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The American Note

IF we could only learn the truth as to what has been going on in Washington this week it might be that the civilized world would be prepared to shake hands with President Wilson. But the reports of the Associated Press have been so contradictory and so misleading, that even the Colonist, which is one of the staunchest defenders of that Institution, was constrained to confess on Thursday that its exultation had been somewhat premature. The fact of the matter is that President Wilson has strained the patience of Christendom to such an extent as to tax its credulity. He has made us all "Men from Missouri," who have got to be shown before we believe. However, if his message to Congress and his Note to Germany are to be taken at their face value, and if President Wilson has the backbone to act as the phraseology of his message demands, one of two things must happen, probably before this writing is published, and certainly within a few hours; either Germany must acquiesce in his demands for an abandonment of its submarine warfare upon the lines on which it has been conducted, or the President must preemptorily break off diplomatic relations. This is the only thing which could happen if any other nation than the United States had forwarded such a Note to a great Power, and while the experience of the last eighteen months has taught us that President Wilson is not governed in his diplomatic negotiations by the traditions of other great Powers, it must be admitted that if one could forget the happenings of the last few years, it would be possible to read into his recent Note an assumption of dignity, and an enunciation of principles such as accords with the history of the great country which he represents. President Wilson, having put his foot down, has only to keep it down to ensure the respect and support of the civilized world. A few hours will show whether he is capable of doing this. While his decision will have no effect upon the ultimate issue of the War, it will have a great effect on neutral nations, but its greatest effect will be in rehabilitating the tarnished reputation of the United States.

The 11th C. M. R.

THE daily press has been urging the claims of the 11th C.M.R. "who are eating their hearts out in comparative idleness here," to get to the Front. This is becoming almost an old story, and yet if any amount of hammering away can impress the military authorities, there should be no "let up." The case of this Battalion is one of sheer hard luck, due not to any fault of their own, but to an error of judgment on the part of the authorities at Ottawa, who allowed them to be recruited as a mounted regiment, only to find out subsequently that they could not be utilized in that capacity. They put in a full season's training at Vernon last year. They were brought to Victoria, and spent a miserable winter in the most uncomfortable quarters imaginable. After enduring quite unnecessary hardships, they were practically disbanded, with the option of becoming an infantry battalion and recruiting up to full strength. This meant the enlistment of another 500 men, with a certain amount of training subsequently, and it therefore certainly meant that the battalion would be here until next Fall. This is not fair treatment to one of the finest battalions formed in the West. There may be certain military methods of solving the problem. With those the writer is not acquainted, but it does not need a military man to decide that it would be both a hardship and an injustice to keep 500 splendidly trained men here to undergo a second course of training, with half a battalion of raw recruits. The Week does not hesitate to say that the Member for Victoria should bring all the pressure possible to bear upon the authorities in this matter. The men are fit and ready to go overseas, and it must be a singularly inelastic and inept system which cannot devise the means. There is half a battalion further East in exactly the same condition. Why not marry the two halves, and so complete one unit, which could go overseas at once. The objection that this would mean eliminating one Colonel may count with the Department, it would hardly count with the public.

Conscription Needed

THURSDAY'S Colonist announced that the officers of the various military units in and around Victoria unanimously favored conscription. They based their opinion mainly on the fact that the young able-bodied men who should be the first to enlist are the last, and that many of them are skulking. It is no answer to such a charge to say that British Columbia has recruited well, and that our figures compare favorably with those of any other Province. The sole question is—are more men needed? If so, there can be no doubt as to the class of men who should be compelled to serve their country, if they do not do so voluntarily. The Colonist has always deprecated compulsion in any form, and has been inclined to comment unfavorably on the vigorous action taken by Hamilton and other Eastern cities, but it is coming round, and in its editorial of Thursday concedes the necessity for some more stringent action on the part of the authorities, but thinks that this might be compassed by the enforcement of the Militia Act, which makes military training compulsory. On this point The Week cannot agree with the Colonist, because the Militia Act does not provide for service abroad, and the "skulkers" are making use of that fact to plead that they would be willing to join for home defence, but not for overseas service. There is no doubt that something will have to be done if a total of half a million men are to be recruited, and there is now no doubt that this number will be required. However, one thing may safely be said, which is that the Government will not hesitate to take any steps that may be necessary, and public opinion throughout the Dominion will sustain their action. Meanwhile it is one of the puzzles of this great crisis to understand how a young man, single, and in good health, can satisfy his conscience while he stays at home having a good time, and allows married men with families to do his fighting. There is the further consideration, which probably never reaches his mind, that in spite of all the Government can do, a soldier's family has to feel the pinch. There must be something wrong in the education and training of a young man who in this testing time does not feel that the call is for him. An incident which occurred in one of the leading stores of the City illustrates a certain phase of this question which should receive the serious consideration of our educational agencies, as well as of parents. A lady was buying a pair of gloves, and entered into conversation with the sales lady. They soon got to the subject of the War, for the purchaser had a son at the Front, and the young lady behind the counter with a voice full of emotion, and with tears starting to her eyes, told how she had three brothers at the Front, and how she alternately dreaded and prayed, never free from the fear that the bulletin or the mail might bring news of a casualty. Then, with indignation in her voice, she said: "And in my boarding-house there is a great, big, strong young fellow with no one dependent on him, and when I was talking with him the other day about my brothers, and what they were doing, and urging him to enlist, he said: 'What should I enlist for? To fight for King George? What's King George to me? It will be time enough for me to fight when I have to defend my country.'" If ever that day comes, God help his country!

No Issue

A LOCAL daily deplores in a recent number that between the two political parties of Canada there is no "real issue." It elaborates its argument in the effort to prove that politicians are insincere, that they have no principles, no definite views, and that they are only actuated by the desire to discredit their opponents. The article illustrates this theory by referring to the avidity with which the Liberal Party in Provincial and Federal politics is now busy devoting practically all its time to scandalizing Conservative Governments. Incidentally, it expressed its satisfaction at the futility of the attempt. The writer of the article does not go far enough. He might well have written at the same length as he is accustomed to treat theological and philosophical subjects in his Sunday edition. A treatise on "Latter Day Canadian Politics" would be intensely interesting, if honestly and fairly done. Having only lived in Canada for twenty years, the writer appears to have missed the good times when public men had convictions, and when there were real issues. It is only from the pages of history that the present generation can learn of the great issue involved in the National Policy, and of the other great issue, on the School Question. During the last twenty years there have only been two subjects which could possibly be dignified with the title of issues, viz.: "Reciprocity" and a "Canadian Navy," and at the moment it would not be profitable to revive a discussion on either. No student of history can fail to observe that the old lines of demarcation between political parties are rapidly disappearing. The one subject which could always be trusted to arouse strong party feeling—Free Trade—has been swept off the board for ever. The only subject which seems at all likely to line up the country into two parties is the old racial cry between Quebec and the balance of the Dominion. That is coming, and it will not be many years before the question as to who shall rule Canada will have to be settled. But that issue is still on the horizon. Meanwhile the Party Leaders on both sides have become opportunists, and are simply outbidding each other with the tempting bait of Radical Legislation. This is the only possible explanation of some of the measures, always identified with extreme Radicalism, which have become planks in the Conservative Platform. It is the only feasible explanation of the abandonment by Conservative statesmen of the traditional policies of their party. It is the only explanation of the eagerness of Liberal Leaders to identify themselves with sensational charges against the probity of their political opponents. The one bit of blue in a cloudy sky is the awakening consciousness of the people to the truth of the matter, and the growing determination of parties all the more certain and irresistible, because slow and sure to seek a fresh alignment in which principles and convictions will count. That determination was foreshadowed in the recent By-Elections in British Columbia. It is reflected in the determination of the people of Canada to force an investigation into Army Contracts, despite the decision of the Government to postpone the matter. By the time the War is over the "real issue" will have developed not only in Canada, but in every part of the Empire, and it will be along the lines indicated.

Compensation

PUBLIC opinion is becoming more pronounced every day on the subject of Compensation in connection with Prohibition. A few months ago the Prohibitionists were on the top of a wave of enthusiasm, otherwise denominated "Moral Reform." They were carrying all before them, and fresh from their recent victory in Alberta, felt that political parties were at their mercy, and that they had only to "ask and have." They were not slow to take advantage of the situation. They asked, and they got—a promise. It is the implementing of that promise which is now absorbing public attention. People talk of "the pendulum swinging the other way," as applied to the recent By-Elections. They may with equal truth apply it to the Prohibition Campaign. When such men as Mr. W. Marchant, a life-long Prohibitionist of the most uncompromising type, has the courage to declare that, eager as he is for Prohibition, he would not have it at the price of injustice and without proper compensation being made, it is time for the truculent Prohibitionist to "sit up and take notice." Fortunately for the good name of Canadians and the honor of British traditions, all Prohibitionists are not truculent, indeed there is only a small minority bent on having its own way without any regard for the other fellow, and that minority is dwindling. The well-reasoned argument of Mr. Marchant should be read by every citizen, and will undoubtedly weigh when the final arbitrament of the polls is pronounced. He not only favors reasonable Compensation, but he shows how it can be provided. The fact of the matter is that men of Mr. Marchant's type are broad-minded enough to realize what The Week has insistently contended for, viz.: that we must not do an injustice even to accomplish a desirable end. There has been no answer, and no attempt to answer, the admirable argument for Compensation put forward by Mr. Tulke of Vancouver, Counsel for the Merchants' Protective Association. That it has made a great impression on the Government cannot be doubted. That impression is reflected by the significant statement of the Premier in an interview reported in the Colonist of Sunday last, in which he says that "Justice" will be done to all parties. This can only mean that the Government is prepared to give proper Compensation, for without it the phrase would be a mockery, and the Premier is not accustomed to use misleading phraseology. It is for the voters to decide whether they want Prohibition, but it is for the Government to decide whether they shall have the opportunity of voting upon a just Measure.

Thrift

WE are being enjoined, not only by the Federal, but by the Imperial Government, to exercise the strictest economy from now until the end of the War. "Production and Thrift" is the watch-word of the hour, and there is not the least doubt that the appeal will meet with a whole-hearted response from every corner of the Empire. The Week would like to bring the lesson right home to Victoria, not because there are not many people here upon whom thrift has been imposed by force of circumstances, and who are finding it hard work to secure the necessaries of life without thinking much of the luxuries. But in the main Victoria is still a city of luxury, a city of furs and frills, of motor cars and $12.50 boots, most of the latter being worn by working girls. For this reason The Week ventures to draw the attention of its readers to the fact that Victoria has not yet lined up with the other cities of the Dominion in the matter of denying itself luxuries. The Financial Times, in a recent issue, quotes the Trade Returns of the Dominion to show that for the eight months ending November 30th last, Canadian imports of sixty-four articles regarded as luxuries amounted to $24,309,073, compared with $50,654,977 for the same period of 1913, a reduction of 52%. The largest falling off is in automobiles, auto parts, embroideries, laces, expensive china ware, whiskey, fruits, furs, jewellery, musical instruments, paintings, precious stones, and furniture, although there is a substantial reduction in almost every one of the sixty-four items. The Financial Times points out that the housekeepers of Canada are not catering to epicurean tastes as they did before the War, there being a very pronounced falling off in the imports of costly ingredients for cooking. The condition reflected by this remarkable statement pertains in many other parts of the Empire, but more in Great Britain than anywhere; and when we think not only of the restrictions now practised at home, but of the prohibition recently announced with respect to the importation of many articles of luxury it is difficult to resist the conclusion that in our own city that impressive recruiting motto, "This means you" should be taken to heart.

The Experience of Seattle

THE Seattle Argus on Saturday last published a few facts in connection with the administration of the new Prohibition Law in that city. From its very detailed and carefully written report the following extracts are taken; and The Week commends them to the careful consideration of those who believe that Prohibition really prohibits:

> "The new Act is not a Prohibition of the sale of liquor. The opportunities for getting liquor into Seattle are so numerous that by this time there are mighty few drinking men who do not know where and how to get a supply at any time."
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> "Between two and three hundred liquor permits are being issued per day. Over sixty new Drug Stores have sprung up in the past few months."
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> "Cafes, where the police, under the License Law, could enforce regulations, are now running as never before. The female entertainers mingle with the patrons, who order ginger ale, or some kind of water, and doctor it up from flasks out of their pockets. Whiskey may be obtained just as freely on Sundays and Election Days as at any other time."
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> "The Druggists are reaping a harvest, and would doubtless contribute liberally to the Prohibition Cause, should occasion arise."
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> "It has made a market for cheap Rot-gut, and has made Whiskey drinkers out of beer drinkers."

William Blakemore.

The Daffodil Tea, arranged by the Kings Daughters was, by the kind permission of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, held at Government House, last Saturday afternoon. Needless to say, it was an unqualified success. The attendance was large, the display of "daffs" and primroses profuse; the musical programme excellent, and the novelty introduced by Mrs. Bickers' little dancing maidens quite an attractive feature. With such accomplished musicians as Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Longfield, Miss Pearce and Mr. Hughes, supported by the Fifth Regiment Band, an artistic treat was assured, and rarely has a similar function been so well served in this respect. The children who looked so sweet and danced so prettily in their daffodil costumes, included Hilda Langton, Monica Davis, Frances Kerr, Poppy Shepherd, Doris Jedu and Amalie Gibson, Margery Neish, Margery Spencer, Gwennie and Flora Richards, Bobby and Nancy Ross, Bee McFadden, Violet Pummett Vivienne Combes, Phyllis and Glayds Matthews, Kathleen Ganz, Gresley Cox, Dorothy Davis and Shela Bickers. Many compliments were paid by the delighted visitors on the really magnificent display of flowers in the drawing-room, a veritable "show" in themselves, and on the excellent condition of the grounds, despite an exceptionally late, cold season. Much interest was taken in Mrs. Barnard's rock garden, so skilfully cultivated on the southeast side of Government House. Following the fashion of the Old Country, a rough bare, inartistic succession of rock and boulder has, in four short weeks, been converted into a natural garden, in which the full effect of flowers, shrubs and rock in happy combination produce a veritable transformation scene.

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Colonel Haggard, Major Rowlinson, and the Committee of the Veterans' Club are to be congratulated on having brought their enterprise into the limelight through the medium of two splendid amateur entertainments held in the Royal Victoria Theatre on Monday and Tuesday last. From now on there should be no difficulty in securing funds for this worthy enterprise whenever it may be necessary to appeal to the public. The entertainment on Monday night was in the nature of vaudeville, and while every credit is due to the performers without exception, there can be no doubt that the outstanding items were Mr. Victor Dyer's superb impersonations of London comedians, and the clever little playlet, "The Collaborators," brilliantly presented by the Hon. Winnifred Hamilton, and Captain Craddock. The latter is a veteran of Victoria amateur dramatics and always shines. He has never been seen to better advantage than on Monday night. The lady is a new comer, and is ecertainly one of the most accomplished and charming actresses who has yet appeared on the local stage. It is to be hoped that she may be seen again in a more ambitious production. On Tuesday evening a high class concert was given, in which every performer shone. It would be unfair not to emphasize the contributions of Mrs. Roy Troop, who has never been heard to better advantage and was in really brilliant voice; also the costume song by Miss Fraser and chorus, which was really the gem of the evening. Miss Fraser has a beautiful fresh soprano voice, which, if it is not forced, will develop into one of phenomenal quality. She was double encored on Tuesday night, and the audience would have had more. Miss Eva Hart's contributions to the programme were, as always, admirable, and Miss Peggy Pearce and Mr. Davis received an encore for their costume song. The attendance on Monday night was not anything like it should have been with such an attractive programme. On Tuesday night it was much better, and the net result should be a substantial addition to the funds of the Veterans' Club.

GRAND MILITARY TOURNAMENT

A grand military tournament under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, and the officers of the various military units in Victoria will be held in the Royal Athletic Park on Easter Monday at 2 o'clock. The Tournament is for the benefit of the Victoria Returned Soldiers Welcome Club, the V. A. D., which is doing such good work at the Stadacona Hospital and the 103rd Battalion's Sport Fund. The band of the Battalion will be in attendance, and in addition to playing during the afternoon the bandsmen will also take part in the sports. As this is the only major attraction on Easter Monday it is hoped that the retail stores may be closed during the afternoon, in order to give everyone a chance to go to the Royal Athletic Park. Admission to the grounds has been fixed at the nominal sum of 10 cents, or 25 cents to include admission to the Grand Stand.

Book Notes

By I. I. I. I.

Another Russian writer! This time it is Wassily Bokenosich, who has leapt into fame on the back of that enthralling novel, "Knots in The Knout." (The McGinty Co., 3 vols., 13c.. No fault can be found with this deep study of conditions prevailing in the armies of the Czar immediately before the war unless it be that it is a trifle too short; for it contains but a little over 2100 pages in all. The author, from whom we look for longer works in future, is boiling over with the wrongs of the Russian poor; and his story of the tragedy of the life of Nicolas Nutsky is a terrible indictment of the nobility of his country.

Young Nutsky is a member of the Betteroff, or upper middle class, and is exempt from compulsory military service, as he wears the red, white and blue shoulder-cord of the Volnoopredielyayoustchemusia, or Volunteer. His regiment, the 489th Imperial Hassocks, is stationed at the small town of Skinsk in Skunksk, two miles south of Bumsk itself, under Colonel Ivan Damnasticoff. It is the type of officer to which Damnasticoff belongs that has caused the book to be written. That he is brave is beyond dispute (had he not a major and two captains shot under him at the battle of Hootsh?); but this bravery goes for nothing when it appears that for deeds of overbearing tyranny and cold-blooded despotism his name is a byword from one end of Russia to another. Stories of his brutality are without number. One runs that at a review of the troops by the Czar in St. Petersburgh, Damnasticoff, standing with some other officers, noticed an anarchist about to throw a bomb in his direction. Springing forward, he seized the poor fellow by the wrist, twisting it so cruelly as to make him release the bomb. Then, in full view of the entire Russian Army, he slapped his victim on both cheeks with his open hand. But this is only one out of the many horrible infamies connected with his name, the mere mention of which causes great strapping roubles (peasants) to shake with fear. "A big black beard with a big black wolf lurking within it."

It is under such a man as this that young Nutsky finds himself at Skinsk. For a time he escapes notice, and the days pass happily, his hours off duty being spent mostly with his sweetheart, the beautiful Vera Vlubpf. But at last the inevitable occurs. One night he enters the Samovar Inn, and as the place is small and crowded he has the misfortune, while squeezing between two tables, to hit Damnasticoff, who is drinking kvass at one of them, a sharp blow in the face with the butt of his musket. The Colonel, with his hand to his eye, springs to his feet and utters the foullest of all Russian oaths: "Oh Fudj!" he roars; "Look where you're going, you clumsy fool!" For a moment Nutsky is too stunned to realize the depth of his degredation; then, as he becomes aware of the death-like hush which has fallen upon the place, vertigo seizes him, and he stumbles out into the night, broken.

In the succeeding four chapters Bokonosich gives us a masterly description of Nutsky's emotions as he wanders about on that fateful night, heedless of where his steps lead him. A blizzard is raging, but this does not cool his fiery thoughts of revenge. As he passes the outhouses of a farm his dulled senses become slowly aware of a low moaning from behind one of the sheds, and going to the sound he finds his betrothed, Vera, dying from a self-inflicted dagger wound. Before she dies in his arms she explains that she had been at dusk to the kiosk to buy a rusk, and had passed Damnasticoff who had kissed his hand to her. Rather than bear this shame she had killed herself.

For a long time Nitsky kneels by the side of the dead girl. Then rises up a terrible figure with bloodshot eyes, the incarnation of the Russian poor wronged past the snapping-point; a figure strides through the blizzard in a straight line to the Colonel's apartments at Headquarters and disappears within. A shot rings out, and another tyrant is dead. Even as Damnasticoff dies his lips are defiled by a hideous curse, "Ouitch!" Soldiers come running, but the wild form of Nutsky sends them flying as he dashes from the building into a vodka, which is standing outside, and, lashing the three moscows to a furious gallop, whirls out of sight across the Steppes. He is never seen again. Some say that, losing his way, he has been swallowed by the waters of the Bug. We ourselves would be inclined to believe that the Bug had got him.

PANTAGES PROGRAMME ABOUNDS IN COMEDY

A new bill abounding in comedy and with three big acts of unquestioned headline calibre will hold the boards at the Pantages for the coming week. The three feature acts comprise a big, joyous musical comedy under the title of "A Tangoland Revolution"; Hymann, Alder & Co., presenting an unusually artistic Hebrew comedy sketch of New York life called "Solomon's Bargain," a trio of marvellous acrobatic dancers, will divide the premier honors. "Tangoland," is an up-to-the-minute farcelet garnished with lots of musical triumphs, with Lew Williams and his attractive group of South American beauties.

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Harry Gilbert, a dialect singing comedian, will contribute fifteen minutes of fun with his amusing character songs. Sprague and McNeece, a man and maid, who are ultra-experts on the little wheels, will open the vaudeville part of the programme with a roller skating act.

It will be well for Pantages' patrons to come early to the shows next week, for, begining Monday, there will be shown the first chapters of that thrilling photoplay serial, "The Iron Claw," by Arthur Stringer, a well-known Canadian author. This serial, which has been booked exclusively for the Pantages circuit, will run for fourteen weeks and promises to provide more thrills to each chapter than any serial that has ever been shown here before. It has made a big hit in Eastern Canadian houses of the circuit, where a number of the chapters have already been shown.

CATHOLIC READING ROOM

The Catholic Reading Room Club, 742 Fort Street, will be opened on Easter Monday, for all soldiers, 6 to 10 p.m., daily. There is no charge whatever. The Club will be provided with piano, pool table, card tables, and writing tables, with an abundance of magazines, papers, etc. Also writing materials. Any one wishing to send magazines cards, writing material, etc., may leave parcels any time at 740 View Street, Care Father Bradley.

The following guests are among those registered at the Westholme Hotel the past week: W. L. Clarkson, H. Qaugliotti, R. D. Patterson, and A. McLeod, of Vancouver; Geo. Barrett, T. H. Proceinon and W. H. Catching, Seattle; R. J. Byrne, of Hope, B.C.; J. B. Morrell, of San Jose, Calif.; P. Londens and S. Witherow, of Port Renfrew.

Production and Thrift

"To win the war with the decisiveness which will ensure lasting peace, the Empire will require to put forth its full collective power in men and in money. From this viewpoint it is our true policy to augment our financial strength by multiplying our productive exertions and by exercising rigid economy, which reduces to the minimum all expenditures upon luxuries and non-essentials. Only in this way shall we be able to make good the loss caused by the withdrawal of so many of our workers from industrial activities, repair the wastage of the war, and find the funds for its continuance. It cannot be too frequently or too earnestly impressed upon our people that the heaviest burdens of the conflict still lie before us, and that industry and thrift are, for those who remain at home, supreme patriotic duties upon whose faithful fulfilment our success, and consequently our national safety, may ultimately depend."—*SIR THOMAS WHITE, Minister of Finance.*

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LET US NOT WASTE OUR LABOUR—

In this war-time all labour should be directly productive or should be assisting in production. Make it as efficient as possible. If your labour is on something that can be postponed, put it off till after the war and make your labour tell now. Making war is the first business of all Canadians. Efficiency in labour is as important as efficiency in fighting.

LET US NOT WASTE MATERIALS—

Begin at home. The larger portion of salaries and wages is spent on the home—food, fuel, light, clothing. Are any of these things being wasted? $20.00 a year saved from waste in every home in Canada will more than pay the interest on a war debt of $500,000,000.

LET US SPEND OUR MONEY WISELY—

Are you spending your money to the best advantage? What do you think of extravagance in war time? Tens of thousands of Canadians are daily risking their lives for us at home. Is it not our duty to be careful and economical? Canadian dollars are an important part of the war equipment. Make them tell. Have a War Savings Account. Buy a War Bond.

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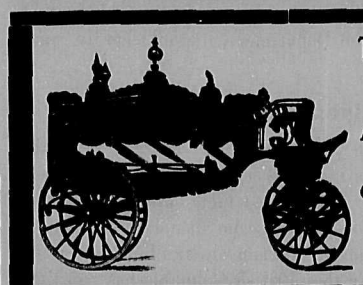

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At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

There is a subject in which I have become interested mainly through conversations with my lady friends, of whom, as a Lounger, I naturally have a large number. The subject is that of a half holiday for shop girls, I suppose I ought to say store ladies, but let that pass. We have heard a great deal about a statutory half holiday, and our energetic townsman, Mr. Dan Poupard, is possibly nearing the goal for which he has been striving for four or five years. My line, however, is a little different. I am not so much concerned in a movement which embraces all the employees of the retail merchants, as I am in securing a much needed rest for the girls who bear the brunt of the service in many of our stores. Ten years ago I made myself unpopular with some of the biggest advertising firms in Victoria by demanding, and ultimately getting, seats for the girls. A few years later I increased my unpopularity by strongly supporting the Factory and Shops Inspection Act. Still later I added another black mark to my name by exposing the character of the accommodation provided in the ladies' retiring rooms in some of our largest stores. But in spite of the opprobrium cast upon me I gained my point, and all these matters have been remedied. Now I want to urge the retail merchants who employ girls, to do the decent thing and give them a half holiday every week, whether statutory or voluntary. Possibly before the end of the present Session my appeal may be discounted by Mr. Poupard's victory all along the line, but if not I strongly urge in the name of humanity that no more generous act could be performed by our store keepers than to make this concession to the girls. May I also be excused for pointing out that anything which is reasonable and right is bound to come in due course, and if I were a retail merchant I would not wait for the strong arm of the law to compel me to perform a just act. I think I would take time by the forelock and make a virtue of a necessity.

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I was very much impressed by a letter which appeared in the Colonist of Wednesday last, in which the writer, discussing the business outlook, predicted that next year Victoria would feel the pinch. Now I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, and the last thing which can be charged against me is pessimism, but one has only to study "the signs of the times" to believe that there is more in the prophecy than meets the eye. If I refer to the subject, the last thing present in my mind is to depress anyone, or to preach blue ruin, but I have given several hints in these columns, and the same is true of my editor on the front page, to the effect that Victorians do not realize the true economic conditions of the moment, and what they portend. While I know that money is tight, and that many people are obliged to live on a tithe of what they have been spending during recent years, I also know that generally speaking there is very little poverty in Victoria, and very little practice of the virtue of self-denial. One has only to look at the enormous number of new automobiles on our streets, at the extravagance in ladies' dresses which is so conspicuous, at the amount expended on luxuries, at the high prices paid at all auction sales for first class articles, and at the keen competition for the same, to realize that we have not yet begun to learn our lesson of thrift. At an auction sale held this week there was the keenest competition for such high priced luxuries as Queen Anne silver articles and Sheffield plate. But I really think that the greatest extravagance is when work girls, and not a few of them either, go to business in taffeta silk dresses, silk sweaters, and the highest priced boots. Yet this is the rule, and not the exception in Victoria. I took the opinion of a lady well versed in values as to the probable cost of the outfit of a young girl not over fifteen who was walking in front of us, and who, I know, is a stenographer in receipt of not more than $30 a month. The opinion was that such of the outfit as was visible could not be purchased for less than $60. Let me give another instance—I saw four young girls get off the car on Monday with their books under their arms, obviously returning from school. One of them had on a pair of Seattle putty-coloured boots, which I am informed cost from $10 to $15, and a long black velvet coat trimmed with expensive fur, about as unsuitable a garment for a young school-girl of fourteen or fifteen as could possibly be imagined. I am not suggesting that all the extravagance is on the part of our girls. No doubt many of them copy the example of their mothers, but I sometimes wonder when, if ever, Victoria will follow the example of Hamilton, which has a "Fur Club" to which ladies donate their furs, to be sent to soldiers at the front, who are fighting in the snow. Probably not until the "pinch" comes, and it is coming beyond a doubt.

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I have been not a little amused at the correspondence in the daily press on the subject of Bride's Trousseaux. It was started by our esteemed townsman, Mr. Beaumont Boggs, whose spirit was greatly vexed because a Victoria bride went to Seattle, purchased a Three Thousand Dollar Trousseau and smuggled it home under the very nose of the Customs Officers without paying any duty. Then Mr. Douglas took up the subject, and undertook to tell us how it was done. All you have to do is to return to Victoria by the "Iroquois," and there you are. This brings Mr. Frank Mulliner on the scene, who rises in his righteous indignation to defend the Customs Department, and to say that it can't be done at any price. Now as a casual traveller from Seattle, I venture to think that all these gentlemen are wrong. In the first place, coming from Missouri, Mr. Boggs has got to "show me" his bride of the Three Thousand Dollar Trousseau. Like the immortal Sairey Gamp I don't believe there "aint no sich person." The name of Mr. Boggs' bride is "Mrs. Harris" or otherwise "Mud." Even my firm belief in the extravagance of some of the sex will not induce me to swallow this picturesque little story. However, if Mr. Boggs is right, Mr. Douglas is wrong, because I have seen the Customs Officers examine baggage from the "Iroquois" time after time. Finally, even Mr. Mulliner is wrong, because when all is said and done, more Seattle dress goods reach Victoria free of duty than those which pay duty. I know how it is done, but it is not my business to coach the Customs Officers, and I am not a "Common Informer." All of which goes to show how many-sided some questions are—that of smuggling among the number. As a parting shot, I should still like to ask Mr. Boggs' Three Thousand Dollar Trousseau bride, "Are there any more at home like you?"

Lounger.

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APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF HOTEL LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at its next regular Sitting to be held 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 Hotel* Cecil, situate at the Southwest corner of Johnson and Blanshard Streets, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, to Thomas Jones Williams.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1915.

ALEX. J. McCOOL.

April 15 May 20

LAND REGISTRY ACT

In the matter of an application for fresh Certificates of Indefeasible Title to Lots Forty-five (45) and Forty-six (46), Subdivision of Lots One (1) to Twenty-five (25), Block "K", Fairfield Estate, Victoria City, Map 834.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue fresh Certificates of Indefeasible Title in lieu of the Certificates of Indefeasible Title issued to Hugh Ferguson on the 25th January, 1913 and 30th May, 1914, respectively, and Numbered 5757 and 17772, which have been lost.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., this 31st day of March, 1916.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles.

April 8th May 6th

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

Coal mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

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.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

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.

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Burridge, Fred, Cor. Hillside and Quadra St.
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Chave, W. J. & Sons, Cor. Douglas and Boleskine Road.
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G. J. DESBARATS,
Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.
Department of the Naval Service.
Ottawa, March 21st, 1916.

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April 8th May 13th

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SOTTO VOCE
By the Hornet

That Lord Derby has made a good suggestion—it is that all "stars" under 30 should be "shooting stars."

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That it was a married cynic who pointed out—re attestation—that offer the Derby comes the 'oax.

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That Marie is still certain to raise a Tempest, spell it how you like.

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That Victor Dyer is in the first class as an impersonator.

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That his impersonation of George Robey would deceive the veritable George himself.

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That Miss Mamie Fraser is the coming singer among the younger Victorians.

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That her performance at the Veterans' Club concert on Tuesday was a "tour-de-force"—admirably supported by a clever chorus

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That the thirty-five dollar silk sweaters at Gordons are "sold out"—but there are a few left at twenty-five.

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That in the old couplet about "winter lingering in the lap of spring," it is proposed to substitute "summer" for "spring" this year.

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That the Industrial Commissioner for Victoria should take a leaf out of the book of his brother of Vancouver.

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That walnut trees take at least half a century to mature.

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That evidently someone has been pulling someone's leg.

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That apropos the Shakespeare Tercentenary, why should not the Development League adopt a motto "To be or nut to be."

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That the member for Newcastle is no match for the member for Atlin when it comes to debating.

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That the latter gave a fine taste of his quality when the University Bill was in Committee.

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That the former might well ponder the suggestion that Education is the true remedy for "economic conditions."

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That the demand for "Compensation" is growing, and it is not likely that it can be ignored by the Government.

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That whatever may be done in the House, no Prohibition Bill can win at the polls if it does not include "Compensation."

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That the Government have stood the "acid test" all right, and the Inspector of Legal Offices has resigned.

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That Sir Sam is back, and we shall soon know whether there is anything in the Opposition charges, or whether they have only been "flying a Kyte."

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That the "A. P." once more pulled off its favorite stunt with the Western Canadian papers on Tuesday.

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That instead of "declaring war" it was found on Wednesday, when the truth was known, that the President had once more "roared as mildly as a sucking dove."

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That the so-called "Crisis" in the British Cabinet has turned out to be the usual "mare's nest" after all.

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That everyone should re-read George Meredith's "Vittoria" for a true understanding of the struggle between Italy and Austria.

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That the official organ of the "Timber Wolves" is maintaining its standard, thanks to an indefatigible editor and manager.

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That the "Week" office is represented in the Army now by seven "effectives," with one more to go when required.

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That this is a fairly large contribution from one staff, especially as it includes the office boy.

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That the distribution is Salonika, one; Inns of Court Officers Corps, one; Territorials, one; Timber Wolves, three; 102nd, one.

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That it is the turn of the 88th next, and it won't be long first.

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That "Hornet" spelt the name of Victoria's crack violinist incorrectly last week; it should have been "Sprainge."

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That "Hornet" is kept busy on the 'phone telling people where to buy the best bread in Canada.

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That this all comes of an item in this column a fortnight ago saying that "Shelly's Four X" was IT.

The engagement is announced of Ethel Margaret, daughter of S. J. Pitts, Piermont, Rockland Avenue, Victoria, B. C., and Captain T. B. Pemberton, 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C. E. F., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Pemberton Coke's Green, Bucks, Eng.

EARLE-DUNKIN—On March 23, at the Parish Church of Lingfield, Surrey, by the Rev. Alfred Dicker, uncle of the bride, Lieut. Lawrence Mathew Earle, Army Service Corps, son of Arthur Earle, of Clieldwall, Wavertree, Liverpool, to Helen Elizabeth Dunkin, youngest daughter of the late Frederic Street and Mrs. Street, Victoria, British Columbia.

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