## THE STANDARD, ST. JOHN, N. B. MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1920 The St. John Standard. WHAT OTHERS SAY Latest Comic Paper. Parmere' San views with alarm the prospect of a drop in farm products, and with insignation the fact that the prices of other commodilies don't fall fast enough. Farmers' San de-serves honorable mention as a comic tri-weekly.—Hamilton Herald. Benny's Note Book John, N. B., Canada RD 18 SOLD 8Y: THE STAR ndsor Hotel ...... Montreal ateau Laurier ...... Ottawa New York H. A. MI Iotalings Agency ..... New York Frand Central Depot.....New York

chassification of many connections particularly in the case of dry goods, was very subtle to say the least, and just what duty should be charged was list what duty should be charged was uses what auty should be charged we Unked States turn on tab marger when their other markets are clogged when their other markets are cloged when their other markets are cloged no ordinary tariff will avail, unless our own people show that they think wept, unhonored and unsung. But from the stundpoint of commodi-ies it does not follow that the have

CONGRESS VS. PARLIAMENT.

The anomaly under which a defeat

ed political party in the United States

But from the standpoint of commons ties, it does not follow that the buy-ing public is altogether out of the wood. The Government needs the money that the tax has brought in; from that quarter will swell the im-from that quarter will swell the imand though the tax in its late form port side of our account and increase to exist, there is no saying the adverse batance against us. There that it will not reappear in some other never was a time when it was more that if will not reappear in some other form. It may be that the Government will adopt the plan suggested by the merchants, and make the manufacturer or the wholessiar pay it, leaving them do as it is to prevent the smashing of do as it is to prevent the smashing of to add the amount they have thus been our industries and the smashing of called upon to pay, on to the cost to the retail merchants, who in turn will ther towards free trade. calculate their percentage of profit on

the cost of the goods, plus the tax. In any event, the purchasing public rest assured that however it is ne, they are the class who will have

Probably the only people who will not regard the remission with complac-flex will be those who have just lately murphead to remain in power for four months after an election, is be-murphead to remain the citizens of that counter. What is better to be the citizens of surchased expensive furs or jowellery what not, upon which they have had to pay an additional heavy impost for tax duty. The thought that had they waited a week or two longer they could a duty and a duty could be an anormous mayal and a duty congress, to foist an enormous mayal have avoided payment, will be any-thing but consoling. They will at any take have the satisfactory feeling that they below is consoling. They will at any rate have the satisfactory feeling that they helped to swell the revenue, which badly needed the funds.

## badly needed the funds. A REDUCTION IN RAILWAY RATES. who have no seat in Congress and who

In a few days, one-half of the twenty r cent increase which took place in senger railway fares three months such a vital and far-reaching pro-In a few days, one-half of the twenty gramme? The New York Nation is strongly ad ago, will be taken off: the remaining ten per cent. continuing until the end of March. Unfortunately the same of March. Unfortunately the same ratio of reduction does not apply to freight rates, which will be lessened to the extent of five per cent. only. The mathematical speaker will additional freight rates are pressing difficient freight rates are pressing five per cent. is to be expected. The first per cent. is to be expected. The first per cent. is to be expected. The first per cent. is to be expected. The the change, but the thing for them to do is to find some method of reducing their operating costs. The New York Nation is strongly ad vocating that the present Congression. To Be Relied On. This additional freight rates are pressing almost anti-British in dits tons at the present time. The New York World has also come our sequarely for the Parita-also come our sequarely for the Parita-take an appetite like his can't holp takin' a personal interest. The New York Notley and the sequence the change. but the thing for them to do is to find some method of reducing their operating costs. per cent. continuing until the end

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## A BIT OF VERSE

THE UNBROKEN LINE.

We who have trod the borderlands of death, Where courage high walks hand in hand with fear, Shall we not hearken what the Spirit saith, "All ye were brothers there, be brothers here ?"

We who have struggled through the who have struggted through the bacfing night.
Where men were men and every men divine.
While round us brave hearts perished for the right
By challed shell-holes stained with life's rich wine.

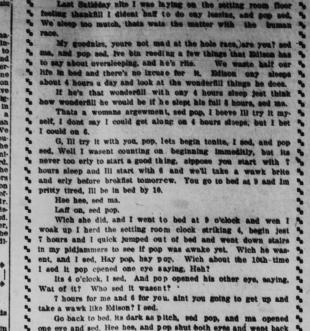
Let us not lose the exaited love which came From comradeship with danger and the joy Of strong souls kindled into living flame By one supreme desire, one high omploy.

Let us draw closer in these narrower Before us still the eternal visions We who We who outmastered death and all its fears Are one great army still, living and dead.

-CANON SCOTT. Quebec, Christmas, 1920. THE LAUGH LINE

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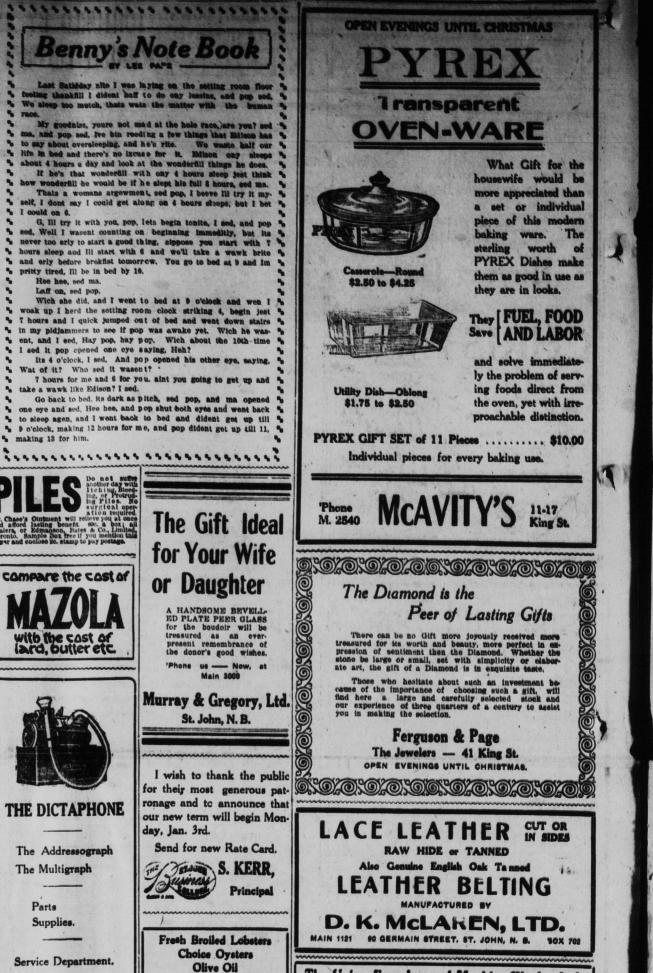


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to sleep agen, and I went back to bed and dident get up till
9 c'clock, making 12 hours for me, and pop dident get up till 11, making 13 for him



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