

The Evening Times and Star

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FOR THE 115TH BATTALION.

On New Year's Day a great campaign will be inaugurated to fill the ranks of the 115th Battalion, under Lt. Col. Wedderburn. It will be a fitting beginning of the New Year. The chief business of the year 1916 will be war. The men of New Brunswick who are now in the trenches are calling for the assistance of their comrades, and wonder why more do not enlist. There can be no thought of peace, no assurance of safety for our homes, no guarantee of the freedom we enjoy under the British flag, until Germany has been utterly defeated.

THE CHILDREN.

If the address delivered by Warden McLellan yesterday in the discussion of the grant to the Children's Aid Society could be delivered from every pulpit and platform in St. John it would do a great deal of good. The warden said he had once regarded some things as "fads" which he had discovered since he became familiar with the work of the police department and social conditions in St. John to be tasks that should not be left to the care of a few volunteer workers, but should be taken up by the municipality itself.

PATRIOTIC FUND

There has been received to date \$289. Recent contributions have been: Mrs. Chas. H. Peters, \$10; Mrs. F. Sherman Peters, Gagetown, \$5.50; Mrs. G. O. Hannah, \$5; John Cameron, \$5; Mrs. H. A. Powell, for Nov. and Dec., \$4; Miss Stella T. Payson, for Nov. and Dec., \$4; Mrs. H. E. Wardrop, \$3; Mrs. Morris Hazen, \$2; Miss Lilian Hazen, \$2; Miss Joan Mahony, \$1; Miss Jennie Williams, \$1; Mrs. Y. L. Mowry, \$1; Miss J. H. Mowry, \$1; Miss Clements, \$1; Miss Mary McLaughlin, \$1; Mrs. Ralph Robertson, \$1.

THE CLOSING NET

There is a bumper show at the Gown Theatre today. It scored a success yesterday. On Monday Charles Chaplin will make fun in "Shanghai," while there will be also the British-Canadian News Weekly, a drama, Helen Marr, orchestra, and other features. The mid-week bill will include "The Closing Net," from the novel by Henry C. Rowlands.

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to form organizations and establish institutions for delinquents. The Ford peace party is the joke of the season. Perhaps we need to laugh to relieve the strain of the war. If so, Mr. Ford has his uses.

Thoughts of Christmas cannot very well be separated from thoughts of Belgium and her starving people, the first victims of German savagery.

When the Standard grows tired of railing at the Liberal naval policy it might tell its readers what the Hon. the government has done, and where its navy is at present located.

This is President Wilson's wedding day. Austria must wait for the next note. Whether we relish his foreign policy or not, we will all wish the president joy in some affairs.

The men of the 69th Battalion have made many friends in St. John. Officers and men are alike thoughtful of the good name of the battalion, and appreciate every courtesy extended to them.

The South End of the city had a good recruiting meeting last evening. It should have many more, and set a bright example to every other portion of the city.

The municipal council, in making a substantial contribution to patriotic funds, did its duty and recognized a public obligation. The taxpayers ought to be able to feel that each of them is doing something for the cause, in the hour of the nation's peril.

The Germans are said to be planning another blow in the west, and one also in the east. In the Balkans there is no strong offensive movement. The war ends with no solution of the Balkan situation, so far as Greece and Rumania are concerned.

One of the duties of the Christmas season will be to see that every man of the 69th, the 115th, and the Siege Battery has a good Christmas dinner. Many will no doubt be entertained at private homes, as they should be. Where will they be next Christmas?

Only one more week before Christmas. The advertising columns of the Times will tell you where to find the seasonable goods you are looking for. The time is short and early buying will not only simplify the task but make the toll of the wearied clerks less arduous during the closing days of the week.

The young men who were brought home to Canada yesterday, but who are still unable because of their physical and mental condition to go to their friends, should surely rally in others a stronger determination to have a hand in crushing a power that has brought so much sorrow and suffering upon the world.

If the Germans should murder Dr. Beaud, M. P., who is a prisoner in their hands, a terrible vengeance will be visited upon them by Canadian soldiers. It is hard to believe that the German government would sanction such a crime, but the murderers of Edith Cavell would certainly not hesitate from any scruples of conscience.

Of eight girls brought by the Society before the court it was necessary for their own good and that of the community to commit three to institutions, and while the other five were given another chance and went home with their parents, another offence on the part of any or all of them would result in their removal also to a place of safety. Warden McLellan said that he feared the number of cases to be dealt with during the next twelve months would be nearer eighty than eight; but many or few, the police department and the Children's Aid Society, which are working in close harmony, will be the better able to deal with them as a result of yesterday's vote, which enables the Society to establish a shelter or detention home. The next important step will be to secure a list of desirable foster homes in the city or country, for children which may become wards of the Society.

It is worthy of note just now that the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities last summer passed a resolution urging the provincial government to appoint a superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children for the province. This should be done. Nova Scotia, Ontario and some other provinces have such an officer. His duty would be to aid in organizing societies, co-ordinating the work, and bringing to the attention of the Children's Protection Act to all parts of New Brunswick. St. John has led the way. Fredericton is organizing a society, and other centres may be expected to follow the example.

In the meantime, surely recent events in this city will make all parents more careful and lead them to take care to know where their children are, not only in the evenings, but between the close of school and supper time. It is largely the failure of parents to do their duty that compels society in its own defence

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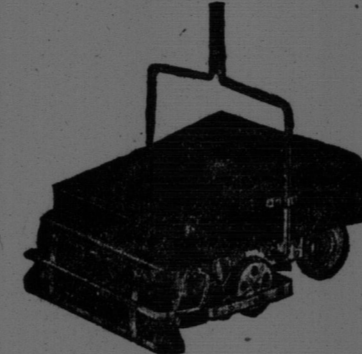
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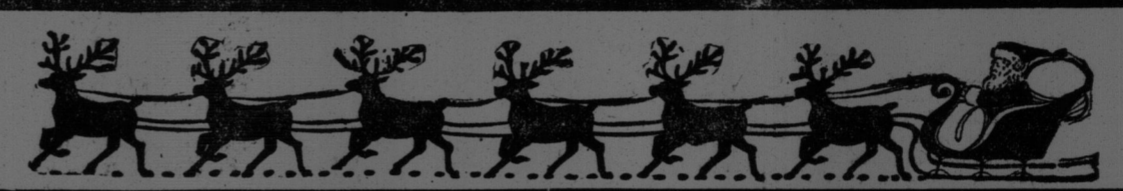


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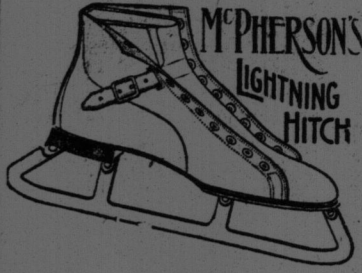
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