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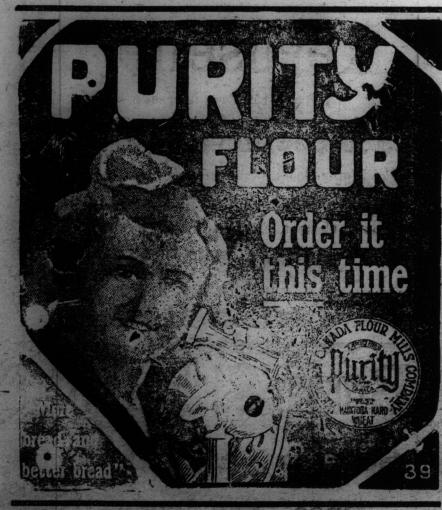
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of preparing other new battalions has pern rendered considerably easier. More than this, a still more potent influence has been exerted of late. For a long time after the war started it was well known that in many districts, especially the rural sections, the French-Canadian priests were preaching openly the Bourassa brand of sedition, and advising their young men against recruiting. Some time ago, in the mysteriously effective manner pe-Allies, and influenced many men who were waverieg to see that their duty lay in khaki. - Beck's Weekly.

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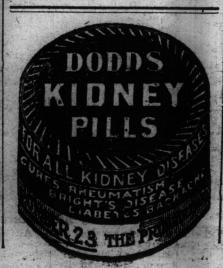
mended Sir Douglas Haig successor for commander in chief or the western front, and that he, too, is his 4th responsible for the promotion of grows another brilliant soldier, General Sis unites Horace Smith-Derrien, to the post of card for commander-in-chief of the British for Chi forces which are designed to conquer other f the German forces in East Africa. "There is only one verdict in the press, and that is that the King has

honored himself and the nation by announcing the elevation of Sir John French to be a Viscount of the United Kingdom, and that the government. in recommending him for the post of Field Marshal in command of the home force, a promotion which the King heartily approved, has given only a deserved recognition to one of the finest soldiers of England, a man who has made no mistakes since he assumed command of the main British forces, and who retires now at his own

"The ardnous duties since the war began have impaired his bealth and made it impossible to do full justice to his country in this tremendous campaign. Sir John, who had a long conference with the premier, Mr. Asquith, last night, expressed pride in the elevation of Sir Douglas Haig, Sir Horace Smith Dorrien, and General Sir Charles C. Monro, all of whom owe their advancement to his recognition of their valor and ability, and Britain Belgium and back over the Rhine."

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This year has been one of sorrow and sacrifice. Sadness has come to many a home through the losses austained in the greatest War the world has ever seen; yet the War brought to all parts of our glorious Empire a feeling of pride in that all were not only able, but were ready and perfectly willing to offer their very hest, if needs be, to die on the Letter From culiar to that great religious organi- Field of Henour. His Majesty the zation, the word went around that King proudly said-"From every part this must stop. No more words were of my Empire there has been a needed. The opposition to recruiting spontaneous and enthusiastic rally to not only seased with amezing sudden- our common flag." And it is gratify ness, but the French-Catholic priests ing to know that Newfoundland was sppeared as supporters of the cause of among the first of the Overseas Dominions to give her sons to the Army and Navy

As a member of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association I have been able to attend meetings in Lonent a week-end with Fort George last Janu-I visited them at each occasion I had of addressing them. rember I paid my On the hird London General dsworth to see the Hospita helonging to the giment. They looknt 200 miles from London.

rithout congratulat-

health is good and he Mrs. Bell is well and sending you a Motto Year and best wishes Please remember us to your family. er sincerely yours.

JAMES BELL.

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#### Sealers Getting Ready

All the wooden steamers are being put in condition for the sealing voyage. Most of them will go to North No Frenchman will Hear

Sydney for their cargoes. The depletion of the sealing fleet caused by the almost complete removal of the steel ships will mean that upwards of fifteen hundred men less expects that, co-operating with Gen- than last spring, will be unable to go she wants war most energetically and erals Joffre and Castlenau, the new to the ice. The majority of the fleet to that end will use all her resources," British commander-in chief speedily this year will hunt northward. The said General Gallieni, Minister of War, will force the 'great push' forward Seal, of Halifax, is said to be the only which will drive the Germans from steel ship to take part in the fishery. She will prosecute the Gulf.

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God hides some ideal in every hu feel a trembling, fearful longing to do the ertire Senate, which arose as a some good thing. Life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this bidden impulse to de our best.

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Of the Nfld. Regiment

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I was talking to Stephen and Wi in North Sydney. They are well, I was sorry I did not get home to en, sometime before we go to the front.

I can never say what time I will be home. It may be in 2 or 3 years, and go as often as I can, it may be never, I think of you

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rithout life? Does not the dear Mother Earth hold its forces in her quiet bosom, and guard them with loving care till the spring sun has fairly risen and his genial heat descends? See we not on the bared trees the buds of the coming life. all safely inwrapped and insheathed hevond the reach of the penctrating

Yes, bleak and bare December has its promise; the fierce winter has its prophecies of life. Humanity is not so utterly damaged that the skilled hand of Heaven may not reconstruct it. The wreckage is not so deplorable that we need despair of its safe arrival in the heavenly harbor. Christ is born, orn into our human life. He has befortunes with ours. As the new year follows the old, so the new and better hope and bearing ourselves forward at 4 p.m. with a more victorious faith, fits the hour and the need Men are not forsaken of their Maker,-Rev. John Clifford, D. D.

## Peace Talk at Present

Paris, Dec. 19 .- "Eighteen months age France wanted peace. To-day asking in the Senate to-day to spprove the action of the Chamber of Deputies giving him the class of 1917 recruits for January 5th.

M. Galijeni's remarks were greeted with prolonged applause. "Whoever says the word 'peacs' on

the streets is considered a bad citizen," continued the Minister of War, "Mothers are not mourning for lost sons, they want them avenged. The 1917 class will leave with the assent ed with the duty to receive and iustruct these young men and prepare them for the great contest which will not end before Frauce, in accord with her Allies says: 'I stop; I have obtained what I wanted; I recommend peace." Redoubled applause, interspersed with shouts of "excellent?" came from mark of honor. Returning to his Ministerial seat, General Gallieni re-

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