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OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses. K. W. Epstein & Co. 39 Union street. See our adv. on page 7.

LOCAL NEWS

Chalet New Year assembly, Thursday. All present and former pupils invited. Canadian Imperial League will meet at 8 o'clock Saturday instead of Thursday, the regular night.

REV. CAPT. G. A. KUHRING MEETS MAJOR BARKER

Writes of St. John Officers and Men in His Battery

Mrs. Kuhring has received the following letter from her husband, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, N.B. They were at the front during the war.

DEATH IN THE STORM

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Unequalled Values Large Variety Reasonable Prices Unexcelled Service. J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street. Look for the Electric Sign.

THE STAR THEATRE'S HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS. New Year's Day, an Extra Good Show—And Crowded Houses at the Star.

For a Hack'ing or Annoying Cough, Try Royal Balsam of Canadian White Pine. 25c a Bottle. THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street.

Your Broken Glass can be duplicated here accurately and promptly. Prescription is not necessary. Our new factory for grinding lenses has brought our Optical Service to the height of efficiency.

D. BOYANER TWO STORES: 38 Dock Street, 311 Charlotte Street.

Watch Your Child's Eyes. Before the little one goes back to school, have the eyes examined at Sharpe's. This precaution may prevent serious trouble later. Often eye-strain is present though sight is good, but the strain makes school work unduly difficult.

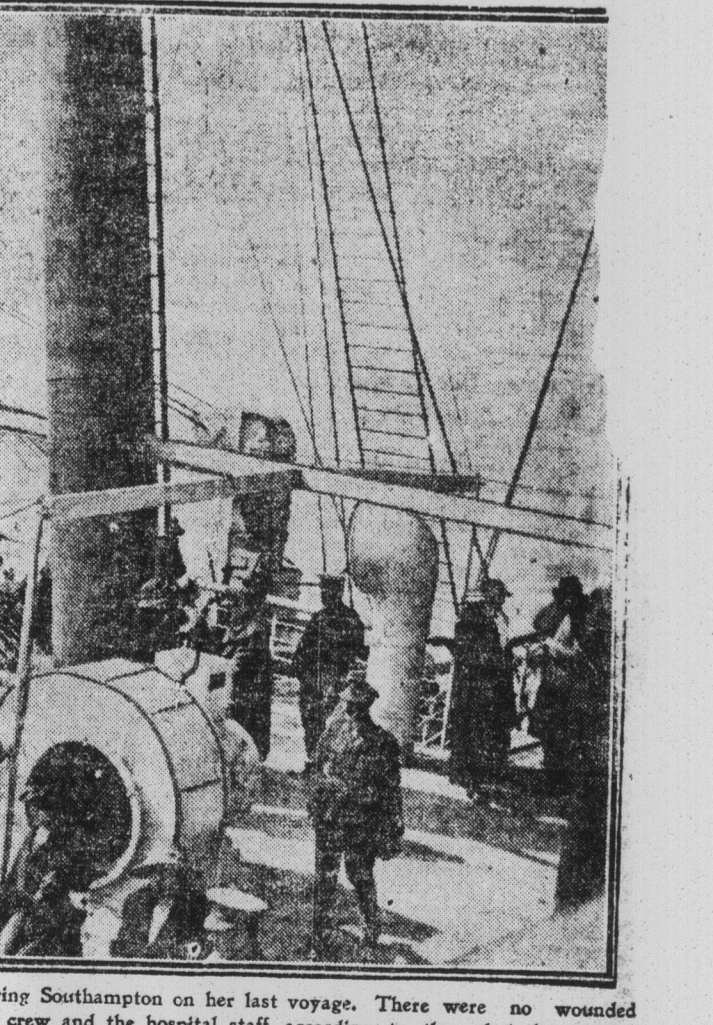
L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians, 21 KING ST. ST. JOHN, N. B.

PATRIOTIC FUND. Single—Maritime Nail Company, \$500; W. B. Tennant, \$1,000.

THURSDAY NIGHTS GREAT MEETING AT THE IMPERIAL. All roads will lead to the Imperial on Thursday evening, where the great national service meeting is to be held at eight o'clock.

WHEAT MARKET TAKES A NEW UPWARD SHOOT. Chicago, Jan. 2.—Opening prices, which ranged from 1c to 47-cs higher, with May at 175 1/2-176, and July at 143 1/4-144.

THE BRITANNIC'S LAST VOYAGE. The photograph was taken as she was nearing Southampton on her last voyage. There were no wounded aboard when she sank, and only members of the crew and the hospital staff, according to the admiralty announcement.



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LADY ABERDEEN HERE TOMORROW. The visit of the Marchioness deen to this city tomorrow, will speak to the Women's Club and the St. John public as well as an important event in time history.

BUILDING WORK HERE SHOWED INCREASE. The value of the building permitted during 1916 showed a 33 per cent increase over the previous year. The value for 1916 was \$46,430 as against \$34,575 for 1915.

HOCKEY RESULTS. Montreal, Jan. 2.—Following results of the N. H. A. Hockey on Saturday: 25th Battalion Ottawa 4-1 Toronto 1-0 Wanderers 2-0 Canadians 1-0 Quebec 1-0

RECAPITULATION. 1917 1916 Navy Island \$5,272.10 \$8,583.00 Strait Shore 40.15 9.60 Courtyard Bay 800.00 602.00 Carleton Shore 1,847.25 1,109.60

TOTALS FOR LAST TWENTY YEARS. 1898 \$3,713.05 1899 3,475.00 1900 4,411.30 1901 5,332.20 1902 4,022.85 1903 2,411.00 1904 3,851.05 1905 5,151.15 1906 6,028.85 1907 6,137.00 1908 4,146.10 1909 1,615.35 1910 5,180.30 1911 5,291.95 1912 5,291.95 1913 5,291.95 1914 5,291.95 1915 5,291.95 1916 5,291.95 1917 5,291.95

The Evening Times and Star

ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 2, 1917.

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NATIONAL SERVICE

The people of Canada are confronted by a great task which cannot in honor be ignored. More men, more munitions, greater production of essential things, are called for, and the call must be heeded.

In England, under national government, the new year began with a rush of recruits, and with the inauguration of a more vigorous policy to strengthen the national organization for war purposes.

Among the great achievements of the modern government which will go down in the annals of time, is to make the coming generations sit up and take notice, is the almost reckless daring of one of its members when confronted by the high cost of living.

The Boston Transcript, reviewing the war for the past year, decides that the balance sheet is in favor of the Allies, and thinks that the decisive battles of the war may not be far off.

ONLY ONE ANSWER

The neutral powers did not protest against the violation of Belgium or condemn the other crimes of Germany. Why, then, should they expect the Allies to pay serious attention to their desire for a peace which would vindicate those principles which Germany violated, or render a repetition of the crimes impossible?

At the Hague Conference Germany objected to disarmament. Her present desire to ground arms is due to the fact that her plans have gone wrong and she wants time to formulate new ones.

It took a lot of words to convey Canada's new year greetings to the mother country, the other portions of the Empire, and the Allies. We should live in deeds, not words, in this crucial year of the great war.

If the people of Kitchener change the name back to Berlin the people of the rest of Canada should encourage the growth of grass in its streets by wiping it off their business maps.

The conversion of the armory into a hospital indicates that in the opinion of the government it is no longer needed for recruiting purposes. Why?

"God also in the future will be with you," is the Kaiser's assurance to his armies. Yes—as a consuming fire.

An astounding prospect marks the new year in New Brunswick.

NEW PARALYSIS WARNING.

New York, Jan. 23.—Members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at more than fifty meetings here discussed many and diversified topics—the antiquity of man; life and social insurance and their effect upon humanity; the economizing of human resources; nitrogen and preparedness; the automobile; the phonograph; recognition among insects; education, and infantile paralysis were a few of the varied topics taken up.

"I was brought up on a farm, and I'm glad of it." "Yes?" "You let your life whenever I just stop and think of the time when I had to get up at four o'clock and work like a slave until dark."

HIS HEART BADLY AFFECTED

"Fruit-a-lives" Soon Relieved This Dangerous Condition

682 Gerrard St., East Toronto. For two years I was a victim of Acute Indigestion and Gas in the Stomach. It afterwards attacked my Heart and I had pains all over my body, so that I could hardly move around.

LIGHTER VEIN Character Analysis. "Bliggins goes around asking so much advice that he never accomplishes anything."

William Jennings Bryan, having concluded one of his lectures on temperance, announced that he was now "question time."

"I thought Dr Smartwork was your dentist." "So he was, but not now." Since he has taken to driving his car he has become so enamored of its construction and has it so much on his mind that he goes at your mouth as if he were repairing another automobile.

Prevent Accidents to the Horse

and eliminate annoyance due to delays by equipping him with Rowe Calks

They stay sharp a long time and when they wear out can be replaced with a complete set of new ones in fifteen minutes.

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THE ROYAL GRAND RANGE

IS MADE TO PLEASE THE COOK You want a range that is roomy, will bake easily and well, don't you? One that will give the most heat for the least fuel; one so strong and durable it will not burn out, but will last for years.

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New Year's Day Quietly Enjoyed

Inaugurating Weather Made Outdoor Enjoyment a Feature—Oh! Ev'nts of the Day.

The New Year made its bow to the city of St. John yesterday under ideal weather conditions. The change from the zero weather of the latter part of the old year to the pleasant and invigorating atmosphere of yesterday made the first day of 1917 a very enjoyable and welcome one.

Yesterday being the Feast of the Circumcision, services were held in all the Catholic churches of the city at the usual Sunday hours. Large congregations attended during the day and the strains of the Adagio Fideles were once more heard in the evening vesper services sung in all the churches.

The boys who are being cared for at St. Patrick's Industrial Home, Silver Falls, were given their annual treat yesterday, the other portions of the Empire, and the Allies.

Two recruits were secured yesterday for the Field Ambulance Depot. They are C. V. Miller and W. Edwards, both of Marysville.

In the midnight casualty list, the names of three additional New Brunswick men appear: Wounded, LeBaron Beach, Hunter's Home, Queens county; Lagan, Laymouth, York Co.; wounded, Lance Corporal Edgar Shampier, Kingston.

Lance-Corporal D. Wesley Robb, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Robb, of Jeffrey Corner, N. B., is reported in the casualty list as "died of wounds." He is well known in the section of the country where he lived.

Lieutenant Bayard Coster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Coster, of this city, has been promoted to the command of the reinforcement company of the 26th Battalion, which is now being formed.

A dead nerve cell can never be re-placed. In this way it is different to other cells of the human body. But I could not sleep, and found it hard to feel, wasted nerve cells can be re-stored, and herein lies hope.

Nervous prostration, locomotor ataxia and paralysis are the natural results of neglecting to keep the nerves in health. The use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food when you suspect there is something wrong, will soon restore vitality to the nervous system, and thereby prevent serious developments.

Mrs. Merritt Nichols, R. R. No. 8, Dundas, Ont., writes: "I take pleasure in writing to tell you the great benefit I have derived from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I was so nervous several weeks ago, and found it hard to get my work done at all, but, having no help at the time, had to do the best I could. Finally my left arm became powerless and cold, and this continued to get worse until my whole side was affected, head and all. I decided to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and the first box helped me so much that I used several more boxes on Saturday night and I can recommend it most heartily. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cured in me a condition which I had believed to be incurable. It has built me up wonderfully, and I can recommend it most heartily. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cured in me a condition which I had believed to be incurable. It has built me up wonderfully, and I can recommend it most heartily. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cured in me a condition which I had believed to be incurable. It has built me up wonderfully, and I can recommend it most heartily."

PERMANENT TOY DEPARTMENT

Our Toyland was not merely a Holiday feature. We will add all worth while toys we can secure and hope to interest everybody who visits Toyland to come often.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU J. M. ROCHE & CO., LTD. - 94-95 King Street

OUR SPECIAL FRESH GROUND COFFEE 35 CENTS POUND CHEYNE & CO., 166 Union St. CORNER PITT AND LEINSTER

ONLY TWENTY-NINE FOR THE NAVY

New Brunswick in Seventh Place in Naval Recruiting Record—News of the Soldiers

Since recruiting for the navy began in Canada until Christmas, 590 men were enlisted in the various provinces of the Dominion for the grand fleet. The province of New Brunswick is in the seventh place in the nine provinces, having furnished only twenty-nine men.

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Believes She Was Saved From Stroke of Paralysis

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MINUDIE COAL the Soft Coal that lasts, can be bought where you get the dry wood. From A. E. WHELLEY, 240 Paradise Row. M. 1227

Maritime Dental Parlors

Dr. A. J. McKnight, Prop. LIVE AND LET LIVE!

I want every wage-earner in St. John and surrounding country to come to me for treatment. I want them to understand that by coming to me they will get more for their money than they can get elsewhere, that their work will be the best. You will be surprised to find that One Dollar with me will go as far as two dollars you will have to give the other fellow.

FULL SET TEETH BEST SET TEETH Red Rubber \$5 \$8



No Better Made Elsewhere, No Matter What You Pay. NO FIT—NO PAIN. Wear one of my sets of teeth 10 days, and if at the end of that time you are not satisfied, return them to me and I will refund your money in full.

22K GOLD CROWNS; BRIDGE WORK \$4.00 and \$5.00 Porcelain Crowns, Porcelain Fillings, \$1.00 to Gold Fillings, Silver and Cement Fillings, \$1.00

BROKEN PLATES REPAIRED IN THREE HOURS. FREE EXAMINATION. PAINLESS EXTRACTION. Special Attention Given to C Town Patients. Graduate Nurse in Attendance. Office: 38 Charlotte Street, John, N. B. Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

INSANE WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH

As a result of a disastrous fire in the asylum of St. Ferdinand de Halifax, Quebec, forty-five insane women patients, inmates of the asylum, were burned to death. Another wing of the building was employed by the Sisters of Charity as a school for young girls of varying ages, and when the fire broke out, there were thirty girls in the building, but all were rescued. There were 180 insane women in the building at the time the fire broke out, and it was with the greatest difficulty that 135 were rescued. The loss is approximately \$100,000, and the amount of insurance is small. The institution is situated within the diocesan district of Quebec.

Ladies' Dress Footwear

Plain Chic Pumps, medium or high heels, Patent and Kid, \$4.00 and \$5.00. Colonial Pumps, with large Fancy Buckles: Patents, \$8.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$6. Havana Brown, \$7.00. Plain Pumps in Grey and Shades, \$5.00 and \$6.00. Satin-Pumps in Black, White Colors to match most any time, \$8.00, \$8.50 to \$9.00. Patent Button Boots with Cloth or Dull Kid Tops, \$4.00, \$4.50 up to \$7.00. Mail Orders by Parcel Post.

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DON'T YOU THINK

that a pair of High-class, Dependable Boots, Dressy Pumps or Colonial, Dry, Warm Overshoes, Girls' and Children's Romper Boots, Boys', Men's and Women's Skiing Boots, Snow Shoes, Rubbers, Would make not only a practical, but a very useful Gift?

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R. B. BENNETT AND HON. J. D. HAZEN ARE TO SPEAK HERE

Major L. P. D. Tilley, national service commissioner for the province, received a telegram yesterday from R. B. Bennett, Director-general of national service, to effect that he would be in St. John Thursday, Jan. 4, to address a meeting on national service.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

One hundred persons are believed to have been drowned in Clermont, Queensland, Australia, by a flood which washed away the main street and all the houses in low-lying places.

Fireplace Furnishings

In these cold winter days when life centres so largely about the hearthstone, Gracefully Fashioned Fireplace Furnishings in BRASS, BRONZE or other suitable finish, bring with them just the finishing touch of comfort.

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NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

Why Germany is Seeking Peace

Realizes That Big Smash is Coming Fears Next Offensive

Strength Dwindling While That of Allies Increases—Lack of Cotton an Important Factor

(Toronto Mail & Empire.) Germany wants peace, and for the best of all reasons; she realizes that she cannot win the war, and she fears that when the next combined Allied offensive comes her armies will be smashed and defeated in the field, and with the collapse of Prussian military predominance will come the collapse of the Hohenzollerns.

The lines of the map fall here and there. What is behind them? Though some authorities believe that in the east or the near east a decision may be made, the general opinion is that upon the west will be fought the decisive battles of this war.

Germany's Decaying Strength Moreover, if there are to be great battles upon the western front next year, in other words, if Germany is not willing to grant such concessions as would be insisted upon if her armies had already been defeated, the prospect for Germany is extremely bleak.

The Cotton Problem Germany's deficiency in ammunition appears to the military expert of the New York Times to be one of the most significant events of the fighting in the Paris. She was a fine ship of 11,200 tons. Four lives were lost.

Old-Time Remedy Makes Pure Blood

Hood's Sarsaparilla has been and still is the people's medicine because of its reliable character and its wonderful success in purifying, curing and revitalizing the blood and relieving the common diseases and ailments—scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, general debility.

as we all know, is a necessary ingredient of all explosives. Without it the powder cannot be made for even the small guns. This is true of dynamite, too.

Russia Just Beginning If Germany is short of cotton, it is a safe guess that Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are also short. Turkey's failure to stop recent British attacks in Egypt was partly due to the lack of munitions.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Annie M. Adams. The death of Mrs. Annie M. Adams, widow of Thomas H. Adams, of this city, took place in West Somerville (Mass.) yesterday.

Mrs. Mary E. Mowry. Mrs. Mary E. Mowry, aged 64, widow of Capt. James Mowry, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 38 St. James street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kay. Mrs. Elizabeth Kay, widow of James Kay, died suddenly at her daughter's residence, 49 Sheriff street, Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

T. W. A. Dunn. The death occurred in this city on Sunday, January 31, 1916, of T. W. Dunn, son of the late John Dunn of St. John, survived by one sister, Mrs. C. C. Dunn of this city.

At his home in St. Marys on Thursday, Charles McAllister died. He was 79 years of age and is survived by his wife, two daughters, Misses Hazel and Gladys; one brother, Angie McAllister; and two sisters, Mrs. McKean and Mrs. William Hunter, both of Gagetown.

Charles H. Davis, proprietor of Davis Brothers, 683 Washington street, Boston, died recently. Mr. Davis was born in New Brunswick and went to Boston as a boy. He was a life member of all the branches of Masonry in Boston, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Com-

During January, February and March Our Stores Will Open Daily at Nine and Close at Six O'clock

Annual Mid-Winter Sale of Men's and Boys' Overcoats. Sale Commences Wednesday, January 3rd. And Comprises the Balance of Our Regular Stock of Fashionable Overcoats For Winter Wear.

Table listing various overcoat styles and prices for men and boys. Includes categories like 'FOR MEN' and 'BOYS' AND YOUTHS 8 to 17 YEARS'.

Free Hemming Sale in Linen Room Starts Monday, January 8th. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

FRESH OYSTERS, Received Today, 60c. QUART. SPECIAL LOW PRICES ON. New California Naval Oranges, all sizes, 30c. to 50c. doz.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Milburn-Milton. Hopewell Hill, Dec. 31—An interesting event took place at Albert Milnes Thursday evening when Miss Leona Milton, daughter of the late Richard Milton, was united in marriage to Archibald Milburn, of Mountville, son of the late J. Willard Milburn and Mrs. Milburn.

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Samuel H. Givan, one of St. John's respected citizens, passed away on Sunday as a result of paralysis. Mr. Givan was long in the service of the I.C.R., and was superannuated a few years ago.

MONTREAL MAN DEAD; POLICE BELIEVE SUICIDE

Montreal, Jan. 1—Norman S. Crocker, president of the Castle Blend Tea Company, Limited, who was found shot through the head in the company's warehouse on December 5, died tonight in the General Hospital.

IONIAN ARRIVES

The Allan liner, Ionian, arrived in port yesterday morning and docked at No. 6 pier, West St. John. She had no passengers on board.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Rigby-Robinson. The Methodist church at Maryville was the scene of a pretty wedding on Thursday evening when Miss Mary C. Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Robinson, was united in marriage to G. Percy Rigby, resident engineer for the St. John and Quebec Railway Company at Gagetown.

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Dr. Hamilton Wright Mahie, associate editor of The Outlook, died at his home in Summit, N. J., on Sunday. He was seventy years of age and was born at Cold Springs, N. Y.

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HALIFAX CIVIC BUDGET

Halifax Herald—When the city council meets this afternoon, one of the largest budgets in the history of the city, it is expected that the council will be asked to consider for adoption.

A MOTHER'S TROUBLES

A mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves her mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time.

Do you ever have the "blues"?

That discouraged feeling often comes from a disordered stomach, or an inactive liver. Get your digestion in shape and the bile acting properly—then the "blues" will disappear.

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FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET
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J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N.B.

Table of stock market quotations including Am Zinc, Am Car and Pkry, Am Locomotive, etc.

UNLISTED STOCKS

Tram Power—6 at 40%
Branston—25 at 20%, 55 at 50%, 20 at 37.

ANOTHER TRADITION GONE

Traditions continue to be uprooted. Misconceptions are brought to light. This is a distinctive age in many ways. It even robs us of our pet delusions.

A Resourceful Leader

During one of the early mobilizations of the American army on the Mexican border, a captain of the militia, whom we will call Feeny, was detailed to take charge of a detachment of infantry.

FRANKLIN'S FIRST EXPEDITION

There was a great revival of interest in Britain in Polar research in the early years of the nineteenth century. Numerous expeditions sailed to the frozen north.

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Canada is heart and soul with the Mother Country and the Allies in their fight for Liberty and Justice.

Every Canadian man and woman can assist by placing his or her services at the disposal of the State.

Government House, Ottawa, 20th December, 1916.

National Service Week, 1st to 7th January.

Polar Exploration Tragedies

(Weekly Scotsman)

What we know of the Arctic and Antarctic zones is due to the pioneers of Arctic exploration, who showed what might be achieved in spite of tremendous odds.

SEARCH FOR THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE

The search for the Northwest Passage was a quest for a large number of disasters. In 1610 Hudson, the famous explorer, set out on an attempt to find the passage.

A Mysterious Disappearance

This enterprise left from Gravesend in two vessels—the Albany and the Discoverer—in June, 1791, well supplied with provisions.

FRANKLIN'S LAST VOYAGE

After an interval of about twenty years Franklin ventured once again into the Arctic circle. The story of the enterprise has been referred to as one of the most pathetic in the history of Polar exploration.

Japan Seeking Larger Markets

Reaching Out For Business After War is Over

Looking Towards China

Vast Wealth of Iron is One of Most Important Objectives But There Are Many Others

Tokyo, Dec. 1.—(Correspondence)—The public mind in Japan now is mainly concerned with what is to happen in the Far East after the war. This is what causes Japan to be so intensely interested in China.

PERMANENT MARKETS

Japan feels, therefore, that her main hope lies in securing permanent markets for her industrial output, so as to keep up, if possible, a favorable balance of trade.

ATTITUDE OF NEW CABINET

It is expected that the attitude of the new Japanese cabinet will be in line with this policy of securing first place in the markets of China for Japanese goods.

THE JAPANESE MANUFACTURER CATERING TO FOREIGN TRADE

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Just to flag your attention to Trousers Day at this store. Trousers ready-tailored from \$1.50 to \$6.00 per pair.

Gilmour's 68 King St.

If You Must Wear Glasses

Why not begin the year right? A little precaution and care now may save you a great deal of trouble during the ensuing year, and even for years to come.

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Optometrists and Opticians
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TRADE WITH RUSSIA

As to Russia the possibilities of Japan's capturing and holding the markets formerly in possession of Germany are not so bright, chiefly owing to British and American competition also.

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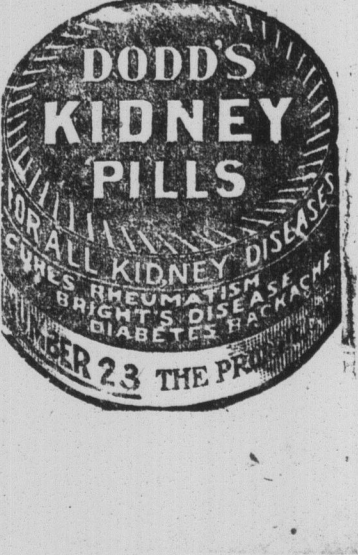
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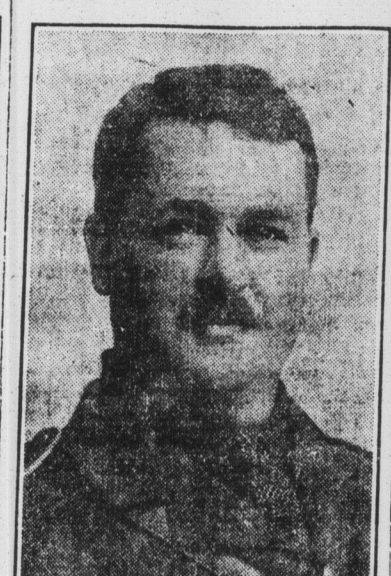
St. John Officers Among Winners of D.S.O.



LIEUT.-COL. A. E. G. MACKENZIE, D.S.O.



MAJOR C. E. FAIRWEATHER, D.S.O.



MAJOR T. E. POWERS, D.S.O.

TROUBLE OVER NAME OF ONTARIO TOWN

Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 1.—Following a sweeping victory in the recent election the Citizens' League, which was formed when the name of the city was changed from Berlin to Kitchener, with the object of changing it back, a riot started by the men of the 118th Battalion, who are on furlough, and the city is under martial law tonight, proclaimed at 10 o'clock. A hundred men of the 122nd Muskoka Battalion, stationed at Galt, are patrolling the streets.

When it became known that the Citizens' League had not only elected alderman David Gross as mayor, but had also elected a parade through the city, the 118th formed a parade through the streets, shouting: "Are we down-hearted?"

As they were passing the office of the News Record some one attempted to tear away a Union Jack which one of the soldiers was carrying and the riot started. The plate glass windows of the office were broken and the soldiers made a raid inside, doing considerable damage.

Provost Marshal Osborne, of the London district, appeared on the scene and ordered the soldiers to disperse, but without effect, and he at once sent a call to Galt for a guard.

The soldiers again raided the office, doing more damage, and two members of the newly elected council were injured. The rioting continued until about 11 o'clock, when the provost marshal again ordered the men to disperse, and Mayor Hatt declared martial law. The arrival of the provost marshal again ended the riot.

NATIONAL PARK DIRECTOR MEET AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 1.—Officials in charge of the national parks and others interested in park administration will begin a five-day conference here tomorrow for consideration of a range of subjects connected with national park developments.

Secretary Lane, of the Interior department, will open the meeting and among the addresses to be delivered will be one by B. Harkin, Canadian commissioner.

A Speedy Dog

The swiftest dog in the world, the borzoi, or Russian greyhound, has been recorded to show seventy-five feet in a second, while the gazelle has shown a measured speed of more than eighty feet a second, which would give it a speed of 1,800 feet a minute if the pace could be kept up.

Doctor Tells How To Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent In One Week's Time In Many Instances

Free Prescription You Can Have

Philadelphia, Pa. Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye troubles? If so, you will be glad to read according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many who have had their eyes restored through the prescription of this wonderful free prescription. One man says: "After wearing glasses for many years, I could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water more. Now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me."

A lady who used it says: "The prescription helped me with my eyesight, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything receded, I can even read the print without glasses."

It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time with moderate work and a little rest.

To strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of wearing glasses, eye troubles of many descriptions may be cured by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any grocery store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. Drop the Bon-Opto tablets in a fourth of a glass of water and allow to dissolve. With this mixture rub your eyes two four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear and your vision bright from the start and in a few days your eyesight will be restored. If you stop to save them now before it is too late, your eyesight will be restored. It has been saved if they had cared for their eyes.

Write: Another prominent physician to whom the above was submitted, said: "Bon-Opto is a very reasonable remedy. The compound ingredients are well known to medical men. It is a simple matter to strengthen eyesight by the use of it. It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time with moderate work and a little rest."

Send for your free sample of Bon-Opto tablets to the very best eye doctor in the world, Dr. Lewis, 1000 Broadway, New York City.

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Canada Sugar Refining Co., Limited, Montreal.

BIG RALLY OF THE CHILDREN OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AT NEW YEAR'S

More than 2,000 Sunday school children were present yesterday morning for the annual New Year rally day exercises of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools. The Congregational and Presbyterian schools united for their services, which were held in the presence of approximately 600 at St. Andrew's church, and the Methodists gathered at Centenary church.

Rev. W. M. Townsend presided at the services. The chief address of the morning was delivered by Rev. F. S. Dowling, and Mayor Robert Hayes extended greetings on behalf of the city. Rev. E. A. Westmorland brought a message of fellowship from the Methodist schools, and Mr. Cassidy, of Brookville served as lay delegate. Each school in St. John, Caledon and Fairville responded to the roll call with an appropriate bit of scripture or a verse of a hymn.

The salute to the flag was one of the features of the gathering. A lad in khaki and truth might prevail. They are: Alexander Affick, James Vernon, Lieutenant Ernest Welch, Frank W. Withers, Thomas Coram, Robert, Paul, Samuel Ferguson, Glendon B. Cobham, Albert McArthur, and Harold McCabe.

The 1,400 children marched to King square at the close of the exercises. Here they gathered around the band stand, and sang patriotic airs. The king and Mayor Hayes were loudly cheered, and the rally soon disbanded, conceding to be one of the best ever held by the schools.

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ARMORY TO BE MILITARY HOSPITAL

The armory is to be converted into a military hospital having a capacity of 600 beds. Captain J. W. Symons, chief engineer for the military hospitals commission, was in the city yesterday and completed negotiations for the armory, which will be officially taken over by that branch of the service this morning.

No other building in the city, he said, would give the proper accommodation and hence it was found necessary to take the armory for the work. The armory will be put through a renovating programme to fit it for the work, and in all probability a service building will be erected at the rear of the present building for the convenience of the hospital.

No time will be lost in the conversion of the armory into a hospital, and the work will be carried on in units of 100 beds each. Captain Symons said that he hoped to have the first 100 beds ready in three weeks' time. The others would follow as rapidly as the first and the whole hospital will be equipped and in working order before very long.

A large and well appointed operating room will be installed at the armory and a first class and up-to-date hospital in every respect organized there. This hospital will be in use for the duration of the war and perhaps longer.

A staff of nurses numbering fifty will be employed at the armory hospital and this will give the civilian some idea of the volume of the work that is to be carried on there. There will also be about thirty orderlies and a regular staff with a resident superintendent.

St. John Doctors to Serve

Captain Symons said that he understood that the appointments to the staff of the hospital will be local so far as it is possible and that the hospital will be under the direction of a St. John doctor. He said that the appointments had not yet been made but that they would in all probability be forthcoming in a very few days, as the work of organization necessarily begins at once. No intimation has as yet been given out as to who will likely be given the post of superintendent or what local doctors will be on the staff.

Captain Symons returned to Halifax this morning to attend to his official duties there and J. H. Power, construction engineer of the department at Ottawa, is in the city and will be in charge of the work. Two local draughtsmen will in all probability be secured to assist him.

The dental depot in the armory will very likely remain there in connection with the hospital and the headquarters of the 168th French-Canadian battalion and the mess rooms will, of necessity, be removed to the exhibition building to make way for the hospital equipment and staff.

"The price of paper seems to have gone up enormously."

"It has."

"I thought so. No fewer than thirty people tripped to read my newspaper over my shoulder in the trolley car this morning."

Prepare This for a Bad Cough—It's Fine

Do not let a cough get the best of you. Buy a bottle of Pinx. It is the finest cough syrup that money can buy—costing only about one-fifth as much as ready-made preparations—can take hold and conquer distressing cough, throat and chest sores. It really makes you enthusiastic about it. Any doctor or pharmacist will supply you with 2 1/2 ounces of Pinx (50 cents worth). Pour this into a 10-cent bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Shake thoroughly and it is ready for use. The total cost is about 54 cents and gives you 16 ounces—a family supply—a most effective, pleasant tasting remedy. It keeps perfectly.

It's truly astonishing how quickly it acts, penetrating through every air passage of the throat and lungs—loosens and raises the phlegm, soothes and heals the inflamed or swollen throat membrane, and gradually but surely the annoying cough and chest distressing cough will disappear entirely. Nothing better for cough or bronchitis ailments. Pinx is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, combined with quinine and is known to work over its prompt healing effect on the throat membranes.

Avoid disappointment by asking your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinx" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Pinx Co., Toronto, Ont.

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At times we all feel dull and heavy. Just one thing to do—relax the bowels and cleanse the system with Dr. Hammon's Pills. Undue matter is flushed out, the liver is toned, blood is purified, and at once you feel better. Good health and bright spirits are quickly restored by the use of Dr. Hammon's Pills in every case; they are very mild, very prompt and guaranteed by the makers. Get on getting Dr. Hammon's Pills, 25c per box everywhere.

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no matter how long or how bad—go to your druggist today and get a 50 cent box of Pyramid Pile Treatment. It will give quick relief, and a single box often cures. Trial packages mailed free in plain wrapper if you send us coupon below.

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Mutt and Jeff—Jeff is an Expert Eggsport

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By "Bud" Fisher

MUTT: MAYBE IT'S A DEAD MOUSE BURNING. MAYBE IT'S UNDER THE BED.

JEFF: MAYBE SOMETHING'S BURNING. MAYBE IT'S THE PAINT ON THE RADIATOR.

MUTT: NOPE! IT AIN'T THE PAINT. THE STEAM IS TURNED OFF.

JEFF: SOMETHING'S WRONG. DON'T YOU SMELL IT, MAYBE IT'S IN THAT CLOSET.

MUTT: NO! NO! KEEP AWAY! THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS CLOSET BUT A SECRET I'VE GOT TO MAKE MONEY. KEEP OUT.

JEFF: WHAT'S THE SECRET?

MUTT: WELL, YOU'VE HEARD OF THIS GUY, WETZ, THE CHICAGO EGG KING, WHO HAS 7,000,000 EGGS IN STORAGE HOLDING THEM TO DRIVE UP THE PRICE OF EGGS. WELL, HE AIN'T GOT NOTHING ON ME. I'VE GOT AN EGG IN HERE THAT I BOUGHT LAST MAY FOR 2 CENTS.

JEFF: AND I'M HOLDING IT TILL HE DRAINS THE PRICE UP TO A DOLLAR AN EGG. THEN I'M GOING TO SELL IT!

BURNS WINS FROM GIROUX IN A LIVELY BOUT

Athletic Exhibition in Imperial Last Night Marked by Interesting Feature Match

When Joe Page undertook to provide boxes for an exhibition on New Year's night in the Imperial Theatre for patriotic causes, under auspices of the European War Veterans' Association...

For the main event of the night John T. Power, veteran sporting man, was referee, and carried out his duties most ably. Kenneth J. Macrae and James J. Pullen were timers. It was just after eleven o'clock when the bout was begun.

It was announced that Burns and Giroux had met twice before and each time it was a draw. This bout was to be two rounds. At the outset it was seen they were two well developed, finely trained athletes...

From the start, however, it seemed as if Burns' cleverness would prove a deciding factor and so it proved. In the fifth there was a swift rally at the ropes and Giroux came out of it rather badly but ably to clinch in a bad moment...

The next two rounds were a repetition of their lively previous work with the eighth was even more vigorous. Burns followed up on one or two advantages quickly and finally brought Giroux to the floor with a left to the chin. Burns clearly had won and the referee called the bout off. Giroux made a short speech in which he said he would like to go on. He gave Burns full credit for his work.

This bout was planned as the first of a series in which the prominent boxers of Canada and the United States would be seen here in athletic exhibitions for patriotic purposes. It promises to meet with success, though the attendance last night was not so large as warranted by the exhibition given. It is safe to predict, however, that future ones will draw many more spectators.

Both men observed the ring rules strictly and Mr. Power's work was much to be commended. It is believed that Burns is on the way to the top rung of the ladder.

SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

THE RING. Jeff Smith Wins. Baltimore, Jan. 1.—Jeff Smith, middleweight champion of Europe, won a fifteen round bout on points here today from Frank Mantell, of Dayton, Ohio.

White Fists Don't Out. Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Charley White, of Chicago, knocked out Harry Donahue, of Peoria (Ill.), in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round bout here this afternoon.

Coslin Outpoints Wagner. New York, Jan. 1.—Johnny Coslin, the Chicago bantamweight and former world's champion, cleverly outpointed Joe Wagner, a local bantam, who defeated Coslin four years ago, in a ten-round bout here today. Coslin weighed 112 pounds and Wagner 118 1/2.

Darcy Sees Mike Win. New York, Jan. 1.—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight champion, witnessed his first ring contest in America in Brooklyn today. He sat in a ringside box keeping close watch while Billy Blaise, of St. Paul, and George ("Knockout") Brown, of Chicago, went through ten rounds of hard fighting during which the St. Paul man gave the Chicagoan beating in eight of the ten rounds.

Another Brooklyn club, Battling Levinsky cleverly outpointed Gunboat Smith in a ten-round bout. Levinsky weighed 150-125 pounds and Smith was two pounds heavier.

Mike O'Dowd, the St. Paul middleweight, scored a decisive victory over Johnny "Kid" Alberts, of Elizabeth, in nine out of ten rounds. His respective weights were 154 and 155 pounds.

Tar Baby Wins Again. Kansas City, Jan. 1.—Sam Langford, of Boston, was awarded referee's decision over Jim Johnson, of New York, at the end of a 12-round bout here this afternoon. The boxing league in the Young Men's Catholic Institute will be opened this evening when the O'wils and the Connors will meet. The allies are in the best of shape and an interesting series is expected. Some high scores were rolled in practice games last night. The record for the allies so far was made last night by P. Fitzpatrick, who rolled a total of 108 in one stinging hit. His scores were made last night, running from 115 to 127.

25th Year Les Darcy. Capt. Bobby Kerr, of the 20th Tige Battalion, Hamilton, has written Darcy asking him to join that corps, and he has been given flattery and inducements. In his letter Capt. Kerr pointed out that the Tige Battalion is the only one at present in Canada that is made up of sportsmen prominent in every line of athletics.

Carrigan Made \$23,300 Last Year

May Manage Red Sox Again This Year — Had Conference With New Club Owners

Boston, Dec. 30.—William F. Carrigan was paid \$23,300 for managing the Boston Americans last season. It was learned Saturday. Of this amount, \$10,000 was salary under his contract; \$8,800 his world series share; \$2,500 a special bonus for winning the American League pennant and \$2,000 a percentage allowance on the receipts of the Boston club. Carrigan, who announced his retirement last fall, is now considering an offer from the new owners of the world champions to resume direction of the club. Although money has not been mentioned in the negotiations, it was stated, President H. H. Frazee said he was ready to pay an amount in excess of \$10,000.

Lewisohn, Dec. 30.—Harry M. Frazee, one of the new owners of the Boston Americans, held a long conference Friday afternoon with William F. Carrigan of this city, former manager of the Boston club. At its conclusion, it was announced that a contract to resume the management of the Boston team had been signed by Carrigan, but that he would give Mr. Frazee his decision the first of next week. Neither would make a statement beyond saying they had talked over plans for the season.

CARPENTIER WANTS FOUR MONTHS TO TRAIN Says He Needs a Complete Rest and Then Gradual Training

Paris, Dec. 31.—(By Mail)—Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight champion, will require more than four months to get into condition for the ring, and is very doubtful whether the French army authorities will consent to his leaving active service for so long a period. Carpentier himself, here replying after a bad spill from a large percentage of the audience, said he would like to return to the United States today. The French pugilistic star is in Paris for a brief stay. Carpentier says his condition is not complete rest, with nothing but the mildest sort of exercise, like cross-country walking. Then I would have to begin a course of long, gradual training.

"If by fighting with gloves I can help my country more than I can by piloting an aeroplane, I am naturally willing to do so if permitted."

THE 1916 LEADERS IN TROTTERING AND PACING

Murphy Headed The Drivers With \$81,810 to His Credit; Mable Trask Led Trotters

AT THE MOVIES

The Imperial's Vitagraph "THE TWO-EDGED SWORD" Shows How Filtritious Wives Come to Grief—A Picture Sermon on a Common Evil

Edith Storey, Robert Gaillard and Strong Vitagraph Support

OUR WORLD TOUR Second Journey: Archangel in Russia. Amsterdam in Holland. Rouen in Normandy. Vesuvius Gorges, Alps.

BRITISH GAZETTE And Allied Pictures: Lloyd-George in Wales. Russo-Romanian Border. Lord French Visits Paris. Spreading Truth in Belgium.

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Swimming Contest. Fifty yard dash—First heat won by P. Cross; second heat by Burton; final by Burton.

Relay race won by Gillan and Burton from Cross and Wetmore. Distance swim under water—P. Cross, 1st, 55 yards; Burton, 2nd, 19 yards.

Plunge for distance—Burton 36 ft. 2 in.; Long, 28 ft. 8 1/2 in.; Gillan, 28 ft. 10 in.

Evening Basketball Games. Loyallists. Forwards. Wilkes. Sterling. Robinson. Wilkes. Josselyn. Centre. R. Ke. Burkhart. Guards. W. Christie. Wetmore. P. Cross. Bowman. Score—Loyallists, 12; Chippewas, 7.

Goals from field—Sterling, 2; Josselyn, 2; Wetmore, 2; Wilkes, 2; Christie, 2. Goals from foul—Pateron. High School. Business Boys. Willett. Forwards. Ketchum. Jordan. Centre. S. Christie. Fleming. Guards. Calm. Taylor. Holders. Nixon. Score—Y. M. C. A., 46; Siege Battery, 10.

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in could not definitely be ascertained, for while the Australian was insistent that the contract he had signed called for fifteen weeks of theatrical bookings, the Ontario was equally insistent that Darcy had signed to work under his guidance at both boxing and vaudeville. The Rickard seemed surprised when told of the contract Darcy had signed. "I have not heard from Darcy," said Rickard, "and do not believe he has signed such a contract. If he had, I would be the first one to know of it. Only today I was talking to Darcy about his plans for the future, and at that time I asked him how long he would wait for news from Paris regarding Carpentier's coming to this country. It was mutually agreed between us that he was to wait for two weeks and then he was to negotiate for boxing matches with myself and other promoters who offered him acceptable inducements. I can believe that Darcy signed a contract for a few weeks in the report that he has signed for any bouts."

He felt his position keenly. Restlessly he moved off one leg on to the other, and looked up with the simple faith of a little child into her who sold the stamps in the post office knowing full well that he would be attended to when the fair maiden ended the conversation with the assistant. "At last the long-looked-for word fell from her lips. "Well?" "I am sorry, please," said the meek and mild stranger. "We don't sell stamps here; this is the inquiry counter," replied the maid indignantly at an interruption without a sale. "What is the inquiry counter, may I ask where I may purchase a stamp?" persisted the meek-looking man. "Counter directly opposite," she hissed. When the purchase had been completed, the meek and mild stranger's eyes fell on the stamps she had just sold. "My steps back again into the inquiry counter. "What is the inquiry counter, may be allowed to ask a question?" "Well?" "If I post this letter tonight, will it arrive in Glasgow first post tomorrow?" "Yes." "Well, my dear lady, you are wrong, for the letter is addressed to Edinburgh," and he went on his way.

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HAVE REACHED JAPAN

Supt. L. B. Mitchell of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, St. Stephen, is in receipt of a letter from his brother, Roy Mitchell, who left recently for Japan to assume the duties of general manager for the Singer Manufacturing Company, announcing the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell was born at Bonaville in the county of Charlotte. He is a graduate of the Kerr Business College, St. John, of the class of 1908, and entered the employ of the Singer company in this city as salesman. In a few years he was made manager of the St. John office. A few months ago the Singer people found themselves in need of a man to take charge of their big business interests in Japan, and they selected the man by the merit test. More than 1,000 of their employes were called to New York to

take an examination, and when it was all over, the young man from the border stood at the head of the class. Mr. Mitchell has an office staff of over 100 persons, only five of whom speak the English language.

MILITARY PERSONALS

Capt. S. S. King, of the medical corps with the imperial forces, who has been at his home in Hampton on sick leave since August, is again on his way to the front.

A cable to Mrs. T. William Barnes of Hampton last Friday stated that her son, Major Roland Barnes, is progressing favorably in No. 4 General Hospital, London.

RECEIPTS SMALLER

Customs receipts here for December showed a decrease of \$14,980.31, as compared with the corresponding month in 1916. The receipts for the last month were \$241,625.84, as compared with \$256,606.15 for December, 1916.

AMAKURA, FROM HERE, HAD STRENUOUS TIME

A despatch to The Times from Savannah, Ga., says that after a hard fight with a terrific gale in which she lost her anchors and her wheel was smashed, the British steamer Amakura has arrived here from St. John. She left St. John on December 22.

Six hours out, according to her officers, she was struck by a gale and attempted to make St. Mary's Bay, but failed. The anchors held for a few hours, but finally the chains snapped and the vessel drifted in the wind until the seas calmed. The crew suffered extremely from the cold.

LOCAL NEWS

NEWS OF SOLDIERS

Mary McNulty, next of kin of No. 23, 507, Private Mike Dawson, is requested to communicate with the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

AT THE HOSPITAL

The last day of the year was brightened for the patients of the General Public Hospital by a sacred concert given under the auspices of the Church of England Institute. The following well known singers took part—Mrs. George Bell, Miss Anderson, Miss McArthur, E. Tuck and E. Bonnell. Miss Alicia Heales acted as accompanist.

POLICE COURT

It is some years since the local police department has experienced such a quiet session over New Year's. With two holidays coming together the total number of arrests did not exceed four. In the police court this morning three prisoners faced Magistrate Ritchie, charged with drunkenness. All were fined \$8 each or two months in jail. Another prisoner on a like charge left a deposit, which was forfeited on his non-appearance.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

The youngsters in the Children's Aid Society Home in Elliott row were made happy yesterday through the kindness of a group of about ten young ladies who are organized as the Children's Friends Society. The young ladies entertained the children at a New Year's party, giving them a good time during the afternoon and then serving supper, which they had provided and prepared. Gifts of candy, fruit, toys and clothing also added to the happiness of the children.

G. I. BODKIN REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN UP LIFE ON BATTLEFIELD

Sergt. Frank McLaggan, Also Formerly of York County, is Killed

Fredericton, Jan. 2.—It is reported here that Cornelius J. Bodkin, formerly of this city, has been killed in action on the western front where he was serving with a western battalion. He came here from Ireland almost twenty years ago and afterwards removed to Winnipeg.

Sergt. Frank McLaggan reported killed in action, belongs to Covered Bridges, York county, and was thirty-two years of age. He had been living in the west for eight years, employed on surveys by the C.P.R. He went to the front with a British Columbia battalion.

SUIT OVER POLICY ON STEAMER VICTORIA

Trial in Fredericton — Patriotic Fund Matter Taken Up in Capital To-night

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 2.—The York circuit court met this morning, Judge Barry presiding, but owing to the absence of several jurors, adjourned until tomorrow. The docket consists of two civil cases, the Victoria Steamship Company, vs. the Northern Assurance Company, and Shortell vs. Williams. The Victoria Company is suing to recover amount of a policy on the steamer Victoria burned at Indian town a year ago. McLellan and Hughes, with M. G. Teed, K. C., as counsel, are for the plaintiff; Sipp and Hanson, with Hon. J. B. M. Baxter as counsel, are for the defence. The case will be tried before a special jury.

FUNERALS

The funeral service of Captain Robert Kilgour Shives, of the Royal Flying Corps, whose body was brought here on the steamer Ionian, took place this afternoon at the chapel in the receiving tomb in Fernhill. Services were conducted by Rev. Canon Neill of Fredericton. Brigadier-General H. H. McLean and other military officers were present. The military authorities here offered a military funeral, but it was declined by Captain Shives' relatives.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Kay took place this morning from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Nelson, 42 Sheriff street. Services were conducted by Rev. J. C. B. Appel and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Miss Hanora Sheehan took place this morning from the Home for Incapables. Services were conducted by Rev. Miles P. Howland and interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Mills took place this morning from her late residence, 288 Germain street, to the Church of St. John the Baptist, where services were conducted by Rev. F. J. Murray. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Samuel Given took place this afternoon from his late residence, Haymarket Square, to St. Mary's church, where services were conducted by Rev. R. T. McKim. Interment was made in Fernhill.

NEW BRUNSWICK SOLDIER KILLED

W. P. Cole of Coverdale Meets Death in Action—Bathurst Man Wounded and Missing

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Casualties:

MOUNTED RIFLES
Killed in Action:
Corporal Gordon McNamara, P.O. Box 98, Picton, N.S.; W. P. Cole, Middle Coverdale, N.B.

INFANTRY
Wounded and Missing:
Archibald McDonald, Truro, N.S.; Peter Huard, Bathurst, N.B.; W. L. Anquin, Chapel City, N.S.; Chas. McCumber, 38 College street, Halifax, N.S.

ST. PETER'S Y.M.A. IN ANNUAL REUNION

One of Most Successful Social Gatherings of Members in Its Eighteen Years

The annual Christmas reunion of St. Peter's Y. M. A. was held on Sunday afternoon in their rooms in Douglas avenue, and was one of the most successful held since the organization of the association, more than eighteen years ago. A large number of members were present and their frequent and hearty applause showed appreciation of the many well rendered vocal and instrumental selections.

The entertainment was opened with an address by the president, E. Raymond Hansen, in which he extended to all best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. The programme carried out was as follows—Orchestra selection by St. Peter's Y. M. A. orchestra; vocal solo, Andrew Moore; trombone and baritone duet, John O'Connor and Arthur Howard; vocal solo, Robert Butler; orchestra selection; vocal duet, Robert Butler and Andrew Moore; violin solo, M. O'Neill; vocal solo, Harry Dever; piano selections, James Driscoll; vocal duet, Harry McQuade and Harry Dever; trombone solo, John O'Connor; popular songs by St. Peter's Y. M. A. quartette, consisting of Edward O'Hara, G. C. Hansen, C. McKenna and Andrew Moore; reading by James McHugh; vocal solo, Edward Hansen; reading, C. McKenna; orchestra selection, Messrs. McQuade, Driscoll and Gerhard McGovern acted as accompanists. The selections by the orchestra under the direction of Eugene McBride, were: Poet and Peasant Overture, by Suppe; Menuet, by Faderewski; Apple Blossoms, by Roberts; Happy Go Lucky March, by Barnard; trombone novelty, "Fun in Barber Shop", by Winne; Loveland Waltz, by Holman.

During the entertainment the president made the members of the orchestra recipients of boxes of cigars as a token of appreciation of their valuable services rendered during the year. William McVey, caretaker of the rooms, was also kindly remembered.

A pleasing feature of the programme was the presentation of a large silver trophy to Captain Arthur Howard of the Thistles, which team won the championship of the baseball league held during the summer. Captain Howard, on behalf of his team-mates, gave the trophy to the association.

NOW ONLY TWO OF OLD B. SQUADRON AT FRONT

A Tribute to Fred Flaherty—Major McLean's Men Who Survive Would Follow Him Again

A member of the old 6th C.M.R., writing from a place in England, on December 16, says:—

"I saw Ted Fish today for the first time since June 2nd. We got out the same day. He was with Arthur Lemon when he was killed. Fred Flaherty, who was a stretcher bearer and first-aid man dressed Lemon, but they knew he was gone. Fred Flaherty was one of the best men we had, and many men owe their lives to him. Poor Fred is a prisoner, but he certainly avenged his brother's death. I don't often talk or think of that awful scrap, and when I do I shiver. Major McLean is in London after being wounded. All his old squadrons who are still alive are just as fond of him as ever and would willingly serve under him again. There are only two of the boys of old B. Squadron out there now. Both are sergeants, Hickey and Scotty Watson."

LADY ABERDEEN IS TO INSPECT TROOPS

A draft from the 168th will, on next Thursday parade with the overseas draft from the 9th Siege Battery and the Field Ambulance Depot in front of the Crillon House in Germain street, where Lady Aberdeen will address the boys. The 168th Battalion, headed by the battalion band, will accompany the drafts. Brigadier-General H. H. McLean and staff of officers will be present.

SURPRISE PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Magee, 55 Canterbury street, was the scene of a pleasant gathering last evening when friends assembled in the form of a surprise party. Games and music were enjoyed, after which refreshments were

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