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CHANGE IN DAY OF ISSUE
After today the BEACON will be published on Saturday instead of Thursday; the next issue will therefore be on Saturday, January 1, 1916. Several reasons have combined to induce this change, the chief of which is the fact that the only other Charlotte County paper, the St. Croix Courier, is issued on Thursday; and as many of our subscribers also take the other paper (indeed every reader of newspapers in the County should subscribe to both), they will receive two local weekly papers issued on different days. Under present postal arrangements the BEACON issued on Saturday will reach all subscribers on Deer Island, Campobello Island, Monak and St. Andrews and most other places on the mainland, on the day of issue, the paper being sent out early in the morning. We hope our readers will appreciate the change.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[December 14 to December 20]
The week under review has provided less news of actual hostilities than almost any week that has preceded it since the war began. An outstanding event was the resignation by Field Marshal Sir John French of the command of the British expeditionary forces on the Western front. On resigning the command, which he had held with such conspicuous ability for over sixteen months, he was created a Viscount in the Peerage of Great Britain and appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Home forces. He is succeeded in the command of the expeditionary forces by General Sir Douglas Haig.

Beyond the usual artillery duels, mining and countermining, and aerial operations, there was very little reported from the Western front during the whole week, the relative positions of the opposing forces being much the same at its close as at its beginning.

Only minor events were reported on the Russian front; and there, too, practically no change took place.

Some activity was displayed in the Caucasus, but no important success seems to have been achieved by either side.

The news from Mesopotamia was more reassuring. Reports told of Sir (i) Amara and Sir (ii) Amara, and made several successful sallies up the Tigris, and inflicted considerable losses upon them.

Some fighting between British and Turkish troops east of Aden was reported, in which the British were victorious.

At the close of the week 100,000 British troops were said to have been quietly withdrawn from the Gallipoli Peninsula and sent to Salonika. The extremity of the Peninsula was still held by the Allies; but it seemed likely that other plans will be adopted by which to reach Constantinople. It is not to be inferred, however, that the whole Dardanelles campaign is to be abandoned.

In the Balkans comparative quiet prevailed. The Entente Allies were fortifying Salonika; and reinforcements continued to arrive in large numbers, but not of a decisive character. Italian troops to the number of 30,000, it was said, were landed in Avonza, Albania.

Fierce fighting continued on the Italian-Austrian front, especially on the Isonzo River, but neither side gained any great advantage; and the Austrians still held Gorizia.

Of submarine activities, all that was reported was found in another column in "News of the Sea."

It would seem that a complete understanding had been reached between the Entente Allies and Greece, and Greece's friendly neutrality is likely to be maintained. No news transpired of any change in the attitude of Rumania, which is to be congratulated upon the fact that up to the present she has kept her neutrality without her soil being occupied by any of the belligerents.

The reply of Austria to the American note about the sinking of the *Arizona* was received at Washington and made public. It was hardly satisfactory to the American government or people; and it is likely to call forth another note from President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, whose ability in writing notes has now received world-wide recognition. These scraps of paper must afford the guileless Teutons much amusement.

In Great Britain the precise numerical result of Earl Derby's recruiting scheme had not been ascertained; but a large number of the unparoled recruits enlisted under the scheme have already been called to the colors by Royal Proclamation. On December 20, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, made a statement in the House of Commons regarding the work of his department; and a court of honor was held in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary for munitions. Tennant said that of the total only one officer and 85 men of other ranks had been killed.

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OUR CHRISTMAS STORY

WE give a large amount of space this week to our Christmas Story. The one selected will be familiar to many of our readers, but some of them may not have read it before. We are quite sure, however, that those who have read it before will read it again with pleasure. It is the second chapter of "The Seven Poor Travellers," by Charles Dickens, originally printed in the Christmas Number of *Household Words* for 1854, sixty-one years ago.

The story was a favorite one of its author, who took a long time to satisfy himself with the narrative, and cried over it, when it was finished. The moral of the story is especially significant at the present time, when so much of the world is convulsed in war.

NINE DAYS' ANNIVERSARIES
Dec. 23.—Sir Isaac Newton born, 1642; Sir Richard Arkwright born, 1732; Anthony taken, 1832; W. M. Channing, American Unitarian, died, 1844.

24.—Twenty of Ghent, 1841; Viscount Morley, O. M., born, 1838; George Crabbe born, 1754; Thackeray died, 1863.

25.—Christmas Day, Champlain died, 1635.

26.—St. Stephen.

27.—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist.

28.—Munroe's Day, Lord Burnham born, 1833.

29.—W. E. Gladstone born, 1809.

30.—Queen Isabella died, 1504; Macaulay died, 1859; Rudyard Kipling born, 1865.

31.—St. Silvester. Charter granted to East India Company, 1600; John Wycliff died, 1384; Attack on Quebec repulsed, and Montgomery died, 1775.

SIR FREDERIC BARKER
With the passing of Sir Frederic Barker the province loses a distinguished son, and Canada a jurist of the highest standing. Fifty-five years have passed since he was called to the bar and in the intervening period he had arisen to the highest office in the supreme court of his native province. A brilliant student in his early years, he remained a student throughout his long and busy life, and his legal mind has left its impress upon the records of the profession. No man was held in higher honor for judicial fairness and knowledge of the law, and his personal character was above reproach. All citizens honored him, and the recognition he received at the hands of his Sovereign was fairly earned by honorable service and a life governed and regulated by high ideals.—*Evening Times*.

FAITH IN MEMORIAL
RING out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring happy bells across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
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The fact that this publication has been issued continuously for 93 years should be proof of its usefulness.

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College, Oxford, was Hilbert lecturer in 1884, and in 1885 Hilbert lecturer on archaeology at Edinburgh. Edinburgh University conferred on him the honorary degree of LL.D. in 1893. He was president of the anthropological section of the British Association in 1900, and in 1902 received the honorary degree of D.Litt. from the University of Wales.

Sir John had served on many commissions, and in 1903 was elected a fellow of the British Academy, and the same year was a member of Moseley's Education Commission to the United States. He had published numerous books on philology. In 1911 he was a member of the Privy Council, and he was knighted in 1909.

VICOUNT ALVERSTONE
London, Dec. 15.—Viscount Alverstone is dead. For nearly thirteen years he was Lord Chief Justice of England, and was one of the most popular, human and many-sided men in public life. In February, 1912, he was seized with a serious heart attack, and his continued ill-health led to his resignation.

Tall, athletic, well-scaled and vigorous, he was a splendid specimen of the old school of English gentlemen. He came into prominence before the American public as the representative of England in the Alaskan boundary commission. His vote in support of the chief claims of the United States, gave America the practical victory. Many Canadians professed to believe, and with bitterness asserted, that the Alaskan government went into the arbitration only after it had reached an understanding that the American case should win and that Alverstone was put forward to carry on the diplomatic bargain.

He was born on December 22, 1842, his father being Thomas Webster, Q. C., well known at Westminster, where he had a large practice, especially in patent cases. Lord Alverstone's wife died in 1875, and his only son died in 1910 after an operation for appendicitis. There is no heir to the title.

Sir Frederic E. Barker
By the death of Sir Frederic E. Barker, which occurred this morning at his residence, Mount Pleasant, St. John loses one of its most eminent citizens and one whose long public career and whose personal qualities won for him the universal respect and esteem, not only of the city, but of the entire province. He had been ill for several weeks and the end was not unexpected.

TILL TWISTON WENT

TILL Twiston went, the war will seem a faint unreal brut or fable. Unheeded, unbelievable.

His letter came: the memories throng Of days that made the friendship strong— The car he won, the ties he wore, His love of china, fairy lore, (And flappers), and his honest eyes; His stammer, his absurdities; His marmalade, his bitter beer, And all that made him quaint and dear.

And though we muckle have to do, Yet love must needs come breaking through.

And now and then the office hum Dies like a mist, . . . and there will come An Oxford breakfast scene: the quad All blue and grey outside—O God— And there sits Twiston at the feast Proclaiming he will be a priest!

I see his eyes, his homely nose— Ring, telephones, and cut the web. And when it's over, will there be In his grey house above the Dee A mug to drain? Will we renew The dreams of all we hoped to do? Our Cotswold ramparts? And will there still Be flappers in the surf at Rhy? O how I counted on the hour When he would see the Woolworth Tower, And how we set our hearts upon Seeing the walls of Carcassonne!

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