

## FIFTEEN DOLLAR ROOSTER PROVIDED ONE XMAS DINNER

The Parson in a Small Hamlet Made the Object of a Not Too Funny Joke.

Albert, Jan. 1.—An amusing story is being told, and accredited to a pretty hamlet down the shore, where a well-known clergyman went one evening a short time ago to hold divine services, after the usage of his denomination. After placing his well favored horse in a sheltered place and covering it up with the carriage wraps he entered the house of worship, opened the service in the use of several choice selections of sacred songs, which were enjoyed by a goodly number of the residents of the locality, and the sermon delivered by the occupant of the sacred desk was one of the best he has ever preached in the parish, due partly to the warmheartedness of his audience, who seemed attentive and responsive, on the eve of the festive season. While the good minister warmed to his service, a trio of foolish non-participants arranged a small programme which was destined to play a conspicuous part in the after-service of the good man. What really happened outside the sanctuary can only be surmised, but the three whom we will call Peter, James and John, did some things—and after the close of the meeting the parson, with a generous collection in his pocket, drove to his comfortable abode, a distance of some five miles, feeling in good humor with all the inhabitants of the terrestrial sphere—and, while hunting under the seat of his vehicle for his horse tie, became joyously conscious of the fact that the collection jangling in his pocket was not the whole of his good fortune acquired during his trip among the residents of the hamlet, for when the rays of his lantern penetrated the meshes of the thin grain sack which served as his improvised case, the crowding of a fine rooster, whose presence known, and was, in all probability, as loud as the reminder which so distressed the erring apostle.

The parson, thrifty to a degree, a healthy specimen of a canny race, quickly beheld the plump governor of the hen-coop, and by deft hands the donation was made ready for a place in the pantry of the parsonage, and with the rising sun of the next day became a part of the contents of the family oven, the inviting, savory smell of which could not be excelled by the rising incense of any Jewish altar.

Scarcely had the real cooking begun when the sound of approaching footsteps was heard, and a sharp business-like knock was given at the parsonage door, which was quickly opened, and a somewhat flustered female of some proportions entered and made it quickly known that her hen roost had been visited, and her valuable male bird had been taken and carried away, without her knowledge or consent. Explanations ample and sufficient brought a look of almost divine resignation on the face of the visitor, and she made her way homeward where she forced out the real offenders against her rights and property, with the result that each made good in a good natured manner, with the result that, although throughout the Province of New Brunswick, turkey was retailed at ninety cents per pound, goose and duck a few cents lower, it is a fairly safe bet that only one fifteen dollar rooster

## SOVIET ENVOY TO U.S. WILL BE CHIEF TARGET OF SENATORIAL INQUIRY INTO RED PROPAGANDA

Ludwig C. K. Martens, Bolshevik "Ambassador," to be Centre of Investigation of Spread of Radical Doctrines, Which Will Start Shortly After January 1.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—A programme for widespread and thorough investigation of Russian propaganda in the United States was outlined today at a conference between Senator Knox of Pennsylvania; Senator Kenyon of Iowa, and Alfred Becker, Assistant Attorney General of New York.

Senator Knox is a member of the Foreign Relations sub-committee appointed to conduct the investigation provided for in the resolution of Senator Borah, of Idaho, the committee just before Congress recessed last Saturday.

The investigation which will be begun after January 1 is aimed directly at Ludwig C. K. Martens, Soviet "Ambassador" to the United States, but its scope will cover a much wider field. Under an amendment sponsored by Senator Borah, adopted by the Senate just before Congress recessed last Saturday, the committee will inquire into all other kinds of Russian propaganda, and will seek information particularly about Boris Bakmeteff, recognized by the United States government as the Ambassador of the Kerensky government, which fell shortly after Mr. Bakmeteff's arrival in Washington. Members of the investigating committee are especially

anxious to learn about reported payments of large sums of money by the United States government to Mr. Bakmeteff for the support of a Russian anti-Bolshevik faction.

As far as possible the committee will endeavor to avoid duplicating the work of the Overseas committee, which has been investigating Bolshevik activities last year, and the Lusk committee, which has been probing radical propaganda in New York.

There is considerable evidence available. It was stated today, to show that the Bolshevik movement has been gaining headway in the United States, and the members of the committee believe that a generous application of publicity will prove the most valuable check on the secret propaganda now being conducted in all sections of the country through societies and organizations, which in many cases, are giving their aid unknowingly to the Reds.

The investigation will centre about Martens. The main point to be determined is whether Martens is merely attempting to promote a movement for American recognition of the Soviet Republic or whether he is fomenting a revolutionary movement to overthrow the United States government.

## SIR SAM HUGHES ADDRESSES GREAT WAR VETERANS

Found Fault With Dominion Government for Not Having Investigated Pension Matters More Fully.

Lindsay, Ont., Jan. 4.—Sir Sam Hughes addressed the Great War Veterans here this afternoon and was given a hearty reception. He found fault with the Dominion government for not having investigated the pension matter more fully. Many soldiers had returned to Canada unwounded, but suffered so badly so he was unfit to return to his work. The pension board needed a shaking up, he declared.

The chief criticisms of the government by Sir Sam was that it had failed to develop the natural resources of the country and open up opportunities for the soldiers. He referred to the great, undeveloped resources of the Peace River district and New Ontario and said it was "time we turned our faces to the north and our backs to the south." Sir Sam said he believed that the long service soldier, especially the men who had fought in the front line trenches and the daring men who had ridden over the lines of the enemy should be given a gratuity of so much per diem. He did not specify the amount of pension he had in mind in this connection.

was served up in the province during the festivities of the Christmas holiday season of 1919.

## EARTHQUAKE CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE IN MEXICO

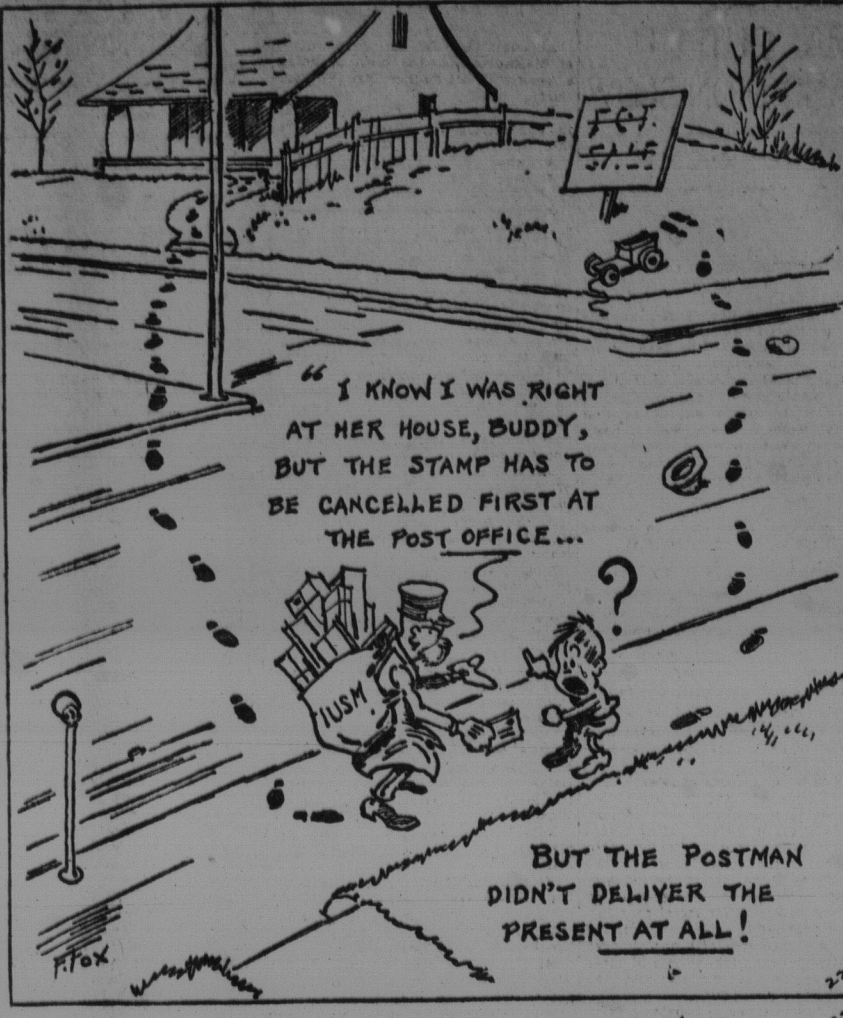
Incomplete Returns Show the State of Vera Cruz Suffered More Than Any Other Section.

Mexico City, Jan. 4.—(By the A. P.)—Scores of persons have been killed in a violent earthquake which occurred in many parts of Mexico last night. The center of the disturbance is believed to have been near the volcano of Orizaba.

Incomplete press reports indicate that the State of Vera Cruz suffered more than any other section, although seismic disturbances were felt through out the entire republic. Advice from Cordoba said that thirty dead have already been accounted for in the village of San Juan Coscomatepec, where many houses were destroyed. There are unconfirmed reports of a similar catastrophe in the village of Huasteco. At Jalapa further north, fifty victims of the earthquake have been encountered including numerous dead.

Lack of communication with the other small towns and villages in the State has made it impossible to get approximate estimates of casualties.

The earthquake caused great alarm in the large cities. Marine disturbances have occurred off Vera Cruz city, and there were some casualties there, although the number is not known, with considerable destruction of property.



## FRENCH CANADIANS OPPOSE ANY SCHEME OF ANNEXATION

Prefer to Remain Under British Flag Which Allows Them More Freedom Than Does Stars and Stripes.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Bernard Hinfret, editor in chief of Le Canada, one of the leading French-Canadian dailies in this province, addressing the Reform Club here on Saturday said that French-Canadians did not want annexation to the United States. He pointed out as an illustration that the French language and the civil code had lasted in French Canada after 160 years of conquest, whereas in the New England States the French language of French-Canadians who had homes there lasted but one generation.

## QUOTATIONS IN ST. JOHN MARKET

Groceries.	
Sugar—	
Standard...	\$12.10 @ \$12.15
Yellow...	11.60 " 11.65
Rice...	0.13 " 0.13 1/2
Beans...	0.13 " 0.13 1/2
Pink eye...	5.60
White...	5.35
Cream of tartar...	0.71
Molasses...	0.20
Peas, split, bags...	5.75
Barley, pot, bags...	6.00
Corneal, gran...	6.10
raisins—	
Chickens, seeded...	0.20
Fancy, seeded...	0.21 1/2
Salt, Liverpool, per...	2.10
Sack ex skids...	2.15
Soda, bicarb...	0.12
Pepper...	0.37
Currants...	0.29
Prunes...	0.18
Washing soda...	0.08
Cocoa...	0.47
Chocolate...	0.38
Java coffee...	0.48
Coffee, special blend...	0.47
Evaporated peaches...	0.24
Canned Corn...	1.37 1/2
Canned Tomatoes...	2.10
Canned Peaches...	2.10
Dates...	0.23
Figs...	0.09
Tea, Oolong...	0.55
Nutmegs...	0.40
Cassia...	0.22
Cloves, ground...	0.75
Ginger, ground...	0.34
Shelled Walnuts...	0.85
Almonds...	0.62
Meats, Etc.	
Beef—	
Western...	0.15
Country...	0.10
Butchers'...	0.10
Veal...	0.08
Mutton...	0.10
Country Produce Retail	
Pork...	0.23
Butter—	
Roll...	0.60
Tub...	0.60
Chickens...	0.09
Fowl...	0.35
Potatoes, barrel...	0.00
Eggs, case...	0.75
Eggs, fresh...	0.75
Fruits, Etc.	
Lemons...	6.00
Cal. Oranges...	5.50
Grapefruit...	5.00
Peanuts, roasted...	0.18
Canadian onions...	0.25

## GRAND RALLY IN CENTENARY CHURCH

All Methodist Young People in City Setting Apart Next Monday—Massed Choir of Campaign Will be Heard.

All the Methodist young people in the city who can possibly do so are setting apart next Monday evening for the grand rally in Centenary church. The massed choir of the campaign will be heard on Monday night.

Dixon will arrive in the city on Tuesday afternoon and will deliver his first address on Tuesday evening in Centenary church. Rev. Dr. Smyth, well known as the head of the Methodist Theological College in Montreal, writes that he has known Mr. Dixon for over twenty years, and that he is a man of great power and convincing eloquence. He was for many years engaged in the Belfast Central Mission, and has been a favorite at all special services of the Irish Protestant people and particularly the Irish Methodists of Belfast.

It will be of interest to the soldier lads to know that Mr. Dixon was personally decorated in Nelly Hospital by the late Queen Victoria for his bravery.

## OBITUARY

William Weswell.  
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 4.—William H. Weswell, who was for nearly forty years county clerk and treasurer for the municipality of Halifax, died at his home here last night, aged 89 years. Mr. Weswell, who was born at Newswell, N. B., in 1830, is survived by his widow, and one son, A. B. Weswell, head of the firm of A. M. Bell Company.

James P. Feeney.  
Special to The Standard.  
Sussex, N. B., Jan. 4.—James P. Feeney, a lifelong resident of Sussex, died at his late home, the Royal Hotel, at 9:30 o'clock last evening. Deceased, who was 70 years of age, is survived by his wife, two daughters, Grace and Lottie, at home, and one son, who is known in the old country as a successful mission worker. He was for many years engaged in the Belfast Central Mission, and has been a favorite at all special services of the Irish Protestant people and particularly the Irish Methodists of Belfast.

## GOVT BONUSES CAUSE TROUBLE AT FREDERICTON

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It was said yesterday that a Committee from the employees would wait upon the Government next week to demand information as to who is responsible for the discrimination in the matter of the bonus, and seek an equitable adjustment. Amongst the officials there seems to be a disposition to blame one of the leading heads of departments, who is accused of "playing favorites" in making up the list for payment.

There are a number of other matters on the programme for the Government, including a decision on the question of regulations to govern the sale of extracts, tinctures and other liquor substitutes, so that the New Year is not to be one of joy and roses for Premier Foster and his colleagues, who are said to have spent many sleepless nights since learning the financial returns at the close of the last fiscal year.

## POLICE COURT CASES SATURDAY

A number of cases came up in the police court Saturday morning. Officer Dykeman gave evidence of having arrested Thomas Petrie and George Drew early on the morning of the 26th, in front of the Edward Hotel. The two were unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves. A pair of spectacles, three watches and a number of letters were found on the accused. J. A. Barry appeared for Drew. The case will come up again this morning.

Two months with hard labor was the sentence accorded a pair of drunks, a third was allowed his freedom. He is going to join the ranks of the teetotalers for the rest of the year.

The case against a soldier charged with non-support was postponed till the end of the month. The accused is now a patient undergoing treatment at River Glade.

A fine of \$8 was struck against Charles Cusary and allowed to stand. He is accused of wandering on Sheriff street late at night.

The assault case in which George White is charged with assaulting Charles McKinnon will come up again today.

Thomas Grant was remanded until today. He is charged with the theft of moccasins from the store of Max Sheeter.

Of the three citizens charged with violation of the traffic law two were allowed to go, as they were not driving the cars at the time. A fine of \$10 was struck against the third for speeding. The fine was allowed to stand.

A further hearing was held in the butter case, Harris and Dixon gave evidence of how they had forced an entrance to the N. C. Scott warehouse and how the butter had been disposed of. It was Ritchie, the third man in the case who had suggested the theft. Dixon was a former employee of the firm, and Harris supplied the car, which was used in transporting the butter. The case will be continued next week. Ritchie is being defended by Wm. M. Ryan, and S. B. Bustin is appearing on Harris' behalf. Judgement in the Steen Brothers case was postponed till today.

Dublin, Jan. 2.—The smashing of seven motor cars within the past two days, and serious attacks on automobile drivers is believed to be the work of striking motor vehicle drivers, who it is reported, are attempting to force the government to abandon its order requiring motorists to obtain permits to operate their cars. Last night near Mullingar, County of Westmeath, a car was riddled by bullets fired from



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the roadside and the chauffeur only escaped by throwing himself to the bottom of the vehicle. Motor owners of the County of Queens have been notified, in a circular, that motor vehicles will be forced to stop running until the Government order is cancelled.

London, Jan. 2.—The body of Sir William Osler, the noted physician, who died at Oxford on December 29, was cremated today. The urn containing the ashes will be taken to Oxford and probably forwarded to Canada, where Dr. Osler was born, for burial.

## MARRIED.

SCRIBNER-POWELL—Dec. 30th, at Narrows, Queens County, N. B., by Pastor D. Patterson, Jennie E. eldest daughter of the late Clarence W. Powell and Mrs. Almada Powell, to Wilford H. Scriven, all of Johnson, Queens County, N. B.

## DIED.

MAYALL—In this city on January 3, 1920, Charles W. Mayall, in the 81st year of his age, leaving one son and four daughters to mourn. Funeral this Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. Sudsbear, 60 St. Patrick street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

## IN MEMORIAM.

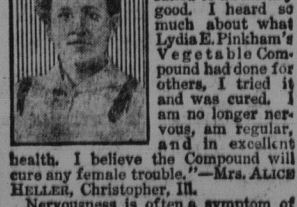
BELEYA—in loving memory of James Leverett Beleya, who departed this life January 2nd, 1919. One year has gone, we sadly miss him. But in Heaven we hope to meet him. Never more to part again.

## FAMILY.

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