. In Seattle today there are physicians attached to the leading hotels, for the express purpose of issuing prescriptions.

Section 3 of Clause 14 commences as follows:

"3. Any physician who deems liquor necessary for the health of any patient of his, whom he has seen or visited professionally, may give to such patient a written prescription therefor."

A similar Section follows with reference to dentists, veterinaries and druggists, so that anything approaching a due observance of the Act depends upon a large number of men identifying themselves with the **intention** of the Act, which, to say the least, is a "large order."

Clause 26 is one of the most remarkable to be found in any Act of Parliament. It raises the very pertinent question: When is a house not a house? The Clause reads as follows:

"26. If the occupant of any private dwelling house, or of any part thereof is convicted of any offence against any of the provisions of this Act, committed in or in respect of such house, the same shall cease to be a private dwelling house within the meaning of this Act, during the time the person so convicted occupies the said house or any part thereof."

No doubt it is perfectly right that the person who breaks a law shall be penalised, and in the penal caluses of this Act ample provision is made for penalties which amount to punishments. But it is a novel idea, and surely un-British that a private dwelling house should cease to be a private dwelling house, if its occupant has been convicted.

Such a **clause is bound to inflict great hardship upon a number of innocent persons**, and that quite unnecessarily. It is a confession of weakness on the part of those charged with the administration of the Act, and like many other Clauses, violates the sound principles of British justice. Indeed there is no precedent in the British Empire for such a drastic and unfair provision.

SIR RIDER HAGGARD

Romancist, Philanthropist and Propagandist

(By Bohemian.)

Among the many interesting men whom the whirligig of fortune has brought round to Victoria, few have proved to be more interesting or more stimulating than Sir Rider Haggard. We have all made his acquaintance through the most charming romances which contemporary fiction yield, and if his later books lack something of that freshness and elan of "King Solomon's Mines," "Allan Quartermaine" and "She," it is only by comparison with those incomparable romances, and certainly not when measured by the works of any other writer that this is noticeable.

Twenty years ago the reputation of Sir Rider Haggard rested entirely on his books. Today it rests upon a much broader basis, and he has come to be recognized as the "Man of Letters," who having accumulated a competency, flung himself with all the vim of his forceful and rugged nature into the service of his fellow men, and especially into those branches of service which aim chiefly at alleviating suffering and sorrow.

It is this devotion to the public good which singles him out as the one man best qualified to make an Empire wide tour in the interests of our Soldiers. His selection for this responsible position by so important and influential an organization as the Colonial Institute is the highest compliment which could be paid to any man, but it is a compliment fully deserved and one which will be justified by the result.

To use his own terse, but expressive phrase, Sir Rider Haggard has no scheme, he is travelling to collect information and to "open doors." He has been able to open a door in every Overseas Dominion. When he reached British Columbia he found that the door was shut, and not only shut, but barred and bolted. The benefits accruing to returned soldiers under the Soldiers' Homestead Act of this Province could only be claimed by men who had enlisted in this Province. This constituted an exception to every other part of the Empire, but an exception which was successfully overcome by the skill and conviction with which Sir Rider presented his case to the Government. In a few short hours he was the happy possessor of a written undertaking to remove this disability and to open the door to all soldiers alike. Needless to say Sir Rider was highly gratified at his success, and went away a happy, contented man.

So much for his mission, and now I want, if possible, to convey to my readers a true impression of the man. He is not an ordinary type. He strongly recalls the English County Squire, both in his manner and bearing, but it is the squire of good birth and high educational attainments, the Chairman of Quarter Sessions. Tall, rugged, and lean, with a slight stoop which betrays the advance of age, he impresses one at first with a suggestion of aloofness, but this is only on the surface. If you start an uninteresting topic of conversation you will get little response, for his supply of "small talk" is infinitesimal. If you touch any of the vital issues his interest kindles at once, and you realize that here is a man to whom only vital issues matter.

In private conversation he thaws out, and is one of the most fascinating and thoroughly well informed talkers I have ever met. His store of information is immense, due largely to his extensive travels. He knows Darkest Africa at first hand, and has delved deep into its mysteries. He has probed the occult and has an inexhaustible repertoire of impressive stories which fill one with bewilderment, but nothing that he has seen has stampeded that sound judgment which is one of his most striking assets. He offers no explanation of incidents which are as puzzling as they are enthralling, and unlike many men who have touched the fringe of the Unseen, he does not speculate where he cannot prove. Were he not so absorbed with his public work, he would be an invaluable investigator of psychic phenomena, and in a day when the subject is receiving so much attention, his wide experience and keen analytical powers would make him an invaluable coadjutor of such investigators as Sir Oliver Lodge.

Whilst Sir Rider Haggard is interested in literature and in kindred topics to that just discussed, it is impossible to be in his company long without realizing that they occupy a secondary place in his thoughts, and that at the moment the great world sorrow in which he has been called to bear a part rests upon his heart, and is the mainspring of all his actions.

His address before the Canadian Club in Victoria was at once a surprise and an inspiration. Lacking all the studied arts and graces of the orator he produced an effect which few men living could have equalled. He commenced in a loud voice, a voice tending towards stridency, but after finding his bearings he used it with marvellous effect, and apparently without any thought for its modulation. Few public speakers have as wide a range of tone, or can adapt their voice so naturally to the expression of a mood. In two or three minutes he gripped his audience and was heard in breathless silence. As he approached the closing paragraphs of an address which was perfect in sentiment and in form, he became profoundly emotional, and with the true magic of a master of speech transferred his mood to his audience. As he spoke with lowered voice and in solemn tones of the obligations which were imposed upon us by our honoured dead, there were many moist eyes, and many throbbing hearts.

There was something almost dramatic in his closing words, and yet in their form they gave the truest impression of the man and his character; emotional, sincere, direct, emphatic. After a paragraph of singular beauty in which he expressed the hope "that their last sacrifice for the glory and safety of the Empire shall be complete," he added, "That is my faith, that is the gospel that I preach." In an address of lofty sentiment and fine spirit throughout he revealed a character which could hardly have been suspected by those who had known him only as the most delightful and entertaining of romancists.

Under whatever debt Sir Rider Haggard may have laid the Empire by the gift of his books, he is adding enormously to that debt by the service he is rendering her in the hour of her need. And incidentally, he is demonstrating once more how little we know of an author if we only know him through his books.

Mrs. O'Neill, of Smithers, is visiting in Victoria. Mrs. O'Neill was formerly Miss Marion Steele, of Vancouver, and has many friends here.

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BY THE LOUNGER

I have been not a little amused at the so-called political column which the Victoria Times is running in connection with the impending electoral campaign. I suppose politics is a serious business, but not being a politician I must confess that what strikes me most about it is its humour. Needless to say, most of the humour is unconscious, if it were otherwise one would have to confess that The Times has a real humourist on its staff. Day by day it grinds out with obvious labouriousness a stipulated number of paragraphs whose express purpose is to show up the weakness of the Conservative cause, and the inconsistencies and vagaries of its supporters. What it really does show up is the poverty of argument and idea with which the Liberal party is afflicted. For instance, the writer of these paragraphs finds his chief amusement in poking fun at the various Conservative speakers, in commenting on their personal peculiarities; and exercises quite an exceptional ingenuity in fixing nicknames on them. A fine specimen of this style of art is well illustrated by the cognomen which has been attached to our respected citizen, Mr. R. W. Perry, whom the Times writer delights to speak of as Mr. "Spavin" Perry. Another "bete noir" of this scribe is the popular alderman whom it must be admitted has a little weakness for jocularity, but who is hardly entitled to a verbatim report when indulging in his witticisms; and certainly not to the distinction of so grotesque a carciatrue as appeared in Wednesday's Times. No doubt all this amuses the writer, and it may tickle the risibilities of a few extreme Grits for whom personal attack takes the place of argument. But as a non politician I can only be amused at the puerile perversion of man's reasoning faculties involved in such a childish method of playing the political game. If the Times is unable to take politics seriously, as its political column would indicate, and to meet the issues of the day with fair argument, the least it might do for the benefit of readers like myself who like to be able to tabulate their reading, is to copy the example of Artemus Ward, "of blessed memory," and label their political column with the captain, "This is a goak."

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Whilst on the subject of political writing, I may mention rather an amusing incident which occurred last week. An editorial appeared in the columns of The Week dealing with the unfair and biassed character of the political article appearing in Eastern papers over the well-knowu signature, H. F. G. The particular point objected to by The Week was the gratuitous assumption that the Government of British Columbia should be classed with those of New Brunswick and Manitoba in the matter of "scandals." The contention of The Week was that in the two latter Provinces charges of the most serious character had been brought home to ministers, while in British Columbia the Liberal opposition had been unable to prove a single charge which they had brought. The Vancouver News-Advertiser on reading this editorial undertook to point out that H. F. G. is just a newspaper hack, who writes fantastic political attacks for both parties, and that a reference to certain Conservative papers would show his firm belief in the old proverb that "what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." This amuses the Lounger, although not at all surprises him, but it naturally raises the question as to what value there is in criticism, whether political or otherwise, which is not based on conviction; and what convictions a writer can have who argues on both sides with equal skill. I have long felt that lack of sincerity is the greatest weakness in Canadian political articles, and if there are many writers of the dual personality type it is not to be wondered at that the people have found the politicians out, and have little use for them.

Lounger.

Social News

Cowichan Bay the mecca for a great many people last Saturday, 1st July. A large party were entertained by the Navy, and many picnic and boating parties were in evidence. The motor boats participating in the race from the Royal Victoria Yacht Club began to arrive soon after 1 o'clock, the event being won by Mr. J. Musgrave. The usual programme of aquatic events took place, and the dance in the evening was largely attended. Many of the pleasure boats went to Brentwood later, among them being the Colleen, owned by Mr. Arbuthnot, with a large party on board, including Miss Arbuthnot, Mrs. Will Arbuthnot, Miss Troup, Miss Davida Raymer, Mr. Milligan. The Ulster's party included Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill Hayes, who were the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Cuppage, Miss Ford. Mr. Cliff Denham was up on the Rover, and Mr. and Mrs. Riccaby on Edmano II. Many parties motored out to the popular hotel, including Sir Ridded Haggard, Colonel and Mrs. Andrew Haggard, and Mr. Scammell. Others spending the afternoon and evening were, Lieutenant and Mrs. Edwardes, Mrs. Burge, Miss Bowron, Mr. and Mrs. Napier Hibben.

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Lieutenant Bell, 103rd Battalion, and Mrs. Bell, have returned from a very enjoyable trip to Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tonkin, Oak Bay, have left on a trip to San Francisco.

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A pretty military wedding took place at St. Paul's, Esquimalt, on Monday, July 3rd, the principals being, Violet Petronella Doidge, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doidge, Esquimalt, and Reginald Daniel Mylrea, Royal Canadian Engineers.

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An event which is being carefully organized for July 14th is the tag day under the auspices of the French Patriotic Society. The funds will be for the benefit of French soldiers, wounded, crippled or destitute, and for soldier's orphans. The sympathies of everyone should be with the French soldier in this war, and indeed with the whole French nation. A portion of their country devasted as the price of patriotism, and the gallant stand of the French at the outbreak of war, while England was getting her expeditionary force ready, enlist the ready sympathy of those who appreciate the gallantry of the nation. The 14th of July is a national holiday in France, and celebrates the fall of the Bastile in 1789, that old fortress, the name of which stood for cruelty and oppression; consequently no more fitting day could have been chosen in Victoria for an effort to help the French soldier in this great war.

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The sixth annual prize giving at St. Michael's School, Saratoga Ave., Oak Bay, will be held on Friday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. F. M.

The Women's Suffrage Referendum Committee held its weekly meeting on Tuesday in the Board Room, Belmont Block. Interesting reports were made by the various committees busy on organization work, and favourable progress is being made. The question will be brought before all the men's organizations and an effort made to secure their votes. The question will also be brought to the notice of soldiers on active service, where it is felt that a large vote is certain. The Women's Institutes are taking the matter up vigorously, and as they have a great influence in their communities, such assistance is of great value. Notices will appear in the daily press relative to future meetings and speakers. The usual Tuesday meetings in the board room, Belmont Block, at 8 o'clock, will be continued, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

PANTAGES THEATRE

A bill of variety is scheduled to open at the Pantages Theatre Monday afternoon for a week's run. The new offering is sure to please even the most fastidious, as every branch of the amusement world is more or less represented; drama, musical codedy, dancing, singing, acrobatics, comedy, animal sagacity and above all novelty.

Pepple's Song and Dance revue, featuring Miss Florence Rayfield, a charming young lady, assisted by a chorus of eight nire looking girls, will be sure to meet the approval of theatregoers. Every one of these misses has charm and ability

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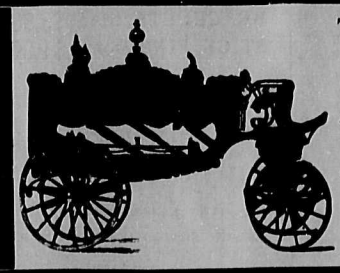

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Applications for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub Agent of the District in which the rights applied for are situated.

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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.

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

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march 23.

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Saanich

Take notice that Daniel Woodward, of Brentwood, B. C., by occupation a retired farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land: Commencing at a post planted at high water mark distant 46 feet westerly from the southwest corner of that parcel of land known as the northerly fifty-five feet of the north one hundred and ten feet of Lot 16, of part of Section 12, Range 2, West, South Saanich, Map 1824; thence westerly a distance of 80 feet; thence northerly a distance of 66 feet; thence easterly a distance of 80 feet to a point on high water mark distant 50 feet westerly from the northwest corner of the said parcel of land, the said last mentioned point being situate on a continuation of the northerly boundary line of the said parcel of land; thence southerly, following the shore line at high water mark, to the point of commencement, and containing half an acre, more or less. The said land applied for is situate at Brentwood Bay, and the date of location thereof is the 25th day of April, 1916.

Name, DANIEL WOODWARD,
Residence, Brentwood, B. C.
Occupation, Retired Farmer.

May 20 July 15

APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF HOTEL LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their next regular sitting, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice for the transfer of the liquor license held by me in respect of the Tourist Hotel, situate at the South East corner of Broad and Johnson Streets in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, to Thomas H. Horne, of the said City of Victoria.

Dated this 24th day of June, 1916.

THOMAS GARVIN.

June 24th July 29th

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*

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*

That it possessed emotional and convincing qualities which stamped it with the hall mark of genuine eloquence.

*

That like most great men Sir Rider Haggard has his mannerisms.

*

That he was more popular with the men than with the women.

*

That sad to relate, the Society ladies could not quite make him out, because he had no small talk, but they "just loved" his address.

*

That he had some clever men in his entourage, of whom more will be heard in the future.

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That Mr. Lionel Curtis is a man of ideas, although everyone may not agree with him.

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That as expected, Sir Sam Hughes failed to reach Victoria on his Western trip.

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That there were too many Gordian knots to cut, and for once he "shied" at the operation.

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That he talks of an early visit to England—after the receipt of the Fuse Committee's report.

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That no one expected that the British Government would allow the soldier's votes to be taken actually in the trenches.

*

That according to Mr. Curtis this refusal should be another act of "injustice to Canada."

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That unless "Hornet" is greatly mistaken, few Canadians will view it in that light.

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That a soldiers' vote taken in England will meet the case.

*

That H. B. Thomson is the man of the hour in political circles, and made "a ten strike" during his recent tour with the Premier.

*

That some of the constituencies were a little "previous" in holding their nominating conventions, Vancouver has to do it all over again.

*

That it looks as if the Liberal party in Victoria is in the same fix.

*

That the Conservatives in Victoria were wise in their generation, and waited.

*

That the sooner the Minister of Militia decides about that new battalion, the better.

*

That the ladies are not meeting with much success in their recruiting campaign.

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That the Colonist attributes this to the fact that most of the men now left are "conscientious objectors."

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That The Week thinks most of them are converts to the propaganda of The Bible Students' Association.

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That if the daily papers would stop advertising this iniquitious anti-recruiting organization, enlistment would improve.

*

That the French Patriotic Tag Day, on the French National holiday, July 14th, should be a huge success.

*

That the Parliament Buildings and the Empress Hotel are to be illuminated.

That our brave and gallant Allies deserve every recognition we can possibly give them.

*

That Mr. Lloyd George is a long time settling the Irish question.

*

That he has tackled many knotty problems in his time, but this is the knottiest.

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That the stumbling block of 1886 is the stumbling block of 1916—the permanent exclusion of Ulster.

*

That Lord Hardine's commission handled ex-Secretary Birrell "without gloves," as he richly deserved.

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That in a Cabinet not over supplied with back bone he had the least supply.

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That the vagaries of the Seattle Times in connection with the "great war" are only equalled by its vagaries in connection with Prohibition.

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That after illuminating its front page with the head line testimonies to the blessings of Prohibition, it had to print a news item telling that an overwhelming majority of the voters have petitioned for the passing of a Beer Act.

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That their satisfaction with Prohibition can hardly be as profound as the Times would have us believe.

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That the 4th of July visitors to Victoria had quite another story to tell, and only one of them had to tell it to the Police Magistrate.

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That the Great War impending between Uncle Sam and Carranza seems to have evaporated in fireworks.

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That the fireworks went "up like a rocket" and came "down like a stick."

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That the "skiddoo" of those 23 American troopers did the trick.

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That it was a great diplomatic victory for President Wilson.

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That the President's greatest disappointment must be that it will not be necessary for him to write any more notes.

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That the "All Highest" has not recently paid a visit to his illustrious ally, the Sultan of Turkey, he seems to have important work nearer home.

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That before long he will be unable to travel outside the "circle of steel."

*

That about this time he must be contemplating a visit to the Witch of Endor, if the old lady is still alive.

*

That if he goes the form that is most likely to rise and confront him is that of Bismarck.

*

That he must have many thoughts about the day when he cast off "the pilot."

*

That the public is still awaiting with interest an official announcement of the number of the German submarine which crossed the Atlantic.

*

That it is now said to be safely sheltered in Chesapeake Bay.

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That a great many people who come from Missouri are anxious to know more about it.

*

That the Victoria City Council has not erred on the side of generosity in calculating the expenses of Captain Worswick.

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That they have got the fare, the sleeper, and the meals all right, but they forgot the coloured porter's tip.

*

That it looks as if they were not very anxious for the Captain to come.

DOMINION THEATRE

The Dominion Theatre this coming week has a particularly good programme. The first half of the week will show Blanche Sweet in that thrilling Photo Drama, "The Thousand Dollar Husband."

The latter part of the week, commencing Thursday, the celebrated actor, Georgi Barban will be seen in "Pasqquali," Mr. Beban is held out as probably one of the finest dramatic actors on the stage to-day, and his removal for the time to the film world means a great treat to the numerous patrons of the film world.

The Dominion Theatre is a delightful place to go, its magnificent organ and harmonious surroundings do much to ensure a pleasurable few hours with the best in the photo play world.

The following are among the guests registered at the Westholme Hotel the past week: P. Mottala, W. L. Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Anstie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, A. M. Johnston and A. McPhee, of Vancouver; Henry Tall and Simon Thal of Bellingham; Malcolm McMillan, Marguerite Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. O'Donenell, C. P. Hudson and G. McIntyre, of Port Angeles; Bert Geiserfi of Sydney; H. Baldock, of Bamberton, V.I.; F. S. Ostrander and wife, of Shelbourne, Ont.; M. D. Eubank, of Kansas City; F. J. Andrews and J. H. Paesch, of Bamfield Creek; F. J. White and family, M. D. Eubank and family, and Dr. E. J. Osgood and family of Shanghai, China.

BRENTWOOD HOTEL

Amongst recent visitors to the Brentwood Hotel are: Lieut. and Mrs. G. H. S. Edwardes, Mrs. W. Foster, Miss Grace Foster, Miss A. Innes, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rickaby, Mrs. Suttie, Mrs. Barnet, Mrs. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Prett, Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. Burdick and party, Mr. Woodward, Mrs. and Miss Beckton, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. J. Acworth Angus, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Scurrah, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Cuppage, Mr. and Mrs. Picken, all of Victoria; Miss C. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. C. McMorin, Mr. J. F. Belyea, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Adams and family, Mrs. Wm. Cavers, Miss H. and Miss M. Cavers, Mr. A. Lister and Mrs. Lister, Mr. A. J. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Short and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodwin Gibson, Mrs. H. Rockyer, Mrs. Gordon Marshall, Capt. F. S. McKenzie and Miss McKenzie, Mrs. W. J. Taaffe, Mr. Frank Taaffe, Mrs. Barnet, Mrs. Ogden-Jones, all of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and the Miss Bryants, Kohala, Hawaii; Sir Rider Haggard, Colonel Andrew Haggard, D.S.O.; Miss Borthwick, Yokahama; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Matthews, Shanghai; Miss Mathias, Penticton; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robinson, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foster, Tacoma; Mr. J. K. McDonald, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lawson, Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Winnipeg; Mrs. Robert Strain, Winnipeg.

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RESCUES GIRL FROM DROWNING

J. M. WHITNEY, UNABLE TO SWIM, PERFORMS HEROIC ACT AT SHAWNIGAN

VICTORIA, July 3.—An heroic rescue from drowning was made by J. M. Whitney, the Yates Street jeweler, on Saturday afternoon at Shawnigan Lake, when he rushed into the water and rescued Miss Lilly Phillips, daughter of J. Phillips, cabinet maker employed at Weiler Brothers. Miss Phillips had sunk the third time when Mr. Whitney, who cannot swim, reached her under water and succeeded in getting her to the surface and bringing her ashore. Mr. and Mrs. G. Grant and their son, Pte. Thomas H. Grant, the latter a stretcher bearer in the 103rd Battalion, were out in a boat on the lake and were at once summoned. On reaching shore Pte. Grant and Mrs. Grant rendered first aid.

Miss Phillips went into swim and apparently lost all power, for she suddenly sank. She says that she remembers all that occurred and was wondering about her father while she was at the bottom of the lake. She also remembers seeing the bubbles rise up to the surface and had presence of mind to hold her breath. After sinking the third time she suddenly saw Mr. Whitney's eyes under water near her and caught his arm. Mr. Whitney remembers that his foot caught on a rock or some hard substance under the water, and he believes he must have given an upward push with his foot, which sent them both to the surface and he believes that his clothing kept them both afloat until help arrived.

Mr. Whitney was unable to swim, but when he saw the sinking girl he rushed into the water, heedless of danger of drowning. The place where she sank is about forty feet from shore and runs suddenly down into a deep hole. Her father was in his house on the shore, busy with some fishing tackle, and did not know of the accident until called.

On being brought ashore Miss Phillips was taken into the house and revived, but afterwards collapsed for some time. Mr. Whitney was exhausted, but soon recovered and was able to return to Victoria yesterday.

Representations of Mr. Whitney's brave act are being made to the proper authorities to-day with a view to recommending him for the Royal Humane Society medal for bravery.

KITCHENER'S PROPHECY

Revised Estimate of Duration of the War

Writing in the Daily News of yesterday, Mr. A. G. Gardiner, the editor, says:—

"I am told on good authority that a few days before the end which came upon him so swiftly and silently Lord Kitchener said that he had revised his estimate of the duration of the war.

"He had calculated that it would last three years. He now thought that estimate excessive and looked for an earlier close."

SCHAEFER GIVEN LEAVE TO APPEAL

MAN FOUND GUILTY OF TREASON ALLOWED OUT ON BAIL

MONTREAL, July 3.—Israel Schaefer, the ticket agent, who was found guilty of treason by a jury in the Court of King's Bench, has leave to appeal the verdict of the jury on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence produced at the trial.

Mr. Justice Cross, the trial judge, in granting the motion for appeal, stated he would not go into the details of the case, but announced that the motion, which was made by M. J. Morrison, K.C., counsel for Schaefer, was granted.

The ticket agent was found guilty of providing railway and steamship transportation to Austrians. He will be allowed out on bail in the sum of $20,000, to await the sitting of the Court of Appeals in September.

WINES STILL WILL BE SOLD IN RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, July 3.—The prohibition bill passed by the Duma, which on first analysis was generally interpreted as embracing all kinds of alcoholic drinks, now has been found to contain an unpublished clause which makes an exception of wines containing not more than 12 per cent. of alcohol. The bill as originally published would have meant ruin for the immense vineyard interests of South Russian, the Crimea and Caucasia.

Sales of the excepted wines will be permitted in wine-producing districts and towns in other regions except where local option declares otherwise.

FORM NEW COMMISSION

CANADIAN HOSPITALS COMMISSION HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

OTTAWA, July 6.—Announcement is made of the creation of a Canadian hospitals commission as a branch of the Canadian Expeditionary forces and having jurisdiction more particularly in connection with convalescent homes and military hospitals. This step has been decided upon as a result of the steady increase in the work of the hospitals commission due to the increasing number of invalidid soldiers arriving from the front.

Under the hospitals commission therefore a new hospital unit has been formed for purposes of discipline, administration and command. It will be divided into 10 divisions—one for each military division in Canada. Each hospital or convalescent home will be in charge of a major and subordinate officers subject to the hospitals commission at Ottawa.

The new unit will be in charge of Lieut.-Col. Sharples, of Quebec, who has been in charge of the depot for returned soldiers. The chief purpose of the new organization is to put the military hospitals and convalescent homes under strict military control.

PROMOTED ON FIELD OF BATTLE

SERGT. GORDON P. HEINEKEY SECURES COMMISSION

VICTORIA, July 2.—News has just been received that Gordon Patrick Heinekey has been given a commission in the 2nd C. M. R. Battalion, in recognition of good services. He left Victoria as a sergeant in that regiment in June, 1915, and rapidly rose to company quartermaster-sergeant.

Lieut. Heinekey is the elder son of the late Major Heinekey and Mrs. Heinekey, of 1536 Bank Street, and was born in Knysna, South Africa. He saw service in the South African Boer War and also in the Zululand rebellion of 1906, and holds medals for each of those campaigns. He came through unscathed from the recent heavy fighting, in which the C.M.R.'s played such a prominent part, only just having come out of hospital, where he had been confined for over a month owing to illness.

Lieutenant Heinekey's wife and young son reside in this city, and he has a brother, Gilbert, now at Petewawa, with the 15th Brigade C.F.A.

REPORT NEXT WEEK

Finding On Fuse Inquiry Ready for Publication

OTTAWA, July 1.—The findings of Sir William Meredith and Mr. Justice Duff in connection with the fuse contracts inquiry will not be made public until next week. The two commissioners have been at work on their report this week, and it is understood that it will be practically complete tonight. The report will be sent to the Government through the office of the Governor-General.

The Government may decide to have the findings printed before making the report public.

TO BRING CAPT. WORSWICK HERE

CITY COUNCIL VOTES MONEY FOR EXPENSES TO THIS CITY

VICTORIA, July 3.—Capt. Worswick will be invited to come to Victoria from Montana to give personal testimony on matters mentioned in his sensational letter about graft on the part of civic officials in connection with the awarding of the Victoria City paving contracts here several years ago. For his trip here he will be allowed expenses up to $125. This decision was made by the City Council at its meeting Monday night.

When Ald. Bell suggested that $125 was too much for the Captain's expenses, Ald. Peden said that even if $500 were spent in getting him here it would be some of the best spent money the City had ever handled. The Mayor announced that the cost of the Captain's fare, sleeper and meals will come to $38 or $40, and Ald. Todd reminded the Council that he might be asked to stay here for some time, and hotel expenses would have to be considered.

"I think the Council of 1911 should be asked to pay his expenses," said Ald. Walker.

This brought a laugh from the aldermen, but no time was lost in passing the resolution notifying Capt. Worswick that in accordance with his request he is invited to come to Victoria to explain further the matters mentioned in his letter, and that his expenses be guaranteed.

With regard to the question of the Worswick letter being libelous, Mr. R. W. Hannington, City Solicitor, presented the Council with his written opinion, in which he considers the reading of the letter of the Council as a privileged libel.

"After a careful examination of the law on the subject, I am of the opinion that the reading of these Worswick documents at a public meeting of the Council woudl constitute what is known to the law of libel as an occasion of prima facie or qualified privilege, and would not be actionable in the absence of proof or malice, the burden of which would be upon the plaintiff," stated Mr. Hannington.

"The above principle will, in my opinion, protect the corporation and the Council as a body, and I think also the individual members thereof, except in the improbable event of the plaintiff being able to prove actual malice.

"As I would hardly consider myself the legal adviser of the individual members of the Council, I should prefer that they do not treat this report as personal advice, and that they should have my opinion confirmed by their own solicitors, if they deem it advisable so to do."

In the meantime the Worswick letter goes down on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council as "unfinished business."

HAS NO SHADOW OF JUSTIFICATION

VICTORIA, July 6.—In the case brought by James Gillespie, of Vancouver, against the estate of the late Hon. C. E. Pooley, K.C., Mr. Justice Murphy has given judgment dismissing the claim with costs. The trial judge is of opinion that the action was "without a shadow of justification," and that the charge of fraud brought against the deceased gentleman was "the stalest of stale claims." Instead of being guilty of fraud, he had, on the contrary, been financing his client and had in fact paid out a considerable sum over and above what he had received. The learned judge desired to free the memory of Mr. Pooley's name and his personal honour of any reflection, and expressed the opinion that Mr. Pooley's conduct in the matter redounded very much to his honour. His lordship considered, in the circumstances, that while to those who knew the deceased gentleman in his lifetime, it was not necessary to more than dismiss the action, yet it was due to Mr. Pooley's memory to state that the charge brought on behalf of the plaintiff was utterly unfounded.

HEBDEN NOW MANAGING DIRECTOR MERCHANTS' BANK

MONTREAL, July 1.—E. F. Hebden, general manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, was today elected to the board of directors and appointed to the newly created position of managing director. D. C. MacArow, who has been local manager for a number of years, was appointed general manager. Both appointments become effective immediately.

Mr. Hebden's election to the directorate fills one of two vacancies created when, at the last annual meeting the board was increased from 12 to 14 members.

TURN FIRST SOD FOR HOSPITAL

START EXCAVATION FOR KOOTENAY LAKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

NELSON, July 3.—The first sod for the excavation for the new Kootenay Lake General Hospital was turned yesterday morning by J. A. Irving, president of the board of directors, in the presence of members of the directorate.

A few words appropriate to the occasion were spoken by Dr. W. O. Rose, who referred to the many efforts that had been made toward the building of a new hospital and voiced the pleasure of the profession in Nelson and district at the prospect now in sight of having adequate accommodation for the care and treatment of the sick.

Before lifting the sod, J. A. Irving spoke of the great gratification felt by himself and his associates at being able at last to begin the great work or erecting a new hospital for the use not alone of the city, but of a large surrounding district. They had made a hard struggle, he said, and the fruits of their efforts were now in sight.

M'ILWEE & SONS AWARD IS MADE

JUDGMENT OF $576,000 IS AWARDED AGAINST FOLEY, WELCH AND STEWART

VANCOUVER, July 1.—James A. McIlwee & Sons, of Denver, to-day were awarded judgment for $576,000 against Foley, Welch & Stewart, contractors for the Rogers Pass tunnel on the line of the C. P. R. This is the largest single judgment ever obtained in a British Columbia court. Several years ago the Denver concern was employed as sub-contractor on the tunnel, which is now almost finished at a cost of upwards of $10,000,000. A disagreement arose and the McIlwees were put off the work. The American company claimed prospective profits in boring operations and brought an action more than a year ago. The case finally was appealed to the Privy Council in London, where the principle of payment was upheld and the case referred back to the Supreme Court here for an assessment of damages.

AWARDED D.S.O.

Major E. C. Musgrave, Well Known Here, Wins Decoration on Field

VICTORIA, July 6.—Word has just been received that Major E. C. Musgrave has been awarded the D. S. O. Major Musgrave is well known in Victoria and British Columbia. He was a graduate of Kingston Military College and afterwards took a mining course at Queen's College. As a mining engineer he spent some time in the Kootenay District, and for some years was in charge of the Tyee mine on Vancouver Island, later moving to Mexico, where he followed his profession for several years.

Major Musgrave was in England when war broke out, and obtained a captaincy in the King's Royal Rifles. He has been at the front for nearly a year and has been through some of the big engagements, such as Loos, etc.

DAMAGED BY GAS EXPLOSION

COURT HOUSE SHAKEN—IS ATTRIBUTED TO CARBON MONOXIDE COMBUSTION

VICTORIA, July 3.—The court house was shaken by an tremendous explosion about eleven o'clock this morning, which quickly emptied the courts and offices of their occupants into the street to learn what had occurred.

The concussion rocked the whole building, smoke and steam being observed to issue from the boiler house. A window which fronts on Chancery lane was blown out and the glass was scattered about the street, some breaking windows across the roadway, and extending as far as the offices of Pooley, Luxton & Pooley. Fortunately the premises struck by flying glass, as well as the lane, were empty at the time.

The top of one boiler was blown completely off and the asbestos packing stripped, while the other was damaged. Apparently the top of the wrecked boiler struck the ceiling immediately under the room where Mr. Justice Galliher was writing a judgment.

Some of the steam pipes were damaged, but the electric fan remained running. The certificated engineer recently enlisted, and as the demand for heating at this time of year is limited, it is stated that no certificated employee had yet been appointed. Ernest Moss, an employee, had been destroying a number of Chinese exhibits and other waste papers, but at the time of the explosion was out of the boiler room.

The fire department was quickly on the scene and an investigation was made into the cause of the explosion. Chief Davis is of the opinion that the explosion was caused by the creation of carbon monoxide as the characteristic pale blue flame was noticed, which indicated unfailingly the presence of this gas, and is produced when carbon is burnt with a limited supply of air or oxygen.

The loss is estimated on a preliminary examination at about $250.

The department this morning also responded to a fire at 445 Belleville Street, occupied by A. H. Hartley, where a spark from the chimney ignited the roof. From there the fire spread to the attic. About $100 damage was done to the roof, and $75 to the contents of the attic.

NANAIMO HAS $3,000 FIRE

Confectionery Store Goes Up in Flames in Early Morning

NANAIMO, July 6.—Robert Laird's confectionery store in the Vendome Block, Commercial Street, was completely gutted by fire, which started about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, acusing a monetary loss in the neighbourhood of $3,000. That the fire did not spread to adjoining property was entirely due to the efficiency of the fire department, under the supervision of Chief Parkin.

Mr. Laird, who went over to Vancouver on the 7 o'clock boat on a business trip, was apprised of his loss immediately upon his arrival in the Terminal City, and he returned to Nanaimo on the noon boat to find his store a heap of ruins. He is utterly at a loss to account for the outbreak, for when he was in the store on his way to the boat at 6:45 o'clock everything was in order. Fifteen minutes later the place was on fire and at 7:30 o'clock the department had the fire under control.

A "KITCHENER" PLATOON

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 3.—To Lieut. F. J. Mackenzie, M.L.A., has been assigned the honor of raising a Kitchener platoon for the 131st Battalion, Westminster Fusiliers. It is proposed that this platoon shall be composed of four picked men from each of the fifteen municipalities in the Fraser Valley as a tribute to the memory of the late Earl Kitchener. When formed and trained the platoon will be given first place in the battalion.

Enrollment for this special platoon can also be made at the recruiting office on Columbia Street, New Westminster, or at the barracks of the 104th Regiment.

SEEK SALE OF BEER

SEATTLE, July 6.—1,450 petitions, covering the names of over 25,000 voters, have been filed with the Washington State authorities in connection with the proposed legislation which will permit the sale of beer within the State. As only 33,000 electors must sign this petition in order to have the matter brought to a vote this Fall, it is now certain that the subject will be sent to the polls. The proposed legislation is receiving general support throughout the State. The Washington Prohibition law is deemed unfair to home industries, inasmuch as it prohibits the sale of liquors within the State, but allows of the importation of liquor under Government regulation. This means that large sums of money are daily going out of the State to California, and it is to check this outflow of money for beverages containing a small proportion of alcohol that the bill has been framed.

MAY RESCIND C.N.R. CONTRACT

MAYOR SAYS INABILITY OF COMPANY TO PAY CLAIMS PROVIDES REASON

VANCOUVER, July 5.—Referring to the case in which Mr. J. J. Banfield is asking for an order for the immediate payment by the city of the amount awarded to him for his lots on False Creek, which had been expropriated in connection with the C. N. R. terminal scheme, the mayor told a World reporter that if the case went against the city he would consult with Ald. Gale, chairman of the civic bridges and railways committee, and the city solicitor, with a view to recommending to the Council the abrogating of the whole agreement.

The C. N. R., under Clause 3 of the agreement of the 5th of February, 1913, ratified by the ratepayers on the 15th of March of the same year, was obliged to "pay and provide to the city when, and as required, the full cost and expense of all such lands, rights and interests, including the cost of obtaining same.

The City Council has been assured in times gone by that the company had money in the bank with which to meet these claims as they arose, but a few days ago his worship was informed that the C. N. R. had no money in the bank for any such purpose.

This appealed to the Mayor, as a layman, to be ample grounds upon which the city might enter action against the C. N. R. for rescission of the whole agreement. He would consult with Ald. Gale and the City Solicitor, and if he ascertained his belief to be correct, he would be fully prepared to recommend to the Council that such a course be pursued.

NEW ARCHDEACONRY FOR THE OKANAGAN

Rev. Thomas Green of Kelowna Is Appointed to an Important Position

NELSON, B. C., July 6.—At his first annual Synod since his elevation to the Bishopric of Kootenay, Bishop A. J. Doull today paid a tribute to Archdeacon Beer. For many long years the Bishop declared, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kootenay has borne the burden and heat of the day. To him, in a large measure, has the heavy responsibility been intrusted in the past, of caring for the church's interest and promoting her welfare and right loyally has he discharged his task.

NEW CANNERY COMPLETED

NANAIMO, June 30.—Nanaimo's first and only cannery, which has been in course of construction the past two months, is now completed and will start operations on Monday next. The cannery is owned by the Nanaimo Packers and Canners' Company, Limited, a company of local men capitalized at $50,000. The plant is what is known as a two-line cannery, and has a capacity of 1,800 cases a day, being equipped with vacuum machines, said to be the only ones of their kind in use in British Columbia.

SAVES LITTLE GIRL'S LIFE

Fisherman Jumps Into River and Brings Her To Safety

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 6.—Plunging into the swift current of the Fraser River from the Brownsville wharf, Frank Picknel, an old-time fisherman on the Fraser River, this week succeeded in saving the life of the five-year-old daughter of C. Olsen, who had fallen into the water. The little girl had been playing along the edge of the wharf, and losing her balance, fell into the river. The water is deep at that point, cold and with a swift current. Picknell saw the accident and without a moment's hesitation plunged in and after some difficulty succeeded in bringing the child ashore. She had been in the water for several minutes, but artificial respiration was resorted to and she was restored to consciousness and is now little the worse for her adventure.

MAY BUILD MODERN SHIPS

Poplar Island, in Fraser River, May Be Utilized

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 3.—Preliminary work in connection with the establishment of modern shipbuilding yards on Poplar Island, in the Fraser River, has been commenced by the Westminster Marine Railway Company, who have started a gang of men at work clearing the site. Their application for a lease of the island for this purpose has been placed before Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, D. C. Scott, now on the coast, who has given assurances that the lease will be granted. The company propose establishing a *$70,000* plant on the island, of which the modern machinery alone will cost $15,000. Ways will be built capable of handling the largest vessels in the coast trade. The company is making preparations to build two auxiliary schooners to be used in the lumber-carrying trade.

MANUFACTURED "NEWS"

Dispatch Reporting Overwhelming Defeat of British Fleet Off Jutland Concocted in New York

LONDON, June 29.—"In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Ainsworth asked the Home Secretary if the censor had passed a telegram which appeared in The New York American from the London correspondent of the International News Service stating that the Admiralty had admitted an overwhelming defeat by a 'portion of the German High Seas Fleet,' The Daily Mail reports.

"Mr. Samuel replied," The Mail continues, "that the passage in question was not included in any telegram sent from this country, but was composed in the New York office of the International News Service, with the exception of the word 'overwhelming,' which was inserted i nthe office of The New York American.

"There were several similar instances at the time of the disturbances in Ireland at the end of April, but the London representative of the agency has now given assurance that no such manipulation of his messages should occur again."

GOVERNMENT TO BUY 300 LICENSED HOUSES

LONDON, July 6.—We learn that the Government have decided (says the "Daily Chronicle") on the purchase through the Liquor Traffic Control Board of the whole of the breweries and the public-houses—the latter some 300 in number—in the City of Carlisle and its immediate neighbourhood. It is the intention of the Board to close almost immediately over 100 houses as redundant. It is also proposed to build as soon as convenient two or three model refreshment houses on the plan found successful elsewhere, and to adapt others not now equipped for the sale of food and non-intoxicants.

In the taverns that will be permitted to remain open the present staff, if found to be efficient, will be retained; and the present tenants or managers, if desirable persons, will be invited to manage their houses under the supervision of the Board. This drastic action by the Government may be repeated as the occasion and the necessity arises in other parts of the country.

RECRUITING IN THE WEST

OTTAWA, July 4.—The quota of men to be raised by Manitoba and Saskatchewan for the 500,000 army is 60,000. They raised 68,000. Alberta, whose allotment was 26,000, has exceeded 30,000. British Columbia was asked for 27,000 and has also exceeded 30,000 recruits. All honour to the West.

BACK IN HARNESS

Premier Bowser and Other Ministers Transact Routine Business at Cabinet Session

VICTORIA, July 3.—Following the return of Premier Bowser on Saturday from his trip through the northern constituencies of the Province, a meeting of the Executive Council was held yesterday morning, all its members being present with the exception of Hon. W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, who on Friday left Prince George for the Peace River district and who will not be back in Victoria until about the 15th inst. Merely routine matters which have been awaiting the return of the Premier were dealt with.

Hon. Lorne A. Campbell, Minister of Mines, who has been visiting *Rossland for the past two weeks*, returned to the city on Sunday morning and left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver. He is expected to return to-day. With the above two exceptions all the Ministers are now in the city.

DUNCAN

The capabilities of this district in small fruits are admirably exemplified by the product of the strawberries grown this year by Mr. E. W. Carr Hilton, at Quamichan. A circumference of six inches was quite common in a luscious sample recently interviewed in this office.

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Two dogs, one large white one and the other a small black one, got in amongst Mr. F. L. Kingston's sheep on Sunday. The family were all away at the time, but two Chinamen, living nearby, heard the noise and scared the dogs away. Search was made afterwards, but no trace of the dogs was to be found.

COBBLE HILL

Dr. H. F. D. Stephens, R.N., conducted the inquest on the death of Mr. Charles Hogg, at the Station Hotel here last Wednesday. Dr. Dykes performed the post mortem, and evidence was given by Mrs. Hogg, Messrs. Enoch Dougan, Cyrus Dougan, and A. Sutton, Provincial Constable Kier being in charge of the arrangements. The jury were Messrs. James A. Porter, T. H. Walton, R. M. Cavin, A. E. Falkner, Brooke Wilkinson and W. J. Hagan (foreman) returned a verdict of "suicide by drowning during a fit of temporary insanity." At the funeral the Rev. A. F. Munro officiated at the graveside, the pallbearers being Messrs. Eastman, Jeffrey, T. Jeffrey, Trinder, E. H. Forrest and T. Shaddick.

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The Lieutenant Governor has accepted the resignation of Mr. William G. Manley, Cobble Hill, as a fence viewer.

LADYSMITH

Mr. John Davidson, who had several ribs fractured as a result of being squeezed between a couple of cars at the mine on Saturday night, is improving at the hospital. It will be some days, however, before he can leave for home.

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Joe Pelli, the Italian charged with stealing $340 from Raffeli Arcuri, a fellow-countryman, at Extension, came before His Honour Judge Barker at Nanaimo yesterday for speedy trial. He was found guilty and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

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Mrs. William Keddy, for many years a resident of Nanaimo, died at Victoria yesterday morning, at the age of 66 years. She was born at Copenhagen, Denmark, and came to Nanaimo 42 years ago.

REVELSTOKE

The death occurred on Sunday of Patrick McSorley, father of H. J. and J. McSorley, of Revelstoke, at the age of 77 years. He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Parker, of Richmond, California.

The late Mr. McSorley was born in Ireland and came to Ontario 77 years ago. He came West to the Okanagan in 1895, but returned to Ontario, where he was interested in farming. About eight years ago he retired and came to Revelstoke and has been living with his sons ever since.

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F. J. Bossley, of Salsqua has purchased the tie, pole and piling plant formerly owned by J. Linton at Siemamous. Mr. Bossley has done considerable business in this line already but owing to the ready market he is branching out considerably. Mr. Bossley has been road foreman in the Malakwa district for the Provincial Government, but owing to the increased volume of his business he has resigned, as he considers he cannot give the necessary time to the work.

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Word has been received in Revelstoke that Harry Clement MacDonald, who left Revelstoke with the first draft of the 54th Battalion, has been wounded in the arm. He was formerly on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in the city.

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Green Slide on the South branch came down Wednesday morning and piled snow and debris on the line many feet deep. The troop train of Army Corps and Medical men, who have been delayed here helped clear the track. The line is now clear.

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Pte. Thomas Taylor, of the C. A. S. C., Vernon, son of the Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works, is spending a few days in the city. Tom was born and went to school here, and is renewing acquaintances with many of his former schoolmates and friends.

WHITE ROCK

The Rev. J. P. Bowell, of New Westminster, newly appointed resident Methodist pastor for White Rock, together with his wife and daughters, have taken up temporary quarters in Mr. Johnston's summer camp. They will move into the parsonage after the "season" is over.

The Rev. Mr. Bowell is a pioneer of this district, and is well and favourably known throughout the whole of Surrey.

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Practically all the summer cottages and houses for rent at White Rock are booked up for July and August and indications are that the beaches of Semiahmoo Bay will present a lively appearance during the summer vacation.

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The Rev. Merton Smith, formerly of Collingwood, but more recently a White Rock inhabitant, has received notice of his appointment as Chaplain for overseas duty. It is not yet stated to what unit Mr. Smith will be attached.

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Owing to the present lack of accommodation for bathers, as far as dressing rooms and such like facilities for visitors, arrangements are under way to have a building erected on or adjacent to the Pier and wharf with a competent man to look after same.

FRASER VALLEY

Last month Fred G. Kent, former owner of the Surrey Gazette printing plant, and his bride, nee Miss Elsie Walters, of South Vancouver, spent a portion of their honeymoon at White Rock, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sands.

The young couple were married just prior to the departure of the groom for overseas duty with the 13th Field Ambulance. This company entrained a few days ago en route to the front.

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The Fraser Valley special battalion under command of Lt.-Col. J. D. Taylor, left last week for the summer training camp at Vernon. A large number of White Rock boys have enlisted with this unit, and Surrey municipality as a whole is well represented therein.

MIRROR LAKE NOTES

Mrs. F. L. Harris, of Honeymoon Place has already begun shipping her strawberries, having sold several crates in Kaslo, at $4.80 per crate. A. Milton will be shipping heavily in a few days.

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The high water here has done considerable damage. Bjerkness creek undermined its banks and took away a big slice of the Norman ranch, and was prevented from going through his orchard only by the timely help of the neighbours. The water flooded parts of Davis, Thompson's, Link's and Norman's. The road is flooded and covered with logs in a number of places so as to be impassible. The wharf is out of sight, while the bridge over Bjerkness Creek and Read's dam are both in danger. Davis' stables and the Ice Co.'s stables and tool shed are flooded. The water is now at a standstill and it is hoped that further damage will be avoided.

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J. S. B. Weller was last week driven out of his shack by the high water. To avoid it he tore down the shack and has moved to higher land opposite Andrew Leet's ranch.

NEW DENVER

Hubert McInnis was in for a few days from the coast last week. The University Battalion to which he belongs is about to move to the large central camp near Winnipeg. Hubert likes the life in khaki.

Word came to town a few days ago that two of the boys who formerly resided in New Denver were wounded in the recent fighting near Ypres. The boys are Martin Kennedy, son of Mrs. T. Avison, of this place, and George Burkitt, whose parents reside at Summit Lake. From latest reports the boys are getting along nicely at the hospital.

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The heavy rains a week ago Sunday brought the waters in the creeks down fast and on Monday there were a lot of bridges, railway and road, throughout the country damaged or carried away altogether. The local river went on the rampage with the rest, and some twenty-five feet of road was washed out. For a time it appeared serious for residents living beyond the bridge as the water began to flow with increasing volume down through their land. The water was finally diverted back to the river bed, but it was a narrow escape. The scene, both above and below the bridge is one of extreme desolation with its wreckage of logs, trees, roots, stumps, sand and rocks piled in indescribable confusion.

KASLO

H. R. Board, of Howser, who was made a prisoner by the Germans, is now interned in Switzerland, having been sent there with some other prisoners on an exchange internment plan. News to this effect was sent to Mrs. Anderson on a post card, written from the Pension de Vand, Switzerland. Pte. Board writes as follows: "I am now in Switzerland, having been sent here from Germany with 300 other wounded prisoners. We are all delighted to be out of Germany and have had a splendid *reception.*"

A. T. Garland received a few days ago a post card from Guy Fournier who is still a prisoner of war among the Huns. It is dated May 27th and the picture part of the card shows a beautiful rural valley, flanked by soft rolling hills. Various clumps of trees dot the landscape and in the middle distance is a winding stream, while in the foreground are a bunch of the guests of "der Kaiser" at roll call, with a detention shed in the corner. The view is entitled "Blick uber den Lagerhof." On the postcard the prisoner says: "Just a few words to let you know that I am well and hope you are the same. I am longing to be back in Kaslo. It would be a little change, but I hope it will all be finished soon. My best regard to Mrs. Garland and the boys."

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Jean Brochier, who was down last week from Argenta, states that the condition of the wagon road between Argenta and Howser is most unsatisfactory, the thoroughfare being covered at some points with a number of logs and sundry deadfall, so that portions of it are almost impassible for a horse.

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Because the leading journalist of this city had a sore foot due to too much familarity with an unusually sharp axe, Barber Willian E. Noble last week brought out and dusted up that ancient peasantry regarding the advice to Englishmen when splitting wood, which was that they should do so while standing inside a washtub.

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The high water wheeze did some damage to public works in this district, more particularly the bridges, and some of the culverts. The various bridges around the Crawford Bay section suffered the most, two or three of the structures kissing the shore farewell and were then gently wafted down the streams and deposited in sections over the scenery.

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F. Lee Roi Thirmond, a Seattle mining engineer, was up Hammill Creek last week with the intention of making an examination of the claims in the Argenta Mines group, but was unable to get up to the property on account of the washing out of the bridges along the wagon road above the Hammill Creek canyon. The big bridge across Hammill Creek at the mouth of the canyon he reported as having escaped injury.

VERNON

Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and head of the Canadian Army spent Wednesday at the Vernon mobilization camp. His visit was made at a time when the camp mud was at its thickest, starting with an inspection on foot, he was forced to accept a mount which shortly after was mired.

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O. B. Hatchard, the well known architect of this city, who has spent the last few months at the coast, was here for a couple of days last week before leaving for the Old Country. Mr. Hatchard has recently obtained a Lieutenant's commission in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, and will join the auxiliary naval patrol service. He will take a course in the Greenwich Naval College, and afterwards in a training ship at Portsmouth for instruction in gunnery. His many friends here unite in wishing him a successful career in the "Silent Navy."

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Forrester, Pine Street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday last, June 22nd, when their daughter, Miss Beatrice Winifred, was united in marriage with Gordon S. Wood, of Victoria, B. C., at 1:30 p.m., in the presence of a few intimate friends, Rev. C. O. Main officiating.

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The News welcomes the first appearance in Vernon of the Rangers' Record, an exceedingly attractive and well written eight page paper, published by the 172nd Battalion. It is issued under the supervision of Major W. W. Haddock, and has as its managing editor Corporal E. Jeffries, to whom is due unqualified praise for this exceedingly creditable publication. Its bright and spicy news-columns contain a lot of matter that must be of great interest to the battalion, and the tone of the whole paper is such as to give it a high standing among publications of a similar nature. The News wishes all manner of success and prosperity to the Rangers' Record, which will come out every second week during the stay of the battalion in Vernon.

ENDERBY

Mrs. E. Dill and daughter, Rena, left on Monday evening for Nelson and Greenwood to spend the summer with Miss Dill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hallett.

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Miss V. Beattie, who has been on the teaching staff for the last twelve years, has accepted the position of principal of the Fortune School, Mr. Hughes having sent in his resignation some time ago.

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Miss Mackie and daughter, May, went to Revelstoke on Thursday, of last week, to see her son, Leslie, who started overseas with the troops who left the coast on Saturday; but they were held up at Revelstoke on account of the washouts on the main line.

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Messrs. F. S. Stevens, Ed. Dill, D. A. MacLeod, and Dr. Keith, motored to Mabel Lake on Tuesday of last week on a combined business pleasure trid.

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Mrs. Bruce Oldford left on Tuesday evening to spend the summer with friends at Penhold, Alberta.

OKANAGAN LANDING

Mr. Cribb, representing Henry Birk & Sons, of Vancouver, paid the Landing a visit on Tuesday.

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We understand that Miss Fraser has secured a position on the Hedley teaching staff, which will necessitate her giving up her school here at the end of this term.

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The C. P. R. barge No. 32 has been hauled out on the ways, and is being given an overhauling in readiness for the fruit season.

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Mrs. Sullivan, who has been in Vancouver for the wedding of her daughter, returned to the Landing last Saturday.

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Everyone at the Landing experienced a feeling of personal loss when it was known on Saturday that the latest Canadian casualty list contained the name of Murray Browne, killed in action. A more honest or honorable man it was not possible to find.

PEACHLAND

We are pleased to report that the rumor stating Privates Wilson and Johnson had been killed in action is false. Word has been received from them lately, and they are quite well.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clem Aitkens received word on Wednesday that their son, Pte. Earnest, had been wounded in the thumb. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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The first shipment of soft fruit from the Okanagan Valley for the season went forward from the Peachland Fruit Growers Union, Saturday, June 10th. The first cherries were shipped from Peachland in 1915 on May 28th.

SALMON RIVER

Mrs. E. Gillis was in Armstrong on Tuesday.

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W. F. and Miss Olive Smith were in Armstrong on Tuesday.

W. T. McAcheney lost a very fine cow this week.

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Mrs. W. Culling's little boy has been very ill with convulsions. He was taken into Armstrong on Sunday and received attention from Dr. Van Kleek. We are pleased to say that he is well again.

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We hear that George Scott, who was badly wounded, has improved, and that hope of his recovery is entertained.

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E. Patten, the Enderby constable, was in Salmon River on Friday on business.

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R. Chamberlain, of the Canadian Field Artillery, who has been in the Victoria Hospital for some time, paid a visit to his old friends in Salmon River this week.

SUMMERLAND

Mrs. E. W. Bateman arrived last Wednesday evening over the Kettle Valley line to make a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd McWilliams, and also her three week's old granddaughter.

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Summerland has had the privilege of being on a transcontinental railroad line somewhat earlier than it expected that honour. At least a portion of the main C. P. R. passenger traffic was diverted to the Kettle Valley line during the recent blockade of the regular route, though by a somewhat strange omission on the part of the postal authorities, no arrangements were made for bringing the mails from the East via the K. V. R. It was thought that with the passing of extraordinary weather *conditions* early in the year that the Okanagan might reasonably expect to be tolerably free from such interruptions to its regular channel of communication with the outside world. But once more Summerland in common with many other places, has been cut off from the east for at least a week. Patience is a virtue that life in the Okanagan seems to call into exercise to an extent which is becoming more considerable every year.

OLALLA

We are having a few cool, cloudy, windy days, a pronounced change from four days of intense heat last week. On Friday afternoon the thermometer in the school room at Keremeos registered 101 deg. F., while at Olalla it was 98 deg. in the shade.

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The Similkameen River has risen to such a pitch that several residents of the lower districts have been temporarily flooded out. Mr. Crooker, of the Armstrong ranch being among the number. Several bad washouts have been reported, one on the Great Northern between Keremeos and Hedley, about three miles from the former place. A work train was busily engaged on Sunday repairing damages. At Olalla, owing to general negligence, some logs used in low water as a foot bridge were not removed, which served as a dam, and let the creek out of its bed over the road that crosses Keremeos Creek, in the townsite. As a result, what was a road is now a chasm.

MABEL LAKE

The late rains have brightened up many a face, also gardens, but to visitors who motored out from Vernon last Sunday, it was not very pleasant, as it raised the rived to a certain extent so that it flooded the road for a considerable distance.

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High water caused a lot of rubbish such as branches, old logs, uprooted trees to jam up against one of the piers in the Falls bridge, which might have caused quite a disaster had not one of the residents happened to notice it on going by. He notified the Lumby and Mabel Lake road foreman and he, with a crew, cleared it out before any damage was done.

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Mr. Julius Annas on his way home, unprepared to meet anything, was surprised on looking up to behold a large brown bear seated on its haunches before him. Mr. Annas, having no gun, picked up a limb of a tree which lay before him on the road, and approached the bear with it, but Mr. Bruin never moved. Mr. Annas tried a few times thus, accompanied by yells, but all to no effect. After pondering awhile on the subject, he started to pick up sticks and rubbish which were a hinderance on the road, threw them aside so as to clean it, meanwhile the bear turned and slowly made its way to the bush, contented that it had found someone who could not be frightened very easily.

VICTORIA

Damage to the amount of between $300 and $350 was done yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence owned and occupied by Mr. A. H. Hartley, 455 Belleville Street, when a spark from the chimney started a fire in the attic. The prompt arrival of the fire department prevented the spread of the flames. The building was damaged to the extent of about $200, and contents about $150. A grass fire gave the apparatus from No. 7 Hall a run to the corner of Fernwood Road and King's Road.

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Because the Board of Library Commissioners appointed as custodian of the reading room of the Public Library, Mr. R. L. Phillips, who is not known to be a returned soldier, the Returned Soldiers' Committee complained to the City Council, calling such an appointment "an unpatriotic act." Alderman Cameron, chairman of the Library Board, explained that out of sixty applicants there was only one returned soldier, and he for certain reasons was disqualified for the position. Alderman Cameron promised an investigation would be made.

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The Victoria Hotel Association, which some time ago asked the City Council to consider reducing the hotel licences on a basis in keeping with the reduction in the hours of sale of liquor made recently by the Provincial Government, asked the City Council for an immediate answer to its request.

VANCOUVER

It is the intention of the New England Fish Company, whose premises were burned a few weeks ago, to rebuild them, and not to locate in Prince Rupert, as it was stated they might do. So stated Mr. W. J. O'Brien, managing director of that company, to The Province last week. Mr. O'Brien and Mr. E. P. Randlett, another director, arrived this morning from the northern port, where they looked ove some propositions that had been made to them in connection with establishing their cold storage plant there.

"We are to have further negotiations this afternoon and evening," said Mr. O'Brien, when asked as to whether everything was ready for going ahead with the work of rebuilding. "I can not, of course, speak definitely until a day or two. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Dominion Express Company have treated us very fairly and I think you may take it that we will reconstruct our premises. Business here is quite satisfactory for us."

He added that so far as Prince Rupert is concerned there would be nothing doing there at the present time in the way of erecting additional plant.

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Many friends in Vancouver will hear with deep regret of the death of Lieut. J. B. Hipwell, of St. John, N B., who died of wounds received during the recent heavy fighting on the western front. Lieut. Hipwell, who is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hipwell, of St. John, N. B., is a brother of Mr. Harry Hipwell of this city, who is at present at Vernon, with the Army Medical Corps, and a cousin of Mr. Hedley Hipwell, also of this city. Lieut. Hipwell was a student of the University of New Brunswick previous to joining the army.

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With the promise of better weather for the holiday many people are getting an early start on a week-end vacation trip by leaving Vancouver to-day. A number of fishermen took the morning boat out of the city, intending to spend a few days along the trout creeks of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, beyond Squamish, and officials of that road are expecting traffic to-morrow to be considerably heavier. The temporary tie-up on the line out of Squamish, resulting from a washout on Tuesday night, is now over and the line is operating as usual again.

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Private W. M. Miller, listed in to-day's casualties as wounded, is a son of Rev. A. N. Miller, pastor of the Ferris Road Methodist Church, South Vancouver. He went from here with the 29th Battalion, and has taken part in most of the heavy fighting done by the Canadian Division. He is a single man, 25 years old, and was engaged in a business house in this city before enlisting. Another son of Rev. Mr. Miller left here last week as a member of the 196th Western Universities Battalion.

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A telegram received today by Mrs. J. A. Mills, at the Red Cross headquarters, 207 Hastings Street West, stated that the making of surgical supplies and rolled bandages should be suspended until further notice, transportation being a difficulty, but that people should continue to make socks, pyjama suits, dressing gowns and other hospital garments, which are in great demand. The new Red Cross pins for $2 members are now for sale at the Red Cross depot at twenty-five cents each. Red Cross headquarters will close all day to-morrow, July 1.

NORTH VANCOUVER

Forty-three floats will take part in the Dominion Day public parade, commencing at 11 a.m. The route will be from Esplanade to Second Street, then west to Forbes Avenue. The procession will proceed up Forbes Avenue to Fifteenth Street, then turn westward to Jones Avenue, and thence to Mahon Park, where the day's celebration will take place. It is expected that the parade will be headed by the band of the 231st Seaforth Highlanders.

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In order to meet the heavy demand for recruits for the Engineers, Major J. Eades Ward is inaugurating a campaign in the interior and may, himself, visit the Kootenays and Boundary districts in search of men.

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In his recent visit to the Engineers, Major Fell complimented Major Ward on the smart appearance of the men and the excellent arrangements of the headquarters. The visitor also informed the officer commanding that the drafts from the Engineers were never detained long at Ottawa, owing to their knowledge of their work.

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Ferry Manager Heard stated last night that there would be three boats running on Dominion Day, should the traffic warrant No. 1 being placed on the run. To cope with the anticipated heavy traffic on Dominion Day, Manager Perry, of the B.C.E.R. Company, is arranging for extra car services.

WEST VANCOUVER

Councillor W. C. Thompson yesterday received a telegram announcing that John Dowling, of the firm of Woodward & Dowling, had been killed in action. Mr. Dowling was known throughout the municipality, where his genial disposition made him a general favorite.

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Chief of Police John eTare bade good-bye to his colleagues in the Municipal Hall to-day, when he relinquished his badge of office to his successor, Mr. Squires. Mr. Teare has acted as Chief of Police since the formation of the municipality.

SOUTH VANCOUVER

An adjourned meeting of the Council is to be held on Monday morning to reconsider the recent rejection by the council, on a tie vote, of a motion to hold a tax sale this year. The full council was not present when the vote was taken, hence it is desired by the reev that the matter be reconsidered.

The advisability of holding a tax sale this year is a question on which not only the councillors, but also the property owners are far from being of one mind. Those in favour of a tax sale argue that the time has arrived when municipal councils, in fairness to those property owners who pay their taxes regularly, must hold a tax sale each year, as provided for in the Municipal Act. They contend that the owner of property is in much the same position as a storekeeper or manufacturer who embarks upon an enterprise which does not succeed; and that just as the storekeeper or manufacturer in that event "loses out," so the property-owner who can not sell, cultivate or rent his land at a profit, must in the natural sequence of events "lose out."

On the other hand, it is contended by those who opose the holding of tax sales that the present is an abnormal time, and that until the war is over municipalities should, by curtailing expenditure, arrange to finance on such taxes as are paid, and by borrowings against arrears, rather than by holding tax sales.

In reply, the reeve and other councillors who favour the tax sale, state that money can not be borrowed against arrears of taxes "except at a ruinous discount," and they contend that it is the duty of the council to protect the credit of the municipality, and the property of the regular taxpayer.

This is the view now said to be taken by a majority of the council, and it is expected that on Monday the motion to hold a tax sale in October next will carry.

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Fireman R. B. Champion of No. 3 Firehall signed up yesterday for the 68th Canadian Field Artillery. Fireman Champion has been a member of the fire department for about three years, and he is the sixth from No. 3 Hall to enlist for overseas service.

RICHMOND

Mrs. Elizabeth Beattie, a property owner on Lulu Island West, has issued a Supreme Court writ, claiming $10,000 damages from the Lulu Island West Dyking Commissioners for the flooding of her lands, which she attributes to the dyking system.

BURNABY

The municipal staff had another busy day yesterday receiving 1916 taxes and it is confidently expected that before the rebate period expires tonight about 50 per cent. of this year's tax levy of $371,094 will have been paid in.

For some weeks past the staff has been working till late at night getting out tax notices and later dealing with the rebate period "rush," and as soon as this period expires the call will be "all hands on deck" to prepare for the tax sale in August.

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Rev. William Elliott, of Jubilee, has received a cable from the officer commanding the battalion in which his son, Lieut. Ferd Fletcher Elliott, was serving, confirming the report which came through about two weeks ago that he had been killed in action. Later information cast doubt on the report, which is now confirmed.

NEW WESTMINSTER

Pte. S. E. McCue, son of Mrs. McCue, 312 Fifth Street, who went to England with the 47th Battalion, is still seriously ill. He was taken with an attack of pleurisy on April 1, which later developed into rheumatic fever. He was cared for in the military hospital at Bramshott Camp, and has now been sent to a convalescent home at Bearwood, between Bramshott and London. If he does not soon recover he will be sent to the south coast of France, where it is considered that the change of climate may prove beneficial.

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Word has been received in the city that Pte. Phil C. Willett, of the 29th Battalion, has been wounded. He lived in this city for a number of years. His parents reside in Barrie, Ont.

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Lieut. R. F. Ruddock, of the Northumberlands, formerly of the 7th Canadian Battalion, has been wounded in action. His mother resides in this city.

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After three months in the Royal Columbian Hospital as a result of injuies received when his wagon was struck by a jitney on Kingsway, is recovering and will be able to return home at the end of this week. Mr. William Bearn, Burnaby municipal chauffeur, who was injured recently in a collision between the auto he was driving and a B. C. E. R. car, is also recovering at the Royal Columbian Hospital.

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Pte. Lindsay Annandale, third son of ex-Ald. T. S. Annandale of this city, has joined the 231st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, in Vancouver, for overseas service. The father and three sons are now with the colors. The father, Paymaster Captain Annandale, is with the 47th Battalion at Bramshott Camp, England; Pte. T. S. Annandale is at the front with the 29th Battalion, and Pte. Arthur J. Annandale is serving with the machine gun section of the 1st Pioneers, 80th Battalion.

LANGLEY PRAIRIE

Fully $10,000 worth of pure bred stock was sold Wednesday by Mr. John W. Berry, at Langley Prairie, acting as auctioneer for Coulter & Berry's famous stock. There was in all 102 head of cattle and eleven horses disposed of, and the prices paid were very good. Over 200 people attended the sale, including residents from all parts of the Fraser Valley and stockmen from various points. Charlton Bros., of the Delta, and Mr. Robert Kelly, of Vancouver, were the heaviest buyers, but other purchasers were Dr. McKay, of the Colony Farm and Messrs. Reynolds, Mutch, Dennis and Nelems. In the horse line, three mares sold for $225 each, and two three-year-olds for $250 each. Cattle prices ranged from $17 to $425. Grade cows brought as high as $202.50. Holsteins brought the best prices. Some particularly fine animals were disposed of. Messrs. Coulter & Berry are dissolving partnership.

FRASER VALLEY

One of the oldest of Glen Valley's old timers, Mr. Gilbert McKay, who died in a New Westminster hospital on Thursday evening, after an illness lasting only a few weeks, was laid to rest in Langley Fort Cemetery Saturday afternoon. Mr. McKay, who was a widower, leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. It was away back in the early eighties, when the Lower Fraser Valley was being homesteaded, that Mr. McKay first came to Langley and took up a ranch in Glen Valley.

GOLDEN

In Rev. Field Yolland, L. D. Rogers and F. P. Clark, Golden has the nucleus of a pedestrian club. All three were caught away from home when the Kicking Horse decided to make Baptists of everyone in Golden. Mr. Yolland made his way back from Athslmer partly on foot, and Messrs. Rogers and Clark counted the ties between Field and Golden.

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Mrs. W. E. Dabney, of Armstrong, who has been sojourning at Sinclair Radium Hot Springs, passed through Golden on Sunday, en route to her home.

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Pte. Tapp, who recently returned from the front with wounds, and who is now foreman at the Field internment camp, came down to Golden on Tuesday to visit old friends.

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Capt. John Irving, who has mining interests up the valley, and who has been on a tour of inspection on the Spillimachene, passed through Golden on Saturday, en route to Victoria.

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Athol Crirrie, who is now a member of the 102nd Battalion at Kamloops, passed through Golden on Tuesday, en route to rejoin his battalion, after having spent a short leave of absence with his parents at Invermere.

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Because Carlo Grassi was not satisfied with his everyday garments and desired a real "front" he is spending 30 days as the guest of Chief Sutherland in the Golden jail. Grassi was sent down by the magistrate at Revelstoke on a charge of having helped himself to numerous articles in a brakeman's suit case. When he finishes his term, Chief Sutherland will ask for an explanation as to when the prisoner acquired a new raincoat, and other articles taken from the section house and belonging to Joe Daniels. It is claimed by the police that Grassi about completely outfitted himself from the section house.

CHILLIWACK

A very sad drowning accident occurred at the Collinson Slough at noon on Friday, through which Mr. James Orr, a young man in his 20th year, and second son of Mrs. Orr, who has been residing on the old Matthew Hall place, South Sumas, for the past few years, lost his life. Three boys, Cecil Evans and John Orr, an older brother, and the victim of the drowning were looking for horses, and the latter taking Evans' horse tried to ford the slough, which on account of the high water is quite deep. It is thought that when Orr felt the horse going under he pulled on the bridle rein, causing the horse to fall back on him. The horse managed to get out, but the rider was not seen again. Neither he nor his companions could swim, and the latter were helpless in rendering assistance. When the body was recovered some time later all hope of resuscitation was gone. The body was removed to the family home and the funeral took place on Saturday afternoon to the Sardis Cemetery, Rev. W. E. Dunham conducting the religious services.

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A distinguished visitor to the Valley on Saturday and Sunday was Mr. Duncan Campbell Scott, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Scott is head of the Indian Department for the Canadian Government. Not only is Mr. Scott one of the most highly esteemed government officials of the Dominion, but is also a poet of some note, whose works are well known in literary circles both in Canada and the United States. While visiting Coqualeetza Institute, Mr. Scott unfurled a new flag on Saturday afternoon, and promised banners to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, in connection with the institute. While in the valley, Mr. and Mrs. Scott were the guests of Principal and Mrs. Raley, at Coqualeetza.

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On Wednesday last the Hon and Rev. T. R. Heneage, acting commissioner for Boy Scouts in B. C., inspected the Sardis Troop, in the recreation Hall, at Coqualeetza Institute. The troop numbered forty-two and presented a very creditable appearance, and Mr. Heneage complimented the boys on their proficiency.

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Constable Harding, who is getting after the woods throughout the municipality, has discovered some sample of French weed. This weed is a particularly bad variety to add to the present assortment grown in the valley, being particularly disastrous to the dairy industry. Stock eat the weed, and its effect on the milk makes it unsaleable. For this reason the weed should be kept out of the valley at all costs. The best method of destruction is to pull and burn.

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The annual meeting of the Chilliwack Automobile Club was held in the Board of Trade rooms, City Hall, on Saturday evening, June 24, 1916. There were present Messrs. E. D. Barrow, K. V. Munro, Josh McConell, R. W. Prowse, R. H. T. Gahan, T. L. Lillie, S. Sutor, A. S. Watson, F. B. Lyle, W. E. A. Thornton, W. J. Holmes, J. W. Rogers, D Chadsey, W. Atkinson.

The following officers were elected for the year 1916: President, Mr. E. D. Barrow; Hon. President, Mr. H. H. Gervan; First Vice-President, Mr. T. L. Lillie; Second Vice-President, Mr. R. W. Prowse; Third Vice-President, Mr. K. V. Munro; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. F. B. Lyle. Directors: Messrs. Josh McConell, R. H. T. Gahan, Hy. Jesperson, A. S. Watson, D. Chadsey, W. J. Holmes and P. Close.

BELLA COOLA

Mr. B. Brynildsen is in receipt of a letter from Edward Grant, who is still in England, but very anxious to get to the firing line. The young soldier thinks England is very pretty just now, but rather wet.

Henry C. Grainger also sends his best wishes to the people of this community. At the time of writing he and Charles Lord were among a draft of one hundred under orders to leave at any time. Mr. Grainger mentions that from verbal statements from returned soldiers, it appears that the fighting in Fnace for the past two months has been most terrific, and that people away from the firing line have very little idea of what is going on.

It is pleasing to note that all enlisted men from Bella Coola always mention that they look forward to the day when they will be back to what they term the old place.

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H. L. Harris, former editor of the Courier, has enlisted in the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, and is already started on his journey overseas.

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From reports lately received from our boys with His Majesty's forces, it is learned that Charles Lord, member of the Ambulance Corps, has been discharged from military service. It was found that his eyesight was defective. He will still be retained in the government service as a worker in a munition factory.

CHEMAINUS

It is with sincere regret one hears of two casualties among our Chemainus boys last week. Mr. G. McInnes received word on Friday that his son, Pte. Colin G. McInnes, of the 3rd Canadian Pioneers, 48th Bn., has been wounded and is in hospital in Boulogne.

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Mr. P. W. Anketell Jones heard on Saturday that his son, Sergt. E. M. Anketell Jones, of the 16th Bn., has been wounded in the fore arm by shrapnel, and is with No. 2 Field Ambulance. This is the second time Sergt. Jones has been wounded during the war.

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The service at St. Michael's and All Angels on Sunday morning was of a memorial character to the late Right Rev. Augustine Scriven, D.D., Bishop of Columbia.

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Arthur C. Howe shot a very large coon last week.

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The lawn tea, given by Mrs. Reed at Saltair last Thursday, in aid of the Y. M. C. A.'s writing paper fund, was a tremendous success. Mrs. Patterson, as a fortune-teller, was in great request. A beautiful embroidered cushion was raffled and won by Mrs. J. Cathcart, the lucky number being 5. A most excellent tea was served. The splendid sum of $58,75 was realized.

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A Chinese agitator visited Chemainus last week. He went into the V. L. & M. Co.'s yards to talk to the Chinese employees. He was requested to take himself off, but was reluctant to do so until forcibly assisted by Mr. Irving Smith, the foreman. As a result of the agitator's eloquence a number of Shinese left the company to work in Nanaimo and Vancouver.

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Lieut.-Col. Griesbach, 49th Bn., C. E. F., was granted the D.S.O. for "conspicuous gallantry and skill in handling a battalion during a heavy bombardment and subsequent attack by the enemy. On another occasion, by prompt action and setting a fine example, he was largely responsible for the rescue of several men who had been buried by the shell fire."

COWICHAN BAY

Some big winter springs have been caught recently, and it is likely that many visitors will avail themselves of the sport during the week end. A new boathouse is being erected on the beach by Mr. R. McClay.

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The Rev. W. T. and Mrs. Keeling have taken Saint Este, Mrs. Harding Finlayson's house at Cowichan Bay, for three months. Mrs. Keeling will be at home on Monday, July 10th, and following Mondays.

COWICHAN STATION

Rapid progress is being made in connection with the telephone system, residents along the Bench road are now in touch with Duncan. This fills a long felt want.

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The cycle corps commanded by Lieut. R. Machlin, Cowichan Station, left Victoria last week for a training camp in Ontario.

MAPLE BAY

The parish pump will speedily be "in being." Chisholm Bros. are erecting a tank on the hill above the wharf into which the waters of a spring higher up will be collected. The water will be syphoned down from the tank to a standpipe and tap near Mr. Marsh's house.

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Fishing is very good still, several catches of winter springs having been made.

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Among recent arrivals who have taken up their residence here are Mr. and Mrs. H. MacKenzie, Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Herd and family, Somenos; Mrs. J. Bailey and family, Westholme; Mrs. N. A. Loggin, Somenos; Mrs. L. Bonsall and family, Duncan; Mrs. Inglis, Victoria.

QUESNEL

A verry pretty wedding was solemnized at the English Church this evening, at half-past eight, between Mr. Alfred Frederick Brown and Miss Pansy Jeanette Felker. Rev. W. H. H. Elliott officiated at the service. The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. W. Kelly, looked sweet in a dress of white silk, with overdress of lace, and orange blossoms. She was attended by Miss Laura Locke as bridesmaid, while Mr. Herbert Brown, brother of the groom, was best man. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and was crowded to the doors. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Mr. W. C. Smith as the bridal party left the church, while showers of rice were scattered on the happy couple.

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A quiet wedding occurred at the Manse last Wednesday morning, when Wilvod Nowokowsky was united in marriage to Mrs. Alice Florence Keebles. Both the contracting parties are from the mining section, and arrived in town on the mid-week stage. The groom enlisted here on Wednesday, and left for the south on Thursday's stage, and the bride, we understand, will go to England to reside while her husband is at the front.

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Not for some years past has the water in the Fraser and Quesnel rivers reached as high a point as it touched during the past week. The cool weather which prevailed nearly all spring prevented the snow in the hills from disappearing as quickly as usual, so that when the hot weather arrived the latter part of last week the snow melted rapidly, and sent the water in the rivers up with a rush. Considerable drift wood is going down the streams.

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A. P. McInnes, of Beaver Lake, was in town this week, closing up some business before leaving to join the 172nd Battalion at Vernon. Mr. McInnes enlisted last March, and expects to join his company shortly after the first of next month.

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Miss Laura Locke, assistant at the local post office, is enjoying her holidays with relatives in Barkerville, and was present at the Brown-Felker wedding there last Monday night, an account of which appears in our Barkerville correspondence in another column.

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John Mikkelsen, of Cariboo Road, trapped three bears, 105 beaver, 24 marten, 1 otter, 27 mink, 73 lynx, 50 weasel and 7 fisher last winter. He cleaned up over $1,600.

NELSON

The Granite-Poorman mine at Beasley, near Nelson, has been bonded to Butte and Spokane capitalists. The first payment of $10,000 of a total which runs into six figures was made yesterday to Dr. W. H. Willson, Barney Crilly, Thomas Gough and H. Y. Anderson, who have a lease and bond on the mine and have been operating it profitably for some months. They had it under lease from the Kootenay Gold Mines, Limited, which holds the title.

The purchasers under the new bond are John McGinnis, President of the Silver Bow National Bank, Butte, Mont.; W. E. Cullin, Spokane, one of the largest owners of the Hudson Bay mine at Sheep Creek; and R. A. Carnochan of Spokane, secretary-treasurer of the Hudson Bay Company.

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The deal was put through by A. G. Larson, one of the best known mining engineers in British Columbia, who took an option on the mine from Willson, Crilly and associates, and who has conducted all the negotiations which have now ended successfully.

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Pte. Douglas Tompkins, of Rossland, battalion correspondent at the front for The Daily News, was reported wounded in a list of casualties issued at Ottawa on Tuesday night. The extent of his injuries is not known. Pte. Tompkins, who enlisted a year ago, was at that time editor of the Rossland Miner. His family are at present living at the home of Mrs. Tompkins' parents at Enderby, where they have made their home since the wounded man left for overseas service.

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A letter has been received by Mayor J. J. Malone from the officer commanding the 6th field company Canadian Engineers, stating that men are urgently needed for this body. All professions and trades are eligible and special attention is drawn to the opportunities offered to skilled workmen and men accustomed to handling horses. Men joining the Engineers are sent east every two weeks with drafts from Vancouver.

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Lance-Corp. Peter Roy McGregor, formerly of Nelson, has been killed in action, according to word received by R. Crew, of Regina. Lance-Corp. McGregor occupied the position of chief clerk in the divisional freight office of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Nelson some four years ago. He was transferred to the office of the company in the same capacity at Regina where he enlisted for overseas service during the early days of the war.

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The death occurred early yesterday morning of Mrs. Emma Jane Cope at her home, the corner of Josephine and Latimer Streets, after an illness extending over the past three months. Mrs. Cope, who was the wief of E. T. Cope, of the mining recorder's office, Nelson, was in her 40th year, and was formerly Miss Emma Jane Grimwood, of Logan township, Perth County, Ontario. She and her husband had made their home in the city for the past four years. The funeral wil ltake place from St. Saviour's church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. She is survived by a husband and one daughter.

CASTLEGAR

Mrs. J. T. Laurie, accompanied by Mrs. J. Johnson and Miss Johnson, who have been spending a few days in Nelson with friends, have returned home.

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The following pupils are in Trail and will spend the next few days in that city writing upon their examination papers: the Misses McGauley, Robert McGauley, Bessie Watts, Victor Lommel, W. O'Berne and a number of others.

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Miss Mae George has left for Trail and will be the guest of Mrs. T. Beisley during her stay.

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An enjoyable bridge party was given by Mrs. G. Luff at her residence, "River View," last evening. Some 15 guests were present, Miss S. G. Tineans and Mrs. Cherry gave a pleasant musical programme.

HAZELTON

Another important deal has just been consummated, Erskine Smith and associates, of Vancouver, having taken a bond on the Patriotic and Mammoth groups, comprising eight claims, adjoining the Hazelton View and Indian groups, on Rocher de Boule mountain. The vendors are Harris Bros. Terms have not been made public.

POLITICAL UNITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

(Written specially for The Week by a Barrister.)

The spirit of parochialism hangs over the public men of British Columbia. It is a lamentable coincidence, but no excuse, that a similar spirit may be found in other Provinces of Canada. One is sensible of a degree of shame that in this day of the Empire's severest trial the men who control the Government of this Province, and the men who seek to obtain such control cannot settle their petty differences.

Their wanderings in the wilderness have engendered in the Liberals a feeling of such intense bitterness towards their political Opponents as to override if not to exclude a nobler view of the affairs of this country. Nor does one know whether to blame them.

Speaking as one interested in politics, but not party bound, I would say injustice has been done in the past to the Liberals by the party in power. The latter has been too greedy of the spoils of office, too scornful in their role as conquerors. But these things can no more be remedied than the ills of Ireland in the sixteenth century.

When the Turks were battering the gates of Constantinople, the rival factions were slaughtering each other in its streets, and the unhappy Emperor could find but 12,000 men superior to party politics to fight the common enemy. If there is any party politician in British Columbia who would have been numbered among the 12,000 he gave no evidence of his existence during the last session.

No historian has found it worthy to record the nature of the differences between the Byzantine Blues and the Greens. The simple fact remains that on account of these differences the bulwark of Europe fell before the Turkish hordes.

When the history of British Columbia is written, what space will be occupied by a record of the nature of the diverences between the Liberals and Conservatives of to-day? It is far more probable that the historian will have to note the melancholy fact that in preference to working in harmony for the good of their country the politicians were occupied metaphorically in slitting each others' throats.

During the last session, instead of devoting their attention entirely to placing constructive legislation on the Statute books, our legislators were axe in hand, chasing each other round the corridors. Hence such ill digested legislation as the War Relief Act.

What stranger observing these antics, could have believed these were the law makers of a Province heavily burdened with debt, with its industries languishing, and its resources undeveloped? Nor could he have believed that this Province was a part of an Empire engaged in the greatest war of all time.

I am not a politician. I have no unchangeable creed. I belong to that silent class that quietly voted for the Conservatives in 1912, and as quietly voted for the Liberals in the recent bye-elections. Ask me how I shall vote in the general elections and I cannot answer. I do not know.

But I believe I am representative of a large class of the electors who care not a fig whether Bowser or Brewster be the next Premier—whether Macdonald paid Gosden $50, or whether he did not—whether the last session ended lawfully on March 15th, or not—nor even whether it was good policy to alienate Crown lands or give such ample assistance to railway magnates. Right or wrong, these things are past. No amount of verbiage can make a tittle of difference. What of the future, that is the question?

No man, politician or otherwise, can think Imperially, when he is obsessed by the absorbing passion to ruin his neighbour simply because he sports a different political colour.

I have already said that to the man in the street there is no essential difference between our parties. (I do not mean as to the past, which is gone beyond repair, but as to the future). The only thing that separates their members is perhaps personal ill feeling, but more probably tradition. In the Motherland the rival leaders, in the hour of crisis, agreed to forget their differences and lo! there are none. The Irish question, tariff reform, land nationalisation will have settled themselves without any effort of politicians. If the historical enmity of nearly three hundred years can be forgotten in the Mother of Parliaments, why not in our small Assembly?

Why cannot the rival leaders, instead of stumping the country, abusing each other, get together quietly and see if some common ground may not be found, some truce may not be formed, whereby all may work, during this period at least solely for the benefit of the Province of British Columbia and its people, and so that we may play our part to the Inish in bringing the war to a successful conclusion?

The greatest changes in the world's history are destined to take place in the next five years. The habits of nations have been rudely disturbed. Within a few months of peace, the whole world will be moving, reconstruction beyond contemplation will be taking place; and what are we doing to prepare for all this? The great mind of the people of British Columbia instead of being directed by its leaders along fruitful lines is being warped and misdirected towards the consideration of bitter trifles arising out of personal animosity or the egregious ambitions of two or three men.

Before it is too late, cannot an armistice be arranged? Cannot the leaders meet at a round table conference, formulate a joint policy eliminating the questions, if any, upon which no settlement can be made, agree upon a ministry of all talents, and for a Parliament representative of all parties to hold office say till the termination of the war, and for two years after?

Who would be the losers by such a compact? Would not the Province of British Columbia be the gainer?

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF DRINK

In vino veritas. Has it ever occurred to the reader that there may be a broader and deeper meaning in this old proverb than is usually ascribed to it. Can it not be made to mean that the psychological condition of a nation, or the degree of civilization to which it has attained, may be gauged by the nature of the fluids it drinks?

History largely bears out this theory. In ancient days the Greeks who were probably the most cultured people that ever lived, drank the wines that were made on the adjacent islands of the Mediterranean, such as Lesbian and Chian, which must not be confused with the modern Chianti, a wine made on the slopes of Vesuvius.

The great Latin poet, Horace, sang the praises, and doubtless quaffed long draughts of old Falernian, and surely he was the epitome of culture. And while these dwellers by the blue waters of the Mediterranean were drinking the delicious wines of their country, the "Barbarians" who dwelt to the north of them, in the forests of central Europe, and in what is now Germany, were satisfied with mead, the oldest known form of beer, and probably with some other embryonic form of beer itself. Our own ancestors in the British Islands had also in common with their Scandinavian neighbours some kind of malt liquor, and they were then little better than savages, and had made no progress in the arts or sciences.

Today similar comparisons may be made, showing similar results. The French, who are probably the most highly civilized and cultured people of the world, are almost entirely a wine drinking people, the English are just emerging from the beer stages, as are also the Americans.

As there is a vast difference between beer and wine, so also there are degrees of varying intensity in wine itself. In California, in Australia, and at the Cape of Good Hope millions of gallons of wine are annually produced, and consumed, but most of it is drunk in the raw state, very little of it is allowed to mature and reach its highest perfection, because the users of it are content with it as it is, in other words, they have not yet attained that high degree of civilisation that recognizes and appreciates the superb excellence of a really fine wine in its highest perfection. Watch the diners at a first rate restaurant or club in New York. They are rich enough to command and obtain the best of everything, they are splendidly dressed, their conversation is clever and witty, and yet they have their Burgundy brought them in pails of ice!

It is difficult to determine the influence of the stronger drinks, such as brandy, whiskey, and other spirits. They probably denote a civilization or epoch of much virile strength, but beer and wine are the two great distinguishing marks of the height to which a nation has risen. This is particularly noticeable just now in the case of our Teutonic enemies. That they have attained great eminence in music, painting and other arts cannot be denied. And are not their Rhine wines most excellent and of the most delicate flavour? Yet the nation as a nation is a drinker of beer, and is not its effect apparent in certain of their methods in conducting the present war, which are only too well known.

The Chinese and Japanese are both highly cultivated and mild mannered people, their principal drink is tea, and yet there are terrible depths of cruelty and vice in their natures not yet eradicated, and which are exemplified by the fiery nature of certain wines and spirits which are largely consumed by them.

It is curious to speculate as to what will happpn if the total exclusion of all alcoholic beverages ever becomes an absolute fact. Possibly insipidity may become a national characteristic if we are reduced to a diet of water only, but as this is hardly likely to be accomplished, it is vain to speculate on the possible results.

On the whole, the subject of the relation of its drinks to the condition of its civilization in a nation is an extremely interesting one, and may be followed out at much greater length and in much fuller detail, than is here set forth.

CHARLES ST. BARBE.

ENTER THE U. S. BREWERIES

On Monday last a highly colored freight car passed through Golden bearing on its side in luric colors "Lemp's Beer." This car was en route east, possibly to Calgary, to meet the requirements of those who, considering the beverage in the light of a table viand, are conforming to the law of the Province by purchasing their supplies outside its boundaries. That was only one car, but it stood out prominently from the fact that a United States brewer, with a Teutonic name, having had the gates of Alberta thrown open to him, was demonstrating that he was not overlooking a good thing, and was ready to unload his foreign goods immediately Alberta told its breweries and hotels that they could not dispose of their products within its boundaries. Possibly that car of beer was sidetracked somewhere near the B. C. boundary awaiting the arrival of July 1, when it will go into Alberta to those who have ordered it.

In the City of Edmonton stands an immense pile of modern masonry. It is the Edmonton brewery, which cost more than $1,000,000 to build. Its advent created a stir in the capital city. It was photographed, and these sent abroad to illustrate the growth of the thriving city. It is the last word in modern architecture and completeness. Daily the establishment drew many carloads of barley and other products from the farms round about; its by-products were hauled to the dairies to produce milk and butter. Hundreds of men laboured at good wages, and other hundreds did likewise in dispensing the products of the establishment.

On Saturday next this institution must cease doing business in Alberta; it may solicit business in B. C., Saskatchewan or other provinces, but one bottle of beer sold in Edmonton means a heavy fine.

If anyone should look along the railroad yards they will find many such gaily painted freight cars containing the products of the breweries of the U. S. A. They will bear such euphonious names as "Schlitz," "Lemp" and "Busch," and back in Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin and other states the farmers will continue to sell their barley and hops, and to haul dairy food back to the farm; both the brewer and the farmer will chuckle and recall the words of former President Taft, when he said, that "Canada would become an adjunct to the U. S. A."

What will become of those men who are thrown out of employment? The prohibitionists say: "Join the army." An enforced patriotism is a dangerous patriotism, for who knows that the man who must fight to eat may become imbued with the idea that it is not necessary to go abroad to do the fighting. Fortunately he has another and safer method of doing his fighting, and that is through the ballot. He is asked to enlist with the prohibitionists in saddling such a measure upon B. C. A little intro and retrospection will work wonders between now and the time he is called upon to exercise his franchise, and every reasonable surmise warrants the prophecy that he will ponder deeply before abolishing an industry in the Dominion of Canada and introducing a system that will permit the German breweries of the U. S. A. to garner to themselves the dollars that once went to enrich the communities that fostered and encouraged such investments as that million-dollar brewery at Edmonton.

Read the Prohibition Act over carefully before forming an opinion as to its merits. It is not a party measure, and no intellgient legislator will stand sponsor for its inequalities and deficiencies. It is the thought of those who, oblivious to every economic principle, see only one side of the question.—Golden Star.

THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND

It was a summer evening,
The great sea-fight was done,
And Kaiser, on the German shore,
Saw German warships run.
And, limping o'er the waters green,
A battered Fleet came on the scene.

Old Kaspar saw with deep concern
The Fleet had sorely shrunk;
And cried, "Oh, tell me, Tirpitz, pray,
How many ships are sunk?"
"Nay, that I cannot tell," said T.,
"But 'twas a famous victory."

"Our glorious Navy," Tirpitz cried,
"Put Britain's hosts to rout."
"Then why have we thus run away?"
Said Kaspar, full of doubt.
"Ah, that you mustn't ask," said he,
"But 'twas a famous victory."

"And have we swept them from the foam,
And shattered their blockade?"
Said Kaspar, "Can our ships now roam,
And bring us food and trade?"
"Well, no. We're still hemmed in," said T.,
"But 'twas a famous victory."

"But if the Day—the longed-for Day
Brought triumph," Kaspar said,
"Why are we still blockaded, pray?"
And Kaspar scratched his head.
"I tell you," fiercely thundered T.,
"It was our famous victory!"

So Kaspar (as per orders) cheered,
While joy-bells rent the sky;
And Tirpitz told the smiling world
With loud incessant cry
(Though Britain still commands the sea),
"It was our famous victory!"

KITCHENER'S GRAVE

(By James Douglas.)

Nobly her warrior sleeps with Drake and Hood
In the old grey shrine whose walls are her green waves,
Hero not least of her heroic brood,
Soldier of soldiers in her grave of graces. . . .

Out of the deep he calls, out of the deep
His valiant voice rings like a clear sea-bell,
Out of his sleep he calls, out of his sleep:
"Go forward, Britain! Forward! All is well!"

— Land and Water.

IRELAND UP-TO-DATE

Here is a true Irish story: An Englishman, who used to go every year for a month's fishing in Ireland called, on arriving, on Pat, whose boat he used always to hire, when the following conversation took place: "Good morning, Pat." "Mornin', your honour." "I want your boat, as usual, Pat." "Sorry, your honour cannot have her." "Why not, Pat?" "She's engaged, your honour." "Nonsense, Pat; I must have the boat or you must tell me why I cannot have her." "Sorry, your honour, but it's a secret, and unless you swear by the Holy Virgin not to say a word I cannot give you the reason." "All right, Pat, I swear to say nothing." "Well, your honour, I've leased her to the German Government, to lay mines, at £3 a month." "You're a dirty scoundrel, Pat." "Yes, your honour, but you've sworn to say nothing." "Well, Pat, your brother has a boat?" "He has, your honour, but you can ax him, and yiu won't get his boat." The Englishman then went and saw the brother, and asked for the use of his boat, which was at once refused; the brother went on to give his reason for refusing. He said: "Well, your honour, I've leased my boat to the British Government, at £2 a month, to pick up the mines laid by my brother's boat, so between us we get £5 a month; but you've promised not to say a word to anyone."—The Gentlewoman.

"A TERRESTRIAL PARADISE"

Sir Rider Haggard, who has been spending some time in Australia on behalf of the Royal Colonial Institute, calls Tasmania "a terrestrial Paradise." Speaking last month at a luncheon in Hobart he said the people of Tasmania considered their country small, but it was larger than Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, and other places that had made some stir in the world. He was satisfied that the fruit industry in Tasmania could be multiplied twenty-fold, and could support an enormous number of people. The harnessing of the Tasmanian water power was going to mean a tremendous thing for the State. The island had many other assets, one of the greatest of which was the port of Hobart, which was the finest in Australasia, and one of the best, if not the best, in the world.

OUR CONTRIBUTION

Publicity is all a newspaper has to sell. Since the war began every local paper in Canada has given free, hundreds of dollars worth of space, boosting all kinds of funds and organizations in connection with the war. In spite of this, many unthinking people entertain the idea that editors should put up just as much cash as other citizens. If a grocer donated a large quantity of provisions to war funds, would any reasonable man expect him to put up cash? Then, why pester editors for cash, when they are already giving more to war projects than any other class of citizens. The proper system is to charge for all this kind of publicity, and make cash donations to all funds, just the same as other citizens. By doing this some of the dull-witted might gradually learn, that the editors of Canada have given more towards war funds, than any other class of people in the entire Dominion.—The Ledge.

Another of the incongruities of the war: Grace Gifford Plunkett, that tragic bride, of a few hours, of the executed Irish rebel, has a brother fighting for England in a Canadian regiment.

I like the story John Lane is telling about a well-known author who went into Exeter post office to register a manuscript to the Bodley Head publisher. The young lady behind the counter looked doubtfully at the address, and then said: "Just Bodley Head? No number in Vigo Street?" The answer was in the negative; whereupon the girl sniffed and said, "Most public-houses have."

A Serbian notability, a guest the other day of a nobleman famed for his unbounded hospitality, highly amused the company with his efforts to grapple with the intricacies of the English language. Pressed to take a second helping of an appetising dish, he desired to use the quotation "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." What he said was, "The ghost is ready but the meat is feeble!"

"Are you a pro-German or a pro-Ally?" "Neither. I'm a Pro Bono Publico."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

HE SAW IT

I've always had an affection for the story of the worthy Scotch professor who, manfully defending the possession of a sense of humour of his race, added to an English friend, "You English can see a joke in anything. Why the other day I was in a room with four Englishmen, one of whom told a story, and —would you believe it?—I was the only man who didn't laugh."

Harry Lauder told me not long ago a story which came under his notice when he was paying a short visit to Scotland. This story, I think, clearly proves the truth of every Scot's contention that his sense of humour is exacting—if not very quick.

An Englishman and a Scotsman were taking a walking tour together in Argyllshire. One day, after walking a few miles, they lost their way, and were pulled up short by a sign-post, on the fingers of which a wag had written "Those who can't read enquire at the cottage opposite."

The Englishman read the notice and shook with laughter thereat. The Scotsman, however, merely puckered his brow, and said quietly, "Eh, mannie, but I canna' see anything in it."

The Englishman said nothing in reply, and the tramp was continued. In the middle of the night, however, he was surprised to hear a knock at his door and on indignantly shouting out to know why he was being disturbed in this way, he was intensely amused to hear his Scotch friend say: "I can see it noo—t'folk at the cottage might hae been oot."

His English friend was so struck with the Scotsman's mental pertinacity in thrashing out what was, to him, a knotty point, that he immediately jumped out of bed and explained where the point of the joke actually came in.

The Scotsman listened in silence, and having been entrusted with the correct solution of this mirth-provoking incident, merely replied sententiously, "The man that wrote that must hae took me for a fool as well as you—but you see there was only one o' us—and that was nae me."

TWO OF A KIND

A strainger, while passing an asylum for mental diseases, noticed a young man inside the grounds painting—high picket fence. As soon as the painter caught sight of the stranger he beckoned him to come closer.

"—— you going down the road?" asked the painter.

"I am," said the stranger.

"Well, when you get to that tall oak tree measure off six paces to the right, then dig down about three feet and you will find a box full of —— that was buried there by a hermit."

The stranger consented, —— as they ——, the painter repeated his instructions.

After a short walk the stranger found the tree, measured off the distance and was —— busy digging.

After digging a hole so deep that he could hardly climb out of it he gave up the task and walked back to the sanatorium.

"Did you find anything?" asked the painter.

"No, I did not, and I feel like a ——," replied the stranger in disgust.

The painter scratched —— head a moment. Then he said:

"Come inside and help me paint the fence."

A DIPLOMAT

"Here is an apple, Willie. Divide it generously with your sister."

"How shall I divide it generously, mamma?"

"Why, always give the larger portion to the other person, my child."

Willie reflected for a moment, then he handed the apple to his little sister, saying, "Here, Ethel, you divide it."

First Surgeon: "I'm really too busy to operate on him. But I suppose I ought to." Second Surgeon: "Is it necessary?" First Surgeon: "Well, no, but I don't want to establish a precedent."

"The Bible tells us we should love our neighbours," said the good deacon. "Yes, but the Bible was written before our neighbours lived so close," replied the mere man.