

YPRES SALIENT PRACTICALLY UNTENABLE FOR THE BRITISH

Thirty-Seven Persons Perish in Blazing Oil and Gas on Steamer

British Steamer War Knight and United States Steamer O. B. Jennings, Both Oil Laden, Collide off British Coast—All who Perished Burned to Death on British Vessel with One Exception—Both Vessels Destroyed.

At an Atlantic Port, April 17.—Thirty-seven lives were lost when the American steamship O. B. Jennings and the British steamer War Knight, both laden with naphtha and inflammable oils, collided off the British coast on March 24, according to members of the crew of the O. B. Jennings, who arrived here today. All who perished with one exception were on the British vessel. They were burned to death by blazing gas and oil.

Those who survived the flames on the War Knight were rescued in the nick of time by destroyers, for soon after, while the blazing hull was being towed to shallow water, it struck a mine and was blown up. The destroyers went to the rescue through a field of blazing oil and took off also the crew of the Jennings.

A number of the crew of the American ship were, however, badly burned and had to be removed to hospitals after being landed. (Continued on page two.)

N. B. TO CHANGE RULE OF ROAD

Legislature Decides that Province Shall Fall in line with Ontario, Quebec and United States, where Drivers Keep to the Right Instead of the Left—Rule Designed to Prevent Accidents and Put Province in Harmony with Modern Ideas.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 17.—The budget debate was continued in the house today only for a brief time in the afternoon and the remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration in committee of the whole of the sections of the highway act that had been stood over. There was an amusing period in the evening when the section of the act providing a change in the driving rule of the road was before the committee and three votes were taken. No party line was drawn and members on both sides voted as they felt. Hon. Mr. Sweeney of Westmorland lead the opposition to the change. He claimed there was no demand for it and that it was advocated only to meet the views of tourists from the United States. The people of the province had not been consulted on it and he suggested that it might be referred to the municipal councils for their vote before action was taken by the government to change the custom of years.

An Unwise Change.

The only change the people of the province had been asked to make in the last provincial election was a change of government. That change had been made whether it was a wise change or not was a debatable question that time alone could answer.

On the votes being taken the change was adopted in committee.

Mr. Magee of Westmorland moved to add a sub-section to the act to the effect that the change should not come into effect until Nova Scotia had passed and proclaimed a similar change. This was defeated and the change will become operative on the proclamation of the lieutenant-governor in council.

Under the rule will be to turn to the right. In the budget debate this afternoon the speakers were Dr. Hetherington of Queens, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, St. John, and Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts.

Dr. Campbell's Address.

Dr. Campbell delivered an excellent address, moderate in tone, but strong in its criticism.

Dr. Hetherington concerned himself chiefly with the contention that the government had left roads and bridges in bad shape in Queens County and that it was necessary therefore to make heavy expenditures this year. The greater part of Dr. Roberts' address consisted of a plea for the passage of his health bill. He labored

THE BRITISH RETIRE FROM THEIR POSITIONS EAST AND NORTHEAST OF YPRES RUIN

Germans in Possession of Wytchaete, Polcapelle and Langemarck and are Now Driving for Important Junction and Supply Town of Hazebrouck—Enemy Progress Towards Latter Held Up Beyond Vieux Berquin and at Nieppe Forest—Mystery Where British Reserves are.

(By William L. McPherson.)

Ludendorff's capture of the British key position at Wytchaete and on the Messines Ridge has had immediate consequences on the Flanders battlefield. It has made the Ypres salient practically untenable.

Wednesday Field Marshal Haig announced a retirement from the British position east and northeast of Ypres. Last night's German communique disclosed the extent of the retirement. The bulwarks of the salient to the southeast of Ypres have crumbled, the eastern and northeastern defences became valueless. Berlin reports the occupation by German troops of Poelcapelle and Langemarck, villages which lie beyond and to the north of the Passchendaele Ridge. So the whole Passchendaele heights, so brilliantly taken by assault last summer, evidently had to be abandoned. This forecasts an almost complete straightening out of the famous Ypres salient. The British are still north, east and south of Ypres. But with the formidable ridges which defend it again in the hands of the Germans, this ruined city ceases to be of military value.

The British held on in Ypres through 1916 and the first half of 1917 only because the German command in Flanders was at that time limited to the strict defensive. In order to fortify his weak position there Field Marshal Haig last summer took both the Messines and the Passchendaele Ridges by assault. They command the surrounding country, and against an aggressive foe possession of the lowlands is a peril rather than an advantage.

Vigorous Counter Attacks.

To cover their withdrawal on the east and northeast the British made vigorous counter attacks Wednesday at Wytchaete, above Neuve Eglise and Balileu, and at Moteren. Moteren was retaken and some progress was made at Wytchaete, but later all the ground regained was again lost. Apparently the British are going to get out of the salient before long and establish themselves on a new defensive line running south from Dixmude to Ypres, or west of it, and then turning southwest to the Nieppe Forest. Their next preoccupation must be to protect Hazebrouck, the most important railroad centre and military base in this section of the front.

French Flanders is scantily supplied with railroads. The lateral lines centering at Hazebrouck connect the Flanders front with the channel ports. The north and south line which runs in the British rear comes down from Poperinghe to Hazebrouck, and then turns southwest to Bethune, the Allied base for the sector of the front about La Bassée.

Hazebrouck Important.

Hazebrouck is, therefore, immensely more important to the Allies at this juncture than Ypres and all the territory in the Ypres salient. It will now become the immediate German objective, having always been one of the ultimate objectives of the present drive. German progress toward it has been held up beyond Vieux Berquin and at the Nieppe Forest. It was necessary for the Germans to reckon first with the British forces strongly established on the flank of an advance on Hazebrouck. Now the way is cleared for an encircling movement, toward Moteren and Marris, toward Caestre, on the Hazebrouck-Poperinghe railroad.

The unknown factor in the fighting today in Flanders is the ability of the two antagonists to draw upon reserves. General Maurice says that, since March 21, the Germans have engaged 150 of their west front divisions. That is over-half their strength. Ludendorff's reserves of fresh troops, especially of troops of first quality, are running very low. On the other hand, there is no evidence that the British in Flanders have been heavily reinforced from other parts of the line. The Allies still have a great preponderance in unused divisions.

"What is happening to Blucher? What has become of the reserves?" asks General Maurice. It is a mystery to him; it is an even greater mystery to the public. The issue on the west front is now essentially an issue of reserves.

BRITISH LOSE FIFTEEN SHIPS

London, April 17.—The losses to British shipping by mine or submarine in the past week totalled fifteen, according to the Admiralty report tonight. Eleven of the merchantmen sunk were 1,600 tons or over, and four under that tonnage. One fishing vessel, also was sunk. Twelve vessels were unsuccessfully attacked. The arrivals numbered 2,311 sailings, 2,456.

In the previous week only six British merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine, four of them of more than 1,600 tons.

BATTLE LIKELY TO CONTINUE SEVERAL DAYS

Several Bright Spots Appeared Yesterday, but Some of Them Fade Away.

TERRITORY DOES NOT COUNT NOW

Position and Reserves Principal Elements of Success at Present.

(By Arthur S. Draper.)

Special to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

London, April 17.—Viewing the northern battlefield as a whole, the news of today's fighting was a trifle better.

The situation is exceedingly anxious but the heroic defense of the British has inspired a confidence that the future will become increasingly bright.

The Germans still hold the initiative and are still fighting for a finish. The battle is likely to continue desperately for some days before the British are completely out of the woods.

What has happened on the front of Ypres—Here the British had a salient which narrowed as the enemy advanced through Balileu. With the loss of Balileu the difficulty of supplying the defenders of this salient greatly increased. After holding the Ypres salient for sentimental reasons since the spring of 1915 the British attacked on July 31 last and continued the campaign until November against tremendous obstacles and a heavy cost. Haig's men secured a fairly strong hold on Passchendaele Ridge. It was a campaign which many times was on the eve of a great victory, only to be balked the next day.

Now the British have cut their losses and fallen back to a position easier to defend and easier to supply from the Poperinghe region.

Territory counts not at all now, positions mean everything. The British have a shorter front and can now defend the channel ports with increased hope of success. Their retirement was conducted orderly and skillfully and the German claims in this region must be read in the light of the facts stated above.

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wages or other matters arising out of their employment. No recognition of any union workmen can be conceded and the conference when held must be with workmen as such and not as union members. Should this suggestion not be acceptable by the New Glasgow workmen the board suggests that a board of conciliation be appointed by the Minister of Labor under the provisions of the Lemieux Act.

(Signed) "F. H. CROCKARD."

SCOTIA STEEL EMPLOYEES IN TRENTON OUT

Federation of Labor Declares Strike and Men in Some of the Plants Went Out Last Night.

Special to The Standard.

New Glasgow, N. S., April 17.—A meeting of the Federation of Labor was held last night to deal with the Trenton situation. Many of those present wanted a strike declared forthwith, but after a lot of discussion it was finally decided to send telegrams to Sir Robert Borden, Hon. N. W. Rowell, the minister of labor, and Alex. McGregor, M. P., intimating that unless a satisfactory answer was received by the Federation of Labor within 24 hours from the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Ltd., a strike would be declared. It was further decided if such answer be received the flag would fly from the labor hall at 8 p. m. today, and work would go on as usual.

If the flag was down it was to be taken as an intimation that the strike was on.

The Strike is On.

At six o'clock this evening there was no flag flying from the Federation Hall and the strike is on. It is understood that the men from some of the plants walked out this evening. How long the strike will last is a problem but it is to be hoped amicable settlement will soon be arrived at.

The following telegram has been received by General Superintendent Adams of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Ltd., and speaks for itself:

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this morning it was decided that the management of the company would meet a committee of say seven workmen now in the service of the company at the New Glasgow plant for the purpose of adjusting

THE GERMAN ARMY IS INCREASED BY 1,600,000 MEN

This Extent to Which Russian Withdrawal Had Added to Potential Strength on Western Front, Including Italy, Without Taking Into Account Reserves, which Would Have Been Necessary for Russian Front—Serious Situation Explained at Secret Session of Canadian House of Commons.

Ottawa, April 17.—The House of Commons met in secret session for two hours this afternoon. Beyond members and officials of the house, these were present members of the Senate only.

The following report of the proceedings at the secret session was issued tonight under the authority of the Speaker:

"The prime minister, on a motion to go into committee of supply, made a full statement surveying the present war situation treating of the military situation, the supply and production of foodstuffs and the problem of merchant shipping and the submarine with special reference to the man-power position of the British Empire and the Allies.

"He stated that the government, being impressed with the desirability of giving to the house the fullest possible information, had communicated to the prime minister of the United Kingdom its intention to move for a secret session and had requested from Mr. Lloyd George a statement of the present position which might be made known to the house. Mr. Lloyd George's message in response to this request was then read. (Continued on page two.)

SITUATION A TRIFLE MORE ENCOURAGING

British Holding Ground they Defended on Tuesday and Went Into Wytchaete and Meteren again, but Obligated to Withdraw—Retirement was Orderly.

Out of the chaos of the tremendous battle along the Lys River, south and southwest of Ypres, the thunder of which may be heard forty or fifty miles away, there have come during the past day reports which are more encouraging to the Allied powers. The British have not only held all the ground which they were defending on Tuesday, but have struck back so powerfully that Meteren and part of Wytchaete were retaken and held for a time. Only after heavy attacks did the British retire again from the villages.

The most disturbing news has been a report from Berlin that Poelcapelle and Langemarck, north of Ypres, have been taken by the Germans and the admission from London that the British have retired from certain of their lines in the Ypres salient. The retirement here was expected, for the advance of the Germans at Neuve Eglise and Balileu left the positions in front of Ypres open to a flank attack.

Retirement Orderly.

It is officially stated that the retirement was orderly and it is probable that it will have more of a sentimental than a strategic effect. Just how far the British lines have been withdrawn is not known. It may be, however, that the German claim of taking Poelcapelle and Langemarck is the result of the British retirement.

The battle, now in its ninth day, has deepened in intensity at many points along the curved front from Messines Ridge to Meteren. There have been reports that the Germans have occupied the village of St. Eloi, which lies less than three miles south of Ypres, but these have not been confirmed.

It was also said that the Germans have taken positions on the south slope of Mount Kemmel, which is about two and a half miles south of Wulverkemel.

This, also, has not been confirmed. Like Granite Wall.

On all the rest of the front from Messines Ridge southwestward the Germans have flung themselves against the granite wall of the British defense. Official and semi-official dispatches have told of the frightful losses inflicted on the attacking masses of troops by the rifle and machine gun fire.

On the southern side of the salient there have been engagements of some magnitude, especially east of Robecq, five miles northwest of Bethune, where the Germans were caught by the Bri-

tish artillery fire and scattered.

The line in front of Arras has again been the scene of fighting but here the British took the offensive and drove the Germans out of British trenches which had been carried by the enemy.

In the Picardy sector there has been lively artillery engagements between the Somme and Oise rivers but only patrol encounters are reported officially.

Further south only raiding operations have been going on. The Turks announced that they have taken the city of Batum, on the eastern shore of the Black Sea. They report strenuous fighting before the Russian defenders of the city were driven out.

Baron Stephen Burian von Rajecz has succeeded Count Czernin as foreign minister of Austria-Hungary, coming back to the office he relinquished on December 23, 1916.

The Macedonian front has again become active. Greek and British troops have advanced and driven the Teutonic allies from seven towns along the Struma River, on the eastern end of the line. French forces have also been active in this theatre of the war.

Fifteen British merchantmen were lost during the week from mines or submarines.

HAIG'S FORCES RETIRE AGAIN

London, April 17.—After gaining a footing today in the villages of Meteren and Wytchaete the British were forced to make a second retirement, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from France tonight. French troops, it is added, have now reinforced the British lines.

The text of the statement reads: "This morning intense bombardments were opened by the enemy on practically the whole of the Lys battlefield, and from the Forest of Nieppe to Wytchaete, were followed by infantry attacks. All these attacks have been repulsed and considerable losses inflicted on the enemy.

"In counter-attacks, reported in the morning communique our troops succeeded in entering the villages of Meteren and Wytchaete, but in the face of continued hostile attacks, were unable to maintain their positions there.

LEWY CASUALTIES

BY GIVING UP GROUND THE BRITISH WEAR OUT ENEMY

Withdrawal from Passchendaele Salient and Giving Up of Ground Won Last Autumn has Not Been in Vain, Since by Doing So Tremendous Losses were Inflicted on the Germans—Famous Statue of the VVrgin in Albert Church Tower Shot Down.

British Headquarters in France, April 17. (Via Reuters's Ottawa agency)—The past 24 hours have been anything but a good time for the enemy. Von Ludendorff is doubtless telling the Germans to look at the map. Our answer is: "Tell them to look at their casualty list."

Our shortening of the Passchendaele salient and the giving up of the ground won last autumn has not been in vain, since it played a large part in wearing out the enemy, the last phase of which we are now entering on.

The withdrawal was accomplished with mastery skill, unhampered by the Germans. Our power of resistance has greatly stiffened, while we have forced the enemy to lengthen his communications across ground which they would infinitely soon be without.

The bitter intensity of the fighting lulled during the forenoon, the hurricane artillery duel subsiding to spasmodic outbreaks with long intervals of comparative calm.

Numerous Prisoners.

We have taken numerous prisoners in the last two days.

There are indications that an attack is coming between Balhieu and Wytschaete. At Boyelles south of Arras there was a sharp conflict yesterday afternoon and night, but quiet seems to be restored there, our positions remaining the same. An expected infantry attack following fierce shelling of Villers-Bretonneux did not materialize and the enemy did not attempt an advance.

Desperate Efforts of Huns.

With the British Army in France, April 17. (The A. P.)—The desperate efforts by great forces of the enemy yesterday afternoon and last night to exploit his successes about Balhieu and Wytschaete met with a costly failure.

The battle west of Balhieu has been continuous and sanguinary. Time after time the enemy's forces flung themselves against the defenders in intense assaults, but on each occasion

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Military Situation.

The prime minister then presented other information and considerations bearing on the situation. The military position confronting the empire was explained in detail. The enemy had clearly disclosed his intention to make a supreme effort to destroy the British army on the western front as an effective fighting force. To this end he had adopted measures placing every man in the German empire between the ages of 17 and 60 at the disposal of the government, reducing the age limit for military service and reorganizing his formations in the field. His forces and reserves for striking at the western front had been enormously increased by the withdrawal of Russia from the war. The employment of Landwehr and Landsturm formations for the defence of the eastern front, the use of these formations to supply individual men as drafts to replace casualties in France and Flanders, their places being taken in turn by the youngest recruits and by men of training, the cessation of war waste in the east and the transfer in addition of large numbers of Austro-Hungarian troops—considering all these factors, the Russian withdrawal had increased the potential enemy strength on the western front, including Italy, by possibly as many as 1,600,000 men without taking into account the reserves which would otherwise have been necessary for the Russian front. France had made already enormous sacrifices and she would continue her heroic and glorious effort to the end.

Drastic Measures.

The government of the United Kingdom had accordingly initiated the most drastic measures for maintaining their effective forces and providing the necessary reserves for the future.

The military effort already made by the United Kingdom, France and the Dominion was shown by means of detailed confidential information as to the strength of the forces which have been raised by each.

As to the position confronting this Dominion, it was apparent that an attack upon the Canadian army corps in full force must be expected. No one could say when, but in view of the strategic value of their position there could be no doubt that they must be prepared to meet any attack launched by the enemy and the country must be prepared to provide the reinforcements to make good all losses.

The government had been in communication with the overseas military authorities and as the result of the most careful consideration, the clear con-

clusion had been reached that if the Canadian army corps was to be maintained as an effective fighting force, additional measures must be taken. The Canadian army corps must be maintained; no one could question that. There was therefore no other alternative before the government, but to propose drastic measures for recruiting the needed reinforcements. These measures had been formulated and announced.

Shipping Situation.

With regard to the shipping situation, the prime minister pointed out that Allied naval resources, including tonnage estimated at 33,000,000 tons at the beginning of the war, had been reduced at the end of 1917 by a total of 2,500,000 tons, that is, about 8 per cent, while British tonnage, considered separately, had suffered a reduction of 20 per cent, the tonnage being 10,000,000 at the outbreak of the war and the net loss, taking into account new construction, as in the other case, being 3,500,000 tons.

The strain on British shipping was illustrated by a citation of the very large proportion which is devoted to the special war services of the army, navy, the Allies and the British dominions. The result was a very serious reduction in the amount available for supplying the United Kingdom with its essential foods and materials and the sacrifices imposed upon the people of Great Britain could not be overstated. The shipping programme of Germany, the Allies and the British was explained. The important question of the world's food supply was reviewed and the House was made acquainted with information pointing to the vital necessity for stimulating increased production.

Extremely Grave.

In conclusion the prime minister urged that it must be recognized that the position was one of extreme gravity. In view of the issues involved Germany must be defeated. There could be no other alternative. And to this end Canada must provide all the assistance in her power. We must supply the men necessary to keep our divisions up to full strength no matter what casualties were suffered and we must so organize our remaining human power as to maintain and if possible increase our agricultural production.

Following the prime minister's statement a brief discussion ensued, those who took part in it being Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Sam Hughes and General McBurn.

The members of the senate attended the session, that house adjourning for the purpose.

Poor Shake.

"Johnnie" called his mother, "say using that bad language."

"Why?" replied the boy, "Shakespeare said what I just did."

"Well," replied the mother, growing indignant, "you should stop playing with him; he's no fit companion for you."—Pearson's Weekly.

H. G. WADMAN AGAIN THE GRAND MASTER OF N. B. ORANGEMEN

Grand Lodge Sits all Night to Finish Up Large Amount of business on hand—Officers Chosen.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 17.—The Orange Grand Lodge was officially welcomed to the city this morning by Mayor Hanson and his assistants were greeted with cheers by the assembled members of the order.

Reports from the committees on petitions and appeals and suspensions and a number of county reports were received and adopted. The report of the Grand Secretary was dealt with by a special committee, and they expressed the appreciation of the Grand Lodge for the very efficient way in which that official had discharged his duties during the year.

The usual salaries and appropriations were passed.

Orders of thanks were extended to Grand Treasurer Robert Willis for the way he fulfilled the duties of his office and who had served without remuneration; and to Past Grand Master David Hipwell, for services rendered during the year.

The election of officers conducted by Dr. W. B. Wallace, P. G. M., resulted as follows:

H. G. Wadman, grand master. L. A. Palmer, senior deputy. J. L. Gray, junior deputy. Rev. Alexander Grant, grand chaplain.

Robert Willis, grand treasurer. N. J. Morrison, grand secretary. F. W. McNally, grand lecturer. O. C. Smallwood, grand director of ceremonies.

S. W. Smith, deputy grand secretary. J. H. Cochran, J. W. McFarlane, grand auditors.

The following brethren were appointed deputy chaplains:—Rev. B. H. Penwarden, Rev. F. A. Whightman, A. W. Currie, J. A. Prewelling, D. Peterson, James Semple and Messrs. Rebe, Hatfield, McLeod and Ready.

At midnight adjournment was made for supper after which the session was resumed at the lodge at all night in order to finish up the business.

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General Maurice then referred to the successful British withdrawal in the Ypres salient and continued. "Preparations for shortening our line in the Ypres salient were made some time ago and the decision to carry it out was reached before the fall of Balhieu owing to the danger offered to our positions in the salient from a flanking movement. The withdrawal was not difficult, it was caused by the adverse course of events around Balhieu but by more general considerations."

THIRTY-SEVEN PERSONS PERISH

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Story of Disaster.

An officer of the O. B. Jennings, who told the story of the disaster, supported in his statements by members of the crew, said the collision occurred shortly after 2 a. m., when they were within fifteen miles of their destination. He added that it was caused by the necessity of running without lights owing to the submarine danger.

"We had an exceptionally rough trip," the officer said. "As a result of the churning of the bulk of oil we carried had resulted in a tremendous amount of sea. When the War Knight hit us, there was an instant explosion, caused no doubt by a spark from the impact of the steel setting the gas on fire."

Roar of Flame.

"Immediately there was a roar of flame shooting out of the hole in the O. B. Jennings' side, which all enveloped the Britisher. I learned afterwards that 36 of her crew of about fifty were on the deck at the time and a number of them had been almost instantly incinerated.

"We drifted apart and one of the destroyers by which we were convoyed managed to get a line on her and was towing her toward the beach when in some manner the burning ship drifted onto a mine field and she blew up. The case oil with which she was loaded, took fire and completed her destruction."

Lifeboats Useless.

"We had our own safety to look after. The burning naphtha had poured round the ship, and it would have been folly to launch lifeboats. It was then that the destroyers showed their resourcefulness for they dashed through the burning oil, bumped alongside of us and we jumped to their decks in safety. We lost only one man, a seaman named Shea, who was either burned or fell overboard and drowned."

"The O. B. Jennings, being a menace to other ships, the destroyers proceeded to sink her, which they did with a number of shots sent through her hold. She settled until her decks were level with the water, extinguishing the flames, and afterwards she was taken in tow and beached. She probably is not a total loss.

"The accident came at the close of a rough and exciting voyage which had set the nerves of our crew on edge through the previous unaccounted for disappearance of several ships of our convoy. They may have been diverted, or they may have been torpedoed. We never knew further than the fact that they were gone when we looked for them."

The British steamer War Knight, the vessel destroyed through the collision, was of 7,181 tons gross register, built at Alameda, California, in 1917. The O. B. Jennings was owned by the Standard Oil Company, and was a steamer of 10,280 tons gross register. The bare news that the O. B. Jennings had been in a collision and was beached and that one of the crew was killed was received by The Standard Oil Company in New York shortly after the accident.

BORN.

BYKEMAN—At Lower Jemseg, on Friday, April 15, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Medley Dykeman, a son.

NO REASON TO BE DEPRESSED OF DESPAIR SAYS MAURICE IN YARMOUTH

Chief Director of Military Operations in British War Office Returns from Front—British Gained Ground Early Wednesday, but Lost Some Later in Day—Withdrawal to New Line on Ypres Salient—Situation Very Anxious one on Tuesday

London, April 17.—The greater part of Wytschaete and probably all of it was in the hands of the British for a time, Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office announced today.

Counter-attacking successfully at Meteren and south of that place, the British have driven back the Germans half way to Bailleur. They have advanced and improved their line in the direction of Neuve Eglise.

"The news last night and today is better," says General Maurice, "while I am not able to say definitely that Wytschaete is entirely in our hands, we hold the greater part and probably the whole of it. As mentioned in Field Marshal Haig's communique, we made a withdrawal to a new line on the Ypres salient. The withdrawal was decided upon on Sunday. It was carried out partly on Sunday night and completed on Monday. It is a regrettable military necessity which forces us to give up ground which we won at such heavy cost. On Tuesday the Germans were still shelling trenches which we had left the day before."

Returned from Front.

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What of the whole battle situation? Our army has been through very severe strain, and that strain has been reflected at home. The situation has had its critical moments and still is decidedly anxious. But remember we have accepted the principle of a united front and must accept the consequences of that principle. We must look at the whole battle not from our army's sacrifices and sufferings, but from the standpoint of the whole Entente.

The British army is playing the role which it often has played before. It is fighting a Waterloo while Blucher is marching to the battlefield. Multiply the battle of Waterloo a hundred and the result corresponds to the situation now in the great world battle.

"The British army is under a terrible hammering but providing we stand that hammering without breaking, and providing Blucher is marching to the battlefield there is no reason for discouragement.

"The enormous task which the British army has performed and still is performing may be shown by a few facts. In some of the fiercest battles of the war, the British have engaged twenty eight divisions and since March 21st they have engaged 126 divisions.

Of these the British army alone has engaged 79, the French have engaged 24 and the remainder 23, have been engaged by the British and French together.

"Of the German divisions which the British engaged 28 have been fought twice and one thrice. Of the German divisions which the French engaged four have fought twice. Of the German divisions which the British and French engaged together, fifteen have been fought twice and one thrice.

It is unpleasant business standing the hammering but so long as we can stand it the only question to be asked is: "What is happening to the reserves?"

"Although the French army is larger than ours we have taken the strain of these battles out of them. There is no reason to be in a state of despair if the situation is regarded from a broad point of view and if we regard our great sacrifice rightly as a necessary part of the great drama."

DIED.

COMPTON—Suddenly in Fairville on April 17, Samuel Compton, aged sixty years, leaving his wife, one son in France, one daughter, two brothers and one sister to mourn. Funeral from his late residence, Main-avenue road, on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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Miscreant Fires Burn and Woollen Mills—Two Dwellings Damaged—Fire Alarm Wires Cut.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., April 17.—What seems to have been a deliberate attempt to burn a portion of the town took place about midnight. A few minutes before that hour a barn on Hawthorne street was found to be on fire and alarms were sent in from box 12. The building was empty and being a mere shell burned rapidly.

It was soon destroyed but not before the flames had communicated to the adjoining houses occupied by Mrs. Bent and Peter Rose. The former house was badly damaged and the latter slightly. Just as this fire was getting under control the fire bells rang out an alarm, this time for a blaze in the large wooden building known as the woolen mills.

Enough firemen were ordered from Hawthorne street to look after it and it was soon extinguished. On investigation a bottle of kerosene was found but what was worse it was also found that the fire alarm wires had been severed, thus preventing a quick alarm from being sent in. The police are investigating and it is said have a clue.

The property loss in both cases is small.

NEW BRUNSWICK BIBLE SOCIETY HOLDS ELECTION

At Annual Meeting Held in Moncton Justice Forbes of St. John is Elected President and Mayor Hayes Secretary.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 17.—The ninety-ninth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Bible Society was held in the Central Methodist church here this afternoon and evening. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Venerable Archbishop O. S. Newnam of St. Stephen, N. B. St. John delegates present were Rev. H. R. Boyer, district secretary; Rev. Dr. Heine, Rev. H. A. Goodwin, Rev. Mr. Morton, Rev. Mr. Arthur, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Rev. J. M. Rogers.

Delegates were appointed to the general board meeting as follows: Hon. J. G. Forbes, St. John; Rev. W. H. Barraclough, Moncton; Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, St. John; Archbishop Newnam, St. Stephen; Rev. H. A. Goodwin, St. John.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Hon. J. G. Forbes, St. John. First Vice-President, Chief Justice H. A. McKeown. Second Vice-President, J. S. Armstrong, Fredericton. Third Vice-President, Rev. T. P. Drumm, Moncton.

Fourth Vice-President, J. W. Spurdon, Fredericton. Treasurer, Mayor R. T. Hayes, St. John. Secretary, G. A. Henderson. Other members of executive, same as last year.

Archdeacon Newnam presided over a public meeting this evening. Addresses were given by Mr. G. A. Kurling and Rev. H. A. Goodwin, St. John.

SUSSEX. Sussex, April 12.—Mrs. Charles Leonard arrived home from California on Tuesday afternoon, being called here on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. O. R. Arnold.

Mrs. Arnold's many friends are pleased to know that she is improving very rapidly.

Major G. S. Klinebar, who returned from the 25th Battalion in France last November, after having been with them about a year and took part in the Vimy Ridge and Lens operations, has been ordered to Boston to be used by the U. S. A. government in the new Liberty loan campaign. Major Klinebar left for Boston on Saturday last.

Miss Nellie Craig, St. John, spent the weekend in town.

Mr. J. Albert Perkins was a visitor to St. John on Tuesday.

The Guild of Chalmers Presbyterian church held a social in the church hall Thursday evening. There was a short programme, followed by an interesting contest, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Edwin Arnold entertained the Guild of Trinity church on Thursday evening.

The entertainment under the auspices of the Sussex branch of the Great War Veterans' Association on Thursday evening last at the Opera House was largely attended. The war pictures were good and an interesting description of each as screened was given by Serg. Puddy of St. John, a returned veteran. Miss Gretchen Mills and Mrs. A. Forsythe rendered solos in their usual pleasing manner, and Mr. Charles Clarke gave readings which were well received.

Mrs. Alexander Bala was hostess at a linen shower on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Anna Gamblin, nursing sister, who will soon return overseas and on her arrival will be one of the principals in a happy event. A



This is one of our spring models for young men—blue, brown and several shades of grey; a coat suitable and practical for every day and occasion and it always has the dressy look; but it's no coat for the round shouldered, careless dresser.

It's designed for the straight-backed, built-up type of man. \$15 to \$25.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

number of useful gifts were received and a very pleasant evening spent in games and music.

Among those invited were Mrs. Vickers, Misses Anna and Joan Gamblin, Marjorie Bradshaw, Mary Allison, Mae Heenan, Jean Allison, Nellie and Annie Heustis, Eleanor and Mary Roach, Elsie Slocum, Marjorie Roach, Elsie and Florrie Wallace, Millie Wallace, Jean Connelly, Ina McFarlane and Alice Mac.

Mrs. A. L. Robinson returned home on Tuesday after a week's visit to St. John.

O. R. Arnold of Bridgetown, N. S., spent the weekend in Sussex. Mrs. Thomas Craig and children of Hartland, N. B., are visiting Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coggin.

Mrs. Cameron and Master Angus returned home on Tuesday after visiting her husband, Bandmaster James R. Cameron of the Regimental Depot Band, St. John.

Mrs. Charles D. Hearne and little daughter, Marjorie, of Fredericton are guests of Mrs. Hearne's sister, Mrs. Frank van der Meer, of Sussex.

Lt. P. Yovanovitch, who has been with the Serbian camp for some time and who has made many friends during his stay in Sussex, left for New York on Tuesday. He will shortly go overseas and it is expected will proceed to Salonica.

An appreciative audience heard Chalmers' Presbyterian church choir sing Pears' beautiful cantata, "Easter Angels" on Monday evening. All the solos were well rendered and the chorus work was good. Mrs. Andrew Forsythe was heard with splendid effect in the contralto solo, "Angels at Gettysburg," and again in "Joy in the Mansions of Light" with women's voices. The cantata solo was beautifully rendered by Rev. A. V. Morash and J. M. Klinebar sang in good voice the tenor solo. Mrs. Ora King sang "Wandering Angels," a soprano solo, in her usual finished manner. As a group of the evening was the alto and bass tones created by Mrs. Andrew Forsythe and J. M. Klinebar.

The Ladies' Orchestra played two selections and Miss Gertrude Sherwood two organ solos. Mrs. King and Mr. W. Pitt Murray sang in a splendid manner the duo "Love Birds" as follows: King a solo, "Consider and Hear Me."

Dr. J. W. Robertson, chairman of the Dominion food production committee, was in Sussex on Friday and spoke on "Greater Production" in the Agricultural Hall on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Garfield White left on Friday for Boston and New York. While in Boston Mrs. White will visit her mother, Mrs. J. S. Trites.

The Remington is the Aristocrat of the Business World—The Typewriter with the record of nearly a half century of Leadership. A. Milne Frazer, Jas. A. Little, Mgr. 37 Dock Street St. John, N. B.

Special to The Standard. Shediac, April 17.—The town election took place yesterday and went off with the exception of the Mayor, A. W. McQueen; ward one, James Casey, Philip Theriault; ward two, Dr. A. Sormany, J. F. Leger; ward three, Leon Cassidy, R. A. Leger; ward four, A. Roberts, F. T. Richard.

BURIAN SUCCEEDS CZERNIN. Amsterdam, April 17.—Baron Burian was minister of foreign affairs from Sept. 15, 1914, to Dec. 23, 1918, when he was succeeded by Count Czernin. Burian also retains his portfolio as minister of finance.

DANISH SCROFULA

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cleanses the Blood, Skin Troubles Vanish.

Scrofula eruptions on the face and body are both annoying and disfiguring. Many a complexion would be perfect if they were not present. This disease shows itself in other ways, as bunces in the neck, inflammation of the joints, weakness of the muscles, a form of dyspepsia, and general debility.

Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine completely eradicates scrofula. It purifies and enriches the blood, removes humors, and builds up the whole system. It embodies the careful training, experience and skill of Mr. Hood, a pharmacist for fifty years, in its quality and power to cure.

Scrofula is either inherited or acquired. Better be sure you are quite free from it. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla and begin taking it today.

Reckless L... cerning... and P... of Mon... Clear an... of Some... tion.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 17.—The day being a debate on the... Mr. Hetherington... He congratulated secretary on the... he had brought... felt sure that they... been able to... the opposite side... he was well able... self. He also co... four speakers... so earnestly me... the financial aff... He had listen... to the remarks... general when he... lecture hour, me... the Speaker for... the late Dominio... every man... right to his... speaking for him... upon those con... tates of his con... which daily mo... people that patri... age behind whic... his doubtful wor... tion. That was r... the purpose of... justified the meet... now arrived wh... displace politics... nipulation and eff... at the expense... the people are to... stance towards... freedom for whic... been shed. Spee... observation whic... had anything to... in which such in... such unblushing d... practised by... porters, and he... than one was ab... House of Commo... would have recei... tion from these... Delivered

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Bible scholar as a... con's and Sunday... with potato... and he might not... accurately, but th... would quote was... his mouth were s... but war was in... were softer than... drawn swords."

Mr. Smith (Car... you find that? Mr. Hetherington... who is a deacon... which I adhere to... asking me. For... might say that he... of the House... (Potts), who spo... night, seemed to... member's subject... to put into pract... or out the House... one-tenth of one p... members subject... possibility of gettin...

Have Sloan's L... business and aprin... able. Quick and... prompt applicati... rub, it quickly... trouble and driv... Cleanse than med... ments. Sloan's... stain the skin no... For rheumatic a... attack. It is a... striae, and open... Generous and bet...

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RECKLESS LAURIERITE UTTERS RANK FALSEHOOD CONCERNING CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS OF THE PROVINCE AND BECOMES SECOND FIDDLE TO JOHN T. HAWKE OF MONCTON—DR. CAMPBELL, ST. JOHN, MAKES A CLEAR AND FORCIBLE SPEECH ON BUDGET AND TELLS OF SOME SHORTCOMINGS OF FOSTERITE AGGREGATION.

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Mr. Hetherington on the order of the day being called, resumed the debate on the budget. He congratulated the hon. provincial secretary on the able manner in which he had brought down the budget and felt sure that the hon. member had been able to convince his critics on the opposite side of the House that he was well able to take care of himself.

He had listened with amusement to the remarks of the ex-attorney-general, when he had undertaken to lecture hon. members to the right of the Speaker for their attitude during the late Dominion election. He held that every man had an inalienable right to his own convictions, and speaking for himself, he had acted upon those convictions and the dictates of his conscience.

The ex-attorney-general had talked to the House on party in elections, and as a means to that end had proposed that all voters be sworn. Perhaps the ex-attorney-general intended to follow up methods which he had put into practice in his earlier days in the county of Queens preparatory to having the voters sworn.

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ALBERT COUNTY'S ABLE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK



LEWIS SMITH, M.L.A. JOHN L. PECK, M.L.A.

ing appointed a member of the commission and it had been a pleasure to him to serve with the other gentlemen who had been appointed. That commission had given its very best attention and had prepared a report which would shortly be placed before the House.

With reference to the appropriation for public health he observed that it was not sufficiently large to enable the government to carry out the provisions of the proposed act. He felt that it was only right that all hon. members should give credit to his hon. colleagues from St. John for his assiduity in the matter.

Mr. Hetherington continuing said he wished to make reference to an editorial which had appeared in the Fredericton Gleaner of March 15. The article stated that the government was bringing into Queens county a number of French families from Quebec and in co-operation with Mr. King and himself had perfected elaborate plans for filling up the county with French settlers.

Another Misstatement. Referring to the public health act he had understood the hon. member of York to say that the medical fraternity had not been consulted in connection with the matter.

Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell said he did not know that hon. members were greatly alarmed over the threatened French invasion but there was another invasion the thought of which was in the heart of every Britisher.

Heart Beat So Fast Could Not Sleep. HAD TO SIT UP IN BED. Heart trouble has of late years become very prevalent. Sometimes a pain catches you in the region of the heart, now and then your heart skips beats, palpitates, throbs, or beats with such rapidity and violence you think it will burst.

DOMINION means ALL CANADIAN MADE. Dominion Tires are as Canadian as the Boys who carried the Maple Leaf to Flanders. The Dominion Rubber System—with its factories, warehouses and branches—is easily the largest manufacturer and distributor of CANADIAN MADE TIRES in Canada.

IT'S SIMPLY MARVELLOUS

The way Zam-Buk relieves the burning and irritation of eczema, writes Miss A. Gallant, of St. Nicholas, P.E.I. "For a year I suffered with this disease, and tried all kinds of remedies, but nothing helped me until I used Zam-Buk. The continued use of this herbal balm has completely cured me."



Among all the important legislation which has been brought down during the session the speaker said he considered the public health act to be most important. The machine guns of the opposition had been directed against that measure. It was difficult to see the standing of those composing the opposition should take the course they had in this present crisis which was the greater asset to a country, men or money?

Mr. Potts—"Do you think that bill will do it?" Hon. Mr. Roberts—"I not only think it, I know it."

Evening Session. The House resumed at 8 o'clock in committee to consider the highways act. Hon. Mr. Veniot said that when section 15 was stood over he had announced that he had received many requests from all parts of the province to change the rule of the road from the left to the right in conformity with the rule in force in Quebec and Ontario and the United States.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1918.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

"SUFFRAGE AND POLITICS."

It is not often necessary for The Standard to differ with the Globe in editorial opinions expressed by our esteemed contemporary, but an article in Tuesday evening's issue under the caption quoted above, was wide of the facts and was read with amazement by those familiar with the circumstances under which the motion seeking leave to introduce a bill to confer the provincial franchise on women was introduced in the Legislature on Monday evening by the leader of the Opposition and withdrawn upon the statement of the premier that the lieutenant-governor had promised the Royal assent would be withheld from the bill even should it pass the House. The Globe declares that the introduction of the motion was a "trick of the Opposition" and that the premier's action in reply was "a political bluff." Possibly the Globe is right in its characterization of the premier's course. On that point this newspaper has no knowledge. But The Standard does know that Hon. J. A. Murray in introducing his motion did not seek for political advantage but merely implemented a promise made to a member of the Social Service Congress of St. John. Hon. Mr. Murray, it will be remembered, took up this question of suffrage for women early in the session, and seconded by Mr. Tilley, introduced a motion approving the principle. This was passed by the House without dissent and it was therefore most natural that having secured endorsement of the principle the leader of the Opposition should take steps to give effect to it by the introduction of a bill in which all the formalities had been complied with and which was expected would at least receive the consideration of the members.

It is also true that the government party was divided over the bill. Some of them had previously pledged themselves to the movement, while others were most strongly opposed. Consequently if there had been a division of the situation of the government and the premier might have been awkward. It was with this in mind that Mr. Poeter sought the intervention of the lieutenant-governor and secured the pledge rendering it useless for Mr. Murray to proceed further. When the Globe says that the government party members believe that the women of this province should have the ballot, but who, when the test came, lacked the moral courage to act according to their convictions, the statement is correct. It was purely a political move on the part of the premier which resulted in the temporary defeat of the suffrage proposal. But The Standard can say on the authority of the leader of the Opposition that a desire to make political capital did not impel him to introduce the motion and bill. Simply was he acting in accordance with his own belief in the justice of extending the franchise to women and in fulfillment of a promise he had previously made.

AN ACHIEVEMENT OF WAR.

A war achievement second only to that of victory over militarism is to be found in the cementing of the Anglo-Saxon nations of the British Empire and the United States. Upon these nations now devolves the task of defeating Prussianism and of sustaining the liberties of the world and they are being knit together in a spirit of brotherhood and understanding that indicates a future companionship rich with blessings to all the world. After a considerable stay in the United States, the Archbishop of York has come to Canada, and he and Dr. Grenfell, the famous Labrador missionary and scientist, alike relate the realization that has come to the mind of the republic to the south of us of the closeness of interest and mutual dependence existing between Washington and London. Washington is relying upon the British and French to hold the lines on the western front and stem the tide of Hun aggression, and these nations in turn are depending upon the men of the United States to finally clinch the victory.

It is now clear that the war must end in a victorious peace, a peace that will be won by the sword no matter how long a time may be consumed in the winning and when that time comes Great Britain and the United States will exercise a benign domination over the world. It will be the domination of conscious strength coupled with good will to all nations, such strength to be put forth only for the preservation of world peace and the continued maintenance of liberty. The gigantic navy of British which has held the seas for the benefit of all will be joined in that work by the navies of the United States, Italy and France. The

armies of those great nations will be maintained, if not at war strength, at least in sufficient force to guarantee peace and fairplay on all sides. Instead of the arbitrament of force there will be international courts whose decisions will be respected and enforced. Against such a bulwark of Anglo-Saxonism in both hemispheres the forces of militarism will beat in vain. It will not be possible to build Mittel Europa plans upon which to base a new peace and freedom. The enlightened public opinion will dethrone German kultur not alone in the countries outside of Germany but in the Central Empires themselves. Numbered are the days of the junker and the blood-lusting war-lord. But to no group of people will success in the war mean more than to the Anglo-Saxons and the fact that this great family will in future dwell together in undisguised confidence and good will is worth in itself all the blood and sacrifice the war has cost.

A LITTLE SIDE LINE.

Previous to the advent of Hon. Peter Veniot to the position of Minister of Public Works, automobile tags for the Province of New Brunswick were purchased from the McClary Manufacturing Company and were made of enamel baked on steel plates. Automobile owners in those halcyon days were in the habit of applying to the local dealers or to Frederick direct for their license tags, paying ten dollars, and receiving these little metal plates without any trouble.

Since the Honorable Peter came into power, licensees are forwarded only from the Public Works Office in Fredericton. And in order to obtain them, purchasers of automobiles, and owners applying for renewal licenses, are required to forward ten cents additional for postage. In return they receive something manufactured by a different concern from that formerly supplying the province—in the form of tags which are about as good for all practical purposes as a sheet of blotting paper. The automobile should hold up and slow down or stop on a thin sheet iron and look as though the numbers were painted on them. So fragile are these things that it is apparently impossible to bolt them to automobiles and make them stay for more than a few weeks. The bolts cut through the flimsy metal and the jarring of the car shakes the tags off in anywhere from ten minutes to a couple of months. Then it becomes necessary for the owner to send to Fredericton for another set. He cannot buy one tag, if one should be lost, but must get two, for which he pays one dollar, plus ten cents additional for postage. As these tags are worth about five cents there is a good profit on the transaction—in fact, practically all of the dollar is profit—and according to Mr. Veniot's plan the tags are expected to shake themselves to pieces three or four times a year. The prospects are very bright, with some five thousand automobile owners in New Brunswick, for a net revenue of five, ten or fifteen thousand dollars per year in tag day profits.

A BIT OF VERSE

1918.
Sure, I'm from the trenches,
And I'm shy a leg or so,
But hell, that doesn't matter,
For I just had to go.
I left my wife and kiddies,
And I went to France to fight
For the flag and home and honor,
And the things I knew were right.
And though I've got a timber leg—
Say, Partner, I expect
The loss ain't what it would a-been
Had I lost my self-respect.
And here I am back home again,
I've done my little bit,
And the wife and kids are proud
Because I happened to get hit.
Yes, sir! They're proud of this old pes,
As proud as they can be,
For it's the finest part, they say,
Of my anatomy.
And when I hear them talk like this
It makes me pretty mad,
Because I've got an arm or two
My country could have had.

A BIT OF FUN

A Whistler Story.
Whistler once undertook to get a fellow artist's work into the autumn salon. He succeeded and the picture was hung. But the painter, going to see his masterpiece with Whistler on a vanishing day, uttered an exclamation of dismay. "Good heavens!" he cried, "you're

exhibiting my picture upside down."
"Hush!" said Whistler. "The committee refused it the other way."
—Boston Transcript.

Magic Required.
Betty—Papa says I shall marry the man I wish to.
Alice (who has had experience)—What will he do—hypnotize the man?
—Boston Transcript.

It Made a Difference.
"Mr. Flint, I—er—ah! that is, can I—ah—will you—"
"Why, yes, my boy; you may have her."
"Ah? Have whom?"
"My daughter, of course! You want to marry her, don't you?"
"No, sir, I came to see if you would endorse my note for \$100."
"Certainly not! Why, I hardly know you!"
—Puck.

NETHERINGTON OF QUEENS RAISES RELIGIOUS GRAY

(Continued from page 3).

N. S. Would Follow.

Hon. Mr. Smith (Carleton) said that the reasons which would lead Westmorland to oppose the change operated in its favor in the counties along the Maine border. Nova Scotia could not be expected to change before New Brunswick did, but he was satisfied that Nova Scotia would follow.

Mr. Jones said if the members wanted to satisfy the people they would leave the rule as it is. It would cost each farmer from four to twenty dollars to change the shafts on their sleighs and sleds.

Mr. Tilley said this was a piece of progressive legislation which should be adopted.

Hon. Mr. Smith (minister of lands and mines) was very much against it. He believed it would be very unpopular among the farmers to whom it would apply.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that there would be a continued increase in the use of motor vehicles, and it would be well to make the change as soon as possible.

Mr. Sutton said that living near the border of Maine he knew of the need for the change, and that it would be in the interests of public safety.

Mr. Sweeney hoped that the members would vote down the change.

Hon. Mr. Murray (provincial secretary) said that there were few counties in which the winter roads were broken for double teams, and the change would be a serious one on this account. For himself he would change a pair of shafts before breakfast just for an appetizer.

The motion to adopt section 15 (changing the rule as to the being put the chairman declared it lost. On a standing vote being demanded, he announced the result: Yeas, 19; Nays 23. He declared the motion lost.

Hon. Mr. Veniot moved that section 15 be amended to provide for turning to the right. He said no section of the act would be put into effect until proclaimed, and this would apply to section 15.

Mr. Dickson—"What is the rule when a team meets a motor vehicle?"
Hon. Mr. Veniot—"The team has the right of way on its side of the road. The automobile should hold up and slow down or stop on a signal from the driver."

Mr. Dickson—"Has the team a right of way on the road?"
Hon. Mr. Veniot—"Yes."

The motion to adopt section 15 as amended to change the rule from left to right was adopted by a vote of 23 to 19.

Mr. Maseo submitted to the committee a substitution which he asked to have added to section 15. It provided that the act should be in force in the province as a whole and not in separate parts.

Hon. Mr. Veniot said that the change in the rule of the road would not go into effect until a proclamation was issued. He had heard of the amendment but he thought that the amendments which he had prepared would fairly meet the situation.

The House again went into committee, and after agreeing to a number of bills adjourned at 11:30.

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Hon. Mr. Veniot said that that completed highway act, except some sections relating solely to the Parish of Lancaster, which had been prepared in connection with rate payers of that parish. He had heard of the amendments pro and con with reference to the bill and he thought that the amendments which he had prepared would fairly meet the situation.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.
The fellows was setting on my front steps hoping a runaway horse would go by or something, and Sam Cross started to come up the street taking something out of his pocket and looking at it and putting it back in his pocket again, and I see, G. fellows, Sam Cross has got that watch he's bragging he was going to get.

Les nobody dont perried they notice it, and Paul Simkins. And Sam Cross came up and set down and the first thing he did was pull his watch out of his pocket and look at it and put it back again, saying, it's half past 4 already, wat do you know about that?

Which none of us fellow didnt say anything, and pritty soon Sam Cross pulled his watch out again, saying, it's 5, gosh, this sarteny does go fast.

Has anybody saw Ed Wernick lately? sed Sid Hunt. And nobody let on they had saw the watch, and pritty soon Sam Cross pulled it out again, holding it away out and looking at it as if he thart he was far sighted, saying, I wonder if this watch is slow, no, I half believe its fast.

And he put it back in his pocket again, and nobody sed anything and he pulled it rite out again and started to look at the back of it, saying, S. C., thats rite, gosh, Im glad they didnt get the initials rong.

I wish a airplane wood go past, I sed looking up in the air. And the fellows all started to talk about different things, and after a while Sam Cross sed, O, by the way, fellows, did you know I had a new watch?

And he pulled it out again, and us fellows all ackted surprized and stuck our heads over his shoulders to see it, saying, Have you, Sam? Gosh, wat do you know about that, Sam got a new watch, G wizz, lets see it, Sam, lets see it.

And Sam showed it to us and told us the time by it about every 10 minits.

BLAMES VATICAN FOR UTTERANCES OF THE CLERGY

Whitney Warren of New York Declares Pope and his Clergy are Sincere in Attitude Regarding Peace and War but are Victims of Blindness.

(Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard.) (By Wilbur Forrest.)

Rome, April 15—Before the Society of Trent and Trieste this Monday afternoon, with the president of the society, Duke di Casano, presiding, Whitney Warren of New York, in a long speech on the subject, "The Common Task Before the Allies," made the following statement as to the attitude of the Vatican:

"Catholics and men by their names. In England and France there exist certain anarchist groups which tried to accomplish the shameful task of creating bad morale within the army and amidst the civil populations and to force in the spirit of the peoples.

"Here in Italy is the Vatican. I am a partisan of religion and with regret feel obliged to take to task the Pope and his clergy. I cannot assign bad intentions to the Vatican in order to blame it. One may suppose that it is simply the victim of a terrible blindness.

Vatican Sincere.
"I admit that the Vatican is perfectly sincere, since, in the name of Christian charity it has expressed the desire for peace. But no matter how sincere its intentions it has produced only abominable effect. We have seen the proof in the last year when national discouragement both in the front and rear, partially caused by pacifist propaganda, directed by the clergy.

"To me and to others it seems inconceivable that the strongest moral force in the world make use of its power in such a paradoxical manner. I have been schooled in the idea that justice has divine essence and that the role of the clergy must be exercised in respect. But we have seen Catholic Belgium invaded without the Chief of Catholicism making the slightest protest. We have seen Germany and Austria throw themselves upon peaceful peoples, making criminal aggressions, violating all laws of religion and humanity, and it has been only at the moment when they harvested the fruit of their brigandage that the Vicar of Christ asks a cessation of fighting, and exhorts these spirits to turn themselves away from war. What a conception of his role!

Effect in Italy.
"The enemies of civilization have found in him a precious help when they should have encountered an invincible barrier. The work of the Vatican in Italy has been one of degrading men, hesitating, between their duty as patriots and their duty as Christians. It has had but one end; breaking the faith the people had in the destiny of the nation and its legitimate national aims.

"It is curious that on questions of peace the clergy have found themselves in accord with their habitual adversaries, the Socialists, who adopt another point of view but arrive at the same conclusion. Their theory is not only in Italy but everywhere is that it is a war for the profit of capital and that the working classes are dupes of the directing classes, being killed for the enrichment of the bourgeoisie. The consequence of this reasoning is that they have become convinced to the point of stacking arms.

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FUNERALS

The funeral of Private McLeod McFarlane, who died in the Military Hospital in Pitt street took place yesterday afternoon from the Carmarthen street Methodist church. Services were conducted by Rev. H. Penna. Interment was made in the soldiers' plot in Fernhill. Private McFarlane was buried with full military honors.

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The Depot Battalion band and a firing squad from the depot battalion accompanied the body to the grave.
The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Martin took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Wright St., to Holy Trinity church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. V. J. Walsh, Y. G. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.
The funeral of Archibald Capron took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 100 Cheesley street. Services were conducted by Rev. F. H. Wentworth. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The body of Captain James C. Price who died in Somerville, Mass., was brought here for burial and the funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the Fairville station on the arrival of the Boston train. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.
The funeral of Charles T. Pidgeon took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, City Line. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.
The funeral of Mrs. E. V. Weston took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Ladlow street. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

Washington, April 17—Production of print paper declined in the four weeks ending March 31, as shown in statistics made public today by the federal trade commission.
Shipments continued to exceed production, and mill stocks showed a decrease of more than 7,000 tons.

LEGISLATURE ADOPTS CHANGES IN LANCASTER HIGHWAY ACT

That District Will be Separate Highway Division Under Control of Lancaster Highway Board, Such Division to be Exempt from Sections of the Road Act Relating to Road Supervisors. Road Supervisors.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, April 17—Additions to the highway act, particularly affecting the parish of Lancaster, were considered in committee of the whole house tonight and adopted. These additions which provide special legislation for that parish are the result of consultation between the minister of public works, the members for St. John county and delegations from Lancaster. The additions provide that Lancaster shall be a separate highway division under the control of the Lancaster highway board and that such division shall be exempt from sections of the road act relating to road supervisors. The boundaries of the district are set out and the composition of the highway board determined. The board shall consist of the municipal councillors-elect for the parish and two other members to be appointed by the government. The government shall name the chairman and secretary and the highway board shall fix the amount of the secretary's remuneration.

Full Authority.
This highway board shall have power to direct the assessment for highway purposes, to arrange for statute labor and to borrow from any chartered bank up to fifty per cent. of the assessment for the purpose of proceeding with the road work, such sum to be repaid when the assessment is collected.

On the section providing the make-up of the board, Mr. Baxter moved an amendment that the section be changed to establish that the board shall consist of the councillors-elect, and eliminating the power of the government to name two members. In support of this he said that money spent on the Lancaster highway was raised by the parish itself and little or no government money was used there. Therefore it was not necessary that the government should name men to superintend the expenditures.

Some Friction.
Hon. Mr. Veniot, in reply, said there was friction in the Lancaster highway board as two of the present members did not want the third member to be there. He had found it impossible to come to an agreement with them. He had determined that the government should appoint two members in addition to the councillors-elect. The amendment was lost and the addition to the act adopted. The whole bill was then agreed to with certain amendments and the chairman directed to report accordingly. The sections having particular reference to Lancaster are as follows:

Notwithstanding anything in this act to the contrary contained all that portion of the parish of Lancaster lying within the bounds contained in the proceeding sub-section shall be a highway division under the government and in control of a highway board which shall be corporate body under the name of the Lancaster Highway Board, and such highway division shall be exempt from the proceeding sections of the act relating to road supervisors.

1. All that portion of the parish of Lancaster lying to the eastward of the line commencing on the shore of the Bay of Fundy where the easterly side one of the Provincial Hospital strikes the shore, thence following the said easterly line of the Provincial Hospital land to the easterly line of the Rowan or Hatheway property, thence along Rowan or Hatheway easterly line to the St. Andrews road, thence westwardly following the St. Andrews road to Manchester corner, so-called, thence following the Frederick road until it reaches the western side line of land owned by the city of St. John, thence following the said line to the right of way to the Canadian Pacific Railway company, thence in a westerly direction along the right of way of said railway to the easterly side line of the land owned by the estate of the late James Lowell and dividing the same from the land of the Doge estate, thence following said line to the shore of the Bay of Fundy, thence along the shore of the Bay of Fundy to the river St. John and hereinafter called the area.

2. The members of the highway board shall consist of the municipal councillors-elect for the parish of Lancaster and two other members to be appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council. The governor-in-council shall appoint the chairman and secretary of such highway board, and such highway board shall have power to fix the annual remuneration to be paid the secretary of such board. The said highway board may by their precept to the assessors of the parish of Lancaster in each year direct the said assessors what sum shall be levied for highway purposes within the said parish and may also direct in and by said precept what portion, if any, of said sum shall be raised by poll tax and what portion upon real estate, personal property and income, and may fix such poll tax at any sum not exceeding that fixed by this act.

1. The highway board may at any time permit ratepayers to perform statute labor, in lieu of payment of taxes in money, but on every such case an order in duplicate shall be issued by the highway board to such ratepayer as may be permitted to perform statute labor and a copy thereof shall be delivered by the ratepayer to the collector of rates for the parish, and the other copy to the county treasurer who shall credit the amount of said order to the highway tax levies against such ratepayer.

2. The highway board shall have the power, each and every year, to borrow, temporarily, or until the rates and taxes are collected in such year a sum or sums of money not exceeding in all fifty per cent. of the assessment for highway purposes from any chartered bank and as soon as the said rates and taxes are collected the sum so borrowed shall be repaid by the said highway board to the bank.

3. All moneys collected as highway rates by the collector of rates for the parish of Lancaster shall be paid by him over to the county treasurer and shall be paid out by the county treasurer on the order of the said highway board.

4. The accounts of the highway board shall be submitted annually to the county council and a duplicate of the same filed in the department of public works.

Mr. Baxter submitted an amendment, the object of which was to eliminate the government appointees and the privilege of appointing the chairman and secretary and allow the board to be composed of the three municipal councillors.
Hon. Mr. Veniot returned thanks to the committee for the assistance given him in perfecting the act and wanted hon. members of both sides to assist in carrying out its provisions. Hon. Mr. Veniot said as there was a difference of opinion among the councillors as to how the board should be constituted he would have to pass his amendment. If the plan did not work out he would not oppose a change next time.
The committee adopted the amendment in division and agreed to the bill.

ARTILLERYMAN AT FRONT APPRECIATES GIFTS FROM CANADA

Interesting Letter Received by Mr. John W. Bonnell of this City from Gunner Wilfred T. Havens.

Mr. John N. Bonnell to this city has received the following letter from Gunner Wilfred T. Havens of Vancouver, who enlisted in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, at Kingston, Ont., in September, 1914 and who has been in France since February, 1915:

Dear Friend John: March 15, 1918.
Many thanks old boy for your letter of February 8, also that pin. It is very nice.

That picture card of the Union Depot at St. John makes me wish I was there now. Never mind that war will not last for ever and God willing I shall come back some day.

Also wish to thank you for the cigarettes and sweets you were so good as to send me, they were very much appreciated, you may be sure.

I wrote to Miss Greta Goddard a couple of nights ago and hope she receives my letters O.K. She seems to be a very nice girl, but not having had the pleasure of meeting her I take it for granted. Anyway any young lady whom you know must be nice, because they could not help it. I have been in the front since I mixed up with the military ambulance which so do not think otherwise as my tongue gets out of practice now the war is on and there are very few (printable) compliments passed around here in New York. How over a year in polite society "arole guerle" will soon alter that. Now this will be rather a short letter I

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Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York and the Westchester County Hospital, said: "Senator Mason is to be commended on handing out this statement on Nuxated Iron for public print. There are thousands of men and women who need a strength and blood builder but do not know what to take. In my own opinion there is nothing better than organic iron Nuxated Iron for enriching the blood and helping to increase the strength and endurance of men and women who burn up too rapidly that nervous energy in the strenuous strain of the great business competition of the day."

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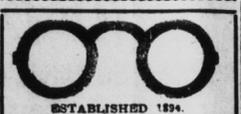
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Yours very truly,
Wm. E. Mason

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Civic Power-40 @ 79 1/2.
1925 War Loan-2,000 @ 94.
1921 War Loan-10,000 @ 92 1/2.
Can Car Com-1 @ 30.
Can Car Pfd-5 @ 71, 5 @ 70 1/2.
1927 War Loan-400 @ 91 1/2, 2,000 @ 92.
Ogilvie Bonds-2,000 @ 100.
Laurentide Pulp-10 @ 159.
McDonalds-90 @ 14 1/2.
Ontario Steel-15 @ 28.
Laurentide Power-10 @ 53, 108 @ 53 1/2.
Lyrall-25 @ 74.
Spanish River Com-5 @ 13 1/2.
Brompton-1 @ 49 1/2.
Tram Power-100 @ 24 1/2.
Penmans Pfd-10 @ 82.
Afternoon.
Dom Textile-45 @ 80 1/2.
Steel Canada Com-85 @ 58 1/2.
Civic Power-166 @ 79 1/2, 35 @ 79 1/2.
1925 War Loan-1,000 @ 92 1/2.
1921 War Loan-10,000 @ 92 1/2.
Can Car Pfd-25 @ 71.
Can Car Com-50 @ 31, 10 @ 30.
Laurentide Pulp-25 @ 159 1/2.
McDonalds-50 @ 14 1/2, 50 @ 15.
Bid. Ask.
Brazilian L H & P 31 31 1/2
Canada Car 31 31 1/2
Canada Car Pfd 70 70
Canada Cement Pfd 60 60
Canada Cement Pfd 60 60
Can Cotton 59 59
Dom Iron Com 59 60
Dom Tex Com 58 58
Laurentide Paper Co 159 160
McDonalds 14 14 1/2
Ogilvie 148 148
Quebec Railway 18 19
Shaw W & P Co 112 112 1/2
Spanish River Com 13 13 1/2
Steel Co Can Com 58 58 1/2

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NO BIG RECESSIONS IN STOCK MARKET ARE LOOKED FOR

Should Allies Win Much Ground Stocks Will Probably Rise Rapidly.
NEW HAVEN STOCK LIKELY TO ADVANCE
Steel Stocks Still Favored for Investment and Boost Expected.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, April 17.—A canvass of sentiment in influential market circles indicates conclusively that should the Allies turn and make important gains on the western battlefield the effect marketwise would be electrifying to the small amount of stocks offering at current levels. Almost every commission house in the street is calling attention to what may be a good rise in Tobacco products since announcement of the election of the new president. On recessions good buying is reported from specialist circles. "The position of U. S. Steel is simply an index to an equally strong condition surrounding Republic and Lackawanna steel and we believe they offer excellent speculative opportunities, particularly R. B. C.," says a prominent source.

Recommendations are being made now that New Haven has finally received government aid, to buy the stock. Special attention of old holders is directed to the suggestion that it is a good time to average, "What has been taken. High sources are privately quoted as saying that New Haven is an excellent purchase. Trolley burdens are being lightened. While on D. R. is being raised from fifty to seventy-five. There is a good deal of speculative profit-taking around current levels. It is evident that this stock will find ready buyers on moderate recessions. The trading element is using stop loss orders for protection. Both the common and preferred stocks of the International Paper Co. are being recommended by conservative and well informed market agents as purchases on slight recessions.

Further important gains by the Germans against the British front toward the channel ports will probably cause recessions and reactionary tendency in the market. It should not be overlooked, however, that this menace movement is at last waking up Washington. Schwab has a report that the director-general of shipbuilding and Stettin may soon have charge of aircraft construction, while the time is near when Foch must strike with a great offensive army that is unquestionably on the job somewhere in France. Therefore, it is not to be expected that recessions will extend unduly at present.

CHICAGO PRODUCE
Chicago, April 17.—CORN—No. 2 yellow, 1.75; No. 4 yellow, 1.63 to 1.65; No. 4 yellow, 1.49 to 1.45.
OATS—No. 3 white, 85 1/2 to 89; standard, 88 1/2 to 89.
BARLEY—\$1.40 to \$1.75.
TIMOTHY—\$5.00 to \$5.00.
CLOVER—\$18.00 to \$25.00.
PORK—Nominal.
LARD—\$25.35.
RIBS—\$23.25 to \$25.50.

TORONTO PRODUCE.
Toronto, April 17.—Quotations are as follows:
WHEAT—Ontario, No. 2 winter, \$2.22 basis in store; Montreal; Manitoba No. 1 northern, \$2.23, including 2 1/2% tax in store, Fort William; No. 2 northern, \$2.20 1/2, ditto; No. 3 northern, \$2.17 1/2, ditto.
OATS—Canada western No. 2, 91 1/2 to 92, ditto; Ontario No. 2 white, 91 to 92, according to freight outside; No. 2, white, 91 to 91 1/2.
COIN—American No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, \$1.90.
PEAS—No. 2, \$2.60 to \$2.70, according to freight.
RYE—\$2.65.
BARLEY—\$1.64 to \$1.65, outside for malting.
BUCKWHEAT—\$1.80 to \$1.82 shipping points.
FLOUR—Manitoba war quality, \$11.10 in bags; Ontario war quality, \$10.70 Toronto and Montreal in bags.
MILLED—Manitoba bran, \$35.40 per ton; shorts, \$40.40 per ton on track Toronto.

NO CHANGE IN THE LUMBER MARKET IN GREAT BRITAIN

Imports During March Very Small—Stocks Further Depleted and Insufficient—Changes in Conduct of Trade Expected
Liverpool, April 17.—Farnworth & Jardine's Wood Circular says: The imports during March were very small. Deliveries made further inroads into the already insufficient and depleted stocks, leaving them in all cases light. New business was meagre, and as changes in the conduct of trade are imminent, the condition is one of expectancy.
Canadian Woods—Pine: There was no change in the stock, which is all held in Manchester. Wane Pine First-class: The stock is unaltered; Second-class: Stock entirely limited, demand quiet. Square Pine, Red Pine, Oak and Elm (Square)—Stocks entirely exhausted. Pine Deals—No import, holdings exceeding light. Red Pine Deals—No import; a nominal consumption from small stock.
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Spruce and Pine Deals—The import to the Morsey, including the Manchester Canal, amounted to 590 standards; the consumption accounted for about double this quantity, reducing stocks to 8,470 standards, being much below those held this time last year, viz.—18,180 standards. There is no change in the position. Pine Deals—Stocks very light.



(British and Colonial Press.)
H. V. F. Jones, Assistant General Manager of Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

MONTREAL WAS FAIRLY STRONG

Trading Market Opening, but Market Again Shows Firm Tone and Recovers Most of Losses.
(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Montreal, April 17.—The news over night caused a weak opening but the market again showed a strong tone and recovered most of this loss. It has been hard for anybody, with the news we have had lately, to be optimistic, but all the people that should know in Europe, seem confident that the Allies are coming out all right. The markets show that in their strength. It is only natural for people to hesitate about buying stocks and practically all the weak accounts and nervous people are by the government will be used for its transportation.

TORONTO CATTLE

Toronto, April 17.—The market at the Union Stock Yards was fairly active this morning. Hogs were easier. Prices medium. Receipts: 51 cars, 781 cattle, 247 calves, 1,444 hogs, 20 sheep.
RECENT CHARTERS.
Schs. Eva B. Douglas, 910 tons, Virginia to Para, coal, and back North of Hatteras, cedar, p. t. Esther Ann, 631 tons, same, Isabel B. Wiley, 611 tons, Virginia to Montreal, lumber, p. t. Drake, 991 tons, same, Ella Pierce Thurlow (new), about 2,500 tons d. w., Norfolk to Rio Janeiro, coal, at or about \$19.50. Edward G. Farrar, 484 tons, Virginia to Paramaribo, coal, p. t. Albert W. Robinson, 423 tons, New York to west coast Africa, general cargo, and back, mahogany, p. t. Elizabeth Dantzer, 361 tons, same, Elizabeth T. Doyle, 25,000 cases, Philadelphia to Havana, p. t. prompt, Scotia, Jacksonville to Boston, lumber, p. t. Jose Cook, 319 tons, Georgetown or Charleston to New York, k. d. boards, 813, Dutch stmr. Gorredijk, 4,154 tons, Virginia to Iquique, coal, at or about \$15.50; April, Dan, stmr. General Consul Pallen, 1,350 tons, New York to the River Plate, packing house material, assigned; April, Dan, stmr. Silkeborg, 1,117 tons, Hampton Roads to Havana, coal, at or about \$15.50; April, Dan, stmr. Standerburg, 1,150 tons, West India trade, one round trip; 35s.; prompt, Dan, stmr. Anna Maersk, 799 tons, same, Dan, stmr. Gudrun, 1,175 tons, West India trade, one round trip, 35s.; April, Dan, stmr.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

Montreal, April 17.—OATS—Canadian western No. 3, 1.04 1/2; extra No. 1 feed, 1.04 1/2.
FLOUR—New standard spring wheat, 11.10 to 11.20.
MILLED—Bran, \$35.40; shorts, \$40.40; middlings, \$46.20; moultie, \$60 to \$62.
HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$17.60. POTATOES—Per bag car lots, \$1.70.

STOCK MARKET BEARS UP WELL UNDER WAR NEWS

It Yields Comparatively Little Ground, Indicating Solid Out Condition.
FEW LEADERS FALL BACK FEW POINTS
Slackening in Liberty Loan Drive and War News the Bad News.
New York, April 17.—In the face of early disheartening news, today's stock market yielded comparatively little ground, again proving its solid out condition. A few leaders fell back one to two points, but this was partly neutralized by gains of one to 1 1/2 points among the active specialties.
The war bulletins were of course the most direct market influence, but the British political situation and a slackening in the Liberty loan drive were among the other adverse factors.
The very large earnings reported by the International Paper Company made that stock the favorite vehicle of bullish speculation at an extreme advance of 5 1/2 points. During the morning trading in paper was larger than the turnover in any of the unusual leaders.

UNITED STATES SHIP BUILDING PROGRESS

Twenty-Eight Merchant Vessels Under Construction at Newark, N. J.
New York, April 17.—The Submarine Boat Corporation announced here that the keel of a 5,600 ton steel ship which was laid at its yard at Newark, N. J., today, represents the twenty-eighth merchant vessel now under construction there for the emergency fleet program. Early completion of these ships was depended upon the supply of steel and its delivery by the railroads. It was stated, and as soon as the plant was operated at maximum capacity a complete vessel would be produced every two days.

CUBAN SUGAR IN PLENTIFUL SUPPLY

Record Cargo of Four Million Pounds Arrives at Atlantic Port.
An Atlantic Port, April 17.—Nearly 4,000,000 pounds of sugar, said to be a record cargo from Cuba, arrived here today in the hold of an American steamship. The vessel's captain said great quantities of sugar were at Cuban ports awaiting cargo space, and it is understood here that some of the Dutch vessels recently requisitioned by the government will be used for its transportation.

SACKVILLE TOWN HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Mayor Wood Re-elected without Opposition—Three New Men in Council.
Sackville, April 17.—The elections for the town of Sackville were held on Tuesday.
There was only one candidate for the office of Mayor, Mr. H. M. Wood, who was elected by acclamation.
For Aldermen, East Ward returned the two old councillors, Eastbrooks and McKenney, by acclamation. In the North Ward Mr. Charles Fawcett, a former councillor, and Dr. Beardon were elected, defeating Alderman Doncaster. In South Ward, Capt. Anderson and Mr. D. A. R. Fraser were elected, defeating T. H. Cochrane. In East Ward, Mr. Fred Tingley and Dr. Sangster defeated Capt. Atkinson.
The new men on the Council are Aldermen Fawcett, Tingley and Fraser. Mr. Fawcett led the poll for the entire town.

MARKET DULL AND SOMEWHAT HEAVY

But Nevertheless it Manifests Remarkable Power of Resistance and Recovers Rather Vigorously in the Final Hour.
(McDougal & Cowans.)
New York, April 17.—The market was dull and tended to sag somewhat in the early afternoon. A news despatch from Paris to London represented the Germans as having advanced further on the general position at Meuse Ridge and secured a grip on the southern slope of Mont Kemel, the highest hill in this region. This despatch, though not official, had an immediate and pronounced effect upon the market, the active issues going off something like a point on the average some of them more. Again the market showed notable resistance power. About an hour later London news, unconfirmed, advised that "an important flanking movement by the British forces is proceeding successfully."
A little later another London item spoke of a British advance south of Ypres Tuesday night and of the British holding positions there which they had previously lost. On the strength of these reassuring cables, the market recovered rather vigorously in the last hour practically regaining the previous losses. The market still hangs on cable news and practically no attention is paid to anything else.
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WELCOME RAINS AND CORN CROP

Sharp Break in Prices in Chicago—Oats Start on Down Grade with Corn.
Chicago, April 17.—Welcome rains, beneficial to newly seeded corn and to soil in preparation for planting, brought about sharp breaks today in the price of corn. Free selling, in which important houses were conspicuous, made the fact speedily evident that the market lacked any aggressive support. About the only demand came from shorts collecting profits. Opening prices, which ranged from 1/2 to 1/2 cent lower, with May 1.36 1/2 and July 1.46 1/2 to 1.47 1/2, were followed by decided additional losses.
Oats headed down grade with corn. Trading in the July delivery took place for the first time this season, but the bulk of business continued to be in May. After opening unchanged to 1/2 cent lower, with May 82 1/2 to 83, the market recovered further before beginning to react.

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NEW HAVEN ROAD STOCKHOLDERS MEET

Will Issue \$16,758,000 in Bonds to Repay Certain Indebtedness—Government Has Aided Embarrassed System.
New Haven, Conn., April 17.—There was a new angle of interest for the stockholder of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company who met here in annual session today. Financial troubles did not loom so big, the federal government having taken over the property and assumed the \$45,000,000 floating indebtedness which had been represented by short term notes.
The meeting has before it the propositions to issue \$16,758,000 in debentures to repay certain indebtedness; to authorize the raising of funds for extensions, betterments and equipment; and to ratify an agreement with the United States government regarding compensation for use and operation of the company's property. 221 Whitney of New Haven, retired from the directorate. All the other directors were re-elected. Walter B. Lasher of Bridgeport filled Mr. Whitney's vacancy.
All items of business were approved by a stock vote.

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YPRES FORWARD POSITIONS EAST OF YPRES GIVEN UP

Withdrawal Carried Out in Perfect Order Without Enemy Interference—Entire Salient Menaced by Continued Advance of Germans on Lys Battlefield—Greeks Win in Macedonia.

With the Ypres salient in southwestern Belgium menaced by the continued advance of the Germans on the Lys battle front, immediately to the south, the British have begun to withdraw from this advanced line.

Today's official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters announces there is at least a partial withdrawal from the Ypres sector. The British forward positions east of Ypres have been given up and a new line to the west occupied.

At Line of Year Ago. St. Eloi is on the old battle line which existed before the British began their offensive last year, taking Messines Ridge and later pushing on and gradually absorbing all of the Passchendaele Ridge, the continuation of the spur to the northeast.

The German objective here, as has been frequently pointed out, is Maredun, the important railway junction about four miles beyond the point of the farthest advance westward, near Nijvel, Wood, six miles southwest of Bailleul.

The present attack in Flanders does not seem to have diverted the British reverses from the Somme battle field as the Germans apparently expected, and such operations as are occurring to the southwest from Arras reveal the British in strength on

R. W. WHITLOCK OF ST. STEPHEN DEAD

Was Well Known for Years as Immigration Inspector—Was Treasurer of Agricultural Society and Secretary of Driving Park Association.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, April 17.—Announcement of the death of R. Watson Whitlock came as a very sad surprise to the people of this community at about noon today.

Mr. Whitlock was one of our best known and most highly esteemed citizens with many friends in all parts of the county. He was taken ill in January and had been a patient at Chipman Memorial Hospital since the beginning of that month.

For a number of years he had been employed as an inspector in the immigration department and before that was in business in Milltown and later in the insurance business in St. Stephen. He was treasurer of the Agricultural Society and rendered valuable service to that organization and to the Driving Park Association, of which he was secretary for many years.

THE EXECUTION OF BOLO PASHA AT VINCENNES WOOD

Condemned Man Declined to Sign Registers—Received Communion Before Leaving the Prison—Mgr. Bolo With Him.

Paris, April 17.—Bolo Pasha has been executed at Vincennes. Reports of the supplementary investigation of the revelations made by him will be attached to the Humbert and Calliaux cases.

Standing before a firing squad in the forest of Vincennes early today, Paul Bolo Pasha, condemned traitor, lost entirely the attitude of indifference he had maintained subsequent to and during his trial.

Accorded by several guards Bolo left the state prison forty-five minutes before his execution. After leaving the automobile in which he had been brought to the scene, he listened to the exhortation of a prison chaplain. Then his eyes were bandaged and he went without a struggle to his place before the firing squad.

"So much the better; I am delighted," Bolo exclaimed when awakened this morning by Commandant Julien of the third court martial, who told him that the hour of execution had arrived. These were the only words spoken by Bolo except for his instructions to the chaplain to take from his body a silk lace handkerchief which he placed on his chest, and give it to his brother, Monsignor Bolo.

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Lunney-Morgan. Rev. Francis Healey, C. S. S. R., performed a pretty ceremony in St. Peter's Church at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning when Miss Catharine Moran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moran of 386 Douglas avenue, was united in marriage to Lieutenant Edmund W. Lunney, medical officer at the armory convalescent home, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lunney of this city.

OBITUARY

Richard Wheeler. On Saturday, April 13th Mr. Richard Wheeler, an aged and respected citizen, passed away at his home in Florenceville. Deceased was born near Wheeler's Island in Prince William, York County, on August 3rd 1837 and was in his eighty-first year at the time of his death.

LOST CONTROL OF THE NERVES

St. George, April 17.—Mrs. A. Milne died on Sunday after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wetmore, and widow of Alexander Milne, of Milne Cove, Co. Mrs. Milne died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Merrean. A son, Gideon, resides in Hartford, Conn., Gideon Wetmore of the interior department, Ottawa, is a brother. The funeral was held today in St. Mark's church; interment in the Rural cemetery.

Thomas P. McMullin. The death took place at an early hour yesterday morning, after a brief illness, at his parents' residence, 16 St. Patrick's street, of Thomas P. McMullin, only son of Patrick and Mary McMullin. Besides his parents, there survive four sisters, Mrs. John G. Burke, of this city, and Misses Annie, Alice and Edith, at home. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

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NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

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

HOUSEWIVES LEAGUE HEAR GOOD ADDRESS

Useful Suggestions Offered at Meeting Yesterday—Miss Gladys Baxter Gives Interesting Talk on Food Conservation.

An address by Miss Gladys Baxter was a feature of the regular meeting of the Housewives' League held yesterday afternoon in the King's Daughters' Guild. Miss Baxter is a graduate of Acadia College in domestic science and has offered to be one of the dem-

NINE BOILS Kept Coming on Neck One After the Other

Anyone who has ever suffered from boils, knows how sick and miserable they make you feel. When you think you are about cured of one, another seems ready to take its place and prolong your wretchedness. All the poulticing and lancing you may do will not cure them and stop more coming. Boils are simply bad blood pouring out, and the bad blood must be made pure before the boils disappear. Burdock Blood Bitters is the greatest blood purifier known. It cleanses the system and removes every particle of foul material from the blood, then never another boil comes and the cure is permanent. Mr. Geo. Ayers, 302 Gloucester St., Ottawa, Ont., writes: "I wish to tell you what I know about your wonderful Burdock Blood Bitters. In the spring I suppose my system needed cleaning out, for I had nine boils come on my neck one after the other. I quickly got a bottle of B. B. B., and before it was half finished I felt a great change, and it certainly put an end to my boils, otherwise I might have had a lot more. I recommend B. B. B. to all I can, for I know it to be a great remedy."

TELLS DYSPEPTICS WHAT TO EAT

Avoid Indigestion, Sour Acid Stomach, Heartburn, Gas On Stomach, Etc. Indigestion and practically all forms of stomach trouble, say medical authorities, are due nine times out of ten to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. Chronic "acid stomach" is exceedingly dangerous and sufferers should do either one of two things. Either they can go on a limited and often disagreeable diet, avoiding foods that disagree with them, that irritate the stomach and lead to excess acid secretion or they can eat as they please in reason and make it a practice to counteract the effect of the harmful acid and prevent the formation of gas, sourness or premature fermentation by the use of a little Bismarck Magnesia at their meals. There is probably no better, safer or more reliable stomach antacid than Bismarck Magnesia and it is widely used for this purpose. It has no direct action on the stomach and is not a digestant. But a teaspoonful of the powder or a couple of five grain tablets taken in a little water with the food will neutralize the excess acidity which may be present and prevent its further formation. This removes the whole cause of the trouble and the meal digests naturally and healthfully without need of peppin pills or artificial digestants. Get a few ounces of Bismarck Magnesia from any reliable druggist. Ask for either powder or tablets. It never comes as a liquid, milk or citrate and in the Bismarck form is not a laxative. Try this plan and eat what you want at your next meal and see if this isn't the best advice you ever had on "what to eat."

onstrators for the league this coming summer. In her well prepared talk she pointed out the grave necessity for the greatest conservation of food and described how the people of France were saving grease and fat, such as were commonly thrown away by Canadians. Soap-making was an excellent way of using up fats which would otherwise be wasted. Miss Baxter showed how the knowledge of proper food values led to conservation of both food and money. Mrs. Flewelling moved a vote of thanks to Miss Baxter which was presented by Mrs. Lawlor.

It was moved by Miss Peck and unanimously passed that a resolution of sympathy be sent to Captain Bruce Weston on the death of his wife who was an interested member of the Housewives' League. The president of the league spoke of the standardizing of the sizes of potatoes sold and other matters of interest to housewives. The cold storage question was thoroughly discussed and several ladies present expressed themselves quite strongly on the evils of food hoarding.

"We should do in St. John as if the whole success of the war rested upon us and it is the individual effort which will count in the end. Every bite we eat which we do not need is stolen from the starving people of France and Flanders," were two of the telling speeches made during the meeting. Mrs. Flewelling read a letter written by her sister in the United States, describing their methods of food conservation. In the State of Kentucky women had pledged themselves to eat potatoes for one week, doing without white flour and thus saving 10,000 barrels of white flour for the Allies. The writer also told of successful war gardens and the meatless days which had been faithfully kept for six months.

Mrs. Cowgill read the annual report of the Housewives' League which is to come before the Local Council of Women at their next meeting. An informal discussion and the exchanging of recipes closed the meeting.

WAR COMMISSIONER EN ROUTE TO HALIFAX.

Hon. Everett Colby, American war commissioner, and Mr. Jones of the Food Controller's staff, passed through the city at noon yesterday en route to Halifax. They were met at the station by Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor

LADIES! DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

Look years younger! Use Grandmother's recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur and nobody will know. The use of Sage and Sulphur for restoring faded, gray hair to its natural color dates back to grandmother's time. She used it to keep her hair beautifully dark, glossy and attractive. When she heard that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. But brewing at home is messy and out-of-date. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get this famous old preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients, which can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair. A well-known downtown druggist says it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, it becomes beautifully dark and glossy. Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

PARTY OF OFFICERS LEFT FOR RUSSIA

Nine Russian Steamship Men Left Last Evening on Long Journey to Their Homes.

A party of nine Russian officers, the past commanders of a ship now in port, left for Vancouver last evening on the C. P. R. From there they go to Vladivostok. These men have been in service since the early part of the war, and one of the party, A. Koraleff, stated that since they left Russia many changes have taken place and even a few of them are to look for their missing relatives and homes. He was also pleased at the treatment accorded them by the officials here.

Baby's Own Tablets Prized by Mothers

Mrs. Henry Vanreeder, Rodney, Ont., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for the past five years and prize them very much. They have proved of such value to me that I always keep them in the house. Once a mother has used Baby's Own Tablets she would use nothing else. They are thorough but mild in action and never fail to make the sickly baby well. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

GREATER PRODUCTION IN MONCTON PARISH

City and Country Districts Cooperating to Increase Crops—Bank Clerks Join Flying Corps.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 17.—The greater food production movement in Moncton is taking practical shape in Moncton and vicinity. Several committees composed of leading and energetic citizens are at work devising plans how to assist farmers in greater food production. A meeting of farmers in the Parish of Moncton is called for Saturday to discuss with the citizens' committee ways and means for best assisting farmers in greater food production. The city has some thirty odd acres of land which is to be parcelled out in lots to citizens who will plant gardens. Harold Davidson and Gordon Blair, clerks in the Bank of Montreal here, have gone to Toronto to join the Flying Corps.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR PTE LOWTHER.

Many Attend Services at home and Follow Late Hero to the Grave.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, April 17.—One of the largest funerals held in Amherst was the military funeral of the late Private Stanley Lowther held from the family residence. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. C. W. Rose, assisted by Rev. Dr. Steele, and was most impressive. The casket, covered by the Union Jack, was borne from the house to the cannon wagon, followed by the Boy Scout Band, the Great War Veterans, "B" Company of the First Depot Battalion and a detachment of men from the detention camp, the band playing the "Dead March." At the grave, after the regular committal service, the Great War Veterans took charge and finished the burial service. A firing squad under command of Sergt. John Seymour, fired three rounds over the grave and the "Last Post" was sounded as the remains were lowered.

THE POLICE COURT.

The police court was much quieter yesterday than it has been for the last few days. Yesterday morning two reports from the Board of Health, one regarding a house of Mrs. Levens in Dorchester street, in which it was stated lacked necessary plumbing fixtures, secondly a house of Taylor & Sweeney's on Britain street which also remained unsanitary. The cases were postponed no evidence being taken until next Monday. A boy was charged with theft and is yet under the magistrate's consideration.

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

STAR Betrayed.

Three men with but a single thought lurched the fun and action of the William Fox picture which the Star offers as its feature for today. Their single thought is to get married and they all want the same girl. This much desired maiden is played by Miriam Cooper, who in this story is Carmelita Carrito, who is just as Mexican as she sounds. She casts aside her first lover, Pepo Esparenza (if you sing those names it sounds better), in favor of a bandit. Then an American army officer arrives and the bandit is cut out altogether. Carmelita tries to double cross the bandit but gets shot herself. However, things are straightened out for the Mexican lovers.

STIRRING MESSAGE FROM FRANCE.

The stirring message which Hon. Senator Colby, of New Jersey, brought to the people of the United States when he returned from the war front, and which stimulated that nation in its war endeavors as never before, will be repeated in the High School Assembly Hall, St. John, tomorrow, (Friday) evening. Ottawa and Montreal have heard this wonderful message and it has awakened great enthusiasm. Mr. Colby was with Field Marshal Haig at British Headquarters. He has been at Vimy Ridge. He has been with the French troops at Rheims and Verdun, and he has seen the advance guard of the American Battalions going into the trenches. What he has to say will thrill the imagination and touch the hearts of all people. Out of respect to the distinguished visitor, Lt. Gov. Pugsley will preside at tomorrow evening's meeting.

A FORMER NEWCASTLE BANK MAN IS KILLED

Lewis Millett, Windsor, Loses Life in Air Battle Over Enemy's Lines.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, April 17.—Mr. Lewis Millett of Windsor, N. S., has received news that his son, Flight Lieutenant Noble Millett had been killed in a battle over the enemy's lines. Lieut. Millett was formerly a member of the Royal Bank staff here. He has been missing since March 13.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Marjorie Rameau in "THE GREATER WOMAN." Helen Holmes in "THE LOST EXPRESS."

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

In Pierre Wolff's Parisian Play "THE MARIONETTES"

"Jealousy, the cement that mended a broken love."

PERSONS IN THE PLAY:

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG—as Fernande de Monclar, in love with her spendthrift cousin. NIGEL BARRIE—as the spendthrift cousin who really did not reciprocate his cousin's love. CORLISS GILES—as Pierre Variens to whom Fernande pays attentions, arousing her cousin's jealousy. ALEC S. FRANCES—as Nizeroles who conducts a Marionette Theatre important to the story. EDWARD KIMBALL, (Clara's real father), as the heroine's uncle, with whom she lives, an orphan. MRS. ETHEL WINTHROP, as the haughty Marquise de Monclar, mother of the hero.

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Around the City

UNSETTLED.

YESTERDAY'S ALARM. An alarm was sent in from box 124 yesterday afternoon for a grass fire just beyond the bridge on the Adelaide road. The blaze was soon extinguished by the firemen.

FERRY ENTRANCE DAMAGED. The ferry steamer Ludlow collided with the northern wing of the west side dock entrance yesterday morning about eight o'clock and caused a few hundred dollars damage to the cabin.

EXPORT FORMS. The board of trade has received copies of forms X and X 2 as required by recent regulations of the War Trade Board in connection with exports from the United States. These forms may be had on application.

HEARD WITH REGRET. The news that Rev. J. J. O'Donovan, pastor of the Church of Assumption, West St. John, is seriously ill with plural-pneumonia in Boston, was heard with general regret yesterday. His Lordship Bishop Le Blanc left Tuesday night to visit Father O'Donovan.

SEVERELY WOUNDED. A cabin had been received stating that Lieut. Berie W. Turbull of an imperial sloop battery, but formerly of the Bank of British North America here, has been severely wounded, and is at present at the General Hospital in Saint Omer, France.

ANOTHER DRAFT. Twenty-five members of a Jewish draft reached the city at noon yesterday from Boston and New York, and were welcomed by many of their fellow-countrymen. The party will proceed to Windsor this morning. With the draft were five men who have enlisted in the British army in the States.

NOVELTY SHOWER. A novelty shower was tendered Miss Kittie Phalen on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Kierwan, 8 Spruce Lane Road. The number present testified to the popularity of the young lady who is soon to be the principal in a happy event. A very pleasant evening was spent in games and music.

MILITARY NOTES. The London Gazette recently contained the following items: New Brunswick Regt.—Temp. Capt. C. F. Leonard, D. S. O., relinquishes act. rank of Lt. To be act. capt.—Temp. Lt. R. A. Major, M. C. (while sep. emp'd.). Temp. Lts. R. B. Campbell, A. W. Gregory, M. C., R. W. B. Coster and H. O. Ashford to be act. capt.

WAS ANOTHER ADAMS. Following inquiry at Ottawa, David Adams, 260 Main street, received word yesterday that the H. M. Adams mentioned in Monday's casualty list as having died of wounds in the hospital, Corporal Harry Melbourne Adams, Ottawa officials further stated that the exact whereabouts and condition of Mr. Adams's son reported on Friday last to have been wounded, would be ascertained by cable.

SOLDIERS PLAY BALL. A lively base ball game took place at Queen Square, West End yesterday afternoon between the 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion and the King Square Red Triangle Club. Eight innings were played and the game finished up nine to five in favor of the Red Triangle team. Powers pitched for the 6888 men and Stafford for the Red Triangle. Ross of the Red Triangle proved an exceptionally good man at the bat, making a two and later a three base hit.

MIDNIGHT ALARM. An alarm from Box 42 called out the firemen shortly after twelve o'clock last night for a slight fire in a small workshop at Duke street owned by O. C. Ward. No water was turned on as the chemical soon put out the blaze. The shop has been unoccupied for some little time and it is thought a cigarette end may have accidentally been thrown in through the window, which was broken. Very good damage was done and it will be covered by insurance.

SCOUTS TO HARD. About 160 boy scouts from the various troops after procuring their supply of war garden cards at the Natural History rooms yesterday afternoon, spent a couple of hours industriously posting the same on the poles about the city. The result of their labors soon became very evident so that now even the most unobservant could not go along the streets without becoming aware of the existence of the War Gardens' Association and their energetic campaign on behalf of increased production.

RECEPTION TO HEROES. A party of five St. John heroes arrived home from the front yesterday: Gunner F. J. Gillet, a first contingent man; Corporal D. Sprague and Privates Thomas Phillips, Daniel Hayes and W. G. C. Hannah. The men were tendered a reception at the Discharge Depot by the members of the returning soldiers' reception committee. An address of welcome was given by mayor Hayes and the men were provided with smokes and candy by the ladies on the committee.

CREDIT TO INSPECTOR. In Tuesday's issue of The Standard mention was made of the good work accomplished by Detective Moore of Montreal in the Thorne and Co. robbery case, and there was no intention of taking any credit from Liquor Inspector Crawford who made the arrest of one Max Webber who had stolen articles in his possession. It might be also mentioned that the Thorne Company and the Montreal detective have stated that Inspector Crawford was of great assistance to them in as far as searching Webber's grip, locating some of the stolen property and in making the arrest. When Webber was arrested by Inspector Crawford at the Digby boat Detective Moore was present at the time and while the Inspector found stolen articles in the grip the detective found more of the stolen goods wrapped up in a parcel.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS PRESENT VALUABLE GIFT TO AID SOCIETY

Piano with Player Attachment Presented by Mariners of Steamship Now in Port—Was their Personal Property

The Children's Aid Society were the recipients of a very valuable and useful gift yesterday when the Russian officers of a steamer now in port presented the home with a very fine piano with player attachment and a number of records. As they are about to leave for their homes in Russia they desired to present their piano which was their personal property, having been purchased by them in New York last summer, to some deserving society. They consulted D. W. Ledingham of Wm. Thomson & Co., Ltd., who suggested the Children's Aid Society. Messrs. Ledingham and A. M. Belding, the latter the president of the society, wired Ottawa and were able to have the piano landed without duty and it is now installed in the new home of the society on Garden street. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Belding, Rev. Geo. Scott, Mrs. D. McLellan, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. J. Willard Smith, Mrs. W. B. Tennant and Miss Grace Robertson, comprising the executive of the society, met the Russian officers at the office of Messrs. Thomson & Co. and expressed their deep appreciation for the valuable gift. Two of the officers spoke excellent English and they interpreted the remarks of the executive and explained the object of the society to their comrades. The officers expressed the pleasure it afforded them to have assisted in adding to the pleasure of the little inmates of the home and took occasion to wish the society every success. The members of the executive shook hands with the officers and wished them a safe and happy passage to their homes. It is estimated that the piano cost in the vicinity of a thousand dollars in New York.

JOHNSTON LODGE 23RD ANNIVERSARY

Members with Friends Celebrated Event in Orange Hall; Last Evening—Enjoyable Programme Carried Out.

The ladies of Johnston Lodge No. 14, L. O. B. A., with a number of their friends celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of the lodge in the Orange Hall on Germain street last evening. Mrs. G. O. Akerley, worthy grand mistress, presided. An interesting programme was carried out including the following numbers: Solos, Miss Eva Spencer, Mrs. J. T. Downey, Miss Ina Magnusson, Sgt. C. S. Segee and Peter Murray; vocal quintet, The Misses Wright; club swinging, Miss Cathers Cox; piano solo, Master Ralph Akerley, Miss M. E. Calvert; readings, W. Spencer, Miss Evelyn Lobb, Miss Elsie Moore and Miss Rita Day. At the conclusion of the programme the National Anthem was sung, after which refreshments were served.

ENTERTAINMENT LAST EVENING

Excellent Programme in the Orange Hall—Was Under Auspices of Carmarthen St. Church Junior Aid and Nfld. Society.

A large number of people attended the entertainment held last evening in the Orange Hall on Germain street, under the auspices jointly of the Junior Aid of the Carmarthen Street Methodist Church and the Newfoundland Society. The programme included many excellent numbers, nearly all of which were encored. The programme was as follows: Prologue, Ethel M. Causten; songs, Eleanor Larsen, Walter Causten, Ronald Causten; dialogue, "The Months"; Highland Fling, Laura Harding; Spanish waltz, Auley; umbrella drill; chorus, "Over There"; French exercise with Stella Fox as Joan of Arc; Daisy Tableau and song; playlet, "Stalling"; trio, "Boys in Khaki"; Mrs. Finn, Estelle Fox and May Akhova; Spanish waltz; duet, Lillian Foster and Leonard Roberts; fan drill, twelve girls, Miss Stella Earle was director and Miss May Akhova, pianist. A sale of candy was held during the intermission.

IMPERIAL TONIGHT

A Good Show and Speeches By Candidates for Commissioner.

Clara Kimball Young in "The Marlottes" at the Imperial is a thrilling story gorgeously produced and with a superb cast. From a simple little country girl she rises to great heights in her deliberation and blossoms into a Parisian butterfly, winning her husband's love. A sure laugh with clever stunts in the new Mack Sennett double reel comedy, "The Kitchen Lady." Patrons pronounced it a riot of fun at yesterday's show. It has been arranged that candidates for the election for the office of commissioner will speak at the Imperial tonight. The speakers will start at 10 o'clock, after the last show. On Monday they go to the polls for the last time and the electors are given this opportunity to hear the views of new men and men who have governed civic affairs before. Judging from a similar meeting in the Imperial two years ago they will be greeted with a crowded house.

GLOOM OF SADNESS SURROUNDS HOME OF MRS. W. H. DENNIS

Received Word Yesterday her Husband Died of Wounds in France—Her Brother, Pte. Vanwart, Died Suddenly Few Weeks Ago.

A gloom of sadness surrounds the home of Mrs. Wm. H. Dennis, 115 British street city. A telegram received by her from Ottawa yesterday morning conveyed the sad intelligence: "Regret to inform you that your husband, Pte. W. H. Dennis, Reg. No. —7 succumbed to wounds on April 12th, at 56th Clearing Station, France. As near as can be learned Pte. Dennis died from chest wounds." The sad occurrence is still deepened by the fact that Mrs. Dennis's brother, the late Pte. Jas. Vanwart, died recently in a military hospital here. This makes a double sorrow encompassing the home. Mrs. Dennis states her husband was wounded in action one year ago at Vimy Ridge on the 9th April. He recovered and had been in the trenches nearly one year before meeting death. He formerly belonged to the 1st Battalion, 1st Canadian Infantry, and was killed on the 12th of August, 1916, in England in the following August. Whilst there he wrote many letters home, but was reticent regarding the war. He always said in his letters, "I'll tell you all when I return." Two bright little children survive, Dorothy, aged ten, and William, aged seven. Before going overseas Pte. Dennis was in the employ of Geo. Dick & Son as teamster. Yesterday, the same day on which the above telegram reporting his death, the postman called in the evening and delivered a field card from the deceased, dated France, March 26th. Mrs. Dennis' troubles come in numbers—her husband's death, her brother's death and lately sickness of her only boy who was confined to a hospital. But it is to be added, "Every cloud has its silver lining, the darkest is before the dawn." The fact that her husband died in the cause of right and righteousness ought to be a great consolation to her. The citizens in general deeply grieve in her sorrow and fully sympathize with her.

ELIGIBLES RECEIVE THE NEWS CALMLY

Men Who are Liable Under the M. S. Act Anxiously Awaiting Further Results—Many Firms will Lose Employees.

A wide spasm separates the conservative estimate from the extravagant one regarding the number of men to be affected in New Brunswick by the order-in-council calling up all the unmarried, or widowers without children between the ages of twenty and twenty-three. The officials in the province have expressed themselves as unwilling to discuss the matter until they hear more from Ottawa. It is expected that following the secret session of the house held yesterday that developments of a detailed nature will reach the officials within a very few days. The announcement from Ottawa regarding the new man-power measure created considerable discussion yesterday in St. John and those who will come within the call received the news in a matter of fact way. "They got you at last," "I told you that they would take you before me," "I knew they would need me over there to win this war," and many other similar expressions were passed around. Some of the establishments in St. John will be obliged to engage female help to take the places of the men to be called out as they are quite a large number of men of this particular class who are employed as clerks.

COLLEGE BRIDGE MERCHANT ENLISTS

C. Owen LeBlanc Joins the Siege Battery—Has Many Friends in St. John.

C. Owen LeBlanc of College Bridge is in the city. Mr. LeBlanc is signing up today in a siege battery. He formerly, with his brother, ran a store in College Bridge and enjoyed a good trade. This was due to the fact of the affability and courtesy of the young men. He received word to report at an infantry station on April 20th, but came to the city a little earlier and was successful in obtaining a transfer for another unit. Mr. LeBlanc is an old student of St. Joseph's College, and by this medium is well known by the St. John boys who wish "Owen" the best of success and now only await to see how he fits in the uniform.

WRECKED CREW LEAVE

Part of the crew of the wrecked Norwegian bark Ashmore, who were landed here two weeks ago, left last evening for Portland, Me., where they will endeavor to ship to vessels. Several of the others decided to go west.

PRENTICE BOYS' FAIR

Another good crowd was present at the Prentice Boys' Fair last night and all enjoyed the games and amusements provided. The prize winners were: door prize, ton of coal, Miss Ruth Ferguson; ten pins, silver button, T. Macaulay; bean toss, umbrella, William Almer; ring toss, clock, Miss Alice Price; air gun, thermos bottle, Serg. T. Meehan; bagatelle, cake basket, Mrs. A. C. Smith.

TWO PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATIONS AGREE ON UNION

St. Andrew's and Calvin Presbyterian Churches Will Unite—Consummation Expected Within the Next Two Weeks.

The congregation of St. Andrew's and Calvin Presbyterian churches have agreed on a basis of union and it is expected the consummation will take place within the next two or three weeks. Committees from the two congregations have been at work for some time and the result of their labors is a basis of union containing no clauses. This was submitted to the congregation of St. Andrew's church Tuesday evening and unanimously agreed to. Last night the report was dealt with by the Calvin congregation and they too adopted the findings of the joint committees. The next step will be taken on Wednesday, April 24 when the basis will be laid before the Presbytery for its approval and it is expected this will be forthcoming without any difficulty. This union will result in the closing of another Presbyterian church in this city but it was felt that in the present crisis when the need for conservation in fuel and energies was so great that it would be in the interest of the both congregations and the work of the denomination as a whole that the union should take place. The matter was talked over in a quiet way and finally each church appointed a committee who have been working on the project for some little time and eventually arriving at the basis of union adopted by the two congregations last night on Tuesday. The both congregations will worship in St. Andrew's and Calvin will be sold.

MOVING PERIOD FAST APPROACHING

Many Difficulties are Being Experienced by Citizens in Having Household Effects Transferred.

"How soon before the first of May can you let me in, Mrs. —, as I want to get my furniture moved before then on account of the difficulty of getting hold of a truckman," remarked a woman yesterday to a lady who is vacating a house on May 1st. "Just as soon as Mrs. — moves out of the fat I am going to take," replied the lady adversely. And so it goes from one to the other and all attribute it to the scarcity of truckmen. This season of the year is certainly a bonanza for the men engaged in moving and every man, who is the owner of a team is booked ahead. So busy are the parties that they have thus far refused to take a load to the country and people moving out of town are obliged to wait for the roads to dry up. According to some persons the roads in some directions out of the city are in splendid shape for this season of the year, but teamsters state the roads are bad. The charges this moving period are if anything in advance of last year and the Standard has been informed of one case where one transfer company refused to haul a single load of furniture, but insists on two or more. Other parties are charging between \$4 and \$9 per load according to reports.

PAPER PUBLISHED BY THE AIRMEN

The Breezy Journal is Called "The Wing"—Former St. John Man is the Editor.

A copy of "The Wing," a magazine published in Felixstowe, Suffolk, has been received in St. John. The editor of the paper and his staff are members of the Royal Air Force stationed at Felixstowe. "The Wing" is a breezy little journal. One very interesting article describes a recent visit of His Majesty the King to this station. It will be remembered that it was here that the sad news of Kitchener's death was received by King George. Lieut. Commander Partridge, R. N. V. R. is the editor of The Wing. The editor was a former resident of Fredericton, was a newspaper man in St. John for a few years, and at the time he enlisted in the early stages of the war he was city editor of a Rochester, N. Y. paper.

ARTILLERY BOYS HAD LONG MARCH

Returned to City After Long Tramp Yesterday—Heads Erect and all Looked Fit.

The boys who are soon to handle the heavy guns on the western front enjoyed a day en route yesterday. During the early hours of the day the men left barracks and with sufficient equipment for the day left the city for a few miles of a jaunt. Each carried with him facilities for a stay away from barracks for the day and although the burden was heavy to carry for a long distance all of the party returned without showing the slightest signs of exhaustion. The only feature of the homeward march was the dust which had accumulated upon their khaki clothes. Yesterday's march-out recalls the activities of the battery which was stationed here last summer and it is likely that the citizens will have the privilege of seeing this fine body of manhood again before they are called upon to make their departure. Give at least a dollar for a flag to help the Navy on St. George's Day.

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CITY CORNET BAND CONCERT TONIGHT. There promises to be bumper houses at the concert to be given tonight and tomorrow night in the Y. M. C. I. auditorium by the City Cornet Band and assisting talent. The Band is desirous of all assistance in encouraging the worthy object they have in view, that of raising funds to procure a set of instruments for the Juvenile City Cornet Band recently formed. The membership of the Juvenile Band is about forty, their ages ranging from eight to fourteen years. The programme for the concert will be the best ever presented to a St. John audience. The concert will be held at the Y. M. C. I. auditorium. In order that all the children may have an opportunity of seeing that wonderful Monkey Circus at the Opera House, the management has arranged a special price of 50c for this afternoon for the children. The matinee starts at 3 o'clock. THE BEST YET. You are missing the best comedy drama of the season if you don't see Margarita Fisher in "Jilted Janet" this afternoon and evening at the Nickel, Queen Square. FRANCE IN ARMS. See it at the Star Theatre April 22nd and 23rd. The most instructive war picture ever filmed. Prices Monday matinee, 5c, and 10c. Evenings 10c. to all. S. O. S. MOVEMENT. The S. O. S. committee it is understood are making arrangements with the manager of the different theatres in the city to use their playhouses for a public meeting at the end of the month. These meetings will be addressed by prominent citizens who are interested in the movement. Charm and Economy Join Hands in These Daintiest of Lingerie Blouses A Selling event of great interest to thrifty shoppers. But you would never dream that they were so inexpensive until you looked at the ticket—a very special marking for Thursday's selling. Values you would expect to pay at least one-third more for. One dainty Blouse has the long roll collar finished in an old lace design, collar of pin tucks and a dainty front of fancy embroidery. We have chosen a few for our display window, and the ticket reads \$1.50 each. Better buy your summer supply now. Every man, woman and child should wear an English Fling on St. George's Day to show that the work of the Navy is appreciated. The adjourned annual meeting of the Local Council of Women on Thursday at 3 o'clock, in Natural History room.