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THE BEST VALUES ON THE MARKET.  
They will last twice as long as the ordinary kind.

## WAR NEWS.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A. M.

## ENEMY TRENCHES RAIDED.

LONDON, Dec. 10.  
The official report from British Headquarters in France, issued to-night, reads: This morning we raided hostile trenches in the neighborhood of Neuville St. Vaast and Souchez, inflicting loss on the enemy and capturing a machine gun. Our trench mortars successfully bombarded the enemy lines north of Ploegsteert, east of Arras. Hostile artillery is less active to-day, except in Ypres and La Bassée areas, and west of Le Sars.

## RUSSO-ROUMANIANS IN FULL FLIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 10.  
An official statement issued to-day by the Austro-Hungarian headquarters, as received here from Vienna says: The Russians and Rumanians are in full flight before Field Marshal Von Mackensen's Danube army, and that the Rumanian army which was in front of Von Falkenhayn's right wing has been annihilated. Russian forces which tried to join the Rumanians from the mountain region, it adds, are retreating.

## LLOYD GEORGE AND LABOR.

LONDON, Dec. 10.  
The Daily Chronicle's account of the conference between Lloyd George and the Labor leaders, says that Lloyd George told his callers that the great task of a vigorous prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion could only be accomplished by utilizing to the utmost the entire resources of the nation. The whole prospects of success, he went on, depends upon the continued and increased output of munitions of war of all kinds, and that was why labor had such tremendous responsibilities thrown upon it at the present crisis. To inquiries of the Labor representatives, Lloyd

George outlined his programme, which, according to the Chronicle, "amounts practically to direct control of the whole resources of the country." It is proposed to control all industries and means of transport, both by land and sea, so that the man-power of the nation can be directed into those channels as may be considered best—into the production of munitions of war or into maintaining that part of our export trade which is necessary to keep up the Exchange. It was suggested that every effort would be made to increase home-grown food supplies by encouraging the cultivation of waste land and improving the methods of cultivation of land already under tillage. To this end farmers are to be provided with the most modern machinery obtainable, and the direction of agricultural operations will be organized so as to dispense with superfluous labor. Food supplies and prices are to be rigorously controlled and an attempt is to be made to improve the position of dependents of soldiers by revising the scale of pensions and allowances. Another promise is that the work of organizing the return of men to civil occupations after the war shall be pushed forward so that labor can be absorbed with the minimum of friction and suffering.

## THE TASK OF LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, Dec. 10.  
Political events yesterday consisted of Cabinet making by Premier Lloyd George, and a solemn post mortem over its reign by members of the Liberal Party. Lloyd George's cabinet will be non-partisan, and will meet the popular demand for a business government. It will not be a coalition cabinet in the sense of Asquith's administration, because Asquith had the co-operation of all parties, even including practically the Irish Nationalists. The Liberal inquest at the Reform Club decided that the old Liberal leaders will constitute an opposition party in the Commons, although the opposition will be one of helpful criticism rather than of hostility. The newspapers are devoting themselves to framing a possible Cabinet and incidentally are so wrapped up in the burning questions as to whether Lloyd George can be called a conspirator, and whether a Government consisting largely of men unused to politics can be as efficient as one recruited from the traditional ruling class, that they give comparatively little attention to the events of the war. The surprise of the day was announced by Viscount Grey in the Liberal conference, that Lord Robert Cecil was continuing as Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Lord Curzon, qualified by former service in the Foreign Office and with his record as Viceroy of India, it is thought is assured of the honor. The choice of Balfour aroused instant protest from the papers which rated him as one of the aged "wait and see" school. Bonar Law for Chancellor of the Exchequer is a popular selection as he combines business and political experience as do few other public men. Equal approval is given to Lord Derby as head of the war office, and Dr. Addison as Minister of Munitions, but the proposal of Sir Edward Carson for the Admiralty finds less favor. Lord Curzon will have one of the highest posts and will be leader of the Government in the House of Lords. Winston Churchill apparently is to be left out in the cold. This nucleus with a number of practical business men in other positions is considered to make a strong showing. Lloyd George's programme is for a reorganization of the country for war on a sweeping socialistic basis, and the general comment is that only a Cabinet of superior men can accomplish and conduct such a revolution. In addition to the nationalization of shipping, mines and agriculture, drastic reforms in the drink problem and a temporary settlement of the chaos in Ireland are discussed as major tasks confronting the new administration.

## GREEK KING TO BE AN EXILE.

New York, To-day.  
The Sun this morning publishes the following from its London correspondent: "Within a week King Constantine of Greece will be an exile, deposed from his throne by the Allies, and M. Venizelos will be in charge of the Greek Government. The Greek army also will be disarmed."

This is the expectation here. King Constantine has brought his fate upon himself by persistently intriguing with the Kaiser. Despite repeated warnings from the Allies, he regularly sends and receives messages from the Kaiser through neutral diplomatic channels. Some of these messages have been intercepted and are now in the hands of the Allies. The Kaiser has urged King Constantine to declare war upon the Allies and join the Central Powers in a great campaign to sweep the Greeks were to attack General Sarraill's army in the rear while the Teutons attacked in front."

Returned Veterans  
Given a Big Welcome.

## KILLED SEVEN HUNDRED HUMS AND CAPTURED SEVENTY.

A large crowd of citizens assembled at the railway station on Saturday afternoon to welcome eight members of the Nfld. Regiment who arrived on sick furlough. Mrs. Brown and other members of the Ladies' Reception Committee, with gaily decorated motor cars in attendance, were at the station to welcome the men who had done their bit. A squad of 150 volunteers, headed by their bugle band, were also present and welcomed their comrades. The men were lined up in front of the station and were addressed by the Premier, who extended a hearty welcome home to the men. He told them of the great name "Ours" had won in the famous charge of October 13th, surpassing the big drive of July 1st in so much as it was a great success, the Regiment capturing large numbers of Germans and bayonetting several hundred. At the close of the Prime Minister's address hearty cheers were given for the returned veterans, the Ladies' Reception Committee and Prime Minister. We learn from conversation with the returned veterans that on Oct. 11th and 12th the Newfoundland Regiment stormed and captured the German first line of trenches, killing upwards of 700, the majority of whom were given the cold steel, besides taking sixty prisoners. After capturing the trenches great difficulty was experienced in holding them, for the Huns in a desperate attempt to regain their lost ground made several counter attacks, but the Newfoundlanders were equal to the occasion and repulsed all attacks. For upwards of forty hours they held the captured trenches without being relieved.

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Before Flour  
goes higher put  
in your stock.1500 barrels on hand and to  
arrive, of best brands.

Pork, Beef, Jowls.

Spare Ribs at \$19.00 brl. or  
10 lbs. for \$1.00.

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Our ECCLIPSE TEA is  
the best in Newfoundland  
at 45c. lb.

## J. J. ST. JOHN.

Duckworth St. and LeMarchant  
Road.

Hart's Linctum Cures Distemper

## Waiting For the Mail.

Have you got a letter for me, Post-  
man?In that English mail to-day,  
Two only heard twice from My Boy  
Since the time he went away.We get kind of anxious, we do,  
When we don't get ne're a line;  
Speaking for myself, I do,  
I oft times sit and pine.Cause when they're in the trenches,  
And the weather's kind of damp,  
It's different from being in Scotland  
And only just at camp.Of course it sometimes happens  
They don't get time to write;  
And it hurts the eyes, I'm thinking,  
To do it by candle light.But you know its only natural  
That mothers worry 'bout their sons,  
And as I sit by my fireside  
I seem to hear the guns.'Tis then I wish I could hear from  
Jack,  
Just a line to say he's well,  
'Cause there's quite a lot of damage  
done  
By every bursting shell.But I'll wait home here patiently  
For my boy who went away,  
And I'll take a walk to the Post Office  
At least once every day.And when I get my letter,  
Which is surely on its way,  
It'll brighten up a mother's heart  
And drive her cares away.But let me tell you, Volunteers,  
And I'm speaking to ever man,  
Don't forget the folks at home,  
Write as often as you can.You fight for King and Country,  
You'll see the battle through,  
But drop a line to your parents, boys,  
That's your DUTY too.

DAN DELMAR.

## Fads and Fashions.

Hats continue to grow taller.  
Chic frocks have collars of fur.  
In fabric bags velvet is the leader.  
Your evening gown must have a  
train.  
Fashion still devotes itself to jersey.  
There are still charming toques of  
beaver.

The tricorne is fashionable in millinery.

Shaggy effects in fur are very fashionable.

Green in fast becoming the fashionable color.

Morning bonnets are trimmed with ermine.

Bands of narrow fur trim the little girl's dress.

Large hats are almost certain to be either black or gray.

Pockets are still having favor among the fashionable.

Now and then the scarce monkey fur is seen on a cloak.

Narrow bands of skunk fur are used to trim navy serge.

Some of the newest coats have fitted bodice and full skirt.

Dark green fabrics are rich when trimmed with gray rabbit.

Crepes de chine is the most taking material for night dresses.

There is a tendency to longer skirts and closer fitting lines.

It is said that beige will be a very smart shade for spring.

Dark rich colors are a notable feature of the two-piece suits.

Stocks with jabots are favored by women with exclusive tastes.

The toe of a bounce that extend from the hips to shoe tops.

The latest Parisian freak is to embroider rabbit fur with silver.

Even children's shoes are of velvet and embroidered with beads.

Children's coats have their belts placed high, low or in the middle.

Hexagon meshed veillings are among the best for general wear.

Cut steel heads are as great favorites as ever for evening bags.

There seems to be no limit to the variety of pile fabrics for cloakings.

Charming frocks are of the combination.

## TO-NIGHT AT ROSSLEY'S.

There is a splendid display of new pictures at Rossley's British Theatre with dramas, comedies and travelogue, all high class subjects. On Friday night will be the last competition of the season, and Mrs. Rossley intends making it a big night. The preparation for the Christmas production is going ahead. There will be a grand surprise for patrons this year as Mrs. Rossley is preparing a wonderful entertainment, nothing like it ever seen here, an original idea of her own and something never attempted by children. It means night and day work for Mrs. Rossley, but if it pleases patrons, which we feel sure it will, then the labor is not in vain.

A CORRECTION.—An item appeared in Saturday's Mail and Advocate saying that Mr. Peter O'Neill, of Topsail Road, had been the victim of several petty larcenies in the way of hens and axes lately, as a result of his place being left unguarded since his wife died. This is a direct insult to the people living near him on the road, who have their own business to attend to, and are not worrying about either himself or his wife or axes. As a matter of fact nothing has been lost by anyone except Mr. John Neville, who lives next door to Mr. P. O'Neill. He recently lost a fine rooster and has never got any tidings of it.—Com.

WAS VISITING FRIENDS.—Pte. William Gladney, D.C.M., who was visiting friends along the Southern Shore, returned to the city to-day.

## Reducing the High Cost of Living.

BLAIR'S  
Great December Cash Sale.

## BIG MONEY SAVED ON SEASONABLE DRY GOODS.

Goods mentioned in this ad. will cost you more anywhere else to-day. They will in some cases cost us more to-morrow than we are selling them for to-day, but we are prepared to help you on these special items in Reducing the High Cost of Living. We don't want any credit from you for doing this; what we want is your cash. That also means that we are not giving credit on these prices, for the object of this Sale is Cash.

MANY LINES CANNOT STAND LONG, SO BUY EARLY.

## Big Cutting of Underwear Prices

Men's Imported Extra Heavy Jaeger Fleece Shirts and Drawers at 45c. each  
Men's Wool Shirts and Drawers. Special Value at . . . . . 89c.  
Men's Nu-Knit Wool Underwear at Special Prices.

Men's and Women's Stanfield Celebrated Underwear at Special Reductions.  
Women's Heavy Cream Fleece Vests and Pants. Big Value at 29c. each  
Women's Extra Heavy White Fleece Vests and Pants. Reg. 85c. at 69c. ea.  
Out Size Women's White and Cream Fleece Vests and Pants. Special Values at 45c. each.

Women's White Fleece Corset Covers. Special Price . . . . . 39c. each  
Women's Grey Heavy Fleece Bloomers. Extra Values at . . . . 45c. & 55c.  
Children's Cream Ribbed Fleece Vests and Pants, first quality.

Size	16"	18"	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"
Price	15c.	18c.	21c.	24c.	27c.	30c.	33c.	36c.

## Ladies' &amp; Children's Winter Coats,

All this Season's Styles at Bargain Prices.

## Ladies' and Children's FELT HATS.

Balance of stock at greatly reduced figures. These are all this year's and were extra special values, so stock is limited.

## THE SMARTEST MILLINERY YOU CAN SEE ANYWHERE

Flowers, Berry and Fruit Foliage and Feather Tips, etc. Much of it opened the past week at low costs.

## BIG LOT OF LADIES' &amp; MISSES NEWEST AMERICAN FANCY

## Wool Caps and Hoods,

at prices from 50c. each upwards. Worth double.

## LADIES' COSTUME SKIRTS, at BARGAIN PRICES.

Despite the high prices of Dress Goods we are able to offer you some surprisingly low values in Skirts. The reason is we booked them a good while ago from a maker who was well protected on cloth deliveries. We have them for out size or large women.

## NAP COATINGS,

in Navys, Greys and Brown, at Reduced Prices.

## Ladies' Flannelette Underwear and Nighdresses,

at prices which cannot be repeated.

## Special Cut on all Ladies' Blouses in Stock.

## All Furs and Imitation Furs at Reduced Prices.

## Best Quality American Floor Coverings,

Splendid range of patterns. Reg. \$1.20 values at . . . . . 98c. yard  
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## Men's Eastern Winter Caps, from 75c. each.

## Boys' Heavy Sweaters,

in Navy and Khaki, starting from 79c. each for 24 inch size; rising 10c. per size.

## Rubber Footwear,

BEST SELECTION, BEST QUALITY, LOW PRICES.

We are showing this season the best values of each of three of Canada's leading manufacturers. Canada makes the Best Rubber Footwear, so that we offer the best selection possible to obtain. We are selling Canadian made Storm Rubbers in Women's from 55c. per pair upwards, and Men's from 79c. pair upwards.

REMEMBER ALL VALUES IN THIS AD. ARE SPECIAL, AND IN SOME CASES CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO STAND LONG.

HENRY BLAIR.