

News of Maritime Province Men In the War

LT. Col Black in Command. A recent letter from Lt. Col. Black, now in France, states that Colonel Smart, who is first in command of the 2nd Brigade C. M. B. had been obliged to return to England owing to illness.

In his letter Mr. Black said that the Sackville boys were all well. He said he had just seen Arthur Gillis and three other fellows sitting in the mud, with a coke fire and an old oil can, frying bacon.

Going to The Front. Ralph McKennie, instructor of manual training at the Riverside Consolidated School, has given up his school and is in his intention to go to overseas service.

Four Brothers Edified. Sackville Tribune.—That Middle Sackville and the Acadian portion of our population are doing their part in the great Empire cause is amply shown by the fact that four sons of Stephen Devarnne now wear the king's uniform.

Auto Men to Bailis. A number of Fredericton automobile drivers and mechanics have applied for enlistment with the Mechanical Transport Drivers Corps now being recruited in Canada.

Wins Promotion. Capt. G. F. O'Grady, formerly 8th Battalion, Winnipeg, has been appointed adjutant of the 15th Battalion, succeeding Capt. Trumbull Warren, of Toronto, killed in action.

Provisional Lieutenants. Charles F. Randall and Leon A. H. Thurrott, of Fredericton, have been gazetted as provisional lieutenants, supplementary, in the 71st War Regiment, returned from Kingston.

Q. M. Sergt. Drysdale, Sergt. Cashen, Sergt. Goss and Sergt. Livingstone of the 86th Overseas Battery, have returned from Kingston, Ont., where they were taking a six weeks' artillery course.

Transferred to St. John. Lt. J. Key, of the Army Service Corps officers who has been stationed at Fredericton for the past two months, has been transferred to St. John, where he will assume charge of the depot barracks stores. His successor at Fredericton is Lieut. G. M. Underwood.

STIRRING SCENES AT STAR

Diamond from Sky and Other Features at North End House. Tonight will be the last chance the patrons of Star Theatre, North End, will have to see the tenth chapter of "The Diamond from the Sky".

The Diamond from the Sky. This chapter continues the adventures of Arthur Stanley and the train robbers, Vivian Martin and Blair Stanley, again in trouble, the sheriff and cowboys come to the rescue, and faithful old Quabba, the organ-grinder, does his part to help Esther and Hagar. This chapter is a particularly essential one, and those who are following this engrossing serial should not miss it, as they will find all the principals at work, showing up the connecting parts of previous chapters.

In addition to the serial, the Star is showing a powerful dramatic story produced by the Broncho Film Co., entitled "Destiny's Night". This is a two-reel feature and lacks nothing in scenery and wonderful action. A bright little comedy entitled "An Ill Wind" concludes this excellent bill. On Wednesday and Thursday patrons of the North End house will be treated to a five-reel Lubin special feature, entitled "The Gamblers", an exceptionally good story, which is quite in keeping with the productions of that company. Special arrangements are being made for an extra fine Christmas programme, which will also include the second number of "The Girl Detective" series.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN HAVING GOOD TIME

Several hundred children are this afternoon having a happy time in the rooms of the Knights of Columbus through the kindness of the members of the Soldiers' Wives' League, the generosity of many citizens who have contributed and the courtesy of the knights in placing the rooms at their disposal. The committee has erected a huge Christmas tree in the hall and on it are gifts of toys, candy and dainties besides articles of wearing apparel for the children.

The youngsters are a select body. They are the children of men whose names are on the honor roll in the war, some of whom will spend their Christmas in the trenches, others in England, others at home getting ready to go.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

Boston Firemen Killed. Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Two firemen were killed and a third was seriously injured when a floor collapsed in a burning factory building in Cambridge street, early today. The victims were Dennis A. Walsh and Charles C. Willett.

The cannonading diminished appreciably last night in the Arctols district to the northwest of Hill No. 146.

LOCAL NEWS

Go to Emerson & Fisher for skates.

TO THE PUBLIC. We can take a few more orders for Christmas jewelry engraving. This is the last call—conditions, 24 Waterloo street.

Brayley's a buy word in flavoring extracts. Best thing for the boy Xmas, gift of membership in Y. M. C. A., lasts a year. 12-22

A STORE YOU OUGHT TO KNOW. Mulholland's men's furnishings store. Their new Christmas goods have just arrived in the morning, and our man says they are the best in town, and their prices are the lowest. We would advise you giving them a call—33 King square, north side. Look for electric sign, Mulholland's. 12-23.

Photographs—Sittings now for New Year's delivery—Lugin Studio, 38 Charlotte street.

Secure your season tickets for the "Vic" today and save the discount.

UNION MADE OVERALLS AND GLOVES. Headlight, Carhart's, Peabody's, H.S. Peters' Brotherhood overalls, at the same old prices.—Mulholland's, 33 King Square. 12-23.

Send your washing to Ungar's Laundry and get satisfaction; no chemicals used. Phone M. 98 and our team will call.

MILL STREET MEETING. The recruiting meeting in the Mill street offices tonight is expected to prove attractive. A. O. Skinner will preside and the speakers will be Rev. W. G. Lane, a South African chaplain, and Postmaster Sears. In the musical programme, D. S. Pundill, F. J. Punter, Gilbert Davidson, and others will take part. The rooms have been renovated and made more attractive and a good meeting is looked for.

Everybody's going to Queen's rink Thursday night. Opening with bands. Give the children season tickets for Christmas.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John are Baptist church are getting ready their Christmas Kitten is president, and W. H. Coates, secretary of this useful body.

THE COMMON COUNCIL. The common council will meet this afternoon. There is little business on the docket in advance.

We have a large assortment of Christmas books and stationery and would appreciate your patronage.—Israel Stekolaky, 13 Waterloo.

Service St. Andrew's church this evening, inducing Rev. F. S. Dowling.

Everybody's Christmas store for all your shopping, The People's Dry Goods Store, 14 Charlotte street.

SEE US FIRST. Ladies! Our lines of Christmas gifts are neatly boxed.—Gilbert's Furnishings, 47 Brussels.

A New Discovery. Father Morrissey's Remedy for Rheumatism and all Kidney troubles, purely vegetable. No Cure—No Pay. All drug stores. Price 50c.

BOARD OF CONCILIATION. Neither the longshoremen nor the shipping men have received any further word from Ottawa regarding the proposed settlement of the board of conciliation.

UP-TO-DATE CHRISTMAS GOODS. If you want anything in Christmas candles, fruits, fancy boxes, ornaments, visit E. W. Dunham's up-to-date confectionery store, 141 Main street. He has a choice line of all these kinds of goods at prices reasonable than elsewhere, and will be pleased to have you come and see. His fancy boxes of candies and assorted chocolates are in excellent variety, standard brands, and at prices to suit all purses, while goods for Christmas tree decorations are new and novel. Come today and make your choice as the stock is selling quickly.

Make it glasses for the old folks. We can make suitable arrangements to test their eyes carefully and have a scheme whereby spectacles can be presented as a gift.—K. W. Epstein & Co., Optometrist, 193 Union street. See ad, page 7, t.f.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT IS SOMETHING TO WEAR. This store now presents a fascinating exhibition of those things which men and boys would buy for themselves and associate with the spirit of Christmas. Every department is full of bursting with merchandise delightfully suggestive of the Christmas spirit and gift giving. Carefully selected goods embodying all the newest and best ideas that make for the comfort and pleasure of men and little men vie with each other in this store for your attention. We advise shopping early when free, intelligent advice on gift selections will be given by our salesmen, if desired. See our windows. Store open evenings—Hunt's Busy Uptown Men's Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION. Mrs. Mary Spittel, wife of John Spittel, reported dying in the hospital as a result of injuries sustained on Saturday night at her house in Queen street. She sustained a broken leg and internal injuries.

POLICE COURT. A happy-go-lucky individual was the cause of mirth in the police court this morning. He had been arrested last night by Policeman Gibbs on a charge of drunkenness and when asked to plead indignantly denied the charge. His witty answers kept the spectators and officials of the court room convulsed with laughter and incidentally tended to give him his freedom. He was allowed to go with an \$8 suspended sentence.

Jarvis Purdy today asked Magistrate Ritchie to deal leniently with Elijah Stewart, who was arrested Saturday on a charge of stealing a tub of butter from one of his teams. The defendant when he pleaded guilty yesterday explained that he had removed the butter for a joke.

War Correspondent.—Why, you name a friendly vessel. The Turkish Naval Commander—Well we don't seem to be able to sink an unfriendly vessel—and we've got to sink something you know.

For Christmas

- CANADIAN CANDY. Mixed Candy (extra value), 35c. to \$4.00 each. Xmas Ribbon Mix, 10c. lb. Superior-Barley Toys, 20c. lb. Hard Mixed (Frank White's), 25c. lb. 5 lb. boxes, \$1.00. Mixed Chocolates and Creams, 30c. lb. 5 lb. boxes, \$1.25. Hand-Made Creams, 40c. lb. Hand-Made Creams (Frank White's), 40c. lb. After-Dinner Mints, 30c. lb. Scotch Mints, 30c. lb. Cream Almonds, 30c. lb. Maple Walnuts, 30c. lb. Wrapped Butter Scotch, 30c. lb. Marshmallows, 30c. lb. Peter-Pan Caramels, 50c. lb. Candy Canes, 25c. lb. Neilson's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Moir's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Nut Milk Chocolates, 50c. lb. IMPORTED CANDY (U. S. A.). Imported Nougats, 50c. lb. Peppermint Patties, 50c. lb. Marshmallow Snowballs, 50c. lb. Quality Chocolates—A full assortment (in bulk), 70c. lb. Chocolates Straws, 50c. lb.

Gilbert's Grocery

Store Open Every Night Until Xmas. PERSONALS. John O'Regan, Jr. returned to the city today from McGill University, Montreal, for the Christmas holidays. F. P. Starr returned today from Montreal.

Miss Frederica Powers of Providence, R. I., arrived in the city today to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. Fred Powers, 79 Princess street. George Blake, chief of the fire department, shows no improvement today.

John McGrath, who has been attending St. John's Preparatory School, returned last night to spend his Christmas vacation with Mrs. T. J. Cronin, Elliott row.

Many expressions of regret have been heard around the city, since it was learned that Captain A. Boyd Morehouse of Queen street is in a serious condition in a sanatorium at "River Junction," Florida. His wife and family are suffering the greatest anxiety. He has hosts of friends in the city who will join with them in wishing him a speedy recovery and that he will be able to return to his home here.

Miss Gertrude Rediker of Calais, Me., is the guest of Miss Gladys Dowling.

RECENT DEATHS. In Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, Mrs. Elizabeth Dempsey, formerly of Fredericton, passed away. Miss Oogle of that city is a sister.

On Saturday John A. Ladds of Fredericton died. He was forty-nine years of age and is survived by his wife, four sons, Mrs. Annie Woods, and two children. Three brothers and four sisters also survive.

James Grass, of Oromocto, West, passed away at the home of his son, Moses Grass, on Saturday afternoon. Four sons and two daughters survive. They are James and Moses of Oromocto, West, David of Lincoln, Pines of South Branch, Mrs. William McFawn of Dolé, and Mrs. John McLean of Lincoln.

Mrs. Beverly Irvine of Point DeBute is dead, aged forty-five years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Busby Oulton of Jolicoeur and besides her parents she is survived by a husband, two sons, John and Maurice; two sisters, Mrs. Samuel T. Smith and Mrs. Ansley Oulton, Jolicoeur, and one brother, Heber of Maine.

J. Morton Hastings of Sackville, is dead, aged seventy years. He leaves one daughter and one brother.

Walking Sticks! From 25c to \$7.00 each. ELEGANT BIRCH PIPES, from \$1.50 to \$7.00 each. TOBACCO POUCHES. CIGAR CASES. Ladies Can Make a Nice Selection from the Above.

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CARDS OF THANKS. The family of the late James Crozier desire to thank their many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown them in their recent sad bereavement, also for the many beautiful floral tributes received.

Do Your Shopping at

MARCUS' The Store of Practical Gifts

Let us have the Christmas home more attractive and finer every way than relatives and friends expect to find it this year, and after merry-making is over, they'll remember the day as more eventful for the greater pleasure than heretofore with you and yours.

There are many things in our stock that are desirable, inexpensive and appropriate for any member of the family. If you come here you may be able to easily solve the problem of "WHAT TO GIVE?"

FOR THE KIDDIES.—Dolls' Carts, Kindergarten Sets, Desks, Rockers, Couches, Dolls' Rocking Beds, Rocking Horses, Swing Horses, Hobby Horses, etc., etc.

Until Xmas we will give, absolutely free, with every \$5.00 purchase, a beautiful den picture

FREE J. MARGUS 30 DOCK STREET STORE OPEN EVENINGS

WAR ARGUMENTS DRIVE THIS GERMAN INSANE

Father of Ten Children Killed His Wife and Then Himself—Controversies Had Led to Loss of His Job. Elizabeth N., Dec. 21.—Driven insane by arguments over the war in Europe, August Offenopf, fifty years old, a native of Germany, walked into his home today and shot his wife, Etta, in her bedroom on the first floor. Then he walked to the cellar, slashed his wrists and throat with a razor, and sent a bullet into his head.

Offenopf was recently discharged from the Singer factory here because he interrupted the work by starting arguments over the war. In his home were found copies of daily German and English newspapers and maps of Europe with the war zone marked out in blue pencil with the location of each army. Since his discharge from the factory he has spent all his time studying up the positions of the opposing armies from accounts in the newspapers. His daughter said she thought brooding over the war had driven him insane.

Mr. and Mrs. Offenopf have ten children. Four were at school and five at work when the shooting occurred.

The Wheat Market. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Opening prices, which ranged from 3/4 to 1 higher, with Dec. at 122 and May at 123 3/4 to 123 1/2, were followed by a slight reaction and then substantial gains all around.

Cold Cause Headache and Grip. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE relieves the cause. Remember to call for full name. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

RUSSIA INCREASES TAXES TO MEET BIG WAR EXPENSES

London, Dec. 21.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says the Russian Finance Ministry has prepared a bill provided for a general increase in direct and indirect taxation. It is expected to result in an increase in revenues of 686,000,000 rubles annually.

Under this plan the income tax is to undergo a progressive increase. All industrial and land taxes, as well as stamp duties are to be augmented.

As for indirect taxation, all articles of prime necessity will be made to yield more. Wines, textile and electricity are to be subjected to special taxes. A state monopoly of tea, coffee and matches also is proposed.

GERMANS AFFR'D'N'G TO SETTLE LUSITANIA CASE. Washington, Dec. 21.—Full settlement of the Lusitania case, including reparation for the lives of the American victims, which it became known today, recently was near has been postponed by the dismissal of the German naval and military attaches, and the American demands on Austria-Hungary as a result of the sinking of the Ancona.

Consideration of the state of public opinion in Germany because of these two acts of the American government, according to reliable information received here, has caused officials in Berlin to decide that such a settlement as might be satisfactory to the United States, would not now meet with popular approval in Germany.

See Willard in Action. Toronto, Dec. 21.—Toronto will have the opportunity of seeing Jess Willard box here next month in aid of the patriotic fund.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

One year's ticket for our new library for Christmas Gift Costs \$4.50. Books new, latest and best, 2c. per day. Try our special Fruit Cake, Plum Puddings, Pies, etc., for Xmas.—Women's Exchange, Tea and Lunch Rooms, 108 Union street; phone M. 789.

TO RENT.—Furnished Flat, 68 Water street, West St. John, rent reasonable; Phone West 306. 35147-12-29

TO LET.—Heated room, very central, running water in room; Phone 1618-11. 30142-12-29

THREE Room Apartment, electric lights, brick house corner Canterbury and Brittain; Rent \$10. Apply J. Roderick & Son, Brittain street. 35146-12-29

FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH; MURDER IS POLICE BELIEF. Yorktown, Texas, Dec. 21.—John Maye and wife, one son, 15 years old, two daughters 10 and 12 years, and an infant were burned to death last night in their home near here. Wholesale murder is suspected.

RECRUITING IN P. E. ISLAND IS GOOD. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 21.—Forty-five recruits for the 108th Highland regiment were secured last night in Summerside. This is a record breaker for a single meeting on the island. The total now is 600.

The British steamer Huntly and the British steamer Belford of Glasgow have been sunk.

TOYS Santa Claus' Headquarters Christmas Goods Books, Stationery, Fancy Papeteries, Leather Hand Bags, Fancy Goods, Chums, Boys' Own, Scout, Young Canada, Chatterbox, etc. Calendars, Xmas Cards, Tree Trimmings, Purses Best Values! All New Goods! Come and Bring the Children D. McArthur 84 KING STREET Firm Established 65 Years Ago DOLLS