RIANS DIE AY WRECK

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y Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent
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t leaders, and are surrendering upon the

. Holbrook, who commanded the British
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military organization and privileges sim-

and their horses are among the finest in
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p. m.—The heavy German column which
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LINES.

Austrians to pierce the Russian lines facing
and Lisko failed yesterday in spite of a
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rtress of Przemysl, seemingly informed of
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Battlefields
000 More in Training

nce of the Associated Press)—The belligerents
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r, he thinks, will cost about the same
enditure for all the wars of the previous

ended its activity to the financing of trips to
seriously wounded in the field, or advance
privilege is restricted to one relative for
the patient's case must be properly certified

Poor Belgians
Christmas Festivities

o celebrate Christmas the Germans have or-
rs, 1,000,000 cigarettes, and 90,000,000 pounds
complete control of every wine cellar in

o supply 800 bottles of brandy, but the order
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was to prevent them killing the Ger man prisoners entrusted to their car (our African troops are just the same).

The allied forces are on the best of terms with one another, the troopers exchanging or sharing their food, tobacco, etc. We are all getting a bit ragged at the front, especially the regiments which have been fighting since August. It's a common sight now to see the soldiers wearing parts of another nation's uniform. The English like our caps and the French are crazy about the English puttees. We always try to get the English jam and pressed beef, while Tommy Atkins is always asking for our bread and coffee, "Les bons comptes font les bens amis."

Good-bye. Whatever happens I am glad to have been able to write once and to show you that even under present conditions I do not forget my friends in Montreal.

THIERRY MALLET.

AGENTS WANTED

RELIABLE representative wanted, to meet the tremendous demand for fruit trees throughout New Brunswick at present. We wish to secure three or four good men to represent us as local and general agents. The special interest in the fruit-growing business in New Brunswick offers exceptional opportunities for men of enterprise. We offer a permanent position and liberal pay to the right men. Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont. sw-tf

THERE is a boom in the sale of trees in New Brunswick. We want reliable Agents now in every unrepresented district. Pay weekly; liberal terms. Graham Nursery Co., Toronto, Ont. tf

TEACHERS WANTED

WANTED—A second or third class teacher, (Female), District rated as poor. Write stating salary wanted to Wm. Howlett, secretary to trustees, District No. 14, Lake Edward, Victoria Co., N. B. 19977-1-6.

WANTED—A second or third class female teacher for School District No. 2, Parish of Upham, for term beginning January, 1915. Apply, stating salary, to Alex. Weatherhead, Secretary to Trustees, Barnesville, Kings Co., N.B. 20023-1-2

WANTED—Second class female teacher for, Damascus school, District No. 7, apply stating salary to C. F. Langstroth, French Village, Kings Co. 19985-12-26.

TEACHER WANTED—A second class female teacher for district No. 1, parish of Carleton, Kouchibouguac (N. B.) Apply, stating salary, to Daniel Sullivan, secretary of trustees, Kouchibouguac, N. B. 12-tf

WANTED—Second class female teacher for Darlings Island school. Apply, stating salary, to James R. Henderson, secretary, Nauwigewauk, Kings Co., N. B. 20041-12-30

WANTED—First or second class male teacher for District No. 6, parish of Grand Manan (N. B.), apply to A. H. Cheney, White Head, Grand Manan (N. B.) 19978-1-6.

WANTED—Experienced first class female teacher or experienced second class male teacher for Newtown School District, Kings Co. Apply, stating experience and salary wanted, to A. S. Mace, Secretary to Trustees, Newtown, Kings Co., N. B. 12-30

TEACHER WANTED—A second class female teacher to commence with the beginning of the next school term. Apply, sating salary expected, to Wm. McGurgan, Secretary of Trustees, South Branch, Kings Co., N. B. 12-30

WANTED—For school term beginning January, 1915, a second class female teacher. Apply to John Walker, South Tilley, Victoria Co., N. B. 19508-12-26

I wish to thank the public for their most generous patronage and to announce that our new term will begin Monday, January 4.

THE St. JOHN Business COLLEGE

S. KERR, Principal

MARRIAGES

PERRY-MATTHEWS—At St. John (N. B.), by Rev. F. S. Porter, on December 21, 1914, Claude Gordon Perry, of Central Chebogue, Yarmouth county, (N. S.), to Miss Edith Sarah Matthews, of Le Tete, Charlotte county (N. B.)

TABOR-SHIRLEY—At the home of the bride's parents, Bathurst (N. B.), Dec. 16th, by the Rev. W. McN. Matthews, assisted by Rev. J. A. Cooper, Mabel Anna Shirley and St. Elmo Howard Tabor, both of Bathurst.

DEATHS

CULLINAN—At Fairville on the 20th inst. Catherine Cullinan, leaving one sister and one sister to mourn. (Boston and Portland, Maine, papers please copy.)

BONE—At Penobsquis (N. B.), on the 24th inst., Titus M. Stone, aged 76 years.

CARD OF THANKS

Misses Miller and brother wish to their many friends for their kind-t expressions of sympathy in nt sad bereavement.

December 16, 1914.

foreign foes destroy our mighty fleet,
rout our splendid army in the field;
bravest fighter may sustain defeat,
e'd done our best, no shame that we should yield.

t when a foe comes sneaking in the morn,
Afraid to fight with men, yet mad with hate,
And slays the schoolboy and the babe new-born,
The creeping coward's name we execrate.

Dishonored name, despised of every tongue,
Shame to the coward heart, death to his cause
Who maims and slays the innocent and young,
And vilely breaks all known and honored laws.

Oh God! who knoweth all, we ask of Thee—
So guide our fleets, our armies on the land,
That not one German ship may sail the sea,
And not one stone of proud Berlin may stand.

HOPE A THOMSON.
71 Britain street, St. John.

Unfair Advantage

James—The rain falls alike on the just and unjust.

Jones—True, but the unjust man is generally provided with the just man's umbrella.

MARINE JOURNAL

PORT OF ST JOHN.

Arrived.

Monday, Dec. 21.

R M S S Grampian, 6,439, Williams, Liverpool via Halifax, Wm. Thomson Co, pass and gen cargo.

Sch Mineola, 270, Forsythe, New York, J W Smith, coal.

Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Str Ardgarroch, 3,160, Sheel, Liverpool, C P R, general cargo.

Str Navarra, 2,947, Taylor, Halifax, J T Knight Co, bal.

Str Hesperos (Nor), 2,722, Sanda, Philadelphia, J T Knight Co, bal.

Str North Star, 2,886, Mitchell, Boston via Maine ports, A E Fleming, passengers and merchandise.

Sailed.

Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Str Hochelaga, Tudor, Louisburg.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec 21—Ard, str Orduna, New York.

London, Dec 21—Ard, str Monmouth, Montreal.

BRITISH PORTS.

New York, Dec 21—Ard, str Adriatic, Liverpool.

London, Dec 21—Ard, str Monmouth, Montreal.

Liverpool, Dec 18—Ard, str Manchester Shipper, Perry, Montreal via Queenstown for Manchester.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 22—Ard, sch Adonis, bound to Bridgeport (Conn.)

Jacksonville, Dec 18—Ard, schs Sadie C Sumner, New York; Alice Lord, do.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 20—Sld, schs Carrie Strong, Boston; Anne Lord, New York.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 20—Passed, str Manchester Miller, Philadelphia for Manchester via Portland.

Highland Light, Dec 19—Passed, sch Wanola, New York for St John.

Eastport, Dec 19—Ard, sch W L Maxwell, New York for Lubec.

New York, Dec 19—Cld, schs Laura, Decker, Halifax; St Maurice, Salter, Windsor.

Bordeaux, Dec 16—Ard, str Shenandoah, Lee, Newport News.

CHARTERS.

Sch Coral Leaf, 374 tons, Windsor (N S), to Philadelphia, a, lath, 80c.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

Frank N. Smith, son of R. Morton Smith, of this city, and Rhodes scholar at Oxford, has received his commission as lieutenant in King Edward's Horse and been gazetted as such.

A review of the case from Justice Moore's court in Queens county was heard the other day before Justice Forbes. The case was in the nature of a family squabble. The plaintiff who sued for $20, the price of two sets of harness, is the defendant's sister. His honor advised the parties to settle the mater, suggesting the payment to the plaintiff of $10 in settlement of the claim and all costs.

A portion of the J. L. McAvity plant off City Road, formerly owned by McLean & Holt, was destroyed by fire on 22nd, and upwards of $1,500 damage resulted. The fire is supposed to have started from a furnace which was used for heating cores. The building was partly destroyed and some machinery was damaged, but the loss, it is said, is covered entirely by insurance.

A very pleasing event took place at Chance Harbor, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mawhinney, on the 17th inst., when Rev. J. D. Wetmore, on behalf of the people of the place, presented Miss Alice Robinson a black ebony manicure set. After the presentation the evening was passed with music and games, much to the enjoyment of the young people who had gathered for the occasion. Miss Robinson has been teaching school at Chance Harbor, and will leave for her home at Harvey Station, where she will spend her Christmas holidays.

Charles Dickens, the Chatham man who was arrested on Saturday on a charge of providing liquor to a soldier on duty at the armory, was allowed to go by Police Magistrate Ritchie Tuesday morning. Frank and John Hayes, charged with robbing a Roumanian laborer, were allowed to go, but Lieut.-Colonel McAvity, who appeared in their behalf, said that if any further complaints were received about them, they would be discharged.

The summer home of A. T. Mackie, one of the contractors in connection with the car ferry terminus at Cape Tormentine, was burned to the ground early Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Mackie and his family have resided there since last July, when the house was completed. Mrs. Mackie and children returned to their home in Toronto several weeks ago, and Mr. Mackie was alone in the house at the time. He escaped through a window and aroused his neighbors, but the fire had gained too much headway to be extinguished and the building was destroyed with nearly all its contents. The only articles saved were the kitchen rance and cabinet and several mattresses. The property was insured and the loss practically covered.—Sackville Tribune.

Funeral of Timothy J. O'Connor.

Albert, Dec. 20—The funeral of the late Timothy J. O'Connor took place Saturday. The large cortege representative of every section of the countryside, left the family residence at Harvey Corner at 9.30 a. m. proceeding to the Catholic church at Riverside, where requiem high mass was celebrated and a very earnest and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Francis Lockary. Interment was made in the Riverside Catholic cemetery. Daniel and Arthur O'Connor, Henry and Charles Morris, Philip McCarron, and Clement O'Connor were the pall-bearers.

Special music was rendered by a select choir consisting of Miss Elizabeth Keohan, organist, Misses Stella and Gertrude Keohan, and Mrs. Mary E. Wheaton of the Fredericton Road Catholic church choir, assisted by Misses Mary and Elizabeth Long, of Goshen. The floral tributes were very beautiful.

Arkansas has the only diamond mine in the world outside of Africa, in Pike county.

STEAMER SWEPT BY HURRICANE ON FIRST TRIP HERE

The Ardgarroch in Grip of Gale for Ten Hours With Seas Mountain High and Lightning Casting Weird Shadows on Scene.

Wednesday, Dec. 23.

"The glass was lower than I had ever before seen it," said Commander H. B. Sheel, of the steamer Ardgarroch, which arrived yesterday, in speaking of the ominous calm that indicated the approach of severe weather on the evening of December 11, and Captain Sheel referred to the hurricane which later developed as the most furious he had ever experienced.

From 2 a. m. on the 12th until noon the Ardgarroch was practically helpless in a chaos of mountainous seas that caused the vessel to reel at a dangerous angle and to hang there through periods that were fraught with the gravest menace so prolonged and tremendous was the air current.

The Ardgarroch, under charter to the C. P. R., steamed from Liverpool on December 6 with a cargo of general freight for this port and for five days was beset by a northwest gale.

On the evening of the 11th the glass dropped to 27.80. The sky was clear and scarcely a puff of wind was felt. Captain Skeel realized that a storm of unusual intensity was developing and made careful preparations for fighting the tempest.

Vivid lightning flashed across the deep at early morning, soon a strange singing and buzzing was faintly audible—suddenly the storm broke.

The hurricane swept the sea into a riot of mountainous waves and the wind sucked across the decks with such force that it was perilous to venture in an exposed position. The steamer was enveloped in blinding sheets of spray and she was flooded from stem to stern. The terrific blasts of wind seemed to buffet the craft from all quarters. She pitched and reeled and hung at sharp angles.

For several hours, the navigator and his men pitted their skill against the fury of the hurricane in a battle against almost hopeless odds when again and again in the long hours of the morning the stout Ardgarroch, hurled almost on her beam ends by the high seas, was held hard over by the indescribable violence of the wind. Finally she rode out the gale by virtue of skilful manoeuvring coupled with her splendid steadiness and sustained no damage as she carries no exposed superstructure. Moderate gales prevailed during the remainder of the passage.

Captain Skeel, who learned navigation in square-riggers, has completed his first voyage to St. John. The Ardgarroch is docked at No. 1 berth.

HON. MR. WHITE HAS HARD PBOELEM

Ottawa, Dec. 22—(Special)—Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, is spending a week or so holidaying in the Laurentians, near Montreal. He will have the burden of sponsoring most of the legislation to be submitted to parliament next session. He is taking a needed rest in preparation for the work ahead of him. Financial measures to meet the falling revenues and enable the government to meet the war expenditures and the cost of administration will be the chief subjects of legislation.

The deficit for the current fiscal year is likely to be nearly 60,000,000, and in addition a war loan of probably 100,000,000 will have to be provided for. The latter will be met through a loan from the Bank of England under arrangements with the British government.

The deficit between revenue and expenditures, apart from the war, will be met in part by borrowings in the New York market and by increased taxation. One of the likely methods of raising additional revenue is a tax on tea, which is now admitted free.

NEARLY 500 TROOPS IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 21—(Special)—The soldiers' barracks, unoccupied since members of H Company Royal Regiment hastily left the city after the declaration of war, is now sheltering the men of the Divisional Ammunition Column organized for overseas service. The contingent, numbering 125 men, in command of Major Harrison, arrived from St. Joan by special train at 4 o'clock. They proceeded direct to the barracks and were soon comfortably housed. The officers have taken up their abode at the officers' barracks where the officers of the 23rd and 24th field battery are also quartered. It is likely that a mess will be organized in the near future.

The arrival of the ammunition column brings the number of troops now stationed here close to 500.

Upwards of four inches of snow fell here this afternoon, and there is now excellent sleighing, which is sure to stimulate Christmas trade.

About fifty per cent of the troops stationed here have been granted permission to spend Christmas at their homes.

CENTRAL HAMPSTEAD HAS A MODEL PUPIL

Central Hampstead, Dec. 18—The semi-annual school examination of school district No. 1½, Hampstead, was held on the afternoon of the 17th under the leadership of Miss Rita Johnston, of Loggieville, teacher, who has been in charge for the past year. The pupils were examined in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, spelling, history, grammar and drawing. The pupils showed great proficiency in all of their subjects reflecting great credit on their teacher. Upon the examination being brought to a close the pupils entertained the visitors to a number of recitations which were well rendered.

The following is a partial list:

Kris Kringle—Miss Letha A. Palmer.

Christmas Gifts—Master Artie L. Palmer.

A Wonderous Christmas Tree—Master Clarence Slipp.

A Visit From Santa Claus—Master Hazen Slipp.

The Kittens' Christmas—Miss Ruby Slipp.

Santa Clauses Substitute—Master Weldon Palmer.

My Speech—Master Roy Palmer.

My Carlo Talks—Master Walter McLeod.

Christmas Eve Adventures—Henry McLeod.

The standing of the pupils for the term was as follows:

Grade V.—Henry McLeod, 61.

Grade IV.—Letha Palmer, 75½; Artie Palmer, 70; Clarence Slipp, 60; Hazen Slipp, 50.

Grade III.—Ruby Slipp, 56 1-3.

Grade II.—Walter McLeod, 75 1-3.

Grade I.—Weldon Palmer, 79 2-3; Roy Palmer, 67 3-4.

A large number of visitors were present and enjoyed the proceedings much. The school room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreen and holly. The teacher's stand was trimmed in red, white and blue surmounted by the Canadian ensign. The district, in recognition of Miss Johnston's valuable services, furnished a treat of candy, nuts and fruit to the teacher and pupils.

Miss Johnston has one pupil, Master Artie L. Palmer, who has attended school for eleven successive terms and never lost a day or been tardy once, or had to be corrected for misbehavior. She would be pleased to hear from any other teacher having a pupil with the same record. She believes her pupil holds the record for the province. Miss Johnston will return after the Christmas holidays and take charge of the school for another term.

GAS EXPLOSION IN MONCTON SCHOOL WRECKED FURNACE

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 22—W. A. McDougall, magistrate, had a narrow escape from death this morning as he was crossing the I. C. R. double tracks in Victoria street. William Howe caught hold of him and pulled him back just as a train was passing. It did hit him, and he was hurled several feet. He received a scalp wound and was otherwise injured, but no bones were broken.

In the basement of the Aberdeen school this morning a gas explosion wrecked the furnace and blew out four sashes and twenty-eight panes of glass. The janitor, James Lockhart, was hurled some thirty feet, but escaped with only a few scratches.

BELIEF THAT SOME OF FIRST CONTINGENT HAVE GONE TO EGYPT

Montreal, Dec. 21—That at least one Canadian regiment is in Egypt would appear to be proved by a letter received by Honore Betrand today from his brother Louis Betrand, a private in the First Royal Montreals. In this letter Private Betrand describes the life of the men in Egypt and says that they expect soon to be fighting.

GERMANY STRUGGLING BLINDLY IN THE TOILS

Paris, Dec. 19—Like every other strategist, naval or military, Lieut.-Colonel Rousset regards with contempt the latest German foolishness—the bombardment of the English coast towns. In the Liberte he attributes it to the despair of the German general staff, "which, in view of the naval disaster off the Falkland Islands and the complete failure of the armies in the east and west, feels it must do something.

"Germany manifestly," continues Lieut.-Colonel Rousset, "has at last had the proof. This is found in the naval escapade, which has no strategical value and can only strengthen the British determination to crush German militarism. Further proof is forthcoming in Poland, where Germany is struggling blindly in the toils. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is persisting in trying to reach Warsaw, and he is trying at the same time to cover Cracow. In other words, he is hunting on two trails and thus facilitating the Russian operations on his left flank.

"An interesting point of the operations is the exodus of Austrian forces from Czenstochowa and the towns and pases of the Carpathians.

"Read beyond the lines and this may mean that the Austrians, tired of pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for Germany, are beginning to look after their own safety."

"If this movement extends," says Lieut.-Colonel Rousset in the Petit Parisien, "Field Marshal von Hindenburg will need further reinforcements from France and Belgium. It is quite probable, then, that interesting developments may be expected."

SUDDEN DEATH OF SENATOR KIRCHHOFFER

Ottawa, Dec. 22—The death occurred suddenly tonight of Hon. Senator John Nesbitt Kirchhoffer, at his residence, Somerset street. He had been ailing for several years, but was up and around in his usual health until a few days ago, when he took a turn for the worse. Mrs. Kirchhoffer was present when death came. He was appointed to the upper house in 1891. He was chairman of the divorce committee.

Gather Ye Roses While Ye May.

"Gerald and Vanessa are to be married. I get the credit for making the match."

"Take all the credit you can get, my dear. In a few years they may be giving you the blame."

RED CROSS FUNDS TO DATE REACH $3,000 MARK

New Members Elected and Donations Acknowledged at Meeting—Depot Open for Knitted Work.

Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Routine business occupied the attention of the members of the Red Cross Society when they met in regular session yesterday afternoon in their depot. The principal donations received included a check for $100 from Brunswick Chapter Daughters of the Empire, which, it was stipulated, should be provided for supplying needed surgical requirements, and one for $25 received from A. H. Merrill. The secretary was instructed to forward the former to headquarters immediately, and Dr. Merrill is to receive a card of life membership. Mrs. J. A. McAvity presided.

The various contributions in other branches were then reported by the various leaders. Mrs. White reported regarding the work of the Graduates' Sewing Club and of personal donations by Miss Retallick, Miss Peters, Mrs. Addy and Miss Stamers. The contributions made through the St. John Ambulance Association were from St. Stephen's church and some individuals. From Hardwood Ridge, Sunbury county, contributions wer received from Mrs. J. R. Kadey, Mrs. James Jardine, Mrs. George Jardine, Mrs. Charles Biddescombe, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. Annie Miller, Mrs. William Kadey and Mrs. James Brown. Donations were also acknowledged from Ludlow street Baptist church relief committee, Roxborough Lodge, West St. John; Loyalist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire; Victoria street Baptist church, young people of Waterloo street Baptist church, St. Peter's church, University Club, Queen square Methodist church, St. Luke's church, graduate nurses of St. John, Fairville Methodist church, and from various sewing circles. The girls' association also contributed many articles of the girls' own make.

Donations toward the purchase of yarn were made by the following:

Mrs. Jamieson, Miss Stetson, Miss Parks, Mrs. I. E. M. Carnwath, Mrs. Branscombe, Miss Milligan, Miss Addy, Mrs. White, Miss Bustin, Miss Bartlett, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Jas. Harding, Mrs. Gillham, Mrs. Parker Jenkins, Mrs. W. E. Macintyre.

The new members enrolled were Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. I. Lee Day, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mrs. C. S. Bowman, Mrs. Rupert Rive; associate members, M. A. Jones, Sally Miles, Daphne Patterson.

The donations received through the secretary were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Scammell, $2; Mrs. Grege, $5; Dr. A. H. Merrill, $25; St. Vincent's Alumnae, $25; Brunswick Chapter, D. of E., $100; sale of work, G. T. Hallamore, Katherine Skelton, $173.70; Hazen Dick, $2.

Money for yarn, per Mrs. Robinson, $22.30; fees since Dec. 6, $17.

The treasurer's report showed receipts amounting to $3,105.19 and expenditures of $545.99, leaving a balance of $2,559.20.

It was arranged at the meeting also that the Red Cross depot will be open on Monday, Dec. 28, from 3 until 5 o'clock, to receive knitted work.

STEAMER ANITA A TOTAL WRECK

Struck Near Turk's Island—Was Bound from Halifax to West India Ports—The Crew Saved.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21—The Norwegian steamer Anita, Captain S. B. Geraldson, which was under charter to Pickford & Black for five years, running between Turks Island, Santiago, Jamaica and Halifax, is a total wreck on North Caicos Island, near Turks Island.

Word was received by Pickford & Black this morning. No particulars were given, but it is supposed she went aground during a thick fog while endeavoring to reach Turks Island. A large part of her cargo was destined for the island and was from Halifax merchants.

Captain Geraldson and his crew of twenty-five in addition to the wife of the engineer, Mrs. Kristiansen, were aboard. The commander is one of the best known navigators running to these ports.

The Anita left Halifax on December 12 with cargo valued approximately at $50,000, mostly food stuffs sent by local firms. The bulk of the cargo was insured.

The Anita was valued at about $100,000, and was owned by J. P. Pedersen & Son, Christiana, Norway.

An Asociated Press despatch says the Anita probably will be a total loss, but her crew were saved and the cargo is being saved.

Mayor Frink acknowledges the following for the Belgian relief fund: People of Newcastle and Upper Alnwick (N. B.), per W. A. Davidson, $105.25; F. O. Coming, Fluhie Ridge, Charlotte county, $3; C. B. N., $5; Robert Sherwood, Otty Glen, Rothesay, $2; sale potatoes Provincial Hospital, per James Gilchrist, $190; Mrs. M. J. Driscoll, $5; D. F. Brown, of Brown Paper Box Company, $25; Mrs. Arthur F. Merrill, $25; Miss E. E. Harrison, $3; a friend, Hampton, $5; Mrs. J. F. Garden, $2; proceeds of concert at New Jersey (N. B.), per F. M. Anderson, $42; Mrs. H. F. Smith, Moncton, $5; Mrs. F. S. White, Moncton, $10; proceeds of a parlor concert by pupils and friends of Miss Muriel McIntyre, $58.20; junior and Busy Bees branches of Andover and Perth Red Cross Society, per Mrs. G. F. Baird, $100; Lorne Brown (sale of newspapers) $1.56; J. Cameron, city, $3; Miss Florence M. Morton, Sackville, $6.

Hon. C. W. Robinson has decided to attend the convention of the friends of good government in this city to consider the situation in view of the coming by-election in St. John county.

Newsboy Hero's Deed of Valor

George Wilson Sold Papers on Edinboro' Streets Few Weeks Ago, Now He Wears Victoria Cross—Wiped Out Crew of German Machine Gun Single-Handed.

A third supplement, issued on Saturday, Dec. 5, to the London Gazette of Friday, Dec. 4, contains the following:

War Office, Dec. 5.

His majesty the king has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned soldier, for conspicuous bravery, whilst serving with the expeditionary forces:

No. 9553 Private George Wilson, 2nd Battalion the Highland Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous gallantry on Sept. 14, near Verneuil, in attacking a hostile machine gun, accompanied by only one man. When the latter was killed he went on alone, shot the officer and six men working the gun, which he captured.

It has been learned on good authority that Wilson was summoned to the British headquarters at the front the other day, and the presumption is that he was personally decorated by King George with the Victoria Cross.

Wilson's Achievement.

Particulars as to Wilson's fine feat have have been ascertained from a reliable source, says the Weekly Scotsman of Dec. 7. It took place in the severe fighting near the village of Verneuil on Sept. 14, the day on which Lieutenant Sir Archibald Gibson-Craig, of the same regiment, was killed. Wilson discovered that there was a German machine gun stationed in a wood, and apparently on his own initiative he decided to stop its operations. In his desperate venture he got the co-operation of a private in the 60th King's Rifles. They went out alone, and managed to get quite close to the enemy's position, when Wilson's companion was killed. Undaunted, however, Wilson continued on his perilous mission. One by one he shot the officer and the entire gun team of six soldiers, and then ran in and took possession of the gun and two cases and a half of ammunition.

The Fighting Spirit.

(From a Special Correspondent in the Scotsman).

George Wilson, whose name has been placed on the glorious records of British valor on the battlefield, belongs to a fighting family, and is the product of a humble home. But a few months ago he was selling the Evening Dispatch in the streets of his native city of Edinburgh. Today he possesses the highest and most cherished honor the nation can bestow upon her soldier sons. Fame, however, lays her laurels upon the brows of the brave, irrespective of their creed or class or color, and all Scotsmen will thrill with pride on reading of the conspicuous act of gallantry which brought Wilson his Victoria Cross. He is one of a family of eight whose parents are both dead. His father made a livelihood by helping the fishermen at Newhaven. George was a pupil at Castlehill board school, and resided in the Lawnmarket. His first venture in the world after he left school was the selling of newspapers, and for a year or two his stance was at the corner of High street and George IV. bridge. Perhaps it was in these early days the martial spirit in him underwent its awakening, and the desire for soldiering came to him, for among his customers for papers were the soldiers stationed at the Castle. There he used to call regularly with the Evening Dispatch. At any rate his next step was to join the special reserve of the Royal Field Artillery, and with them he remained at Piershill barracks until he enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry. His keenness to join may be gathered from the fact that he went into the colors under age. After serving for some years he returned to Edinburgh, and for a time he worked in the coal pits at Niddrie. From that occupation he came back to his first job as newsvendor. The work was proving more lucrative on the outbreak of the war with the great demand for the Dispatch, but a week after the commencement of hostilities he was called up as a reservist for service.

The Weekly Scotsman, in telling of the honor won by George Wilson, a newsboy on the Evening Dispatch, and now a V. C., says:

Of his doings since he went to the front something may be gleaned from his letters to his sister, Mrs. Devlin, whom I interviewed in her tidy little kitchen in one of the old tenements of Edinburgh. Mrs. Devlin was a proud woman, and she has every right to be. It is not given to many to have three relatives writing from the firing line, and behind this fact one can appreciate the fighting spirit of the humble home. Mrs. Devlin has letters from her brother hero, from her own husband, and from her other brother, who was present in the house, bearing honorable wounds which he received in the fighting at Ypres. Rumors are mentioned in one of George's letters that this brother, John Wilson, who is in the 2nd battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, is to be mentioned in dispatches. Mrs. Devlin's husband is a driver in the Royal Field Artillery, and was through the South African war. George Wilson in his letters makes modest reference to his great achievement, but with a justifiable touch of patriotic pride he puts the letters "V. C." after his name at the top of one in giving his address directions. Here are a few quotations which give a glimpse of the horror of the warfare, and at the same time the experiences of the soldier hero. In one letter he says:

"Yesterday you will be surprised to hear we caught four hens, and I volunteered to take them to a farm under fire to cook them. We are getting shelled with shrapnel something terrible. I was knocked blind for about three hours. The Germans got into the trenches of B company of my regiment, and they had a proper Saturday night fight with hands and head. We lost seven and three wounded, but the Germans lost thirty and fifty-three prisoners. If we could do that every night the war would be over by the New Year easily."

In another of his letters there occurs this brief reference to his heroic action at Verneuil:

"You will be able to know," he writes, "if I have to receive the V. C. as soon as me, as we get no news of the war in any other part but the part we are in. I hear that my brother is getting mentioned in despatches from some of his corps and one of his officers. Dear sister, if it is God's will, I will come safe home, but you don't know the minute when a big shell wil burst over you, and then heavy rifle fire. The rifle is nothing patent, but their artillery is good, but, as I say, it is best to be prepared for that sort of business. . . . . Thank the Newhaven fishwives for sending the sweets, tobacco, etc., and if God spares me to get over this war, I would like to have a talk with them, and God give them health and strength to welcome the soldiers' return. Oh! what a time there'll be when the boys come home. I don't think this war will last more than two months. It is not war; it is massacre. God bless everybody, not forgetting myself."

Writing of fighting in Belgium, he says:

"The Germans made a great charge last night about 10 o'clock, and we waited till they were about fifty yards from us, and then we mowed them down in hundreds. They were setting every village and house on fire, also hospitals and churches. We have had no sleep for days; fighting all the time. They even fire on the Red Cross. . . . If it is God's will, I will return quite safe and sound back to Bonnie Scotland beside my ain folks. I am both meek and humble. God is my only saver. . . . Tell the clergyman I was asking for him, and thanking him very kindly for praying for me. God be with us all till we meet again, and I hope that won't be long."

Jesting Prophecy That Came True.

When I had glanced through these interesting documents, Mrs. Devlin narrated to me an incident which occurred before her brother went away, and which produced a jest which has been translated into a wonderful reality. Just after he had been called up, George Wilson, with his inborn courage, rushed into the street near his home and stopped a runaway horse. "We were joking about it afterwards," said Mrs. Devlin, "and I told him he should get the Victoria Cross for it. 'You wait till I come back from the front, and I'll have the V. C. there,' he said, with a laugh, slapping his chest. You can imagine how we felt when we got the news that George had won his V. C." Mrs. Devlin produced her brother's old army cap and proudly showed it to me. Naturally the war was something very real to her with her unusually great personal interest in it. She talked of it eagerly and with enthusiasm, and that her heart is with the men who are fighting was evident even without the proof of the drawer full of socks, her own patriotic work of weeks, which she is sending to the front for Christmas.

The Hero's Newsboy Chum.

When the offacial announcement of Wilson's honor appeared in the special war edition of the Evening Dispatch yesterday morning there was much excitement among the newsboys, to whom the new V. C. was well known in the days when he plied their trade. I sought out and had a short chat with one of them, John Hambling, who for several years had been Wilson's companion. "We have produced the man of the hour," Hambling said. "Its a great business for George. I was chummy with him for many years. When he first began selling the papers, he helped me, and we worked together. When he came back to it again he sometimes shared my stance, but he went here and there about the town as well. He was well known to the newsboys, and he was well liked. He was a good pal."

His Brother's Experience.

John Wilson, the brother of the gallant private who is just recovering from wounds he received in the heavy fighting round Ypres, told me his experience. He and another private were selected to carry a despatch to another unit about 600 yards away across a zone swept by deadly fire. "Our officer told us that the message was a risky one, but for God's sake to try and get it through. I told him we would do our best if we did not get punctured. We then made ready, and together we both ran out of the chateau in which we were stationed. No sooner did we appear than we heard the whizz of the bullets round us. We ran as hard as we could, ducking all the way, and had covered about 200 yards when Harris went flop and his rifle flew out of his hand. I thought he had been shot and I dropped to see. But he got up and went on. He had no sooner got up than he drew fire right and left again. He gained the shelter of the bushes, however, and got the message through. I was following him when a bullet hit the handle of my bayonet, which now bears the dent. I lay for a moment to get my breath back and then ran on. I resumed the journey again, but I fell over barbed wire, and with difficulty managed to struggle back to our own quarters, though I fainted at the end. My companion also got back." Wilson paid a tribute to the quickness and accuracy of the German snipers.

WARM HUTS NOT SO HEALTHY AS TENTS FOR CANADIANS

London, Dec. 22—Since the Fifth Canadian Highlanders moved from under canvas into their warm huts at Larkhill, the members have been suffering from colds and influenza much more than they formerly did.

THREE YOUNG GIRLS HAVE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 22—Three daughters of Abram Boose of Christiana, near here, are reported by the attending hpysician to be suffering from the virulent foot and mouth disease that has been causing such widespread trouble among the cattle and hogs of the country. The cows on the Boose farm became infected and were killed, and it is believed the girls, who are 18 month, six and nine years old respectively, contracted the fever by drinking the milk of one of the infected animals.