

LONDON'S STREET MOTHERS

How London's policemen perform difficult services, especially in the care and protection of children of the streets, is told in a recent article issued by the British Official Press Bureau, the article reads:

The London policeman, a war time innovator, has become a sort of mother in the mean streets, where unkempt and uncared-for youngsters spend much of their time. Her duty is to look after their welfare and behavior day after day, in wet weather and in fine.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

SEE NEW BILL TONIGHT. It's all new at the Gem tonight, and all good. Two bright, entertaining new vaudeville acts and another superb five-reel Fox picture with all star cast. Come tonight. Shows start at 7:15 and 8:45.

LOCAL NEWS

A big supply of feather and cotton filled pillows at Bassett's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Mrs. W. C. Matthews' private school will reopen Wednesday, January 10; 27 Hornfield street.

INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 273 Regular monthly meeting Sunday, January 7, 2:30 p.m., at Hall, 33 Water street. All members are requested to attend, as business of the utmost importance will be brought before the members. By order of the president.

MOTHER ARRIVES Edward Hay, who was taken ill in the street and had to be removed to the residence of W. J. MacKenzie in Rockwood, has now been discharged from hospital. His mother, Mrs. C. H. Hay, of Port William, N.S., has arrived to be with her son.

NOTICE Beginning Tuesday, January ninth, further notice, our stores will close at 6 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays p.m., and Saturdays at 11 p.m.—Wicwets Cash Store.

A meeting of Catholic Girls' Guild will be held Sunday at 8 o'clock in their rooms, 100 Coburg street.

CAPTAIN PEARSON'S VISIT Capt. H. A. Pearson, the first Y.M.C.A. secretary sent to France, has just returned. He will speak at the Imperial Theatre on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 4 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. Service to the Men at the Front. Col. J. L. McAvity will preside at this meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to the ladies of the city.

NEW TWO FAMILY HOUSES FOR SALE In Wentworth and Bentley streets, modern; rentals will make all payments; our monthly payment plan. Ready for occupancy—Front Land and Building Co. Ltd., Telephone West 57.

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PERSONALS G. S. Mayes returned to the city from Montreal today. W. J. S. Myles, principal of the St. John High school arrived home today from Boston.

REX R. Cormier was a passenger to the city today on the Boston train. Miss McKeown will leave today to spend the winter in St. Augustine (Fla.). Bishop Richardson came in on the Boston Express from Fredericton last night.

Daniel Mullin, K. C., returned to the city from Fredericton last night. Lieutenant-Governor Wood was a passenger to the city on the Boston Express last night from the capital.

THE PARTINGTON SALE New York, Jan. 6.—A Washington dispatch to the World says: According to advices received at the department of commerce, American interests are going to Canada to obtain control of paper mills and pulp lands. One purchase involving \$3,000,000 has just been announced. The Partington Pulp and Paper Company of St. John has sold its mill and timber lands to interests in the United States. The report states that the purchase includes 372,000 acres of spruce and fir wood and 1,000,000 feet of hardwood.

The entire tract of timber land contains nearly 3,000,000 cords of wood. The purchasers are said to be incorporating a new company which proposes to increase the output of the Partington mill from sixty to eighty tons of bleached sulphite pulp daily.

TWELFTH NIGHT An event which promises to be both unique and interesting will be Shakespearean Tercentenary, to be held in the Natural History Society rooms this evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Association. Mrs. John A. McAvity will preside. The programme will be in two parts; the first consisting of a discourse with reference to Shakespeare's life and works and the music of his time, and the second will be a special observance of Twelfth Night. Following musical selections, three cakes, bearing the dates 1716, 1816 and 1916, will be cut and the lady receiving the piece containing a hidden bean will be crowned queen of the Twelfth Night.

Macedonian Front Paris, Jan. 6.—The following official report from the Macedonian front was given out here today:—Since December 30 there have been no important events on the front of the army of the east, but weather having impeded operations at almost every point. Especially spirited fighting continues in the regions of Gatsch, Lannin, Monastir, Madyag and in the Cerna area near Bapush.

There are reports of the checking of a Bulgarian attack on Leskovo and of a well conceived action of British troops against Koprivshtitsa, near the railway between Serez and Demir-Hissar. The British fleet bombarded Akra, Vikra and Szentoulou, north of Oranien.

C. P. R. TRAIN CHANGES It was reported today from Montreal that in connection with the national policy economy in connection with train service, the C. P. R. Fredericton train which leaves St. John at 5 p.m. would be cancelled as well as the Sunday train to and from Montreal. H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the C. P. R., said this afternoon that the Montreal Sunday train would be cancelled this year as has been the custom after the holiday season, but he had heard nothing of a proposal to cancel the Fredericton train.

CLEVER GIRL THIEF OUTWITS EQUALLY CLEVER DETECTIVE

Because she was defied by an officer of the law who held a standing reputation as being one of the most clever sleuths in the employ of Scotland Yard, a second nature was created within the mind of a young society belle who planned several mysterious robberies in order to outwit the detective. At a society function given by her aunt and at which the detective is a guest, the aunt's jewels are stolen. They are tracked to the underworld of the city, but suddenly disappear again. It is claimed that will be told when the first episode of the starting Universal picture continued photo-play "The Purple Mask" is shown at the Unique.

The first chapter of this serial is to be presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when the final episode of "The Shielding Shadow" will also be shown at the Unique.

SHARK SKIN FOR LEATHER Bureau of Fisheries Recommends its Use on Large Scale. The condition of the leather market has made desirable the utilization of all available supplies of suitable animal skins, according to a bulletin issued by the U. S. department of commerce and the department's bureau of fisheries has taken up the possible value of shark skins in making various kinds of leather.

"Shark skins," says the bulletin, "have for many years had a limited demand in the United States as coverings for minor articles of ornament and utility, but their use as leather has been very restricted. An acceptable leather has been prepared from shark skins in several foreign countries, and there seems no reason why the skins of certain sharks caught on our own coasts or in foreign waters may not be converted into serviceable leather by American tanners."

"Shark skins are very tough and durable, and some of them show a beautiful surface pattern which persists in the tanning process. Leather made from the skins of the larger sharks has a very considerable luster, and such sharks will be in the greatest demand if the experiments of the bureau of fisheries prove as successful as anticipated, although the skins of minor sharks and the gray-sharks also are being handled."

"Arrangements have been made for securing from Florida fishermen a supply of very large sharks of Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The skins will be sent to tanners for treatment in various ways, and it is hoped that such a supply of shark skins will incidentally be found in time and net fishing."

The bureau of fisheries has solicited correspondence with tanners, leather dealers, and manufacturers desiring to co-operate with it in exploiting shark skins.

POLICE COURT There were two serious charges of theft taken up by Magistrate Ritchie this morning. One was against Mrs. Tremblou, who was charged with theft of about \$40 from Mrs. Joseph Comenau in King street east, and another against Mrs. Grattan for only two weeks. This case was put over until next week. Detective Duncan and Policeman Donahue made the arrest.

William Muir, a sailor, was fined \$16 or four months in jail for drunkenness and using profane language. James Sullivan on a vagrancy charge was sent before for consideration.

Five prisoners were before the court for drunkenness. Some were fined and some were remanded to jail.

Alpine Fatalities. Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 6.—Sixty persons were killed or injured by avalanches in the Tyrol during December. The snow fall is said to have been the heaviest in many years. On the Brenner Pass yesterday an avalanche killed ten and injured eighteen workmen.

Cash Specials

- Pure Lard (1 lb. blocks) ... 23c. Kellogg's Cornflakes ..... 8c. 25c. pkge. Aene Starsch ... 21c. 20c. pkge. Cream Starch ... 17c. P. E. I. Canned Chicken ... 37c. 30c. tin Asparagus Tips ... 25c. Kikkon's Health Salts ... 15c. H. H. Health Salts ... 15c. 20c. pkge. Educator Wheat Bran ... 18c. 15c. pkge. Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour ... 12 1/2c. Cox English Gelatine ... 12c. 35c. tin California Peaches, 20c. Potato Flour ... 15c. pkge. Dromedary Dates, 12 1/2c. pkge. Garden of Allah Dates ... 12 1/2c. pkge. 25c. bottle Nutrix Beef ... 18c. 50c. bottle Nutrix Beef ... 35c. \$1.00 jar Armour's Beef ... 85c. 1-1/2 lb. cake Baker's Cocoa late ... 20c. 1-1/2 lb. tin Baker's Cocoa ... 22c. 24 lb. bag Royal H. Flour, \$1.35 5 lb. pkge. Lantie Sugar ... 45c. 10 lb. pkge. Lantie Sugar ... 85c. 20 lb. bag Lantie Sugar ... \$1.00

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LOCAL NEWS

BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES. The birth of twenty-nine infants—fifteen boys and fourteen girls, and fifteen marriages were reported to the registrar, John B. Jones, during the week.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. About thirty friends gathered last evening at the home of Miss Carrie Green, 137 Metcalfe street, in honor of her birthday anniversary. After enjoyment of a turkey supper, the evening was spent in games and music.

HALIFAX CHURCHES UNITE. Presbyterian Witness.—The Presbytery of Halifax, at special meeting held in Fort Wassey church on Thursday of last week, approved of the union of St. Andrew's church and Chalmers' church, Halifax, and appointed a commission to issue the matter. Mr. Porter, minister of St. Andrew's church, tendered his resignation to the commission.

COUNTY FINANCES. A special meeting of the finance committee of the municipal council will be held next week to consider the estimates for 1917. As chairman of the committee, Commissioner Wigmore has instituted a series of reforms in the municipal institutions to send in their estimates by January 5 and several already are in hand, thus giving an opportunity for some consideration before the meeting. The institutions affected are the General Public Hospital, the County Tuberculosis Hospital, the Isolation Hospital, the board of health and the Municipal Home.

FUNERALS. The funeral of John Boholan, who died on January 3, took place this afternoon from his late residence, 537 Main street, to St. Peter's church where burial services were conducted by Rev. P. C. O'Hare, C. S. S. R. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pull bearers. The floral offerings were beautiful and numerous and testified to the esteem in which Mr. Boholan was held in the community.

The funeral of William Kirk took place this afternoon from his late residence, 295 Germain street, to St. John Baptist church where services were conducted by Rev. F. J. McMurphy. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

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TURKEY CLAIMS NEW FREEDOM. Proclaims Her Independence of Suzerainty of the Great Powers of Europe—Repudiates, Two Treaties. Washington, Jan. 6.—Turkey has repudiated the guardianship of the great powers and announced her "entry into the group of European powers, with all the rights and prerogatives of an entirely independent government." The Turkish government's declaration of independence in Washington for the passage of the Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary was received in Washington on January 30. The Turkish government's declaration in the form of a communication addressed to the German and Austria-Hungary governments was received in London on January 30. The Turkish government's declaration in the form of a communication addressed to the British government was received in London on January 30. The Turkish government's declaration in the form of a communication addressed to the United States government was received in Washington on January 30.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES. Appeal for Socks. A special appeal is made for socks by the Soldiers' Comfort Association, and in the New Year at least \$500 pair, to send to the officers commanding the several New Brunswick units, so that the men may be supplied with dry socks during February and March, when conditions in the trenches are at the worst. Hand or machine knit, all are acceptable. Kindly send donations to the S. C. E. rooms, C. P. R. building. 1-8. Surprises Galore! Loyalist Chapter I. O. O. F. is wondering if they will be able to supply the demand for tickets for the "1917 Revue" at the Imperial Theatre on January 30. Watch the papers for particulars—and come and see the best amateur undertaking attempted yet by this energetic chapter. The "Edmond Swells Minstrel" and "the 1917 Revue" speak for themselves.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE LIBRARY. More New Books—"Maisy Augustus" (Lindon); "Leather Face" (Creedy); "Parasite" (Martin); "Mr. Britling Sees it Through" (Wells); "Dawn of the Morning" (Lantz); "Beyond the Rocks" (Glyn), etc., etc. Rent them. Save money. WANTED—General Girls—Woman's Exchange, Tea and Lunch Rooms. 1-7.

HEALTH IS BETTER THAN WEALTH. Luscious, Ripe, Juicy Florida Grapefruit from J. S. Gibbons' Grove is just what the doctor would order to keep you well, or as a cleaning tonic. A Dozen for \$1.00 A Half Box \$2.25 A Box 64 Fruit \$4.50 A Box 54 Fruit \$4.00 J. S. GIBBON. Samples at 6% Charlotte street. Telephone Main 2636 1-10.

ARMED MERCHANTMEN FOR PANAMA SERVICE. Japan Notifies United States of Intention to Mount Guns on Ships for Canal Route. Washington, Jan. 6.—Japan, through the embassy here has notified the State Department of her intention to arm her merchant ships defensively and requested information as to whether any special rules had been made by the United States government for passage of ships so armed through the Panama Canal. This was the first official information that Japan intended such action, and was interpreted in some quarters as indicative of fear of German submarine operations on a wider scale than has been attempted. Japan has a large tonnage passing through the canal, and has understood that several doctors throughout the province will take advantage of this opportunity and also those wishing to qualify as non-commissioned officers. In the Army Medical Corps only qualified physicians are given commissions in this unit, although exceptions are made in some cases, such as an officer to act as quartermaster. Qualified druggists stand a good show for advancement. The school is open to all.

ONE FROM ST. JOHN: ONE FROM FAIRVILLE. Official List Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Casualties: INFANTRY Killed in Action: Richard Garland, Dartmouth; H. R. Herbert, Kentville. Wounded: Hedley Lewis, 42 Ferry street, Sydney; H. E. Whitman, Round Hill, N.S.; William Beasley, Dartmouth; Chas. Crilly, Fairville, N.B.; D. L. Gratt, Truro; F. R. Oldfield, 99 George street, Halifax. Previously Reported Wounded, Now Wounded and Missing: Lance Corporal G. W. Boone, 143 Wright street, St. John. Holland has begun operating a new line of steamships that will ply between Amsterdam and the west coast of South America.

AMERICAN DOCTORS TO WORK FOR BRITISH. Physicians to Serve in Hospitals, Following British Colleagues to Go to Front. London, Jan. 6.—According to the Daily Telegraph, arrangements are being made to employ a number of young surgeons in the British hospitals by Americans, in order to enable the British army to enter the trenches. There are hundreds of doctors of military age in home hospitals who wish to join the army, says the Telegraph, but hitherto they have been debarred from doing so, owing to lack of substitutes. With a view to meeting the difficulty, the Daily Telegraph continues, the army authorities some time ago inquired of the medical authorities in the United States whether they could send to England detachments of young American doctors. Hundreds of young doctors in the United States, according to the Telegraph, have volunteered to serve in the British army but could not receive a commission because they were not British practitioners. There is no barrier, however, to their practicing in Great Britain, says the newspaper, and they are exactly the material required to fill the gaps in the ranks of British medical officers. The newspaper does not say how many Americans are likely to come, but asserts that they "may run into many hundreds." If such, however, that those who do come will be welcomed.

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