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ALL EYES ARE ON GLOUCESTER TODAY

If Four Government Candidates Win Their Administration Will Have 25 Seats and Opposition 23—Results of Voting Great Surprise to Both Parties.

Opposition Leader Foster, E. S. Carter, Hon. Dr. Landry, Hon. Mr. Slipp and Hon. Mr. Culligan Defeated—Result in Queens May Elect Hon. Mr. Slipp.

Complete returns from the polling in sixteen electoral constituencies in New Brunswick on Saturday give the government twenty-one seats and the opposition a total of twenty-three. The polling in Gloucester county today will prove the determining factor as to which party will conduct the affairs of the province during the next four years.

While early returns on Saturday evening indicated that the government would have a comfortable majority, the later reports of the polling told of heavy successes for the opposition, and up till 11 o'clock on Saturday evening the result seemed a tie. A later report, however, gave both seats in Queens county to the opposition with very small majorities.

A huge campaign fund was employed in the election by the forces of the opposition, and apparently with much success. The prohibition question proved quite an issue and returns seem to indicate that the majority of the temperance people of the province voted against the administration which had given them the prohibition measure.

There was no serious defection from the government forces in the English-speaking counties of the province, but in the French counties the government encountered serious reverses.

Result in St. John.

The result in St. John city and county was most gratifying for the government, five of the six seats being claimed by the supporters of Hon. Mr. Murray. The defeat of Mr. Granahan in the city will be greatly deplored. He was an active, conscientious representative and had given the city services of high value. Opposition Leader Foster, who nearly lost his deposit in the city in 1912, again met defeat on Saturday. He and his colleague, Mr. Bentley, were able to capture the parish of Martins, but lost the other parishes in the county.

Carter at Foot of Poll.

Kings county gave an emphatic answer to the campaign of vilification and abuse carried on by E. S. Carter. Mr. Carter occupied the cellar position and was nearly 500 votes behind the government candidates, Messrs. Murray, Jones and Dickson. Mr. Slipp did somewhat better than the opposition organizer, but he also met with a crushing defeat, being about 400 votes in the minority.

Charlotte county returns the complete government ticket. The majority there was upwards of 600, with Dr. Taylor the leader. The government four in York county were also elected with a handsome majority. Carleton county gave Eon. B. F. Smith and his colleagues a magnificent vote, the minister having nearly 800 majority over the highest member of the opposition ticket.

Albert County.

Albert county, likewise, sent two strong men in support of the government party.

The opposition carried both seats in Restigouche, the four seats in Northumberland, three seats in Kent, four seats in Westmorland, and in Moncton city, one in St. John city and two each in Queens, Sunbury, Victoria and Madawaska counties. The majority of the opposition candidates in Madawaska was in the vicinity of 1,000.

Of the representatives chosen by the people on Saturday twenty-five members have during previous terms occupied seats in the Legislative Assembly. Hon. C. W. Robinson, who was elected in Moncton city is a former member.

Ministers Defeated.

Three members of the government, Hon. D. V. Landry, Hon. A. P. Culligan and Hon. A. R. Slipp have been defeated. There is considerable probability, however, that the Minister of

Lands and Mines will be elected on a recount of the votes in Queens county, as unofficial figures give Dr. Hetherington a majority of only nineteen.

The result is a surprise to a great many citizens in the city and province. It was generally believed that the government would be sustained with a reduced majority, but few if any, were of the opinion that the contest would develop such close results. The government party have it to their credit the running of a clean election. No effort was made to corrupt the electors in any constituency the government candidates invariably waging a clean and fair fight.

Gloucester Votes Today.

It remains for the electors of Gloucester county today to decide which party shall govern New Brunswick during the next legislative term. The electors there have a heavy responsibility. They must judge between this government and the old government, whose desperate attempts to get back to the treasury benches have apparently met with success in the first day's polling.

A unique situation is not unlikely to develop in Gloucester county. To afford the opposition a working majority they will need to carry all four seats. Reports from Gloucester indicate that the government candidates have been well received and the election of the ticket headed by J. B. Hachey is confidently expected.

In Westmorland.

Disatisfaction over the management of the Intercolonial Railway system has served to operate strongly against the government in Moncton city. In Westmorland county as well as in Restigouche and Northumberland counties, whether the complaints are justifiable or not there is no denying the fact that considerable dissatisfaction exists and the provincial government candidates, who are not in any way to blame for the situation, have lost many votes as a direct result of the people being adverse to the present management of the road.

No matter which party is successful by-elections must of necessity take place. The government, if successful, will require to hold by-elections for the offices of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Lands and Mines, while the opposition, in the event of their success, will have to contest by-elections for the various portfolios in the provincial service. The eyes of the people of the whole province are centered on Gloucester

SITUATION IN SWEDEN IS ACUTE

Necessary for Country to Take
Sterner Measures to Safeguard
Neutrality.

London, Feb. 25.—In the debate in the Swedish parliament yesterday, as reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen the foreign minister, K. A. Wallenberg, declared that "something has happened in the last few days which makes it necessary for Sweden to take sterner measures to safeguard neutrality."

This declaration, which has made a deep impression in Sweden, was elicited by the refusal of the second chamber to vote for an appropriation of 30,000,000 kroner for military purposes. The first chamber passed the measure, but when it reached the second chamber 104 votes were cast against it and in favor of an appropriation of 10,000,000 kroner. Unless some change occurs in the situation the amount will remain at 10,000,000 kroner.

Vigorous efforts were made by the government to obtain the larger amount. Premier Hammarskjöld and the ministers of war, finance, and foreign affairs took part in the debate.

In sounding his warning the foreign minister said the opposition would soon be compelled to admit that the situation was graver for Sweden than ever before.

Stockholm newspapers say the declaration of the foreign minister created the greatest excitement.

THE FOOD CONTROLLER ISSUES WARNING

London, Feb. 24.—In response to reports which fill the newspapers today, of impending increases in the prices of most commodities mentioned in the list of restricted importations, Baron Devonport, the food controller, tonight issued the following official warning:

"Baron Devonport desires to repeat the warning given by Premier Lloyd George, in his speech Friday, that no speculative buying or cornering of food supplies, with a view of raising the existing level of prices, will be permitted or tolerated. Should any such attempts be made the food controller will immediately take the necessary steps to protect the interests of the consumer. Baron Devonport will confer, in the course of, with the representatives of the various trade interests affected."

WILL INTERN GERMAN SUBMARINE NO. 30.

London, Feb. 25.—A despatch to Renter's Telegram Company from Flushing says the German submarine UB-30, which stranded on the Dutch island of Walcheren, in the North Sea last week, will be dismantled and interned at Flushing. The crew of the underwater boat also will be interned.

Today and intense interest is being manifested in the result of the polling in that county.

GREAT INDIGNATION OVER SINKING OF DUTCH VESSELS

Three of Fleet of Seven Craft Sent to Bottom by German
Submarines—Vessels Left Falmouth, England on Friday—Three Outward and Four Homeward Bound.

London, Feb. 25.—The fleet of seven Dutch vessels which were attacked by German submarines on Friday left Falmouth on Thursday, three being outward bound from Holland, and four homeward bound. The steamers had arrived at Falmouth on various dates and had been released at the special request of the Dutch government. No inquiry was made of the British authorities as to what was the best way of sailing, or as to the proper precautions to take, as it was believed the ships were sailing under a safe conduct from Germany, and the captains received special private instructions from the Dutch government. An official of the Dutch legation at London went to Falmouth and interviewed privately the captains of the seven ships, so as to be sure that they understood the instructions. The vessels bore the customary marks and lights.

List of Vessels.

They were only a short way from Falmouth (at the western end of the English Channel) when they were attacked by a German submarine, and three of the vessels were sunk and four damaged severely. Following is the list of vessels:

Gaasterland, sunk, arrived Falmouth January 30, outward bound in ballast; Noorddijk, sunk, arrived Falmouth Feb. 4 inward bound with mails, no passengers, cargo 5,000 tons of wheat and 300 tons of flour consigned to the Dutch government; Jaalra, sunk, arrived Falmouth Feb. 7, inward bound. No mails, no passengers, cargo 7,500 tons of wheat, consigned to the Dutch government; Demland, afloat, arrived Falmouth January 25, outward bound, in ballast; Bandoeng, afloat, arrived Falmouth Feb. 2, inward bound, no passengers. Cargo 500 tons fodder cake, 2,200 tons copra, 1,100 tons oil seed, 150 tons of coffee and 600 tons of tobacco; Zaandijk, afloat, arrived Falmouth Feb. 5, outward bound, in ballast; Menado, towed to Falmouth, arrived Falmouth Feb. 11, inward bound, no mails, no passengers. Cargo 2,700 tons of copra, 400 tons of fodder, 300 tons of oil seed and 450 tons of tobacco.

Rescued by Trawler.

An officer of one of the torpedoed Dutch steamers, interviewed in London, said:

"We were about the western approach to the English Channel when we picked up the crew of a Norwegian steamer. Just afterward a U-boat appeared on the scene and apparently at first was only noticed by one of our ships, which stopped, the others going on. The submarine fired a torpedo which just missed our ship, then fired gunshots overhead until we all stopped.

"The submarine came up to each ship and said we must enter the boats within five minutes, as she was going to sink us because we were in English waters. We had barely time to leave the ship before the Germans began their work. But all the crews, I believe, got off safely. After being on the water for several hours we were rescued by trawlers and landed."

Indignation in Holland.

The Hague, via London, Feb. 25.—While official circles remain gravely calm, there has been an inevitable outburst of indignation on the part of the Dutch newspapers at what the Amsterdam Telegraaf calls "a blow in our face, and the greatest humiliation to which a neutral state has been subjected."

The paper adds: "We confess inability to see how the honor of our nation can further be maintained by protests."

Other less bellicose organs reflect hardly less embitterment on the part of the whole nation against the latest example of German ruthlessness, while even German circles, it is learned, profess deep regret at what they admit to be "a ghastly blunder."

What Huns Say.

The shipping section of the Amsterdam Bourse is demoralized, with losses ranging from ten to twenty per cent.

The German legation at The Hague has issued a statement declaring that the disaster to the Dutch steamers was due "to an extremely regrettable coincidence of circumstances, which is unfortunate, but beyond our control."

The suggestion has been made to the Dutch government, the Associated Press learns, by leading ship-owners, that a half dozen German ships in Dutch or American ports be demanded as compensation for lost tonnage.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN VISITS WOUNDED MEN

Is Also Guest at Tea Given by
Lady to Wounded Canadians.

London, Feb. 24. (Montreal Gazette Cable).—Among the week-end engagements Sir Robert Borden found time today to attend a tea given by a West End lady to some of the Canadian wounded. Sir Robert conversed on Friday with several wounded who came from Halifax and Ottawa. It is probable that prior to the imperial conference the premier and his party may pay a visit to the front and to the fleet.

BRAKEMAN LOSES LEG ON RAIL AT DOKTOWN

Special to The Standard.
Newcastle, Feb. 25.—At Newcastle station yesterday at eleven o'clock brakeman Gordon Doak of Doaktown fell between the cars and had one of his legs taken clear off just below the hip. He is doing nicely in the Miramichi Hospital and will recover.

Two Boys Arrested.

Two boys were arrested Saturday night on the charge of stealing coal in the government railway yards.

BRITISH TAKE VILLAGE OF PETIT MIRAUMONT

Victory Result of Advance Southeast of Mirau-
mont—British Line South of Serre Pushed
Forward on Front of One Mile.

French Repel Enemy and Also Make Two Successful Sur-
prise Attacks on German Positions in Forest of Apre-
mont and North of Badonvillers — British Force Back
Turks in Hard Fight.

London, Feb. 24.—The village of Petit Miraumont, south of the Ancre, in France, has been entered by British troops as a result of an advance southeast of Miraumont, says the official statement from the war office tonight. The British line south and southeast of Serre, north of the Ancre, has been pushed forward on a front of over a mile and a half.

The text of the statement reads: "As a result of the unceasing pressure of our troops the enemy today vacated further important positions on both sides of the Ancre. We made considerable progress south and southeast of Miraumont, on a front of a mile, and entered the village of Petit Miraumont. We also advanced our line on a front of over one and one-half miles south and southeast of Serre."

"During the evening the enemy rushed one of our posts west of Lens. We recovered the post by an immediate counter-attack."

"There has been considerable mutual artillery activity at intervals during the day and night on both banks of the Somme, southwest of Arras and south of Ypres."

Germans Fail.

Paris, Feb. 25.—"The usual cannonade occurred along the whole front," says the official communication issued by the war office tonight. "Except for two fruitless attempts by the enemy against our trenches at Vioul (Alsace) there was no infantry action."

Belgian communication: "There was sustained artillery activity along the whole front, and violent bomb fighting in the region of Steenstraete and Het Sas."

French Surprise Huns.

Paris, Feb. 25.—"Last night our reconnoitering parties made two successful surprise attacks on German positions in the forest of Apremont and north of Badonvillers," says the official statement tonight. "There was intermittent cannonading on the remainder of the front."

"One of our aerial squadrons effectively bombarded the railway stations at Grand Pre and Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon."

Turks Repelled.

London, Feb. 25.—The following official communication dealing with the operations in Asiatic Turkey was issued by the war office this evening: "The southern portion of the Sannaiyat position, captured in the first assault Thursday, consisted of two lines of trenches on a frontage of 450 yards, and to a depth of 10 yards. The Turks delivered six counter-attacks, but, although one of them was temporarily successful, we secured and consolidated all our gains."

"On the afternoon of Thursday a further assault was launched against the Turks' first and second lines to the north, and in prolongation of those secured in the morning, and our whole objective was gained. Heavy Turkish counterattacks temporarily retarded our progress, but we finally consolidated our gains, and at the end of the day the first two lines of trenches on a front of 900 yards were firmly in our hands."

Artillery Active.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "Our artillery was active in the region of Le or Mt. Homme. Our shelling was attended with good results. Intermittent artillery actions occurred at various points along the front in Lorraine and the Vosges. Quiet prevailed everywhere else."

The Belgian communication: "Bomb lighting was resumed with violence in the region of Steenstraete and Het Sas. The usual artillery actions took place at divers points along the front."

SOLDIERS DO NOT LIKE FARMING

Canada First to Evolve Plan
for Re-educating Returned
Men.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The experience of M. T. B. Kidner, who has charge of vocational training in connection with the military hospitals' commission, is that very few of the returned soldiers want to go on the land. He made the statement today to the parliamentary committee on returned soldiers, which is meeting here that of 340 men belonging to Alberta who were asked by the provincial secretary if they wanted to go farming, only six replied that they did. His own experience was similar of fifty men he asked personally, only one had any desire to go on the land.

Sir Herbert Ames, the chairman, thought this was to be explained by the fact that nearly all of the first Canadian contingent were city men who did not care for country life. Eighty per cent of them were old country men, he said.

This question of placing soldiers on the land interested the committee and Mr. Kidner was asked what his opinion was. He said that from his experience many might be willing to go to the country if they were given a farm in a pleasant valley, well equipped, and had two or three thousand dollars in their pockets. The general tendency of the returned soldiers was to the city and not to the country.

Mr. Kidner who said that Canada was the first dominion of the warring nations to evolve a plan for the re-education of the soldiers, gave an exhaustive review of what had been done by the hospital commission. He said that about fifteen hundred men had completed their vocational training at the convalescent hospitals up to the end of January 1917 of these being in Quebec, and 348 in Ontario. About twelve thousand men altogether had passed through the hands of the hospital commission. That did not mean of course that they were all in the hospitals.

LIVELY SCENE IN CONGRESS OF U. S.

Washington, Feb. 25.—One of the most spectacular filibusters the capitol has seen in years kept the senate in session until midnight last night, and was broken down only when Republican leaders directing it secured a pledge from the Democrats that the administration revenue bill would not be urged to a vote until Wednesday.

The Democrats, facing what they declared was a Republican attempt to break down the administration programme and force an extra session of congress after March 4, had threatened to keep the senate in continuous session over Sunday, if that were found necessary, to secure revenue measure.

The afternoon and evening debate went far afield from revenues, and hot exchanges between the Democrats and Republicans led into a dramatic discussion of the international situation, and of President Wilson's policy in the submarine crisis.

CONFERENCE OF NEUTRALS AND GERMAN OFFICIALS.

London, Feb. 25.—The German Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, is reported by the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent to have invited the ambassadors and ministers of neutral countries to a conference yesterday at the foreign office, in which foreign secretary Zimmermann took part.

TWO VESSELS SENT TO THE BOTTOM

Two Armed Norwegian Craft Sunk by Germans — Two British Steamers, the Ior and Dorothy Also Torpedoed.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Sinking of two more vessels by German submarines, both with American sailors on board, was reported to the state department today by United States consuls. In both cases the vessels were armed and the two Americans landed safely. The vessels sunk were the Norwegian steamer Skrim and the Norwegian barque Blenheim.

BILL SUNDAY

Warning Catholics not to condemn the revival method used by Billy Sunday which resembles the methods of the great revivalists of their own church, yet warning them vehemently against Sunday and most of his works, the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic church at New York, addressed an audience of women at Delmonico's recently. It was a meeting of the Catholic Library association and several priests were present.

Both St. Francis Ferrer and St. Bernardin of Siena, Father McMahon said, were great Catholic evangelists, whose outward methods were not very different from Sunday's. They were capable of acting like jesters to draw crowds and even of performing "stunts" which would result in the arrest of any imitator today. Their language, he added, was the language of the street and was full of passages in the sermons of St. Bernardin had a meaning which eluded students of the language today. Some of the sermons, he added, could not be translated into English, because they were so cut of keeping with present-day taste.

On the other hand, the speaker said, he did not agree with Catholic clergy men who had given a qualified approval to Sunday on the ground that he was in agreement with the Catholic church in opposition to divorce, and that he did not soften the doctrine of heaven and hell. Father McMahon said that the most fundamental objections to Sunday were that he taught false doctrines, that his methods were destructive, that he encouraged insincere conversation, and that his visits left the cities where he carried on his campaigns worse than when he left.

That Sunday's teaching was opposed to the doctrine of free will, on which the speaker said, "all the nobility of man" was founded. He read extracts to show that Sunday preached that those converted by him were in a state of grace and that immediate death would protect them from the danger of falling from it. He quoted from copy-righted sermons of Sunday in which he said that he fancied a pestilence of some dread disease following immediately upon his campaigns would be a blessing in that it would insure salvation to thousands who might otherwise fall away in time.

That Sunday taught a cruel and merciless doctrine opposed to the gentleness of Christianity. Father McMahon quoted from Sunday that, if permitted for a short time to exercise the powers of the Almighty he would "fill the papers with obituaries and freight cars with the names of the dead."

That Sunday never built up or created, but that he was always a creator of destruction. The speaker said that Sunday, becoming angry at a group of ministers in Pittsburgh because they did not sing with sufficient fervor, turned on them before a tabernacle filled with members of their congregations and called them a "washed-up God-forsaken bunch of nuts."

GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES CARRY FIVE OF THE SIX SEATS IN CITY AND COUNTY

The election in the city and county on Saturday was a victory for the Government candidates. In St. John city Messrs. Tilley, Campbell and Potts were elected by handsome majorities, while Mr. Gramman was beaten only by Dr. Roberts.

In St. John county the expected happened. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and his colleague, Mr. Thomas B. Carson, were returned by majorities over every parish but St. Martins. Mr. Foster, the opposition leader, and his colleague, A. F. Bentley, were beaten.

The city and county returns are as follows:

	Tilley	Gramman	Potts	Campbell	Roberts	Barnaby	Stclair	Seaville				
Kings	A to G	66 66 60 69	74 77 70 73	80 77 74 81	86 87 74 84	73 77 72 89	66 66 63 68	68 68 63 68	68 68 63 68			
Wellington	A to D	85 85 86 87	101 106 96 104	80 77 74 81	92 87 83 89	86 87 74 84	73 77 72 89	66 66 63 68	68 68 63 68			
Prince	A to C	73 72 66 72	87 88 86 89	70 73 80 75	94 89 92 92	79 73 74 78	65 62 64 64	93 90 90 91	110 110 107 117			
Queens	A to H	109 96 97 112	103 112 87 107	76 66 73 77	97 94 86 95	65 67 68 73	70 67 64 69	250 230 251 261	269 275 237 269			
Dukes	A to G	100 89 95 100	105 104 96 98	80 75 76 85	103 108 96 102	87 81 92 94	73 75 68 68	277 245 261 279	286 287 260 268			
Sydney	A to F	92 93 94 92	48 49 48 44	88 89 85 85	82 82 80 84	78 73 75 76	66 61 61 62	258 255 254 263	196 192 189 190			
Guys	A to Z	300 281 304 305	193 183 187 189	130 130 133 131	166 165 163 172	99 90 102 100	104 92 88 92	109 96 97 110	105 105 108 110			
Brooks	A to Z	130 130 133 131	166 165 163 172	430 130 133 131	166 165 163 172	88 79 89 92	47 78 69 61	391 364 394 400	438 381 359 384			
Lorne	A to D	89 87 83 88	103 88 90 96	98 101 100 96	86 78 75 83	86 76 83 85	108 100 93 99	92 88 91 93	72 66 66 69			
Landowne	A to D	89 87 83 88	103 88 90 96	98 101 100 96	86 78 75 83	86 76 83 85	108 100 93 99	92 88 91 93	72 66 66 69			
Dufferin	A to C	88 87 83 82	65 65 61 70	69 71 63 62	77 71 73 79	92 104 80 89	100 92 89 106	92 85 98 95	70 65 59 59			
Victoria	A to G	91 88 93 93	87 88 81 81	92 87 96 106	94 88 79 80	105 98 96 109	70 65 61 62	341 347 324 338	312 293 282 314			
Stanley	A to G	91 88 93 93	87 88 81 81	92 87 96 106	94 88 79 80	105 98 96 109	70 65 61 62	288 273 284 300	251 231 221 223			
St. Martins	138	134	209	207	75	74	48	53	31	28	27	
Black River	105	101	102	108	135	129	114	121	79	58	10	20
Lancaster	194	179	93	103	84	82	150	148	44	43	23	24
Musquash	18	17	11	11	30	27	24	23	933	875	812	845
Chance Harbor												
Dipper Harbor												
Totals												

The figures from East St. John are missing from the above total, but The Standard is informed that the Government candidates there are leading by over fifty votes.

ICE TRACK RACING AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Feb. 24.—The races on Woodstock ice track were pulled off today with but one class to start but it was a horse race from start to finish. The officials and summary follow:

Class "A" Pace.
Anna D. Geo. Gray, 3 2 1 1 1
Harry M. H. Martell, 1 1 2 3 3
Del Calone, C. McLean, 2 3 2 2 2
Time—38½, 35½, 37, 37½, 36½.

260,000 SOLDIERS HAVE LEFT PORT OF HALIFAX

Of that Great Host Stewart Lyon Says No Man Has been Killed by Accident During Embarkation or by Attack from Enemy En Route.

(By Stewart Lyon, Special War Correspondent, Eastern Press Association.)
En route to the front, Halifax, Feb. 25.—From the port of Halifax over 260,000 Canadian soldiers have been despatched overseas to the scene of war. Of that great host no man has been killed by accident during embarkation or by attack of the enemy en route. The men of the "Silent Service" have brought their ships in and taken them out of this port in all sorts of weather from the zero of mid-winter to the torrid heat of mid-summer, without a single "accident" to lessen the monotony of the operations.

The work has been greatly facilitated by the business-like methods of the embarkation staff officer, Col. Lindsay and his assistants. Practice has brought the system reasonably near perfection. No matter how long troop trains are delayed by snow and other troubles up the line—and the storms have been a serious handicap during the winter—the men on their arrival at Halifax never miss a meal. The officials want to send contented troops on board the transports and a good meal makes easy embarkation.

FIFTEEN ARE KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 25.—Fifteen men were instantly killed, fifteen injured, some seriously, and three are missing as a result of a snow slide last night at the North Star mine, near Halley, Idaho.

PRINCIPAL MACKINNON MEETS MUCH SUCCESS.

London, Feb. 24, (Montreal Gazette Cable).—Capt. the Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, principal of Pine Hill Theological College, Halifax, has met much success in his pulpit engagements in Glasgow and Edinburgh that a request has been made the director of chaplains for further services at Aberdeen, Inverness and Perth, the writers stating that his visit has already cemented a strong bond between Scotland and Canada.

THE GREEK BLOCKADE.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Definite announcement was made here today that the blockade of Greece will be lifted when King Constantine gives complete satisfaction to the demands of the Entente Allies.

STEAMER FALCON SUNK BY HUN U-BOAT.

London, Feb. 26.—Lloyd's reports the British steamer Falcon sunk. The Central News identifies the steamer as the Falcon, owned in Cardiff, of 243 tons gross and built in 1916. It says the survivors will be landed Monday.

Gilmour's Clearance of Odd Suits And Overcoats for \$10 and \$15 Ends on Wednesday Good selections still in sizes 34 to 40 You should not miss this opportunity Gilmour's, 68 King St.

BORN.

BYFIELD—On Saturday, February 24, to Mrs. and Mrs. Frederick Byfield, St. Paul street, a son.

DIED.

STEPHENSON—At Evandale, Kings Co., on February 24th, James Stephenson, aged 82 years.
Funeral on Tuesday, 27th inst., from Union Station on arrival of Boston train. Interment at Fernhill.

RITCHIE—On the 24th inst., Nellie, eldest daughter of Thomas and Margaret Ritchie.
Funeral Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock from her father's residence, 129 St. James street. Friends invited to attend.

SOMERVILLE—On Feb. 5th, at Mill Brook, Queens Co., Mrs. Isabella Somerville, aged 83 years, leaving four sons and four daughters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. (American papers please copy.)
McALOON—At the residence of his nephew, James McAloon, 47 Cleaveland street, on the 26th inst., Bernard McAloon, formerly of Ennisville, in the 86th year of his age, leaving one daughter and one nephew to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.)
The body will be taken on the 5 p. m. train today (Monday), to Elmhill.

The many friends of Rev. A. L. Fleming, locum tenens, of St. John (Stone) church, will be glad to learn that he is improving in health, and hopes to soon be able to resume his duties.

SNEEZING, COLDS, BAD COUGH, IRRITABLE THROAT, ALL CURED

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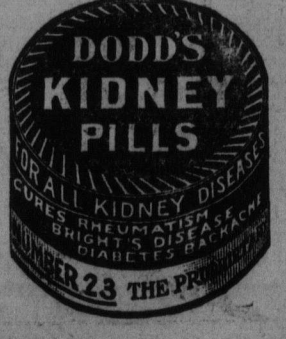
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New York, Feb. 25.—The fitness of things, Herbert Parker from President Wilson's senate, but knowing British people, he would never consent to her navy and that she frankly to mean the struggle with Germany. Just arrived in this long stay in England exceptional opportunity national spirit. His rooms at the Hotel they are even slower much to the fore in consens.
“The British people, and very slow right,” he said, “but in and their conviction they are even slower no mistake about this ple did not want war so far as their navy were not prepared for.”
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236TH KILTIES' BATTALION

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New York, Feb. 24.—His sense of the fitness of things deterred Sir Gilbert Parker from commenting on President Wilson's address to the senate, but knowing the temper of the British people, he was as positive as a man could be that Great Britain will never consent to a reduction of her navy and that she will drive on in the struggle with Germany until complete victory is won.

Just arrived in this country after a long stay in England, where he had exceptional opportunities to gauge the national spirit, Sir Gilbert in his rooms at the Hotel Vanderbilt talked frankly about questions that are very much to the fore in war and peace discussions.

"The British people are slow to rouse, and very slow to drive into a fight," he said, "but when they are all in and their convictions are aroused they are even slower to let go. Make no mistake about this: the British people did not want war, and except in so far as their navy was concerned were not prepared for war.

"They are in this war because of two things, the faith of friends and the honor of treaties. By the faith of friends I mean the entente with France. By the honor of treaties I

mean that compact which secured Belgium in the midst of an overwhelming Europe. What the world would have thought of England, the friend of France, if England had permitted Germany to crush France once more as she did in 1870? It is not hard to imagine.

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"Remember that the people of England are like the people of the United States, a peace loving people, who with all their naval progress have never abused the right of the strong arm. In the days when countries like Ger-

MILITARY OFFICERS IN LOCAL PULPITS

In City Churches Yesterday Officers of 236th Kilties Make Strong Appeal for Recruits.

Officers of the 236th Kilties Battalion were yesterday given a chance in a number of the city churches to make an appeal for recruits. In all cases the military men were introduced by the clergymen.

Major Geggie Speaks.

A large audience listened to a stirring lecture by Major Geggie of the 236th Kilties Battalion in the First Presbyterian church, West Side. He took as his subject "Am I My Brother's Keeper," and made a timely appeal for more recruits. In his address he declared that there are young men selling shoe laces and ribbons behind the counter that ought to be ashamed of themselves. Girls ought to fill these positions and thus release these men so that they could do their bit.

When the first contingent was formed Major Geggie enlisted. While at the front he received wounds which necessitated his return to Canada as permanently unfit for further military duty. Determined to have another chance, try at the Huns he succeeded in passing the doctors and immediately enlisted in the Kilties Battalion.

At the conclusion of Major Geggie's address, Dr. Morrison thanked him and also requested him to convey to Lieut.-Col. Guthrie the message that "the sooner we get conscription, the quicker will we get peace."

The musical part of the programme consisted of a solo, "Elgers," by Mrs. Ferris, and a duet by Mrs. Ferris and Percy Cruickshanks.

At Main Street Church.

Rev. W. H. Barracough preached last evening at the Main street Baptist church on "Sacrifice." He first introduced Staff Sergeant Moore of the 236th Kilties Battalion, who made a splendid plea for more recruits.

Mr. Barracough followed up what the sergeant had said and mentioned in part that the sacrifice that the men at the front had made should not be in vain and would not be if those at home did their part.

Major Mersereau's Address.

Major Mersereau of the 236th Kilties gave a short but pungent talk at Centenary Methodist church last evening. He thanked the ladies for comforts which he had received while at the front, and told how greatly the boys appreciated them. He made a strong plea for more unselfishness on an empire or as a people, that person thinks utter nonsense.

Sir Gilbert wished it to be known that he will not lecture or talk publicly during his two months stay in the United States. He had seen in print somewhere that England and the Allies were to establish a press bureau in this country. He knew that the story was false; that there was no reason for a step of that sort.

He was silent about his own mission, the part of the people at home, and he said he could see three more years of war unless there was a radical change in this respect.

Rev. David Hutchinson introduced the speaker and made a few remarks along the same lines.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH IN AMHERST

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 25.—Fred Fraser, a newcomer to the city, passed away here today in the Highland View Hospital, after a very brief illness. Fraser, who is apparently of foreign extraction, stated that he came from New Glasgow to Amherst. Last night he was suddenly seized with agonizing pains. Dr. Goodwin was summoned and on arriving discovered that the man had a sub-normal temperature and hardly a vestige of pulse beat. The sick man was removed to the Highland View Hospital but nothing could be done and he passed away shortly after mid-day. A post mortem examination will be held to determine the cause of death.

EDWIN GOULD, JR., KILLED ACCIDENTALLY

Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 25.—Edwin Gould, Jr., son of the New York capitalist, was accidentally killed while

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Panel 4: Woman: "ISN'T THAT TOO BAD—AND YOU HAVE HAD SO MANY—"

Panel 5: Woman: "DON'T YOU THINK MISS JONES HAS A STRIKING PERSONALITY?" Man: "DO?"

of coats and \$15 Wednesday sections still 34 to 40 old not miss opportunity s, 68 King St. DRN. Saturday, February 24, Mrs. Frederick Byfield, a son. DIED. At Evandale, Kings ry 24th, James Steph- years. day, 27th inst., from on arrival of Boston at at Fernhill. the 24th inst., Nellie, of Thomas and nie. afternoon at three or father's residence, street. Friends invit- On Feb. 5th, at Mill Co., Mrs. Isabella ed 83 years, leaving four daughters to at a kind and lov- please copy.) the residence of his 3600, 47 Claren- on the 26th inst. on, formerly of En- the 26th year of his ne daughter and one urn. (Boston papers taken on the 5 p. m. onday), to Emmis- ends of Rev. A. L. tenens, of St. John will be glad to learn loving in health, and able to resume his curate of St. Luke's at St. John (Stone) DS, BAD COUGH, BROAT, ALL CURED t, a cold cured in ten what happens when honors." You make ans and out goes the cured—headache fa of Catarrh and at once. It's the nence and powerful arthrosis that enable ly. In disease of the le throat, bronchitis, rh, it's a marvel. Safe. Beware of danger- offered under mislead- ment to deceive you arthrosis which is large size containing estment costs \$1.00; trial size 25c.

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GOVERNMENT TRIUMPHED IN YORK CO.

Full Ticket Carried With Good Majority Over Opposition's Quartette.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Feb. 25.—The four candidates of the Murray government in York triumphed on Saturday as predicted. Dr. W. C. Crockett of Fredericton, led the poll, being 433 votes ahead of Elwood Burt, the highest man on the opposition ticket. Messrs. Hunter, Pinder and Young all had substantial majorities, the Government candidates leading in nearly every poll in the county. Mr. Burt had a slight majority over Mr. Young in Fredericton but the latter had a big majority along the Nashwaak Valley and at McAdam. The contest as a whole was a great victory for the government candidates and the much talked of vote splitting did not materialize. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Kitchen did not poll as large a vote in the city as expected. In fact the government had an unusual majority at the court house polls.

Election day passed off quietly, there being very little excitement of any kind and with the complete returns in doubt until such a late hour there was no enthusiasm of any description. The unofficial vote in York follows: William C. Crockett, 3,267; Samuel B. Hunter, 3,254; James K. Pinder, 3,140; John A. Young, 3,099; Elwood Burt, 2,774; Peter J. Hughes, 2,512; Wm. P. Lawson, 2,495; A. B. Kitchen, 2,367.

FUNERALS.

The funeral took place Saturday morning of Ellen, wife of Joseph Morrow, from her late residence, 45 Merritt street, to St. Peter's church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. L. Gallagher, C.S.B., at nine o'clock. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers.

The remains of William H. Watson arrived in the city Saturday from Brockton, Mass., and the services were conducted at Fernhill cemetery yesterday afternoon by George W. Lewis, the chaplain of Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England.

The funeral of Mrs. John Akerley took place at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her residence corner of Watson and Duke streets. The service was conducted in the Carleton Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Westminster and interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The funeral of Annie Porter took place at 2:30 yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. James Reed, 174 Carmarthen street. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cody and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Hachey was held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from 12 Pond street. Service at the Cathedral was conducted by Rev. Fr. Duke and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

OBITUARY.

Dennis Flynn.

The death of Dennis Flynn took place at noon, Saturday at his late residence, 161 Simonds street. Deceased was a well known citizen and held the reputation of being the largest and strongest man in the city. He was a longshoreman, but for a number of years was watchman for the Canadian Express Company. He was 75 years of age and leaves to mourn four sons and two daughters. The sons are John Sullivan, a member of the 25th Battalion, now in England; Edward, of this city, and Michael of Boston. The daughters are Mrs. Patrick Donovan of this city and Mrs. John Hodd, also of this city. The funeral will be held on Tuesday morning at 8:30 from the late home, 411 O'Duglas avenue.

Mrs. Margaret Flynn.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Flynn, widow of Michael Flynn, of this city, took place Saturday morning at her residence, 49 Douglas avenue. She is survived by three sons and two daughters. The sons are John Sullivan, a member of the 25th Battalion, now in England; Edward, of this city, and Michael of Boston. The daughters are Mrs. Patrick Donovan of this city and Mrs. John Hodd, also of this city. The funeral will be held on Tuesday morning at 8:30 from the late home, 411 O'Duglas avenue.

Miss Nellie Ritchie.

The many friends of Miss Nellie Ritchie learned with regret of her death which occurred Saturday at her father's home, 129 St. James street. The funeral takes place Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock.

NO INDIVIDUAL PARCELS.

Owing to instructions received from the military authorities the Soldiers' Comfort Association can no longer continue to send anything but tobacco or clothing, viz. socks, wristers, caps, towels, shirts, to our boys at the front. This means of course no individually addressed parcels can go through the association, they must be mailed. These instructions have been issued by the war office in England, so there is absolutely no appeal. We are glad that we can still send the articles the boys really need most and beg our branches to concentrate their efforts along these lines, so that at least we can continue to supply our boys with what will make them most

CHATHAM BOY GIVES LIFE FOR EMPIRE

Letters From Front Make it Practically Certain That Pte. C. W. McLeod Was Killed.

Following a letter received from Lieutenant G. McCullagh, of "D" Company of the 26th Battalion little hope is now entertained for locating Carter W. McLeod, second son of James B. McLeod of Chatham. He enlisted in the 26th Battalion, although barely eighteen years of age. The following communications from overseas officers are now practically regarded as proof of the young man's death:

Canadian Red Cross Society, Information Bureau, 14-16 Cockspur Street, London, S. W., Jan. 27, 1917.

Mrs. J. McLeod, Dear Madam—Re Pte. C. W. McLeod, 70205, 26th Cans. In reference to your enquiry concerning the above, we beg to enclose herewith copy of report received from a Red Cross Searcher.

You will of course understand that these reports are simply statements made by comrades and that we cannot vouch for their accuracy.

On hearing anything further we will communicate with you at once.

With much sympathy and hoping that we shall be able to help you, I am, Yours truly, F. K. ELLIEN.

Regina Trench—Normally McLeod was a stretcher bearer. On Sept. 15th he went in with me to the divisional rest station, being wounded in the wrist; he had remained on duty for 12 hours after being wounded. He was given the chance of remaining at the divisional rest station as orderly but he volunteered to come out for the action at Regina Trench on Sept. 28th. He always did volunteer; in particular, he went on a raid in July as rifleman and did very well.

In the attack on Sept. 28th I was with McLeod and others of "D" Company in between the first and second lines of German wire. The second line of wire was especially thick and while we were trying to break through they started bombing us and gave us rapid rifle fire in addition; finally they threw in amongst us inflammatory ground flares which burned or scorched us. One is bound to think that McLeod is dead after all this. The 4th Div. (Canadian) took the ground and would have buried any men lying there.

I. T. G. A. McCULLAGH, 26th Batt., D. Co. Chateau d'Hardelot, Boulogne, Dec. 28th, 1916.

comfortable and give them most pleasure. We as an association feel the curtailment of our work keenly and only hope that the women of New Brunswick will rally to the new conditions and help us loyally in the future as they have in the past. The Executive of Soldiers' Comfort Association.

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Special to The Standard. Chatham, Feb. 25.—Rum and money galore, the Tweedle-Snowball-Loggie-Morrissey clique, the big lumber interests and a superb county organization are responsible for the unexpected turn of political events in Northumberland on Saturday. The government party lacked organization and had no funds.

Mr. Stewart, owing to a severe cold, was prevented from stumpng the county or doing any party work. It was only with the greatest difficulty and risk to his health that he addressed three meetings. The county has had no Conservative organizer since the death of the late Mr. T. W. Butler, two years ago. Pay envelopes were issued in bundles from the office of a Water street Liberal for use in Loggieville and outside polls on election day.

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IT RESTS WITH GLOUCESTER

Saturday's voting in the general provincial election furnished the greatest political surprise this province has ever known. The result of the polling to date is to give the Government twenty-one seats and the opposition party twenty-three. Gloucester which polls today, will determine which party will occupy the treasury benches when the legislature meets. The success of the Murray Government was regarded as certain, and early returns on Saturday evening indicated that expectation would be realized, but as the figures came in from the counties where there was a large French vote the strength of the opposition increased until, with Queens alone to hear from, each party had twenty-one seats. First returns from Queens indicated that Mr. Alfred West, Government and Dr. J. E. Hetherington, opposition, had been elected, which did not break the tie, but later, after The Standard's last editions were on the street, corrected figures showed that Queens had sent two oppositionists to Fredericton.

The verdict rests with Gloucester. That county elects four men. If the opposition should carry its whole ticket they will have twenty-seven seats, or after electing a speaker, a majority of five on the floor of the next legislature. If the Government should carry the four seats it will have a majority of one in the legislature after the speaker's election the speaker being chosen from the ranks of the dominant party. Three Government supporters and one oppositionist from Gloucester would mean a deadlock with twenty-four members each. Such an event, or a majority for either side of not more than one or two, would probably mean another appeal to the people. From this it can be seen just what importance attaches to Gloucester's decision today.

In the last provincial election the return from Gloucester was as follows:
J. B. Hachey, Government, 2,984;
J. A. Witzell, Government, 2,926;
A. J. H. Stewart, Government, 2,901;
Martin J. Robichaud, Government, 2,896;
Veniot, opposition, 2,166;
Byrne, opposition, 2,121;
Leger, opposition, 2,102;
Delgarde, opposition, 2,054.
The four first named were elected. Messrs. Hachey and Robichaud are Government candidates in today's voting, while the new men are F. C. B. Young and A. P. Robichaud. On the opposition ticket Messrs. Veniot, Byrne and Leger are again in the field with J. G. Robichaud as the new candidate.

VICTORS AND VANQUISHED.

Saturday's election result has its consoling as well as its disappointing features. The triumph won by the Government ticket in St. John city and county is lessened by the defeat of Mr. Philip Grannan who for the past five years has given good service as a member of the legislature. Messrs. Campbell, Tilley and Potts, who led their ticket in the order named, are to be heartily congratulated. Every canvass that could be made against them was worked to the limit, which makes their success all the more creditable.

Dr. Roberts secured all the strength expected of him and today he has the satisfaction of knowing that he stands as the only opposition representative returned from a district containing practically one-third of the population of the entire province. He is likely to have an interesting time.

Of the unsuccessful members of the opposition ticket in the city of St. John Mr. Scully did not poll as largely as was expected. Particularly in West St. John, where he resides and does business, his showing must have been disappointing to his friends. It was not seriously expected that W. H. Barnaby would be elected, despite the frantic predictions of the Telegraph and Times to the contrary. When Mr. Barnaby retired from business he stated that he desired to spend the sunset of his life in rest and recreation. The electors of St. John had no disposition to thwart that wish. Mr. Sinclair, the low man in the running, was not named as an opposition candidate until it was found impossible

to get better material. He was chosen as a last resort—and he ran true to class.

In the county the victory of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and his colleague, Thos. B. Carson, was not unexpected. Mr. Foster did not develop the strength that might have been expected from his position as opposition leader, while the defeat of his colleague, Mr. Bentley, was never in doubt. The opposition made a particular set on the county, and the victory of Hon. Mr. Baxter and his colleague is all the more gratifying.

In Kings county it was never doubted that Premier Murray with Mr. George B. Jones and Mr. H. V. Dickson would win and results justified the anticipation. A particularly satisfactory feature of the Kings county result was the defeat of Edward S. Carter, the scandal-monger of the opposition, who ran at the foot of the poll. Carter did not even carry his own parish.

York, Charlotte, Albert and Carleton ran true to form, and in all three counties the complete Government ticket was elected.

In Queens and Sunbury the returns are a disappointment. In the latter county it was expected that Messrs. Glaeser and Perley, the victors of many hard fights, would be triumphantly returned, while in Queens Hon. Mr. Slipp and his colleague, Mr. West, were regarded as winners. In those counties, however, the prohibition advocates, after promising their support, did not fulfill their promise, and the result was the defeat of the Government candidates.

In Kent, Westmorland and Moncton city the result was due largely to the racial cry and dissatisfaction with the L. C. R. All sorts of unfair tactics were successfully employed, and the plunderbusts won out by good majorities.

The North Shore was a disappointment. In Northumberland, the lumber interests, possibly influenced by the lower stumpage under the old gang, were strongly against the Government, while the deadly race cry got in its fins work in Restigouche, Madawaska, as usual, returned oppositionists, while Victoria also swung over into the opposition column. The situation today is a decidedly interesting one, to which Gloucester county holds the key. The returns from that constituency should be known at a reasonably early hour tonight.

SATURDAY'S VOTING.

While the fate of the New Brunswick Government depends upon the voting in Gloucester county today yet the opposition party, by securing 23 seats, achieved a considerable success on Saturday. The Government was not condemned upon its record. There was no successful contradiction of the splendid administrative service of Premier Murray and his associates and while the opposition today will probably claim a victory the factors contributing to the success they gained had little or nothing to do with provincial politics.

In the first place an analysis of the returns will show that every county in New Brunswick where there was a large proportion of French-Canadian voters lined up solidly against the Government, Madawaska, Restigouche, Kent and Westmorland tell their own story. This, with the fact that the race cry was freely used and the canvass raised that a vote against the government candidates meant a vote against conscription and national service, will speak for itself and indicates very plainly that the French voters of New Brunswick are rapidly becoming subject to the evil influences exerted by the French Liberals in Quebec. This is a deplorable condition but the result of Saturday illustrates that it exists, and The Standard fears it will show itself even more strongly in the future.

The second factor in the result was a strong dissatisfaction with the management of the Intercolonial Railway. This had its effect particularly in Westmorland and Northumberland Counties. As far as the result in this election is concerned the damage has been done but there is general dissatisfaction with the management of the Intercolonial and the cause for that dissatisfaction should be removed no

matter what methods it is necessary to employ, or whose head falls in the basket. This should be done at once.

The third factor, and this is the most regrettable one, is the failure of prohibition advocates to show their gratitude to the Government which gave them the best prohibitory legislation ever adopted by any Canadian province. The prohibitionists did not vote as they pray. Having obtained the passage of the law they requested they followed their political preferences and the result is seen in opposition victories. In such counties as Queens, Sunbury, Northumberland, Victoria and Westmorland where temperance lodges exist at practically every cross-roads the temperance men failed signally; thereby they endangered the success of the prohibitory measure and its fate, if the opposition win in Gloucester today, is decidedly uncertain.

The Government party fought a clean fight. If today's voting shows that the plunderbusts after an absence of almost nine years, return to the control of the treasury benches in Fredericton Government workers at least have the satisfaction of knowing that their defeat was due to questions quite aside from their administrative record or their policy. Whether New Brunswick will benefit by the change remains to be seen. The ablest men in the opposition party have been defeated. The leader, himself, is without a seat and will probably remain so. How long they can hold the control, even if Gloucester wins it for them, remains to be seen and in any event any government that can be formed from the opposition material available would be a very poor one. And the selection of new material is a proceeding fraught with great risk.

The sincere thanks of the Government party are due to the editors of the Telegraph and Times. In the city, where the Times chiefly circulates, three out of four Government candidates were elected. In St. John county, Charlotte, Kings, Carleton, York and Albert, where the Telegraph counts most of its readers, not an opposition candidate was successful.

Foster beaten; Robinson, Sweeney, Leger, Tweeddale, Burgess, Burchill elected. The susceptible egotistical political amateur had his toy of leadership "swiped" from him by the members of the old gang.

And Man Friday Carter was low man on a losing ticket. That is worth something to the good name of New Brunswick.

Isn't our friend, Coroner Roberts, in for a nice interesting session?

NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY AND THE WAR.

French Army Headquarters, Feb. 19 (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Of all the machines that have been pressed into war service, none appears to have more individuality and more consciousness of its own importance than the narrow-gauge railway, the "light railway," as it is known in military phraseology. With its fussy little engines, it is to be found everywhere behind the front. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that without the narrow-gauge railway, the artillery preparation of any attack on a trench position, would be impossible.

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The French staff has a carefully prepared map of the German railways before Verdun at the moment of the great offensive. It provides eloquent evidence of the extent to which the Germans avail themselves of the narrow-gauge railway for the purpose of attacks. Behind the German trenches the country is covered with a network of lines that for their complexity and number can only be compared to the filaments of a spider's web. Wherever the ground affords cover for artillery, there the lines are most complicated, and close. At certain points on the narrow-gauge line a series of sidings betrays the position of the heavy guns, which fire from trucks on the rails.

The great advantage of the light railway is that practically it does not take up any road space. The roads are left entirely free for motor and horse-drawn vehicles, which thus become a supplement of the light railway.

German shells do not interrupt traffic on these lines, since even when by a lucky chance the line is damaged, it is a matter of no great difficulty or time to restore communication.

Before this war the importance of the narrow-gauge railway was not realized. Everything for the army is, of course, brought up as close as possible to the firing line by the broad-gauge lines, but owing to the great range of modern heavy artillery, trains cannot hope to come up along the ordinary lines with safety and regularity. As a rule, the normal railroad for the broad-gauge lines is from six to ten miles from the front. In times of attack each broad-gauge railway may be called upon to deal with as much as 2,000 tons daily of ammunition and material.

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ST. JOHN BETTER WON.

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Mrs. Sturdee's dog also won three special prizes amounting to \$45. It will be remembered that in 1914 Capt. and Mrs. Sturdee cleaned up all Irish Setter classes and special at New York with "International Champion Corry Law."

There were thirty-eight Irish Setters at New York this year, from all quarters of the continent.

Fire Investigation.

An investigation into the cause of the recent fire in J. F. Bullock's residence, 187 Germain street, will be commenced before Magistrate Ritchie on Wednesday morning.

Bernard McAloon.

The death took place at an early hour this morning of Bernard McAloon in the 86th year of his age, at the residence of his nephew, 47 Clarindon street. The deceased was a well known resident of Enfield, and had only been in the city since January. The body will be taken to Enfield on the five o'clock train this afternoon for interment. The deceased who leaves one daughter, Mrs. O'Neill, and one nephew to mourn was a brother of Paul McAloon who died a few months ago, aged over 90 years.

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THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE GERMAN EMPIRE

Berlin, Feb. 25.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Back last spring, when butter first began to run short, and the waiting lines first began to form, two housewives were quarrelling over their respective rights in line. They quarrelled so vociferously that they attracted the attention of a policeman.

Laboriously he separated the pair, and when he had placed them far apart, he addressed them and all the other women in the long "butter queue": "Stop the controversy. Don't fight. You're not going to starve, but you are going to go hungry."

His words were more effective in the original German because of the similarity of the two words. "Verhungern ward ihr nicht, aber hungern wohl."

The policeman was no prophet, yet, in March of 1916 he almost exactly outlined a situation that now exists. There are no longer butter lines, and a few potato lines that began to form during the last month of last year have been done away with. Organization has done that, though it has failed to supply any more butter than there was on hand in the spring, or any more potatoes than there were in November.

Much Less Butter. On the contrary, there is much less butter than there used to be, a fact which is attested to by the comparison of 50 grams allowed each person per week now, as against 250 in the spring. There are less potatoes, and the visible supply at very best will last until next July—when a new harvest will be in.

A summary of the German food situation today shows very little butter with little if any prospect that there will be more in the immediate future. An equally small amount of margarine or other substitutes for butter. A supply of meat that does not bid fair to increase because there is so little feed on which the cattle can be nourished and fattened. A minimum amount of sugar, since less than the usual supply of sugar beets was raised in 1916, and a part of the supply has to go toward making chemicals. An almost complete failure of the potato crop, so that the bread ration is to be "stretched" with barley instead of potato flour, to the consequent diminishing of the beer production. An almost negligible supply of coffee and a very slender amount of tea.

Poor Substitutes. On the credit side of the ledger stand the vegetables that were raised in great quantities during the past summer, and that with German thoughtfulness and system have been dried in great quantities, and will be available for the winter. Likewise there are great quantities of marmalade, or near-marmalade, which have been stored up as a substitute for butter. The substitute is very poor, but better than nothing.

The average German will insist that Roumania stands on the credit side of the ledger, too, and that it is a big item. But it is extremely probable that the amount of food found in Roumania is far smaller than has been anticipated. Turkey, Bulgaria, Hungary and Austria, all also have a claim on whatever there may be. Though Germany is running the military situation in Roumania, Germany is very far away. Her authorities have known for a long time that there was little to expect from Roumania, and have tried to break the evil news gently. First came the announcement that the size of the supplies captured was unknown, then the word that whatever might be found could not be used but kept as a reserve.

Big Cities Suffer. It is, of course the big German cities that are suffering, and that are going to suffer increasingly as the war continues. Lack of transportation facilities is an increasingly important factor. Germany, which before the war had somewhat more than ample freight cars for its own needs, now has to make the same number of cars, approximately, do for all of the German empire, nearly all of Belgium, Northern France, all Poland, and a big piece of Russia, in addition to Serbia, Montenegro and the biggest half of Roumania. Only a relatively small number of cars captured in Belgium have been added to the German rolling stock.

As the war has gone on the condition of this rolling stock has deteriorated steadily, and scarcely any of it has been replaced. A shortage of cattle has not allowed the proper care of what cars there are; hot boxes on both passenger and freight cars are everyday occurrences. The engines have now to draw such heavy loads that they are going to pieces faster than they used to.

Feed and fodder conditions for German livestock improved somewhat through last year's harvests, but only somewhat. The cattle are still thin and scraggy. The milk cattle give less than ever and there is little milk that can be spared for cheese. The cattle, when slaughtered, give less meat than they used to, and so horse meat has had to be resorted to in a degree that is unprecedented.

Huns Blundered. The available supply of swine has never recovered from the original German mistake of 1914 and 1915, when millions of pigs were slaughtered to save the food that they devoured, only thereby reducing the supply of fat to a dangerous point. The Germans have never forgiven themselves for that short-sightedness.

The same in a measure holds true of sugar. There had been an over-supply of sugar beets in 1914 and 1915, but not to plant so much land to sugar beets, and more to grain. The peasantry followed the advice too literally, and Germany awoke to find that she hardly more than enough sugar for purposes other than food. So the big cities are in part living on saccharine now, and there isn't enough of that.

The coffee "stretching" process began last spring, and has continued so diligently that real coffee is an almost unattainable rarity, and the average "coffee" that is available is so poor as to be undrinkable for the person used to real coffee. Substitutes such as chicory, herbs, mixtures of all kinds, have taken coffee's place.

No More Luxuries. System likewise has provided that there shall be no more butter riots, or bread riots or meat lines. There is now a so-called "customers' list" whereby each resident of any large city is registered with one dairy store, and one baker, and one butcher. The customer has a number, and on stated days may purchase his or her quota of food by number. Government secret service agents have been busy ferreting each resident of extortion and overcharging, and heavy fines and imprisonments have been salutary in their effect. Likewise the custom of hoarding, which the Germans call "hamstering" after the animal "hamster" or groundhog has been discouraged to a great extent by fines and other punishments.

During the final months of 1916 Germans of the wealthier class helped out their scanty larders with butter, eggs, cheese and the like which they procured from convenient "relatives" as far as they could get in Holland and Denmark. Now that has been done away with. From the first of January on the German government, through its Central Purchasing Company, will buy all the food in adjoining foreign countries that those countries will or may sell, and will distribute it equally in Germany.

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Water Pipe Burst.
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BATTLE IN MEXICO.
Presidio, Texas, Feb. 25.—In a battle yesterday between troops from the Carranza garrison at Ojinaga and Villa forces, thirty miles west of Ojinaga, 17 of the Carranza force were killed and many wounded, while the Villa force left ten dead on the field, according to word brought here today by Mexicans who witnessed the battle.

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Nottingham, 0; Sheffield Wednesday, 0.

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BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, Feb. 25.—The following are the results of the principal English and Scottish soccer games decided Saturday:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.
Lancashire Section.
Burnley, 0; Manchester, 1.
Burslem, 2; Bolton Wanderers, 0.
Bury, 2; Blackpool, 0.
Liverpool, 4; Southport Central, 2.
Manchester United, 1; Blackburn Rovers, 0.
Oldham Athletic, 1; Rochdale, 0.
Preston North End, 2; Everton, 2.
Stockport County, 2; Stoke, 1.

Midland Section.
Bradford City, 3; Hull City, 1.
Chesterfield Town, 5; Huddersfield Town, 3.
Grimsby Town, 0; Bradford, 2.
Leeds City, 0; Barnsley, 0.
Leicester Fosse, 1; Birmingham, 1.
Nottingham, 0; Sheffield Wednesday, 0.

Rotherham County, 5; Lincoln City, 3.
London Combination.
Fratton, 1; Fulham, 0.
Wimbledon, 2; Portsmouth, 0.
Southampton, 0; Arsenal, 2.
Clapton Orient, 2; West Ham United, 4.
Luton Town, 2; Queens Park Rangers, 0.

Chelms, 0; Millwall, 2.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Airdrieonians, 3; Aberdeen, 1.
Clyde, 1; Third Lanark, 1.
Dumbarton, 3; Ayr United, 1.
Dundee, 3; Morton, 1.
Falkirk, 1; Raith Rovers, 1.
Hamilton A. C., 4; Hibernians, 1.
Hearts, 1; Motherwell, 2.
Kilmarnock, 2; Celtic, 2.

NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

WALL STREET IRREGULAR SATURDAY

Prices Declined Early in the Session, But As a Rule Recovered Later.

New York, Feb. 24.—For want of a more specific or definite reason the irregular tone of today's perfunctory market was generally attributed to latest developments concerning the water. The more drastic measures taken by the British government excited some apprehension in speculative circles, and gave an excuse for the early setback, which ranged from one to two and a half points in Shippings, Oils, and other industrial and specialties which may be affected by the British embargo. There was some activity at the opening, together at the expense of quoted values, but dealings dwindled steadily thereafter. United States Steel, which yielded a point at its worst, and the metals furnished their usual large quota to the meagre turnover of 154,000 shares. Rails were utterly neglected, except for a moderate reversal in Union Pacific, and a further recovery in New Haven.

Short covering, which became general in the last half hour, resulted in more or less complete recoveries, with substantial gains in a few specialties, notably Pittsburgh Coal, General Motors, Central Leather, Presed Steel Car, Butte and Superior and Utah Copper. The bank statement proved to be widely out of line with forecasts, actually showing only a nominal increase, with a small gain in reserves.

Week-end news bearing upon financial and mercantile conditions referred more directly to traffic congestion and the inability of manufacturers to obtain raw materials. Purchasing power also suffered some curtailment by reason of the greater living costs. Another break in Italian exchange, with rates at 7.45, was the only incident in the market for foreign remittances.

Bonds were irregular, mainly in consequence of a further shading of the international group. Total sales, par value, aggregated \$1,465,000.

MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Morning.
Montreal, Saturday, Feb. 24th.—
Steamships Com.—50 @ 34.
Brazilian—75 @ 43 1/2, 25 @ 43 1/2.
Can. Cement Pfd.—5 @ 92.
Can. Cement Com.—35 @ 60, 15 @ 60 1/2.
Steel Canada—25 @ 61 1/2, 100 @ 61 1/2.
Cement Bids—100 @ 97 1/2, 700 @ 97 1/2.
Textile Pfd.—50 @ 140.
Dom. Iron Com.—35 @ 61 1/2, 305 @ 61 1/2.
61 1/2, 100 @ 62 1/2.
Civic Power—150 @ 82, 5 @ 81 1/2.
Dom. War Loan—1,900 @ 97 1/2.
New War Loan—3,000 @ 96 1/2, 7,000 @ 96 1/2.
Detroit Rights—665 @ 2 1/2, 2 @ 2 1/2.
Bell Telephone—8 @ 148.
Smelting—10 @ 31 1/2, 25 @ 32.
Crown Reserve—100 @ 34.
Brompton—5 @ 52.
Tram Power—50 @ 29 1/2, 50 @ 30.

MONTREAL PRODUCE.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—CORN—American, No. 2 yellow, 1.35 to 1.50.
OATS—Can. western No. 2, 75 to 76; No. 3, 75 to 74; extra No. 1, 75 to 73 to 74.
FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, 9:00; seconds, 9:10; strong bakers, 8:90; winter patents, choice, 9:25; straight rollers, 8:50 to 8:80; bakers, 4:10 to 4:25.
ROLLED OATS—Bills, 7:00 to 7:15; bags, 90 lbs., 3:35 to 3:45.
MILKFEED—Bran, 35; Shorts, 38; Middlings, 40 to 42; Moultrie, 45 to 48.
HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, 13:00.
POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, 3:90 to 3:50.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Chicago, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—No. 2 red, 1.80 1/4; No. 3 red, 2 and 3 hard, nominal.
CORN—No. 2 yellow, 1.01 1/2; No. 3 yellow, 99 to 1.00 1/2; No. 4 yellow, 96 to 99.
OATS—No. 3 white, 57 1/2 to 58 1/2; standard, 58 to 59 1/2.
RYE—No. 2, nominal.
BARLEY—1.00 to 1.25.
TIMOTHY—3.50 to 5.50.
CLOVER—13.00 to 15.00.
POPK—30.00.
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HIBS—16.00 to 16.50.
Wheat.
High. Low. Close.
May 178 1/2 175 1/2 175 1/2
July 181 1/2 179 1/2 181 1/2
Sept. 186 1/2 183 1/2 186 1/2
CORN.
High. Low. Close.
May 101 1/2 100 1/2 101 1/2
July 100 1/2 99 1/2 100 1/2

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(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
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Mar 16.83 16.13 16.27
May 16.22 16.21 16.39
July 16.27 16.29 16.34

HALT IN BUSINESS IN UNITED STATES

Reduced Bank Clearings—Stock Market Shows Little Change From Week Ago.

Special to The Standard.
New York, Feb. 24.—Conditions on the stock market during the week showed no material change from those of the preceding period. Dealings interrupted by the holiday were slightly larger and inclined to broaden, but caution arising from the foreign situation was again the dominant factor. Trading shifted from day to day, indicating the uncertain attitude of speculative interests, but the moderate improvement in rails of the better class suggested a slight revival of investment in them. Utilities were irregular and shippings reflected the embargo caused by the submarine menace. War stocks and other issues of less specific character were alternately bought and sold, but the movements of these shares failed to elicit public interest. Some of the munitions and equipments were held back by the financial disclosures in connection with Bethlehem Steel's forging contracts.

The car shortage and scarcity of fuel were less alarming, though of sufficient importance and extent to cause some cessation of activities at industrial centres. Economic problems growing out of increased cost of foodstuffs also came in for sober consideration. Further large gold imports served to steady exchange rates to the leading Entente capitals, but lines and rubles were heavy to weak, Italian remittances falling to their lowest record. It is understood the negotiations connected with the placing of foreign loans here are awaiting definite word from Washington.

The terms and general scope of any future foreign undertaking by American bankers are likely to be governed by the requirements of the home government. A halt in domestic business is seen in the reduced bank clearings, although these are slightly larger than in the corresponding week of the previous year and considerably larger than those of 1915.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Open High Low Close
Am Best Sug 87 88 87 1/2 88
Am Loco 89 89 89 89
Am Sug 111 111 111 111
Am Smelt 97 97 1/2 97 1/2
Am Zinc 36 36 36 36
Am Tole 125 125 1/2 124 1/2
Amacoada 78 78 1/2 78 1/2
A. H. and I. Pfd 61 61 61 61
Am Can 43 43 43 43
Atchafson 101 102 101 102
Butte and Sup 45 45 1/2 45 1/2
C. P. I 46 46 46 46
Ches and Ohio 59 59 59 59
Chino 54 54 1/2 54 1/2
Cent Leath 84 84 1/2 84 1/2
Cana Pac 153 153 1/2 153 1/2
Cric Steel 64 64 1/2 64 1/2
Erie Com 26 26 1/2 26 1/2
Erie 1st Pfd 113 113 113 113
Gen Elect 163 163 162 162
Ind Alco 32 32 32 32
Inspra 26 26 1/2 26 1/2
Kenne Cop 44 44 1/2 44 1/2
Lehigh Val 73 73 73 73
Mer Mar Pfd 68 68 1/2 68 1/2
Mex Petrol 87 88 87 1/2 88
Miami Cop 38 38 38 38
N. Y. NH and H 45 45 1/2 45 1/2
N. Y. Ent 95 95 1/2 95 1/2
Nevada Cons 24 24 1/2 24 1/2
Penn 54 54 54 54
Reading Com 95 95 1/2 94 1/2 94 1/2
Repub Steel 77 77 76 1/2 77
St Paul 80 80 1/2 80 1/2
Sou Pac 94 94 1/2 94 1/2
Soc Rail 28 28 1/2 28 1/2
Studebaker 106 106 1/2 106 1/2
Union Pac 137 137 1/2 136 1/2 137
U. S. Stl Com 107 107 1/2 106 1/2 107 1/2
Utah Cop 109 110 109 110
Westinghouse 49 49 1/2 49 1/2
West Union 41 41 41 41
U. S. Steel Pfd 113 113 113 113

WINNIPEG WHEAT CLOSE.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
May 176 1/2
July 174

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court Saturday Joseph Leger pleaded guilty to stealing a watch, fob and locket from Albert Williams. The magistrate remarked that he would send the defendant to Dorchester penitentiary.

J. Garson, a juw dealer, was charged with not having his books open for inspection. After evidence by Detectives Briggs and Sergt. Baxter, the case was adjourned until today.

Samuel Lavine was reported for allowing a flow of water from his barn to the sidewalk. He was told if matters were not arranged he would be fined \$20.

A woman who was found drunk last Thursday, was allowed to go when it was shown that she was the mother of three children, and that her husband had left her a month ago.

Several boys charged with theft were before the Juvenile Court. One was given his freedom, as he was found to have nothing to do with the thefts. Another was ordered to be sent to the orphanage at Silver Falls, his father being dead. The remainder were remanded to jail.

THE U-BOAT MENACE AFFECTED WALL STREET

Railway Situation and Food Supply Factors Affect in Situation.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, Feb. 24.—The market remained extremely dull throughout the forenoon. The excellent annual report of Central Leather and Atlantic Gulf were ignored. Lloyd George's practical admission that no way had been found to deal with submarines except the slow process of hunting them down as heretofore, left everybody guessing as to the immediate future course of the war and even increased the uncertainty of this country's position in the world's commerce.

Shipping offices had a story that Great Britain would shortly begin regular operations of a big fleet of freighters under powerful convoy. Agitation over our own food supply and the condition of the railroads while it contains exaggeration distracts the financial community. It absorbs a good deal of attention itself and excellent opportunity for the sprouting of half-brained schemes to upset the country's domestic business. There is every reason to believe that all railroad executives are working manfully and successfully to cope with this great problem.

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WILL BRINCE OF WALES SEEK BRITISH WIFE?

Though there is very little likelihood of a marriage being arranged for the Prince of Wales while the war lasts, speculation grows concerning the matrimonial intentions of the heir, especially as the number of suitable foreign princesses is very limited. Will he seek a British wife? It is often asked. That such a decision would be heartily applauded by the whole nation goes without saying.

Discussing this subject in the London Star, J. Platt writes: "Before Europe was set ablaze several new enemy royalties were mentioned as possible brides, but as these are naturally altogether out of the question further reference to them is unnecessary. It has been understood that the King and Queen have disliked public speculation about their oldest son's marriage, regarding such gossip in the light of an intrusion upon private family affairs, as undoubtedly the subject was before his Royal Highness reascended the throne, being now of marriageable age—he will be three-and-twenty in June—the matter becomes one of national importance.

Last June Princess Yolanda of Italy, the eldest of King Victor's daughters, was thought to be a possible bride for our future Sovereign, but it is more than likely that such a match had not even been considered. A union has also been suggested between the Tsar's eldest daughter (the Grand Duchess Olga) and the Prince of Wales. The Tsar is first cousin to the King and the Tsarina is nearly related to our royal house, being the youngest daughter of the beloved Princess Alice, and another first cousin of King George.

Nor would a marriage with Princess Margaret of Denmark, a favorite niece of Queen Alexandra, be outside the possibilities. Lately Princess Margaret (daughter of Prince Waldemar by his marriage to the late Princess Maria of Orleans, one of the cleverest princesses in Europe) has since the war frequently visited Queen Alexandra, and this gave rise to a well-founded hint that she might be a possible bride for the Prince of Wales.

But the match which would give the most complete satisfaction throughout the country would be one with an English bride. The entire nation would like to see another British Princess of Wales at the Court of St. James. We had one in our present Queen, and the war has strengthened the national desire that the next Queen Consort should not be chosen from a foreign court.

A small and fortunately, rapidly diminishing number of the community, which almost believes in the divine right of sovereigns, would recede with something like dismay the idea of the Prince of Wales choosing a wife from among his father's subjects. But why should not the custom which prevailed up to Tudor days obtain again?

The tradition of excluding from the English Court a Princess of Wales or

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF HOLLINGER MINES

President Expresses Some Disappointment As Result of Difficulties Encountered.

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Feb. 24.—The annual statement of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, covering the year just closed was mailed to shareholders today and contains an interesting review by President Timmins, of four years operations, and while disappointment is expressed as a result of difficulties encountered in operations and developments, the note adds: "There is satisfaction that the mines have proved capable of fulfilling all predictions."

Concerning the reduction of dividend and the president states that decision as to whether this will be done by maintaining the present dividend rate of 1 per cent, with less frequent distributions, or by reducing the rate by one half, will be announced at the annual meeting.

Concerning ore reserves, the report states: "After five and a half years of production there is an estimated tonnage in the upper levels of No. 1 vein amounting to 71,360 tons valued at \$1,114,550. This and other convenient higher grade ore bodies were heavily drawn on last year, and their lower levels had to be ignored. At the moment what work has been done on No. 1 vein has established its ore reserves at \$3,639,170. No. 4 and 50 veins are conceded \$5,069,480; No. 8, 38 and 53 veins have \$4,848,340; No. 41 and 58 have \$2,326,130, and \$2,472,640 respectively.

In forty veins it is specifically stated in a table that there is a gross value of \$31,481,290. A further forty-six veins with outcrops varying from 20 to 360 feet in lateral extent, and in value from \$4 to \$30, calculating to a depth of 100 feet, is conceded a total gross value of \$2,704,255. These 46 veins await labor and the proving process. They constitute a speculative factor, apart from what the lower and upper levels of the more or less developed forty other veins will disclose."

A Queen Consort of English birth may be said to have started with the Stuarts, who all went abroad for wives or husbands.

"George I. and his wife—his cousin Sophia, only daughter of the Duke of Brunswick, when he succeeded to the British throne, George II. found a wife in, Wilhelmina, daughter of the Margrave of Brandenburg-Anspach. His son, the unfortunate Frederick, Prince of Wales, had a German wife, Augusta, daughter of Frederick II, Duke of Saxe-Gotha for our future Sovereign, George III. followed their example and chose a German bride, Princess Charlotte, daughter of the reigning Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. George IV married his cousin, Caroline, daughter of the reigning Duke of Brunswick, a lady who was first cousin to the late William IV, chosen for a wife the reigning duke of Saxe-Meinigen's eldest daughter, and Queen Victoria's consort was a prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

"No wonder there is an increasing desire to get rid forever of foreign influences. Only shall we be perfectly safe from this in the event of the heir apparent taking unto himself a British wife, and if he should do so the last murmur of disaffection, to quote that Peeps of today, George Russell will be drowned in the thundering chorus of national rejoicing.

"The number of suitable foreign princesses is very limited, but if the prince sought for a bride at home he would have by no means a circumscribed choice, and whoever the happy girl might be she would receive the heartiest congratulations of the whole kingdom."

Vital Statistics.

Reports to Registrar Marriages for the past week were four marriages and twenty-three births, of which twelve were males and eleven females. Fifteen deaths for the week are reported by the secretary of the Board of Health, as follows: Pneumonia, 2; heart disease, 2; pulmonary tuberculosis, 2; sarcoma, uraemia, paralysis, convulsions, appendicitis, gastric hemorrhage, cerebral hemorrhage, cirrhosis of liver, broncho-pneumonia, one each.

DOMINION STEEL FOUNDRY EARNINGS

Special to The Standard.
Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 24.—The Dominion Steel Foundry Company earned \$927,000 in the recently closed fiscal year, which is equal to \$2.76 per cent on the common capitalization.

This was the high rate of earnings reported by the management today, when the shareholders met in annual session. It was expected that the earnings would be at an extremely high rate, but the results indicated above far exceeded all forecasts. This showing is after depreciation and government war tax has been taken into consideration.

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Canada Cement Pfd. 92 92 1/2
Can. Cotton 57 57
Civic Power 81 1/2 82
Crown Reserve 35 35
Detroit United 114 115
Dom. Bridge 134 140
Dom. Iron Com. 62 1/2 62 1/2
Dom. Tex. Com. 80 80 1/2
Laurentide Paper Co. 183
MacDonald Com. 13 1/2 14
N. Scotia Steel and C. 107 108
Ogilvie 140
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New Marriage Plan in France

A movement started in France to replace the marriage with dowry by what is called the "American plan" of marriage is bringing results entirely unexpected by its organizers. The method by which marriages are arranged not only in France, but in Continental Europe generally, with the parents of the parties taking the leading role in the negotiations of the contract and the question of endowment with worldly goods being made a deciding condition of the eventual union was believed by many to be inimical to the best interests of the nation in view of the changes that the war has been bringing about.

An association organized to facilitate marriage and to encourage the creation of families for the benefit of the state and as one of the means of promoting repopulation to make good, to some extent, the shocking human wastage of the war has at its head a number of leading men and women of the country. Its chief spokesman is Urbain Gohier, one of the editors of the Paris Journal and a recognized authority on civic matters.

An appeal was made to the young men and women of France to resort to the "American plan" in accordance with which, it was stated, marriage is to be based on love and inclination and without regard to the provident foresight of other and less romantic members of the families.

The interests of the nation demanded that the old-time delays and bargaining be abandoned and that the new spirit of the times be allowed full sway.

An Appeal to Patriotism

It was the duty of the girls, they were told, to show their patriotic appreciation of the heroism of the men who had so nobly defended their beloved France and to waive all exigencies in the matter of money and property.

The young soldiers, on their side, were urged to remember that the girls of the nation had nobly done their part in the national defense and had won the right to aspire to marriage without the necessity of a dowry. The heroes in the field and the heroines in the munitions plants, on the farms and in the hospitals had proved that they had courage and initiative such as would guarantee success in marriage life, even if they embarked on it penniless.

M. Gohier had summed up the appeal in a beautiful phrase:

"To be young together, to be poor together, to run together the swift adventure which is life—is not that far more delightful than to be set down in a ready-made nest?"

Quick response was received to the appeal, but in a form rather different from what had been expected. The young women announced their willingness to enter into wedlock without consideration of the financial resources of the bridegroom, which formed such an important feature of marriage preliminaries in the past.

Soldiers For Dowry System

The young soldiers, on the other hand, objected. The question of dowry they still think vital. They are willing to make all sacrifices that the nation may need, but their view of marriage, at least with regard to the necessity of resources or prospect of resources, continues to be that of their fathers.

No off-hand condemnation of this view should be lightly indulged in. The young "pollu" cannot be taxed with lack of generosity or courage or nobility of soul. Their preference for the dowry marriage derives from no selfish motive—in fact, those who are fostering the "American plan" are willing to admit that the young Frenchman's insistence on the dowry marriage is inspired by a more unselfish spirit than is revealed in the American plan.

In the latter only the immediate interests of the marrying couple are considered, while in the former it is the well-being of the unborn children that is kept in view. The association which is urging a change in this consideration of marriage among those who are inspired by the instinctive feelings of affection now considers that radically new lines must be followed to lead to the end which they regard as imperatively desirable.

The traditional consideration of the young father for his future children must be taken into account, and practical means for circumventing it must be devised. The study of these means has led to the formulation of proposals that the nation undertake the supervision in some measure of the rearing of the young.

The outcome, it is foreseen, may be that the government will have to arrange for a common form of infant education and bringing up and that an "infant Exchange" will be established by law. Incidentally to this consideration has come the proposal that old persons be guaranteed a state pension. Positions in government office, it is suggested, should be reserved for the aged who are incapable of competing for a living, while all the children of the nation should be given the great advantage of a more or less Spartan form of education.

M. Gohier lucidly explains the sentiment of his association on the subject: "Paternal affection," he says, "is a sentiment of so elementary a kind that there is no great difference in it from one country to another; but there is a world of difference in the way of loving children in France and in other countries. American and British parents are more desirous of giving to their children force of character so that they will be able to surmount all difficulties than of leaving to them a fortune; French parents dream chiefly of leaving to their children the fortune that will smooth all obstacles before them.

"At present most of our soldiers are fighting in the hope that their children will not have to go to war. In peace times our heads of families un-

dergo the rigors of a hard and laborious career in the hope that their children will have a mild and easy life. Are they right?"

What is Best For the Child

"Does the happiness which is natural to wish and to prepare for the children consist in freedom from worry in reduction of the effort they will have to put forth? Are all these war-riants, to which the nation is showing, and ought to show, so much in-terest, destined to the role of victims of society, since they have lost the chance of an inheritance by losing prematurely their fathers? Is existence better—that is, is it more arduous, more intense, more impassioned, more fruitful in heart joys, in satisfactions of the mind, in proud triumph for the rich child than for the poor child?"

"Left to themselves children would make no distinction of wealth or poverty if the wicked foolishness of their surroundings did not inspire in them vanity or envy. A little girl finds no less amusement with a cheap doll than with a dear one, and her favorite doll is never the best dressed. Youngsters of Paris let loose on the old fortifications of the city find their own playthings and live a far more marvellously enjoyable life than children constantly drilled by governesses and tutors.

"Rich children inspire pity, for they can only lose. They are accustomed to consider as indispensable a multitude of superfluous commodities which one day may fall them, and then they will suffer. Poor children can only gain; everything is for them—progress, success, advancement, conquest.

The Penalty of Wealth

"A girl reared without luxury will find in her married state as much well-being as she was accustomed to in her parents' home. The daughter of a millionaire father must marry a millionaire or pay for her sentimental happiness by an economic reduction; when the honeymoon days are past the remembrance of her former existence will make her present inferior condition more painful.

"Nine times out of ten rich children are spoiled children—that is, they run the risk of a thousand deceptions, bitterness, furies and rancors which are spared to those who have seen life and men in their true light. Happiness is not in possession, but in struggle and success. Possessions quickly bring satiety.

"The man who has never had the opportunity to wish for things, whose desires have always been immediately satisfied, finds enjoyment in nothing and withers from boredom. The pursuit of strange sensations, perversions and ultimate mental disarrangement are often the price paid for fortune acquired without a struggle.

"Some time ago a proposal was made for the founding of an infant Exchange, a sort of national agency, where childless couples would select for adoption children abandoned, neglected or unwelcome arrivals in families already too numerous. The idea is part of a plan for improvement of the population and would respond today to the problem raised by the condition of the war orphans.

State Control Considered

"If the great trial through which we have been passing has really lifted up the bonds we are presently pressing rapidly toward common action, toward national adoption for unfortunate children. And it is a question of knowing whether the children who are supposed to be unfortunate will not have in last resort, although they lack the crosses which nothing can replace, a superiority of character, a liberty of action and choice of opportunities which the children too tenderly nourished will not know.

"In the old French families, as in large English and American families,

we see side by side the type of the rich child and of the poor child, the eldest who inherits and the younger ones who do not receive much. The eldest preserves the patrimony and continues the family home, its traditions and its social position; the younger ones, under the force of necessity, are men of action, energetic and enterprising.

"I have long maintained that office positions, instead of being a means of leading their holders to a pension at the end of their working days, should serve as a form of pension for the citizens without fortune. We may now ask if, at the other end of their career, the children who are too well provided for by fortune should not be subjected to a Spartan education.

"The best solutions are those which combine the general interest with the individual interest, and it may be affirmed that the happiness of the individual and the power of the community, would benefit by an arrangement whereby no one would be destitute in old age and no one too rich in youth."

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affinity on the part of Russia, or Italy, or both. I know that on Dec. 15 last there was held in Copenhagen a world-important conference between German and Russian envoys.

"Germany's campaign is to be pushed at once to extremes of inhumanity that the American people as yet do not dream of. I know for instance, that they have perfected horror-dealing disease bombs, which they are prepared now to launch at the enemy lines from distances of several miles each freighted with its sickening load of bacteria.

"Even further are they going: In the last few months eight German scientists have lost their sight in the perfection of a mysteriously potent vapor ray that is about to be sent flashing into the eyes of the enemy. Every single man who blinks into the dazzling light of one of those rays will stagger back blinded—his sight gone forever.

"Once more I want to warn the American people and the authorities about the German ships lying at anchor in our waters (Dr. Graves now says "our" as he has taken out his first citizenship papers.) More than a dozen have been taken out of the harbor lying in Gravesend Bay, loaded with 4,000 tons of dynamite, was there for a sinister purpose. That dynamite has disappeared now. Watch out for its reappearance on other German ships or in other works of destruction.

Dr. Graves apparently referred to the steamer Magdeburg, which anchored near Forts Wadsworth and Hamilton shortly after the war started with 600,000 pounds, not 4,000 tons of dynamite aboard. In November, 1915, Fire Commissioner Adamson learned that this dynamite had been purchased by the Du Pont Powder Company and was to be landed at Communipaw, N. J. That was the last publicly heard of it.

"Count von Bernstorff," declared Dr. Graves, reverting to the denunciation of the Ambassador, "has \$4,000,000 in gold and his call in banks in New York and Philadelphia. What is he going to do with it? Are the American people going to let him get away with it?"

THE WILL OF ROGER CASEMENT IS FILED.

London, Feb. 24—The will of Roger Casement, the former British knight and consul, who was hanged in Pentonville prison August 3 last, after his conviction of conspiring to cause the Dublin revolt last Easter, was probated today. It disposed of his estate of 135 pounds sterling, which he left to his cousin, Mrs. Parry.

NEW LAW IN ENGLAND AFFECTS BUSINESS MEN

London, Feb. 20—Beginning next month, every business man in Great Britain is required to print at the head of his business correspondence, whether catalogues, circulars, or letters, the following particulars:

"If an individual, present Christian and surnames or any former names, also nationality if not British.

"If a firm, same details for every partner."

This requirement is part of the so-called "Business Names" Act, passed through Parliament without very much public notice late last year. It was brought into being mainly by complaints about the ease with which a man would take any high-sounding names in order to bring him profit, that every man or woman who carries on business under a name which is not his or her own, must file full particulars with a public official whose records will be open to the public at all times. Anyone must register who has at any time changed his name, with full particulars. It is expected that the newspapers will give considerable publicity to registrations which are at all suspicious, and thus prevent the use of high sounding or aristocratic names by rogues. The registry office is empowered to refuse registration to certain classes of names which are considered misleading or fraudulent. For instance, no firm whose business is conducted by aliens will be allowed to do business under the title British So-and-So Company.

that the charges against himself were trumped up, and that he knew whereof he spoke when, he asserted some weeks ago that he would never have the court hearing set for next month, for the reason that by then neither Count nor Countess von Bernstorff would be in this country.

"I am determined to have vindication in the eyes of the American people!" he exclaimed excitedly as he paced about in his home at 65 West Sixty-ninth street. "My lawyer, John J. Halligan, will bring suit against Count von Bernstorff on Monday for \$200,000 for malicious prosecution, and we shall attach his property. I believe that under the law we can attach the embassy itself, and if so we shall do so."

"I am aware of Count von Bernstorff's plans," he continued. "He intends to go with his band of trained intriguers into Mexico and there to repeat on a larger scale the performance he was guilty of here."

The doctor added ominously, "that within five weeks, perhaps less, there will be a change of

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FEARSOME WARNING BY DR. GRAVES SPY

Dr. Arnsdorf Karl Graves, self-styled former German spy, who was arrested last November on the charges of trying to blackmail the Countess von Bernstorff out of \$3,000 for some stolen letters, and some of whose radical prophecies regarding the European conflict have from time to time, come true, professed recently to reveal sensational international developments which he said his "secret knowledge" made him aware were to be expected within the next few weeks.

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THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

Here are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

MARQUERITE'S WEEKLY CHAT

APPLAUSE
This is something I've been rather wondering about lately. When for instance we go to a concert and hear a reference to The Navy, how the crowd cheers and claps. After "the tumult and the shouting dies" do those fit young men who clapped go immediately and enlist and do the ladies go home and knit socks for the sailor lads or help to get a recruit for the navy to whose protection we owe our actual safety? I don't know, remember. I'm just asking.



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Madam La Mode tells us of crepe de chine blouse than which nothing equals for graceful hang and elegance. The model reproduced is rendered more chic by the subtle touches of Russian embroidery or the idea may be carried out using the Paisley silk so popular just now.

plish, "fish" and "left-overs" are distributed. Included in this practical work are tending dessert and pastry dishes, but possibly the bread and cake days give more satisfaction to the students.

"Simplicity and Perfection" is the text for the day a three course, properly balanced family dinner is served. Such timely suggestions as conserving strength, budgeting time and saving steps are given, thus the housewife is shown by actual demonstration that the family meal served without the assistance of a maid is not so difficult a task.

The first hour each afternoon needles are busy fashioning material into blouses, one piece dressed and tailored skirts. The student is taught to make a fitted lining, properly take measurements and she must do the various stitches by hand in such a way as to become a rival of Mr. Sewing Machine.

Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage--Favorites and What They Say and Do.

erational way--the vision of Pierre La Rue grees her. Later she is decoyed to a haunted house, fortunately leaving a note behind her which Harold finds. In his trusty runabout he hurries after her and entering the house finds no ghosts but two enjoying murderous game. Knocking them down like nine-pins Harold and Florence see just as the house is blown up by a bomb which "Miss Snaky," (I forget her name), has directed shall be placed there. Sad to relate the two villains get off scot free, I am catching the blame of the picture perhaps but they are of the "better dead" variety.

Being perhaps foolishly fond of animals, I'm going to say that I liked the trained seals best of the acts given on Saturday while I considered the whole bill an excellent one. I climbed down stairs into subterranean regions to interview "Wastika" and "Pearl," the trained seals who do such clever tricks as balancing big balls, walking up a ladder, playing ball with their trainer, playing a musical instrument and balancing on a tight rope, looking all the time as if they enjoyed it hugely. This act will be a great favorite with the children. The seals are from California and can eat from 10 to 15 lbs. of fish a day.

at 2.30 in the afternoon and 8.15 in the evening. Patrons are reminded that the doors will open three quarters of an hour before the performance begins. In order to avoid confusion the public is once more reminded that there will be no reserved seats, neither will there be an advance ticket sale. The management

also wish to impress the fact that complimentary season tickets will not be recognized during this engagement. Admission prices: Afternoon, balcony, 25 cts.; lower floor, 50 cts. Evening, balcony, 50 cts.; lower floor, 75 cts. The famous Symphony Orchestra will be heard at every performance.

STONE CHURCH WORKERS DISBAND. A meeting was held recently which marked the passing of a very old society--the "Church Workers of St. John's (Stone) Church." This society has been in existence for twenty-eight years, and has been the means of raising large sums of money for the finances of the church and of assisting in many ways towards the upkeep and social life of the congregation.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts:

Maritime—Fair at first, with rising temperature, followed at night by increasing southerly winds, with local snow or rain.

Washington, Feb. 25—Northern New England—Snow or rain and warmer Monday; Tuesday snow and colder; fresh to strong southwest to northwest winds.

Toronto, Feb. 25—A moderate disturbance is approaching the Great Lakes from the westward and some light local snow has occurred in the western portions of Ontario.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Battleford, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax.

Around the City

Dined at Treadwell's Hall.

About one hundred and twenty-five election dinners were served by Mrs. M. Cairns at the Treadwell House on the Loch Lomond road on Saturday.

Workmen's Compensation Act.

The Workmen's Compensation Act commission will meet in the Government rooms, Prince William street tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock to hear evidence relative to the proposed changes in the act.

Freak of Nature.

Fred Armstrong of Barnesville arrived in the city on Friday, bringing with him a freak calf. The animal has two heads, four hind legs and two tails.

CITY WIDE MISSION.

In connection with the City Wide Mission there was read at the services in the churches yesterday a letter outlining the plans for the day of visitation on Wednesday, March 21.

It is proposed to take at the time of the visitation a census of the city religiously. All the institutions such as the Old Ladies Home, the hospitals, both civil and military; orphanages, etc., will also be included in the places visited.

This will call for a large number of workers and volunteers may enroll themselves with the pastor of their church. It is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity to help.

ACCIDENT AT FAIRVILLE STATION ON SATURDAY

William Farrell, a Coal Handler, Had His Leg So Badly Injured That Amputation Was Necessary.

What might have been a fatal accident occurred on Saturday evening at Fairville crossing. As it was William Farrell had to have his left leg amputated above the knee.

He was attended to by a physician at Fairville, while a special car and engine was coupled up for the removal of the injured man to the hospital. It was found necessary at the institution to amputate the leg.

VICTORIA RINK CARNAVAL, Tuesday, February 27th.

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Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarette Cases, Signet Rings and Military Brushes.

CANDIDATES GRATEFUL FOR LARGE VOTE

Winners in St. John Express Their Appreciation of Confidence Given Them by Electors—Regret Defeat of Mr. Grannan.

The Government party received the returns of the elections over a special wire at their headquarters in the Seamen's Institute on Saturday afternoon and evening. A large number of local supporters were in attendance.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION

About Four Hundred Express Intention of Joining the League.

A meeting was held in the Opera House last night under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance for the purpose of organizing a "Prohibition Enforcement League."

Rev. W. R. Robinson was elected president and the rest of the officers and the executive will be elected at a meeting to be held in the near future.

Whereas a prohibitory law has been placed on the statute books of New Brunswick, to come into effect on the first day of May of the present year.

IMPERIAL SPRING OPENING TODAY.

The Imperial Theatre today inaugurates its gorgeous new stage settings—a reproduction of the Astor Roof, New York, which is also considered a cheerful note of approaching spring.

FOUR ON THE HONOR ROLL ON SATURDAY

All Were for the Field Ambulance—A Pulpit Appeal for the Kilties.

HONOR ROLL. W. Harry, St. John; Charles Golding, St. John; Thomas Bannish, St. John; M. G. Estabrook, St. John; 16th Field Ambulance.

The 16th Field Ambulance secured four men on Saturday. This following the successful day of Friday which is now being carried on by the Ambulance.

Appealed for Kilties.

At eleven o'clock mass yesterday morning in the Cathedral the Rev. Miles P. Howland made special reference to the need of men for the Kilties Battalion.

In all the churches throughout the city an earnest appeal was made by the clergymen, as well as officers of the 236th Battalion for recruits.

The 236th Battalion received only one recruit in Fredericton last week.

Lieut.-Colonel B. R. Armstrong, of the headquarters staff at Halifax returned to the garrison city on Saturday night.

According to official reports received in the city on Friday three St. John men who were previously reported missing are now believed to have been killed.

Mrs. J. A. Haworth, 20 King street east, received a telegram from Ottawa on Friday stating that her husband, Pte. J. A. Haworth, previously reported missing, was believed to have been killed in action June 2nd, 1916.

The sad news that Corporal Walter McCluskey, previously reported missing on June 2nd last, is now believed to be killed, was conveyed to his wife on Friday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Tracey, 42 Richmond street, is in a very uncertain frame of mind as to whether her son, Private Boyle, is alive or dead.

TO HEAR EVIDENCE OF LOCAL CONDITIONS

Workmen's Compensation Act Commissioners Busy at Work of Preparing Improvements to the Present Legislation.

Those interested in the proposed improvements in the Workmen's Compensation Act will have an opportunity afforded them of presenting their views to the commission at a meeting in the Government rooms, Prince William street tomorrow evening.

MORE TROOPS TO REACH CITY EARLY TODAY

The 198th Supposed to Arrive Between 4 and 5 a. m.—Recruited in the West.

The 198th Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper, is due to arrive in St. John this morning according to a semi-official report.

The 198th Battalion has a total strength of 931 men, including officers, of whom there are thirty-one. This unit was recruited in the west for the most part although many of the members belong to Ontario.

The Martello Hotel, the Agricultural Hall in the exhibition building and a section of the immigration building on the west side, will be utilized by the military authorities.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper is well known throughout the Dominion as he has been associated for many years with the Canadian Courier, a popular monthly periodical.

DEPARTURE OF DRAFTS POSTPONED

Lieut. Keith Brown Has Been Appointed to the Instructional Staff of No. 9 Siege Battery—Men to Take Courses at Halifax.

From military circles it is announced that the contemplated departure this month of drafts from No. 9 Siege Battery and the 65th Field Artillery has been postponed indefinitely.

There is every likelihood of several members of No. 9 Battery going to Halifax in the early future to take special courses there in artillery work.

The latest officer to join the Siege Battery is Lieut. Keith Brown, formerly of Fredericton, but a member of the staff of the Dominion government public works department in this city for the past two years.

At eight o'clock Rev. P. R. Hayward gave a splendid fireside talk on Some Great Hymns and Their Composers.

The Sunday morning boys' meeting Rev. W. H. Barracough delivered the concluding speech on The Christian Race series.

The Mentors Association held their fortnightly meeting last evening at the home of Mr. F. L. Smith the Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Rev. W. H. Barracough leaves this morning for Chatham where he will attend the missionary district meetings which are being held there today and tomorrow.

It is not known as yet just when the commission will be in a position to make a report to the government. The task of investigating the acts is a heavy one and it will probably be some weeks yet before the commission will be able to report definitely on the proposed improvements.

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