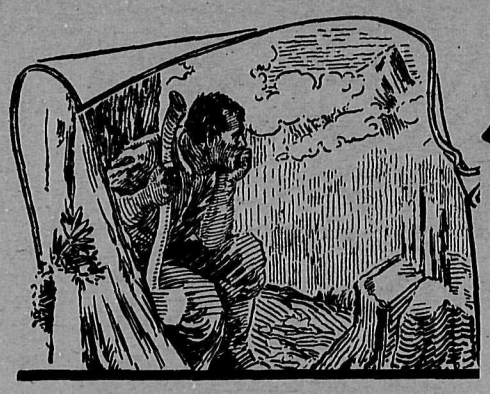

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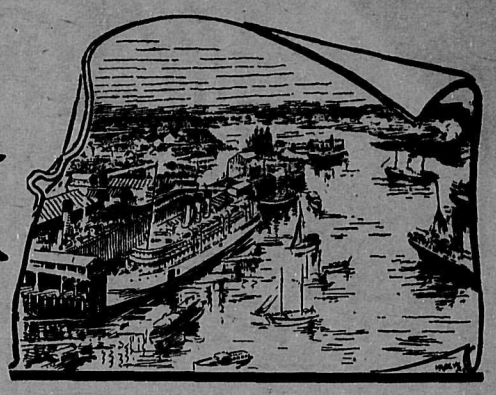

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President Wilson's Speech

FOR a long time President Wilson has been afflicted with *cacoethes scribendi.* He is now breaking out in another place and is apparently afflicted with the madness of speaking. His address to the Senate is without precedent, and without justification. If it is sincere, it is the vision of an idealist and a dreamer, and for its realization the first condition would be the peopling of this world with a different type of man. If it be a political ruse, as most people believe, it is inopportune and indefensible, indeed it has been not improperly designated a piece of "colossal impertinence." In any event it ignores the prime essentials of the case, which it professes to discuss, and it enunciates new principles, which no nation in the world would agree to accept. A Munroe doctrine extended to Europe by the will of an American president, and a "peace without victory," are two inconceivable propositions. President Wilson has done nothing to justify his attempt to force these views upon the world, indeed his whole conduct during the progress of the War is the strongest condemnation of his present attitude. His severest critics are to be found amongst those of his own countrymen who think for themselves, and their opinion is admirably expressed by a cartoon in New York Life which represents the President as a blind old man carrying a stick, cautiously feeling his way and being led by a dachshund. If this is not the true conception, *The Week* has another guess coming.

A True Story

THE indignation aroused in the ranks of both political parties by the unjust dismissal of the late Deputy Minister of Lands has placed the Minister on his defence, and forced him to offer some explanation. It is a pity that before doing so he did not consult his constituents of Prince Rupert, because they would undoubtedly have warned him against publishing such an improbable story as that which he gave to the Press, especially when they themselves were in possession of the facts and the latter were bound to leak out. Those facts are, that prior to the General Election the one man in Prince Rupert in line for the Liberal nomination was Mr. G. R. Naden. He was easily the most popular man locally in the Party, and his past services to Liberalism, as well as the great strength which he had developed practically ensured his receiving the nomination. Then there was Mr. Patullo, an aspiring young lawyer, whose friends realized that there would be a portfolio going for the northern districts, and as it would probably be the portfolio of Lands, it would be almost bound to go to a lawyer. Prince Rupert also was ambitious, and wanted a portfolio. So a bargain was struck; Mr. Naden and his friends agreed to stand back, allow Mr. Patullo to get the nomination, and do their best to secure his election, with the proviso that if he succeeded Mr. Naden was to get the position of Deputy Minister. No further explanation is necessary, and under the circumstances it is little short of contemptible to suggest, as the Minister does, that it was necessary to get rid of Mr. Renwick, in order to clean up the Department. As a matter of fact, no Member of the Liberal Party, from Mr. Brewster down, ever criticized the work of the staff of the Lands Department. Their criticism was directed solely to the policy of the Department, for which no responsibility could possibly be placed on any subordinate. Mr Renwick was an ideal civic servant; he had rendered fourteen years of good and true service. His departmental work bore the strictest scrutiny; he was selected for the position on the advice of the Provincial Auditor, who is undoubtedly the best judge of any man in the Service, and his dismissal, especially on the ridiculous pretext put forward, is equally distasteful to men of both political parties. Hard as the treatment is on Mr. Renwick personally, it is more serious in its relation to the Service as a whole, because it furnishes conclusive evidence that the new Government is prepared to disregard the personal merit of the members of the Service and to allow political considerations alone to influence their appointments and dismissals. This is certainly a strange comment on an avowed policy of abolishing patronage.

The Patriotic Fund

THE band of ladies working so energetically under the direction of Miss Mara, deserves better success than they are meeting with. This does not mean that the response to their personal appeal is at all inconsiderable, but it does mean that there are a large number of people who, for some reason or another, refuse to contribute. *The Week* is inclined to believe that this results largely from lack of acquaintance with the work which the Patriotic Fund is doing, and also to some extent to the many unfounded rumours flying about which reflects on its efficiency. Its efforts are by no means confined to the collecting and disbursing of money. Its work lies largely outside of this, and it is assisted by ladies of an Auxiliary Committee, which is comprised of a special committee of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire known as the "Patriotic Service Committee." There are now some 70 lady visitors, who each month pay a visit to the soldiers' families, not only with the object in view of reporting on financial conditions, but in order to keep in touch with the dependents of the soldiers gone to the front, in a friendly way. In cases where the dependents are alone and feeling the loneliness of their situation, they try to overcome this by more frequent visits of a social nature. When advice is asked it is cheerfully given, and if at any time assistance is required in business matters, they are directed to the office. There are always matters to be written about; sometimes there is delay in the separation allowance; if so, it is at once taken up with the proper authorities. Numerous cases can be mentioned where the Society has proved itself of special benefit. Such is the case where the dependent may have lost some one at the front; a visit ensues, and pension papers are made out and forwarded to Ottawa, free of expense. Or it may be, that during the soldier's absence his wife dies, leaving the children motherless. In such cases, a suitable guardian is obtained, and arrangements are made for the separation allowance and assigned pay to be transferred, and everything is done that can be thought of to replace the loss of the mother in the bringing up and management of the children. The Ladies' Auxiliary has now been working for two and a half years, and has been rendering splendid service. Naturally, much of the work they have been doing, owing to its personal nature, cannot find its way into the papers. The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire besides providing this committee, also undertakes to collect subscriptions to the Fund in this Campaign, and this trying work is being carried on cheerfully and willingly by them—the members of the Committee so engaged feeling that they are in some measure supplementing the part of the soldier at the front.

The Khaki Club

AN influential and representative committee has been appointed in Victoria in the interests of the formation of a Khaki Club. Before it is too late, *The Week* wishes to draw attention to one or two matters which will have an important bearing upon the success of the enterprise. The title Khaki, while not perhaps designed for that purpose, is distinctly exclusive of the Navy, yet any club which seeks to provide for the comfort and convenience of men who have served in the War should undoubtedly recognize both branches of the service. *The Week* is sure that it is quite unnecessary to elaborate this point. Now wherever the two branches of the Service have joined in such an enterprise throughout the Empire, they have adopted the title of United Service Club, and there does not seem to be any valid reason why the same course should not be followed in Victoria, while there are a great many reasons in its favour. The only argument *The Week* has heard in favour of the "Khaki Club" as a title is that it is desired to make the Victoria Institution one of a chain stretching all across the Dominion, and as several others have already been formed with this title, we should follow suit. Surely this argument cannot be regarded as a strong one. The main point, and indeed the only point that really matters, is to provide the accommodation and to benefit the men, and *The Week* ventures to think that this would be done far more effectively by combining the two Services, and by selecting a distinctive title which does not suggest the exclusion of either. It must be borne in mind that Victoria and Esquimalt have special associations with the Navy and enjoy many hopes and aspirations, which are not shared by other parts of the Dominion. This would seem to furnish a sufficient reason for considering local conditions in the formation of any Service Club and in the selection of its title. In view of these considerations, and others which might be urged, *The Week* hopes that the Committee will reconsider their policy, both as to the Membership of the Club, and the name by which it should be known. The "Blue" is at least as distinctive and as honourable as the "Khaki." Wherever soldiers and navy men meet, they desire to fraternize, and they should be allowed to do so at least on an equality in every respect.

A Club for Soldiers' Wives

REGULAR readers of our morning paper rubbed their eyes on Thursday morning to make sure that they were awake, when they read a ponderous editorial, urging the formation of a Club for Soldiers' Wives. The only explanation is that at times "Jove nods," because the same paper published early in December a detailed account of the formation of just such an organization for the exact purposes so particularly set forth in Tuesday's editorial. In addition it also published the names of Mrs. R. S. Day as Hon. President, Miss King as Secretary, and four soldiers' wives as an executive committee. In view of these facts, it would be interesting to know who the public-spirited lady is who so adroitly pulled the Editor's leg. She cannot be a reader of The Colonist, or she would have seen the original announcement, nor can she be engaged in patriotic work, or she would have run across some of the numerous activities of the organization already formed. In fact but for our unshaken confidence in the Editor, we should be half inclined to say with Sairey Gamp, "I don't believe there aint no sich person." A detailed account of the constitution and work of this invaluable organization will be found in the columns of the current issue of *The Week.*

Editorial Notes

Next Tuesday will be epoch-making in the history of Victoria. For the first time, men and women will meet on the same political platform as equal members of the same party. The Conservative Association has arranged to inaugurate the new order of things made possible by the granting of the franchise to women, by holding a public meeting to welcome the fair sex to the political ranks of the sterner sex and to discuss topics of mutual interest. The occasion will be unique and may be regarded as one of the most conspicuous "signs of the times." The outcome will be watched with intense interest, and in all probability most of the speculation as to the practical outcome of the new departure will be wide of the mark. One thing is certain—the newcomers will not be a "rubber stamp" in politics.

The Victoria Times says that the Vancouver Province lies when it states that the Provincial Government was criticized at the annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association for dispensing with the services of the late Deputy Minister of Lands. Three of the leading Members of the Liberal Party who were present at that meeting confirmed the statement of the Province, whilst admitting that no resolution was submitted on the subject. As a matter of fact members of the Liberal Party known and respected by everyone in Victoria are the most outspoken in their denunciation of the transaction.

Many people will have been interested in learning that the first prize for oratory offered by the B. C. University has been handsomely won by a Chinese student. The arbitrators declared that as compared with his Canadian competitors the winner's dissertation was more carefully prepared, couched in better English, and more ably delivered. This fills the bill and gives every point to the Oriental. There is an explanation beyond the fact that the winner was probably an exceptionally clever student. It is that Canadian students will not give themselves the trouble to study English. Dr. Bryce, the eminent educationalist, told the writer years ago that when he established a special class for the study of English in Manitoba University, he could not attract sufficient pupils to keep it going, and those who did join it fell away because they considered it waste of time, and they knew English "anyhow."

The Prohibition Party is getting mad, at least the Committee is. Its members are seeing visions and dreaming dreams. With that peculiar mental and moral twist which characterises them, they are unable to attribute their defeat to anything but the crookedness of their opponents. Not satisfied with alleging crookedness all round, they are making the Agent General the special butt of their criticism, and even before the official returns are to hand, they are demanding an investigation, and even the recall of the Agent General. It would be too much to expect men of this type to accept a beating gracefully, but in view of their religious affiliations and pretensions, it would be more consistent if they had a little more regard for the Ninth Commandment. A cause which demands for its defence a reckless, wholesale impeachment of the personal character of Sir Richard McBride must be in a "parlous" state.

The Week has persistently inveighed against the wholesale emigration of young Canadians to the United States. A Detroit newspaper recently printed an editorial "welcoming" our Canadian "newcomers." The article mentions that Detroit received from Canada during the past year 17,631 Canadians, mostly virile, independent, educated, aggressive, combative, upstanding young men. The combativeness is not so apparent, the rest may be true. *The Week* is in receipt of the latest statistics with respect to the emigration of young men from British Columbia to the United States, and it will no doubt come as a shock to many people to learn that the number exceeds 14,000 to date, since the outbreak of War. Comment would be superfluous, except to say that in justice to our country and our soldiers, the Government ought to stop it.

The Federal Government has announced not a moment too soon that the system for determining and paying pensions is speedily to undergo a radical change. Branch offices are to be established throughout the Dominion, the main object being not only to get in touch with the men who have returned, but to ensure the prompt payment of the amounts due to them. Everything takes time, and probably this has been arranged as speedily as it could, but all the same there has been a regrettable delay, and men have suffered because of that delay. It is all a matter of systematizing the work. Undoubtedly the administration of any pension fund is an extremely difficult and complicated matter, but there is no necessity for the delays which have taken place, and under the new system they should not be repeated. It is to be hoped in this connection that the Government will soon see its way to accede to what is undoubtedly a general desire to place the pensions of officers in the same scale as those of the private soldier. There is no reason whatever why there should be any difference.

The history of the Sunset Film Company is hardly creditable to Victoria. A man who had been convicted of bigamy was allowed for two months to run an office in which he daily received a number of young girls, ostensibly for the purpose of appointing them movie actresses. He and his associates took at least $250 from them for "fees" and his associates at any rate subjected them to personal indignities which landed one man in the penitentiary for five years. The Secretary has "skipped." What *The Week* would like to know is why the thing was allowed to go on for two months, and why a convicted bigamist was allowed even to start such a business. It would perhaps be superfluous to ask why the Secretary was allowed to escape when the conviction of his colleague should have rendered it impossible. Incidentally it may not be out of place to remind stage-struck ladies that any film company which demands a fee or makes the purchase of stock a condition of securing employment is a "fake."

WILLIAM BLAKEMORE.

SOTTO VOCE
By the Hornet

That President Wilson's Peace Bubble did not need Lansing.

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That the Crown Prince has been relieved of his Command—his Command is also relieved.

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That a popular actor is inquiring whether in view of the official ban on the use of bread under twelve hours old, he would be safe in taking up a new role.

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That if the Dominion Government can permanently end coal strikes we should be grateful.

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That now-a-days aeroplanes are the eyes of the Army, whereas formerly they were only considered spectacles.

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That potatoes promise to play such an important part in our lives today that we shall have to call them "Pommes de guerre."

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That the Vancouver Province has fairly well expressed the opinion of the public on the ruthless dismissal of competent civil servants.

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That the Minister of Lands has raised a storm about the heads of the Government, which will not easily subside.

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That there is all the difference in the world between a reason and an excuse.

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That the exodus of "Slackers" to Seattle still continues.

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That in Eastern Canada they have adopted a stronger word, and these shirkers are now called "Cads."

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That Victoria is now in the honourable rank of those cities which have women working in Munition Factories.

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That this is why "Slackers" who will see their women work while they run away are "Cads."

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That the Editor of our local Morning Daily is an "easy mark" for ambitious ladies who have an axe to grind.

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That the formation of just such a Society as he endorses for the comforting of soldiers' wives has been in existence for six weeks.

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That its organization was duly reported in the columns of the Colonist.

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That the Editor would do well to refer all inquiries to the Honorary Secretary of the Patriotic Fund.

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That a Chinese student won the first prize for oratory at the B. C. University.

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That some people might be inclined to regard this as another evidence of the "Yellow Peril."

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That it ought at least to have the effect of making Canadian students "buck up."

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That the Provincial Government is still determined to stir up the plugging incident—more power to their elbow.

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That the Minister of Finance is credited with the determination to weed out all "Slackers" from the Parliament Buildings.

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That while he is about it he might do a little recruiting among the sons of Cabinet Ministers.

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That the Member for Pictou is evidently as great a "fire eater" as ever.

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That he might well be styled the "Boulanger" of the Liberal Party.

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That Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not yet denounced Mr. Cannon, but the Liberal candidate for Dorchester is trying to "trim."

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That President Wilson is qualifying as understudy to Gratiano who talked "An infinite deal of nothing."

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That the Colonist thinks the English Press dealt too tenderly with President Wilson; evidently it has not read the London Globe.

That one thing which the Canadian and American Press has yet to learn is *that nobody in England, unless it* be the Editor of the Manchester Guardian, takes Wilson seriously.

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That as a prize essay his speech to the Senate would be a poor second to Mr. Balfour's despatch.

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That some ill-mannered people are snubbing ladies who are collecting for the Patriotic Fund.

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That on the slightest reflection they ought to be ashamed of themselves.

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That they can do something towards wiping out the insult if they think better of it and send a contribution to Mr. Swinerton.

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That some of the people to whom reference is made live on "Nob Hill."

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That Alderman Andros hit the nail on the head when he said that Victoria is too lenient with law-breakers.

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That what Victoria badly wants is a training ship, where refractory boys could be sent.

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That our local police have not begun a moment too soon to round up the seers, fortune-tellers, and spiritualistic fakers who have been growing fat on the credulity of the public.

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That there are several organizations of near-spiritualists who may require attention.

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Social News

Miss Eleanor Hutchins has returned to Vancouver, after a visit of several weeks with friends in Victoria.

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Mr. A. P. Musgrave has gone to Vancouver on a short visit.

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Miss Finlayson is spending a few days in Vancouver, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Keith.

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Miss Davida Ker has returned from an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. Ker, in Vancouver.

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Mrs. McIvor Campbell came over from Vancouver to be with her mother who is very ill. Mrs. Campbell brought her little son and daughter with her and while in Victoria they are staying at the "Angela."

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Mrs. Williams, of the "Angela," is recovering from her serious illness, *but is still in the hospital.*

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Mr. Humphrey Baynes, who returned from France last week, is registered with Mrs. Baynes at the Empress Hotel.

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Lady Lougheed and her daughter have returned to Esquimalt from a short visit to Vancouver.

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Mrs. William Farrell, of Vancouver, after spending a few days in Victoria, have left for California.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Henderson left for their home at Vernon during the week.

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Lieut. "Gus" Lyons, who has returned on sick leave from France, has undergone a rather serious operation at the Jubilee Hospital.

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Mrs. Blakemore, Hampton Court, has received notice by cable of the death of her mother, which occurred in London on the 17th inst.

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The newly appointed Dean of Columbia will arrive in Victoria on February 19th, and will be inducted on the following day.

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Lieut. Brin du Chatelet, who has been in the hospital at Ronen for several weeks, has again rejoined his regiment in the trenches.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Hoey, of "Somenos," have taken up their residence with their family at Oak Bay.

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The Ven Archdeacon Sweet has returned from New Westminster. During his brief visit the Archdeacon preached at two services at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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A very quiet wedding, charming in its simplicity, was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Clayton, 1186 Monterey Avenue, became the bride of Mr. A. McTurk, formerly of Victoria, but now assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal, in Vancouver. Rev. H. Payne, rector of St. Mary's, officiated at the ceremony. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was charmingly costumed in white serge, with which was worn a hat of white corded silk, trimmed with a silver rose. She carried a white prayer book. The ceremony was simple but impressive. The church decorations were in white chrysanthemums and the Christmas foliage. The bride's mother wore a pretty costume of navy blue silk with a black hat. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McTurk left on the 4:30 boat for Seattle, where the honeymoone will be spent. Upon their return they will leave for their future home in Vancouver. Their numerous friends in Victoria will unite in extending best wishes for their future happiness.

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At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

I am pleased to find that my Articles on the Public Market have stirred up something. Anything is better than nothing, because the Market is about 75 per cent all right, and 25 per cent so-so. One of the largest stall holders has written me a very interesting letter in which he says that I am mistaken as to the amount of imported produce. Take the case of meat, he says: "There are twelve butchers who together own or rent about 860 acres of land, which is used for rearing and grazing cattle. All the meat sold in the Market is either local or Provincial, none of it is imported. The rest of the stall-holders are either "bona fide" farmers or small property holders, who collectively cultivate about 300 acres. Not a large amount certainly, but it must be remembered that most of this land is intensively cultivated, and where you have glass houses and poultry the volume of production per acre is very high." I think it will come as a surprise to the public to learn that of the total area of Saanich Peninsula which is about 130,000 acres, only 300, or less than one-quarter of one per cent, contribute produce to our local Market. On this point my correspondent is fair enough to say that he does not think that since the inauguration of the Market more land has been taken up, but only that the land already taken up has been made to produce infinitely more. He emphasizes the fact that the Market has stimulated the production of home-made dainties, but surely this has little or nothing to do with farming because cookies of every kind could be made as easily in the City as in the Country. Lastly, he justifies the fixing of 45c a pound for Christmas turkey, on the ground that even at this price the demand was so great that the price advanced towards evening, and before the Market closed there was not a turkey to be had for love or money. If it is entirely a question of supply and demand, I suppose that the principles enunciated in Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations" still hold good, in which case the only thing for the stall holders to do is to limit the supply, and the price will increase automatically. But seriously the admissions of my correspondent surely prove that production in this District is in its infancy. It is almost a negligible quantity, and when we learn that only 300 acres have been requisitioned for the public service, it looks as if the officials who are behind "Production and Thrift," should get busy, secure the cultivation of more land and the provision of more supplies, with the inevitable result of the lowering of prices. Before dismissing this subject may I call attention to the fact that in the three Markets nearest to Victoria — Vancouver, New Westminster and Seattle—prices are on the average from 15 to 25 per cent lower than here. Let us take a few items from the Victoria "Times" of Wednesday and the New Westminster "Columbian" of the same date, and this is the comparison: Victoria, fowl, per lb., 27c; New Westminster, 22c. Chickens, Victoria, 30c; New Westminster, 25c. Victoria, Beef, 11c to 22c; New Westminster, Beef, wholesale, 7c to 9c. Victoria, Pork, 18c to 25c; New Westminster, Pork, wholesale, 12c to 16c. Victoria, Veal, 18c to 25c; New Westminster, Veal, wholesale, 12c to 17c. Victoria, Butter, 55c; New Westminster, 50c. Allowing for the difference between wholesale and retail prices, the margin in the case of meat is enormous, and can only be explained on the ground of combination. I trust that the Public Market will continue to be a success, that it will stimulate more production, and I also hope that sooner or later the prices will approximate more nearly to those which prevail in other Coast Cities.

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Every week brings some impressive story about the War from the Motherland, and never did the Old Country more fully justify that title, for it is the Mothers who in one way or another, are doing the most to win the War. I told of one dear old lady last week, now I want to tell an entirely different story of another. This one has three grown-up sons, two of them are at the Front, the other, a man over forty years of age, with a wife and family, lives in Victoria, and works as hard as any man for his living. There are good reasons why he cannot enlist. The old lady is well off, her Will has long been made, and her money bequeathed to the three boys. She recently wrote to the one in Victoria telling him that it lay on her conscience that her money, instead of being scattered round in a number of good investments, paying from 10 per cent to 12 per cent interest, ought to go into the War loan. She asked if the legatees had any objection, as, if not, she proposed to put it all in, but, she added, "I won't take any 5 per cent from my country at this time. I won't have more than 3 per cent, which is what the banks would give me." Do you think the Kaiser and all his Prussian horde can beat a Nation with Mothers like that? I don't.

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A good deal has been said in this column, at one time and another, about Canadian women in England. My remarks have been based, not only on press despatches, but on private information, received from people who were in a position to know the facts. The whole of those facts can never be told. They would create a "furore" throughout Canada. Such of them as could be published, I have made known from time to time. Let me repeat. There are in England about 30,000 women, the wives of Canadian officers and soldiers. A preponderating majority of these are living to some extent on charity. I use the word advisedly, because they are dependent on the contributions of their friends or the public for sufficient money to buy food and clothing. The situation is a delicate one, especially for the British Government, which is naturally reluctant to interfere in a matter which primarily concerns the Canadian Government. Things are growing worse very rapidly, with the increasing difficulty of feeding the Nation, every Canadian woman is taking food which ought to go to an English woman or child, and mind you, Canada is the only Overseas Dominion which has allowed its women to go to England during the War. The men from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have fought just as bravely but they have not burdened the Motherland with their womenfolk. I wonder if the public realizes the critical position which has been reached? Men of note like Baron Shaughnessy, Sir George Perley, Mr. G. McL. Brown, and others have urged the Canadian Government to arrange for the prompt return of these women, not only because they are a drain on the Motherland, but because if they do not return now, they may have to remain in England for several years, as all the vessels available will be required for the transportation of soldiers when Peace comes. There is something about this condition of affairs which is distinctly humiliating to Canada, and the Government cannot a minute too soon arrange to bring back those who have been so illadvised as to go, and assuredly place their ban on others leaving Canada. I wish to emphasize the facts because I know that even at this moment there are ladies in Victoria so ignorant of the true conditions that they are arranging to go to England, solely because their men folk are there. Such women are less brave than their sisters, who have the courage to stay at home.

Lounger.

TOURNAMENT AIDS PATRIOTIC FUND

Enjoyable Event Held on Tuesday Evening Under Auspices of Victoria Ladies' Club

The Military Five Hundred tournament, which was held on Tuesday evening by the Victoria Ladies' Club in their rooms in the Campbell Building, was an unqualified success, a substantial sum having been realized for the Patriotic Aid Fund, for which it was given.

Each of the 24 tables represented a country, and at the close of the tournament the "Scotland" table had secured for its players the four splendid prizes won by Mrs. Matheson, Miss MacDonald, Capt. Tabley and Mr. T. Golby. A whist drive was played in an adjoining room by those who applied too late to secure seats at the "500" tables. At the close of the games the guests partook of appetizing refreshments served under the able direction of Mesdames Collison and Moore; and dancing was enjoyed by the young people. The rooms were very prettily decorated, carrying out the military scheme most effectively, and were the artistic handiwork of Mrs. J. C. M. Keith and Miss Johnson. As the guests arrived they were welcomed by Mrs. Golby, the president of the club, and Miss K. Oldfield presented the prizes at the close of the game. Miss Pim provided an excellent programme of musical selections, which contributed much to the pleasure of all present. Mr. H. Dalby had the immediate direction of the tournament.

So gratifying was the success of this entertainment that the club feels justified in holding a similar one in February for the benefit of the Red Cross funds, and also in March for the Blue Cross.

ANOTHER MINISTREL'S LAY

(With apologies to Sir Walter Scott.)

The trench was long, the mud was cold,
The Bosches were infirm and old;
Their shaking limbs, and faces grey,
Seemed to have known a better day.
Their beer, their sole remaining joy,
Was burgled by a bugler-boy;
The last of all the Huns were they,
Whose toast and boast was once "The Day."
For well indeed their date was fled,
Their bar'brous brethren all were dead;
And they, defeated and depressed,
Wished to be with them and at rest.
No more on prancing charger borne,
Wilhelm, der Kaiser, rode at morn;
No longer courted and caressed,
"Und Gott mit Uns" and all the rest.
"Gott Straffe England," he would say—
His own premediated lay.
Old times were changed, old kultur gone;
The Allies filled the Teutons' throne;
A bigot of the iron time
He'd proved his rule a harmful crime;
A throneless Kaiser, scorned and poor,
He begged his bread from door to door,
And sang, to please a peasant's ear
The "Hymn of Hate," he'd loved to hear.

—D.O.I.

It will be a matter of interest to Victorians to learn that among the New Years' Honours, the name of Colonel Hobday appears as being made a C.M.G.

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(Experimental Farm Note.)

In view of the fact that this is the time to plan the farm work for 1917, this subject deserves attention. Many of our best dairymen in Eastern, as well as in Western Canada, have reached the conclusion that, especially on valuable and expensive land, it is unprofitable to follow the old practice of depending on pastures alone for the summer feeding of the dairy cows. The hot, dry summers and consequent burnt-up grass, the hordes of flies, and the realization of the fact that much more feed can be grown from the same land if cultivated, have all been factors forcing the above conclusion. The question then is how to overcome these obstacles to the profitableness of our dairy industry.

During the past two summers, the experimental dairy herd at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, has been working to solve just such a problem. This herd is stabled during the entire summer, making it possible to carry on a fairly conclusive test of the comparative value of corn, ensilage, green clover, and green peas and oats, for the purpose above mentioned. Ensilage, 30 pounds, and hay, 6 pounds, form the daily roughage ration for this herd at all times. For a period in 1915 ensilage and hay were replaced by 60 pounds of green peas and oats, and for one period in 1916 all the hay and part of the ensilage were replaced by 20 pounds of green alfalfa, while during a second period a repetition of the 1915 experiment was carried on. The results are given in the following table:

YEAR.	1915		1916 A		1916 B	
Succulent Ration Feed—	Ensilage and hay.	Green feed (peas and oats.)	Ensilage and hay.	Ensilage & Gr. Alfalfa.	Ensilage and hay.	Green feed (peas and oats.)
Milk produced per cow per day....lbs.	31.5	30.7	26.7	26.2	25.8	21
Cost to produce 100 lbs. milk.....cents	67.8	68.2	63.3	67.4	69.9	103.8
Cost to produce 1 lb. of fat.....cents	17.	17.3	16.2	17.1	17.8	25.3

Milk produced 32.5 30.8 26.7 26.2 25

The above figures serve to show that in almost every case the cost of production of milk and butterfat was considerably higher when ensilage formed the sole ration. This is one point made in favour of ensilage. However, we have not taken into consideration the cost of putting these feeds before the cows. In the case of ensilage the silo is filled the fall before at a comparatively low cost per ton and the matter of throwing out the day's feed and giving it to the cows is a small item. On the other hand the preparation of a suitable rotation of green feed crops to ensure having such at all times and the cutting and hauling of the same to the barn or feeding paddock take much valuable time to at busy seasons of the year, making another point in favour of the ensilage. Still another point in its favour is that it is always uniform in quality whereas the quality of a green feed crop is uncertain, particularly in a season such as we have just experienced.

All the evidence then would seem to prove that the most profitable form of succulence to use to supplement the pastures for dairy cattle is corn ensilage of the previous year's growth. Now is the time, therefore, to begin to prepare by all the means at your disposal, for a large crop of corn next year and either fill your present silo to its utmost capacity or build another small one especially for summer feeding.

LONDON FASHION LETTER

London, January 6th

Dear Cousin Betty: I feel I must write to tell you about the new fashions in bags! Bags of every kind and description are everywhere; bags for shopping, theatre bags, restaurant bags, in fact any and every sort of bag. Every shop has its display of bag temptations, calculated to distract even the most strong-minded woman; but, and a very big but too, if you cannot buy the bag you most particularly desire, you can most certainly make it. Excellent results are to be obtained by the judicious use of laid-aside bits of silk velvet and brocade, and fur, with the addition of gaily coloured beads and embroidery, but it takes talent out of the ordinary to rival some of the bags shown in the shop windows.

The pouch bags made up in soft materials are easiest for the amateur to copy, and you have such clever fingers, and such good taste, that I'm quite sure your efforts would meet with great success. Some of the soft materials in supple silk or velvet, crocheted silks or wools, have ends run into gatherings of silk, round the centre, or a slightly stiffened band under a band of embroidery, beads or fur. Sometimes the lower part of a pouch bag is of fur, silk, solid beading, or cloth, while the upper part is of quite another material in a contrasting colour.

Many of these pouch bags, kite shape, pear shape, round, oval and square are mounted in metal, plain or jewelled, but quite as often, whether home-made or shop-made, they swing by cords, ribbons or beaded bands which occasionally have a beaded bracelet large enough to slip over the wrist. The metal frames can be purchased and have little holes pierced through in which is sewn the material, when the bag is made up.

The new black and white beaded bags are very attractive, and bags of cloth of gold or silver, with circular bands of fur alternating with bands of dull gold or silver are equally effective. Fur plays a most important part in bags for every-day use and bags for special occasions and in evening bags, fur-trimmed; there are also small velvet or silk flowers.

Feathers are used on the bags fresh from Paris, ostrich plumes in overlapping rows quite hiding the silk or velvet foundations, and with a tiny bunch of flowers nestling in the softness.

The little bags for smaller change are made up in the materials of the larger bags, and some of these which are of velvet have velvet card-cases to match, each hanging by a cord from a ring that can be slipped over a finger. The change bag is not very useful, however, for who wants a bag which can accommodate only a handkerchief and a few shillings?

For a long time bags have matched costumes, or frocks, or evening coats, but it was reserved for this war-time winter to produce the hat and scarf and bag all of a kind, and, of course, the kind is fur. A hat of black and white fur in stripes is worn with a scarf to match, and the trilogy is completed by a round bag of the black and white furs set in dark metal. Again with the scarf and cap of seal one can purchase a bag also of seal, or a velvet cap and a scarf bordered with polinsky will have a bag in exact accordance. For the silk sports coats there are silk bags of similar texture and tint.

CAMILLE.

COMFORT FOR SOLDIERS' WIVES

On December 6, 1916, the Voluntary Service Corps was formed. Originally intended to embrace only those soldiers' wives, widows and mothers who, having time at their disposal, could utilize it to advantage in assisting other soldiers' dependents less fortunately situated, the membership has been extended to all those women with relatives at the Front who are willing to give personal service in any capacity with a view to assisting in the present time of stress and in preparation for the work of reconstruction that must follow the declaration of peace.

The membership of the Corps is already 100. There is a monthly fee of 10 cents for membership, but no appeal will be made to the public for funds, it being the intention of the Corps that any money needed for the furtherance of its aims shall be earned by its members.

The Corps is already divided into five companies and more will be formed as occasion warrants.

Each company is under the direction of officers and intends to concern itself with a special object.

No. 1 company is making all matters pertaining to the care of children its special interest. A start has been made by the provision of a nursery, centrally situated, where the children of soldiers on active service are taken care of during the day time when their mothers are occupied. Several members of the Corps are already engaged in assisting busy mothers by taking charge of children in their own homes for an afternoon or evening, thus giving an opportunity for much-needed rest and relaxation to these anxious soldiers' wives.

No. 2 company has volunteered to go out as voluntary helpers with house-work, to assist in mending, in cutting out and making garments or any other form of domestic work, where assistance may be needed by overtaxed mothers.

No. 3 company is the knitting and sewing company. Besides stimulating activity in Red Cross and Field Comforts work, this company is now engaged in the making of badges, etc., for the Corps and is undertaking the execution of orders for paid work, the proceeds of such work to go towards the funds of the Corps.

No. 4 company consists of a very enthusiastic band of gardeners who are hoping to obtain suitable land on which they themselves may train in gardening work, while perhaps making a small profit from the sale of fruit and vegetables.

In No. 5 company is registering those women to whom none of the foregoing activities may appeal, but who have special talents which they are willing to utilize for the good of the Corps.

The members of the Corps are keenly enthusiastic and are already finding that, in addition to the satisfaction of being able to render service to others, they themselves are benefitting by the companionship and friendship which the organization makes for.

Mrs. R. S. Day is the Hon. President; Mrs. Travis, President; Mrs. Norman Lee, Vice-President; Mrs. Fraser, Vice-President; Miss Dorothy King, Secretary, and Mrs. Elliott, Treasurer. All these ladies, except Mrs. Day and Miss King, are soldiers' wives.

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HAMSTERLEY FARM CHOCOLATES

In our last issue we omitted to mention, in describing the chocolates and other sweets made at Hamsterley Farm, that Mr. A. H. Pease himself superintends the making of these delightful confections. Mr. Pease, as a matter of fact, does a great deal of work in this connection and has originated some of the chocolate fillings which are becoming so popular.

PANTAGES THEATRE

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SIR SAMUEL EVANS AND SIR EDWARD CARSON

Sir Sam Evans has many good stories of his profession, but few are better than this of the man who stole a pair of trousers:

This man received a favourable verdict, but when the case was over he showed no signs of leaving the court. At last his lawyer asked him why he didn't go. The innocent (?) man whispered in reply: "The fact is, sir, I did not like to move till the witnesses had left the court. You see I've got on the trousers what I stole."

Sir Edward Carson is caustic, his wit is more like a blow with a cavalry sword than a rapier thrust:

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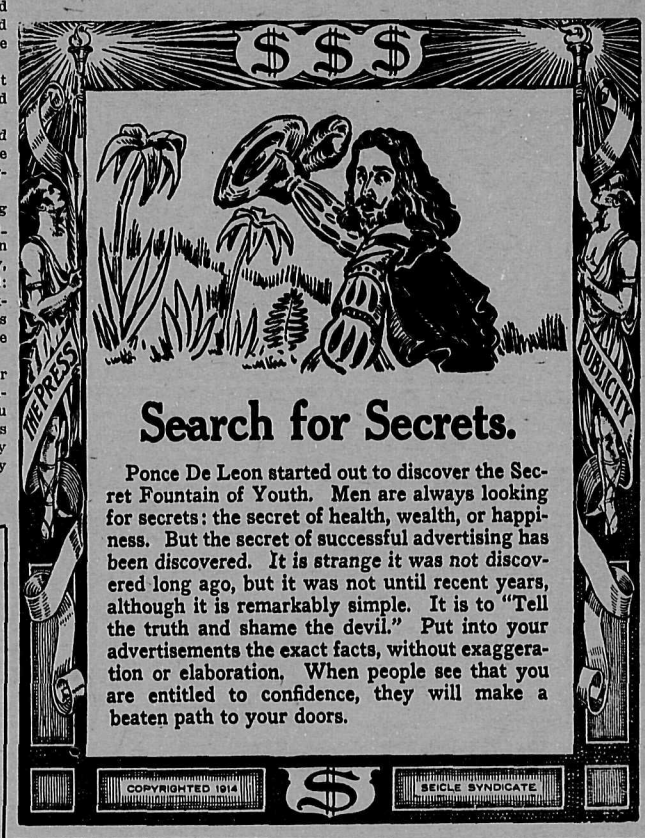

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