

MAINE MAN WAS WITH THE 26TH

Brought Home by President's Intervention

ENLISTED IN ST. JOHN Was Through Battle of Ypres—Says 26th Lost 400 Men in First Two Weeks—Some of His Experiences

"The Statue of Liberty was a welcome sight to me as we came into New York harbor last Sunday," said Percy Wiseman of Milford, Me., who has just returned from the trenches in Belgium...

shore, the night of the raid and he was at once arrested. Another stranger went around the streets with an automobile, the headlights being on. He approached the officers quarters of the regiments...

"We have shot women," said Mr. Wiseman. "It is necessary. There are women along every road, shooting at the soldiers from the houses, and the only thing to do is to shoot back. We were passing along one highway in Belgium, side of which a man was plowing in the field. As the man got to the end of each furrow he would get down behind his horse and shoot a Canadian officer. The officers were dropping down and the men wondered, until they found who was doing the work. The regiment was ordered to fire on the German in the field. This is all there was to it. He and his horse were left dead on the field."

After Ypres "In the battle of Ypres, 300 Americans fell but most of the Americans who are over there now are trying to get home."

PATRIOTIC FUND

Single:—F. W. Morrison, \$5; J. C. Whitaker, \$1; St. John Iron and Hardware Association, \$100; D. R. Manser, \$2; Miss Sarah E. Smith, \$5.

CHRISTMAS CABLE FROM THE TRENCHES

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—From the Canadian forces in France the following message to Sir Robert Borden was received today: "All ranks Canadians at front send heartfelt Christmas greetings and best wishes for New Year."

WHY FORD LEFT

London, Dec. 24.—A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: Before leaving Mr. Ford gave a check for \$270,000 to finance the peace expedition.

THE TRAINS

The incoming trains today were all behind their schedule time, owing to heavy travel. Large numbers of people came to the city to spend Christmas. The Boston train was more than an hour late and the Montreal, which came in two sections, was upwards of three hours behind time. The Maritime was also delayed.

FATHER'S WAY.

A busy housewife came into the sitting-room with a determined look in her eyes. "I really shall have to punish those children," she began.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50c.

BIRTHS

HARDIMAN—On December 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hardiman, a daughter.

DEATHS

PORTER—Entered into rest on the 23rd inst., after a lengthy illness, Josephine, wife of Jas. Porter, leaving a husband, brother and two sisters to mourn.

For Christmas CANADIAN CANDY

- Mixed Candy (extra value), 10c. lb. Xmas Ribbon Mix, 20c. lb. Superior Barley Toys, 20c. lb. Hard Mixed (Frank White's) 25c. lb. Mixed Chocolates and Creams, 30c. lb. Hand-made Creams, 40c. lb. Hand-Made Creams (Frank White's), 40c. lb. After-Dinner Mints, 30c. lb. Scotch Mints, 30c. lb. Cream Almonds, 30c. lb. Maple Walnuts, 30c. lb. Wrapped Butter Scotch, 30c. lb. Marshmallows, 30c. lb. Peter-Pan Caramels, 50c. lb. Candy Canes, 25c. lb. Neilson's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Moir's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Moir's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Nut Milk Chocolates, 50c. lb.

IMPORTED CANDY (U. S. A.)

- Chocolate Nougatines, 50c. lb. Peppermint Patties, 50c. lb. Marshmallow Snowballs, 50c. lb. Quality Chocolates—A full assortment (in bulk), 70c. lb. Chocolate Straws, 50c. lb. Fancy Boxes Chocolates, 35c. to \$4.00 each. Quality Wrapped Caramels, 45c. lb. Sugared Jordan Almonds, 50c. lb. Cream Castanets, 70c. lb. Molasses Chips, 40c. lb. Marshmallows, 15c. pkge.

IMPORTED CANDY (English)

- Riley's Toffees (10 kinds), 40c. lb. Devonshire Toffees, 30c. lb. Double Mints, 30c. lb. Mixed Gum Drops, 30c. lb. Clear Jujubes, 40c. lb. Sugared Jujubes, 40c. lb. Panama Assorted Fruits, 50c. lb. Barley Walnuts, 50c. lb. Battered Almonds, 50c. lb. Battered Walnuts, 50c. lb. French Almond Rock, 50c. lb. Canadian Toffee, 50c. lb. Festival Bon-Bons, 50c. lb. Picture Boxes, Chocolate Dolls, Sweet Shams, Smokers' Sets, and other lines too numerous to mention.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT

Gilbert's Grocery

PERSONALS

Miss Ella L. Smith arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a cold in one day. 25c.

GULL LAKE HARD HIT BY CHRISTMAS FIRE

Gull Lake, Sask., Dec. 24.—Fire in the business section of this town caused damage estimated at \$60,000.

New Consul Banquetted

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 24.—Hon. W. A. Pierce, the new American consul, was tendered a banquet here last night by Dr. Leo Frank, a New York capitalist who has invested extensively in foxes. Prominent professional and business men of the city were present.

Princely Gifts

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Ernest Cassel has donated another \$125,000 to the fund the London Times is raising for the British Red Cross Society. Last week Sir Ernest Cassel was reported as having donated \$200,000 to the King Edward Hospital fund for London.

A general was once staying at the house of an elderly maiden lady in the country, who wanted more of his company than he was willing to give. Proposing one day to take a stroll with him, he excused himself to her on account of the badness of the weather. Soon afterward she caught him sneaking out alone. "So, General," said she, "it has cleared up."

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D. BOYANER

32 Dock Street, 151 Charlotte Street.

LOCAL NEWS

Charles Chaplin and Ruth Roland, the Star's Christmas headliners.

The Star in North End has Chaplin on for the holiday.

PRESENTATION.

The employees in the wire mill department of the James Pender Co. Ltd. this morning presented to their foreman, George Cunningham, a case of pipes. The presentation was made by C. E. Marvin with pleasing references to the esteem in which Mr. Cunningham is held by all.

Several of the leading city soloists will take part in the Christmas services at Queen Square Methodist church Sunday. Details will be found on another page.

Great bargains in toys, games, dolls, at Robert Reed's, 90 Germain street; all at cost to clear.

We have a few style six Victrolas at \$8.95 and will deliver for Xmas—C. H. Townsend Piano Co., 18 King street, St. John, N. B.

The Two Barkers, 100 Princess, are offering special prices on confectionery, nuts, oranges, grapes, fancy groceries, toys, dolls, Teddy bears, books and games, etc.

Christian Science Society are holding service in their hall, corner Duke and Charlotte, Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m., Wednesday evening, 8 p.m. Reading room open each week day from 4 to 8 p.m., legal holidays and Saturdays excepted. All are welcome.

Now selling at the True-fit shoe store, 899 Main street, men's one buckle, two strap, also three buckle overshoes for \$1.75 a pair. These are worth \$2.75. Come and get a pair.

AT BONDS

Bond's restaurant will be closed on Christmas Day, but open at the dinner hour 12 to 2 on Sunday when there will be a special Christmas dinner.

Why not let Santa Claus give the children season tickets for the Queen's Band tomorrow afternoon and evening.

CHRISTMAS TREAT MONDAY

The annual Christmas tree treat for the children in the Municipal Hospital, St. John, will be held on next Monday, and the public are invited to attend and to make an inspection of the premises. With the street car facilities now offering, it is expected that many will attend from the city. The hours are two to five o'clock.

HOSPITAL OPEN.

The convalescent-home for soldiers was opened in the Parks building, Mount Pleasant, today. There is accommodation at present for twenty-five soldiers, and several are expected next week. One was due to arrive today from Sydney to enter the home.

Lugin photograph studio will be open Christmas day for convenience of visitors in the city, 88 Charlotte street.

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VICTORIA RINK

A nice Christmas present would be a season ticket for Victoria rink. For sale at Durick's Drug Store, Main street, or the Park Drug Store, Brunswick street. Ice skating will be very popular this winter, the old and reliable Victoria rink will give good ice and music will be open to the public next week.

Make it glasses for the old folks. We can make suitable arrangements to test their eyes carefully and have a scheme whereby spectacles can be presented as gifts.—K. W. Epstein & Co., Optometrists, 193 Union street. See ad. page 7, T. F.

THE LAST CHANCE.

We are open tonight until ten o'clock for Xmas deliveries, and Xmas gift silverware—Grondines, 24 Waterloo street.

Saved round hard wood \$1.75 per load while it lasts. Geo. Dick, Phone M 1116, 46 British street.

Full of natural flavor, Bravley's favoring extracts. (c)

Father Morrice's

Stomach Remedy for the cure of Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Gas, Stomach, Sourness and all forms of stomach troubles. No Cure—No Pay. Price 50c. All Druggists.

Socialists and Peace

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Prominent Socialists from all the belligerent countries except Italy met on last Wednesday at the Hague to discuss steps which might be taken to help bring about a speedy peace.

AUSTRIANS DEFEATED BY MONTENEGRINS

Paris, Dec. 24.—A repulse of the Austrians upon whom large losses are declared to have been inflicted, is reported in an official Montenegro statement received here today.

FORTY-TWO OPOSED GERMAN WAR CREDIT

Paris, Dec. 24.—A Zurich despatch says that the number of members of the Reichstag who expressed opposition to the new war credit of 10,000,000 marks adopted on Tuesday, was larger than at first reported. Twenty Social-Democrats abstained from voting, and with the socialists who voted in the negative brings up the total opposed to the appropriation to forty-two. Berlin despatches said nineteen.

As She No Doubt Would.

"Some day we'll be telephoning through the air without wires."

"Maybe; but won't it be queer to have an operator call back to you and say, 'The air is busy now?'"

GOLD and SILVER Mounted Canes

THE ROYAL PHARMACY

47 King Street

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TO ALL GOOD PEOPLE EVERYWHERE GREETING MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL REST UPON YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES... MAY CHRISTMAS MORNING USHER IN GREAT JOY AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU ABUNDANT PROSPERITY. THE IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO. L. J. Lowe, Provincial Manager, St. John

Merry Christmas We extend to our many patrons and friends our best wishes for Many Happy Returns of the Day. December 24th 1915. J. MARCUS

FIFTEEN KILLED Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Engineer Irby Read and Fireman W. E. Lehey were killed and thirteen negroes were injured last night in a collision between a Chattanooga-Nashville passenger train and a fast freight between Rockledge and Sherwood on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway.

PACKAGES DETAINED Berlin, Dec. 24.—Advises from Stockholm report that in pursuance of the Swedish government's decision to hold parcels of packages passing through Sweden or from England in retaliation for British removal from steamships of packages for Sweden, 10,000 parcels from England for Russia are now being held at Copenhagen. At Raparanda, it is said 2,500 packages are being detained.

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price Diamonds and Watches Don't think you cannot afford to give a Diamond because you've heard Diamond prices are continually increasing. That's all the greater reason why you should buy one now for the longer you delay, the higher will be the cost of a Diamond the size and quality you want.

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