with jewels, and Red Riding Hoods and Dick Whittingtons will fairly swarm in the provinces.

There is just one fly in the ointment of this gay programme, and that is that the famous Drury Lane pantomime is being produced under difficulties. There is nothing wrong with the pantomime itself; it is said to be a deliciously absurd melange of three fairy stories banded together under the title of "The Sleeping Beauty" and written by three experienced humorists, of whom Geo. R. Sims is the best known. Also the scenery is to be delightfully novel, all post impressionistic and unspeakably weird of color. The only trouble is the very serious illness of poor Dan Rolyat who was to have sustained the leading role. The situation is really serious as it seems difficult to find anyone to take the part that was written for him alone.

It is a sad world my masters, no matter how hard we try to be gay in it. Nevertheless, we know that there is just joy enough in it to justify the old wish which I send you all very heartily—may you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. N. L. J.

ALBERT COUNTY NEWS

Bennett Family Reunion at Hopewell Cape—Christmas Services in the Churches Sunday—Closing Exercises of the Schools—Personals.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 22—Christmas services were held in the churches, generally, hereabout, today, good sized congregations being present. Special music was a feature of the services. In the Methodist church here this evening, in addition to appropriate hymns, the choir rendered two anthems, Shout the Glad Tidings, and It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, Miss Amy Peck taking the solos.

At the Baptist church this afternoon the choir sang the anthem, Thee We Adore. Rev. Mr. Love delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon dealing with the Christmas spirit of charity and the teaching of the golden rule.

The Baptist Sunday school held a well attended concert and Christmas tree exercises last evening. After the programme the children were given packages of confectionery.

The Baptist Sunday school at the Cape held a Christmas entertainment last evening, and the Methodists one on Wednesday night.

The terminal examinations of the Hill school was held on Friday afternoon.

The terminal examination of the Hill school was held on Friday afternoon, many visitors being present. The pupils gave a good account of themselves. C. D. Dickson, of Hampton, has been in charge of the advanced department for the past six months, Miss Mary Archibald being in the primary department.

The Cape school, taught by Mr. Daley and Miss Julia Brewster, held examinations on Thursday and Friday. This school also gave an excellent entertainment in the public hall on Saturday evening, the 7th inst.

There is a pleasant family reunion this holiday season at the hame of Mrs. H. J. Bennett, Hopewell Cape, the three sons, Capt. Ronald Bennett, George Bennett, of Edmonton, of Edmonton (Alta.), and R. J. Bennett, M.P., of Calgary, with Mrs. Bennett's two daughters, being assembled to spend Christmas with their mother. Mr. Bennett, M.P., just arrived from London, where he has been spending some time.

Miss Julia Brewster and Miss Edna Reeves, teachers, are home for the holidays.

W. J. McAlmon came home on Saturday from Kent county, where he has been connected with bridge work.

Mrs. G. H. Adair, of Sussex, came by yesterday's train to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNorman.

Miss Mary Newcomb came home on Saturday from Sackville, where she has a position on the teaching staff of the High school.

Miss Nellie Rogers, student at Mount Allison University, is spending the holidays at her home here.

W. O. Wright, county secretary, left yesterday to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Burns, in Halifax.

Miss Reita Fownes, who has been attending Acadia Seminary, is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Fownes, of the Albert House, Hopewell Cape.

WHARVES SHOULD BE 300 FEET LONGER

The proposal to take steps to have the new government berths at West. St. John increased in length from 700 to 1,000 feet was discussed by the city commissioners yesterday and the matter will come before the council in the form of a resolution. Commissioner Schofield. The plans for the wharf now under construction and others for which plans have been drawn, show a length of only 700 feet. As steamers are now being built 300 feet longer than this, it was felt that provision should be made for them at this port and the matter will be laid before the dominion government.

As it may not be possible to extend the wharves the full length into the harbor, it is probable that part of the 400 foot central strip at the rear would have to be used. As the access to this strip has already been cut off by the construction of the new C. P. R. elevator, it is felt that the rest of the strip, or part of it, might as well be used to advantage in providing room to extend the wharves.

WEDDINGS

Mawhinney-Small.

Maces Bay, Dec. 18—A very pretty wedding of much interest was witnessed in Maces Bay when Miss Carrie Helen Small was married to Leonard H. Mawhinney, of Maces Bay, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ova B. Small, parents of the bride, in the presence of forty-five invited guests. The ceremony took place in the parlor under a handsome floral arch. The bridal party entered the parlor to the tune of a wedding march which was favorably rendered by Miss Routh Ellis.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel Johnson, pastor of the Baptist church. The bride looked charming in a gown of pale pink silk with over-lace trimmings. She was given away by her father. Miss Edith Byers, friend of the bride, of Lorneville (N. B.), was bridesmaid, and looked dainty in a gown of white net with over-lace trimmings. The groom was supported by Harry E. Small, brother of the bride. A supper was served at the conclusion of the ceremony. Many valuable presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. Mawhinney will reside at Maces Bay (N. B.)

Rub the zinc-covered kitchen table with a cloth dipped in vinegar. It will keep it bright.

DROVE STEAMER ASHORE FOR SAFETY

Thrilling Rescue of Twenty-seven Men

Crowd on Beach Held Life-line Which Saved Them

Combers Washed Over Vessel and One Was Drowned—Another Liner Returns to Port With One Dead and Seven Badly Injured by Seas That Swept Over Her.

Canadian Press

Penzance, Eng., Dec. 26—The Italian steamer Tripolitania from Genoa to Barry, Wales, was wrecked in Mount's Bay in the extreme southwest of England this afternoon. Twenty-seven of a crew of twenty-eight men had a thrilling escape, the other was drowned.

The vessel was buffetted by fierce gales from Christmas morning. The captain today found himself in perilous position and unable to get out of the bay, and he determined to run ashore. The beach was lined with spectators who were powerless to lend aid and who watched the vessel almost helpless in the grip of the wind and tide. Finally the steamer's nose was pointed inshore and she drove in under full steam, running deep into the sandy bottom.

A life rope was rigged to one end of which the crowds ashore clung and one by one the crew left the vessel, over which huge waves were breaking. One of the men was carried off by a heavy comber.

Steamer Nearly Foundered.

Queenstown, Dec. 26—The British steamer Ripon, from Newcastle, for Philadelphia, which was reported last night as returning to Queenstown for practical aid, arrived today. One of the crew was drowned and seven were severely injured by the seas which swept the decks. The ship narrowly escaped foundering.

SAYS RAILROADS ARE ALL AT SEA

Interstate Commerce Commissioner, at Boston, Suggests a Standard for Doing Business Among Them.

Boston, Dec. 26—"There is one thing about the railroads in this country, and that is they don't know what they are doing. They don't know whether they are doing right or wrong," said Interstate Commerce Commissioner C. A. Prouty at the close of today's hearing on the complaints of New England shippers on freight service and rates.

Commissioner Prouty had called a halt in the proceedings late in the day to remark on the lack of a standard for doing business among the railroads of the country. He suggested that some of those most interested get together to formulate tangible suggestions as to just how the commission can order the railroad service of New England improved. He named on the committee Robert Homans, counsel of the Boston chamber of commerce; D. O. Ives, manager of the transportation department of the chamber; Vice-President Buckland, of the New Haven road, and Louis D. Brandeis, counsel of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange. Commissioner Prouty had listened through most of the day to the defense of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to the specific complaints made earlier in the investigation.

Upon being questioned by Vice-President Buckland, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, Mr. Ives, of the chamber of commerce, who was the principal witness in support of the complaints, testified he considered the freight service of the New Haven and Boston & Maine roads, less reliable and expeditious than that of other roads in the country. He thought it less important that the New Haven give up its coastwise shipping arrangements than that competing railroad lines be allowed to operate in New England. The witness said he had no desire to see any special service taken from the New Haven road. Asked if he preferred to have the alleged New Haven monopoly broken up or an improved service secured under it, Mr. Ives said he could not say, but would give an answer later.

A report was submitted by H. A. Fabian, manager of purchases and supplies of the Boston & Maine road, to meet the criticism that favoritism had been shown in awarding contracts for supplies. Mr. Fabian declared that orders had frequently been placed for locomotives, cars, supplies, etc., with New England firms for the sake of favoring home industries when better contracts might have been made outside. The committee named by Mr. Prouty will investigate freight service conditions and rates at Nashua (N. H.) and Bridgeport (Conn.), Columbus (Ohio) and Rochester (N. Y.) with a view to making comparisons to be used as a possible basis for improvements to be asked of the New Haven and Boston & Maine roads.

THREE ONTARIO TOTS BURN TO DEATH ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Canadian Press

Ottawa, Dec. 26—While Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Curran, of Edwards Station, Carleton county, were in the stable getting ready to come to Ottawa for Christmas dinner yesterday morning their house caught fire and their three children, who were in bed, burned to death.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Curran and their neighbors made repeated attempts to break through the flames and carry the children to safety they could not do so without being their own lives.

The bodies of the children, and the baby, only two years old, were recovered later.

NEW DEMURRAGE CHARGES HITS POTATO SHIPPERS

Tubers $1 a Barrel at Woodstock, With Few Offering at That Price—Christmas Presentations.

Special to The Telegraph.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 26—Under a recent order of the board of railway commissioners the demurrage charges are increased from $2 per day to $5 and $3. The old rate is three dollars.

Potato shippers are hard hit by this ruling, and the firm of Porter, Foster & Low, who are among the largest shippers in the county, have taken fifty box cars from the C. P. R., made them into potato cars by lining and other required improvements. They pay an additional charge of $4 each for cars of this kind and avoid car demurrage. The cars are billed back to the firm as soon as unloaded and no delays occur in shipments. Other big shippers will make the same arrangement.

Shippers today are offering $1 a barrel for potatoes. Very few are coming in, the farmers holding for better prices. In Houlton this morning farmers were paid $1.30 to $1.35 a barrel, while pressed hay, No. 1, was selling at $15 a ton, as against $9 in Woodstock.

Ella May Atkinson and Herbert Ezra Grant, of Canterbury, were married Christmas Day at the home of the bride.

A family reunion was held this week at the residence of Dr. J. E. Jewett. Among those present were Dr. Jewett's mother, Mrs. E. M. Smith and Miss Smith, Burpee avenue, St. John; Mrs. H. E. Storey, Elliott Row, St. John; Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Trafton, Fort Fairfield (Me.) The St. John visitors will remain until New Years where they leave for California.

The Agricultural Society will meet Saturday and settle the question of the purchase of new grounds. Two places are under consideration but the land near the golf links is the site favored by most of the members. The exhibition buildings will be constructed so as to be suitable for an ice rink. The ice surface will be one of the largest in the province and the town will again be on the hockey map as several well known players are residing here.

Rev. R. W. Weddall, of the Methodist church, was presented with $150 in gold by his congregation. Mrs. Weddall was also remembered by a gift in gold of $50.

Miss Etta Lane, formerly of St. John, now matron of the Fisher Memorial Hospital, was the recipient Christmas of a beautiful diamond ring from the medical staff, nurses and directors of the hospital.

CHICAGO WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR KILLING HUSBAND

Chicago, Dec. 26—The death penalty will be asked in the case of Mrs. Harriet M. Burnham, who today was placed on trial in Judge Kersten's court charged with slaying her husband, Herbert E. Burnham, June 10 last. Attorneys for the state in their opening statement announced their intention of requesting the extreme penalty.

The jury was completed in two hours, breaking all recent records in murder cases in Cook county. All of the jurymen said they would inflict the death penalty if they thought the evidence warranted it.

Mrs. Burnham will admit she shot her husband, but will pleaded self-defense. She alleges her husband, while intoxicated, abused her.

Inspector Duncan Sho in Leg.

Toronto, Dec. 26—Walter Duncan, former inspector of detectives, who resigned after the recent sensational investigation, was a victim of a Christmas day accident, when a revolver accidentally exploded and inflicted a severe wound in his right leg. He now lies in the general hospital.

FATE OF LABOR UNION OFFICIALS WITH JURY

Verdict Expected Today

Address and Judge's Charge Concluded Yesterday

Prosecutor Scores Senator Kern for Defending the Prisoners in View of His Oath of Office—Declares Them Guilty of the "Crime of the Century."

Canadian Press

Indianapolis, Dec. 26—Whatever is to be the outcome of the three months "Dynamite Conspiracy" trial in which forty labor union officials are accused of complicity in the McNamara plots to destroy property, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building, where twenty one persons were killed, now rests with the jury.

Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson, a few minutes after 5 o'clock tonight, instructed the jury and ordered it go to dire. The court then adjourned until 9.30 a. m. tomorrow, thus precluding the return of the verdicts before that time should they be found. All the verdicts, while separate as to each defendant, are to be returned at one time.

"How long will the jury be out?" was the question asked as the jurors filed out. A basis for a belief that verdicts would not be reached when court opens tomorrow and that the jurors may require a much longer time was found in the court's instruction to "carefully weigh all the evidence in the case." It has required almost twelve weeks to produce the evidence.

The defendants who await the outcome include Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, of which John J. McNamara, the confessed dynamiter was secretary-treasurer, and Eugene A. Clancy, San Francisco, and J. E. Munsey, Salt Lake City, Utah. The three last named are charged with promoting the Los Angeles explosion.

These men are not charged under the federal laws with personally causing any explosion. They are charged with conspiracy to violate federal laws and with aiding in an illegal transportation of dynamite and nitro-glycerine on passenger trains.

In closing his argument to the jury, District Attorney Charles W. Miller, again referred to the argument of United States Senator John W. Kern, counsel for the defendants.

Scores Senator Kern.

"The Los Angeles Times Building explosion was called the crime of the century," said Mr. Miller, "but the real crime of the century was this damnable conspiracy. It would be an everlasting disgrace to our country and to our civilization if these forty conspirators are not convicted. Gentlemen of the jury a United States senator sworn to uphold the laws of his country has dared to stand before you in defence of these enemies of the republic. You should find these conspirators guilty and put your seal of condemnation upon such conduct by a United States senator."

After stating the substance of the various offences, charged and mentioning the nation-wide strike of the Iron Workers' Union, Judge Anderson in his instructions said:

"Carefully weigh all the evidence in the case, and from it, under the rules of law which I have given you, determine the guilt or innocence of the defendants. With you, and not with the court rests the responsibility of finding and determining the facts. The views of the court on questions of fact are not controlling upon you. You have nothing to do with the case except to determine the single question of the guilt or innocence of the defendants. If you should return a verdict of guilty, the measure of punishment to be inflicted upon the defendants is committed to the court."

MAY BE NO CONTEST FOR MAYORALTY OF TORONTO

Thomas Davies, Who is Opposing Mayor Hocking, Said to Be Disqualified Because He Has a Claim of $75 Against the City.

Toronto, Dec. 26—A peculiar situation has arisen in connection with the local mayoralty contest, and it seems possible that Mayor Hocken may be re-elected by acclamation. It was stated today that Thomas Davies, the other candidate, is not eligible to sit in council.

He has a claim for $75 against the city for alleged services and the municipal act says "No person who has either by himself or with or through another has any claim, action or proceeding against the municipality shall be qualified to be a member of the council or of any municipal corporation."

There is another technical disqualification which Mr. Davies must explain away. A search of the treasurer's books today disclosed in the 1911 record the existence of unpaid taxes on a lane amounting to $6.66. The ballots have been printed, however, and the probability is that they will go to the voters on January 1, unless City Clerk Littlejohn takes it upon himself to withdraw the ballot and declare Mayor Hocken re-elected.

HELEN GOULD AND FIANCE EN ROUTE TO CHURCH

MR. SHEPARD — MISS GOULD

New York, Dec. 26—Finley J. Shepard, of St. Louis, is in New York for the Christmas holidays and is often seen on the streets with his fiance, Miss Helen Gould. Their first public appearance was last Sunday, when they braved an army of photographers and walked the short block from Miss Gould's home at 579 Fifth avenue to the Episcopal church of St. Nicholas at Fifth avenue and Forty-eighth street. Miss Gould paid no attention to the photographers as possible, while Mr. Shepard smiled and seemed to enjoy the situation. Mr. Shepard's mother has been an invalid for several years. He will visit her in a New Haven hospital before his marriage to Miss Gould.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES SPECIAL FUND $220,000

Miss Pelly, Lady In Waiting to Duchess of Connaught, Formally Hands Over Amount to Board of Governors.

Ottawa, Dec. 26—At a special meeting of the board of governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Miss Pelly, lady-in-waiting, acting for the Duchess of Connaught, announced that the special fund which her royal highness has been raising to enable the board to extend its activities had grown to $220,000. This amount was formally handed over to the executive by Miss Pelly.

The board has not yet reached a decision as to the best means of extending the work, but has several proposals under consideration.

"SAVE YOUR PENNIES," SAYS ROCKEFELLER

Oil King's Advice to School Teacher Who Contrasted Their Style of Living.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 26—"Save your pennies," was the advice given by John D. Rockefeller today to a number of school teachers to whom he gave a sleigh ride about his estate. The young school ma'ams were so impressed with what they saw that one of them said as she alighted from the sleigh:

"Just think, Mr. Rockefeller, you have this large estate with three houses to live in, while we must content ourselves with a small room in a flat." To which the oil magnate's laconic response was: "Save your pennies."

Kaiser Grandpa Again.

Berlin, Dec. 26—A son was born today to Prince August William, the fourth son of the emperor, and Princess August William, who was Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. The marriage of Prince August William and the princess occurred October 22, 1908, and this is the first child of the union.

Taft Bound Home.

Colon, Dec. 26—The United States battleship Arkansas with President Taft aboard, sailed from Colon at 7 o'clock this evening for Key West.

HUSBAND KILLED IN AERIAL ACCIDENT, WIDOW SUES ON POLICY

Mrs. Victor Mason Seeks to Recover $15,000 from Accident Company Who Insured Him Against Violent Death.

New York, Dec. 26—The first suit ever brought here to recover damages for the death of a passenger in an airship was filed today in the Supreme Court by the widow of Victor L. Mason who was killed in London, England, on May 13. Mrs. Mason sues the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd., of London, for $15,000 on a policy insuring her husband against death by violent means. The policy was issued by the defendant's New York agents in 1906.

Mr. Mason, the complaint says, was a passenger in an aeroplane, "for pleasure" when he fell out and was killed.

BIG STRIKE ADDS TO TROUBLES OF MEXICAN RAILWAY

Two Thousand Men Walk Out for More Pay and Less Hours.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 26—Two thousand shop employes of the National Railway of Mexico went on strike today because of the refusal of the management to grant an eight hour day and an increase in wages. The strike was called simultaneously at Neuvo Laredo, San Luis Potesi, Mexico City and Agues Calientes. At Neuvo Laredo 100 skilled mechanics and 100 other employes walked out. The shops are closed.

Because of the already demoralized conditions along the line of railway as the result of rebel activity the strike has caused the greatest concern. Railroad officials refuse to discuss the situation, beyond stating that the strike will not cause a tie-up of the lines and that they believe regular train service can be maintained.

At a number of points, bridges and stations have been burned by the revolutionaries and long stretches of roadbed destroyed.

$5,000 ONTARIO FIRE

Toronto, Dec. 26—Fire completely destroyed the postoffice at York Mills this morning and wiped out as well the general store and private residence of Mr. Fulton, the postmaster, causing a damage of between five and six thousands dollars.

ALLIES' DEMANDS ABSURD, SAY TURKS

EXPECT KING TO KNIGHT BORDEN, FOSTER AND HAZEN

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, Dec. 26—It is expected in some quarters that a number of prominent Canadians will figure in the new year honors. There will be considerable disappointment if Premier Borden and Hon. J. D. Hazen are not recognized by his majesty with knighthoods.

It is held that this would be the proper manner for the British court to recognize the Canadian government's naval bill.

Hon. George E. Foster stands a very good chance of being knighted for successfully arranging the West Indies trade agreements; other Canadians will doubtless be recognized in the distribution of minor honors.

TWO CANADIANS DROWNED IN MAINE LAKE

Felix Albert and Brother Were En Route to John A. Morrison's Camp When Tragedy Occurred.

Special to The Telegraph.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 26—News reached here today of the drowning as Ripogenus Dam last Sunday of Felix A. Albert and a brother, both residents of Quebec, who were en route to John A. Morrison's lumber camp near there, and broke through the ice.

When they failed to arrive Sunday night the lumber crew became alarmed and Monday sent out searching parties. The bodies have been recovered, and have been taken to Greenville by a third brother. They are at a morgue there awaiting shipment to Canada.

MANY WEDDINGS AT FREDERICTON ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Fredericton, Dec. 26—A pretty wedding was celebrated at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home of John Machum, St. Marys, when their daughter, Miss Leona Machum, was united in marriage to Rev. Frank Orchard, son of Samuel Orchard, of this city. Rev. Mr. Orchard is a graduate of U. N. B., but is at present the pastor of the Baptist church at Watertown (Mass.) The happy couple left tonight for Watertown, where they will reside in the future.

At the George street United Baptist church parsonage on, Tuesday, Miss Pearl Kitchen, of Upper Kingsclear, was united in marriage to Joseph Kitchen, also of that place, by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Wilson.

Yesterday afternoon, Austin Scott, of this city, and Miss Elsie Williams, of St. Marys, were married by Rev. J. E. Wilson.

The home of Walter Bishop, College Hill, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Tuesday, when Miss Sadie Calhoun was united in marriage to Charles Bruce by Rev. J. E. Wilson.

The wedding of Miss Fannie Watts to Arthur Dalton, both of this city, was also performed by Rev. J. E. Wilson yesterday afternoon.

C. Herbert McLellan and Miss Mary A. Parker, of Parker's Ridge, were married on Tuesday at Long's Hotel, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald.

Two timber limit leases were sold at public auction at the crown land department today. A limit of two square miles on McKenzie's Creek on the Nashwaak was bid in by the Partington Pulp & Paper Company, who outbid Peter Woodworth, the applicant, and paid $50 per square mile. Another limit of 3 1-2 miles on Bass River, Gloucester county, was bid in by W. G. White, of Gloucester county, the applicant, at the upset price of $20 per mile.

FUNERAL OF DEAN OF NOVA SCOTIA AT BROCKVILLE

Brockville, Dec. 26—The body of the Rev. E. P. Crawford, Dean of Nova Scotia, who died suddenly in All Saints Cathedral while administering baptism last Tuesday afternoon, was laid to rest in the family plot here yesterday.

The services in Trinity church were conducted by the rector, Rev. F. D. Woodcock, assisted by Rev. F. G. Orchard, of this town, and Rev. Canon George L. Starr, of Kingston. The sermon was preached by Rev. M. R. Starr.

The pall bearers were Judge McDonald, Judge Reynolds, Lieut. Col. W. T. Buell, H. A. Stewart, K.C., C. W. De Carle and A. E. Foxton.

Will Be Refused at Next Meeting

Sultan's Delegate Talks Like Victor Instead of Vanquished

Declares Ottoman Army is Now Just Aching to Recapture Lost Territory and Scatter the Invaders—London Still Believes Peace Agreement Will Be Reached

Canadian Press

London, Dec. 26—Both the Turks and the Balkan allies are standing by their guns on the peace terms. Both declare that it is impossible to recede from their positions.

Nevertheless, those who think they know what is going on behind the scene, still believe that the probabilities of the conclusion of peace are greater than of the resumption of the conflict. The exchange of cipher despatches between the administration at Constantinople and Reichad Pasha continues, but the chief of the Turkish plenipotentiaries declines to divulge the nature of the reply which he will present to the allies on Saturday, when the conference reassembles at St. James Palace. It is understood that this will be substantially outlined, with the additional proviso that Turkey will appeal to the European capitals remaining to her the decision of the question, Count Von Berchtold, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, proposed before the war.

"While I cannot discuss the reply of the Ottoman government," said Reichad Pasha tonight, "nothing prevents me from saying that terms the allies have proposed are simply absurd. They have produced this impression wherever heard, even outside of Turkish circles. It was never known that after the conclusion of an armistice one belligerent party could ask the other to cede territories bravely defended and still resisting with heroism.

"Why should we do this, especially when the Bulgarians had three reverses at our hands just before the armistice, while the Greeks, who continued to fight, were defeated both on land around Janina and at sea off the Dardanelles.

"Turkey was induced to accept an armistice only on the advice of the powers, in order to avoid useless carnage on both sides. The same humanitarian considerations led the Ottoman government to ask for the revictualling of the beseiged towns, and might induce the government to yield certain conditions for the sake of peace. But there is a limit which the allies have far surpassed."

Greeks Defiant.

The allies, on the other hand ,assert that the armistice was arranged to give Turkey an opportunity of making peace terms without suffering further losses in the field, and they characterize Turkey's talk of keeping Adrianople, Janina and Scutari and regaining Saloniki as simply laughable. General Danglis, the Greek chief of general staff, said:

"Let them come and take Saloniki if they can. Even the dust of our ancient heroes would rise up to defend our rights."

The most optimistic of the Turkish military party profess confidence that the Bulgarians will never be able to force the Tchatalja lines, but that, on the contrary, with her present powerful army, Turkey will free Adrianople in a fortnight, and, adding that garrison to the main body, will take the offensive toward Philopolis and Saloniki.

Turkey's Proposals.

Constantinople, Dec. 26—According to the Constantinople newspapers, the Turkish counter proposals which were forwarded by telegraph yesterday to the plenipotentiaries at London comprise the maintenance of an effective sovereignty over the territory east of the line of demarkation, between the Maritza River and the Black Sea including Adrianople; while west of the line the government would be content with the recognition of Turkish sovereignty. The government, however, refuses to entertain any idea of pecuniary indemnity.

SISTERS DIE IN WANT, WITH MUCH WEALTH CONCEALED

St. Louis, Dec. 26—Examination of the body of Mrs. Sarah Johnson, who, with her sister, Miss Mary Scott, died Christmas eve of pneumonia apparently in dire want, revealed that a bag around her waist contained $5,604 in cash and three gold watches. In Miss Scott's effects were found deeds and papers showing bank deposits.

Little is known of the sisters. They arrived two weeks ago at the address where death occurred, both suffering from colds which developed into pneumonia. They refused to have medical attention because of the cost, and even declined to go to a free hospital. Although living in the same rooms, they slept in single beds and used separate tables, dishes and silverware. The bills were evenly divided between them.