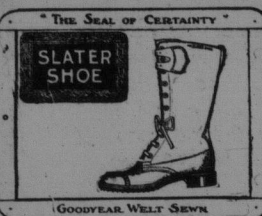


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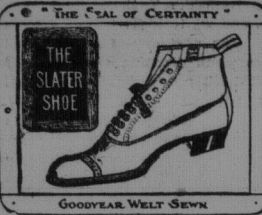
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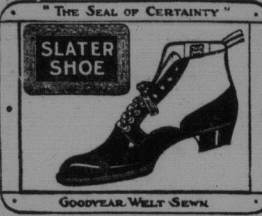
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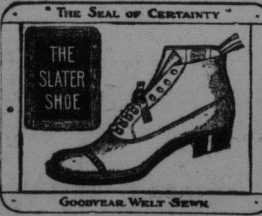
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all their retail stores; this
decision was arrived at
a couple of months ago.



The Slater Store on
King Street will be closed
all day TODAY MONDAY,
preparing for the greatest
SHOE SALE
held in St. John in years.



This is not an ordinary
every day sale but a gen-
uine Get-rid of Stock
Sale.
The Directors first
thought of removing the
entire stock to Montreal,
but after deliberation de-
cided to give the people of
St. John and vicinity a
chance to obtain some
real bargains.



ON TUESDAY MOR-
NING at 9 o'clock the doors
will be thrown open and
in order to give prompt ser-
vice a large staff of sales-
people will be on hand.
Spot cash. No approval.

Sale Begins Tuesday
Morning.

Store Closed Today

Everybody knows the
Slater Shoe—the most
satisfactory shoe ever
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RUSSIAN ARMY AGAIN ON OFFENSIVE IN GALICIA AND S. POLAND DRIVING BACK ENEMY

OPTIMISM AND CALMNESS OF OFFICERS SEEN DAY FOR THE SERBIAN ARMY

Soldiers, Discouraged at Austrian Successes, Ready to Give Up When Feined Retreat of Servians Planned by Headquarters Turned Tide and Resulted in Re-taking of Belgrade.

London, Dec. 28.—The Daily Telegraph's Sarajevo correspondent, under date of December 19, sends a long description of the defeat of the Austrians at the hands of the Servians, which culminated in the re-occupation by the Servians of Belgrade.

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Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—The original intention of taking four of the eighteen infantry battalions now at Salisbury Plains for the second Canadian division has been abandoned and a full army division will go as the second contingent from Canada.

Twelve of the eighteen have been included in the first Canadian division leaving a surplus of six, the sixth, ninth, eleventh, twelfth and seventeenth are to be sent to the front. The sixth, composed entirely of detachments of mounted corps, is destined to furnish reinforcements for the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Lord Strathcona's Horse and the divisional squadron of cavalry. The ninth, eleventh, twelfth and (presumably) the seventeenth are to be utilized for the purpose of providing infantry reinforcements. Princess Patricia's

DARING RAID ON GERMAN NAVAL BASE

(Continued from page 1)

"The extent of the damage by the British airman's bombs cannot be estimated, but all were discharged at points of military significance."

"On Thursday last Squadron Commander Richard B. Davies of the Naval Air Service visited Brussels in a biplane for the purpose of dropping twelve bombs at an airship shed reported to contain a German Parseval. Eight of these bombs, of which six are believed to have hit, were discharged at the first attack; the remaining four on the return flight."

"Owing to the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be distinguished."

Another naval airman, on Christmas Eve dropped twelve bombs on an airship shed at Brussels, but it was impossible to definitely ascertain the amount of damage done."

It was learned today that the German airman who visited England on Christmas day dropped a bomb near Rochester, which is only 28 miles east-southeast of St. Paul, London and seven miles from Gravesend. The bomb did no damage, as it fell in the roadway."

BERLIN ADMITS RAID BUT SAYS IT WAS FRUITLESS.
Berlin, Dec. 27.—The German admiral made the following announcement Saturday:
"On December 25 eight British

ships made a dash into a German bay. Hydro-aeroplanes, conveyed by them, made an advance against the mouth of German rivers, and dropped bombs on ships lying at anchor, and a gas tank near Cuxhaven, without hitting them or doing damage."

"The hydro-aeroplanes were fired at, and withdrew in a westerly direction. German airships and aeroplanes reconnoitered against the British forces, and succeeded in hitting with bombs two British destroyers and one other vessel of the convoy. On the latter fire broke out."

"Fog prevented a continuation of the fighting."

From the reference to Cuxhaven in the German announcement, it would seem that the German rivers indicated, but not named, were the Elbe and Weser. Cuxhaven is a fortified seaport of Germany, fifty-eight miles west-northwest of Hamburg. It is at the mouth of the estuary of the Elbe. The approximate distance across the North Sea from the English coast to Cuxhaven is three hundred and sixty miles."

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ZEPPELIN ATTACK ON CITY OF NANCY

Two Killed and Others Injured
—Fourteen Bombs Dropped
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Paris, Dec. 26.—A despatch received here from Nancy says that a Zeppelin airship flew over the city early this morning and dropped a total of fourteen bombs. Two persons were killed and two others were wounded. Several houses in Nancy were slightly damaged, but none of the public buildings were injured."

This is the first report of any hostile activity on the part of a Zeppelin airship against a French city. The Berlin official announcement of today said that German airmen had thrown medium-sized bombs into the outskirts of Nancy in retaliation for the throwing of bombs by a French airman into an unmaned German village."

OPPOSITION IN CARLETON COUNTY CHOOSE CANDIDATE

Convention at Woodstock on Saturday, tendered nomination to Robert Simms, a "Dark Horse."

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Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 26.—The great party convention was held this afternoon in the theatre and nominated Robert Simms of Bath as the candidate to oppose B. Frank Smith in the by-election for the legislature. It was a frosty affair altogether. The thermometer was 25 below and the frost settled in the meeting. At 2 o'clock, the hour for opening the meeting, some 60 went into the theatre in a crowd and there were a few stragglers before and after that hour. At three o'clock Mr. Carvell addressed the delegates and shortly afterwards the meeting was called to order with Andrew McCall of East Florenceville in the chair and S. L. Lynott as secretary."

The attendance had a disappointing effect on Messrs. W. P. Jones, Dr. Isaac Curtis and Andrew McCall, whose names have been mentioned as possible candidates, either of whom would have put up a good fight but they positively refused to run, although Mr. Carvell brought his eloquence to bear on the delegates, in his second speech in which he abused B. F. Smith to the limit."

Things were looking desperate when C. L. Smith told a delegate that he would be willing to try it, but the delegates thinking he could not save his deposit decided to tender the nomination to Robert Simms. "Who is Simms?" was the question asked by the most of the delegates. Very few in the county knew him. He is a young man, a school teacher, now studying law with his brother, J. R. H. Simms at Bath and he has a grievance against B. F. Smith founded while he (Simms) taught the Florenceville consolidated school. The action of the convention assures an easy victory for B. F. Smith."

GERMANY'S LATEST ACT SURPRISES ENGLAND

London, Dec. 26.—The British authorities have been advised of Germany's notification to neutral governments that it will no longer recognize the exemptions crediting their consuls to Belgium. This action has created some surprise in England, where it is regarded as a preliminary step to the official taking over of Belgium by the Germans. The result of this action probably would be the refusal to recognize Brand Whitlock, the American Minister at Brussels, or the Marquis of Villalobar, the Spanish Minister, as diplomatic agents to Belgium."

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SIR R. L. BORDEN AT WINNIPEG

Premier and Lady Borden Given Fine Reception on Arrival—Guest at Banquet Tonight

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Hon. Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, and Lady Borden arrived in Winnipeg tonight and was met at the depot by Hon. Robert Rogers, Mayor Deacon and many other leading citizens."

Sir Robert will be the guest of the Hon. Robert Rogers during his stay in Winnipeg. A dinner in his honor will be given at Government House tomorrow night. On Tuesday he will address the Canadian Club on "Canada and the war." Premier Borden will leave Tuesday night for the east stopping off at Fort William for twelve hours and giving an address there."

Sir Robert is seemingly in good health and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the work of mobilization and said that including the Home Guards there were at the present time 125,000 men under arms. He will review on Monday afternoon all the men mobilizing here for the second and third contingents."

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Behlin Official Report Says Germany's Ally Hard Pressed by Russians Along Donajec River—Servians Back Again at Border Along Drina and Save Rivers—Rioting at Alexandria Reported.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Among the items given out today for publication by the official press bureau are the following:
"While the Germans on the Bzura and along the Pilica rivers are reported to be advancing, the Austrians appear to be having a hard struggle to maintain their positions east of the Donajec river although they seem to be holding their own on its lower reaches and also to be gaining ground steadily in the Carpathians."

"The Servians again are back at the border along the Drina and Save rivers but probably are not in considerable force."

"Constantinople reports that the action against Batum is proceeding favorably. The Holy Banner of the Prophet has been brought into Damascus amid great rejoicing."

"The Rome newspaper Vita reports an outbreak of rioting in Alexandria, Egypt. Three thousand men with machine guns, the paper says, were necessary to suppress the disorder. Eighty-five Arabs were killed."

"A report received from Copenhagen says the authorities at Warsaw have moved from that city to Vilna."

MADE THREE ATTEMPTS TO SHOOT WIFE

Toronto Man Falls to Murder Wife and Lands in Jail.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Norman Anderson, 1704 Markham street, was arrested on Saturday evening, charged with attempting to take his wife's life. Anderson made three attempts to shoot his wife at the dinner table. The revolver failed twice, but the third time the bullet scorched Mrs. Anderson's neck, tearing the skin. Anderson's brother-in-law jumped from his chair to snatch the weapon from the drunken husband and Anderson made an attempt to shoot him, but was knocked down and disarmed."

APPOINTMENT IN THIRD CONTINGENT FOR BOER WAR VETERAN

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Lt. Col. R. Gordon Stewart of the Forty Third D. C. O. R., Ottawa, has received news of his appointment to the command of the Infantry Regiment to mobilize here for the third contingent. Major J. R. Monroe of Ottawa of the Fifth Princess Louise Dragoon Guards and Secretary to the Canadian Cavalry Association, has been appointed to command the regiment of Mounted Rifles of which one squadron will mobilize in Toronto and the other two squadrons in Ottawa. This is the only mounted regiment which will go with the third contingent."

Lt. Col. Stewart is a South African veteran."

IMPERIAL THEATRE New Year's Eve After First Usual Show

BOX PARTIES ARE SECURING RESERVATIONS
The St. John High School Alumnæ have the honor to present THE STIRRING BRITISH PLAY

"OURS"

with splendid cast of local players and
200 MEN OF 26TH REGT. who are going to the front.
An inspiring piece that will be finely put on.

IN AID OF BELGIAN AND RED CROSS FUNDS
TICKETS:
Downstairs and 3 Rows Balcony 50c. Balance of Balcony 35c. Top Balcony 25c. Box Chairs, 75c.

IMPERIAL'S Big Feast Starts Today!

MERRY-MAKING CENTRE FOR THE HAPPY YULETIDE
MOTION PICTURES of very inspiring HOME SCENES
OPENING OF C. P. R. DOCKS by Federal Ministers, with thousands attending. Every detail of that grand occasion. See yourself in this film.

PARADE OF 26TH REGIMENT and review in front of the Club. Also splendid view on King street.
HURRAH FOR HOME!
TWO REELS "ON LONESOME MOUNTAIN" LUBIN DRAMA
Hearst-Selig War Views — Sparkling Comedies

SCOTT & BROADWAY VAUDEVILLE A MODEL MARKE
OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT And All This Week.
Thompson's Musical Comedy Company
—PRESENTING—
"McKenna's Flirtation"
Corona Chocolates for the Ladies
Wednesday Matinee

Special Matinee New Year's Day
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