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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

GOOD AT OPERA HOUSE.

There is plenty of good wholesome comedy in the vaudeville programme at the Opera House this week—lots of hearty laughs and every act on the bill is entertaining. Two complete shows tonight at 7.30 and 9—every afternoon this week at 2.30. People's popular prices for all.

LAST CHANCE AT GEM.

That vaudeville is of the very best and you'll miss a treat if you fail to see it tonight; also Wm. Farnum in "A Soldier's Oath." Come to the comfy Gem tonight at 7.15 and 8.45.

COLONEL HOUSE; PRESIDENT'S FRIEND

(New York Herald.)

Colonel Edward Mandell House, chief of the American mission, now conferring with our European allies, might be described as the silent man of this administration.

According to an old acquaintance who was asked to explain the colonel's qualifications for the quasi-diplomatic missions with which he has been entrusted by President Wilson. "Colonel House will listen till hell freezes over." More politely it is the extraordinary powers of the colonel for observing and saying nothing that entitled him to be selected as the personal representative of President Wilson on two previous missions to Europe. From these he returned in 1915 and 1916 with a fund of information gathered at first hand from interviews with the great leaders of England, France and Germany.

Colonel House is one of those men to whom the hole of king maker has appealed more strongly than that of king. Although from his early manhood he has been continuously engaged in politics in Texas, his native state, he has never accepted political office. He might have had a cabinet portfolio at any time during the Wilson administration, so it is generally asserted. But although he declined preferment for himself he is credited with having obtained excellent positions for his old friends and associates. He is believed to have had a hand in the appointment of Secretary Lansing and Frank L. Polk, counsellor of the state department; also of Secretary Burleson, T. W. Gregory, attorney-general; David S. Houston, secretary of agriculture, and many others.

Although apparently filling the position of first friend to the president, he is a friend of comparatively recent date. Their acquaintance began when President Wilson's name was first mentioned as a possible presidential nominee. So well assured was Colonel House that his new acquaintance was of the proportions for a presidential candidate that he held the entire Texas delegation unwavering for his nomination throughout the prolonged wrangling of the Baltimore convention.

When the day was won for the Wilson party the colonel further testified to his devotion by sending Captain "Bill" McDonald, Texas ranger, to guard Mr. Wilson. McDonald was a two-gun man, who could shoot with either hand, or a foot when hard pressed, and he discharged his office of guardian in chief with a glorious swagger that did honor to his traditions.

But although in this, as well as other instances of his career, Colonel House seems momentarily to run true to the traditions of his native state, the colonel is only picturesque by proxy. In appearance and manner he resembles a New York banker. His fortune, which he inherited from his father, consists principally of Texas lands. Although born in Texas, he was educted in the north, at a Connecticut school and afterward at Cornell University. He has never been robust in health, to which is attributed his failure to enter active business life. Colonel House has a beautiful wife and two grown daughters.

BRITISH PLANS AS TO JERUSALEM

London, Dec. 11—The Times says it is understood that no attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law. General Allenby will appoint a military government. While the British flag will fly over the city, the French and Italian flags will be placed over their national property, such as convents and schools. A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum will be held in St. Paul's cathedral today in celebration of the surrender.

The Late Captain Murray.

Quebec, Dec. 11—Captain Murray, harbor master in the port of Quebec, who lost his life in the Halifax disaster, was buried here today. He had a full military funeral. All the vessels in port flew flags at half mast.

DEATHS

BRITTAIN—Suddenly, on December 9, at her home, 8 King street, West St. John, Isabella Brittain, leaving one son and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral private; no flowers by request.

McEACHERN—In this city, on the 10th instant, John, eldest son of Joseph and the late Catherine McEachern, leaving his father, two sisters and two brothers to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday morning from the residence of his brother, Daniel McEachern, 145 Brussels street, to the Cathedral, where high mass of requiem will be held. Friends are invited.

BOYER—At Moncton, Dec. 10, 1917, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. John Jordan, Elizabeth, widow of Robert Boyer, formerly of St. John.

Funeral on arrival of Maritime Express, 11.50 a. m., Wednesday morning to Fernhill cemetery.

TRECARTIN—At 88 Middle street, West St. John, on the 10th inst., Weyman H. Trecartin, aged thirty-five years, leaving wife and two children to mourn.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARDSON—In loving memory of my beloved husband, James Fraser Richardson, who died on Monday, Dec. 11, 1916.

Sleep on, Dear Husband, and take thy rest;
For God called thee when He thought best.
On earth there's strife, in Heaven rest.
They miss you most who loved you best.
WIFE.

JERUSALEM'S RECORD IN ANCIENT WARS

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

And it shall come to pass that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.—Isaiah xxii., 7.

British armies, knocking at the door of old Jerusalem, are fulfilling the prophecy again. But it is not the first time the chariots and the horsemen have filled the valleys of Palestine. The Holy City has seen more than its share of fighting since its foundation in the remote days of antiquity. Its history is replete with the romance of turbulence, says the Portland Oregonian. First under one standard and then another, the seat of various religions, sometimes prosperous but often stricken with poverty, it still takes first hold upon the imaginations of men. The operations of the present invaders of Palestine are of minor military consequence by comparison with the vast campaigns in Italy and on the western front, but the sentiment that attaches to the drive in the Holy Land gives it an interest that is peculiarly its own.

Joshua's Formidable Foe.

Joshua fouhd in the Jebusites a more formidable foe than the British commander is likely to encounter in the present Turkish defenders of the historic place. "As for the Jebusites," says the record, "the children of Israel could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Israel until this day." Those were primitive days, as we know now who are inclined to compare the fighting methods of the times. Jerusalem remained a Jebusite city until the time of David; Joshua succeeded in capturing its king, but the Canaanites held the citadel. But David, the mighty man of history, took the stronghold and saw its advantages and fortified it. Nothing is of deeper classic interest than the story of the building of those fortifications, and of their expansion and destruction and their ups and downs. The famous City of David and the Hill of Zion; the buildings of cedar fashioned of the material and by the carpenters sent by Hiram, King of Tyre; the walled City of Solomon, which became more noble and magnificent than the City of David; the incursions and excursions that followed one upon another; alternate peace and wild adventure all make a thrilling tale.

Against the Philistines.

It was from Jerusalem that Uzziah went forth to war against the Philistines, "and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod and among the Philistines," and then, as showing that war-makers were ambitious to devise new weapons even in those days:

"Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem, at the corner gate and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. . . . And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be upon the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal: and his name spread abroad, for he was marvelously helped till he was strong."

Jotham's Headquarters.

It was here that Jotham made his headquarters when he was raiding the Ammonites and levying tribute upon them, after the fashion of the Norsemen in the early days of England. A later Hezekiah, who possessed the genius and the practical imagination of the engineer, foresaw the coming of trouble with the Assyrains and strengthened the city's weak point—its water supply—by supplanting its extra-mural flume with an underground conduit which must have been a wonder in its day. Antiquarians have unearthed within the past generation the record of the meeting of the workmen driving their tunnel from opposite directions underground. It has a distinctly modern flavor, and is just such an account as would now be recited with pride by a twentieth century engineer whose calculations with pencil and paper and theodolite has just been verified by the pick and shovel man.

Threatened by Sennacherib.

Threatened by Sennacherib, Hezekiah strengthened his fortifications further and buoyed up his people with a proclamation that does not seem at all ancient when we read it now: "Be strong and courageous, be not afraid or discouraged, for the King of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him." Any general of today might have written it. There were campaigns for annexation and expansion, and for "greater cities," then, as now. A "second quarter" of Jerusalem seems to have developed in the reign of Josiah. The city submitted to Nebuchadnezzar in 597 B. C., but rebelled ten years later and suffered the horrors of a siege that lasted nearly a year and half. It was laid waste, its temple burned and the population deported. Cyrus—another famous name in history—re-admitted the former Jewish inhabitants in 536 B. C., and Nehemiah, with energy that would deserve commendation in any age, rebuilt the destroyed walls in 52 days. Pompey captured the place without pillaging it in 63 B. C. It recahed the height of its temporal prosperity and enjoyed a "boom" under Herod, was ruined again by the Romans under Titus—and still survives.

ALL HOPE FOR THOSE ON SIMCOE GIVEN UP

Quebec, Dec. 11—All hope of ever recovering even the bodies of the victims of the government steamer Simcoe, sunk in the Gulf has been abandoned at the local agency of the department of marine and fisheries.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County.

E. J. Mahoney to Adah, wife of E. J. Mahoney, property in City road.

Kings County.

D. C. Clark to W. W. Weldon, property in Greenwich.

J. A. Humphreys to Corp. Zion Lodge, property in Sussex.

H. R. Jonah to R. A. Stockton, property in Cardwell.

E. H. Long to W. E. Long, property in Studholm.

Cornelia Sharp et al to Helena G. Smith, property in Studholm.

W. T. Sleep to J. M. Sleep, property in Kingston.

ARRESTED BY GERMANS HERE ON THURSDAY

Mary Boyle O'Reilly Will Lecture at the Imperial—Halifax Benefit

Mary Boyle O'Reilly, who will speak in the Imperial on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock under the auspices of the High School Alumnae, is the daughter of John Boyle O'Reilly, the Irish-American poet.

She was in Europe from September, 1913, to September, 1917, in the very midst of war conditions. During the months that immediately preceded the war, she was traveling in Russia, the Balkans and the Levant, meeting premiers, kings, national leaders, for the purpose of studying political and industrial conditions and writing special newspaper articles.

On the day that England declared war she was sent to Brussels and Liege. Then began her wonderful war experiences—retreating with the retreating Belgians—doing relief work under Burgomaster Max—interviewing the Queen of the Belgians—associated with Sister Edith Cavell—deported to Germany by Prussian military governor as disturber of the peace, returning on a mission of investigation into "the frightfulness" within the cordon—only known alien in Louvain on the "Day of Fate"—reports to her papers held up in Berlin as "the ultimate slanders"—in France at the Battle of the Marne—at Bordeaux when the government was in exile—in Paris during "the Great Fear"—helped relieve the fleeing population of northern France—in train shelled by Germans in Russia—spent months in Warsaw during the siege, acting as Polish relief worker—drafted by Poles to take bands of refugee children to safety—"Bath Sister" in hospital train in Russia—"Tea Sister" on the Way of the Cross along which two million Poles fled between the approaching armies.

Friends in Boston write:—"She is simply wonderful. Be sure to hear her." Best of all the proceeds of this lecture are to be devoted to Red Cross work for stricken Halifax. Tickets at Nelson's, Imperial Theatre and from members of High School Alumnae.

Keeping The Quality Up

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, the World-Famous Cure for Colds and Grip, is now 30c. per box. On account of the advance in the price of the six different Medicinal, Concentrated Extracts and Chemicals contained in LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, it was necessary to increase the price to the Druggist. It has stood the test for a Quarter of a Century. It is used by every Civilized Nation.

DEAD SUDDENLY IN UNION DEPOT

George Cochrane Forbes fell dead in the Union depot this morning as a result of heart trouble. He was sixty-three years old and, according to his relatives, had been suffering from heart trouble for some time. Coroner F. L. Kenny viewed the body at Messrs. Chamberlain's undertaking rooms and announced that no inquest would be necessary. Mr. Forbes belonged to Gardner's Creek. Two daughters are in the city, Miss Forbes, a west side nurse, and Mrs. George A. Elliott, 94 Wall street.

THE TROUBLES IN PORTUGAL.

Madrid, Dec. 11—Revolutionary excitement has died down in Oporto, according to a despatch from that Portuguese port today, and the city now is calm. Efforts are being made to solve the problem presented by the high cost of food, the prefect and the Business Men's Association holding a meeting to this end.

Former Premier Costa was put under arrest in Oporto after he with his family had arrived there by special train, and Dr. Augusto Soares, the former minister of foreign affairs, was also placed under arrest. Arrests continue to be made.

Railway communication with Lisbon is reported suspended.

REACHING AFTER THE CANADIANS IN STATES SUBJECT TO SERVICE.

Chicago, Dec. 10—British recruiting officers today began a drive to enlist the 175,000 subjects of Great Britain between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one who claimed exemption under the United States registration law.

Colonel J. S. Dennis, in command of the British-Canadian recruiting mission, said today that treaties are now being formed by which Canada and the United States will be enabled to reach across the border to compel the return of such men as fail to report when chosen.

There are good doctors and poor doctors, and they both give pills.

There are those who know the grocery business better than others.

We would like to have those who have never eaten our groceries get "invited out" to thanksgiving dinner to some of our customers' homes.

Then they, too, would trade with us.

GILBERT'S GROCERY

LOCAL NEWS

A jewelry advertisement of timely interest. See page 14.

Do all your Christmas shopping at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney.

Wanted, woman to sew and count laundry; also house maid. Royal Hotel. t.f.

Remember Arnold's big auction sale of Christmas goods at 157 Brussels street Friday night at 7.30. t.f.

Keep on shopping your daily and Christmas needs at our Monster Retreating Price Sale. Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Bargains in ladies' and children's coats at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney streets.

Arnold's Department Store will be open Thursday evening and every evening until Christmas. 12-14

Children's rubbers 49c. at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney.

Photographs up to the minute in finish; folders, $3 dozen up; sittings at night.—Lugrin, 38 Charlotte street.

Ladies Aid of Carmarthen street Methodist church will hold Xmas sale home cooking Thursday, 13th, at Crystal Creamery, 207 Charlotte.

We still have some ladies' coats at $1, $1.65, $1.98 at our Monster Retreating Price Sale. Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Band on Carleton rink tonight. Ice in excellent condition.

The new "Step by Step" dress making book makes a splendid Xmas present. Every woman would like to have it. Pictorial Review Patterns. Daniel, Head of King street.

For particulars of Christmas gift jewelry see page 14.

OUR $2.85 BOOTS

For women—mean a saving of two or three dollars on every pair and another Christmas gift added to your list. Wiezel's Cash Store, 248-247 Union street.

Sweaters for small children, sweaters for boys and girls at retreating prices at our Monster Retreating Price Sale. Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Great bargains in ladies' coats at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney streets.

Will the party who telephoned No. 2034-21 Saturday regarding wrist watch lost by soldier kindly return same Times Office. Reward.

Words cannot express style; Eye must see it; the figure must feel it. Corset Dept., Daniel, Head of King street.

Do you want free Christmas presents? Then save the coupons given with each purchase of cigars, cigarettes, tobaccos and pipes given with each purchase at Louis Green's.

CORSETS! CORSETS!! CORSETS!!; The best make and fit at retreating prices, Monster Retreating Price Sale. Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

APPEAL FOR CLOTHING

The St. John Council of Women in response to an appeal received today from Halifax will be pleased to receive at King's Daughters' rooms further donations of children's clothing, especially children's nightdresses.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

Cards requesting information about seed will be distributed in a few days by the school teachers. These cards are for information only and no person is bound in any way by them. Every man receiving one is requested to fill it out immediately and return to the teacher.

If any do not receive cards, state seed requirements for 1918 to the secretary of an agricultural society or to the N. B. Department of Agriculture, Fredericton.

SACRED CONCERT.

Grand sacred concert Sunday evening next in the Opera House in aid of the Halifax sufferers. The programme is an elaborate one with best city talent. Tickets now on sale at Dwyer's book store, Union street; Ross drug store in King street and F. W. Munro's pharmacy in Main street. A concert all should see as there is a musical treat in store. Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson is directing the performance and the Opera House has been secured free of charge. Worthy cause. Good programme.

UNION GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN

Norton Station, Dec. 11—A rousing, enthusiastic meeting in the interests of union government was held here last night. The Foresters' large hall was crowded to capacity. Ringing speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. Morison, West St. John; E. H. McAlpine, K. C.; the candidate and Rupert Brooks, an Englishman resident of Belleisle. Marked appreciation and enthusiasm greeted the speakers. The splendid meeting, one of the finest ever held here, closed with the singing of the National Anthem and rousing cheers for the candidate.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

Necklaces and Pendants

We have added largely to our assortment of Necklaces and Pendants this season. As a result of the growing popularity of these articles of jewelry for neckwear many new and dainty designs are shown.

The semi-precious stones have been used to advantage and Periodots, Aquamarines and Amethysts in combination with Pearls, go to make up some very fashionable goods. Come in and see them.

L. L. Sharpe & Son
Jewelers and Opticians,
21 KING ST. : ST. JOHN, N. B.

THEY DIED TO THE LAST MAN

Story Of Heroic Work Of Italian Troops Is Told—Fought Till None Was Left

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Monday, Dec. 10—(By the Associated Press)—A visit today to the headquarters of a major general commanding a division of heroic Alpini and Bersaglieri disclosed the story of the manner in which this division held the heights back of the Asiago Plateau until it was cut to pieces and was compelled to fall back to its present new line. The general is now engaged in re-forming his shattered forces, who were soon in long lines along the roads preparing to go back into the fight.

A major of the general staff, who toward the close of the fighting collected the remaining men of the division and led them in the final charge, until the order for retirement came, gave a first-hand description of the struggle. He said there were three Bersaglieri regiments, some Alpine battalions and one infantry regiment in the division, in addition to the usual quota of batteries of field and middle calibre guns. These were ranged back of Asiago when the enemy's drive reached its maximum intensity on last Wednesday. For twenty-four hours one Bersaglieri regiment had held Monte Tondarecar until its platoons had been reduced from thirty men to six. It was then that the battalions of Alpini were sent to their relief.

The Alpini fought their way up the side, gaining the summit against heavy odds, only to find their comrades cut to pieces. Most of them were lying dead from stab wounds. Now the Alpini battalions found themselves in the centre of a concentration of enemy forces which gradually encircled them. Some of the battalions manoeuvred and were carried back and forth in the fury of the fighting along the slopes. Others remained on the summit with the enemey surrounding theb.

At nine o'clock on Wednesday morning the colonel of these battalions sent his last report to the general. It says laconically:—

"That was the last which was ever heard of him or any of his men."

The enveloping enemy masses grew denser, and the gallant Alpini band which had gone to rescue the Berseglieri was wiped out of existence.

ROUMANIA IS SAID TO HAVE SIGNED TRUCE

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire Telegram.)

New York, Dec. 11—Roumania signs three months' truce with Central Powers.

Reports of Japanese troops at Vladivostock creates no surprise at Washington; said to be guarding supplies sent to Russia by the Allies.

Germans take offensive on western front, shelling both British and French positions heavily.

Cossacks advancing on Moscow.

President Wilson to address congress within a few days urging government control of railroads but favoring continued operation by railroads war board.

Washington receives official advices from Rome, saying Austro-German offensive against Venetian plains has failed.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

2 No. 2 Engine House, King square.
3 No. 3 Engine House, Union street.
4 Cor. Sewell and Garden streets.
5 Cor. Mill and Union streets.
6 Prince Wm. street, opposite M. R. A. alley.
7 Cor North Wharf and Nelson street.
8 Cor. Mill and Pond streets.
9 Water street, opposite Jardine's alley.
13 Waterloo street, opposite Peters street.
15 Cor. St. Patrick and Union streets.
14 Cor. Brussels and Richmond streets.
15 Brussels street, Wilson's foundry.
16 Cor. Brussels and Hanover streets.
17 Cor. Erin and Brunswick streets.
18 Cor. Union and Carmarthen streets.
19 Cor. Courtenay and St. David streets.
23 M. R. A. stores, private.
33 Cor. Germain and King streets.
34 Cor. Princess and Charlotte street.
35 No. 1 Engine House, Charlotte street.
36 Cor. Prince William and Princess streets.
37 McLeod's Warehouse, Water street.
38 Cor. Duke and Prince Wm. streets.
39 McAvity Foundry, Water street, private.
41 Cor. Pitt and Orange streets.
42 Cor. Duke and Sydney streets.
44 Cor. Wentworth and Princess streets.
45 Cor. Germain and Queen streets.
46 Cor. Queen and Carmarthen streets.
47 Cor Sydney and St. James streets.
48 Carmarthen street, between Duke and Orange streets
49 Cor. Crown and Union streets.
51 Cor. St. James and Prince Wm. streets.
43 Cor. Duke and Wentworth streets.
43 Cor. Broad and Carmarthen streets.
45 Cor. Britain and Charlotte streets.
46 Cor. Pitt and St. James streets.
47 Sydney street, near Military buildings.
48 East End Sheffield street, near Imperial Oil Co.
51 City Road, opposite Christies' factory.
52 Cor. Dorchester and Hazen streets.
53 Exmouth street.
54 Waterloo, opposite Golding street.
56 Waterloo street, opposite entrance Gen. Pub. Hospital.
57 Elliot Row, between Wentworth and Pitt.
58 Carleton street, on Calvin church.
61 General Public Hospital.
62 Cotton Mill, Courtenay Bay, private.
68 Erin street, opposite Peters' Tannery.
64 Cor. Clarence and Erin streets.
71 (or. King and Pitt streets.
72 King street east, near Carmarthen.
73 Breeze's corner, King square.

NORTH END BOXES.

121 Stetson's Mill Indiantown.
122 Cor. Main and Bridge streets.
123 Electric Car shed, Main street.
124 Cor. Adelaide and Newman streets.
125 No. 5 Engine House, Main street.
126 Douglas Ave., opposite L. C. Prince's.
127 Douglas Ave., Bentley street school.
128 Murray & Gregory's Mill, private.
131 Cor. Elgin and Victoria streets.
132 Strait Shore opposite Hamilton's Mills.
134 Rolling Mills, Strait Shore.
135 Cor. Sheriff and Strait Shore.
136 Strait Shore, Warner's Mill.
141 Alexandra school house, Holly street.
143 Cor. Camden and Portland streets.
142 Maritime Nail Works, private.
143 Main street, police station.
144 Main street, opposite Harrison street.
145 Main street, Head Long Wharf.
151 Lemont's Foundry.
152 Mill street, opposite Union Depot.
153 Paradise Row, near Harris street.
154 Cor. Paradise Row and Millidge.
231 No 4 Engine House, City road.
232 Mount Pleasant and Burpee Avenue.
241 Cor. Stanley and Winter streets.
235 Scovdfield's Terrace, Wright street.
312 Rockland road, near Ranston Avenue.
[illegible] Rockland road, near head of Millidge street.
321 Cor. Somerset and Harker streets.
412 Cor. City Road and Gilbert's lane.
421 Marsh Bridge, Cor. Frederick street.
422 At I. C. R. Round House, Marsh Road.

WEST END BOXES.

21 N. B. S. station, Rodney wharf.
24 Market place and Rodney street.
25 Albert and Mannette streets.
26 Ludlow and Germain streets.
31 Lancaster and Duke streets.
32 Ludlow and Gifford streets.
34 Masonic Hall, Guarantee street.
35 Tower and Ludlow streets.
36 St. Patrick's Hall, St. John street and City Line road.
112 No. 6 Engine House, King street.
113 Cor. Ludlow and Water streets.
114 Cor. King and Market place.
115 Middle street, Old Fort.
116 Guilford and Union streets.
117 Protection street, Sand point.
118 Cor. Queen and Victoria streets.
119 Cor. Lancaster and St. James streets.
212 Cor. St. John and Watson streets.
213 Cor. Winslow and Watson streets.
214 Winter Port warehouses.
Four boxes of No. 214.
215 C. P. R. elevator.
216 No. 6 Winter Port shed.
231 Prince street, near Dykeman's corner.

WAR TALES FROM OVERSEAS TO ST. JOHN

(Continued from page 1)

down by enemy infantrymen. Prior to this he led a party of his men against the Germans in a bombing raid and not only succeeded in gaining his objective, but in addition captured some enemy troops. He was awarded the Military Cross. Lieutenant Dunn recently joined the Royal Flying Corps and after passing his examinations was granted a furlough to Canada.

Royal Navy Officers.

Two Canadian officers who have seen considerable active service in the Royal Navy are Lieut. Fred. Parkinson, of Ontario, and Lieut. Edwin Smith, of Pictou, formerly of this city. Both were serving on British destroyers for many months, and during that time have had some exciting experiences in the North Sea. They were in several skirmishes with German cruisers and destroyers, and in all cases drove them back to shelter They also participated in operations against Ostend and Zeebrugge in Belgium. They admit that Fritz knows how to shoot, and say that one time the Germans opened fire on them at a distance of twelve miles and the first shot landed less than twenty yards away. In less then twenty minutes six shots landed very close to their ship, and although they escaped they had to admit that the officer in command of the gun knew his business. Lieutenant Smith is a graduate of Dalhousie, and he said he was greatly shocked when they picked up the message at sea about the disaster.

Through Many Adventures.

Lieut. J. A. Harman, of Toronto, smilingly admitted that a cat had nothing on him when it came to having nine lives. He is a member of the Royal Flying Corps and served for six months in France and eight months in Mesapotamia. While returning to England the steamer which he was sailing in was struck by a torpedo and the passengers and crew had a close call as the ship foundered shortly after being hit. Owing to the coolness of the officers, all lives wer saved. The boats drifted around in the Mediterranean sea from one o'clock in the morning until seven, when they were picked up by a trawler. While operating against the Germans on the western front Lieutenant Harman was brought down four times and every time had miraculous escapes from being killed. Once the Germans shot the tail off his machine and he was heading for the earth at a terrific rate of speed before he got it under control. Even then he was in danger of being killed, but as luck would have it he landed in a tree and, although scratched and bruised, he again escaped with his life. When asked if he had retaliated, he smilingly remarked that he had been in many brushes with enemy machines and succeeded in damaging them and forcing them to descend. Lieutenant Harman is home on a furlough.

Fredericton Officer.

Lieut. H. D. McGrath of Fredericton was also on board. He is returning home on a furlough. Lieutenant McGrath crossed overseas with a Canadian unit and later joined the Royal Flying Corps. He was in France for two years.

The train carrying the mail left St. John a little after 1 o'clock bound for upper Canada and points west.

Seven Newfoundlanders.

On the steamer were seven returned men on their way to their homes in Newfoundland. All are from St. Johns, and all enlisted with the 1st Newfoundland Regiment in 1915-16.

Private P. Brown was wounded in the hip with a shell and has not yet recovered. He is twenty-two years of age and single. Private M. Martin, nineteen, single, was badly smashed up in June of 1917. Just as he was coming off sentry duty he was struck by a shell and received wounds in the leg and head and had three ribs broken. "It was pretty hard," he said this morning, "escaping the dangerous sentry duty without a scratch and then getting a "blighty" just as I was coming off."

Private Edward Foley left a wife and two children at home when he enlisted in 1916. He had not been in France long when his eyesight gave out under the strain and he was returned. Private T. Donnelly, eighteen, single, contracted heart trouble in France and was sent back. Private B. Saunders enlisted in 1915 at the early age of sixteen. He crossed to France and did good work there for a time, but owing to his youth broke down under the strain and after some time in England was sent back to Newfoundland to receive his discharge.

C. Columb, nineteen, single, enlisted in 1915 and was wounded in the leg by a shell on April 14 to the right of the famous Vimy Ridge. The Newfoundlanders went over there at the same time as the heroic Canadians were taking the ridge.

J. Sceviour, eighteen, single, enlisted at the age of sixteen and in August of 1917 was wounded in the head by a shell. He will receive his discharge.

The seven men expect to remain in the city for only a few hours and late this afternoon or tonight are hoping to be sent to their homes in Newfoundland.

That some citizens of Canada of French descent have done valiant deeds in opposing the German forces is evidenced by the arrival of two soldiers wearing the Croix De Guerre. One is Pte. Charles Taffet of Quebec and the other Peter Doucette of Winnipeg. The former went out alone one night in "No Man's Land" and brought in the body of his captain who had been killed in action, and the other was awarded the cross for bravery while opposing the Huns. Although wounded twice he fought on and helped drive back large German forces who were endeavoring to take a section of trenches from them. Another soldier wearing a French uniform and a resident of the province of Quebec also arrived on the steamer.

Captain E. K. Clark of Toronto, who has been attached to the medical staff in Queen's Canadian hospital in Shornpliffe, England, has returned home for a well merited rest. He is a graduate of the Toronto University.

D. E. Ross, who is a sergeant probationer in the royal navy, is returning to his home in Montreal. He is also here on duty and will return overseas in the near future. Sergeant Ross has been on naval destroyers for the last eighteen months. During that time his ship took part in bombardments of Zeebrugge and Ostend and also was in action against German raiders.

Cadet F. E. Armstrong of Shawville, Quebec, who crossed overseas with the 8th Field Ambulance, is returning to Canada to complete a course in aviation. He was wounded during the big drive at the Somme, having been struck in the neck by a bullet.

Another officer on board was Lieutenant Graham of Regina, who was a flight officer in England. He acknowledged being in action with German machines during raids, but was reticent as to his achievements.

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LOCAL NEWS

FRED ALCHORN ALL RIGHT.

J. A. Alchorn of this city has received a telegram from his son, Fred Alchorn, a resident of Halifax, stating that he and his family are safe.

CROSSING ON ICE

Countrymen are daily arriving in the city with produce for the local market. They are able to drive across the ice on the St. John and Kennebeccasis rivers, and as the sledding is good, are bringing a considerable quantity of butter, eggs and fowl.

ABLE TO MOVE TO HOME.

Edward Linton, injured more than a month ago in an up-river accident and who has been suffering at the General Public Hospital with a fractured skull, was returned to his home this week almost recovered from his injuries.

THE POLICE HELP

A collection for the Halifax relief was made at police headquarters by Policeman Hopkins and a tidy sum was realized. This was given to Matron Ross who bought cloth which was later made into bandages and childrens' garments.

DEATH OF W. H. TRECARTIN.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Wyman H. Trecartin, which occurred this morning at his residence, 88 Middle street, West St. John. He was a brass moulder. Mr. Trecartin was thirty-five years old. Besides his wife he leaves two children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Trecartin of West St. John, and one sister, Agnes.

SENT LARGE DONATION.

During the services in St. Peter's church on last Sunday the priest spoke about the recent catastrophe in Halifax and asked the members of the congregation to donate generously. As a result thirty large cases of good clothing for women and children, in addition to boots, shoes and bedding, were collected and shipped last evening to the St. John Relief Association in Halifax. Much credit is given the members of St. Elizabeth's Society and St. Peter's Red Cross Society for the success achieved.

MRS. ROBERT BOYER.

The death of Mrs. Robert Boyer, formerly of St. John, occurred last night in Moncton at the age of eighty years. She had been injured some time ago. Her husband is dead as are all her brothers and sisters and there were no children. The nephews are Able F. Sharp of 118 St. James street, city, and Robert Sharp of Moncton, and the nieces are Mrs. J. C. Weldon of Moncton and Miss Addie Sharp of Portsmouth, N. H.

PERSONALS

Miss Grace, E. Morton arrived in the city last Friday night, having been called home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. W. C. Wilson, of West St. John.

E. H. MacAlpine will go to Grand Manan tomorrow to speak for the union government candidate in Charlotte.

COSSACKS REPORTED PREPARING TO FIGHT

London, Dec. 11—The Cossacks are preparing to fight, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail reports. Three train loads of Cossacks are said to be at Bielgorod and three at Sumy commanded by General Kornilloff. Extremist Red Guards to the number of about 1,000 are expected at Kharkov from Moscow.

The correspondent says General Koledines, Cossack leader, is disbanding infantry regiments in the Don territory and sending them home on account of their extremist opinions.

REPORTS AS TO ARMISTICE.

London, Dec. 11—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times attributed to responsible source the statement that during the informal conversations between the Russian and German representatives at Brest-Litovsk regarding the armistice on the eastern front the Germans indicated that the following points were likely to be included in any of the peace negotiations:

Germany to have control of the Russian wheat market for fifteen years; no German goods to be admitted to Russia duty free; no territory now occupied by the Germans to be surrendered.

The correspondent says the Bolshevi were disappointed by the reserved attitude of the German negotiators and their lack of sympathy with political idealism. Other causes contributed to their depression, but it is said that they are determined to conclude an armistice at any cost if the latest appeal by the Russian commissioners to the Allies fail

THE PENSION CHECK ADVANCES EXPECTED ABOUT FIRST OF YEAR.

Ottawa, Dec. 11—Announcement is made by the board of pension commissioners that it is hoped that all checks adjusting pensions to soldiers and their dependents under the provisions of the order-in-council increasing pensions and allowances, will be sent out by the end of the present year or soon after. The changes authorized have involved an enormous amount of detail work as more than 20,000 pensions have had to be considered and readjusted.