

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1920

Y STOLID GUARDS WELCOME HOME E NATION'S DEAD

ption at Pier as 2,479 Bodies Arrives

nts Warn Officials to De- Shipment Home "Till ter Christmas"—Gloomy sene in New York.

(N. Y. Evening Post.)
 were unloading dead soldiers in en yesterday afternoon, swinging ver from the hoins of the army -1 Wheaton, which rested gray at in its berth after its gruesome the long, black, grimy Pier 4, surky length was draped and old flags and bunting to welcome al boys home. The fact that this as greatest number of dead sol- to be brought back aboard one here were 2,479 of the long, boxes hoisted high over the e's side—did not impress the few scomed them (or break the mon- of this long business of receiving rter cargo of a nation's dead. -homboremen, pulling at the and scuttling off with bodies on baggage trucks, and the few bored soldiers doing sentry along the long, flat-decked pier, there — and getting home the 's getting extremely tame to them. w long have they been doing asked the one person who had to watch the process — and to it was a "deadly novelty" — of a ng boy with a gun, meaning only out how long it took to get 2,479 off a boat.
 they've been at this about six a now—and it's still going on.



The pledge of quality goes with every pair of DENT'S Gloves—whether Kid, Cape or Fabric.

It's good taste and good sense to insist on DENT'S

Sold Everywhere

DENT'S GLOVES

1-11-20

This Xmas give gloves and give the best—give DENT'S

The Garden Fragrance OF A CUP OF

"SALADA" TEA

is real refreshment and enjoyment. It is more economical than ordinary tea because it yields many more cups to the pound.

and devotee of literature and the arts, a profound student of human nature, Lady Foster brings to grace her new residence more than the sound and brilliant qualities of the well-known Scots-woman. In pursuit of a better understanding of the Empire, its resources and

1918-1914 she made two journeys from coast to coast writing her impressions, in a terse, vivid style, for London publications, and looking into the various phases of women's work in the Dominion.
 On the occasion of her second visit to Canada, she spent some months on the Pacific Coast, the bearer of important messages from British statesmen to the Premier, Sir Richard McBride. During the war, Lady Foster spent much time in Paris and in Northern France. During the heavy bombardment of Soissons she was busy in a hospital given over to serious cases.
 By special permission she was allowed to visit the battle areas of the Marne and the Oise to inspect the graves of her kinsmen killed at the first battle of the Marne, and to report on work for the homeless in these districts. She was also the bearer of sympathy and cheer to a group of badly-wounded Scots Guardsmen at Chalons. In London she was associated with Lady Howard de Walden and other friends in the management of their private hospitals for the wounded. Her marriage followed on her return from Scotland where she had spent the shooting season paying a round of visits to friends.

Visit Semi-ready Sale and Buy Gifts that are made For Him



Shirts, Ties, Robes, Suits, Overcoats—all made for princely gifts of utility for men.
 All clothing and furnishings reduced in price.

drawled the boy dully. "Sometimes I wonder why they didn't let 'em stay over there, anyway."

Gibe of a Topsy Guard.

"How much are you getting for writing up this thing?" asked the huge, kind, imaginative, and somewhat tipsy Irish guard on the pier, who stood at the foot of a gangplank, watching the boxes soar and fall. "So much the square inch? What you want's some 'rty stuff, now, isn't it? Well, that last box, that come over before you come had flowers on it."

But the only flowers on that pier were those grown in this kind, clumsy mind, which felt in an inarticulate way that this wasn't just the way people expected to find things here, and that something ought to be done, if in words only, to furnish up the situation, tone it down, and gloss it over with romance.

Up in a busy office full of stenographers and underlings, where the most human work of all goes on, the writing of letters to the boys' homes, to find out the wishes of the home people, the Colonel told the plans for these thousands of boys who had come home for Christmas, but must not reach their homes on Christmas Day.

"Before or after," he said, "but not on Christmas Day. The mothers write and say if we can get them there by the 'fist or so, to get them down, but if not, to hold the bodies here until Christmas Day is over. There are a great many of them, and they go to every part of the country. So there are a great many which we must hold here a while."

Trundled Off by Number.

On each wooden box is the name, rank, and number of its occupant, and the state and town to which it goes. Also, on the box is the word "Genevity," followed by a number. According to the address, each box is trundled off in haste to that part of the pier dedicated to the section of the country indicated, where the coffins are set up on wooden horses, in a long, close row. Pier 4, Hoboken, is a great, full enclosure, by the time, with a brand-new flag, which will go with it through the last stage of the trip and see the body brought honorably to the place where it belongs.

Thinking about those little towns, and the final peace which will come to families when the flag-draped bodies come home again at least is the only way one watching at the pier can be reconciled to this ordeal. Any one concerned with the grim detail of getting the dead boys home must think of the little towns and the families constantly. For the little towns, the families, do not know or imagine the grim details of the job. If they did they might not have decided in favor of that long, unnatural trip.

If every father, for instance, had forgotten about being the father, and imagined he was the boy himself, would he have chosen to go alive and be brought back, dead, to come back in a box like a trunk, hoisted with some thousands of others over the side of a silent ship to a silent, friendless pier?

SIR GEO. E. FOSTER'S BRIDE.

(Montreal Star)

Miss Jessie M. Allen, who, recently at Geneva, was given away in marriage by the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, P. C., O. M., to the Canadian Statesman and delegate to the League of Nations Conference, Sir George, Foster, K. C. M. G., D. C. L., LL. D., is the only child of the late Sir William Allen, M. P., a prominent figure in his day in Imperial politics, and his first wife, a kinswoman of Lord Lovat, daughter of Col. Simon Fraser, and thus related to that gallant Master of Lovat who fought under Wolfe in Canada.
 A vivacious raconteuse, a keen critic

Automobile SKATES

C.C.M. heat treatment gives glass-hard running edges combined with a tough core which makes blades practically unbreakable. Heavily nickel-plated over copper to prevent rust.

Made in Canada

Made of Special Automobile Steels

full head of dandruff and a touch of hair

A touch of "Booster" and dandruff disappears

ment of Booster will head of hair

BOOSTER

guaranteed for dandruff, itching and scalp-affected skin.

From your druggist or by mail ANADIAN BOOSTER CO. LTD. WINDSOR, ONTARIO

First class Tonsorial Parlor will applications of "BOOSTER" Hair and supply retail bottles on re-

HEADACHE TABLETS

Headaches and Neuralgia

USE The Want Ad Wa.

15 Crated Pianos at Factory Cost

These Hartmann pianos came direct from the factory, an overdue order too late for Christmas delivery in the regular way at regular prices.

They have never been out of their crates except for examination.

They are offered at factory invoice prices plus freight and the cost of handling which is trivial.

They will be sent to any address for inspection. A rare opportunity to buy a piano on the same basis as the retailer.

Wire or write at once to

Success Music Club
 Box 454, Amherst

A Few Timely Gift Suggestions

Out of the many articles you may choose here that will give pleasure through usefulness.

 Gillette Razors \$5.00 to \$7.50	 Tea Ball Tea Pots \$4.00 to \$10.00	 Auto Strop Razors \$5.00 to \$8.50
 Scissor Sets \$7.00 to \$10.00	 Electric Irons \$7.50 and \$8.50	 Pocket Knives An Endless Variety 25c. to \$5.00
 Watches \$2.50 and \$3.50	 Electric Toasters \$7.50 to \$10.00	 Bread Boards \$1.25 to \$2.00
 Aluminum Hot Water Bottles \$4.00	 Vacuum Bottles \$2.25 to \$8.75	 Alarm Clocks \$2.50 to \$7.00

Shirts

English Percal, soft and stiff cuffs, fast colors, 40 patterns to select from; hand laundered; were \$2.50. Now... \$1.85

Heavy corded print, soft cuffs; hand laundered; were \$3.50. Now... \$2.75

Anderson's Scotch Zephyr, fine texture, woven stripes, fast colors; were \$4.00. Now... \$2.95

English Oxford, beautiful woven designs, soft cuffs, were \$5.00. Now... \$3.95

English Flannel, weighty and warm; were \$5.00. Now... \$3.95

English Taffeta, soft, durable, cultured; linen neck bands; were \$5.50. Now... \$4.50

Pure Wool Taffetas, English weave; were \$11.00. Now... \$8.80

Plain White Jap Silk Shirts; were \$14.50. Now \$11.50

Heavy English Twill Silks; were \$17.00. Now \$14.00

Bath Robes

Fancy Terry Robes, \$14.00
 Terry Bath Robes at \$16.50, \$17.50, \$25.00 and \$35.00

Ties

All ties reduced, selling from... \$1.25 to \$5.00

Suits

\$30.00 Suits now... \$23.00
 35.00 Suits now... 26.50
 38.00 Suits now... 29.00
 40.00 Suits now... 30.00
 50.00 Suits now... 38.50

O'Coats

\$20.00 O'Coats now \$14.00
 25.00 O'Coats now 18.00
 30.00 O'Coats now 20.00
 35.00 O'Coats now 23.50
 40.00 O'Coats now 27.00
 45.00 O'Coats now 30.00
 50.00 O'Coats now 33.50

Trousers

Dress and working trousers selling from \$5.00 to \$10.00

Mackinaws

\$20.00 Mackinaw Coats to clear at... \$15.00

Fancy Vests

Dress, Tuxedo and Fancy Vests priced to clear.

Caps

All caps at 10 per cent. less than cost.

Phone M. 2540 **McAVITY'S** 11-17 King St.

Semi-ready Store
 87 Charlotte Street