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Talk of Attack Upon Egypt German Bluff

Surprise There For Teutons if They Ever Attempt It—Russian Bombardment of Varna But an Incident in Big Campaign

New York, Dec. 23.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald cables: Reports that Germany is concentrating great armies to attack and conquer Egypt, and smash the allies on all the other fronts, are regarded here as sheer bluff. I am in a position to say, if the command will permit it, that the Russo-German combination will receive the greatest surprise of the war if the Egyptian campaign is pursued. Moreover, I am able to tell you on unimpeachable authority that the descent on Varna is only a small part of the great campaign which Russia is almost ready to resume against the Austro-Germans.

Full Authority Given For Purchase of Hose All Left to Commissioner With Limit of \$1.05 a Foot—A Somewhat Lively Ending of Council Session

At a meeting of the common council, Commissioner McLellan was given authority to expend his balance of the 1915 appropriation for whatever brand of fire hose his approval authority was given to purchase the late Clarence Ward's historical records for \$700, and a lease of lot in the rear of the new morgue was approved. The full council was present. The mayor said that Ven. Archbishop Raymond had put a valuation of \$700 on the records and papers of the late Clarence Ward, and a resolution authorizing their purchase for that sum was adopted with the further proviso that any proceeds from sales by the city to the Dominion Archives for copies of the records should go to Mrs. Ward and that any expense necessary for the proper preservation of the records should be authorized. On the motion of Commissioner Russell, J. H. McParland was given a lease of lot 20x16 in the rear of the new morgue off Water street, at \$20 a year, subject to termination at three months' notice, without payment for improvements. Commissioner McLellan moved that the Commissioner of Public Safety be granted permission to purchase six fire hoses as to him might seem most suitable, at a price not to exceed \$1.05 a foot, f. o. b. St. John, the maximum amount of the purchase to be limited to the amount of money left in the appropriation for 1915. The commissioner said that he never had said he was going to buy Titan hose, but he thought it was the best of the entire community. It was his intention to do his purchasing in the best interests of the taxpayers. He now had prepared a reply to W. H. Thorne & Company's communications, and had just completed it when the fire bells rang last night.

THE FIGHTING IN THE WEST

Paris, Dec. 23.—Last night to the south of Arras the Allies' artillery kept up destructive fire. In Champagne there was fighting at close quarters with hand grenades. At Hartmannsweilerkopf, the situation is unchanged on the French left, where the counter attacks of the enemy are proceeding. The French right continued to make progress yesterday.

REV. DR. BOYLE NEW PRESIDENT OF KING'S

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—At a special meeting of the board of governors of King's College in Truro yesterday Rev. Dr. H. T. S. Boyle of Divinity at Trinity University, Toronto, was elected president of the university at Windsor.

MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR CANADIANS IN THE HANDS OF GERMANS

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Many of the misgivings as to the treatment of Canadian prisoners in German camps will be set at rest by the announcement that the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. of the United States is following up permission recently granted by the Kaiser to look after prisoners in Germany. Already a wonderful improvement has been noted.

NORTHCLIFFE DESIGNS NOW ON LLOYD GEORGE?

New York, Dec. 23.—The New York Herald publishes the following cable from its London correspondent: The feeling is growing here that Lloyd George is being used by Lord Northcliffe as a monkey to pull the corruption chestnuts out of the fire. His demand for \$80,000 men to make munitions before the figures of those who have enrolled under Lord Derby's scheme to do the real fighting for the empire are made public, has convinced the liberal, labor and Irish members of parliament that Lord Northcliffe has made upon the great little Welshman, an impression of the necessity of a dictator to conduct the war, and there are those who do not hesitate to say that, having failed with Sir Edward Carson, Lord Northcliffe is ready to become the political godfather of the man whom his newspapers once denounced, if by doing so he can upset the cabinet. It is because of this report on every tongue that Mr. Redmond, Mr. Thomas and others within the government that the labor and Irish parties will not submit to conscription.

HE LOST \$40

Freeburn Gulcher of Rockville, Sussex, who came to the city yesterday to do some Christmas shopping, lost his pocket-book containing upwards of \$40. Having no more money and no place to go, he went to the police station and told his story. He was promised that enquiries would be made.

INSURANCE CO'S LOSE HEAVILY

Total of \$263,500 on the Thorne Properties \$127,000 ON SECTION DESTROYED

Less Estimated at \$150,000—T. McAvity & Sons, With Insurance of \$102,000, Lose Only About \$3,000—Both Carrying on Business Today

The total insurance carried by W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., is \$263,500. Of this \$196,000 on the stock, \$7,500 on the fixtures and \$60,000 on the buildings. The amounts on the Thorne building, the central building in Market square, which was the only one in which the fire did serious damage, are: Stock, \$108,000; fixtures, \$2,000; building, \$20,000; total, \$112,000. The insurance in the various companies is as follows: J. M. Quinn—Acadia, \$5,000; London Mutual, \$2,500. White & Galvin—Atlas, \$4,000; N. Y. Underwriters, \$5,000. C. E. L. Jarvis & Son—Queen, \$9,000; British Crown, \$2,500. G. E. Fairweather & Son—Hartford, \$7,000; Fidelity, \$8,000. F. H. Fairweather—Sun, \$5,000. A. C. Fairweather & Sons—Commonwealth, \$12,000; Fidelity Phoenix, \$8,000. Armstrong & Bruce—Palatine, \$4,000; Yorkshire, \$7,500. R. W. W. Fink—Northern British & Mercantile, \$11,000; London Assurance, \$4,000. Eider Glacé—Northern, \$17,000. Cowie & Edwards—Caledonia, \$4,000. J. M. & C. W. Hope Grant—Scottish Union, \$2,000; Fidelity, \$8,000. E. J. Howard—Atlantic Underwriters, \$3,000. W. H. Jarvis—London, Liverpool, Globe, \$16,000. Lockhart & Ritchie—Quebec, \$10,000. Machum & Foster—Royal, \$6,000. Liverpool Phoenix, \$10,000. American, \$3,000; Norwich Union, \$10,000. Wm. Thomson & Co.—Firemen's Fund, \$5,000; Glens Falls, \$5,000; various companies as follows: Boston, \$2,000; Connecticut, \$2,500; British America, \$3,000; Home, \$9,000; Home, \$3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$5,000; Springfield, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$10,000; Fidelity Phoenix, \$8,000; Continental, \$5,000; Hartford, \$10,000; London & Lancashire, \$10,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$10,000; National, \$10,000; Sun, \$5,000; Northern, \$4,000; Royal, \$2,000; Union, \$3,000; Western, \$8,000. In the adjustment of the losses the insurance companies will be represented by William Jarvis, E. H. Fairweather, Frank Fairweather, C. E. L. Jarvis, J. G. Knoxton and Harry Fink. This was arranged at a meeting of the Fire Underwriters Board this morning. Edward Bates representing the companies in the adjustment of the loss on the Thorne building and John Flood represents W. H. Thorne & Co.

SHREWD LADS FROM CANADA MAKE MONEY EVEN ON FRINGE LINE

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Some shrewd Canadians carried on a business in the front line trenches and in the fringes which resulted from their enterprise to the accompaniment of an occasional rifle bullet. The Thorne building, which was the only one in which the fire did serious damage, are: Stock, \$108,000; fixtures, \$2,000; building, \$20,000; total, \$112,000. The insurance in the various companies is as follows: J. M. Quinn—Acadia, \$5,000; London Mutual, \$2,500. White & Galvin—Atlas, \$4,000; N. Y. Underwriters, \$5,000. C. E. L. Jarvis & Son—Queen, \$9,000; British Crown, \$2,500. G. E. Fairweather & Son—Hartford, \$7,000; Fidelity, \$8,000. F. H. Fairweather—Sun, \$5,000. A. C. Fairweather & Sons—Commonwealth, \$12,000; Fidelity Phoenix, \$8,000. Armstrong & Bruce—Palatine, \$4,000; Yorkshire, \$7,500. R. W. W. Fink—Northern British & Mercantile, \$11,000; London Assurance, \$4,000. Eider Glacé—Northern, \$17,000. Cowie & Edwards—Caledonia, \$4,000. J. M. & C. W. Hope Grant—Scottish Union, \$2,000; Fidelity, \$8,000. E. J. Howard—Atlantic Underwriters, \$3,000. W. H. Jarvis—London, Liverpool, Globe, \$16,000. Lockhart & Ritchie—Quebec, \$10,000. Machum & Foster—Royal, \$6,000. Liverpool Phoenix, \$10,000. American, \$3,000; Norwich Union, \$10,000. Wm. Thomson & Co.—Firemen's Fund, \$5,000; Glens Falls, \$5,000; various companies as follows: Boston, \$2,000; Connecticut, \$2,500; British America, \$3,000; Home, \$9,000; Home, \$3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$5,000; Springfield, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$10,000; Fidelity Phoenix, \$8,000; Continental, \$5,000; Hartford, \$10,000; London & Lancashire, \$10,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$10,000; National, \$10,000; Sun, \$5,000; Northern, \$4,000; Royal, \$2,000; Union, \$3,000; Western, \$8,000. In the adjustment of the losses the insurance companies will be represented by William Jarvis, E. H. Fairweather, Frank Fairweather, C. E. L. Jarvis, J. G. Knoxton and Harry Fink. This was arranged at a meeting of the Fire Underwriters Board this morning. Edward Bates representing the companies in the adjustment of the loss on the Thorne building and John Flood represents W. H. Thorne & Co.

BROTHERS MEET AT WAR; FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS

Interesting Letter Comes to Mrs. Fred Watson From Her Son

Mrs. Fred Watson, 9 Marsh street, has received an interesting letter and some mementoes from her husband who is in France with the first contingent. The souvenirs include several cards which he secured from a Belgian convent which had been blown up by the Germans, a ring made from the aluminum tin fuse of a German shell, some post cards with pictures of the front, and a piece of a German aeroplane. Private Watson speaks of getting his brother, who went over with the 6th C.M.R., for the first time in three years. He asks to be remembered to his friends.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

EMBARGO REMOVED FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 23.—The Newfoundland government has been advised of the removal of the prohibition of exportation of fish from this colony to Greece. The British government has declined the request of the Newfoundland government that it should be permitted to export fish to Greece. The British government has declined the request of the Newfoundland government that it should be permitted to export fish to Greece.

Kaiser's Illness More Serious Than Admitted

New York, Dec. 23.—A cable to the Herald from London this morning says: Despatches from Amsterdam and Geneva agree that the Kaiser's illness is much more serious than reported officially from Berlin. Throat specialists have been hurriedly summoned to Potsdam, and the crown prince has been recalled from the front. It is authoritatively announced that the Kaiser's projected journeys to the Western Theatre of the war and to Constantinople have been abandoned. It is feared that his illness is due to a recurrence of the malady which proved fatal to his father.

BRITISH LOSSES IN DARDANELLES WERE 112,921

The Killed Numbered 25,279—Terrific Fighting of Italians and Austrians Makes Lengthy Casualty List

London, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 22, was 112,921. This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists—killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,279. In addition to the total of casualties the number of sick admitted to hospital was 56,983. The losses were distributed as follows: Killed—Officers, 1,408; men, 23,871. Wounded—Officers, 2,969; men, 22,222. Missing—Officers, 387; men, 12,114. Zurich, Dec. 23.—The total losses in the Austro-Italian theatre of war are placed by Swiss military experts at 700,000 men killed, wounded or captured. The Italian losses are reckoned at 350,000 men, of whom 80,000 are prisoners and 270,000 dead. Wounded Austrian soldiers declare that the outside world knows nothing of the terrific violence of the fighting on the Austro-Italian front, especially along the Isonzo River and at Gorizia.

OWNERS SAY JAP LINER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

London, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yaka-saki Maru, reported sunk in the North Atlantic, was not warned of a German submarine, according to the owners of the ship. The steamer carried 120 passengers and a crew of 160, all of whom were saved. One American passenger, W. J. Leigh, was among those rescued. The Times says that she was a new boat and represented a very high value, which is understood, is insured against war risks by the Japanese government. Tokyo, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yaka-saki Maru reached Tokyo today and caused great excitement. The steamer was reported to have been sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

VIENNA BAKERS ALLOWED TO BAKE ONLY PLAIN BREAD

Vienna, Dec. 23.—A ministerial decree forbids the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads, and permits only the making of loaves of ordinary bread. The order does not apply to households. Another order requires persons possessing raw oils, benzene and turpentine to report the quantity on hand, on the first and fifteenth of every month. This order authorizes the appropriation of mineral oils if such a step is necessary.

CONCERT AT BOYS CLUB

The members of the Boys' Club enjoyed an excellent Christmas concert last evening, given by Miss Muriel McIntyre's pupils, assisted by the Misses Julia and Margaret Perie. The programme was entirely in charge of the little ones, with Priscilla Howard, a director. The programme included: Merry Christmas, chorus; song, M. Perie; piano solo, Evelyn Scott; musical sketch, "Grandmother's Christmas Memories," grandmother, Gladys McMillin; children, Eleanor Fleming; Priscilla Howard, Muriel Tapley, Harold Springer, Margaret Holtes, Muriel Dykeman and Mayale Reynolds; piano selection, Harold Springer; reading, Priscilla Howard; piano solo, Irene Brown; song, Margaret Perie; anvil chorus, Wm. McIntosh; God Save the King, chorus. The members of the Boys' Club enjoyed an excellent Christmas concert last evening, given by Miss Muriel McIntyre's pupils, assisted by the Misses Julia and Margaret Perie. The programme was entirely in charge of the little ones, with Priscilla Howard, a director. The programme included: Merry Christmas, chorus; song, M. Perie; piano solo, Evelyn Scott; musical sketch, "Grandmother's Christmas Memories," grandmother, Gladys McMillin; children, Eleanor Fleming; Priscilla Howard, Muriel Tapley, Harold Springer, Margaret Holtes, Muriel Dykeman and Mayale Reynolds; piano selection, Harold Springer; reading, Priscilla Howard; piano solo, Irene Brown; song, Margaret Perie; anvil chorus, Wm. McIntosh; God Save the King, chorus.

MARTIAL LAW IN GREECE EXPECTED

Uneasiness Over Likelihood of Bulgar Invasion—Greatest Money Loss of War When Japanese Liner Sank—Greek Premier Wants to Retire

London, Dec. 23.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border. The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the force, which clashed with the Greeks in Epirus, has been punished, and that the incident is considered closed. Recurrence of submarine activity in the Near East, is signalled in a startling manner, by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yaka-saki Maru. Apparently there was no loss of life, but according to marine insurance men the property losses were the heaviest incurred in any marine disaster of the war. The nature of the valuable cargo remaining undisturbed. The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which was at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but according to reports from both sides, it was nothing more than a minor naval action among torpedo boats, in which the shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna, and the action may be merely preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

IN A FIGHT TO DEATH IN AIR

British and German Aeroplanes Both Wrecked and Occupants Killed

London, Dec. 23.—Details of a recent air battle between a British and a German aviator, which ended in the destruction of both machines and the death of their occupants, is printed by the Amsterdam Telegraph, according to a Reuters despatch. The British aeroplane, it is said, was flying over Lichterfelde, south of Bruges, Belgium, and dropped several bombs, one of which hit an ammunition depot, causing a heavy explosion. On starting back the aviator found his path intercepted by a German aircraft. A long and violent battle ensued, in which both aeroplanes were disabled and crashed to earth, killing the occupants.

TWO ESTATES EACH OF \$12,000 IN PROBATE

Will of J. H. Vanning Estate of Michael Donovan

The will of James H. Vanning, late of this city, executor has been proved by letters testamentary issued to Edward Sears, the surviving executor. By the will Mr. Vanning left to his widow, the late Edna M. Vanning, the sum of \$12,000, and to the trustee, Postmaster Sears and the late Edmund G. Kaye, upon trust to manage the same with power of sale, the real estate to be sold not later than two years after the testator's death. Out of the proceeds the trustees are to pay the legacies appointed in the will and the residue goes in equal shares to George Vanning, a brother, and Mrs. Adelaide Pettigrew, a niece. The estate consists of a house and premises on Mount Pleasant avenue and personal property. The probate value is \$12,700. The executor is Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C.

FORD GETS SOME ENCOURAGEMENT

Christiana, Dec. 23.—Members of the Nobel Institute unofficially received members of the Ford peace expedition on Wednesday. The president of the Institute, without promising to support the peace mission, expressed hope for its success. He said that neutral countries' decided termination of the war.

WILL PRESENT A BILL FOR PREVENTION OF USURY

Washington, Dec. 23.—The banking and currency committee of Congress are preparing to work out a law to prevent usury. Several bills have been introduced, one by Senator Gore of Oklahoma, which proposes that every national banking association shall keep a schedule under regulations of the treasury, showing the rate of interest charged on any loan, discount, note or other evidence of debt and that all excessive interest charges be reported to the attorney-general by the comptroller of the currency. The attorney general would institute proceedings against offending banks to recover the amount of excessive interest. Offenders also would be liable to damages to the government for an amount equal to the excess charges.

SOLDIERS BITTEN BY COCKER SPANIEL

One on Nose, Two on Hands—New Watching For Rabies

Toronto, Dec. 23.—At the exhibition camp yesterday, Q.M.S. Roche, Lance Corp. McAdam and Private Jackson were bitten by a small cocker spaniel. Jackson was stooping to caress the animal when it bit him on the nose. The others were bitten on the hands. If the dog develops rabies, the bitten soldiers will be given the pasteur treatment.

Noted Artist Dead

London, Dec. 23.—Arthur Hughes, last of the pre-Raphaelite painters, died at Kew yesterday. He was a friend and fellow worker of John Millais, Gabriel Rossetti, William Holman Hunt, John Ruskin and William Morris.

For Christmas

CANADIAN CANDY
 Mixed Candy (extra value), 10c. lb.
 Xmas Ribbon Mix, 20c. 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.
IMPORTED CANDY
 (English)
 Riley's Toffees (10 kinds), 40c. lb.
 Devonshire Toffee, 30c. lb.
 Double Mints, 30c. lb.
 Mixed Gum Drops, 30c. lb.
 Clear Jujubes, 40c. lb.
 Sugared Jujubes, 40c. lb.
 Panama Assorted Fruits, 50c. lb.
 Barley Almonds, 50c. lb.
 Barley Walnuts, 50c. lb.
 Buttered Almonds, 50c. lb.
 Buttered Walnuts, 50c. lb.
 French Almond Rock, 50c. lb.
 Canadian Toffee, 50c. lb.
 Festival Bon-Bons, 50c. lb.
 Picture Boxes, Chocolate Dolls, Sweet Shores, Smokers' Sets, and other lines too numerous to mention.

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Don't think you cannot afford to give a Diamond because you've heard Diamond prices are continually increasing. That's all the greater reason why you should buy one now for the longer you delay, the higher will be the cost of a Diamond the size and quality you want.

But Diamonds are not so high as most people think. In our stock you will find Diamond Rings priced at \$20 to \$100 in the sizes most people want.

Single Stone Diamonds from \$5.00 to \$275.
 Combination Rings containing Diamonds, with Sapphires, Pearls, Rubies, Emeralds and other gems, from \$12 to \$50.

Watches

The present your son or daughter wants most is a Watch. It's the finest present you can give your child. Good Watches are not expensive. You can get a good watch from our stock at the price you find you can afford.

Longine Watches, Specially priced, \$5 and \$7.
 Decoral Watches, \$13 to \$55.
 Howard Watches, \$40 to \$125.
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Come in and see our Watches and Diamonds. You will find excellent assortments and reasonable prices.

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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?"

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LOCAL NEWS

Women's Jersey waterproof overshoes for \$1.80 at the True-It Shoe Store, 889 Main street.

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, 183 Union street. See ad. page 7, t. f.

Stewart Mitchell, sales manager of the St. John office of Ames-Holden-McCreedy, Ltd., was tendered a banquet Tuesday evening in the Victoria Hotel by friends in honor of his marriage. Af-

ter partaking of the many good things a programme of songs, speeches, etc. was carried out and a cellolette presented.

When ordering flavoring extracts remember Brayley's.

GILBERT'S FIRST.

Men! See our splendid selection of suitable gifts for your lady friends.—47 Brussels street.

Quality first is the motto of Ungar's up-to-date laundry, and they employ St. John labor.—Phone M, 88.

Armativ was upheld by the business boys. Marvin White led and was assisted by Ivor White and Gordon Ferris. The winning side was composed of Robert Cochrane, Horace Wetmore, Alexander McIntosh and Harold Seely.

Best Christmas gift—St. John made sleigh. Edgemoor's.

Our Christmas shoppers are of the high grade sort—not the common place variety you see everywhere, not high priced either.—Weisel's Cash Store, 248 247 Union street.

Sawed round hard wood \$1.75 per load while it lasts. Geo. Dick, Phone M 1116, 46 Britain street.

Bartholomew Rogers. His Honor found that the pilotage commission had no power to dismiss for an error of judgment.

Call up Dunham's for Christmas trees; Main 468-41.

SILVER POLISH
 Give your parents a bottle of Grandine's Silver Polish to brighten their Christmas Day. Grandine's, 24 Waterloo street.

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

Men like to get shirts. One or two from the new lot we have just received will make him smile on Christmas morning. 75c. to \$2.00 each. "Get it at Husky's" 17-19 Charlotte street.

3 Quart red rubber hot water bottles, fully tested, only 68c. at Wasson's, 711 Main street.

While Canada is preparing for the Christmas feast seven million Belgians are hungry. The Belgian relief committee of Montreal is trying to help feed them.

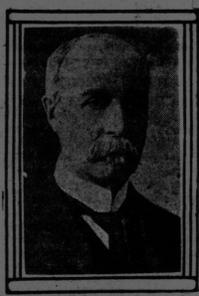
Mary Garden Talcum, only 48c. at Wasson's, 711 Main street.

Two dollars and fifty cents for a bag of flour for the starving Belgians is \$2.50 spent in Canada.

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James Cain, a Spanish war veteran, was buried in the naval cemetery in Newport, R. I. last Saturday. He was formerly chief master-at-arms. At the request of the veteran soldier he was buried in the uniform of the service among his former shipmates. Mrs. James Howard of Elm street is a sister.

GAVE HIM ORDER FOR LASHING
 When one Belgian farmer, trusting to the honesty of German army officers who requisitioned his horses, unfolded and deciphered his pay slip he discovered it was an order for a lashing.



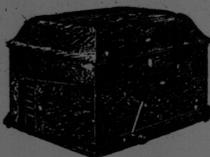
GEORGE BURN, Ottawa
 Who presided at the annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association

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Will there be music in your home this Christmas?



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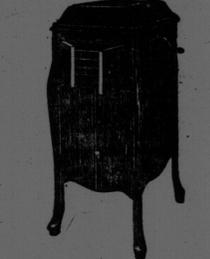
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 Extra large...40c to 55c doz.
 Florida Grape Fruit...\$.60, 4 for 30c
 New Lemons...20c doz.
 Fancy Malaga Grapes...20c lb.
 Apples 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 50c per doz.
 Apples, good winter keeping stock.
 \$1.75 and...\$2.00 per bbl.

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 Good Cream Mixture...13c lb.
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 2 cans Crown Corn Syrup...25c
 3 pkgs. Puffed Wheat...25c
 3 bottles Pickles...25c
 2 bottles Tomato Catsup...25c
 3 bars Yexxa's Soap...25c
 3 bottles Lemon Extract...25c
 2 bottles Vanilla Extract...25c
 2 cans Clams...25c
 6 pkgs. Hops...25c
 2 cakes Sunlight Soap...25c
 10 lbs. Good Onions...25c
 3 lbs. Corn Starch...25c
 3 lbs. Mixed Starch...25c
 6 cans Sardines...25c
 3 bottles Household Ammonia...25c
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Good Mixed Candy...9c lb.
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 Christmas Ribbon Mixed, Fresh every day, only...15c lb.
 Fresh Hand-Made Barley Toys...15c 2lbs. 25c
 20c Peppermints, only...12c lb.
 25c. Con. Licorages...12c lb.
 Regular 40c. Chocolates, only...25c lb.
 5 lb. Box regular 40c. Chocolates, only...\$1.00
 Regular 40c. Peter Pan Caramels...25c lb.
 Regular 40c. Bon Bon Mixture, only...25c lb.
 20c. Cream Mixture, only...15c lb.
 Best Green Grapes...18c lb.
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 Save money buy your flour at less than wholesale prices:
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LOCAL NEWS

SKATING—BE PREPARED
 Buy your skating boots now. We have men's at \$2.45; boys' at \$1.95 and ladies' at \$1.95. The True-fit Shoe Store, 839 Main street.
 12-24

McMillan's store will be open every evening until Christmas. 12-25

Calendar mounts 10c each for 2 and 2 A prints, Wasson's, 711 Main street.

Before buying sweeping compound, phone West 377 for factory prices on No-Dust. t.f.

Open a charge account with Brager's for any goods required for fall wear at \$1 weekly. 21

Brayley's favoring extracts—cost no more—yet go further. (n)

New selling at the True-fit shoe store, 839 Main street, men's one buckle, two strap, also three buckle overboots for \$1.75 a pair. These are worth \$2.75. Come and get a pair. 12-24

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST JOHN, DEC 23.
 A.M. P.M.
 High Tide...0.88 Low Tide...7.18
 Sun Rises...8.09 Sun Sets...4.41
 Time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST JOHN.
 Arrived Yesterday
 Sch Harold B Couens, 860, Gayton, New York, R P & W F Starr, coal.

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 Portland, Dec 20—Ar'd, str Michigan, Finch, Liverpool; sch Quetay, St John (NB), for Boston.
 Cld, Dec 20—Str Cape Breton, Holmes, Sydney.
 Vineyard Haven, Dec 20—Sid, sch Emily F Northam, Nantucket.

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CURE YOUR CATARRH NOW!

When your throat rattles, your lungs and chest are sore, your throat is stuffed with cold—don't fear consumption—use Catarrhone and get well. It clears the throat, cures hacking, relieves tight chest, and soothes the bronchial tubes. To clear away Catarrh of the nose, nothing could be better. Catarrhone is nature's own remedy—it heals and soothes—cures every form of throat, lungs and bronchial trouble. Prescribed by many specialists and used by thousands every day. Get the dollar outfit. It lasts two months and is guaranteed. Small size 50c.; trial size 30c., sold everywhere.

"THE CLOSING NET"
AT GEM THEATRE

Strong Five-part Drama by H. C. Rowlands — Other Pictures — Helen Marr, Popular Singer

The well known story by Henry C. Rowlands which ran in serial form in one of the popular American magazines, entitled "The Closing Net," was presented at the Gem Theatre yesterday and afforded distinct pleasure to all who saw the exciting climax. The story concerned the career of a young man in "shady" company, belonging to a circle slightly outside the usual halities of the underworld, with scenes flashed at intervals showing life in high society as well as in the lower levels.

"The Closing Net" made a strong impression. It won most hearty favor and deserved the praise bestowed. It will be repeated for the best time today. In addition to this picture there was an amusing Vitagraph comedy, "How John Canoe Eats his Dinner," and other favorites in the cast. The Gem orchestra had a fine programme, and Miss Helen Marr sang again in "Caroline" and "I Love You" which were added further to her laurels.

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Big Drawing!

This is the last month before the Big Drawing which takes place December 31, 1915. Now is the time to get your teeth attended to, and incidentally get a free opportunity to win a big trip or \$100 IN GOLD. Consultation free.

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Good Table Butter...29c lb.
 Good Cooking Butter...27c lb.
 Good Fresh Eggs...35c doz.
 Very Choice New and Old Cheese...20c lb.

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 Chopped Beef Suet...12c per lb.
 Boneless Beef for Mince-meat...12c per lb.

First Prize Beef from the Amherst Stock Fair on exhibition at our store. Come and leave your order for a choice roast of this beef.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Call up Dunham's for Christmas trees. 12-24

Mary Garden Talcum only 49c at Wasson's, 711 Main street.

If you have not the ready cash to buy your fall overcoat or suit come to Brager's on Union street where you can get same by a small deposit down and \$1 weekly. 6-42

RABBITS TO PAY FOR HORSES
 A Belgian farmer whose chief income was from breeding draught horses was brought before the German army officials, his horses seized and he was given an order for two rabbits in payment. His family is reduced to starvation through this and other plundering of the Germans.

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

Your choice of sixty overcoats at cost—Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. —T.F.

If the Christmas gift for "him" troubles you, come and see how quickly and satisfactorily we can remove the pressure from your mind—Wise's, Cash Stores, 243-247 Union street.

Call up Dunham's for Christmas trees; Main 465-11. 12-24

Band Queen's rink tonight, excellent ice. Season tickets make great Christmas presents.

Prepare for the snow now. We are selling men's merchants' rubbers at 78c. True-fit Shoe Store, 839 Main St. 12-24

Get him something that will not only please his Christmas day but will furnish him satisfaction for many days to come. Something to wear answers every requirement. "Get it at Hunt's" 17-19 Charlotte street.

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UNION MADE OVERALLS AND GLOVES
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ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY
 Notice of New Train Service for Christmas Week

Notice of new train service for Xmas week. Special train service will be in effect, leaving Fredericton six a. m. and five p. m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for Gagetown and on same days leaving Gagetown eight and seven-thirty p. m. for Fredericton. After Xmas there will be a regular tri-weekly service on the same schedule, Tuesday, Wednesday Saturday, until further notice. 12-21

The exports from the United States for nine months ended October 1, reached a total of \$2,229,875,095, as compared with \$1,667,401,989 for the corresponding nine months of last year. The imports for the nine months are \$1,302,281,591, as compared with \$1,410,071,874 last year.

LOCAL NEWS

Canada, during the first seven months of the current year sent the United States \$7,968 head of cattle, against 15,118 head last year, and 18,005 head in 1914.

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Chaucer's Stenographers.
 "How do you know that Chaucer dictated to a stenographer?"
 "Look at the spelling!"

MORNING WAR NOTES

Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the first British army in France, succeeding Sir Douglas Haig. Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Murray succeeds Sir Charles Munro as British commander at the Dardanelles.

Lieutenant-General Sir William Robertson becomes chief officer of the Imperial staff, following Sir Archibald Murray.

Major-General L. Kiggell becomes chief of general staff to Sir Douglas Haig.

It is reported that a powder factory and ammunition depot in Munster in Westphalia, have been blown up and 800 of the women employees killed.

It is believed that the steamer

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Purity Flour...\$7.25 bbl.; 95c bag
 Royal Household Flour, \$7.15 bbl.; 90c bag.
 Star Flour...\$7.10 bbl.; 90c bag
 Forest King (Manitoba Blend Flour)...\$6.65 bbl.
 7 lbs. Catmeal...For 25c
 6 lbs. Grey Buckwheat...For 25c
 6 lbs. Graham Flour...For 25c
 1 lb. can Colman's Baking Powder...9c
 New Mince-meat in bulk, 2 lbs. 25c
 15 lbs. Fine Granulated Sugar...\$1.00
 3 lbs. Pulverized Sugar...25c
 New Seeded Raisins...18c pkgy.
 New Prunes...12c 3 lbs. 25c
 New Evaporated Peaches, 3 lbs. 25c
 1 lb. can Goldenrod Baking Powder...12c
 3 bottles Karmon Water...25c
 2 pkgs. Shredded Wheat Flour...For 25c

Extra Large Can of Peaches...Only 22c
 3 cans of Clams...25c
 8 cakes Happy Home Soap...25c
 3 pkgs. Lard...15c 3 for 25c
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 Prunes...10c, 3 for 25c
 Choice Grape Fruit...7c, 4 for 25c
 Choice Oranges...30c per doz.
 Lemons and Orange Peel...15c lb.
 Dates...12c per lb.
 Mixed Nuts...20c a box
 Table Raisins...20c per bottle
 Choice Pure Ground Coffee...35c lb.
 Choice Orange Pekoe Tea...35c lb.
 Raisins, new...11c per lb.
 Currants...11c per lb.
 Salmon, large...10c can
 Salmon, flat...12c can
 Choice Butter...30c per lb.
 Cooking Butter...25c per lb.
 Choice Lard...15c per lb.
 Worcester Sauce...\$2.99
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 High-grade Manitoba Flour, 2 bags \$6.50
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 15 lbs. Granulated Sugar...\$1.00
 3 lbs. Pulverized Sugar...25c
 Raisins...11c pkgy.
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 2 tins Peaches...25c
 Table Raisins...20c lb.
 3 cans Peas, Corn or String Beans...25c
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The Evening Times and Star

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 23, 1915.

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NEW BRUNSWICK'S SHAME

That was not a joy inspiring Christmas box which Com. Chandler handed to the provincial government. His report sustains the charges made by Mr. Carter and Mr. Veniot, and reveals, as did the evidence, a shameful condition of affairs, which should cost at least two of the government supporters their seats in the legislature.

The stores are having an excellent Christmas trade. There is no evidence of money scarcity in St. John.

The children are happy today, for Santa Claus is coming tomorrow night. Blessed be childhood and its simple faith.

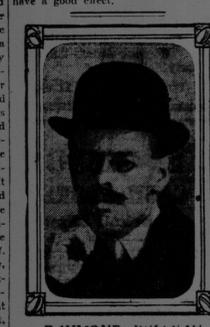
Mr. Carvell has taken the New Brunswick hay affair to Sir George Foster. Now let us see what the minister will do about it.

Mr. Martin F. Robichaud offered an explanation whatever for his course in connection with the matter, but it is of course obvious that if many of the provincial representatives had acted in the same way as Mr. Robichaud the whole revenues of the Province would hardly be sufficient to meet the expenditure that would be incurred.

Mr. Stewart took advantage of the confidence reposed in him by the Board and deliberately deceived the Board as to the price for which the property could be obtained and misrepresented the facts in order to make this rake-off as it is called, for himself.

What action will the Clarke government take on the Chandler report? The year ends with disgraceful revelations affecting the good name of the province. How will the new year begin? It is up to Premier Clarke.

WELFARE WORK IN WEST That the province of Manitoba should enlarge its institutions for the deaf and dumb, and for incorrigible boys and girls, so that they would accommodate these classes for Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, as well as Manitoba, is an arrangement tentatively agreed to by representatives of the four provinces. They met in Victoria, B. C., on Dec. 14, and discussed the whole question. A report of the meeting says:



RAYMOND BELLEAU Director Chiquotini Pulp Co.

Seven patients suffering from cancer have been completely cured "by assisting nature's efforts," according to Dr. Robert Bell, head of the cancer research department of the Battersea General Hospital. "We have," Dr. Bell said "been able to demonstrate beyond doubt that the healing power of Nature, if sufficiently assisted by regulating the diet regimen of patients, together with the administration of therapeutic agents, has proved in many instances quite competent not only to overcome the disease, but to bring about complete recovery."

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LIGHTER VEIN.

Mabel—You and Harold seem inseparable. Gertrude—We are together a good deal. You see, Mabel, I take a peculiar interest in him.

Not The Reply Expected. "Lady, could you help me? I'm one of them Belgian refugees."

Time for Diplomacy. Ted—She wrote asking to break the engagement, and I don't know what to do.

Mean Cat. "Algernon called on me yesterday afternoon."

Force of Habit. "What do you suppose made Fanny refuse when a man gets all the money he knows what to do with there in fact, I'd welcome a dragon to face."

The Raging Passion. Cynicus—When a man gets all the money he knows what to do with there is only one thing he wants.

All Ready for Him. "I'd face a dragon to win that girl, just as knights did in the days of yore."

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A Christmas Tree in Your Parlor and a New Range in Your Kitchen Will Make a Happy Christmas for All. R. H. IRWIN, 18-20 HAYMARKET SQ. Main 1614.

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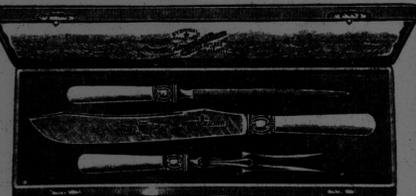
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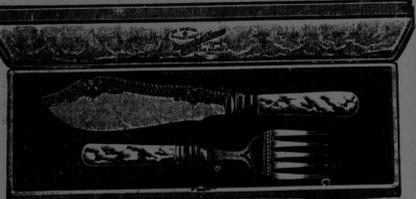
and separate pieces also hold favored places on the holiday gift list, as do also Pocket Knives with pearl, stag-horn and celluloid handles; Hunting Knives in leather cases, Razors, Safety Razor Sets, Swing Straps and Lather Brushes.

OPEN EVENINGS

TILL CHRISTMAS

W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd.

Market Square - King Street



\$150,000 FIRE IN W. H. THORNE'S

Main Section in Market Square Cutted and Contents Destroyed - Damage in Other Parts by Water and Smoke

The main building of W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., in Market Square, was damaged badly in a fire which broke out about 10 o'clock last night and which did at least \$150,000 damage. The fire for a time threatened other commercial buildings in the district, and only through the earnest efforts on the part of the department were these prevented from catching. Fire brands were carried by air currents up King street and every moment other houses were expected. The men lifted the top of the T. McAvity & Sons Ltd., building and only through the successful efforts of a volunteer staff of clerks in placing asbestos mats in the threatened corner and the concentration of powerful water pressure was the structure saved from further damage. As it was about \$8,000 damage was done by smoke, heat and water.

The blaze according to present knowledge originated in the packing room in the Thorne warehouse located on the third floor and gained speedy headway. Two alarms were rung from box 6 at once, and all available apparatus was soon on the scene. At 10 o'clock one of the employees, Mr. Chipman, was in the packing room and found everything in order, but when another employee went in about five minutes later, flames seemed to have control of the room. The contents of this department were mostly of an inflammable nature, and the fire spread into the ammunition department, a series of explosions could be heard. The firemen worked heroically and deserve every credit for the promptness with which they were able to check the blaze. They were aided by soldiers from the 89th and 140th battalions, who did particularly effective work in keeping the crowds from surging in upon them. A rough estimate of \$150,000 was given by J. G. Harrison, a member of the firm of W. H. Thorne & Co. last night, as the loss, with about \$900,000 insurance. The loss would have been very much higher for other buildings which have suffered but for prompt preventive measures. As it was so ominous was the outlook at one time that there was talk among the staff of the Western Union Telegraph Co., of cutting the cables. The quarters of the N. B. Telephone Co. were not touched but the flames threatened L. L. Sharpe & Sons and here as well as in other buildings salvage work was quickly instituted.

F. B. CARVELL DEALS EFFECTIVELY WITH THE HAY MATTER

Ottawa, Dec. 22 - F. B. Carvell, M. P., who was in Ottawa for the Liberal conference, indignantly spoken up with Sir George Foster, acting premier, at the hay situation in New Brunswick. As a result of Mr. Carvell's representations Sir George has taken steps to break up the present combine with regard to war orders and the farmers will get the price to which they are entitled. Mr. Carvell demanded one of three things: (1) That the embargo be lifted, so far as New Brunswick was concerned. (2) That a contract of 5,000 tons be given to a company whom he should nominate, who would guarantee to pay the farmers at least 810 loose for their hay. (3) That the Smith Company be compelled to pay the same price. It is not known which of these options the government will accept, but in all probability it will be the latter. The net result, however, will be that 300,000 will be taken away from the profits of the Smith Company and placed in the pockets of the farmers of New Brunswick. It is estimated that up to the beginning of September representatives of the allies had bought in America more than 425,000 horses - or rather draft animals, as many mules are included in the total.

KIDNEY DISEASE WAS KILLING HIM

Until He Used "Fruit-a-lives" The Great Kidney Remedy

Hagersville, Ont., Aug. 26th, 1918. "About two years ago I found my health in a very bad state. My kidneys were not doing their work and I was all run down in condition. Having seen 'Fruit-a-lives' advertised, I decided to try them. Their action was mild and the result all that could be desired. 'My kidneys resumed their normal action after I had taken upwards of a dozen boxes and I regained my old-time vitality. Today I am as well as ever.' B. A. KELLY, 80c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At dealers on sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

THE ORIGINAL UNCLE TOM

(Bilingual Commercial) One Daniel Worcester died the other day except for one fact his passing would hardly have provoked comment. But he was the original Uncle Tom of Uncle Tom's cabin, the original stage Uncle Tom we mean. Mr. Worcester first played the part in Lowell, Mass., in 1854, so the stage production is a little more than sixty years old. The Uncle Toms have been numerous since and are today, for the old play is still a favorite. It is not so polished as many and has changed but little except for the two Marks and perhaps two Tappys and an increase in the number of bloodhounds. It still draws crowded houses and the members of the company take their brass instruments every noon for the street parade to let the folks know that they are in town. Many of the old players have been put in cold storage since the advent of the movies but Uncle Tom's cabin is still green and the Uncle Tom companies from any outside odors or atmosphere of them have ever been obliged to throw up the sponge while on the road and find an angel to return them to their starting place.

Every sheet of aluminum in which 'SALADA' is packed is as light as a sheet of note paper, but this wonderful metal so completely insulates the tea from any outside odors or atmosphere that 'SALADA' reaches you in all its original purity and freshness.

Johnston-Gilbride. Many friends will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of James H. Johnston, son of Mrs. Annie Johnston, of Upper Loch Lomond, to Miss Lena Gilbride, of Montreal, which event took place in Winnipeg, Dec. 7. The newly wedded pair will make their home at Graham (Ont.), where Mr. Johnston is employed as engineer on the Transcontinental.

"Cheyne's"

Are showing a good assortment of Xmas Stockings and Crackers at reasonable prices. We also have a new lot of Xmas Candies.

- Chicken Bones 35c. lb. Cocoa Comfits 30c. lb. Cocoa Bon-Bons at 35c. lb. New Mixed Nuts 22c. lb.

Don't forget to come in and see our Mistletoe and Holly which we are selling, while it lasts, very reasonable.

"The Quality Store"

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Table with columns for 'FOR MEN' and 'FOR BOYS' listing various clothing items and prices.

Shop In The Morning

Gifts in Sweepers and Vacuum Cleaners

Carpet Sweepers or Vacuum Cleaners Make Ideal Christmas Gifts. GRAND RAPIDS SWEEPERS - (The Best) Each \$3.00. GRAND RAPIDS SWEEPERS - Nickel finish Each \$3.50. VACUUM CLEANERS Each \$6.00. VACUUM CLEANERS - Sweeper attachment Each \$5.00. ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANERS - Made by the Cadillac Co.; nothing better. Each \$30.00 and \$35.00. CARPET DEPARTMENT - GERMAIN STREET

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Plaything Gifts TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION For The Kiddies In the Furniture Dept., Market Square. Gifts in Annex, Front and Back Store Children's Garters and Overstockings, Ladies' and Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens, Ladies' and Children's Kid Gloves, Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs, All kinds of Ribbons, Ladies' Collars, Scarfs, Jabots, Ruchings and Pleatings, Needlework Novelties in Tea Coxies, Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes, Sachets, Sofa Cushions, etc. Ladies' Hand Bags, Purses and Card Cases, Children's Purses and Hand Bags, Ladies' Leather and Silk Belts, Apron Lengths, Fancy Hair Combs, Bandeaux and Hat Pins, Needle Cases, Silver Trinkets, Wait Lengths in Novelty Wash Fabrics, Bedroom Slippers and Moccasins, Slipper Socks, Lengths of Black and Colored Dress Goods, Blankets for Bath and Dressing Gowns, Embroidered Corset Covers, Gilt, Silver and Beaded Bags, Ladies' Fitted Cases, Fans, Linen Centre-Pieces, Lace Centre-Pieces, Battenburg Centre-Pieces, Children's Bibs and Feeders, Soiled Linen Baskets, Work Baskets, Ladies' and Children's Mufflers, Ladies' Motor Veils, Silk Hosiery, Corsete Bouquets, Silk Work Bags, Hat Pins, Barrettes, Side and Back Combs, Tortoise Shell Hair Pins.

Appropriate Christmas Presents in the Millinery Dept.

FOR THE YOUNG GIRL Knitted Caps for Skating or Snow-shoeing in sky, white, cardinal, navy, etc. From 75c. upward. Trimmed Felt Hats in red, navy, Copenhagen. 75c. to \$2.00. FOR THE BABY White Angora and Iceland Wool Hoods - White Cashmere and Silk Bonnets. From \$1.65 to \$3.00. GIFTS FOR WOMEN Trimmed Hats - Each \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$7.50, \$9.00. Black Ostrich Plumes. Each \$2.40 to \$7.50. White Ostrich Plumes. Each 3.00 to 7.50. White Opreys. Each \$4.00 to \$4.00. Black Opreys. Each 6.00 to 20.00. Paradise Feathers - In black, white, natural. \$1.00 to \$7.00. Knitted Hoods and Caps - In white, Saxe blue, scarlet, grey, old rose, tan, navy blue. From 50c. to \$2.25.

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These Will All Add to the Xmas Joy of the Young Folks. Chocolate Soldiers. Xmas Crackers, in variety. Chocolate Sailors. Xmas Stockings, from 8c. to \$1.00 each. Chocolate Highlanders. Lace Paper Table d'Oyleys, in assorted patterns, 50c. box. Chocolate Red Cross Nurses. Personal Inspection of These Novelties is Solicited. Chocolate Red Riding Hood Girls. The Philps' Stores, Douglas Ave. and Main. Phone M. 886. Chocolate Animals, 20c. each.

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THE CAREER OF A BALKAN MONARCH

Peter Now a King Without a Country HAS PLAYED HIS PART WELL. Despite Ominous Features of Accession to Throne Has Showed Himself a Real King in War Times. King Peter of Serbia will never be the immortal and heroic figure that King Albert of Belgium has become, but nevertheless, he, too, is a king without a country, and there is being poured out on him some of that sympathy that flowed to King Albert more than a year ago in similar circumstances. King Peter came to the Serbian throne. The way for his accession was cleared by one of the most brutal murders in modern times, and since Peter profited by the bloody revolution that brought him to the throne, it is admitted that he has been a good king, a constitutional monarch, and has widened the bounds of popular government in his country. The Military Party. Twelve years ago Peter Karageorgevitch was crowned King of Serbia at Belgrade. At that time his country had been engaged in three wars, and on that account, if on no other, the military party that created the revolution, and it was by military officers that King Alexander and Queen Draga were murdered. King Peter has been under the domination of the military party, and he soon tired of his thralldom, although, as remarked, he has been a constitutional monarch, and, in fact, little more than a figurehead for some years past. Several times his abdication has been reported, and a couple of months before the war broke out the Crown Prince was appointed regent. It was then announced that the king's ill health made it impossible for him to fully discharge the duties of his office; but it was whispered that the real trouble was his difficulties with the army, which had worn him out. A Real Soldier. King Peter is a real soldier. He has insisted on remaining at the front when

he was so weak he could hardly sit his horse. There is a story told of the king riding up the trenches where his brave soldiers crouched, their ammunition gone, but ready to use their bayonets upon the Austrians. Drawing his sword the king said: "My dear brethren, you have sworn allegiance to your country and your king. From this latter oath I now release you. You are at liberty to return to your homes. Your aged king has come to take your place, for you must be more than worn out." With these words the king galloped toward the enemy, and his soldiers springing to their feet followed him in a charge that made a panic in the Austrian lines. This story is vouched for by Prince Alexis, and is recorded by James Walter Smith in the Boston Transcript.

A Franco-Prussian Veteran. King Peter had his military education in France, where he was in exile with his father and mother. He was trained in St. Cyr, and when the Franco-Prussian war broke out he hastened to offer his services. Few officers had more exciting experiences in the course of the war than King Peter, as he was called. Three times he was taken prisoner by the Germans. Three times he made his escape and rejoined the French army and in the end was given the Legion of Honor for his soldierly services. Later on he took part in the rising in Herzegovina and in the Russo-Turkish War. He had therefore some things to do with establishing Serbian independence. But the reigning dynasty would have nothing to do with him, and he remained in Geneva and Paris a royal exile until the dramatic assassination of Alexander and Draga made it possible for him to return to Belgrade as King.

An Unhappy Reign. In the early years of his reign he had many difficulties to contend with. Failing to denounce the regicides, he was boycotted by most of the European powers. Nor was he a popular idol. The people were rather disappointed with his personal appearance, for he is small and thin and wears pince-nez and his hawk-like face and heavy mustache gave an almost comic opera touch to his person. He has shown, however, an attachment to his country's interests that should endear him to the people should he survive the war and should he desire to resume the throne instead of abdicating in favor of his son. Like King Albert, he has seen his country destroyed; but like Albert he does not regard the stand he took from the beginning. In days to come his later strength rather than his earlier weakness will be remembered.

His Sentimentality. "What are you rummaging for?" "Some of the love letters I used to write my wife before we were married." "That bit of sentiment does you credit. Want to peruse 'em again, eh?" "Aw, g'wan, she's away for the summer now. I promised to write frequently and I want to give those old letters to my stenographer, to use as forms."

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ORDER your winter overcoat now. We have in stock a good line of overcoat cloths that we will make up at reasonable prices. Also some very nice Ready-to-wear Overcoats—W. J. Higgins & Co., Custom and Ready-to-wear Clothing, 132 Union street.

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Discount Allowed on All Goods in King Street Retail Stores

The King street retail stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., have again been opened after last night's fire...

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This is a late arrival of extra fine Oriental Rugs intended for Christmas gifts. Shiraz, Kirmanshah, Afghans and Kazaks, beautiful colorings and designs in hall runners, parlor rugs and small pieces. See them in the carpet department, Germain street.

LOCAL NEWS

WINS DOLL'S HOUSE

The drawing for a doll's house, in aid of the Free Kindergarten, has been won by ticket number 259.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Those new shirts, ties, collars, mufflers and gloves have arrived at Mulholland's, King Square. Open every night, 12-25.

CHIEF BLAKE IMPROVING

Chief Blake is reported very much improved today.

GOING TO CHARLOTTETOWN

It is understood that Prof. H. Stanley Hinton, formerly organist of the Central Methodist church in Moncton, and now of Halifax, has resigned there to accept the position of organist in the First Methodist church, Charlottetown, and also instructor in the Charlottetown School of Music.

GIFT UMBRELLAS WITHOUT THE GIFT PRICE

besides other goods—At Dava's, 12-25. Call up Dunham's for Christmas trees Main 460-11, 12-24.

APPOINTMENT

Edward N. Emery of Adelaide street has been appointed superintendent of the stone cutting establishment in Dorchester Penitentiary. He will take over his new duties on January 1.

CASE DISMISSED

The case of William Corrier, who was charged with inducing a soldier to desert or assisting him to do so, was dismissed yesterday, as there was no evidence to support it.

NO. 146 WINS

The drawing for a vase, which was donated by Jas. S. Gregory for patriotic purposes to the Girls' Circle of the Soldiers' Comforts' Association, took place this morning. W. J. Fitzgerald, of Macaulay Bros. & Company, looked after the drawing, and the lucky number was 146.

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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

"THE COLLEGE ORPHAN" A GREAT SUCCESS

Mr. and Mrs. Carter DeHaven pleased large crowds at the imperial yesterday afternoon and evening in their six-act comedy drama, "The College Orphan." It was truly a refreshing novelty and a faithful reproduction of the play of the same name. Carter DeHaven and wife (Flora Parker), are two of the best known comedy folk in America. They have been stars in metropolitan theatres for many years. Their bow to the motion picture public is therefore a welcome one, and it is not surprising that their initial screen performance is a remarkable success. "The College Orphan" will be concluded tomorrow night, and the programme of this evening will be the re-introduction of Arthur & DeWitt, Messrs. Huston & Calmes, who have a gay array of comic and patriotic songs which will doubtless elicit most favorable comments.

HARKINS PLAYERS AT OPERA HOUSE

Did you get your seats for the Christmas matinee and evening performance of the W. H. Harkins Players at the Opera House? If not, do it now. The sale opened on Tuesday morning and the demand was big. Some good seats still remain. If you want them either call or phone Main 1838 before you forget. The matinee piece is "Our Wives, a comedy, and at night the great gagster play "The Boy in the House," with the scenes laid "Somewhere in France." All seats for both performances reserved.

GREAT TIMES AT EMPRESS Kiddies Got Their Usual Christmas Treat Yesterday

Yesterday was gala day at the cosy West Side picture house. During the matinee the kiddies were treated to their usual little surprise of Christmas-tide. This year it took the shape of a dainty little box of Christmas candy which was received with delight by the children. They were fortunate enough to be patrons of the matinee. The evening show consisted of two productions called "Daylight on a Mountain" and "The Merry Widow." An American drama featuring Ed Coxen and Winifred Greenwood. It is a story which appealed to the children and pleased the audience. The play is a story of the leading players, who were at all times backed by good clear photography and appropriate settings. A one reel crook photo-play "The Parting of the Road," with a moral. It shows the working of the direction of Mrs. M. E. Colwell and how they come to "The Parting of the Road" through one of the partners falling in love with the victor. "The Merry Widow" is a comedy drama, made a great hit with the ladies and Charlie Chaplin in that screaming Essanay comedy "The Park" was as usual "a hit."

DR. NEVE TO HOSPITAL POST, GOES TO LONDON FOR SPECIAL COURSE

Dr. F. H. Neve of West St. John, has been appointed to take the place of Dr. Melintosh on the staff of the General Public Hospital and has left for London, England, to take a post-graduate course to fit him for the work of eye, ear, nose and throat wards.

JUNIOR MEET AT Y. M. C. A.

In a Junior "B" Athletic meet at the Y.M.C.A. the entries were: Maple Leafs—Gordon Smith, McGregor, Grant, C. Jordan, C. Burpee, C. Milne, C. McQuade, Geo. Day, Sid Murray, R. Earle. The winners were: Gordon Smith, W. Evans, H. Markham.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN MONTREAL CHARTER

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The city council of Montreal, Quebec, had a stormy session, but the majority managed to adopt important amendments to the city charter. Among them were the following: "That the people of Montreal be asked to decide on or before March 4, 1916, if they are in favor of or against the present system of a board of control." "That the term in office of the aldermen be extended to four years and their salaries raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500." "That the mayor be given much more power." "That \$1,000 be voted for the French-Canadian Association of Education of Ontario." "That the city have power to raise supplementary revenue in view of the present deficit in the budget." "That the interest on overdue taxes should be raised from five to six per cent." "That a \$500,000 loan should be allowed for markets."

Dr. D. Elliot Dead

New York, Dec. 22.—Dr. Daniel Girard Elliot, socialist and writer on national history, died of pneumonia last night aged eighty-four.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

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POLICE COURT

John Kinghorn of West St. John, arrested yesterday on a charge of non-support, beating his wife and kicking his little five-year-old daughter, appeared in the police court this morning and was remanded.

FREDERICKTON NEWS

Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 23.—A five passenger automobile belonging to Dr. H. H. McGrath was overturned and destroyed by fire near Morrison's Mills last evening. It was being driven by its owner. He escaped injury.

FAST HORSE FOR ST. JOHN

William Sherron, of Fredericton, horse trainer and driver, who visited the Chignecto horse sale, purchased Epena, a promising three-year-old stallion for a horseman of this city. When two years old, Epena made a record of 2:16, and a three-year-old went a trial mile in 2:11 1/2, the half mile in 1:02, and a quarter in 30.84 seconds. Epena is a pure bred Pulkmar, 2:25 1/2, sire of Ganax, 2:07 1/2; Margaret Nave, 2:11 1/2; Mar Boy, 2:14 1/2; Jeanett Wilkes, 2:15; King Pilot, 2:16 1/2; and others. Dam by Gavatta, which has a four-year-old record of 2:11 1/2, by Milroy, sire of Robert Milroy, 2:06. E. J. Logan, 2:11 1/2; C. Featherstone, 2:11 1/2; Robt. J. Armstrong, 2:10; Mrs. W. E. Ward, 2:12; Rev. H. Heine, 2:11; H. V. Butler, 2:13.

WAR NOTES

The German federal council has decided on the coinage of iron ten penny pieces.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The wheat market underwent a moderate sale, but then rose all around above yesterday's level.

EMPRESS BACK TO OCCUPATION

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 23.—The C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan, arriving at Portland Wednesday evening to resume her regular sailings. She has been engaged in patrol work in the Pacific and is fighting near the entrance to the Red Sea.

TRUSTEE OF CECIL RHODES WILL DEAD

London, Dec. 23.—A. Hawkesley, a close friend and adviser of the late Cecil Rhodes, died in London on Tuesday. He was a trustee of the will of Mr. Rhodes.

PATROL OF BRITISH OFFICERS IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The newspaper Rotterdammer announces that British officers interned in Holland may be released henceforth on parole.

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RECENT DEATHS

Percy Wilbur of Bathurst, for many years proprietor of the Wilbur house, is dead, aged fifty-three years.

PERSONALS

Win. T. Cogger is home from Tufts Dental College, Boston, for the holidays.

Miss Irene Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Peterson, King street east, has returned from Mount St. Bernard College, Antigonish, for the Christmas holidays.

Many friends of Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell will regret to learn that she is still quite ill in the St. John Infirmary.

Hon. J. D. Hazen and Mrs. Hazen have come from Ottawa to their home here to spend Christmas.

H. F. Albright and Mrs. Albright of Boston are in town to spend Christmas and New Year's with Mrs. Albright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ebb.

Mrs. Leon Curry, whose husband was killed at the front a short time ago, has returned to Montreal from England. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKeen formerly of Anierst, have also returned from England.

ANOTHER BATTALION

Quebec, Dec. 23.—Col. Sir Wm. Price yesterday received from Ottawa official authorization to commence recruiting his battalion for overseas service. It is understood that Lieut. Col. Talbot, former M. P., will command a company in Sir William's battalion.

WILL BE INQUESTS

Coroner Roberts has decided to hold inquests into the deaths of Mrs. Mary Spittel and May Littlefield. This morning he empaneled the following jury to view the body of Mrs. Spittel in Messrs. Fitzpatrick's undertaking parlors—Gordon P. Colwell (foreman), Charles W. Wansmaker, Walter Chase, John A. Brooks, Walter C. Bauer, Harry R. Coleman and Michael Coleman. This evening he will empanel another jury to view the body of May Littlefield.

The War Loan

All subscribers to Canada's \$100,000,000 war loan have been allotted their subscriptions in full, with the exception of the chartered banks which have been cut down to about eighty per cent. of their subscription of \$25,000,000.

NO APPOINTMENT YET

No successor has yet been named for the position of freight shed foreman with the I. C. R., made vacant through the resignation of Chas. McMulkin, who has accepted the position of general manager with the St. John Ice Co. Mr. McMulkin will take up his new duties about the first of the new year.

**GERMAN SOCIETY
PLANNED THIS WAR**

Wild With Joy When Declaration Came

TO GAIN COLONIES THEIR OBJECT

For Years Have Stirred Military Spirit of People and Prodded Government on to Further Preparations

Since everybody knows that Germany planned and willed the war, it is useless to keep on repeating the statement. How she set to work, however, is not so well known, nor how the German people were persuaded that they were the objects of world-wide jealousy, and that a conspiracy to attack and destroy them had been prepared. The great propaganda to thoroughly militarize the German people and inflame them with dreams of world empire was undertaken by the Pan-German Society which was at first small in numbers but which was led with such burning enthusiasm and confidence that it has actually determined Germany's foreign policy for many years past. Its officers were all ex-generals or ex-admirals and it had its spokesmen in every university in Germany. Year in and year out the Pan-Germans carried on their propaganda, now cheering on the German people, now prodding on the German government and especially the minister of Foreign Affairs. At length when war was declared the Pan-German Society boldly announced that the great object of its heart was about to be achieved.

Pamphlet of Peace Society

Some of the details of the work of the organization are given by Kurt Eisner in an article that appeared originally in the Social Democrat organ, Nieuw Ziet, all though as the New York Times remarks in giving its readers a translation of the article, "for brutal and sensational frankness it scarcely has parallel in the literature of the struggle." It has been reissued as a pamphlet by the Neue Vaterland League, which has for its object "the promotion of peaceful international competition, and bringing about a political and economic understanding between civilized peoples." The article was written some time after the war had begun, and the early pages are devoted to a review of the triumphs of the society, its earlier prophecies and their later fulfillment. It says for instance: "From the first projected naval programme to the latest law for defence, every single plan for preparedness has originated in Pan-American circles." Twice they pushed the Moroccan question almost over the precipice to a world war.

The Mask Thrown Off

The pamphlet sets forth clearly the objects of the society. It admits that mere "nationalistic" Pan-German illusions are merely an idealistic by-product for the delectation of teachers and professors affiliated with the society. The real goal is the acquisition of colonies where Germans may settle, cultivate the soil, and supply Germany with the



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ing that Germany was on the verge of war, and the incident of the assassination was not immediately associated as an event that was suddenly to bring war into Europe. The Gazette commented upon the matter, but insisted that whatever happened in the Balkans was of little importance. What happened between Germany and her neighbors east and west would decide the fate of Europe.

When war was declared the Gazette issued a special edition, and the leading article under the heading, "The Blessing of Armis" contained these memorable words:

"It is a pleasure to be alive. We have hoped for this hour; now it is here, the only hour. The Russians false and deceitful to the last minute; the French vacillating when confronted with the amazing reality and suddenly losing their thirst for vengeance; England coldly calculating—but the German people wild with joy! At the last moment however, the Gazette shivered at the thought of Great Britain becoming Germany's enemy and suggested that Germany and England might enter into a sort of partnership for exploiting the rest of the world. But when Britain determined to stand by Belgium the battle-cry of Pan-Germans became: 'Gott strafe England!' and so it remains to this day."

CHRISTMAS AT THE ARMORY

Tree and Entertainment Planned by 69th—Recruiting Office May be Located in King Street—More Changes in Munitions Board

Special arrangements are being made by the members of the 69th Battalion for the observance of Christmas, and the day will be marked by a general holiday with a liberal distribution of gifts for the boys in khaki, from a large Christmas tree to be erected, while a turkey dinner will be served. Midnight mass will be celebrated with carols in Latin and French. The day is expected to be a gala event with the members. Recruiting.

At last night's Mill street recruiting meeting, A. O. Skinner presided and the speakers were J. C. Ferguson and Rev. J. C. Berrie. R. Carr and C. A. Cromwell provided musical numbers. Three volunteers signed, T. Herritt Allaby and D. K. Bettle of Norton, N. B., and R. Seely of Hampton, N. B.

After January 1, the recruiting office will be changed to the Oak Hall building in King street. At yesterday's meeting of the recruiting executive a vote of thanks was extended to those who have been seized from those who have them and who are no more entitled to them than Germany, except for the inconsiderate fact that they enjoy present possession.

Campaign Against England

Quotations are reproduced from the Pan-American Gazette asserting over and over again that Britain refuses to let Germany have any colonies. The German people are asked if they are to be mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for England. Answer no. It is curious to note that even after the assassination of Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo the Pan-German Gazette did not become unduly excited. For a year or more previously it had been asserting that Germany was on the verge of war, and the incident of the assassination was not immediately associated as an event that was suddenly to bring war into Europe.

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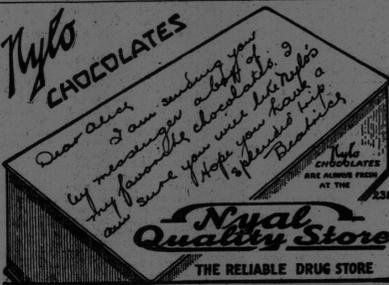
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Grand Manan, N. B., who was gassed once, and wounded four times. He is now recovering in health. Capt. Margeson, M. P. P., Lunenburg, N. S., 25th Battalion, returning also, told of the cat name enjoyed by the Canadians at the front, and said the 26th had their full share of glory. He said he had seen Sgt. Ryder, of the 26th, decorated with the D. S. O. for bravery.

Casualties

James B. Fenwick, 3rd Battalion, Norton, N. B., reported suffering from shock; Reginald Cullen, Stellarton, N. S., 23rd Battalion; Percy Adams, Halifax, N. S., 29th Battalion; James Mitchell, Halifax, N. S., 81st Battalion, are all reported wounded.

Returning on the steamer Pretorian yesterday was Sgt. George Daisell, of "Canada's share in the battle for freedom," saying that while the dominion was making a great sacrifice, the people were determined to see the war through to an abiding peace.

Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, will spend Christmas with his family in Lindsay, Ont., having recovered from his recent illness.

A Considerate Wife.

One afternoon Bates was having a little gabfest with an old acquaintance, when the latter spoke of married life and the beauty of having a happy home. "That's where I have a whole lot to be thankful for," said Bates. "I have a wife who looks after me constantly. As a matter of fact there are times when she even takes off my shoes for me."

"I see," thoughtfully mused the acquaintance. "I suppose that is when you come home tired at night."

"No, no," smilingly corrected Bates. "It is when she thinks that I am about to slide out early in the evening."

"So," said a neighbor sympathetically, "your baby suffers from sleeplessness, does he?"

"No," responded the haggard and hollow-eyed man; "he doesn't. He seems to enjoy it. I'm the one who suffers."

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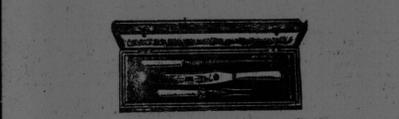
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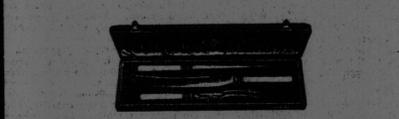
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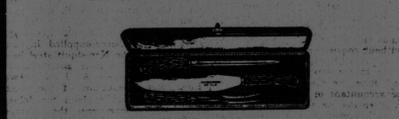
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Carter-Veniot Charges Proven To The Hilt

Commissioner Chandler's Scorching Arraignment of Stewart and Robichaud—Sheridan Also Censured—Stewart's Conduct Altogether Unworthy of Public Representative

The report of Mr. Commissioner Chandler on the result of his investigation into the charges of irregularity on the part of government officials involving three Conservative members of the legislature made by P. J. Veniot and E. S. Carter, was given out for publication by Attorney-General Baxter last evening. The report is a scathing arraignment of the officials who were brought to book by the charges. The royal commissioner has not minced words and his findings sustain the charges made by Mr. Veniot—which he practically every particular. It was realized during the hearing that the charges were being made good.

The commissioner says that after making some enquiries into the operations of the department of public works, of lands and mines, of agriculture and of the provincial secretary-treasurer, and into the operations of the said departments, he could not find any instances of inefficiency, incapacity, irregularity, dishonesty or wrongdoing on the part of any inside official or employee of the said departments or in the administration of these branches of the public service, with the possible exception of that of T. G. Loggie, deputy minister of lands and mines, called attention to the fact that steps might be taken which would promote the efficiency of the department and that some of his suggestions had been carried out and that others were being considered by the head of the department.

Mr. Loggie's suggestions deal with the improvement of the efficiency of the staff of the department, and he stated that no cases of actual dishonesty or wrongdoing on the part of the staff had come under his notice.

The commissioner then continued: "The first matter into which I enquired was one which was called to my attention by Mr. E. S. Carter, Mr. Carter, in a letter to me dated March 12, 1915, requested me to enquire into the payment of the sum of \$2,603.88 by the Dalhousie Lumber Company, Limited, in the year 1915, for balance of stumpage account as arranged with Willard H. Berry. I proceeded to enquire into the matter mentioned in Mr. Carter's letter and examined the following witnesses: Willard H. Berry, J. W. Brankley, W. F. Comeau and T. G. Loggie.

Willard H. Berry at the time this transaction took place seems to have acted virtually as head of the Department of Lands and Mines; he settled this matter without consulting anyone connected with the department and without even reporting to the department as to what he had done; he also gave instructions to the accountants of the department as to what entries he should make in his books with respect to the matter under discussion and some of the entries were made in private at the time.

Wide Open to Censure. The action of Willard H. Berry in connection with this particular transaction was in my judgment altogether irregular and very much open to censure, even though in the end the province of New Brunswick lost nothing by the transaction.

No information was given to Berry by Mr. Loggie, the deputy minister of lands and mines, as to this settlement, and the payment by the Dalhousie Lumber Company to the Miramichi Lumber Company beyond the bare statement that the account for stumpage due by the Miramichi Lumber Company and the claim of the Miramichi Lumber Company for a rebate had been settled.

The details of the settlement in these two cases were never reported to the department by Berry and nothing with respect to it appears on the books kept by the department.

The whole transaction was carried out by Berry in a most irregular and unbusinesslike manner, and he had no right to conduct the business of the province in such a loose way. His conduct in the matter under discussion is in my mind deserving of very grave censure.

RE STEWART LUMBER LICENSE. Bass River, Gloucester County (N. B.). P. J. Veniot claimed in this matter that large quantities of railway ties had been cut on a certain block of crown land held under license by A. J. H. Stewart, of Bathurst (N. B.), situate between the Miramichi road and Bass River, in the county of Gloucester. Mr. Veniot also claimed that a large number of logs had been cut on this same land on which no stumpage had been paid.

It is very unfortunate in my judgment that a public representative should take this ground with respect to the matters under discussion. If an elected representative of the people—one who actually takes part in the framing of the laws passed for the protection of property belonging to the province—takes this ground that timber belonging to the crown is fair game and that anyone cutting on crown land under a license is under no obligation whatever to pay stumpage unless caught red-handed and compelled to pay by the crown officers, one can hardly expect that other operators on crown lands will not follow the example set there.

It, however, everyone operating on crown land in this province under a lumber license acts on the same principle as that followed by Mr. Stewart, the task of the officials whose duty it is to see that the law regulating lumber operations on crown lands is enforced and the amount of stumpage collected from the operators will indeed be a difficult one.

NEPISQUIT STEEL BRIDGE. Bathurst, Gloucester Co., N. B.

It appears from the examination of the witnesses who gave evidence as to this matter that on the 29th day of August, A.D., cheque No. 8833 was issued by the department of public works for the province in favor of Frank Robinson for \$25.00. This cheque is endorsed as follows: "Frank (X) Robinson" (his mark).

The voucher accompanying this cheque is an account for twenty-five yards of stone at \$1.00 per yard, dated May 3, 1910, and was made out by Mr. Stewart in the name of Frank Robinson and signed and sent in by Valentine Robichaud, superintendent, in connection with his returns for work done in the year 1910.

Frank Robinson on his examination stated that he never supplied any stone whatever for the Nepisquit steel bridge at any time but that he got the amount of \$25.00 from Mr. A. J. H. Stewart. Robinson's explanation of the matter was that he had a claim for damages done to his land near the Dempsey bridge in the county of Gloucester, and for stone hauled off his land and used for the Dempsey bridge. This stone was removed without his permission as claimed by Robinson and he stated that his claim for damages done to the land in removing the stone and for the removal of the stone, was \$100, but he eventually settled the matter with Mr. Stewart and Mr. Stewart paid him \$25 in settlement of his claim. Mr. Stewart eventually recouped himself for this expenditure by putting in an account in the name of Frank Robinson for \$25.00.

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Mr. Stewart's operations on the lands in question were not very extensive and the amount of stumpage which he should have paid to the crown is not very large and would probably not exceed the sum of \$400 or \$500. The attitude taken by Mr. Stewart with respect to this matter of cutting on crown lands is apparently that it is the duty of the officers of the crown to find out if anyone is cutting on crown land and to collect the proper stumpage therefor and that there is no obligation upon him as a licensee to inform the crown officers as to his operations or to trouble himself in any way as to the payment of stumpage.

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It is extraordinary that Mr. Stewart should have taken the steps he did to recoup himself for the amount paid to Frank Robinson and that he should have induced Valentine Robichaud to open an item in his return which both of them knew was absolutely without any foundation in fact. If his claim Robinson's was an honest one it could not have been necessary for Mr. Stewart to fabricate an account and include it in Robichaud's return in order to get back the money he paid to Robinson.

The disclosures made in the course of the inquiries which I have held in the past few months have convinced me that as to everything that comes under my notice, this man Valentine Robichaud was simply a tool in the hands of Stewart. The disclosures made in the course of the inquiries which I have held in the past few months have convinced me that as to everything that comes under my notice, this man Valentine Robichaud was simply a tool in the hands of Stewart.

for stone supplied to the Nepisquit steel bridge and a cheque was afterwards issued for this amount in favor of Frank Robinson.

It appears that Frank Robinson never endorsed the cheque himself but for some reason best known to himself Mr. Stewart endorsed the cheque as above in the name of Frank Robinson and signed his own name as a witness to the supposed signature of Robinson as a marksman, though Robinson is very well able to write and need sign by a cross.

In my opinion, Frank Robinson was paid altogether too much by Mr. Stewart for the alleged damage done to his property, which does not seem to have been very serious.

Mr. Stewart had no authority whatever to settle this claim or pay any money, and in my judgment should not have interfered in the matter at all, except to have referred the claim to the Department of Public Works.

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THE OTHER CASES. With regard to the Caribou Bridge and the charge that lumber paid for was never delivered, Mr. Chandler says: "I am not at all satisfied that this fourteen pieces of timber ever went into the Caribou Bridge. He further finds that the superintendent, Valentine Robichaud, was inefficient and unsatisfactory and completely under the control of the county representatives, Stewart and Robichaud."

After referring to the revelations in regard to other bridges, the commissioner said: "The manner in which Mr. Stewart has acted in connection with Department of Government matters, Gloucester County as detailed on the enquiry before me, compels me to be suspicious as to everything that he has done and of every transaction with which he is in any way connected."

Referring to the activities of Mr. Sheridan while a representative of Kent County in some matters investigated by Mr. Chandler, he says: "It is regrettable that Mr. Sheridan, while a representative of the county of Kent himself in this sort of things, took money which he did not really earn. If Mr. Sheridan wished to get some money in connection with the work on this bridge it would have been very much better if his name had appeared on the pay-roll for whatever work it was that he did do."

Referring to the sale of the Knowles farm to the Farm Settlement board and Mr. Stewart's take-off, he says: "Mr. Stewart seemed to think on examination before me, that he was justified in retaining this amount of three hundred dollars as remuneration for his services in connection with this transaction but as a representative of the county I do not think he had any right to act in this way nor to have taken advantage of the situation to make a personal profit for himself. It would have been very much better if Mr. Stewart had dealt fairly and frankly with all parties concerned in this matter."

"In my judgment, Mr. Stewart's conduct throughout this transaction was reprehensible and altogether unworthy of a man occupying the position of a public representative."

The Calculator. Jimmy giggled when the teacher read the story of the Roman who swam across the Tiber three times before breakfast. "You do not doubt that a trained swimmer could do that to you, Jimmy?" "No, sir," said Jimmy, "but I wonder why he didn't make it four, and get back to the side his clothes were on."



Joffre, The Idol Of All France

One of the best pictures that has been presented in American newspapers of General Joffre is that of Wythe Williams, one of the European correspondents of the New York Times. He has met the French generalissimo several times, and has talked with him on the French front by members of Joffre's staff, and he has heard the opinions of generals and privates about the man who has such a hold upon the affection and imagination of both French people and army as no leader has had since Napoleon. Is Joffre a Napoleon? Is a question that is frequently asked. It is some improvement on the other speculation, Will the war develop Napoleon? For it seems to me that if there is a Napoleon yet developed in this war or in process of development it is General Joffre.

Modern Military Problems. The question is not a very sensible one, anyway. Joffre may not be a Napoleon. Nor was Napoleon a Marlborough, nor Hannibal an Alexander, though all were great military geniuses. But if there should be another great war in, say, fifty years, the world may be asking, Will this struggle produce another Joffre? The point is that while every great general must study the campaigns of famous generals of the past, his understanding of them will be useless unless he can contribute the necessary spark of his own genius. Without this his knowledge will be like an electric plant minus the current.

Napoleon's great maxim was to beat a large army by subdividing it, and destroying it in sections. He depended spontaneously upon the element of the unexpected. In this war the unexpected cannot often happen. The aeroplane, the telephone, wireless and the huge numbers of men employed make it impossible. So Joffre cannot adopt the chief Napoleon principles, though he may adapt some of them. He has invented a principle of his own: "I am nibbling at them," said Joffre. Mr. Williams says that without huge maps it is impossible to understand the steady success of the French nibbling. A mile taken here, and a couple of miles there are healthy bites at the German front.

Father Joffre and His Child. The writer in the Times describes a review of 15,000 French troops by General Joffre "somewhere in France," and draws a striking portrait of the great general. He says in part: "From the line of trees behind the group and comes plowing his way across the mud. He is large and bulky. He plants his feet firmly at each step, splashing the mud out in all directions. He wears a shock of hair, signifying that he is a general, is pulled low over his eyes. Drops of rain are on his grizzled moustache. A leather belt is about his powerful body, but he wears no sword.

A Big Powerful Man. "Langie de Cary and his officers whist about quickly at his approach. Every hand is raised in salute. The bulky man touches the visor of his cap in response, then plants both his large ungloved hands on his hips, and spreads slightly apart. He speaks to de Cary in a low voice. As you have already guessed, this big man is Joffre. You were told at the beginning of the war that Joffre was a little fat man—like Napoleon. That is not true. Joffre is a big man. He is even a tall man but does not give such an impression because of his bulk. Few men possess at an age such a powerful or so healthy a body. That is why he can cover so many miles of battle front in his racing auto every day. That is why he shows the slightest sign of the wear and tear of war. There was no time lost in conversation before the bugles blew again, and the regiments of heroes began their march past the muddy reviewing

stand. Even in their battle-stained uniforms ever regiment looked smart. When they came abreast of Joffre, steadily and solidly standing a step in advance of the others, the long line of rifles raised in salute was as straight as ever that of a German regiment on parade at Potsdam.

The V. C. of France. "Through it all he stood almost motionless, with feet spread apart, one hand planted on his hip, raising the other, to the visor of his hat, under which he peered straight ahead with unblinking eyes. As the men passed, he threw both his great arms about the private's shoulders and kissed him on both cheeks. The long line of soldiers remained perfectly quiet. But in the eyes of many of them were tears."



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BOWLING

City League. The Nationals took three points from the Tigers in their match game in the City League on Black's alleys last evening. The score follows:—

Table with columns: Team, Total, Ave. Includes teams like Lunney, Belyea, Howard, Conglan, Cosgrove.

National League. Next league game will not be until Monday.

BASEBALL

Baker to the Yankees. Chicago, Dec. 21.—"Home Run" Baker whose contract is held by the Philadelphia Americans, probably will be sold to the New York Yankees, so Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago Americans, said on Tuesday. He added that he has given up all negotiations for Baker.

Birmingham for Toronto? Cleveland, Dec. 19.—Next season's manager for the Toronto team of the International League may be Joe Birmingham, former manager of the Cleveland American League team. When the baseball moguls met in New York last week Birmingham had several conferences with President Ed. Barrow. It is said Barrow thought very favorably of Birmingham and many of the American League men boosted Birmingham stock.

\$500,000 for Cubs? Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Tribune this morning says that Charles H. Weegman has agreed to pay C. P. Taft \$500,000 for the Cub franchise and players.

WRESTLING

"Masked Marvel" Defeated. New York, Dec. 21.—Stranger Lewis received thanks of the remaining heroes in the International wrestling tourney today for downing the "mysterious masked marvel." The mysterious one had baffled Alex Aberg and Waldek Zbyasko and was generally feared by the surviving entrants. Lewis won in 1:15.

GOLF

Dogs As Caddies. Apropos of a suggestion that dogs of the larger breeds might be used as caddies if supplied with a suitable harness with which to carry the clubs, an enthusiast has written an article on personal experience of this kind. In his opinion the idea is impossible of execution, but he thinks that dogs can be used to great advantage in retrieving balls, while the golfer stands in the same place and tries repeated practice shots. He had an Irish terrier which he trained to retrieve golf balls, and succeeded in bringing it to the point where he was able to play 120 shots an hour, all of which the dog would retrieve without a single lost ball.

AQUATIC

Wins Curley Medal. Honors in the swimming meet held yesterday morning in the Y. M. C. A. were won by Louis Porter, who made twenty-one points; Morrison Carle was second with eighteen, and Paul Cross third with thirteen. The competition was for a silver medal donated by C. H. Curley.

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HAND OF WAR ON UNIVERSITIES

Income of Oxford and Cambridge Severely Cut—Tutors Are in Straits

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RING Ritchie Defeated McAndrews

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion, defeated Eddie McAndrews, a local lightweight, in a six-round bout here last night. Ritchie had the better of every round, although McAndrews fought pluckily and came back strong at the finish.

White Sore on Welsh. Chicago, Dec. 21.—A \$10,000 note wouldn't pay Charlie White, lightweight title aspirant, he says, for time and money lost as a result of what he labels Welsh's "stalling" to get out of meeting him. White says he turned down four matches while waiting for a bout with the champion. "Now I'm through with Welsh," he said today.

HACKENSCHMIDT IS A PRISONER OF WAR

Slavin, Once Famous Prize Fighter, Joins Colors—Other News of Athletes in War

A one-time monarch of the mat, George Hackenschmidt, according to dispatches, is a prisoner of war. Billy O'Hara, one-time outholder of the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants, recently quit the Montreal club and was granted a commission in the Royal Navy Air Service. He is now in England undergoing training.

An echo of the days of the bare-knuckle fighting is heard in the announcement in the London (England) Sport Life that Frank P. Slavin is soon to make his appearance in London as a soldier. Slavin has joined a regiment just formed in Victoria, B. C., and composed principally of engineers and frontiersmen. The organization is known as the Sixty-Seventh Western Scots and Slavin holds the rank of sergeant. Slavin was at the height of his ring fame almost a generation ago. His great battle in London with Peter Jackson twenty-three years ago is still fresh in fistic memory.

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However, those who have studied the histories of the great universities take courage from the past and believe that when at last the war is over there will be a great rush to them. After the English civil war in the 17th century and other periods of disorder there has always been left a number of young men with no immediate occupation or opening in life. The simplest thing for them to do is to go to the university and train for a profession and so if precedents hold good, the universities will recover themselves.

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GILBERT'S GROCERY

ST. COLUMBA HONOR ROLL IS UNVEILED

Six Names on it—New Said There May be Through Car Service by New Year's Day

Last evening the congregation of St. Columba Presbyterian church, Fairville, assembled for the unveiling of a roll of honor of six men who have done khaki since the outbreak of the war. The handsome roll in a suitable frame covered with a flag was unveiled by Elder James Irvine, and the scene was impressive. Rev. Wm. Townsend read an address which was followed by the presentations of a beautifully bound Bible by Elder John Galey on behalf of the church to Private George W. Donaldson of the 100th Battalion, who has been an elder in the church and an active officer in the Sunday school, and has made quite a name for himself in that branch of the service.

Private Myles of the 26th Battalion was wounded sometime ago; but in a letter received at his home yesterday, he wrote that he had recovered and was lately transferred to the 18th Battalion reserve at Shorncliffe and would likely soon be sent to the front again.

After a social hour, refreshments were served by a capable committee of ladies, and the evening was brought to a fitting conclusion with the singing of the national anthem. The following are the names on the honor roll—Andrew Campbell, George Myles, Walter Scott, Charles Compton, James Mulherin and Geo. W. Donaldson. Andrew Campbell is at present serving with the artillery as a non-commissioned officer on the firing line "somewhere in France."

A very enjoyable feature of the evening was the singing of Miss Sadie Cougle whose patriotic solos were greatly appreciated.

The work of digging on the city approaches to the new bridge, preparatory to laying the tracks, has proven a job that has taxed the ingenuity of those in charge, trying to hustle with frost in the ground. A few days ago it was decided to inject steam into the ground for thawing purposes, but the result was unsatisfactory, the clay soil refusing to be "steamed." Late yesterday afternoon wood fires were built in the small trench-shaped holes in which the men had been working. Over the fires covers of sheet iron were placed, forcing the heat down into the ground and soon water was noticed coming out of the earth in all directions as the frost thawed.

A single track has been laid now, and work is being rushed on the second. "If all goes well," one of the officials remarked yesterday, "we may be able to give the public a New Year's day present of a through line to the city."

CORPORAL CHAS. O'BRIEN KILLED ON DECEMBER 15

Sad News to Parents at 184 Britain Street—Went With First Contingent

Corporal Charles O'Brien, number 22,781, of the 14th Battalion, formerly of the 12th Battalion, is officially reported killed in action on December 15.

This brief message from the adjutant general in Ottawa brought deep sorrow



Corporal Chas. O'Brien, who has made the supreme sacrifice. He was a private when he left here, but won promotion.

at Christmas today to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. O'Brien, 184 Britain street, telling, as it did, of the death of their son.

Charles O'Brien, who was twenty-seven years of age, left St. John with the first volunteers in August, 1914, was attached to the 12th and later transferred to the 14th. Although he had seen much service he had escaped injury so far and a post-card was received from him only three days ago with the news that he was then safe and well.

Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers, Alfred, who is with the Siege Battery on Partridge Island; Frank, Harry, Robert and Arthur, and five sisters, Mrs. Fred Trefitz, Mrs. Frank Alexander and Misses Lilly, Bertha and Belle.

He was a member of the Longshoremen's Association but the last work he had been engaged in before leaving St. John was on the construction of the sugar refinery.

The news of his death came as a great shock to his parents who are prostrated with grief. They received a letter from him two weeks ago in which he said he would be out of the trenches in a few days and was then to be given a month's furlough. He expected to eat his Christmas dinner in some barn, somewhere in Belgium, away from the firing line.

He was at the front for fourteen months and during that time escaped injury. He was in the battle of Ypres and Festubert and came through them without a scratch, although in a letter he had mentioned that his companions had fallen like leaves on a tree. Prior to leaving St. John private O'Brien was engaged in the Atlantic Sugar Refineries where he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his employers and the respect of his fellow employees.

PLEASANT CHRISTMAS EVENT AT PLEASANT POINT SCHOOL

The seventeenth annual Christmas entertainment in the Pleasant Point Sunday School was carried out successfully last evening with a pleasing programme and treat for the members. The chair was occupied by Carey B. Black, superintendent, who made an opening address. Rev. P. R. Hayward also gave an address, while the programme was as follows:

Christmas Morn, Georgie Parris and little girls; recitation, Watching for Santa Claus, by Annie Ewart; recitation, A Birthday Gift, by Carson Snodgrass; exercise, James Boyd and Irene Curran; recitation, Once a Year, by Helen Strait; Harmonica solo, Sylvia Hamm; recitation, A Helper, by James Ewart; song, The Voice of Belgium, by Marion McLaughlin and Ella Hamm; recitation, Santa Claus' Visit, by Daisy Bottle; reading, Benny's Reprieve, by Mrs. Knox; recitation, Ymas, by Dorothy Bennett; exercises, Santa Claus by ten little girls; recitation, Xmas Secrets, by Sylvia Hamm; recitation, Santa Claus, by Cecil Henderson; recitation, Xmas Day, by Vera Naves; solo, "Take Me Back to Canada," by Ruby Spinks; recitation, One Christmas Gift, by Geo. Farris; recitation by Mary King; exercise and chorus, Irene Curran and little girls; recitation, St. Nick, by Thelma Moloncent; recitation, "My Folks," by Arthur Beardsley; recitation, "On the Road to Tipperary," by Jane Boyd; reading by Harvey Arbo; recitation, by Adolph Ryder; recitation, A British Soldier's Reply, by Kenneth Henderson; "God Save the King."

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION CASE

This morning in Chambers before His Honor Judge McKeown the case of Albert Wolfe vs. E. J. Heat was taken up. This is a matter under the plaintiff's having been injured in the defendant's bakery. When the court adjourned at noon the plaintiff had finished his case, and at 2:30 this afternoon the defendant's evidence was to be taken. His Honor said that he would go to see the machine on which the injury was sustained. J. F. H. Reed is for the plaintiff and H. A. Powell, K. C., for the defendant.

Recruiting Engagements

Thursday Evening, Dec. 23, Temperance Hall, West St. John, 8 p. m., chairman, Captain A. J. Mulcahy, Speakers, Rev. G. F. Scott, Mr. Edward Sears. Special music.

Every Night (Except Sunday). Recruiting office open, corner Mill and Union streets. GO AND ENLIST.

New Year's Day, Grand demonstration for 115th battalion (afternoon). Speeches at armory at close.

Sunday, January 2, Special Day of Intercession in all churches.

Sunday, January 3, Soldiers' Memorial Day. Special services in all city churches in evening.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

A SUGGESTION FROM A SOLDIER AT THE FRONT

A letter received by George Waring, very superintendent, from a friend with the overseas forces in France, throws some additional light on the needs of the men at the front and the best way to meet these needs. He speaks with enthusiasm of the warm socks and the coffee he had just received, remarking that it was the first good coffee he had had in a long time. He adds:—

"I certainly appreciate the kindness shown to me by all those sending parcels but I think it is highway robbery to have to pay so much for postage. So I would suggest to any one sending gifts to their friends among the soldiers to send money orders in British pounds, shillings and pence, as we can get full value for the money and purchase anything that we need at our Y. M. C. A. cheaper than they can send them. For instance, we pay three pence, or six cents, for cigarettes which cost ten cents in the St. John stores. We see tobacco is much cheaper here but if we go to buy eggs they are ninety-six cents a dozen and bread is twenty-four cents a loaf."

"We cannot afford to buy many luxuries as we receive only thirty francs, or \$6, of our pay each month. Most of this goes for cigarettes, bread, laundry and, if we want a little fire, some coal at fifty-five cents a hundred."

Since this letter was written the parcel post rates from Canada to soldiers in France has been greatly reduced.

Fashions

Some one has described fashion as "the art of making the many wear what is becoming only to the few."

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Initial Linen Handkerchiefs.....\$3.00	Fitted Suit Cases.....\$3.00	Cigar Cases.....\$1.00 to \$3.50
to.....\$2.75 per half dozen	Leather Club Bags.....\$2.50 to \$25.00	Cigarette Cases.....\$2.00 to \$2.50
White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1 as	Fitted Club Bags.....\$18.00 to \$30.00	Card Cases.....50c to \$2.00
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and Suspenders.....75c to \$1.00	Playing Cards in Leather Cases.....\$2.00 to \$3.00	Nightgown Shirts.....\$1.00 to \$3.00
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