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Make Haul Of $50,000 In Gems

Robbery of Amazing Boldness In Montreal

NEW FIRM IS HIT

Michalson & Sons Had Been in Business in Canadian Metropolis Only Month—Would Like to Find Stranger Who Called Last Week

Montreal, Dec. 23—Three masked robbers trussed and gagged the night watchman of the Eastern Townships Bank building, corner of St. James and Victoria square, at half past ten o'clock last night, and after taking nim to an office on the eighth floor made him the unwilling witness of their operations on a safe, which they blew up a little before two o'clock this morning, making their escape with rings and jewelry said to be valued at $50,000.

The report made to detective headquarters was that it was I. L. Michalson & Sons', wholesale diamonds merchants, which had been looted by the audacious theft.

Though no arrests have yet been made in connection with the robbery of the premises of I. L. Michalson & Sons, jewelers, in the Eastern Townships Bank building in St. James street, the police believe they know the man responsible for the theft. Mr. Michalson, after looking over his stock this morning, estimated that the robbers had gathered in about $50,000 worth of gems and miscellaneous jewelry.

The police are working on the theory that a stranger who called at the offices last week saying that he was representing a Philadelphia house, was a "blind," and that his real mission was to see the arrangements and the stocks so as to know when to make a raid on the place.

The firm has been in business here for a month only and the offices had not been completely arranged.

ANOTHER BREAK IN CITY; GROCERY STORE VISITED BY THIEVES

The epidemic of robberies in the city and outlying districts continues. Another daring break has come to light. The fruit and grocery store owned by Harry R. McKim, situated at the corner of Sydney and Britain streets, was broken into and about $8 to $10 worth of fruit and candy stolen. The robbery was perpetrated some time between midnight Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Mr. McKim is of the opinion that the robbery was the work of boys, for some valuable pipes and a quantity of tobacco were within reach of the culprits, but were not touched. A window in the side of the store facing Sydney street, was smashed and the goods removed through the opening.

TO SEE THAT GERMANS ARE CARRYING OUT TERMS

Paris, Dec. 22—(Havas Agency)—At the ministry of marine it is announced that a French naval division of five units, of which the armored cruiser Montcalm is the flagship, is on its way to the Baltic, having received orders to survey the carrying out of the clauses of the armistice by the Germans.

The vessels also will visit German ports where French prisoners are assembled, in order to insure their repatriation under the best possible conditions.

OCIALIZATION OF INDUSTRIES PROVES A FAILURE IN RUSSIA

Berne, Dec. 23—Reliable information rom Russia brings confirmation of reorts that the socialization of industry here is a complete failure. Official statistics show that in almost all the 513 ills and factories controlled by the ate expenses have considerably exceeded receipts. During the first four onths of 1918, the government paid t over 400,000,000 rubles to cover these ficits and has been obliged up to the resent to advance over 1,000,000,000 ubles to the factories under its control. Technical experts assert that Russian dustry has been crippled for many ars to come by the Bolshevist regime.

OVER THE RHINE.

ence, Dec. 22—The French threw ntoon bridge across the Rhine at stein on Friday. This bridge, which er one thousand feet in length, was in five hours.

blenz, Dec. 20—The German fort- of Ehrenbreitstein, sometimes called Gibraltar of the Rhine, on the opsite bank of the river from Coblenz, as occudied by American troops today.

AT CITY HALL

Commissioner Fisher Submits Paving Programme for 1919

At a meeting of the common council this morning it was moved by Commissioner McLellan that the Department of Public Safety be empowered to sell the sixteen flood lights purchased by his department during the war for lighting purposes at the corner of Union and Protection streets. West St. John, at a minimum cost of $1,200. These lights were installed in 1917 at a cost of $1,479; were billed for in 1918, and to be assessed for in 1919. In the meantime the money came from the general revenue. The Public Safety department has now an offer from the C. P. R. to use the lights at other locations; several in Union street, west side.

H. H. Peters appeared before the council and asked that the clause stating that lots revert to the city if an industry is not established within eighteen months be struck out in respect to property which the council moved be sold to his father, C. H. Peters. Mr. Peters made assurance to the council and it was agreed to strike the proviso out. The property is at the foot of Union street.

A letter was read by Commisisoner Bulock from Walter Low in which the latter asked for full pay during illness, the result of an accident while on duty, and in the employ of the city. The letter said that on July 27, while the S. S. Governor Carleton was docking at West St. John the boat gave an unusual lurch with the result that a horse and wagon were thrown against him. The shaft broke one of his ribs. He was unable to work until August 25. He then returned to the boat for a week but was unable to continue. Mr. Low asked that at least some remuneration be made him as he has been unable to work with the exception of one week since the accident occurred on July 27. His full pay would amount to $314.76. The matter was referred to the city solicitor and the commisioner of harbors and ferries. In event of a non-settlement Commisioner Bullock asked authority to agree to half payment of wages, which was granted.

Commissioner Fisher in introducing his street paving programme for 1919 said that the overdraft of $11,000 granted to his department would prove insufficient for him to carry on with unless the bill of $2,694 which he held against the head of the water and sewerage department be collected. He said that it would be necessary to collect this money or else come to the council for more. He was willing, he added, to waive an item of $200, the matter of some dispute, which would reduce the total to $2,494.

After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the heads of the public works and the water and sewerage departments, and the controller for settlement.

The recommendations of Commissioner Fisher for pavement in 1919 were left over until the next meeting for discussion. The commissioner is asking that the expenses be paid for by bond issue and to exclude the curbstone recently contracted for, as far as the same may be used in the proposed work.

The recommendation asked for, first, pavement of Prince William from Princess to St. James, net cost $36,591.50; second, Union street from Waterloo to Brussels, net, $8,817.50; third, Douglas avenue, $45,264.00; fourth, City Road, estimated cost, $32,990.50; estimated cost of paving in same manner as Prince Willam street, $14,,000; fifth, Germain street, from King to Union streets, $12,-200; sixth, Duke street, Germain to Charlotte, $5,006, in addition Princess street from Germain to Charlotte, estimated cost $6,390, a total of $147,259.50 for 1919, with an additional $82,915 to finish the work in Douglas avenue, making the total $180,174.50.

An additional asphaltic paving proposed for 1919 to be paid for out of appropriation for the year and the work to be performed by the public works department as follows: King street, on the sides from Market Square to Charlotte, $5,725. Brussels street from Union to Richmond, $8,000; whole of Brussels street, estimated cost $26,459.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN CASUALTIES MORE THAN FOUR MILLION

Geneva, Dec. 22—The casualties of the Austro-Hungarian armies from the beginning of the war up to the end of May 1918 were slightly over four million men. Eighteen generals out of 310 were killed.

FORMER AMBASSADOR W. H. PAGE IS DEAD

Pinehurst, N.C., Dec. 23—Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to Great Britain, died here late on Saturday night. Most of the members of Dr. Page's family were with him when death came.

Hamilton Churches Re-opened

Hamilton, Ont., Dec 23—The churches here were opened yesterday for the first time in several weeks, owing to the removal of the influenza ban.

NEWFOUNDLAND NEVER SO PROSPEROUS AS NOW

Montreal, Dec. 23—Hon. William J. Higgins, speaker of the Newfoundland islature, who is here for a few days, says the colony never knew such a period of prosperity as now.

He says that codfish, formerly $7 to $8 a quintal, now commands $16, and e cold storage system will give such a stimulus to the fresh fish trade that it impossible prices will ever again go back to pre-war figures.

GALLANT WORK IN RESCUE FROM SCOTIA QUEEN

Six Parrsboro Men on Water-logged Schooner

CLINGING TO RIGGING

There 18 Hours When Volunteers from Oil Steamer, at Great Peril to Themselves Accomplished Their Rescue

Beverly, Mass., Dec. 23—The loss of the Danish schooner Scotia Queen off Cape Hatteras on December 19 and the rescue of Captain Richards of New York, and his crew of six by the steamer Gulfland, of the Gulf Refining Company's fleet, became known today on the arrival of the steamer.

The crew of the Scotia Queen had been clinging to the rigging of their waterlogged craft for eightcen hours, when they were seen by the lookout on the Gulfland. The volunteers from the oil steamer under the direction of Captain Oscar Anderson accomplished the rescue at great peril to themselves as the high seas threatened many times to swamp their small boat. Oil was pumped from the Gulfland's tanks to smooth the waves somewhat and after several fruitless attempts the dory, which was in charge of Third Officer Wheeler of Philadelphia, was brought under the lee of the schooner time after time, until all the men of the Scotia Queen had jumped into it.

The Scotia Queen was bound from Jacksonville, Fla., for Norwalk, Conn., with lumber. She ran into heavy gales on December 17 and started to leak, the pumps making no headway against the inrush of water. In a few hours the schooner was down to her deckload and the men had to take to the rigging.

On the way to Beverly, members of the Gulfland crew made up a purse of $140, which was given to the rescued crew. With the exception of the captain all the men of the Scotia Queen are from Parrsboro, N. S., where she was formerly owned.

WILSON AGAINST SINKING SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 23—It may be stated authoritatively that President Wilson will oppose in the most direct fashion proposals from any source to sink the warships surrendered by Germany under the terms of the armistice.

Since word came from Paris that American delegates to the peace conference, with British support, intended to advocate destruction of the enemy vessels to avoid contention over their distribution and the subject has been discussed with much interest among American and Allied naval officers here—some officers found reasons for supporting such a course particularly in the difficulty of incorporating into other navies, craft of German construction.

Official despatches have indicated nothing about the attitude of the president until today when it was learned that he viewed the plan as altogether undesirable.

Paris, Dec. 22—President Wilson's first week in France finds the preliminary situation surrounding the peace conference fairly well developed toward the point where, according to his expressed view, it will be worth while for the United States to participate. The president's conferences with French and Italian staesmen have served to emphasize that he considers a treaty of peace not enough, but that the general agreement to be made among the nations must include a satisfactory settlement of the question of the freedom of the seas and a league of nations.

The president now will go to England to continue the discussions there along the same lines as those he had with the representatives of France and Italy, which Mr. Wilson's advisers describe as having been satisfactory.

ASK HARRY LAUDER TO SPEAK TO THE BOYS AT BIG BROTHER DINNER

At the Rotary Club luncheon today, President Estabrooks wished all the members a merry Christmas, remarking that this was the first time in four years one felt like expressing such a wish. The executive reported granting $50 to the Goodfellows fund, and a letter of thanks for a contribution was received from the Soldiers' Wives League.

The next luncheon will be held in the evening and the big brothers will have their young soldier brothers with them. The Knights of Columbus will be asked to join in the good time. The lieutenant-governor, Gen. Macdonell and Col. McAvity are to be guests and if possible Harry Lauder will be asked to say a word to the boys.

SHUT DOWN FOR TIME FOR LACK OF COAL

Munich, Dec. 23—(By the Associated Press—All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 23 until January 1 to save coal. The workers will receive ninety per cent of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will contribute two-thirds from the communities in which they are located, under a state treaty ruling made for the purpose of guarding industries.

The Kaiser's Christmas

He Is To Have Services in Castle Chapel—Cuts Christmas Trees Himself

London, Dec. 23—William Hohenzollern has arranged for himself a Christmas celebration after the traditional German style, so far as the circumstances will permit, according to a despatch from Amsterdam today to the Daily Express. The arrangements by the former emperor will include elaborate religious ceremonies on Christmas Eve. The idea of using the village chapel for these, however, has proved impracticable for various reasons, one of them being the fear of popular hostile demonstrations. The service, accordingly, will be held in the drawing room of Amerongen Castle, which will be converted into a chapel. Christmas trees will be provided as usual for the celebration. Herr Hohenzollern cut these down himself, with the help of the men of the estate, in the Amerongen pine woods. The trees are now being decorated and loaded with gifts.

JOSEPH BAXTER, SHOT AT MINTO, IS DEAD

St. John Man's Life Ended This Morning; James Walker Gives Himself up to Sheriff; Shooting Declared Unintended

Joseph Baxter, of this city, died in Minto, N. B., at half-past six o'clock this morning, from gun shot wound in the abdomen, and James Walker has given himself up to the authorities acknowledging the shooting, but saying that it was unintentional.

It is said that Baxter, Walker and another man assembled in Walker's cabin on Saturday night and there was drinking. It is said the men began to quarrel and Baxter struck the third man and while he was on the point of inflicting further injuries to him, was himself struck on the head by Walker. Baxter, it is said, left the cabin and went to another house nearby, where he had the wound on his head dressed. He then returned and it is said endeavored to break into Walker's camp, threatening that he "would get him." Walker is alleged to have taken a rifle and fired through the side of the cabin to frighten him away, thinking that he was still in front of the door, but the bullet struck Baxter in the wrist and deflected, entering his abdomen.

The injured man was carried to his own cabin and Dr. H. S. Hay of Chipman, summoned. Despite treatment he remained unconscious and this morning passed away. He was a son of Walter Baxter of 58 St. David street, and was about thirty-three years of age. He had been employed during the last few months in G. H. King's coal mine at Minto, and had been paid off Saturday as he intended to return to this city and go to work at the winter port.

The coroner of Sunbury county has been notified and today was making arrangements to hold an inquest. Walker was still in the custody of Constables McLeod and Miller in Minto, and will be kept there until after the inquest.

BOY THROUGH ICE AT MARBLE COVE; HAS CLOSE CALL

A small boy named McNulty came near losing his life while skating at Marble Cove yesterday. He ventured out too far and broke through. Other boys were skating around and saw him disappear, but as the ice was thin they were afraid to go near the place. The little fellow came up and almost immediately sank again, but a few seconds later reappeared and caught at the edge of the ice. Older boys worked their way close to the spot and reached a hockey stick to the little fellow, who took hold of it. Others ran to the Power Boat Club and procured a rope and they succeeded in getting this around his body and hauled him to safety. He was assisted to the clubhouse and later was able to hurry home apparently none the worse.

POWERS TO AGREE ON AERIAL NAVIGATION

Paris, Dec. 23—(Havas Agency)—Representatives of several Allied powers and the United States, it is said, will hold a conference in Paris early in the New Year to consider the future of international aerial navigation.

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WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—Pressure is low over the lower St. Lawrence valley and near the Gulf of Mexico and high over the northwest states. Showers have occurred from Ontario eastward while in the west it has been fair and cold.

Fair and Colder.

Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales, southwest to northwest, occasional rain; Tuesday, north winds, fair and colder.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong southwest winds, occasional rain; Tuesday, westerly winds, fair and colder.

New England—Local snows or rain and colder tonight; Tuesday, probably fair and colder, moderate west to north winds.

LUMBERMEN FROM ALL CANADA TO BE IN SESSION IN ST. JOHN

Important Gathering for Three Days Early in February

A visitor to the city on Saturday was William Hawkins, of Ottawa, secretary of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, a national body of importance embracing all the large operators and dealers and fully comprehending the lumber situation in the dominion.

Mr. Hawkins' visit was in connection with the convention of the association to be held in the board of trade rooms here from Feb. 4 to 6, incusive. It is expected all the prominent lumbermen of Canada will either be present or will be represented by their sons, first lieutenants or general managers. It will be a notable gathering of the trade for the first time in eastern Canada. Representatives will come from as distant a point as British Columbia.

There will be much business to transact and interesting platform gatherings. Motion pictures provided by the Canadian Forestry Association will illustrate some of the talks. It is proposed to have a lunch at the club, a special auditorium session with special pictures at the Imperial, and possibly a dinner aboard a trans-Atlantic liner as a note of emphasis upon St. John's place as a winter port.

J. Fraser Gregory, of this city, has been especially active in bringing about the convention. It is considered unusual that the lumber kings will travel this far east to hold their meetings, as some of them will of necessity be absent from their homes and business fully ten days by reason of travel alone.

NOMINATION DAY

At noon today, the hour for the closing of nominations in the recall election there were no last hour surprises. The candidates are Commissioners McLellan and Hilyard, John B. Jones and John Thornton. The committee for recall have placed Mr. Thornton against Commissioner McLellan and Mr. Jones against Commisisoner Hilyard. One week from today the election will be held.

Mr. Jones' nomination papers were signed by Rev. W. R. Robinson, Rev. B. N. Nobles, C. K. Wasson, R. W. Hawker, J. A. Pullen, Stanley H. Taylor, U. J. Sweeney, John A. Barry, John Thornton, R. W. W. Frink, J. A. Warwick and others.

Mr. Thornton's papers were signed by Alexander W. McBeth, George Armstrong, R. A. Jamieson, John A. Barry, Seth R. Belyea, Isaac Hutchinson, J. E. Kane, W. T. Ring, H. H. McLellan, Walter Logan, Ira D. Farris, E. L. Sage, J. B. Jones and others.

It is estimated that there will be more than 200 soldiers to vote in the coming election. Almost forty called at city hall this morning and had their names added to the list.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS.

Pretty dismal weather for Christmas shopping to be sure, but one would not think that weather had any influence upon such matters to glimpse into the stores this forenoon. All were crowded. Tradesfolk report a wonderful season—a joyous outburst after the four years of holding back and skimping. Christmas tree vendors were a bit worried because the dampness made their sales slower on the Square, and caused a hesitancy in mother's mind whether or not a wet tree should be allowed in the house so soon. However, the weather man is being depended upon for a dry-up and a cold Christmas. The rush in the post office and the express offices is back to pre-war normal, which means overwhelming. Around town the teaming fraternity is merely snatching a bite up town, no time to go home for meals. In fact everywhere, the market, the stores, the theatres and in the homes, the Yuletide spirit is on draught, and rain, snow, sun or drab, it refuses to be dampened or diluted.

Quebec's Coal Supply.

Montreal, Dec. 23—That the province of Quebec for the year has an allotment of 1,090,847 tons of domestic anthracite coal and that, despite the impression that it is moving more freely into the province no more will be obtained, was the announcement made by Provincial Fuel Controller Marler before the Montreal Reform Club on Saturday.

Across The Rhine With Canada's Sons

FORMER EMPRESS NEAR TO DEATH

May Not See the New Year—Ex-Kaiser Also Said to be Seriously Ill

Copenhagen, Dec. 23—The Frankfort Zeitung says the former German Empress will hardly live to see the new year. Her ailment, heart disease, has grown considerably worse during the recent exciting weeks. Previously for several months she had suffered from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy.

The condition of the former empress, the newspaper adds, has had a serious effect on her husband, who also is seriously ill. It is feared that his ear trouble will spread to the brain. Also his nervous condition is bad.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST JOHN, DEC 23.

High Tide....3.33 Low Tide...22.13
Sun Rises....8.08 Sun Sets.... 4.41
Time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived December 23.

S S Manchester Brigade from Manchester via Halifax, Captain Foale.
S S Novgorod, from Tyne in ballast, Captain Ellis.
S S Crawley and War Wolf.

Cleared December 23.

Am stmr Pejepscot, for Belfast, Me, Captain J C Haskett.
Am barge S Tho No 2, for Belfast, Me, Captain Merry.
C P O S liner Telemachus, for Glasgow, Captain B Cubley.
Scow Corrine Gotro, for Estonville, N S, Captain William Gotro.

Sailed December 22.

C P O S liner Pretorian for London with general cargo, Captain Stewart.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Halifax, N S, Dec 22—Ard, str Kanawha, London; str Coban, Louisburg; sld, str F A Templin, Halifax, Gibraltar; str Manchester Brigade, Halifax for St. John; str Seattle, Halifax for St John.

Ard, Dec 21—Str War Fiend, Halifax from Quebec; str Manchester Brigade, Halifax from Manchester for St John; str Seattle, from Greenoch, for St John; str Roserie, Halifax from St John; sch Edgewood, Halifax from Quebec.

Sld, Dec 21—Str Olympic for Liverpool.

BRITISH PORTS.

Avonmouth, Dec 17—Ard, Tydeus (Br), St. John.

Beachy Head, Dec 17—Passed, str Dunbridge (Br), St John for London.

Havre, Dec 14—Ard, 17th, str Holbrook (Br), St John.

Liverpool, Dec 17—Ard, Scandinavian (Br), Halifax; sld, 17th, strs Araluen (Br), Port Arthur; Sicilian (Br), St John.

MARINE NOTES.

The Manchester Brigade, which arrived in port this morning from Manchester via Halifax, is on her maiden voyage to St. John. She brought a fair sized general cargo. The new ship is 418 feet long, 53.5 feet wide, 33.4 feet deep and has a net tonnage of 5,759.

The steamer Novgorod is consigned to J. T. Knight & Company.

The steamers Crawley and the War Wolf arrived here this morning and are anchored in the stream.

A schooner built at Birchy Bay for Bishops Sons & Company, Ltd., was successfully launched two weeks ago in Newfoundland, and will be towed to St. John's to be sparred and rigged. The caulkers, who have returned to St. John's, say that the vessel is a very handsome model and splendidly constructed. She is about 250 tons, and has been named Over the Top.

The steamer North Star is now running between New York and Boston.

The Battle Liner Pandosia, after having been interned in Hamburg, Germany, during the whole period of the war, has arrived at the Tyne, according to advice to the William Thomson Company, owners of the vessel. Captain Purdy, master of the Pandosia, returned to the city on the C. P. O. S. liner Melita. He was interned at Hamburg when his vessel was seized and was only recently released. The Trebia, also interned in Hamburg, is expected to reach England soon.

CALL FOR HELP AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

Copenhagen, Dec. 22—The Swedish consul at Reval, capital of Esthonia, arrived at Stockholm today to ask assistance from the Swedish government against the Bolshevik invasion at Esthonia. The Swedish foreign minister told the consul that the Riksdag would never permit the sending of a Swedish army out of the country. The consul is now seeking aid from the British legation at Stockholm.

General Currie Sends Word of March

INSPIRING SIGHT

All Faces Happy as the Canadian Soldiers Cross the River at Bonn —Troops All Carrying British Flag

Ottawa, Dec. 23—The following communication from Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie to Sir Edward Kemp, minister of overseas military forces of Canada, concerning the crossing of the Rhine by the First and Second Canadian divisions, has been received here by the director of public information:

"At half-past nine this morning I took up my position on the eastern end of the bridge spanning the Rhine to witness the march-past of the second division, the first having crossed at Cologne, where they were reviewed by the army commander.

"It was raining hard all morning, a condition which continued throughout the day.

"The march began promptly on time and was one of the most inspiring and impressive things it has ever been my good fortune to witness.

"Although men and horses had just completed a long and trying march, they looked in the very pink of condition and I did not see one unhappy face throughout the day. They had their clothes and equipment put on well, had their heads up, with a look of strong determination and earnest confidence in all faces.

"As each unit had a band, they swung by like a victorious army should. The populace of Bonn seemed to be intensely interested in the march and I have no doubt were as much impressed as any one. The troops all carried the British flag, which his majesty has given permission to be regarded as colors, provided they are properly consecrated, something we shall have done at once, and these flags will form valuable heirlooms for future generations."

SUSTAINS INJUNCTIONS GRANTED ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 23—Injunctions granted the Associated Press to stop pirating of news by the International News Service were sustained by the supreme court of the United States.

As between the public and the news gathering organizations, Justice Pitney, who delivered the opinion, expressed doubt whether there could be any property in uncopyrighted news. As between rival news gathering organizations he said there was a quasi property interest.

TRANSPORTS ON THE WAY TO HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23—The transport Northland, due here tomorrow from England with returning Canadian soldiers, has not yet reported by wireless. The Mauretania is expected about Dec. 31, and the Aquitania about the end of the first week in January. The Olympic sailed on Saturday from here.

MORE REGULATIONS RE FOOD RESCINDED

Washington, Dec. 23—Regulations restricting the use of bread, meat, sugar, butter and cheese in public eating places, are rescinded by the food administration.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Miss Mary F. McLaughlin took place this afternoon from her late residence, 122 St. James street, West St. John, to the Church of the Assumption, where services were conducted by Rev. A. J. O'Neill. Interment was made in the Holy Cross cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Vera Bell Tonge took place this afternoon from her parents' residence. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Cody. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

WORD FROM SOLDIER SON.

William J. Hamilton, 60 Harrison street, received a cable Saturday from his son, Fred J., who was reported missing a few months ago, but who had been taken a prisoner of war by the Germans. The young soldier reported that he was well and expects to be home in the near future.

BURIAL AT RICHIBUCTO.

Services in connection with the funeral of Thomas Leggatt were held last evening at his residence, Carmarthen street, by Rev. William Townsend. The body was taken this morning to Richibucto where interment will be made in the family lot.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.

The women's knitting and sewing circle of the Charlotte street Baptist church has donated, through the mayor, $15 for the Belgian relief.

British to Use Scheldt.

Brussels, Dec. 23—It is reported here that Holland has been informed by Great Britain of her intention to send supplies to the British army of occupation in Germany by way of the River Scheldt and Dutch Limberg.

ALLIES SERIOUSLY WORKING ON RUSSIAN PROBLEM

London, Dec. 23—(Reuter's)—The whole question of Russia is under serious consideration by the Allies, Reuter's agency learns from an authoritative British source. No plan, however, has been formulated, and nothing can be settled definitely until there has been an opportunity to discuss the matter with President Wilson.