

KNOWLING'S

GROCERY STORES,

East, West and Central.

We offer the following reliable goods, all the best of their kinds, and at prices which will appeal to all, having regard to the very high markets the world over.

Choice Yellow Beans, 10c. lb.	Choice Smoked Bacon, 30c. lb.
Choice Rolled Oats, 14 lbs. for 90c.	Campbell's Soups, 15c. tin
Very Good Currants, 17c. lb.	Seedless American Sul-tanas, 20c. pkt.
Choice Orange Peel, 30c. lb.	Choice Lemon Peel, 30c. lb.
Evaporated Milk, 13c. tin	Choice Mince-meat, 13c. pkt.
1 lb. tins best quality	Plasmon Arrowroot, very
Plasmon Oatfood, the	nourishing, 27c. tin
best breakfast food,	
26c. tin	

EMPIRE BAKING POWDER, the most reliable and popular Baking Powder sold in the Island; 1 lb. tins, 25c.; ½ lb. tins, 14c.; ¼ lb. tins, 9c.

Table Jellies, pints, 11c. pkt.	Table Jellies, ½ pts., 6c. pkt.
Syrups, pint btls., 27c.	Monk & Glass Coffee
White's Extra Sponge, for making	Mould, 11c. pkt.
Cakes and Jam Sand-wiches, 7c. pkt.	(Makes a splendid
Cream Tartar, very	Blancmange.)
best, 6c. oz.	Paisley Flour, for mak-
Essences—Morton's best	ing Scones and Milk
English, pure,	Bread, 12c. tin
from 11c. btl.	Glaze Cherries, 55c. lb.
	Prunes in 5 lb. tins, best
	quality, 90c. tin

TARTARALINE—Equal to the best Cream Tartar, only 25c. lb.

Soda Biscuits, 13½c. lb.	Pilot Biscuits, 13½c. lb.
Coffee Biscuits, 17c. lb.	Ginger Biscuits, 17c. lb.
Pure Mixed Spice, 45c. lb.	Pure Cinnamon, 40c. lb.
Pure Mace, 12c. oz.	Nutmegs, whole, 5c. oz.
Loaf Sugar, 14c. lb.	Corn Flour, best, 22c. lb.
icing Sugar, 13c. lb.	Do, good, 19c. lb.

GRANULATED SUGAR, 11½c. lb.

G. KNOWLING,
dec5,7,10,14,17,21 Limited.

War's Duration Much Prolonged by Late Events.

Lord Sydenham, in interview, Tells of a Long Fight Ahead—Lord French Also Gives His Opinion.

New York, Nov. 28.—The "World" publishes a remarkable series of interviews with prominent Britishers on the duration of the war. Lord Sydenham, who is recognized as one of Britain's ablest military critics, says:

"Recent events on the Italian front have tended to falsify calculations as to the duration of the war, and to impose new difficulties upon the Allies. It is perhaps natural, therefore, that hopes of the exhaustion of the Central Powers, which may be encouraged by the insidious German propaganda, should be restive."

"Ever since the war began, it has been necessary, in seeking to form just opinions, to consider whether German influence may not have been at work to falsify our judgments as to the duration of the war, and to impose new difficulties upon the Allies. It is perhaps natural, therefore, that hopes of the exhaustion of the Central Powers, which may be encouraged by the insidious German propaganda, should be restive."

"To divide the Allies, and to induce them to relax effort, is one of the main objects of the campaigns of lies which has been waged throughout with intense activity and diabolical ingenuity. Americans now have startling evidence of the far-reaching effects of this campaign, and they will be on their guard against suggestions intended to mislead them as to the outlook."

"It is perfectly true that the economic position of the Central Powers is bad, and that the coming winter is regarded with deep anxiety in Berlin, Vienna and Budapest. The food supply is inadequate to maintain the full efficiency of civil labor, although, the shortage does not appear to have affected the armies in the field. The deficiency of coal is being widely felt and must increase. Some raw materials required for the manufacture of munitions are becoming scarcer."

Austria Keen on Peace.

"The standard of public health is not satisfactory and diseases arising from incomplete nourishment tend to increase."

"There can be no doubt that the longing for peace, in Austria-Hungary especially, is widespread, and that it helps to account for the obvious political unrest. On the other hand, we have to deal with an all-powerful German Government and a drilled and

disciplined people, which is being continuously tutored into the belief that victory is at hand and is denied knowledge of pregnant facts.

"The great military successes recently gained in Italy have strengthened the hands of the dominant, pan-German party, and have revived ambitions which had begun to decline. Nothing but the disillusionment which failure in the field and on the sea can bring about, will force the German Government and its subservient vassals to accept such a basis of peace negotiations as the Allies can accept."

"That is the cardinal fact which must determine our action and stimulate our united efforts. For Americans, on the threshold of active military intervention, this will be the dominant consideration, obliterating all others."

"Russia has ceased, for the time at least, to be a factor in the war and a faction at Petrograd, led by German anarchist agents, is aiming at a separate peace in the name of the Russian people whom it has not the smallest claim to represent."

"In Venetia, the situation is still obscure. France and Britain are making a valiant effort to reinforce the shaken armies of Italy. At the best the line of the Piave will be held; but no great counter attack seems possible till the spring."

"At the worst, there will be a further retreat to the line of the Adige, which would throw severe strain upon the morale of the sorely tried Italian people, who, together with the

disciplined people, which is being continuously tutored into the belief that victory is at hand and is denied knowledge of pregnant facts."

"The great military successes recently gained in Italy have strengthened the hands of the dominant, pan-German party, and have revived ambitions which had begun to decline. Nothing but the disillusionment which failure in the field and on the sea can bring about, will force the German Government and its subservient vassals to accept such a basis of peace negotiations as the Allies can accept."

"That is the cardinal fact which must determine our action and stimulate our united efforts. For Americans, on the threshold of active military intervention, this will be the dominant consideration, obliterating all others."

"Russia has ceased, for the time at least, to be a factor in the war and a faction at Petrograd, led by German anarchist agents, is aiming at a separate peace in the name of the Russian people whom it has not the smallest claim to represent."

"In Venetia, the situation is still obscure. France and Britain are making a valiant effort to reinforce the shaken armies of Italy. At the best the line of the Piave will be held; but no great counter attack seems possible till the spring."

"At the worst, there will be a further retreat to the line of the Adige, which would throw severe strain upon the morale of the sorely tried Italian people, who, together with the

To-Day's Messages.

2.00 P. M.

LIVERPOOL OPENS HALIFAX FUND.

LONDON, To-day. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool has opened a fund for the Halifax disaster, and Sir A. M. Hartley, the noted jam maker, heads the list with \$5,000.

SAY COSSACK RISING WILL FAIL. LONDON, To-day. General Kornilov is reported to have been defeated and wounded in a battle between Beligared and Sumu, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Daily Mail. His capture is expected. It is possible the despatch adds, that the extremists will capture Roster on the Don. All the signs, it is said, are that the Cossacks' rising will fail and that they will join the Bolsheviks.

ALLENBY'S PROCLAMATION. LONDON, To-day.

The proclamation of General Allenby on the taking of Jerusalem follows: To the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Blessed and the people dwelling in the vicinity. The defeat inflicted upon the Turks by troops under my command has resulted in the occupation of your city by my forces. I therefore now proclaim it to be under martial law, under which form of administration it will remain so long as military considerations make it necessary. However, lest any of you be alarmed by reason of your experience at the hands of the enemy who has retired, I hereby inform you that it is my desire that every person should pursue his lawful business without fear of interruption. Furthermore, since your duty is regarded with affection by the adherents of the three great religions of mankind and its soil has been consecrated by the prayers and pilgrims of multitudes of devout people of the three religions for many centuries, therefore do I make it known to you that every sacred building, monument, holy spot, shrine, traditional site, endowment, place of retreat or customary place of prayer of whatsoever form of the three religions, will be maintained and protected according to the existing customs and beliefs of those to whose faith they are sacred.

troops, have long been the objects of a poisonous propaganda.

"It is the plain duty of the Allies to save Italy, and to secure that her great sacrifices shall not be in vain. In the Western front alone has it been possible to deal heavy blows upon the best forces remaining to Germany, and the effects are already manifest. The French and British armies now hold positions incomparably superior to those of last winter, and here every effort must be made to pursue the advantages gained in the coming months."

"While the present situation gives rise to some anxiety, there is the greater reason for stern determination on the part of the Allies. Americans fully realize that upon their efforts the vast world-issues for which they took up arms may mainly depend."

"They now represent the last reserves of the Allies—reserves of tremendous potentiality in the closing phases of this war. They will neither look back nor trust to signs of an approaching German collapse, and when one thousand American airmen take their place behind the lines in France, when another strong contingent reinforces the Italians and when the vanguard of a mighty army stands ready for action, the end will be in sight."

Field-Marshal French's Opinion. Field-Marshal Viscount French says:

"I feel absolutely certain that at no period of the war has it been of such vital necessity for the Allies, one and all, to forgo all thoughts of peace and to concentrate their utmost energies on the most vigorous prosecution of the war. We must make the most of that co-ordination of effort which is now secured by the newly appointed supreme council of war."

350 Workmen at Dockyards Were Killed

Gunner G. W. Boutiller Says Soldiers Used Great-Coats as Stretchers.

Gunner G. W. Boutiller, of the 10th Siege Battery, who was unable to leave for overseas with his unit, having undergone an operation in Pine Hill Military Hospital, arrived in the city last evening. The city is in a terrible state, the dockyards being demolished with 350 of the workmen there killed. The water front is in ruins and even as far south as Pine Hill Hospital pieces of twisted iron are lying on the ground having been thrown that far in the explosion. Great difficulty is found in procuring care of the wounded, and the soldiers, Gunner Boutiller, among them, were sent out to commandeer what trucks were necessary. The terrible numbers of dead and injured far exceeded the facilities for moving them, the soldiers using their great coats as stretchers for a time.

The most pitiful sights of all, said Gunner Boutiller, were the little children dying in the streets from the effects of their injuries.

There is, said Gunner Boutiller, very little doubt in the mind of anyone that the explosion was a premeditated and carefully laid plan. Gunner Boutiller is a native of Toronto and was told to report in Sydney for the present.—Sydney Record, Dec. 10.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED DECEMBER 14th, 1917.

At Wandsworth — Gunshot Wounds, 1562—Pte. James Walsh, Bay Bulls; neck and chest.

3236—Pte. George Chafe, 36 Convent Square; foot, forearm and hand.

1463—Pte. Alfred L. Hynes, Glenwood; thigh and left finger.

3029—Pte. Herbert T. Maupder, 89 Military Road; head and arm.

1200 — Pte. Michael Power, Port Rexton; head and shoulder.

1785—Pte. Manuel J. Bennett, Flat Bay, St. George; back and left thumb.

7th Canadian General Hospital, Etaples—Gunshot Wounds, all Mtd, Dec. 5.

2905 — Pte. Geo. E. Fitzgerald, 51 Cochrane Street; left side.

1949—Pte. William Hall, Portugal Cove Road; right hand.

2923—Pte. Frank J. Angot, Harbor Breton; back.

1870—Pte. Joseph Snow, Griguet; back.

2104—L. Corp. Garland Hatcher, Rose Blanche; right leg.

1631—Pte. William McKay, Glenwood; right leg.

2095—Pte. Arthur Whelan, 36 George Street; contusion left leg.

2397—Corporal William J. Gladney, Port Townsend; abdomen, severe.

16th General Hospital, Le Treport, December 5—Gunshot Wounds, all Mtd.

2108—L. Corp. Archibald B. Constable, Grand Falls; head.

633—Pte. William Taylor, 41 LeMarchant Road; head.

3143—Pte. Joseph Duffett, Trinity East; left arm and leg.

16th General Hospital, Le Treport, Dec. 5—Gunshot Wounds, all Mtd.

3133 — Private Robert Shannahan, Cape Broyle. Left hand and right eye.

301—Corporal Henry R. Raynes, D.C.M. and Croix de Guerre, 58 Monks-town Road. Right buttock.

2668—Private Geo. F. J. Kennedy, 26 Plank Road. Right arm, severe.

18th General Hospital, Caniers, Dec. 2—Gunshot Wound Face, Slight.

3138—Private Ernest Blake, Barr'd Islands.

2nd Stationary Hospital, Abbeville, Dec. 4—Gunshot Wound Left Hand, Mtd.

2706—L. Corp. Charles O'Keefe, Hr. Grace.

26th General Hospital, Etaples, Dec. 5—Gunshot Wound Left Thigh and Left Ankle, Mtd.

3678—Pte. Bartholomew Andrews, Snipe's Harbor.

6th Stationary Hospital, Le Treport, Dec. 6—Gunshot Wound Back, Mtd.

1036—R.Q.M.S. Colin McD. Mews, 24 McDougall St.

3rd Australian General Hospital, Abbeville, Dec. 11—Dangerously Ill, Gunshot Wound Chest.

913—Private David J. Furlong, Placentia.

Admitted Wandsworth Dec. 11—Eczema.

2563—L. Corp. John DuBouard, Port au Port.

Admitted Wandsworth—Nature of Wounds Previously Reported.

Lieut. Chas. Watson Scotland. Removed from Seriously Ill List.

3321—Private Llewellyn Walker, Change Islands. Seriously Ill.

1859—L. Corp. Geo. Dimney, St. Anthony Bight.

1616—Private George Small, Moreton's Hr.

3264—Private Alfred Pike, Jamestown, B.B.

1753—Private Francis J. Bowen, St. Mary's.

3417—Private Reginald Bugden, Smith Sound, T.B.

3173—Private Arthur Miller, Joe Batt's Arm.

51—Corporal Neil Patrick, Glasgow, N.B.

Still Dangerously Ill, Dec. 10.

3472—Private Arthur Warford, Pt. Leamington.

Removed from Seriously Ill List, December 10.

3507—Private Gilbert Baker, Gooseberry Cove, T.B.

R. A. SQUIRES, Colonial Secretary.

Cross Country Notes.

A house partly erected and several telegraph poles were blown down in the recent storm at Channel.

Three young women belonging to Channel lost their lives in the recent Halifax explosion.

Freight trains are leaving Port aux Basques every day, cleaning up all freight as soon as landed from Gulf steamers.

Mr. Wade, construction foreman, is now building a new water chute at a point between Jeffrey's and Cartville stations.

A number of boys from Port aux Basques and Channel, who were arrested on a charge of stealing apples, were convicted and fined by Magistrate Squarrey.

Despite the inclemency of the weather fishermen are still shipping smelts in large quantities to America.

The lakes and ponds at several places along the railway are frozen over and already much skating is indulged in.

Rabbits and deer are reported very scarce along the railway.

The fish exporters on the West Coast are preparing to ship frozen cod to the U.S. this winter.

Christmas Cadet on sale to-morrow, Saturday. Boys wanted. Big Prize offered.—dec14,li

CAPT. NANGLE HEARD FROM.—Letters received in the city yesterday from Capt. (Rev.) F. Nangle, C.P., conveyed the news that the gallant Captain had been back at his post in France since Nov. 22nd and was feeling "in the pink."

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS'—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooker Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

RUBBERS

For Men with Big Feet.

First Quality Canadian Rubbers.

You generally find it difficult to get Rubbers to fit, don't you? Well, we can fit you and fit you well. Here are the sizes: 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 and 12, at this extraordinary figure:

69 cents each.

S. MILLEY.

SOCKS and STOCKINGS

Spend and economise by buying useful and serviceable articles such as the following, which are always seasonable, and in which we offer very good value:

Ladies' Cashmere Hose
Ribbed or Plain, 40c to 80c pr.

Children's Hose,
Ribbed, 35c to 80c pair.

INFANTS' COTTON SOCKS, in White and Tan, 18c to 24c pair

A. & S. RODGER.

Disaster Planned by Germans?

Believe Hun Agents Plotted to Destroy Port of Halifax—Authorities Take Official Cognizance — People Incensed and Want Round-up of Alien Enemies Everywhere.

A diabolical plot to destroy the port of Halifax is the consensus of opinion that prevails in the stricken city regarding Thursday's terrible disaster. That the Mont Blanc was purposefully fired and timed to create the destruction of the city is believed by many who feel that when the investigation is held the hand of some of the Kaiser's plotters will be found prominent. There is ample evidence that the ship was not on fire 25 minutes prior to the explosion.

The ramming of the Mont Blanc by the Belgian relief steamer has certainly saved the city from complete destruction. There was only a portion of the cargo of high explosives that became ignited, according to authentic information that has come out of Halifax, but the plans of the conspirators, it is believed, was to have an even greater disaster than that which occurred.

To-day's developments, the arrest of all residents of German origin in the city, the investigation of the disaster, the entire catastrophe was carefully planned by Germans. Developments will be awaited with great interest once the investigation gets under way.

Round-Up Huns Here. The people, not only in Halifax, but elsewhere throughout Canada, have become greatly incensed over

these latest announcements regarding Hun conspiracy. The question is being asked in Sydney to-day: Why not round up all Germans in Cape Breton? Sydney is not necessarily immune from these nefarious plotters who will go any length to aid the Kaiser in his war of destruction. The time for action is NOW. The matter is well worthy of consideration by the proper authorities.—Sydney Record, Dec. 10.

We are just opening up some very pretty Silverware consisting of Jewel Cases, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets and other articles most suitable for Xmas Gifts. R. H. TRAPNELL.—dec12,lf

READY TO WORK NIGHT OR DAY. Gas is your ever ready helper right in your home—no begging for delivery, no delays in getting it. One gets so used to it that one is apt to forget how helpful it is. Take a little trouble. Study its uses; get to understand how to obtain every particle of help you can from it.

Remember that for Light, Heat or Cooking it has no equal. If you have any little difficulties with it, bring them to the Gas Office. Our advice and help will be most readily given.

St. John's Gas Light Co.

McMurdo's Store News

FRIDAY, Dec. 14, 1917.

You probably know someone who would appreciate the gift of a bottle of good Lavender Water. The Vinolia Lavender Water is certainly one of the nicest made as it is from real English Lavender, concentrated and well matured. We have no hesitation in recommending the Vinolia product as a present. Price 65c a bottle.

The reports that we have had up to date concerning Freezezone the latest Corn Remedy all emphasize the fact that it acts very quickly and is most effective. In many cases where its use has been resorted to—sometimes after several other remedies have failed—it has been possible after a single application, literally, to lift the corn out with the fingers. Price 40c.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—The wedding of Miss Irene Chaplin Bowden, daughter of Mr. W. H. Bowden, to Sergt. Harold C. James, Mtd. Regt., will take place on Wednesday next, the 19th inst., in Cochrane Street Church, at 7 p.m.

Stafford's Prescription "A"—Cure for diseases of the Stomach: Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Gastritis and Nervous Indigestion.—nov6,lf

CHRISTMAS

Thousands of letters to one request

Alice wants a
Jimmie wants a
Clara wants a
Billy wants a
Eddy wants a

We have a complete stock of Brownie Cameras and supplies is sure to solve some of your

TOOTON--The

WHAT SHALL I GIVE for CHRISTMAS?

In our finely-stocked department answer the question positively, thoroughly and suggestively.

We are displaying departments suitable for members of the family selection as varied and is this year at our shopping and Gift sale of a pleasure than at any

Don't delay until the time flies faster than Christmas time. Shop Now

U. S. Picture & Play ST. JOHN'S

ONLY TWO-TIME MUCH AS THE

End of Season

LADIES' WINTER COATS, CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS, MEN'S OVERCOATS, BOYS' IMPORTED

Ladies' Coloured U

Only \$1.00

LADIES' FELT HATS, NAME

Men's Wool and

Just think what this means a on the dollar.

\$3.00 WILL NOW BUY \$4.1

All this year's goods, material anything shown in the city.

Robert Tem

ORANGES for

EXTRA LARGE SWEET FRUIT

Good, Sound Winter Keeping RAISINS (Loose and Pkts.), PRUNES, BERRIES, ONIONS—Both large and small, and RED FRUIT, such as Peaches, Apples, all at lowest prices.

EDWIN MUR