

## St. John's Christmas Store

This Year, Above All Others, Let Your Gifts Be of a Useful Nature and See to It That Your Money Is Spent Where It Will Give You the Most For The Outlay.



**LADIES' COATS**—Coats worth \$10.00 and \$12.00, can be had for \$6.95. Silk Plush Coats as low as \$14.00. Very Handsome Tweed Coats can be had, at \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$14.00.

**CHILDREN'S COATS**—A large assortment of these can be had from \$2.50 each up to \$7.50. Sizes from 1 year to 15 years.

**SKATING SETS**—From \$1.75 to \$3.25 each. These are made from brushed yarns and have a very attractive appearance.

**SILK WAISTS**—A very large assortment, from \$1.15 up to \$7.50 each.

**LAWN WAISTS**—From 75c. up to \$3.50. Middy Waists from 65c. up to \$1.75.

**LADIES' SKIRTS**—Some very attractive numbers which have been bought especially for the Christmas trade, from \$2.75 up to \$10.50 each.

**KID GLOVES**—Notwithstanding the scarcity of these goods, we have a big stock on sale from 89c. to \$1.65 a pair.

**CHRISTMAS LINENS**—These are of Japanese make, very fine and very suitable for Christmas presents. From the smallest up to the largest pieces 5c. to \$10.50 each.

**HAND BAGS**—Direct from the manufacturer to this store, 50c. to \$5.50 each.

**WRAPPERS**—Always a suitable present, \$1.00 to \$2.50 each.

**KIMONOS**—A big assortment of these, all at special prices, 75c. to \$2.98.

### F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

59 Charlotte Street



### "AND THERE IS NO PEACE."

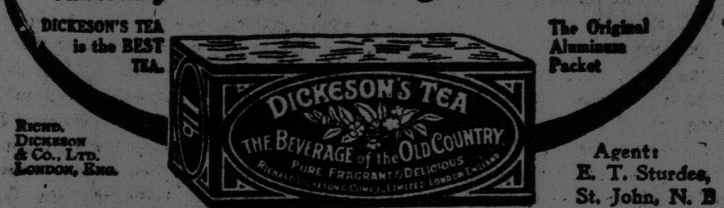
(From the New York Herald.)  
So the situation is that Germany is in the position of being willing to make such a peace as will leave her the unopposed giant, but cannot find anyone else willing to talk peace with her. In other words, Germany would like to let go, but cannot.

There is a great deal coming out in connection with the speeches in the Reichstag over the censored wires that deceive no one about filled bellies bursting copper warehouses, heaping potato bins, populous pig pens. Never did blockade work such wonders. In the name of the prophet, alas!

Meanwhile the allies are more determined than ever. The time has been reached where there are more munitions than can readily be used, when new levies are ready in hundreds of thousands—soon to be millions—for service, and the international war council is working together for pressure which is soon to be applied in new ways and with new strength on every front. There is no thought of peace anywhere in the allied countries, which are far, far stronger after more than sixteen months of the war than the final victor in our civil war was in August 1862.

## DICKESON'S TEA

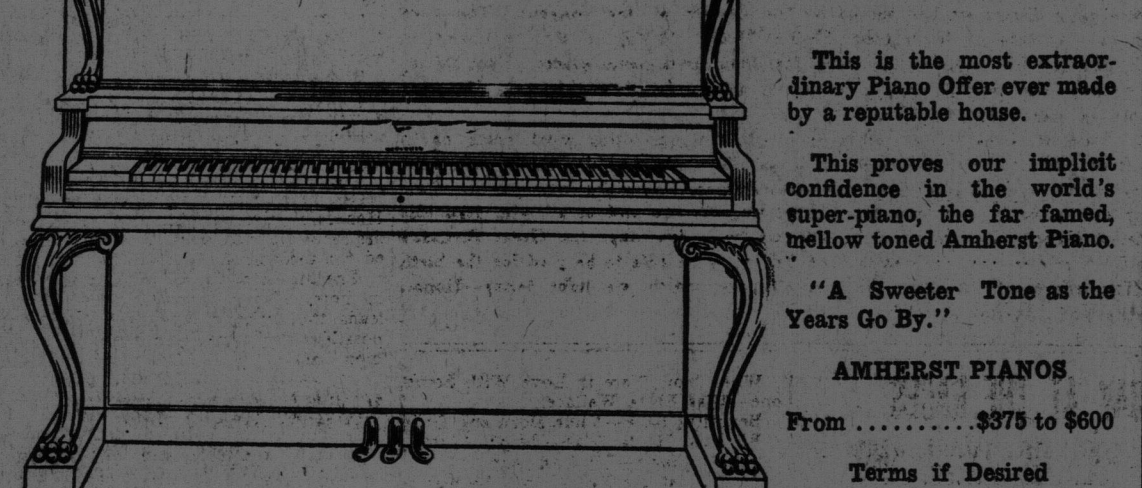
—comes preserved in pure aluminum. It's worth while protecting Dickeson's Tea so carefully—the flavor's too good to lose.



In connection with the appointment of Sir Douglas Haig as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Flanders, it may be noted that the Earl of Ashburnham, now residing in Fred-

### Take This Piano Home, Use it For Ten Days—Absolutely Free! "It's an Amherst."

Call in any Musician, Piano Tuner, Professor of Music. Ask them about this Piano. Try it in the privacy of your own home. If the piano is not all that we claim for it and more, too, call us up, we will take the piano out at once. If you like it, begin payments, and the piano is yours.



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Do Not Accept Any Substitute For An Amherst Piano. Insist on An Amherst Piano. Remember a Parrot Can Say "Just as Good," But a Parrot Doesn't Know What He is Talking About.

Here is a Fine Snap for Xmas shoppers. A Beautiful Sherlock-Manning; easy terms, \$180.00. Look at the Price. We will take easy terms. \$225.00

Here is a Beautiful Mahogany Case Stainer Piano; has been used but slightly. . . . \$225.00

Here is a Wagner Piano that is worth \$450 just as it stands here on this floor. Our special holiday offer, with a bench to match, Easy Terms \$247.00

Here is a Beautiful Sweet-toned Williams' Piano—Free Stool, Free Delivery, and we will hold the Piano and deliver it for Xmas. \$390.00

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### TRAIN EIGHT MILES LONG TO CARRY RELIEF

If Loaded With Flour This Train Would Sustain a Great Number of Belgians One Month.

When the Belgian relief committee at Montreal cast up its accounts the 18th of last May and made a recapitulation of the goods sent to Belgium it was found that \$600,662.18, given in cash by Canadians, had been spent in Canada and had purchased sufficient food, wheat and flour to fill over 350 freight cars.

In addition to this the gifts of the various provinces of Canada of clothing, food products, wheat and flour made up a total of 1,081 cars, which coupled together would make a train eight miles long.

Nova Scotia led in the quantity of food and clothing given. The donations of this province filled 278 freight cars. Ontario came second with 158 cars. Other provinces gave as follows—Quebec, 62 cars; Manitoba, 28 cars; Alberta, 27 cars; Saskatchewan, 15 cars; British Columbia, 21 cars; Prince Edward Island, nine cars.

The needs of Belgium have increased tenfold since the Belgian relief committee made the shipments mentioned above and a new effort is being made by the committee to meet this supreme hour of need in Belgium with an even more hearty response than was given last spring.

If, however, an equal number of cars are loaded this winter and each car contains 400 bags of flour, or the equivalent in wheat, more than a million of the seven million people of Belgium will be given sustenance for one month.

MEMBERS HONORED.

At the regular meeting of York, L. O. L. No. 5, last night three of their members who have enlisted for overseas service were presented wrist watches. An address accompanied the presentation to James Donnelly, Alex. Cline and Wallace Perrott who have joined overseas units. The installation of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: W.M. W. R. Spencer; D.M. R. McIntyre; chaplain, E. S. Hennigan; recording secretary, Robert Jones; financial secretary, A. R. Carless; treasurer, Charles Beers; lecturer, Alfred Webb; director of ceremonies, George A. Earle; inside Tyler,

Joseph Hazelwood, foreman of committees, R. N. Thorne; committeemen, Geo. Earle, Isaac Mercer, Hugh Milley Geo. Oldford.



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### FRANCE NEEDS COAL; MUST BUY IN AMERICA

May Have to Establish a Government Fleet to Carry Fuel—Need Estimated at 25,000,000 Tons

New York, Dec. 17.—Demand for American coal by the French government is becoming so urgent and the shortage of steamships for its transportation so acute that coal dealers here say France may be compelled before long to establish a government fleet of steamers to obtain an adequate supply of fuel. Ordinarily, they say, France consumes 60,000,000 tons of coal a year, about half of which she has hitherto obtained from Germany, Belgium and England. Reports that France now needs 25,000,000 tons from this country to fulfill her annual requirements are said by local dealers to be exaggerated, but they insist that the French requirements are far beyond any amount which this country has ever before been called upon to supply to any one nation.

With the great advance in trans-Atlantic freight rates and the difficulty in obtaining steamers for shipment of supplies, American exporters are struggling to the French government that its only safe course would be to purchase steamships or to take them on long-time charters for coal traffic.

Exporters here say that not only France, but most of the European and many South American nations are turning to this country for coal.

### ECZEMA

Pimples form, run watery matter which turns to crust, itching becomes painfully intense, and the disease spreads over the body. There are many variations of eczema, but all are cured by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Dr. Chase's Ointment

### ANNUAL December SALE

At F. A. JOHNSON'S, 40 Dock Street, For Christmas Shoppers

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| Ladies' Coats, Sale price, \$5.00 to \$23.00     | Ladies' Umbrellas, Sale price, 75c. to \$ 3.50                   |
| Ladies' F-rts, Sale price, \$8.00 to \$23.00     | Silk Blouses, Sale price, \$1.10 to \$6.00                       |
| Evening Dresses, Sale price, \$5.98 to \$18.00   | Silk Hose, Sale price, 39c. up                                   |
| Serge Dresses, Sale price, \$3.75 to \$ 9.00     | Undershirts, Sale price, 45c. to \$4.00                          |
| Silk Dresses, Sale price, \$5.50 to \$15.00      | House Dresses, Sale price, 59c. to \$3.00                        |
| Ladies' Skirts, Sale price, \$1.50 to \$ 6.00    | Middy Blouses, Sale price, \$1.00 to \$3.50                      |
| Ladies' Raincoats, Sale price, \$2.50 to \$14.00 | Fancy Collars, Sale price 23c. to 75c.                           |
|  | Beads, Jewel Cases, Handkerchiefs and Ties, Corset and Underwear |

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