

1914 - 1915.

WE WISH YOU ALL
A VERY
**Happy and Prosperous
NEW YEAR,**
and take this opportunity to
thank the public generally
for the splendid patron-
age extended to us
during the year
that is just
past.

The Royal Stores, Ltd.

**LATEST
From the Front.**

9.30 A. M.

THE BATTLES OF THE POLISH RIVER.

LONDON, To-Day. News was received in Dover last night that a squadron of seven aeroplanes flew over Dunkirk yesterday and dropped bombs. A despatch from Rotterdam says: Commencing January first the German administration in Belgium intends to close Belgian borders against all-comers. No more passports will be issued or recognized, except a special military pass. The cause for this unusual proclamation is not known here, but it is believed has been ordered to prevent espionage. Since the Russian defeat of the Austrians in Galicia which, while not irreparable, is likely to have a marked effect on the whole Austro-German campaign in the East, there has been no important development on either front. The Allies, although making no dramatic attacks on the German lines, are steadily hammering away with their artillery, and when occasion arises push their lines a few yards forward. A French eye-witness in the description of the battles from December 15 to 23, gives a good idea of the kind of fighting in progress. He records gains which while by themselves are marked only by yards, the amount in the aggregate is a considerable advance. At many points a few hundred yards in Flanders were taken by primitive methods, for having the breeches of their rifles choked with mud they used them as clubs, and in many cases fought the Germans with their fists. In one little French village, within sound of the guns, the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, the first Canadian contingent to go to the front, are billeted, waiting their turn to go into the trenches. They were accorded a splendid reception by their comrades in arms and the French villagers. With the defeat of the Austrians in Galicia and South Poland and the retirement of the Germans across the Bzura, Petrograd believes the turning point has been reached in the battles of the Polish Rivers. The chief fighting is now taking place on the Plicia, where the Germans are still on the offensive and have brought up big guns. The losses in these battles have reached enormous figures in dead and wounded.

CABINET MEET OVER AMERICAN NOTE.

LONDON, To-day. The British Cabinet held a special session this afternoon to consider the American Government's note concerning the delay to American shipping caused by searching vessels by the British fleet. The note reached the Foreign Office yesterday. The subject of American shipping continues to monopolize interest here. It is not expected the reply to the note will be drafted for some days, it being pointed out that a document which it took weeks to draft could hardly be digested by the Cabinet at one meeting. Even Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, who returned to town to-day and found the note on his desk hardly had time to read, much less consider it, before the meeting with his colleagues. Besides information which he has to the Admiralty which Department is responsible for the examination of ships and cargoes. Permanent officials of the Foreign Office and law officers of the Crown necessarily will be called upon for diplomatic and legal opinions on the case submitted by President Wilson. British shipowners who are almost as greatly concerned over the situation as the American shippers, to-day expressed the opinion that the matter would be amicably settled. The Director of one large company while admitting the inconvenience inevitable in searching ships said it was possible that some of this inconvenience might be obviated.

AN HONEST BOY.

290 Water St., St. John's, December 29th, '14. Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,—This evening one of your newboys, named Wm. Crotty, picked up a purse containing \$8.00. I found the owner who gave me fifty cents for the boy, if you would give him the amount and publish his honesty in your paper you would oblige Yours truly, JOHN J. O'REILLY.

Here and There.

Yesterday afternoon the Reid Nfld. Co. received a message from Captain Kneel, of the S. S. Clyde, stating that the steamer had got clear of the ice at Lewisporte, and had reached Twillingate. Capt. Kneel expected that if the existing weather conditions continued, the ship would be able to make her usual ports of call before completing the season's service.

FURNESS LINE.

The Tabasco arrived at Liverpool this morning. The Queen Wilhelmina leaves Liverpool for this port on January 5th.

COCHRANE STREET CHURCH.

The Watchnight service of the Cochrane Street Congregation will be held in the College Hall, this evening to commence at 11 o'clock. Speakers, Revs. G. Paine and C. A. Whitmarsh. Collection in aid of the Methodist Orphanage.

In an English household

kept up on praying for our enemies a little child of four and a half was bidden to pray for the Kaiser. Her father was an officer lying wounded in a Paris hospital. The child obeyed, according to her own idea: "Pray God give Thy Holy Spirit to the Kaiser," she said as bidden, "and then dead him." She added emphatically—(From the Manchester Guardian.)

BIG ATTRACTION AT NICKEL TOMORROW—EXTRA SESSION IN MORNING.

The great attraction for to-morrow, New Year's Day, is the Nickel Theatre. To accommodate the large crowds there will be three sessions, in the morning, commencing at 10.30; afternoon and night.

The pictures have been specially selected and are certain to give entire satisfaction to all. There is always a crowd at the Nickel on the big holidays, and to-morrow's entertainment is such a good one that the attendance promises to be extra, and consequently patrons should go early. The morning session will no doubt be availed of by many as the whole city will be out in the forenoon to see the soldiers on parade.

Miss Margaret Ayer will render another attractive song. Don't miss the New Year Nickel as it is certainly worth seeing.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT THE CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE.

On New Year's Day the Crescent Picture Palace presents an all feature programme selected especially for the Crescent's New Year patrons.

"The Madonna of the Slums" on New Year's Eve is a production of the Bison Company and said to be one of their best with all the heart throbs and pathos incident to a drama of the underworld; this feature is in two reels with Francis Ford as the artist and Grace Cunard as the girl.

"The Flower Girl" is a meritorious Rex drama with the superior acting and staging characteristic of the Rex Company.

"The Motor Bids" is a lively comedy produced by the Gem company with very funny situations.

"Our Baby" is a picture of the chubbyest and most pugnacious baby you ever saw in a picture.

J. O'Neill Farrell, the popular baritone, sings an appropriate ballad. Sessions: 2 o'clock in the afternoon, 7 o'clock in the evening. The Crescent assures all its patrons a pleasant hour's enjoyment on New Year's Day.

THE CASINO TOMORROW.

Bright musical numbers—a clever and entirely new one act comedy—dainty patter songs, and several motion picture films of a varied character—are the features of the big, bright, seasonable programme which the Casino Theatre is offering for the New Year's Day Festival.

Marine Notes.

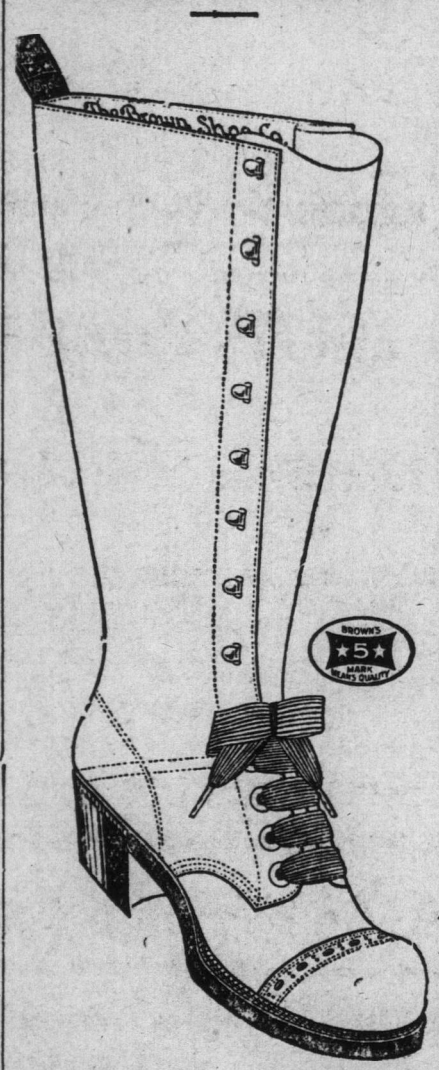
The R.M.S. Mongolian leaves Liverpool again for this port on Tuesday next.

The R.M.S. Carthagenian is due at the end of the week from Philadelphia.

The Helen Stewart left Bahia yesterday for here.

The Olinda and Minnie are now loading codfish for the Brazilian market.

Storm Boots!



This cut illustrates one of our many lines of Waterproof Boots. These Boots are hand-made and Waterproof, warm and easy to walk in. This Boot is 14 inches high, in Black and Tan Leathers, Waterproof Tongue to top. Price \$6.00 per pair. We stock these Boots in the following heights: 8 inch, 10 inch and 12 inch. Boys' and Youths' in same. Price \$4.40, \$4.80 and \$5.00. We are well stocked with Larrigans and warm lined Boots. We carry full lines of Rubber Foot-wear.

**F. Smallwood
THE HOME OF GOOD SHOES.**

Here and There.

CIVIC MEETING.—This morning the Municipal Board met to pass the pay rolls, etc.

DURANGO OVERDUE.—There is no sign of the S. S. Durango now 12 days out from Queenstown. She must be experiencing terrific weather.

NOT LEFT YET.—Bowring Bros. coastal office had no word this morning from the Prospero, which was forced back to Twillingate by ice yesterday.

An interesting war story is told by a Yarmouth, G. B., soldier named Stoworthy, who has returned wounded. Stoworthy was in the trenches and the Germans were also "dug in" a short distance away. The British soldiers, who were well fed, tantalized the Germans with sardine tins, and one German soldier said he would come to tea next day. The British soldiers dared him to do it, but when night fell he crossed the intervening ground and received a welcome as a sportsman. He was given what he declared to be "the best feed in the campaign," and then he returned to his lines.

Maard's Linctum Cures Diphtheria.

S.A. Band.

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir.—Owing to the frost freezing the brass instruments so easily, and making it impossible to play with anything like harmony on Christmas morning, the Citadel Band, of the Salvation Army had to abandon their serenading, and their many friends who they annually call upon were disappointed, but to make up for this they have decided to make their Christmas morning circuit (that is Rennie's Mill Road and Circular Road) on New Year's morning. Any donations they may receive will be very acceptable for the cause.

W. J. MARTIN, Bandmaster. Dec. 30th.

MESSAGE FROM THE NFD. REGIMENT.

A message from Lieut. M. Frank Summers of the Nfd. Regiment was received by President W. J. Ellis of the T. A. & B. Society saying that the Christmas cakes sent the T. A. boys had arrived at Inverness safely. The message came via Inverness wireless station and was dated the 28th, so that it is probable that all the Christmas cakes and gifts forwarded to our volunteers reached their destination and were distributed in time for Christmas Day.

POOR ASYLUM TREAT.

The ladies of the Cowan Mission visited the Poor Asylum yesterday and gave the annual treat to the inmates of that institution. Many presents were distributed. A concert was held in which the choral singers—Mrs. Colville, Miss Job, Miss Mary Rendell, Miss Mitchell, Miss Rennie, Miss Strang, Misses Anderson (3), took part. Among the entertainers were Misses Joyce and Coady and Mr. J. L. Slattery.

A GENEROUS DONATION.

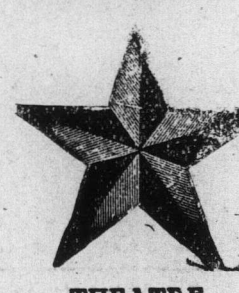
Hon. James Ryan has presented the Newfoundland British Society with a cheque for \$300, which came to the officers of the Society on Christmas Eve as a very pleasant surprise. Owing to the conditions which have existed during the year now closed, the income of the Society has been very small, and the receipt of such a generous donation is greatly appreciated by the members of the N. B. S. Another kind friend of the Society has donated the sum of \$50, for which the institution is sincerely grateful.

DIED AT EVERETT.

Herbert Antle, aged 43, youngest son of the late Abraham and Martha Antle of Brigus, died at Everett, Mass., U. S. A., on Tuesday last after a short illness. Deceased, who left here a quarter of a century ago, was engaged as a travelling agent in Rhode Island. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, three brothers and four sisters.

Arrived on Monday by S. S. Stephano: Winter Keeping Apples—Kings, Baldwins, Wagners, Greenings, Ben Davis; California Fruits, Pears in boxes, Lemons, Cal. Oranges, Florida Oranges, large bunches Bananas, California Grapes, Blue and Red, in baskets and kegs; American Baldwins in bris. Special attention given to outport orders. Price list sent on request. at GLEESON'S, 108 Water Street East. P. O. Box 681. dec5, 904, 12

ROSSLEY



THEATRE.

(Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson and the Misses Davidson.)

THE GRAND PANTOMIME.
New Year's Day.
THE SHOW SHOP WHERE THE FUN IS.
The Best of all the Pantos.
Cast of Fifty Performers.
A Real Holiday Feast of Fun.

New Year's Day Matinee — Doors open at 2 o'clock. Night Show—Doors open at 6.30. Second Show, 9.15 p.m.

Here and There.

EXPRESS DUE.—The Lintrose express is due in the city at 6 p.m. to-day.

PERSONAL.—Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Whitmarsh are spending New Year's Day at Bay Roberts.

BRUCE PASSENGERS.—The s.s. Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 8 a.m. to-day with the following passengers in saloon: S. Shoffield, T. V. Batterby, C. J. Doyle, Henry Humbert, F. Hackett, Dr. J. J. O'Connell, Mrs. G. Miller.

*** BUSINESS AS USUAL ***

*** OURS IN THE WEST END. ***

There is a fine programme at the Rossley West End Theatre on New Year's Day. Mr. Rossley has secured a first class pianist, whom he feels sure will give great satisfaction. The pictures are all new and specially selected. The theatre is recognized as being the prettiest little picture theatre in town, warm, clean, cozy and comfortable and what's more, the price is right, nothing like it in the city.

GRAND NEW PANTOMIME.

The Rossley Theatre, with a reputation of presenting nothing but the finest pictures and supreme vaudeville, surely outdid itself when one of the most wonderful programmes of the season was shown in their grand pantomime which offers theatrical entertainment, right in keeping with the holiday season, and of a variety to please both the young and the grown-up. The story of the new pantomime is new and beautifully carried out, and the patrons are more than delighted.

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**May Peace and
Prosperity,
Health
and Happiness
attend you all throughout
the New Year.**



**VERY
LATEST
11.00 A.M.**

KILLED BY BOMBS AT DUNKIRK.

LONDON, To-Day. Four German aeroplanes flew several times over the city of Dunkirk yesterday, dropping bombs as they went. Soldiers in the streets fired on the machines and one taube seemed to be hit bad. All got safely away. The official return of casualties shows fifteen persons killed and thirty-two wounded. The bombs were filled with shrapnel. Two bombs were also dropped on Furness. The attack on Furness is evidently an effort to wipe out Belgian headquarters where the King is at present. No damage was done there.

AUSTRIANS RIOTING AGAINST WAR.

LONDON, To-day. The Chronicle's Basel Switzerland correspondent forwards despatches, received from various parts of Austria Hungary, purporting to show that rioting against war is occurring in six Provinces of the Dual Monarchy. Disturbances are of daily occurrence in Budapest, according to despatches, and similar reports have been received from Prague, Transylvania, Agram and Dalmatian coast towns.

AUSTRIAN DREADNOUGHT TORPEDOED.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to the Daily Mail from Venice, contains a report that a French submarine has torpedoed the Austrian Dreadnought Viribusunitis, at Pola. It is said the hull of the Dreadnought was pierced, but that she succeeded in reaching her dock.

BUILDING AERIAL FLEETS.

NEW YORK, To-day. France is building two great fleets of aircraft, armed with cannon and bombs, with which to invade Germany in the Spring, according to Pedro Chapa, a Mexican aviator, who has been in Europe for the last four years and who arrived here on the Carpathia.

KAISER HAS A RELAPSE.

NEW YORK, To-day. A cable to the Tribune from Rome says it is rumored the Kaiser has had a relapse and that his condition is serious. It is impossible to obtain confirmation of this report.

JAPANESE ARMS ARE SENT TO THE ALLIES.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—During the course of an interpellation the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Takaki Koto, declared that no country had asked Japan to send an army to Europe. The War Minister, Lieut.-Gen. Oka, said that the Japanese had sent arms to Europe to the value of 10,000,000 yen (\$5,000,000).

**Headquarters
for
Cake
JOHN B. AYRE.**

SECOND CONTINGENT NOW NUMBERS 718.

Two volunteers, John J. Collins, Placentia, and John P. Meaney, St. John's, enlisted for the second contingent yesterday, bringing the total number now enrolled up to 718. The men who have been examined to date are a sturdy lot and will no doubt reflect credit on the country when called into service. Enlisting will continue on Saturday morning next.

PROSPERO ICEBOUND.

The following message to Bowring Bros., sent by Capt. A. Kean, was received last evening:—

"Ship stuck in the ice three miles from Twillingate; had to pass Moreton's Harbor. All the harbors east of Exploits are blocked with ice; no possibility of entering any of the harbors without a ground sea."

REIDS' BOATS.

The Argyle has not been heard from as to her leaving Placentia for the west. Lines interrupted since Tuesday; Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 8 a.m. to-day; Clyde arrived at Twillingate yesterday afternoon, no further report; Glencoe has not been reported since leaving Burgeo at 7 p.m. Tuesday, coming east; Home left Lewisporte at 1 a.m. to-day and after calling at as many posts as possible on her regular route, will come direct to this port; Lintrose leaves North Sydney to-night; Melgic is due here from Port aux Basques to-morrow.

U. S. REVENUE CUTTER FOR PATROL DUTY.

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—The United States revenue cutter Androsroogio, left to-day for Boston where she will fit out for a winter patrol on the Grand Banks.

She will assist any fishing vessels there and on the Georges Bank in distress. A special corps of physicians will go along.

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BOEN.

On Dec. 30th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith.

MARRIED.

On the 29th of Nov., at the C. of E. Cathedral, by the Rev. Canon White, William J. C. Eon (master mariner), of Torquay, Devonshire, to Lilla Marie, youngest daughter of the late William Bendell, of this city.