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w.f.m.t**Christmas Greeting  
to D'Annunzio.****Blockade Applied to His Territory--  
New Home Rule Bill May Not  
be Accepted by all Ireland--Am-  
bascades and Shooting Continue  
--Irish Railway Strike Aban-  
doned-- League of Nations Start-  
ed on Mission.****ULTIMATUM TO D'ANNUNZIO.**ROME, Dec. 21.  
Replying to the ultimatum of Gen-  
eral Caviglia, commanding the Italian  
forces surrounding Fiume, Gabriele D'  
Annunzio declared to-day that he  
would maintain his attitude and would  
not recognize the treaty of Rapallo.  
D'Annunzio informed General Caviglia  
that he had decided to resist. General  
Caviglia's ultimatum demanding dis-  
bandment of D'Annunzio's forces, his  
evacuation of the islands of Arbe and  
Veglia, and release of Italian war ma-  
terial in Fiume. D'Annunzio was given  
until six o'clock this evening to reply  
to the ultimatum. General Caviglia  
now will proclaim a strict blockade of  
Fiume and the islands of Veglia, Arbe  
and San Marces, it was announced. The  
new blockade, it is said, will complete-  
ly isolate the territory occupied by D'  
Annunzio from the rest of the world.**IRISH RAILWAYMEN ABANDON  
STRIKE.**DUBLIN, Dec. 21.  
Irish railwaymen in conference de-  
cided unanimously to abandon their  
strike against the carrying of mun-  
itions and return to work provided all  
the men are restored to their former  
positions.**WILL BE APPLIED AT OPPORTUNE  
MOMENT.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
The Irish Home Rule Bill as slightly  
modified by the House of Lords was  
adopted by the Commons to-day. The  
measure needs only the Royal signa-  
ture to become law. The Government  
reserves the right to apply the law  
when the opportune moment arrives.**POLICE AND SOLDIERS AMBUSHED**DUBLIN, Dec. 21.  
Heavy fighting has taken place be-  
tween large forces of civilians on one  
side and soldiers and police on the  
other in the section lying between  
Callan, County Kilkenny, and Glen-  
bow, County Tipperary. The military  
and police were ambushed at not less  
than three different places yesterday  
and numerous casualties resulted on  
both sides. These included Sergeant  
Walsh of the Royal Irish Constab-  
ulary, killed, some soldiers, number  
unknown, killed, 10 or 15 civilians  
killed, and Sergeant Shannon and sev-  
eral other soldiers wounded. About  
thirty civilians were wounded or cap-  
tured. An official communication is-  
sued by General Headquarters to-night  
estimates the casualties among at-  
tacking forces at sixteen and gives the  
military casualties as one private  
severely wounded. No police casu-  
alties are mentioned. The statement  
says that details are still in doubt and  
that no information has yet been received  
regarding the ambush of the police re-  
inforcements from Clonmel. The in-  
habitants of the countryside are in a  
state of terror and many are fleeing  
from their homes.**THE HOME RULE BILL.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
The Home Rule Bill as finally em-  
erged from Parliament to-day ready  
for Royal assent, is not fundamentally  
different from the measure the Gov-  
ernment first presented. Months of  
discussion and efforts to amend in both  
Houses resulted in certain safeguards  
being added which its adherents be-  
lieve will make it more acceptable to  
the Irish people. Critics, however, still  
maintain that it will not be accepted  
by the South of Ireland, and in this  
connection it is recalled that Arthur  
Griffith, Sinn Fein leader, said some  
weeks after the Bill was introduced,**Labor and Capital  
Agree on One Thing**While strikes are going on all over  
the world, it is a relief to find one  
point on which Labor and Capital  
agree. This is a matter which may not  
have much to do with the wealth of  
nations, but it has a material in-  
fluence on their health—and that is  
the efficacy of Buckley's Bronchitis  
Mixture for coughs, colds, bronchitis,  
hoarseness and other throat and chest  
affections. Just as there is "no  
royal road to health," so this wonder-  
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to thousands, is easily within the  
reach of the laboring man as well as  
the millionaire. Rich or poor, old or  
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MUTUAL ST., TORONTO.that there probably were not ten in-  
fluential men in Ireland who had even  
taken the trouble to read it. The Bill's  
critics argue that events of the past  
months have not served to change the  
Sinn Fein attitude that they will not  
set up a Government suggested by the  
Imperial Parliament. The Bill as pre-  
sented did not provide an alternative  
if either Ulster or Southern Ireland or  
both decided to accept it, but within  
three and a half years the measure  
auto-matically dies so far as the sec-  
tion refusing to accept it is concerned.  
In the meantime either section de-  
clining to accept can be ruled as a  
Crown Colony. The limit of three and  
a half years was adopted because by  
that time there must be a new election  
and House of Commons.**THE DEATH TOLL.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
Twenty persons were killed in Ire-  
land during last week end according  
to a statement made in the Commons  
to-day by Sir Hamar Greenwood in re-  
ply to a question. Sir Hamar said three  
persons were murdered by unknown  
individuals. Others were civilians and  
Sinn Feiners who were killed while  
attacking Crown forces in the attempt  
to evade arrest.**MORE REPRISALS.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
The Press Association's Dublin cor-  
respondent quotes a despatch as say-  
ing crown forces burned the village of  
Ballitale, County Longford, early this  
morning as reprisal for the attack re-  
cently on the police barracks there in  
which one constable was killed and  
three wounded.**LEAGUE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH-  
ED.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
Interviewed by the Manchester  
Guardian, Hon. N. W. Rowell, one of  
Canada's representatives at the Le-  
ague of Nations Assembly, said there  
was not one delegate who having been  
through the whole session was not  
convinced the League was successfully  
launched.**AN EXTREME VIEW.**NEW YORK, Dec. 21.  
One hundred and thirty-eight life  
insurance companies are suspending  
business in Mississippi where aggre-  
gate policies amount to one billion two  
hundred and fifty thousand. The action  
is the outgrowth of a suit filed against  
them by the State revenue agent of  
Mississippi charging that in collecting  
the same rates the companies have  
created a combine in violation of the law.**ACCOUNTS FOR MONEY.**BOSTON, Dec. 21.  
De Valera's Secretary answering the  
demand that all monies realized from  
the sale of Irish bonds be immedi-  
ately placed for the relief of sufferers in  
Ireland says the funds are in charge  
of the Minister Finance, Dail Eireann.**DOWAGER DUCHESS DEAD.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
Nora Henrietta, Dowager Duchess,  
widow of the late Field Marshal Earl  
Roberts, died to-day at her residence  
at Ascot Heath.**ANOTHER DECLINE RECORDED.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
Ministry of Labor statistics show the  
cost of living in Great Britain at the  
first of December had fallen seven  
points as compared with the previous  
month making prices 198 above the  
average for July 1914.**MAYFLOWER DAY.**PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 21.  
The deeds of the Pilgrim Fathers,  
their ideals and the lessons they left  
for posterity, were described with pre-  
sent day application in the exercises  
here to-day celebrating the three hun-  
dred anniversary of their landing  
from the Mayflower. A company of  
descendants of the little band gathered  
with distinguished guests, in the  
modest theatre seating only nine hun-  
dred but the largest auditorium that  
the town affords, heard addresses by  
Senator Lodge and Governor Collidge  
and a poem by Dean Le Baron Briggs  
of Harvard University. Senator Lodge  
pictured the world at the present time  
as exhausted and almost prostrate,  
with suggestions in Asia of world con-  
quest, while in another region the sav-  
age despotism which has replaced the  
destruction of the world in threatening  
destruction of all civilization. Governor  
Collidge said no such body ever cast  
so great an influence on human his-  
tory as this company of Pilgrims. Inappearance weak, persecuted, rejected,  
despised and insignificant, but in real-  
ity a strong and independent mighty  
host of whom the world was not  
worthy, destined to free mankind.**FOUNDERED SCHOONER UNKNOWN**NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.  
Search for wreckage south east of  
Cape Hatteras where the four-masted  
schooner was reported capsized and  
sunk last Friday by the British steam-  
er Dunderman has failed to disclose  
the identity of the foundered craft. The  
steamer's master said he saw the  
schooner wallowing in heavy sea as  
darkness came on and that she sud-  
denly vanished. The Dunderman could  
find no wreckage.**MARINE MYSTERY SOLVED.**Boston, Dec. 21.  
Owners of the schooner Jane Palmer  
which was reported Saturday in dis-  
tress five hundred miles east of Cape  
Hatteras were notified to-day that the  
vessel had been abandoned and her  
crew landed at Bermuda by the steam-  
er Cotail. The Cotail stood by the Pal-  
mer until it was seen that there was no  
hope of saving her and took off the  
crew. The Palmer was bound from  
Newport News for Buenos Aires with  
coal when she ran into storms and  
started leaking.**BANK MEN CHARGED.**LONDON, Dec. 21.  
A sequel to the crash of yesterday  
of Farrow's Bank, which brought mis-  
ery to thousands of small depositors  
just at Christmas Tide, was the ap-  
pearance in the Mansion House to-day  
of two officials connected with the  
Bank, Frederick Harb, accountant and  
William Rotch, banker. They were  
charged by the public prosecutor with  
publishing together with Thomas Far-  
rows, founder of the Bank, a report  
and balance sheet for the year ending  
in June last which they knew to be  
false in certain particulars. Both Harb  
and Rotch were remanded for three  
weeks on bail. Croft in two sureties  
of ten thousand pounds each and  
twenty thousand pounds of his own  
money, and Harb in two sureties of  
five thousand each and ten thousand of  
his own. Farrow was placed under  
arrest, but is reported to be too ill to  
be moved.**SON BETRAYS TRUST.**MONTREAL, Dec. 21.  
One of the most pathetic and tragic  
cases in the history of Canada was dis-  
closed this afternoon before Justice  
MacLennan in the Superior Court  
when the Corporation Agencies Limited  
sued the Home Bank of Canada for  
two hundred thousand representing  
alleged defalcations of C. H. Cahan,  
Jr., K.C., son of C. H. Cahan, K.C., a  
lawyer well known all over the Do-  
minion. Cahan who was chief witness  
this afternoon after giving evidence  
in a courageous, frank and clear in-  
manner broke down and wept when  
he came to tell the Court how he had  
trusted his son with full power of at-  
torney to transact his business during  
his father's absence and how he had  
returned from abroad to find that his  
trust had been betrayed that his son  
had absconded and that the family  
fortune was a wreck.**No "Scrips" Required**FOR STAFFORD'S ESSENCE OF  
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1. Extra Waltz—Love's Rosary
2. Lancers—Jolly Crowd.
3. Waltz—Carolina Sunshine.
4. One-step—Off by Jingo.
5. Fox-trot—At the Moving Picture Ball.
6. Waltz-Lancers—The Glide.
7. Waltz—One Loving Caress.
8. Lancers—Old-Timers.

**INTERVAL.**

9. Extra Supper Dance.
10. Lancers—Step Lively.
11. Waltz—Trippoli.
12. One-step—Swanee.
13. Fox-trot—Ching A-Ling's Jazz Bazaar.
14. Waltz—Let the Rest of the World Go By.
15. Lancers—Jolly Crowd.

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**A Christmas  
Eve Calamity.**He had been spending Christmas  
Eve with his brother in London and  
when, late that same night, he return-  
ed to his wife—Mrs. Brown—his face  
was strangely pale and haggard."What is it dear?" exclaimed the  
wife."I will tell you. It happened while  
we were at dinner. We were all eating  
in quite ordinary fashion when sud-  
denly little Dorothy uttered a cry of  
distress and closed her eyes. Almost  
at the same instant my sister-in-law  
pressed her hand to her forehead and  
tears streamed down her face. As I  
gazed at her in alarm, my brother John  
threw up his arms with an exclamation  
of intense pain and then buried his  
face, over which a sharp spasm ap-peared to be passing, in his napkin."  
"Poisoned!" gasped Mrs. Brown,  
with hysterical symptoms.  
"No, my dear," replied Mr. Brown,  
with ghastly calmness. "Horse-radish."Dissolve 1½ lbs. sugar in 3  
quarts of water and add con-  
tents of one bottle Stafford's  
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