

BRITISH ARE DEFEATED IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Dec. 4.—The British army in Mesopotamia is retiring. Official announcement was made today that the forces of General Townsend were retiring to Kut-el-Amara.

The British announcement confirms a Berlin wireless despatch of two days ago to the effect that the British were being forced back in the direction of Kut-el-Amara, 105 miles south of Baghdad.

The wireless messages quoted an official Turkish report which said that the British had suffered a severe setback, losing 6,000 officers and men in three days' fighting.

The Greek Situation. London, Dec. 4.—A despatch from Athens says that again relations between Greece and the allied powers have become strained to such an extent that restrictions have been re-imposed upon the Greek commerce.

Berlin states that virtually the whole of Greece Macedonia has been handed over to the allies as a war base and that Greece has further agreed to give the allies free use of railway lines in this territory.

PERSONALS. Lieut. Francis Morton Smith is leaving today on his return to the front with the 10th Battalion.

FREDERICTON NEWS. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 4.—Several members of the provincial government will attend the Maritime Winter Fair.

WAR NOTES. Recent reports show that the French steamer Algerin, sunk on Nov. 25, was torpedoed without warning by a submarine flying the Austrian flag.

CALL ACCEPTED. The Rev. Dr. Polley, Dalhousie, has accepted a call extended to him by the congregation of Parrboro, N. S.

EXAMPLE TO N. B. TOWNS. Thomas Adams, town planning expert of the Dominion conservation commission, went to Stewiacke, N. S., this week to meet the local board there.

AFTRR LONG SERVICE. Alexander Murray, of Moncton, who has been postal clerk in the I. C. R. for many years, but for some time has been on leave, has been supernumerary.

GRAND WIND-UP OF "GODDESS" ON MONDAY

Imperial's Splendid Serial Will Conclude—Famous Players Feature as Well

The coming week gives promise of inaugurating Christmas good cheer at the Imperial Theatre. At the outset on Monday charming Hazel Dawn and that well-known matinee favorite, James Kirkwood, will be seen in another Paramount success "Clarissa," written by Ronald McDonald.

WALLINGFORD AT THE LYRIC ON THURSDAY Shows How the Great Financier Will Make Money in Moving Pictures

The Lyric has earned an enviable reputation during the last few months for the excellent character of its picture presentations, and this has been realized probably through the medium of the "Who Pays" series.

MASTER PICTURE SEEN IN PRIVATE VIEW: ANNETTE KELLERMAN

Without doubt one of the best motion picture productions ever presented in St. John is "Neptune's Daughters," shown at a private exhibition in the Lyric Theatre last evening.

CONDENSED DESPACHES. In the Henry Ford peace expedition to all this afternoon from New York, are eighty-three peace envoys, fifty-four newspaper and magazine correspondents and three movies.

THE COUNTRY MARKET. Prices were quoted this morning as follows: Bacon, twenty-four to twenty-five cents; eggs, case, thirty-six cents; eggs, fresh, fifty cents; butter, thirty-two to thirty-four cents; chickens, \$1.25 a pair and upwards; fowl, fourteen cents a pound; lamb, sixteen cents a pound; beef is plentiful.

LOCAL NEWS

SOLDIER'S BADGES. We make soldier's badges into brooches, pendants, hat pins, etc., at a very small cost. Send the plates, 24 Waterloo street.

H. N. DeMille & Co. will give it away. Send your washing to Ungar's Laundry and get satisfaction. No chemicals used. Phone M. 88 and our tests will call.

We're the store for men's shoes, \$1.08, \$2.25 to \$6. Test our shoes and you'll know why.—Wiesel's Cash Stores, 243-247 Union street.

Reformed Baptist church, preaching 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. by the pastor. Fresh mine "Acadia Pictos" and "Old Mine Sydney," soft coal in stock.—George Dick, 45 Britain street. Phone M. 1116.

Sittings for Christmas made day or night. Open from 7 to 9 evenings.—Ker's Photo Studio.

Hear Mont. Andre, the eminent French lecturer at the Opera House tonight, in a splendid illustrated talk on the war, with over 900 special views taken direct "On the Firing Lines." Under the auspices of Loyalist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire. Proceeds for patriotic purposes.

Quality, purity and flavor—the secrets of Brayley's flavoring extracts (a) One piano vote with every cent of your purchase at DeMille's.

MISS ALICE T. GALLAGHER. The death of Miss Alice T. Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gallagher, occurred this morning at her

Advertisement for Keelock Eyeglass Mountings, established 1894. Keelock Eyeglass Mountings are the latest and best improvement for eyeglass wearers.

Advertisement for D. Boyaner, Two Stores, 33 Dock Street, 151 Charlotte Street. Births, Deaths, Marriages.

BIRTHS. THOMPSON—On Dec. 3, at 650 Main street, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Thompson, a son.

MARRIAGES. PHILLIPS-FULLERTON—On Nov. 2, by Rev. W. G. Lane of Exmouth street church, Frederick Phillips to Miss Annie L. Fullerton.

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GERMAN CAPTAIN IN TROUBLE IN U. S. One man arrested on a drunkenness charge was fined \$2, as it was his first appearance.

FEAR BULGARS WILL DESERT TO RUSSIANS? Turkish and Austro-German Troops Arriving to Defend Bulgarian-Rumanian Border

London, Dec. 4.—The Daily Mail correspondent in Bucharest, telegraphing under date of November 27, says: "The Bulgarian authorities of Rustchuk are preparing for the arrival of 50,000 Austro-German troops."

SUITABLE GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS. Money, Body Bells, Metal Mirrors, Best Quality Pipes in Cases, Cigarette Holders, Cigar Cases, Travelling Roll-ups.

THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street

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Mr. Married Man--Do This. Write out instructions for your wife to follow with reference to earning an income for the support of herself and your children after your death. After you have found out how "easy" it is to write out these instructions, figure out how "easy" it is going to be for your wife to carry them out.

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TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. CHRISTMAS SALE. Fancy Work, Fruit Cakes, Plum Puddings, Mincecatt, Pies, etc.

WANTED—Boy at C. P. R. Telegraph Company. ROOM and Board, 78 Sewell. ROOMS and LODGING, 183 City Line, West St. John.

LOST—Friday evening white crepe silk waist with touches of black, on Sydney or Princess. Finder kindly return 148 Duke, (upstairs). Reward. \$448-12-5.

RECRUITING MEETINGS. Tonight's Meeting. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson and Charles D. Jones will be the speakers at the Mill street recruiting rooms this evening.

GERMAN CONSUL IS CALLED TO TESTIFY. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—Federal agents are gathering evidence for the grand jury in connection with alleged plots to destroy munition plants and ships with cargoes consigned to the Entente Allies.

IN THE KITCHEN is where you need SNAP. It's the best cleaner you could possibly use for Pots, Pans and Earthenware—for greasy tins—for your good Aluminum Ware.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE. LaVallieres. Pendants are in high favor among women who wear fashionable jewelry.

Prices in Solid Gold range from \$6.50 to \$10.00. Sharpe's LaVallieres were selected from the prettiest offerings in the latest styles, made by reliable manufacturers.

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WHAT GOES DOWN. Chicago, Dec. 4.—Wheat declined in value today. After opening a shade 3-8 to 1-2 lower, the market underwent a material further sag.