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## Suits at \$3.50

TWO AND THREE PIECE  
made up in fancy tweeds in a  
pretty colorings, smart attrac-  
tive designs that will please you, and  
value for Friday at ... \$3.50

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LOT OF NOBBY SUITS, for  
worn at this price. They are  
of the new cloths in shades of  
green and tan. They are well  
finished, perfect fitting garments,  
extra special value for Friday  
... \$15.00

## Washing Ties Special 10c

LARGE RANGE OF COTTON  
AND FOUR-IN-HAND TIES, in  
all the latest patterns. Fawns,  
greys, blacks, and reds. Spe-  
cial Friday ... 10c

## Sox, Special at 25c

LINE OF SOX, fine silk finish,  
and full fashioned. Nice shades  
of grey, green, brown and black.  
Special price for Friday ... 25c

## Braces, Special at 35c

ELASTIC WEB BRACES, finer  
at back and front, mohair  
shades of fawn, blue, brown  
Special on Friday at ... 35c

## Neckties, Special at 25c

OUR-IN-HAND NECKTIES—A  
variety of fancy shades and pat-  
terns, neckties, figures, stripes and  
a variety of colors. Very spe-  
cial Friday at ... 25c

## Print Shirts, Special 50c

COLORED PRINT SHIRTS, a  
variety of print shirts in stripes and  
blue, brown and black and red  
white ground. Sizes 14 to 16 1/2.  
Special Friday at ... 50c

## Balbriggan Underwear at 50c

UNDERWEAR, fine woven two  
balbriggan-shirts and drawers, nat-  
ural, also natural shade with blue  
other in a fine elastic rib natural  
so one in a honeycomb mesh.  
Special Friday, per garment ... 50c

## Gage Hats Best Received

and Dress Styles—A  
New Lot Just Opened

## Chocolates, None Better

Varieties, per lb., 60c

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## THEY SMILE AT OUR PLANS

German Naval Experts Not Impressed by Naval Estimates—Ships Ordered Are Two-Power Standard

### DREADNOUGHTS BUT A LIBERAL SOP

Every New Battleship Laid Down Practically Useless Without Trained Crews and British Supremacy Doubtful

Berlin, April 5.—German naval experts are by no means deeply impressed by the British naval estimates. The conviction exists here that the number of new ships to be laid down by England during the coming financial year barely suffices to maintain the two-power standard. No serious significance is attached to the announcement that four more Dreadnoughts may possibly, under certain circumstances, be laid down, because this clause is regarded as a worthless concession to British public opinion which demands the absolute maintenance of naval supremacy at all costs.

These provisions for more Dreadnoughts are regarded as a clever device to soothe the conscience of those Liberals who realize that the ship-building programme in its original form does not suffice.

Trained Crews Needed. According to the information of German experts, the weakness of the British naval programme for the years 1909-1912 is its failure to provide trained crews to man the new battleships. The opinion prevails here that Great Britain possesses a magnificent fleet, built of the finest material and equipped in every respect in accordance with the necessities of modern warfare, she has not the trained crews to man them.

The dangerous weakness of the British navy in this respect is well known to the German government, and leads German naval men to conclude that the British supremacy on the North sea would not be so absolute in reality as it is on paper.

British Power Chimerical. It is thought here that every new battleship laid down by Britain is practically useless, unless provision be made at the same time to train the full complement of crews to handle them under war conditions.

Immense sums devoted to new Dreadnoughts are therefore, regarded as so much waste, because it is known that the British government has been made to supply the men whose efficiency transforms them into useful weapons of war. For this and other reasons, therefore, the British naval power is regarded by the Germans as something of a chimera.

### PERMANENT STOP TO TICKET SCALPING

Buffalo Jurists Allow Final Injunction Against Unofficial Ticket Dealers

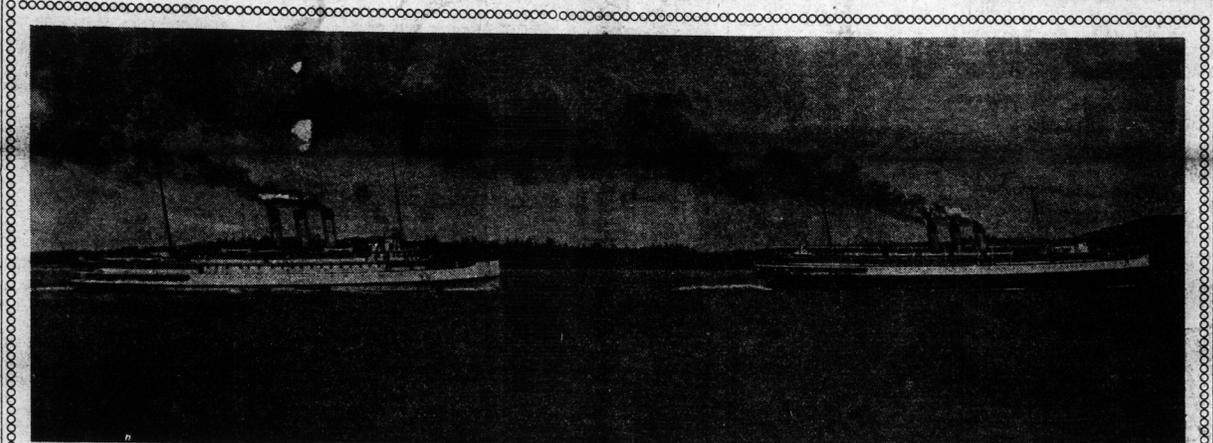
Buffalo, N.Y., April 5.—An order was entered in special term of court today making permanent the injunction against ticket scalping which was granted some time ago by the New York Central, Michigan Central and Nickel Plate railroad companies restraining Jas. Devlin and other ticket scalpers from buying, selling, dealing in, non-transferable tickets. The order was taken by default, no one appearing for the ticket scalpers in opposition.

Killed Mother-in-Law. Madrid, April 5.—A double tragedy is reported from the village of Albadalejo, in the province of Ciudad Real, where a rich landowner named Anselmo Machado killed his wife and mother-in-law with a flat-iron. He was suffering from delirium, caused by influenza. Machado also wounded his thirteen-year-old daughter. He afterwards ran through the streets of the village without clothing, and suddenly fell dead.

Electricity From the Atlantic to Chicago. Line From Chicago to New York Has Been Completed and Direct Connection With Coast Is Established.

Chicago, Ills., April 5.—Direct connection between Chicago and New York by trolley became a reality last night. When a two-car train pulled into Pullman over the tracks of the Kensington and Eastern Railroad, completed less than fifteen minutes before.

## PREPARING FOR THE RUSH OF TOURISTS



Princess Charlotte and Princess Victoria Starting Out Yesterday

## NEW COMPANY READY FOR WORK

Stave Lake Power Company's Bonds Insured and Officially Approved in Eighteen Months

### MARKS NEW ERA IN THIS PROVINCE

Vancouver, April 5.—Bonds of the Stave Lake Power Company have been underwritten to the extent of \$2,500,000, and the work of completing the station at Stave Lake will be pushed. Power will be delivered in Vancouver and Westminster within eighteen months. This announcement was made today by William McNeill, secretary of the company, who returned yesterday from Montreal, where he spent several weeks in connection with the financial arrangements of the company. For the first time in the history of industrial undertakings of this character in Western Canada, the financing is being done by Eastern Canadian capital, thus marking a new era in the development of British Columbia. Large Eastern Canadian interests are represented by C. H. Cahane, of Montreal and Halifax, who will arrive on a trip of inspection in ten days' time. Cahane will be associated with John Hendry in the management of the undertaking. The Royal Trust Company, of Montreal is the trustee company; the transfer agent and registrar is the Montreal Trust & Deposit Company and the Bank of Montreal, the bankers.

### NEW ALASKA COMPANY HAS BEEN FLOATED

Simon J. Lasker, of Nome and York Man Start Big Concern

Albany, N.Y., April 5.—The Serpentine Mining and Ditch Company, of Alaska, whose principal office is in New York, and which has a capital of \$1,000,000, was incorporated today. The directors include Simon J. Lasker, of Nome, Alaska, and G. Clarence Young and Samuel Collier, of New York.

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Serious Fire at Bulaya. Regina, Sask., April 5.—A serious fire is reported from Bulaya, Sask., where the Minak general store was completely destroyed. The loss amounts to \$1,500.

LORD STRATHCONA'S GIFT RECEIVED. Ottawa, April 5.—Sir Frederick Borden today received Lord Strathcona's cheque for \$250,000 for the endowment fund from which \$10,000 per annum is to be devoted to the encouragement of military and physical training in the public schools of the Dominion.

Fined for Telling Fortunes. Hamilton, Ont., April 5.—Prof. J. Darville, well known all over Canada, was fined \$200 this morning for telling fortunes contrary to law.

Consolation for McInnes. Ottawa, April 5.—W. B. McInnes, former commissioner to the Yukon, and defeated Liberal candidate in Vancouver at the last general election, has been appointed county judge of British Columbia with a salary of \$3,000.

## THEY PREFER FIGHTING TO WORK

Statement of Leaders of French Revolutionary Labor Organizations Has Aroused Fear in the French Capital

### RECENT STRIKE HAS INSPIRED FEAR

Paris, April 5.—The newspapers of Paris show general alarm this morning at the speeches delivered at the Workmen's meeting yesterday under the auspices of the revolutionary labor organizations to formulate a plan of campaign against the government. They refer particularly to the agreement of a large section of the state employees to make common cause with the trades unionists and the appointment of a secret committee empowered to call strikes.

Public opinion is rapidly becoming terrified, the papers declare, at the belief that a bloody insurrection is imminent and the statements of some of the speakers that the proletariat would rather fight than work in the event of a war is regarded as a particularly alarming prediction.

As long as in Paris there was a majority of the same thinking among the working class, the danger of a renewal of the days of the Commune was obviated. This preponderance was ensured by the large number of government employees maintained in Paris and its environs.

The socialist sentiments have made ground in the capital, as was pointed out by the recent strike of the government telegraph operators and postmen, and that event has shaken the conviction that never again would the days of the Commune be renewed. An insurrection is no longer impossible.

### RECIPROcity IN COAL

Winnipeg, April 5.—The Winnipeg Board of Trade calculates that that reciprocity in soft coal as proposed in the Payne tariff would save the people of Western Canada half a million dollars yearly.

House Rules Committee at Washington Jacking Up the Schedules. Washington, D.C., April 5.—The House rules committee today reported an order limiting amendments to the Payne tariff bill to those which the ways and means committee will report and lumber and hides, barley and barley malt schedules, an amendment imposing 25 per cent. ad valorem on petroleum is provided. The vote on the bill is fixed for 3 o'clock next Friday.

Indiana Ashore. The Indiana, a steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, left Ancon on March 7, bound for the Golden Gate when she was lost. She was an American steamer of 2,561 tons net, 3,335 tons gross tonnage, built in 1873 by Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia, and was used in the Alaskan trade, being brought from the Atlantic during the Klondike rush. Capt. Robinson is in charge of the vessel. The Indiana is a steel screw steamer 345 feet long, 43 feet beam and 27.5 feet deep.

PRAIRIE PROVINCES EXTEND TELEPHONES. Winnipeg, April 5.—The Manitoba and Alberta governments decided yesterday to build each eight hundred miles of telephone lines this season.

## INDIANA ASHORE BUT PEOPLE SAFE

Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Steamer on Rocks at Magdalena Bay and Will Be Total Loss

### PASSENGERS OFF ON CRUISER AND TUGS

Vancouver, B. C., April 5.—The San Francisco-Pacific Mail S.S. Company's Indiana, bound from Mazatlan to San Francisco, went ashore in a heavy fog at Magdalena Bay Saturday night and is still on the rocks, with fourteen feet of water in her hold. The passengers and their personal belongings were removed by the cruiser Albany and tug Fortune and Navaio. The Indiana is lying easily on the rocks. Holds Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are deep with water. Owners of the wrecked steamer say the vessel will be a total loss. The Indiana carries a cargo worth \$500,000.

The passengers have been placed aboard the ships of the United States fleet and will be picked up by the City of Sydney, which will leave Acapulco for Magdalena Bay tomorrow.

The statement issued by the Pacific Mail Company says the Indiana is ashore on Cape Loco, the southern extremity of Santa Margarita bay. She is resting easily on a rocky bottom and protected from the sea and westerly winds.

The Indiana sailed from Mazatlan yesterday and carries a valuable cargo for this port. The messages received by her owners say that the water is fourteen feet deep in hold No. 1, sixteen feet in hold No. 2, and twelve feet in hold No. 3 and fourteen feet in hold No. 4.

The company estimates the value of the ship at \$200,000 and the cargo at \$400,000. Of the latter, 1,200 tons is general freight from New York and 1,000 tons is wool.

The officials of the company say that they have heard nothing beyond one wireless message, but believe that there is little hope of saving the vessel. Every effort was made to procure lighters to be rushed to the wreck, and it is hoped that a large portion of the cargo can be taken off without damage. The lower holds are flooded, but the between-decks freight is still above water, and likely to remain so, as the vessel lies on rock bottom. One ton of the cargo is 11,000 sacks of coffee.

United States and France Agree. Washington, D.C., April 5.—The Senate today ratified an extradition treaty between the United States and France.

A complete surprise to the operators whose representatives were present to execute an agreement. We rely upon you to protect the reputation of your organization and prevent the repudiation of an agreement by its local officers. (Signed) Lewis Stockett, President Western Coal Operators' Association.

## SHERMAN MUST COME TO TIME

The Publication of Telegrams Throws Light on Coal Operators' Trouble—Backs President Stockett

### SHERMAN OF FERNIE WOULD NOT COMPLETE

Vancouver, B. C.—T. L. Lewis, of Indianapolis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, authorized the publication of his telegram to the Alberta and British Columbia coal operators whose mines have been closed down by orders from Frank Sherman, of Fernie, President of the local branch of the United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Ind. U.S.A. After negotiations extending over two weeks at Macleod, and at which National Board Member Morgan was present as your representative, the scale committee arrived at an agreement and disbanded. The conference adjourned to enable a referendum vote to the miners to be taken. A substantial majority voted to adopt the agreement but at the meeting today arranged for by the President of district No. 18 and the President of the Western Coal Operators' Association for the purpose of completing the agreement as arranged before adjournment, President Sherman admitted that the referendum vote was in favor of the agreement, but declined to complete the same, alleging that as he had in the meantime made a different agreement with the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, who are not members of our association, he must have that agreement first signed and then the referendum withdrawn from the meeting with his associates. This action was

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## G. T. P. AIR LINE TO VANCOUVER PROPOSED

E. J. Chamberlin Announces That Proposed North and South Branch Line From Ft. George Will Be Dropped

### WILL LEAVE MAIN LINE NEAR THE YELLOWHEAD

Vancouver, B. C., April 5.—E. J. Chamberlin, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, announced Saturday night before leaving for the north that an air line would be built to Vancouver involving the abandonment of the proposed north and south branch line now roughly surveyed from the vicinity of Fort George on the main line.

It will reach here from the northeast. The northern junction will be at a point on the main line near Yellowhead Pass. Mr. Chamberlin added: "I think I am safe in asserting that when our trains run into Vancouver they will follow a line which for low grades and short haul cannot be surpassed."

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## DATE OF SALE OF RUPERT LOTS

Provincial Government and Grand Trunk Pacific to Offer Equal Number May Twenty-Fifth to Twenty-Ninth

### TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED IN ALL

Terms of Sale to Be One-Quarter Cash and Balance in Three Equal Annual Installments

The first sale of Prince Rupert lots will take place in Vancouver May 25 to May 29th. On these five days 2,400 lots will be offered at auction. The government puts in 1,200 of these, the railway company a similar number.

Hon. P. J. Fulton made the announcement this morning. The terms of sale will probably be the same as in the case of the Point Grey townships in Victoria, in all likelihood, and sales at other points throughout British Columbia, including Prince Rupert, will also be arranged.

The agreement to this effect was reached at the conference with E. J. Chamberlin, the general manager of the G. T. P., on Friday and Saturday, although negotiations have, of course, been in progress for a considerable period. The sale will be advertised in British Columbia by the government and throughout the east by the G. T. P. railway. Maps showing the lots to be offered are at present in course of preparation in Montreal, and will be distributed here and in Vancouver in the near future.

Hundreds of enquiries as to the date when the townships would be placed on the market have been received here, while the office of Hon. J. H. Turner, the agent-general in London, has been besieged by people eager to obtain information as to when they will be afforded a chance to obtain property in the projected terminus of the great transcontinental railway.

As early as last September, one man came all the way from Durban, South Africa, and called on the chief commissioner of lands and works, Hon. F. J. Fulton, and was greatly disappointed when he found that the date of the sale had not yet been arranged.

C. D. Rand acts for the government. The lots to be offered are to be selected from every point in the townships, practically every block being represented.

## THE CZAR OF RUSSIA PLANS TO VISIT ENGLAND

Preparations Are Being Made for a Round of State Visits on Imperial Yacht Standard

Ottawa, April 5.—The post office revenue for the sale of stamps for the year ending March 31 was \$9,115,862, as compared with \$8,835,810 last year.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—Preliminary preparations are being made for a round of state visits by the Emperor to Scandinavia and possibly to London in the early summer.

According to the present plans His Majesty will leave in June aboard the imperial yacht Standard escorted by a division of the Baltic fleet and torpedo boats, and will go to Stockholm, Christiania and Copenhagen, and perhaps thence to England, to return King Edward's visit during the summer. In any event, it is regarded as a certainty that this is the first extensive imperial trip projected since 1901.

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