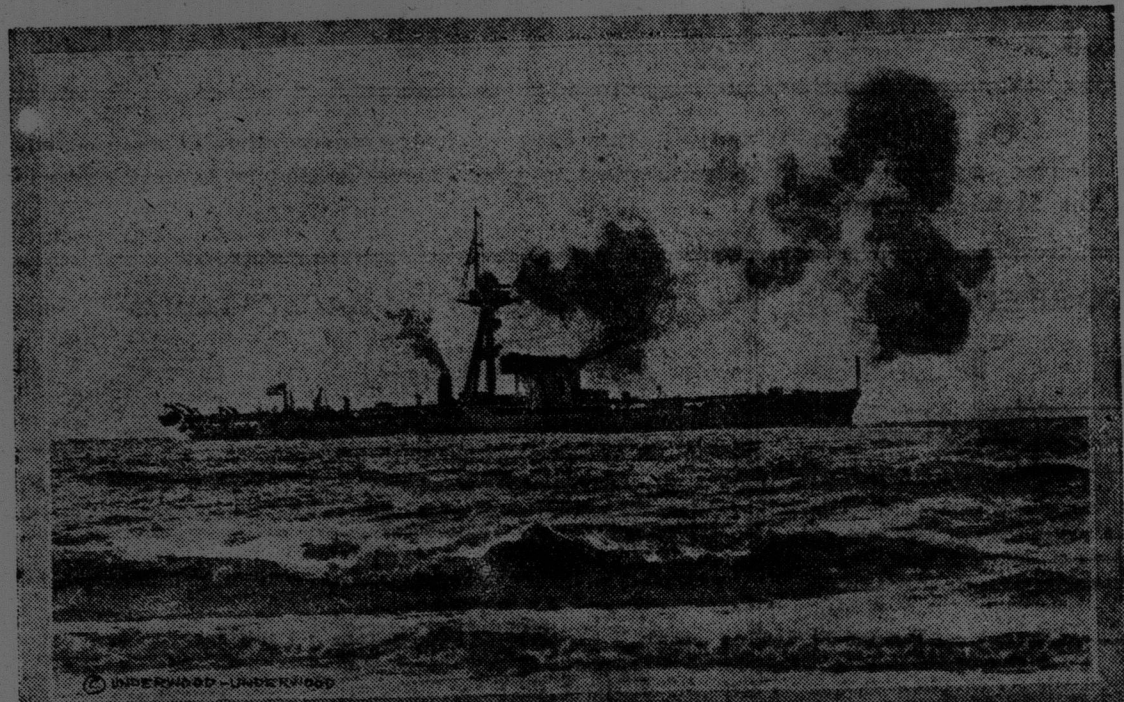


BRITAIN'S LATEST SEA WEAPON



The new light draught monitors carrying one big gun, which are being largely used for shore bombardment in the Dardanelles and on the Belgian coast. They are specially protected against torpedoes and mines.

NATIONAL LIBERAL COMMITTEE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—A national Liberal committee, intended to be of permanent character, was called into being this morning at a meeting of Liberal delegates in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's office. It will consist of fifty members.

DAILY TRAIN SERVICE ON VALLEY RAILWAY; FTON AND GAGETOWN

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 20.—Two Austrians were arrested here on Saturday. One is charged with annoying women in the streets. He was remanded until tomorrow. Another has been acting suspiciously and has made several attempts to go to the United States.

Lieut. R. B. MacFarlane went to St. John today to meet Lieut. Col. Fowler. He is an applicant for a commission in the 140th.

Lieut. Kay of the A. S. C., who has been stationed here for two months, has been transferred to St. John and Lieut. Underwood succeeds him.

The Board of Trade has secured a daily train service on the Valley Railway beginning tomorrow.

Miss Mabel Wilson Addy, Normal school student, belonging to Moncton, died at the home of George Lockhart here last night after a few days illness from pneumonia. She was nineteen years of age.

A. W. DAVIS OF ACADIA COMPANY DIES SUDDENLY

Moncton, Dec. 20.—A. W. Davis, a prominent business man of Halifax, secretary of the Acadia Sugar Refining Co., died suddenly this morning in the Windsor Hotel. Mr. Davis, about 60 years of age, came to Moncton on Saturday on business.

SANDY POINT SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of Sandy Point school were attended by a large number of visitors. The hall was tastefully decorated with wreaths and festoons, and perhaps the most interesting feature, to the children, was a large and well-laden Christmas tree. The following interesting programme was carried out:

The All's Christmas (in costume).  
Canada . . . . . Helen Crowley  
Britannia . . . . . Evelyn Crowley  
Belgium . . . . . Benjamin Whittaker  
France . . . . . Agnes Crowley  
Russia . . . . . Noble Whittaker  
Serbia . . . . . Katherine O'Leary  
Japan . . . . . Kathleen Peacock  
Italy . . . . . Allan White

Recitations were given by Elsie Turner, James Peacock, Thomas Crowley, James O'Leary, Ronald Peacock, Kenneth Whittaker, William O'Leary, and Irene Crowley.

A gift of books was made to pupils and the teacher, Miss Beatrice Gossnell, by Miss Audrey Ross whose kindness was much appreciated by all.

MONCTON NEWS

Moncton, Dec. 20.—Mrs. W. B. MacKenzie and daughter Katharine are going to St. John, to meet Capt. B. H. T. MacKenzie, returning from the front. He is a son of W. B. MacKenzie, former chief engineer of the I. C. R.

The Canadian Express Co. was fined \$100 and costs in a second Scott case of fence against the C. T. A.

The Wheat Market  
Chicago, Dec. 20.—The opening, which ranged from 1-8 to 1-4 higher with Dec. at 118 3-4, and May at 119 3-4 to 120 1-2, was followed by moderate further gains.



FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET  
Quotations furnished by private wire of J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N.B., Monday, Dec. 20.

	Previous Closing	Upward	Down
N. Y. Air Brakes	198	198	
Am. Car & Ferry	79	79 1/2	
Am. Locomotive	68 1/2	68 1/2	
Am. Beet Sugar	70 1/2	70 1/2	
Studebaker	168 1/2	169	
Am. Sugar	116	116	
Am. Smelters	100	100 1/2	
Am. Tel. & Tele.	129 1/2	129 1/2	
Am. Cotton Oil	85	85	
Anacostia Mining	85 1/2	86	
Atch. To & S. Fe.	105 1/2	105 1/2	
Balt. & Ohio	92 1/2	92 1/2	
C. P. R.	179 1/2	179 1/2	
Central Electric	74	74 1/2	
Cummins Steel	73	74	
Chino Copper	92 1/2	93 1/2	
Ches. & Ohio	62	62 1/2	
Rep. Ir. & St.	81 1/2	81 1/2	
Consolidated Gas	145 1/2	146	
Bethlehem Steel	47 1/2	47 1/2	
Distillers Securities	46 1/2	46 1/2	
Erie	41 1/2	41 1/2	
Erie 1st pfd.	56 1/2	56 1/2	
General Electric	173 1/2	173 1/2	
Gr. North pfd.	125 1/2	125 1/2	
Inspiration	44 1/2	44 1/2	
N. Y. Central	105 1/2	105 1/2	
North Pacific	115 1/2	115 1/2	
Norfolk & West	110	110 1/2	
Pennsylvania	68 1/2	68 1/2	
People's Gas	111 1/2	111 1/2	
Reading	84 1/2	84 1/2	
Rep. Ir. & St.	84 1/2	84 1/2	
Rock Island Old	16 1/2	16 1/2	
California Petroleum	31	31 1/2	
So. Railway	123	123	
South Pacific	100 1/2	100 1/2	
St. Paul	93	93	
Southern Railway	22 1/2	22 1/2	
Union Pacific	187 1/2	187 1/2	
U. S. Rubber	84	84 1/2	
U. S. Steel	84 1/2	84 1/2	
U. S. Steel pfd.	116 1/2	116 1/2	
Utah Copper	79	79 1/2	
Virg. Caro Chem.	69 1/2	69 1/2	
West Electric	69 1/2	69 1/2	
Mex. Petroleum	96 1/2	97 1/2	
Baltwin Loco	115 1/2	115 1/2	
United Fruit	149	149 1/2	
Sales to 11 o'clock	187,400	187,400	

CATHOLIC ORPHANS

Statement for Year—The Numbers and the Sums Received For Support

The following statement regarding the Catholic orphanages and collections in their support was read from the Cathedral pulpit yesterday:

On January 1st, 1915 there were 192 children in the two institutions—90 girls and 92 boys.

There have been admitted during the year 87 girls and 92 boys. Placed in homes and taken by relations, 23 girls and 84 boys. One died, leaving in the orphanages 90 girls and 108 boys.

Cathedral parish . . . . . 90  
St. Peter's parish . . . . . 89  
St. John the Baptist parish . . . . . 4  
Holy Trinity parish . . . . . 12  
Assumption parish . . . . . 7  
Other parishes . . . . . 41

Christmas collections—  
Cathedral . . . . . \$748.41  
Holy Trinity . . . . . 178.11  
St. John the Baptist . . . . . 222.14  
St. Peter's . . . . . 355.25  
St. Patrick's Day collection . . . . . 924.09  
Cathedral . . . . . 62.96  
St. John the Baptist . . . . . 40.94  
Holy Trinity . . . . . 287.40  
St. Peter's collection and entertainment . . . . . 100.00  
St. Patrick's Day entertainments—  
St. Patrick's Dramatic Club . . . . . 90.00  
St. John's Dramatic Club . . . . . 100.00  
St. Joseph's Society . . . . . 912.51  
Cathedral Sunday School Pledge . . . . . \$1,821.75  
St. Peter's and Holy Trinity . . . . . \$1,805.25  
Pledge . . . . . \$1,233.75  
Friends and relations . . . . . 817.26  
Poor boxes . . . . . \$1,007.50  
The Tucker estate . . . . . \$9,002.48

TWO YEARS IN DORCHESTER

In the county court this morning before Judge Armstrong, C. H. Ferguson prosecuting, William and John McAleer were charged with assaulting Paul Rantal, with intent to do bodily harm. William McAleer pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary. John McAleer, who was represented by Urban J. Sweeney, was acquitted.

Mrs. Agnes Graham, charged with keeping a girl of tender years in her house in Charlotte street for immoral purposes was discharged for lack of evidence.

LOCAL NEWS

L. O. L. No. 24  
The installation of officers will be held this evening at Orange Hall, German street. Also the Arch Degree will be conferred.

Christmas Store—Bassett's, 207 Union street.

New mixed nuts, 15c a pound; best new walnuts, 18c; best new soft shelled almonds, 20c; best new filberts, 20c; washed Brazil nuts, 20c.—The Two Barkers, 100 Princess.

Everybody's Christmas store—the People's Dry Goods Store, 14 Charlotte street.

We have a large assortment of Christmas books and stationery, and would appreciate your patronage.—Israel Stekolsky, 18 Waterloo.

Queens rink opening tomorrow night with band. Season tickets for this popular rink make excellent Christmas presents.

Turkey supper will be served all the week from 5 to 7 at Bond's restaurant.

Gold and silver tinsel for Christmas trees at McArthur's.

LOCAL MARINE NEWS

J. Willard Smith reports that the steamer Ishik K. Stetson has been chartered to load coal at New York for Eastport.

The steamer Kanawa arrived in port this afternoon from London via Halifax.

Merry Christmas. Don't forget his slippers, and don't forget that we have the finest assortment in town.—Wiesel's Cash Stores, 248-247 Union street.

Santa Claus raises, 10c package; cleaned currants, 10c package; cluster raisins, 10c package; fancy cluster raisins, 20c package, cluster raisins, 20c package.—The Two Barkers, 100 Princess.

MAY ISSUE LICENSE

The last issue of the Royal Gazette contains notice of power given to Mayes Davis, postmaster at Indian town, to issue marriage licenses.

HELP AT POST OFFICE

To cope with the extra rush of mail matter through the local post office, some additional helpers were put to work to-day. The helpers were James Merrick, James Sandall, Wm. Morrison, Arthur Cody, Louis Porter, Joseph Knowles, Basil Robertson, Chas. J. Wetmore, and John Andrews as inside clerks. Aiding the letter carriers will be E. H. McLaughlin, Wm. D. McFadden, J. J. Ryan, Wm. Green and Benj. White.

BEGINNING TOMORROW

The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open evenings till Christmas.

Everybody come for Christmas shopping at the People's Dry Goods Store, 14 Charlotte street.

FROM MAJOR MCARTHUR

In a letter received on Saturday, Major Douglas McArthur announced that he was well and safe after three months in the trenches.

Arrived today direct from Santa Claus Christmas tree decorations—all kinds, big assortment.—McArthur, 84 King street.

RECEIVED BY MAYOR

Mayor Francis has received contributions for the various funds totalling as follows: Serbian fund, \$18; Russian and Polish Refugees, \$19; Belgian, \$22.50; Soldiers' Comforts, \$14.85.

The amount for the Soldiers' Comforts reported the proceeds of a tea and fancy sale held at the home of Ursula MacDonald, 81 Harrison street, by little Miss Ursula and Jean MacDonald, Mary Kirkpatrick, Grace Small, Amy Chesley and Josephine Dever.

REPORTED BEST YET

"Polka of the Past," the musical farce to be presented by the Parisian Girls at the Opera House tonight is said to be better than any of the hills and valleys has yet offered here. It will be entirely new in songs, dances, costumes and nonsense. There will be matinee tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday.

Florida oranges, 10c doz.; Jamaica oranges, 25c; extra large Jamaica oranges, 35c; California oranges, 35c; grape fruit, four for 25c; Malaga grapes, 10c pound at The Two Barkers, 100 Princess.

Christmas bargains at Bassett's, 207 Union street.

FOR THE ORPHANS

Donations for the Christmas tree at the Protestant Orphan's Home will be gratefully received at the home, or will be called for upon notification to any members of the committee as follows:—Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. F. W. Murray, Mrs. C. A. McDonald, Miss Grace Leavitt, Miss Bayard, Miss M. Sidney Smith, Mrs. P. J. Harding, Mrs. Harold Stetson, Mrs. David Hutchinson and Mrs. J. S. MacLaren.

Everybody must call at the People's Dry Goods Store, 14 Charlotte street. Money saved on every purchase.

Fountain pens, guaranteed, from \$1 up to \$4 at McArthur's.

The 50c and 60c children's books "The Two Barkers, Ltd., 100 Princess street, are selling at 10c and 20c.

HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF BEAUTIFUL NECKTIES

We don't believe you ever saw so many handsome neckties as you will see here now. It would be well worth your while to see this display even if you did not buy any, but neckties are a happy solution to many Christmas problems. No matter how many ties a man has, he is always glad to get more.

We are showing some beautiful silks in needed unchangeable shades in nice boxes at 50c. Other prices, 25c. to \$1.25. Store open evenings.

Save money and buy your toys, games, dolls, books, Teddy bears, at The Two Barkers, Ltd., 100 Princess.

BIRKS' GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Offering a wide range to choose from and possessing the character and individuality of an artistic gift we draw attention to a very complete assortment of

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In Sterling Silver, Brass and Inlaid Mahogany. The sets are all very moderately priced, but all pieces are obtainable singly.

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Write for our New Illustrated Catalogue. It will be mailed to you on request.

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PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Soldiers' Christmas Tree.  
The Cathedral ladies are looking after the canteen at the Soldiers' Club this week. They desire to have a Christmas tree for the soldiers, and are asking donations of cigarettes, tobacco and pipes, and fruit, especially oranges. They ask that contributions be sent to the Soldiers' Club on Thursday morning.

PERSONALS  
Mrs. Murray MacLaren returned to the city on Saturday from England.

Misses Edith and Victoria Scribner, and Miss Ada Parvin of Bloomfield, N. B., are guests of Mrs. H. R. Arrow-smith.

Rev. C. P. Carleton of Peterborough, came to the city today.

F. E. Williams returned to the city from Boston today.

Misses Edith and Victoria Scribner, and Miss Ada Parvin of Bloomfield, N. B., are guests of Mrs. H. R. Arrow-smith.

Kerr Higgins, principal of the Grammar school at Grand Falls, N. B., is visiting at his home in East Pine street for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. L. J. Tweedie, who returned to Chatham from Toronto suffering from congestion of the lungs and pneumonia, is again attending to business.

WAR NOTES  
Corporal Albert Manley of Halifax, 28th Battalion, has been wounded.

The Turks claim to have sunk a British monitor in the Tigris river, near Kut-el-Amara.

The second American note to Austria on the sinking of the Lecona was sent yesterday and should reach Vienna tomorrow night.

The East of Derby predicts a victory for the Entente Allies at an earlier date than many persons expect.

It is reported that Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, commander-in-chief of the First Turkish Army, is establishing his headquarters at Aleppo, Syria, where the Turkish and German troops under his command are being equipped for an invasion of Egypt.

BROMIDES UP 1,000 PER CENT.  
Price Advances From 35 Cents to \$5.50 a Pound

A tremendous advance in the price of bromides, used extensively in the treatment of nervous diseases, is giving concern to American hospitals and physicians. The increase is more than 1,000 per cent. Bromides that were 35 cents a pound before the war, are now \$5.50.

A manufacturer of medicines who talked with a New York reporter the other day was inclined to attribute the high prices to a syndicate which he said controlled the American output of bromine. This element, whose combination with potassium, sodium, strontium or ammonia, produces a bromide, is found in springs in Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. The manufacturer said that most of the bromine was being exported to Europe, where he thought it was being used in the production of aspirin tablets.

Will Protect Villa  
Washington, Dec. 20.—State department officials have decided that General Villa will receive the asylum accorded a political refugee, should he enter the United States.

A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons says that Villa has retired from command of the troops opposing Carranza.

Pa—"My boy, you must learn to say 'No' firmly and positively."  
Son—"Why?"  
Pa—"Because you never know when some widow may propose to you."

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Thinking you, Mr. yours very truly,  
MOTHER OF ONE AT THE FRONT

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WANTED—Capable girl at once. Apply at once. Mrs. Vanwart, 149 Charlotte street.

LOST—Between Fennell, Westmorland road, Pond and City Road, carriage robe, black fur with green lining. Finder will please return to Union Blend Tea Company, City Road or telephone M. 454.

BORN IN FREDERICTON

Death of Tom G. Hatheway in Missoula

(Daily Missoulian, Dec. 18.)  
Tom G. Hatheway died yesterday morning at his home in East Pine street from an attack of grippe which resulted in pneumonia. Mr. Hatheway had been ill for about two weeks.

N. B. Mr. Hatheway was brought to Missoula when he was but a year old and grew up in the hardships which attended the early settlers of this community. His education was all secured in the public schools of Missoula and after this had been finished he went into the grocery business. In 1902 he married Miss Carrie Benson of Minnemaqua, Wis., and brought her to Missoula to live.

During his residence here Mr. Hatheway has been city treasurer and county clerk. The respect which the city held for him is shown in the fact that he was elected to these positions. After leaving his public office, he returned to the grocery business and was engaged in managing the Pathfinder cash grocery store when he died.

Mr. Hatheway leaves his wife, a daughter, ten years old, and six sisters.

RECENT DEATHS

At Shippegan on Dec. 9, Mrs. Ann Vanadeste died, aged eighty-seven years. She is survived by four daughters—Mrs. B. S. Henderson of Vancouver, Mrs. J. S. Patterson of St. John, Mrs. W. J. Cassidy of New Jersey, Mrs. B. B. MacDonald of Shippegan; one son—Andrew in Wisconsin, and two brothers—Peleg of Oskosh, Wis., and Charles of Victoria, Canada.

BACK TO THE TRENCHES

Amherst News—Gus Reese is returning to the trenches. This gallant young Amherstian, who left the shores of Canada with the 17th Nova Scotia Battalion, First Overseas Contingent, suffered a severe wound in the hand and arm in one of the first big battles of the war. It was reported that he was to be invalided home, but, according to late letters received from him at his home in Amherst, he was preparing to return to the trenches. His brother, Clarence, is also "somewhere in France."

Peter Smith has been appointed harbor master of Buctouche and Willard A. Ingalls harbormaster of Grand Harbor.

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