ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1916.

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an English correspondent with the French forces, writing of the late General Serret, says: "Recently a division stationed in Alsace was placed under his orders, and it was there that the gained his reputation as 'Ihomme the gained hi

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COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.

When the agitation in favor of a commission form of government manifested itself in St. John, some few years ago, The Standard ventured to submit that no plan of administration could, of itself, be a panacea for civic like. Any plan depends for its success

In the British Artillery in a letter to the London Times, writes: "Yesterday, not far behind the shell area, I met a fran French girl not more than 17 years old, very nearsighted, but ploughing industricularly with two large horses. The operation seemed to tax all her strength. Arrived at the end of the furrow, I asked, was there no one to help her. 'Non, M'sieur,' with an air that seemed to say, 'It is hard—but I don't mean to admit it.' And she started on the new furrow. She had the remainders of the French girl not more than 17 years old, very nearsighted, but ploughing industricularly with two large horses. The operation seemed to tax all her strength. Arrived at the end of the previous provents as a guerre.' Is it not too hard for you? 'Non, M'sieur,' with an air that seemed to say, 'It is hard—but I don't mean to admit it.' And she started on the new furrow. She had no time for idle conversation. Cer-

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partments and of public service enterprises, interest on indebtedness and outlays for permanent improvements. For permanent improvements commissions spent more than councils, but in general running expenses commission cities showed an increase of less than half that made in council governed centres.

The most striking showing in the report, however, is that which has to do with per-capita net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets), and there commission government cities had a decided and vantage. Whether that was due to the system, or to local conditions, it is difficult to say.

The per-capita debt of council governed cities increased from \$29.04 to \$36.27 in the two years under consideration in commission governed cities the net debt, during the same two years, decreased from \$41.65 to \$41.49 per-capita and in cities under council in 1913 and commission in 1915, the net debt was shown to have increased from \$27.79 in the earlier year to \$30.11 in the latter, probably explainable by heavy expenditures for per signal and services and the proper and the percentage of the world. Then, and not until the tast to the battle lines, more millions must be poured into the war chests. Peace will come eventually, but not until the tast to which the Allies have set their hands has been completed and the world siberated from the domination of Prusslan militarism.

British Sidelights

On the War

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The Swedish Nightingale of the

Little Benny's Note Bool

I was erround at grandpops house for suppir yestidday, and me and him was taking a wawk, not geing enyware partickler, and a beggar man came up to grandpop begging, sayin, I ain't had a thing to set to-day, all I ask is a sent or 2.

No change, no change, sed grandpop. And he kepp on wayking, and the beggar man kepp on following him, saying, But I only ask for a sent or 2, and I aint had a bite to set all day. Being a skinny beggar man with a red noze and cross eyes.

Dont bother me, cant you see Im taking a wawk, wat 40 you wunt to spoil my wawk for, sed grandpop.

You awk to give me sumthing, jest think, all this will be held agenst you in hevvin, and youll be ded pritty soon, sed the beggar.

Dont lie, Im the pickture of helth and Im going to live 20 years yet, and youve got no rite following me and spoiling my wawk, sed grandpop.

If you dont give me sumthing Ill put a curse on you, sed the beggar.

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Heer, stop that kind of tawk, sed grandpop.
And you no wat they say about beggars curses, but if you give me sumthing Ill put a blessing on you, sed the beggar, thares nuthing as lucky as wat a beggars blessing is.

All rite, put the blessing on me ferst, sed grandpop.
Then will you promise to give me sumthing, sed the beggar, and grandpop sed, Yes, and the beggar sed, I bless you forever and ever, and may you never have bad luck or indigestshin.
Thats a good blessing, heers a sent, sed grandpop. And he gave the beggar one, and the beggar looked at it saying, Is that all I get for that good blessing, thats my best blessing.
Thats all you asked for, sed grandpop.
I asked for a sent or 2, sed the beggar.
Thats rite, you didnt ask for a sent and 2, you sed a sent or 2, and thares a sent, now go away and stop spoiling my wawk. Wich the beggar did.

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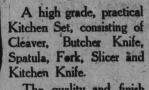
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OBITUARY.

The death took place at Newcastle, Saturday, of Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, widow of Mr. George Simpson, aged 31 years. She is survived by one brother, John Johnson, of New Glasgow, N. S.

Mrs. Catherine Nagle.

Mrs. Catherine Nagle, a much respected resident of the city, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, W. J. Nagle, 163 Carmarthen atreet, left her 94th year. She was a native of Waterford, Ireland, but had been a resident of this city for the last sixty-five years. Her husband, William, died more than half a century ago.

Besides her son she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Wm. F. Milne, of Boston.

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Mrs. Nagle lived under the reign of property of the several British sovereigns and her memory was very clear on old time yevents. She retained full possession of her faculties, despite her advanced rears, until a month or so ago. She



