

# War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A. M.

## ARMENIANS STARVING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.  
Fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving in the vicinity of Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, as a result of the recent temporary suspension of relief applications, according to a cable from the American Ambassador.

## NEVER BETTER PREPARED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.  
A News Agency despatch published here to-day follows: "Never has the British army been so prepared to fight. Why should we talk of peace? You can safely give that as the British army's answer to all the peace talk," declared a staff officer to-day in response to the question what he and his men thought of President Wilson's note. The note is variously commented upon by fighting men with a feeling that strong influences have succeeded in inducing Wilson to believe that this was the opportune time to act, and that such an action was regarded as smothering Germany's road and enabling her to take a second step in her peace plot. Sentiment at the front is unconditionally against peace. Now every indication points to a much worse condition in Germany than the world even suspects. On the other hand the Allies are daily getting better situated to wage a successful offensive. The British, who are little given to demonstrativeness, are unanimous in their expression of confidence in a comparatively early defeat of the Central Powers under the press of the Allies' gathering strength.

## CONTRACTED FOR SUPPLY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.  
The British Government has contracted for the entire exportable supply of New Zealand's meat until at least three months after the close of the European war, according to reports reaching the commerce department from its agents abroad. Higher prices will be paid than when the Dominion export supply was commandeered last year.

## DUTCH HOLD CROWDED MEETING.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 28.  
The Dutch section of the world's union of churches held a crowded meeting to-night in the largest church in the city. The seapkers endorsed President Wilson's act of faith in sending his note to the belligerents and exhorted their brethren in belligerent countries to foster an atmosphere in which the idea of peace might be developed.

## PROPOSAL DISCUSSED.

LONDON, Dec. 28.  
Communications continue to pass between the capitals of the Entente Allied nations regarding the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Central Powers and their Allies. The answer has been prepared in Paris and is now the subject of discussion between the various ministers. It is unlikely any steps will be taken by Great Britain and other countries of the Entente with regard to President Wilson's note and its Swiss counterpart until the Entente Allies deal with the German proposals. It is understood here the reply does not give specific terms, but refers generally to the objects of the Allies. Those participating in the discussion speak of the difficulty in expressing the general purposes in concrete form so that the reply may be definitely responsive, and at the same time convey to the neutral countries an adequate idea of the aims and purposes for which the Entente Allies are contending. The reason for not stating the specific terms is said to be that the terms of the Allies largely depend upon the extent of the military victory which they confidently expect and that any statement of terms now would be upon the existing military and territorial situation which the German Imperial Chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg claimed was based on German victory. It is held that Germany is in a position to state the terms whereas the Entente terms will become definite when military success have been achieved.

## KILLED AND INJURED.

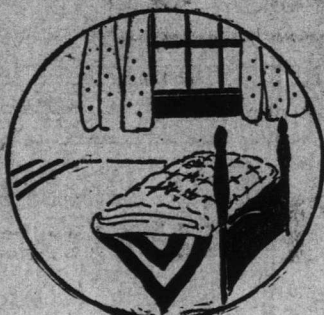
LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Dec. 28.  
Twelve persons were killed and 23 injured in the tornado which swept over Central Arkansas yesterday.

## TO BE DECORATED.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 28.  
Letters from France announce that the general officer commanding the British air forces has proved conclusively that Lieut. Eddie McKay, a Western University hockey and football star of this city was a fel-

# Specially SELECTED Bargains

For the Last Shopping Days of 1916.



## FRIDAY @ SATURDAY.

Household Goods  
That make acceptable New Year Gifts.

### MARCELLA QUILTS.

In double bed size, made from stout materials in beautifully broadened designs that retain their firmness and beauty when washed. They are finished with plain edges. Regular \$2.75 each. Friday and Saturday... **2.45**

### GLASS CLOTHS.

Made from soft Linen Huckabuck and finished with hemmed ends, red striped and plain; also a few checked patterns in Red and Blue; size 17 x 32 and 21 x 21 inches. Reg. 15c each. Friday & Saturday... **12c**

### CUSHION COVERS.

Tapestry and linen in pretty woven designs finished at the edges with stout cotton cord in colors to match and lined with fine soft Satin, also a few embroidered designs in crash. Regular 95c. each. Friday and Saturday... **75c**

### HEARTH RUGS.

Made from Jute and Cotton in pretty floral and block patterns. The colors are Reds, Greens, Fawns and Browns; size 24 x 44 inches. Regular \$1.50 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.35**

### TABLE NAPKINS.

Linen Damask in assorted pretty patterns; size 21 x 21 inches, hemmed ready for use. Reg. 27c. each. Friday and Saturday... **22c**

### CUSHION COVERS.

Crash and Linen with Silk embroidered centres, hemstitched edges in White. Lawn embroidered and frilled and Net in pretty applique patterns. Reg. 55c. each. Friday and Saturday... **45c**

### CURTAIN NETS and MUSLINS.

Beautifully finished with woven imitation frill and looped edge that will make dainty and inexpensive window blinds. They come in Cream & White, 24 and 29 inches wide. Reg. 11c. yard. Friday & Saturday... **9c**

### LAUNDRY BAGS.

With the word "Linen" embroidered in white cotton or colored silk across the front. Fawn Crash supplies the material for these Bags. They are neatly finished with draw-string closing tops. Reg. 50c. each. Friday and Saturday... **42c**

## OPPORTUNITIES To Save on Gents Furnishings

**BOYS' CAPS.**  
Of heavy worsted material in plain and fancy striped. A splendid Cap for winter wear; can worn in either Pullman or Vanssen style. Regular 80c. each. Friday and Saturday... **72c**

### MEN'S WINTER CAPS.

Made of heavy Tweeds in various patterns, mostly dark. The ear band is of heavy wool material and can be worn over the ears or turned up on the inside of the cap. Reg. 85c. each. Friday & Saturday... **76c**

### MEN'S COAT SHIRTS.

Of fine American shirt Cotton in neat striped patterns that will wash well and retain their color; starched cuffs and collar bands; all sizes. Reg. \$1.25 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.05**

### MEN'S SHIRTS.

Made from good wearing English Cotton in neat pin stripe effects, with soft French cuffs and stiff collar bands; splendid fitting styles. Reg. \$1.00 each. Friday and Saturday... **80c**

### MEN'S SOCKS.

Heavy worsteds in Black and Fancy Heather mixtures; 41 ribbed legs and plain seamless feet. Reg. 40c. pair. Friday and Saturday... **34c**

### FOUNTAIN PENS.

A special job line, including some of Waterman's famous make, gold, silver, pearl mounted and plain; ball pens, fitted with gold nibs. Values to \$4.50 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.50**

### CALENDARS.

We offer our Stock of beautiful Art Calendars for 1917 at

### HALF PRICE.

a magnificent assortment, some of the most popular kinds are included.

### TWILLED SHEETS.

Made from medium weight Twilled Sheet, hemmed at the ends ready for use. These are new Sheets just opened and compare favourably with goods bought at previous times. Reg. \$3.70 pair. Friday and Saturday... **3.25**

### LADIES' CORSETS.

Perfect fitting models in White Coutil; a splendid line of new Corsets, some self-reducing styles; most of them silk and lace trimmed and finished with strong suspenders. Three different styles to choose from; all sizes. Reg. \$1.00 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.35**

### LADIES' SWEATERS.

Made from all wool yarns in a popular heavy stitch. They come in Grey only, trimmed at pockets, collars and front in contrasting colors of Green, Maroon or Navy; comfortable close-fitting styles, with high double collars. Reg. \$2.20 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.90**

## THE BUSY SHOWROOM Offers Many Saving Items.



### LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

Hand embroidered and openwork trimmed; made from fine lawn and finished with narrow hemstitched hem. Reg. 30c. each. Friday & Saturday... **24c**

### LEVEDA SILK.

38 inch Fancy Leveda Silk, in Cherry, Tan and Brown; a very fine and closely woven all pure silk that will wear splendidly. Reg. \$1.75 yard. Friday and Saturday... **95c**

### LADIES' BLOUSES.

Of fine Poplin, trimmed with fancy silk collars and buttons to match; some are trimmed with collars and cuffs of self materials, with raglan or set-in sleeves. The colors are Navy, Lt. Grey, Tan, Sky, Sage and Black; sizes 36 to 44 bust. Reg. \$2.65 ea. Friday & Saturday... **2.10**

### LADIES' SKIRTS.

Made from soft covert cloth in shades of Green, Fawn and Grey, also Black and Navy Melton. The very newest four and five gore styles. They are trimmed with buttons and belted backs; splendid values at this price. Reg. \$3.50 & \$3.75 each. Friday and Saturday... **3.20**

### MEN'S TIES.

Assorted silks in flowered, striped and dotted designs; a good variety of dressy colors; wide flowering ends. Reg. 75c. each. Friday and Saturday... **68c**

### BOYS' CELLULOID COLLARS.

Eton style, 3/4 inches high, dull finish; sizes 12 to 13 1/2. Reg. 12c. each. Friday and Saturday... **10c**

### MEN'S NIGHTSHIRTS.

Good roomy sizes with close-fitting tunic, neck bands, made from fine soft flannelette that is pure and free from dressing. These Nightshirts will give excellent wear. Regular \$1.50 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.37**

### LADIES' HOSE.

Black and Tan Cashmere in plain and assorted rib; shaped legs; wide garter tops and seamless feet. Reg. 80c. each. Friday and Saturday... **70c**

### OVERSTOCKS and RUBBERS.

The Overstocks are of soft worsted in Red only. They are firmly connected to good quality rubber shoes; sizes 5 to 10. Regular \$1.25 pair. Friday and Saturday... **1.05**

### WRITING CASES.

Covered with colored leatherette casing, folds and closes with a clamp of self material, which fastens with a neat clip. Contains Envelopes, Pencil, Writing Paper, etc.; all that's necessary for the writer. Reg. \$1.25 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.00**

### BOYS' JERSEY SUITS.

Made from all wool yarns in fine and coarse stitch. The styles are many; some to open in front with polo collars, others in plain make; colors: Brown, Navy, Sage and White; sizes to fit up to 6 years. Reg. values to \$2.50 suit. Friday and Saturday... **2.10**

### OVERSTOCKS.

We have a splendid stock of Men's and Boys' Overcoats in plain and belted back styles. These garments are well made from hard wearing materials and will give splendid satisfaction. There are Naps, Tweeds and Khaki Cloths, to fit boys from 3 to 9 years, ranging in price from \$3.50 up to \$8.50. Youths' in Tweeds and Nap Cloths, to fit from 10 to 16 years, from \$6.50 to \$13.50. Men's Overcoats in Tweed only; all sizes from 4 to 7, in a great variety of popular styles, from \$16.50 to \$22.50.

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Smallwares & Notions  
at Reduced Prices.

### FOUNTAIN PENS.

The "Eagle" Self-filling Fountain Pen. The diet is made entirely of pure rubber, the covering being of metal. This Pen is adapted for general use and will last longer than the ordinary pen; the material being bronze, highly polished. Reg. 12c. each. Friday and Saturday... **10c**

### BULL DOG BUTTONS.

In dress and fly sizes. Requires no sewing, you simply push both parts together and the button fastens itself; on cards containing a half dozen. Regular 4c. Friday and Saturday... **3c**

### FANCY BROOCHES.

Set in brilliants in various pretty designs and sizes. Reg. 15c. each. Friday and Saturday... **12c**

### VISITING CARDS.

Of super quality, linen finished paper, in packages containing 50. Reg. 10c. pkg. Friday and Saturday... **8c**

### TERMIER'S STYLO PENS.

Tan vulcanite, fitted with good spring, neatly boxed with filler. Regular 65c. each. Friday and Saturday... **55c**

### HANDY BOXES.

Containing gum labels, suspension rings, rubber bands, paper clips, twine, parcel tags, postal labels and a roll of adhesive tape for repairing bank notes, music sheets, etc., nicely put up in a leatherette covered box with compartments for holding each item separately. Regular \$1.50 each. Friday and Saturday... **1.30**

### WHITE AGATE BUTTONS.

On cards containing 12 dozen; small size; 4 hole style. Reg. 8c. card. Friday and Saturday... **6c**

### JEWELLERY CLEANING OUTFITS.

Nicely put up in a raised top case, which fastens with a brass clip. The compartments contain jewellery dryer, cleaner and polisher, 2 jewellery brushes, small and large size, and a cake of jewellery soap. Reg. \$1.05 each. Friday & Saturday... **9c**

### RUBBER BALLS.

In plain grey and colored, 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 inches in diameter; assorted colors. Regular 14c. each. Friday and Saturday... **11c**

### NOTE TABLETS.

Containing 60 sheets of ruled notepaper, size 5 x 8 inches and blotter. Special value at this low price for Friday & Saturday... **7c**

### MENDING WOOL.

The "Fiv" brand, all wool mending, neatly wound on cards; colors: Black, White, Tans, Navy, Browns, Shetland, Cardinal, Clerical and Grey. Reg. 3c. card. Friday & Saturday... **2c**

### USEFUL GIFT Goods

Moderately Priced.

Gent's Snow Shoes. Reg. \$4.10 for... **3.75**

Knife and Fork Holders. Reg. 60c. for... **54c**

Hearth Brushes. Regular 60c. for... **54c**

Carving Sets. Regular \$4.20 for... **3.85**

Nut Crackers and Picks. Reg. 30c. for... **26c**

Electro Plated Egg Stands. Reg. \$9.40 for... **8.50**

Electro Plated Honey Dishes. Regular \$4.35 for... **3.90**

Electro Plated Pickles Dishes. Reg. \$4.50 for... **4.00**

Fancy Mantel Clocks. Reg. \$2.85 for... **2.50**

Electro Plated Shaving Mug and Brush. Reg. \$5.00 for... **4.60**

Table Knives. Reg. \$4.30 doz. for... **4.00**

Table Forks. Reg. \$3.20 doz. for... **3.00**

Dessert Spoons. Regular \$2.60 doz. for... **2.30**

Tea Spoons. Regular \$1.35 doz. for... **1.25**

Oak Waiters. Regular \$2.45 for... **2.20**

Oak Waiters. Regular \$2.75 for... **2.50**

Washing Machines. Reg. \$13.50 for... **12.40**

Shirley Cycle

Suspenders.

For the active man. The man who enjoys the comforts of a flexible back brace. Regular 35c. pair. Friday & Saturday **30c**

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low aviator responsible for the death of Capt. Boelke, the famous German aviator. Decorations by the King are said to be slated for McKay.

## GREECE CARRYING OUT ITS PROMISE.

LONDON, Dec. 28.  
The Foreign Office has received advice that the Greek Government is carrying out its promise to demobilize the Greek army. The work is proceeding satisfactorily, advice indicate.

## MUST STATE TERMS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.  
It is not believed in official circles that there exists any possibility of the assembling of a peace conference as proposed in the German reply to President Wilson's note, unless Germany is willing to make suggestions in advance regarding her ideas of terms of peace.

## TUG SUNK.

PANAMA CANAL, Dec. 28.  
The tug Reliance, formerly the Scully of New York, sank off Colon breakwater in a heavy sea to-day. The tug's master, Peter Evans, of San Francisco, and three negroes were drowned.

## JAPANESE DIET OPENS.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.

The Diet was opened to-day by the Emperor, who in his address from the throne expressed gratification that the relations between the Empire and Treaty Powers were growing closer. He declared that the Alliance with Great Britain and the Convention with France were becoming stronger, and called attention also to a new convention with Russia, which he termed a matter for congratulation. The Emperor explained that he had ordered the Ministers to draft bills necessary for the development of the country keeping in mind the world situation, and asked the Diet to co-operate in passing these measures.

## BRITISH IN GOOD SPIRITS.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

United States Ambassador Gerard attended a Christmas celebration of interned British civilians at Ruhleben. In spite of all the hampering circumstances the prisoners arranged an imposing programme, and, thanks to parcels from home, were able to enjoy a fairly merry Christmas as far as creature comforts were concerned.

## IMMUNITY FOR AMERICA.

HAVRE, Dec. 27.

Captain Plater, of the American steamer Sacramento, who arrived here from Buenos Ayres with a cargo of wheat, reports he was stopped in the English Channel by a German submarine. The commander of the submarine ordered him on board with his papers and after examining them said: "You are carrying wheat, which we consider contraband of war, to France. It is lucky for you that your ship is American, otherwise we should have torpedoed her with great pleasure. You can proceed. Good luck to you."

## IN A HURRY.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

A despatch from The Hague says German agents have arrived at The Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

## SILVER THAW IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.

A glaze storm, which loaded the telegraph and telephone wires with ice, seriously interfered to-day with communications in this State and to a considerable extent throughout the east. The same trouble was experienced as far west as Chicago, but conditions are reported here as improving in that direction. The weather bureau was unable to calculate the scope and character of the storm fully, owing to the difficulty of gathering information by wire. New York streets were coated with ice and traffic was badly hampered.

## NEWS TO BE WITHHELD.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.

News of the movements of British vessels to and from this port will be withheld by agents of the various lines as a result of an order received to-day from the head offices in Liverpool. All sailing lists have been destroyed and newspaper advertisements of expected sailings have been withdrawn.

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