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## Momentous Meeting of Allied Diplomats To-morrow

Sterling Exchange Reaches \$4.77--186  
Presbyterian Churches Vote For Union,  
11 Against--Gold Standard to be Restored in Britain.

**LINERS ARRIVE BEHIND TIME.**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.  
The Anchor liner Assyria docked here yesterday, four days overdue, and the French liner Paris arrived, 12 hours late, delayed by heavy weather.

**CHICAGO COAL WORKERS STRIKE.**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 5.  
Five thousand coal teamsters and truckers voted to walk out to-day as protest against the refusal of the Chicago Coal Merchants' Association to consider the granting of wage increases to men. The men had asked for two dollars a day increase, but Saturday lowered their demand to a dollar a day, below which figure they refuse to go.

**WEDNESDAY'S MOMENTOUS CONFERENCE.**

PARIS, Jan. 5.  
Final arrangements for Wednesday's conference of the Allied finance ministers are being made and as the day draws nearer interest in the subjects to be considered is growing more intense. The chief ostensible business of the conference is to apportion billion gold marks in reparations received from Germany, but the general impression is that this business will be overshadowed by what goes on in the lobbies and the words "Inter Allied Debts" are on every lip.

**INDIANS ISOLATED.**  
LONDON, Jan. 5.  
The inhabitants of the little island of Bardsey, off the southwest coast of North Wales, have been isolated from the mainland for a month owing to recurring gales.

**DIPLOMATS MEET TO-MORROW.**  
PARIS, Jan. 5.  
The famous clock room in the Foreign Office, where Woodrow Wilson, Georges Clemenceau, and their fellow plenipotentiaries prepared the Treaty of Versailles, will assume the aspect of treaty making days on Wednesday this week when Allied diplomats' ministers meet there to settle the details of the peace. The hands of the United States Government for a share in the proceeds of Dawes plan as a means of paying the cost of operations at the Cobden Bridgehead will come up early in the proceedings.

**WEST CHURCH UNION FIGURES.**  
TORONTO, Jan. 5.  
Reports made to the Church Union Bureau of information up to this afternoon indicate that 186 Presbyterian

sociation of shovellers to handle the coal handled by the drivers. The merchants offered one dollar a day increase, refusing to consider the greater demands.

**TANKER ASHORE.**  
WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Jan. 5.—Efforts to pull the Standard Oil Company tank ship William Rockefeller off a sandbank near Jupiter lighthouse on the east coast of Florida have been unavailing, but apparently the ship is in no immediate danger unless a strong east wind blows up. The ship went aground early Sunday in heavy fog.

**USING LINER AS RUDDER.**  
HALIFAX, Jan. 5.  
The Furness liner Sachem which lost her rudder and stern post while en route from Liverpool to Boston, via St. John's, Nfld., and Halifax, is proceeding under her own steam to St. John's, utilizing the steamer Manchester Hero as a rudder, according to word given out here this evening by Furness Line.

**TO RESTORE GOLD STANDARD.**  
LONDON, Jan. 5.  
In connection with the steady rise of sterling exchange which to-day touched 477, the belief is growing here that a move is afoot to restore the gold standard at some future date, and that the visit to the United States of Montague Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, is connected therewith.

**GUN ELEVATION CONTROVERSY.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.  
A resolution asking Secretary of State Hughes whether any foreign power had protested against the elevation of guns on United States battleships was introduced to-day by Senator Cerry, of Rhode Island, democratic member of the naval committee. Great Britain has made representations on the subject and the question whether gun elevation would violate the spirit of the arms treaty has been warmly debated in and out of congress.

## Exports for the Month of December

COMPILED BY THE NEWFOUNDLAND BOARD OF TRADE.

**FROM OUTPORTS:**

	Qts.	D. Fish
To Brazil .....	7,363	
" Europe .....	35,421	
" Canada .....	351	
	43,135	

**ALSO:**

645 Qts. Haddock.	
1,970 Qts. Salt Bulk Fish.	
8,906 Brls. Herring.	
32 Gals. Cod Oil.	
10 Cts. Lobsters.	

**FROM ST. JOHN'S:**

	Qts.	D. Fish
To Brazil .....	13,600	
" Europe .....	27,550	
" W. Indies .....	13,202	
" U. Kingdom .....	5,247	
" U. States .....	1,055	
	60,654	

**ALSO:**

184,565 Gals. Cod Oil.	
26,690 Gals. Seal Oil.	
5,118 Gals. Cod Liver Oil.	
8,856 Gals. Whale Oil.	
630 Qts. Salt Bulk Fish.	
542 1/2 Qts. Haddock.	
74 Brls. Trout.	
189 1/2 Turbot.	
1,825 Brls. Herring.	
101 Dry Squid.	
36 Brls. Salmon.	
133 Tcs. Salmon.	
3 Cts. and 3 Brls. Fish Tongues and Sounds.	
5 Brls. Herring Melts.	
480 Cts. Bladders.	
255 1/2 Cts. Lobsters.	
9 Puncneons and 5 Tcs. Seal Skins.	
1 Caak Whale Skins.	
3 Cts. Codfish Skins.	

**STEAMER BLOWN BACK.**  
HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 5.  
The Norwegian steamer Karmøy which sailed from Swansea December 3rd for Halifax, with 2,000 tons of coal, arrived back in Swansea badly battered, having been blown eastward by heavy gales when 250 miles off Cape Race, according to word received here this morning by the dealer to whom the cargo was consigned. A French steamer arrived in port this evening, after being one month on the way from Port Talbot with a cargo of coal.

**ALBERTA'S LIQUOR PROFIT.**  
EDMONTON, Jan. 5.  
Profits well over a million dollars will accrue to the provincial treasury as a result of last year's operations under the new Government Liquor Control Act. Estimated profits since May 10th, when the Act went into operation, total \$1,134,144.

**MEETS DEATH IN SEWER.**  
MONTREAL, Jan. 5.  
Jumping to get a handful of straw from a passing cart Douglas Dillon, aged 14, fell through a manhole into the sewer. His body has not been recovered.

**CHICAGO COAL TEAMSTERS STRIKE.**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.  
Coal wagon and truck drivers went on strike here to-day declaring fuel would be delivered to hospitals and orphanages only. The 2,000 members of the coal teamsters union voted yesterday to strike after two weeks' negotiations had failed to obtain a pay increase of \$2 per day and employment by the merchants of the as-

## "An Arizona Cowboy"

The St. Mary's Amateur Dramatic Troupe scored another success last evening when their presentation "An Arizona Cowboy" was played to an overflowing audience who very enthusiastically expressed their appreciation. The play is set in a mining town called "Purple Dog" Arizona, and Farly Grant (Mr. Art King) is Sheriff. He is also a ranch owner and his partner is Paul Quinlan (Mr. Ed. Cranford). Paul is infatuated with Coralle Blackshear (Miss Violet Burridge) and with her and her brother Duke Blackshear (Mr. Harry Mitchell) endeavour to get Paul to play false to his partner in many ways. They endeavour to promote several false schemes the principal being to steal the ranch money and to kidnap the pretty ranch owner, Marguerite Moore (Miss Alice P. Mann). Grizzly Grimm (Mr. Harold Snow) is a cowboy rustler who is also in league with the schemers. Fawn Afraid (Miss Olive Carter) an Indian Maid and her father, Big Elk, an Indian Chief, have a special liking for the Sheriff and by splendid devotion save the situation in a delicate plot. Indian Chief (Mr. Ern Dwyer) Yow Kee, (Mr. Harvey Skirving) a Chinese waiter, Heskiah Bugg (Mr. Bert Colton), Petunia Bugg (Miss Marion Coyell) and Young-Un (Miss Doris Badcock) are the comedy end of the play and right through they intervene with splendid comedy. It would be impossible to specialise any particular person and the parts were played to perfection, but the play has to be seen to be appreciated. The specialties by Miss Mable Chafe, Messrs. F. Ruggles, G. Skirving, H. B. Chafe, V. Chafe and M. Michaels added much to the excellence of the entertainment. The whole performance was under the direction of Mr. T. P. Halley, to whom much of the success resulting is due. The play will be repeated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

## Capacity House Greet "The Covered Wagon"

A SCREEN ROMANCE OF UNSURPASSED BILLIANCE.

The picture many thought never could be made, A story in which romance rides to glory. The most amazing show on earth, a cinema gem of the greatest magnitude. Occupies a place of its own among modern screen achievements. It is tremendous in every respect.

Never on the screen has a more heart-grIPPING love story been unfolded than that of dashing Will Barton and pretty Molly Wingate in "The Covered Wagon."

The fact that the scenes of passion take place amid the most amazing thrills ever filmed, makes this romance a gorgeous entertainment. Last night the large audiences were delighted with "The Covered Wagon," and to-day it is the subject discussed most. It was a great picture and many of those who saw it admit it to be the greatest photoplay ever exhibited in St. John's.

Mr. Kerrigan as Will Barton, leader of a wagon train, falls in love with Molly Wingate (Lois Wilson) whom he meets when his wagon joins those headed by her father, Jesse Wingate, (Charles Ogile). Alan Hale playing the role of Sam Woodhull, a scoundrel is tentatively engaged to marry Lois, and bitter rivalry arises between him and Barton.

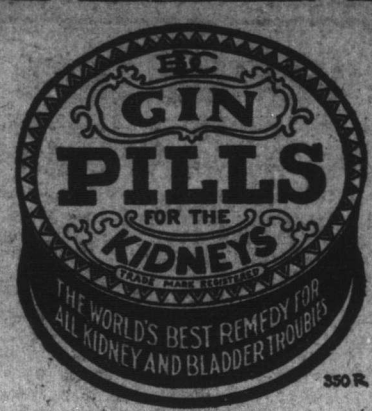
Throughout the story, Woodhull is set on "getting" Barton. After a series of thrilling events, he encounters Barton in California where the latter has made a fortune in the gold fields. Woodhull is about to kill him from ambush when Jackson, an old scout who Woodhull kills him.

Barton is informed that he has been cleared of certain charges, made against him by Woodhull and that Molly is waiting for him in her front home in Oregon. The picture closes with the reunion at the Oregon homestead.

To-night and every afternoon and night of this week "The Covered Wagon" will be exhibited. Don't miss it at The Majestic.

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## Flour Prices Boosted by the Speculators

DEMAND FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COUPLED WITH SHORTAGE IN CROPS SEND PRICES "KITING."

The demand for flour in European countries, especially Russia and Germany, has resulted in a "kiting" of prices in Canada and the United States this week, and we are likely to see \$12 flour in our own market before the winter is far advanced.

The wheat is now out of the possession of most of the farmers, and is in the hands of speculators and jobbers, who will show no mercy in running up prices to the highest possible limit now that they have so many European countries in the market competing for flour. The crop being short in both Canada and the United States, which affords additional reason for boosting the price of flour.

The Argentine crop, which is now coming on the market, is below the average and will not allow much surplus for export. All factors, therefore, in the wheat world are now contributing to put prices on a plane higher than any time since the war years, and there will be no hope of recession from these high values till the new crop is available next August.

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## "The Sea Hawk"

A MOST WONDERFUL PICTURE.

"The greatest picture I have ever seen" was the unanimous verdict of the large audience that attended the popular Star last evening, and probably this production will stand out for some years as the screen's greatest achievement. Not for a single moment did the interest lack, as it was void of any of the usual impossibilities seen in the ordinary pictures. The acting of Milton Sills in the dual role was such as to be voted faultless, whilst Enid Bennett and Wallace Beery in their respective roles left nothing to be desired. One of the big items of the program was the high class "real music" as furnished by the unbeatable orchestra: Misses Ryan and Morris and Mr. J. Cronan. The music by these people is a treat in itself, and is the big hit to all movie fans.

The Management wishes to state that this picture is being shown for the last time this evening, and to all who want to see the "greatest" they should do so this evening, and make an effort to attend early, as at 7.30 last night the hall was filled to its capacity.

Left-over boiled fish can be combined with egg sauce, and bread-crumbs, made into a scallop, and baked.

If you give away individual plum puddings, let a small jar of hard sauce garnished with candied cherries accompany it.

# THE STAR MOVIE TO-NIGHT

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To-night is the last opportunity of seeing the greatest picture yet produced.

## "The Sea Hawk"

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TO-MORROW—

## Jack Dempsey

— IN —

## "A Society Knockout"

FRIDAY—

## Charlie Foster and His Colored Band:

Messrs. Foster, LeRoy, Robinson, Evans and Elliott. Oh Boy!

## Prominent Verdun Citizen Dead

Henry Swetland, one of Verdun's well-known citizens, died on Wednesday night after but a few days' illness from pneumonia.

Mr. Swetland was born in Briggs, Nfld., came to Canada in 1888 and took up his home in Verdun. He associated himself with the Verdun Methodist Church, which was then of small beginning, and was its first Sunday school superintendent, a position he held for six years. He was a member of the Quarterly Official Board, and was also vice-president of the Verdun Brotherhood. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Pearl, and two sons, Frank and William, also a sister, Mrs. S. Garrett. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Verdun Methodist Church, thence to Mount Royal Cemetery.—Montreal Star, Dec. 24.

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## Enjoyable Dance at Columbus Hall

Upwards of 125 couples attended a New Year celebration at Columbus Hall last night. The affair which took the form of a dance was held under the auspices of the Ladies Columbus Association and proved to be a very enjoyable event. The ballroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion, whilst fancy caps of varied designs and colors were distributed and worn by the dancers which made a very pretty scene. During the dance, a card party was held, and the prizes were won by Mr. Alan Doyle and Miss Northcott. Throughout the evening

the Prince's Orchestra rendered appropriate music which was greatly appreciated by all. The dance did not conclude until an early hour this morning and was voted a big success.



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