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SURE OF GERMAN RECEPTION BUT DOUBTFUL AS TO ALLIES

Wilson's Note Probably Now in Hands of All Belligerents

Washington Believes He Had Some Reason to Think There Would Not be Flat Rejection—Some New York Papers Score Him for Action Taken

Washington, Dec. 21.—Informal notes to all the belligerents sent by President Wilson, without proposing peace or offering mediation, but appealing to them to discuss terms which may end the war, had been practically forty-eight hours on their way today and officials believed they should have reached all the foreign capitals.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Distinct surprise was apparent among diplomatic officials in Washington today, over President Wilson's plea to European belligerents to discuss peace terms. Publication of the note, finished on Monday and despatched on Tuesday to American diplomatic representatives abroad, gave most officials the first notice that such a step was even contemplated at this time.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The following editorial comments regarding President Wilson's note are printed here this morning: "The Tribune says: 'The Tribune profoundly regrets that President Wilson should at this time have moved to make any gesture which, however honestly intended to promote peace, will inevitably tend to complicate and not clarify the situation.'

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"The World says: 'What may come to the president's request can only be conjectured, but, for one thing, it cannot be ignored and the answers must go far beyond any European statesman has yet gone in defining the objects of the war and the terms of peace.'

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Collision In Air

French and German Aeroplanes Crash to Earth—Nungesser Brings Down His 21st Enemy Machine

Paris, Dec. 21.—The French official statement on the progress of hostilities, given out this afternoon, says there has been relative calm on the front in France, with the exception of aerial activity. Four enemy aeroplanes have been brought down by French pilots. Subsequent Nungesser brought down his twenty-first airplane. Another French pilot, pursuing a German machine, collided with his adversary. Both machines crashed to earth.

LIKELY RELEASE IRISH PRISONERS

Freedom for Majority Intended After Dublin Uprising is Expected Today

London, Dec. 21.—The correspondents of the morning papers in the lobby of parliament believe that a majority of the Irish prisoners interned after the rebellion will be released today. Their belief is based on inquiries following a sympathetic statement made by Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, in reply to a question made by John Dillon, one of the Irish leaders, in the House of Commons last night, indicating that the chief secretary and the premier were inclined to release the prisoners.

WENT DOWN WITHIN FEW MILES OF SAFETY

Masts of Vessel Protruding From Water of St. Mary's Bay

Digby, N.S., Dec. 19.—At low water early this morning a vessel's masts were seen sticking up in St. Mary's Bay between West and Meteghan. It is believed that the American schooner William, former minister of agriculture, in New York for Yarmouth, founded with all hands within three or four miles of safety.

ONE FAILS TO ASSEMBLE NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET BUT ANOTHER SUCCEEDS

Vienna, Dec. 20.—Alexander Spitzmuller has failed in his effort to construct a new cabinet and the task has been turned over to Count Clam Martinic, former minister of agriculture, in whose cabinet Herr Spitzmuller will have the finance portfolio.

TAKEN ILL IN STREET Charles Hayes, of Brookville, was taken suddenly ill in Brussels street this morning. He was found by the Park Drug store by H. W. Dalton and was temporarily looked after. Dr. Rowley was called in and found it necessary to have the man removed to the General Public Hospital. He will be confined to the institution for a day or two. Mr. Hayes was a painter for years and during the last summer he has suffered considerably from paint poison.

DEATH OF C. E. FARNHAM General regret was expressed this morning when it was learned that Charles E. Farnham of this city had passed away at his residence, 194 Charlotte street. Mr. Farnham was taken ill with pneumonia and the family had entertained hopes that he would survive but the end came suddenly and he died this morning.

Waterworks Garage. Commissioner Wigmore presented plans for accommodation of the three cars, including the new heavy truck owned by his department. This could be done by enlarging the present garage in Carmarthen street, adjoining the water office. The work is to be done by the employees of the department at a total cost of \$800. His plans were approved by the committee.

Authority was given for employing Frank A. McInnes, the water works engineer during January and February, 1917 for a contribution of \$300 towards the cost of \$1,100 for bringing the engineering experts here for the city survey.

Commissioner Fisher said he approved the principle, but he did not want to vote for it until he received an explanation of the recommendation that the water main should be diverted around the dry lake. The mayor suggested that it might not be well to vote away too much money at the end of the year, as the officials had warned him that funds were running low.

Predicts A Provisional Settlement Of The Irish Question; More Soldiers

Sir Horace Plunkett Arrives in New York—Says Irish Question Has Been Mishandled

New York, Dec. 21.—Arriving aboard the Adriatic from Liverpool, Sir Horace Plunkett, Irish leader, predicted a provisional settlement which will bring Ireland and England into closer harmony and expressed belief that Ireland will give between 180,000 and 150,000 more men for the defence of the United Kingdom.

ROSS THOMPSON AGAIN ON STAND THIS MORNING

Continues His Evidence Relative to Gould Claims in Valley Railway Matter

At this morning's session of the arbitration matter of A. R. Gould and associates vs. the Town of New Brunswick Ross Thompson continued his evidence. He gave a comparison of the cost of building the Transcontinental Railway in New Brunswick and the Valley Railway. The Valley Railway, he said, cost \$87,770 a mile and the Transcontinental \$71,770 a mile.

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Paris, Dec. 21.—The sinking of an Italian steamship in a collision with the French armored cruiser Ernest Renan, is reported in a despatch from Marseilles. The steamship, which was taking Italian soldiers home on leave, was cut in two. Several persons, most of them paid survivors, were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

THE MILK INQUIRY The answers to the city's inquiries regarding the cost of milk were not taken up at the meeting of the city commissioners in committee this morning, and to the council the postponed meeting tomorrow afternoon.

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PEACE NOTE SENDS WHEAT DOWN SEVEN CENTS

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SAYS HINDENBURG RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPORTATIONS

Outrage Against Belgian People Undeniably a Military Measure

The Hague, Dec. 21.—The official Belgian publication office in The Hague today issued the following communication regarding the deportation of Belgians by the Germans: "No sophism, no Wolf Bureau despatch and no circular by General Von Blasing can explain away the fact that Philipp Scheidemann, (Socialist member of the Reichstag), when in The Hague, freely admitted that the deportations were ordered by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and not by Emperor William. Therefore they are undeniably a military character."

TWO NEW BRUNSWICK SOLDIERS IN THE LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Casualties: INFANTRY

Killed in Action T. W. Blunden, Indian Island, Nfld. Previously Reported Wounded, Now Wounded and Missing Edward Mumford, Halifax. Wounded and Missing Cyril Bishop, Cupid, Nfld.

GOVERNMENT TAKES CONTROL AT CARDIFF

London, Dec. 21.—The Board of Trade has decided to establish a branch office at Cardiff. Control of the railways, docks and collieries will be taken over in order to end the present chaos.

GERMAN NOBLES WHO HAVE DIED IN WAR

London, Dec. 21.—The new Almanach De Gotha's list of nobility fallen in the war includes 208 counts, 457 barons and 1,468 lesser nobility.

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 21.—Increases of more than four million dollars in imports and nearly six millions in exports are shown in a statement of the foreign business of the colony of Newfoundland for the fiscal year, ended on June 30.

FED FLESH OF HORSES TO PIGS

London, Ont., Dec. 21.—Morley Wass, a well-to-do farmer, living near Ganton, was fined \$25 and costs by County Magistrate Hawkeshaw, on conviction of having fed his pigs on dead horses.

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London, Dec. 21.—While the morning papers give much prominence to American and other foreign comment on the question was sidetracked today for the discussion of the projected national services. The comment everywhere indicates the readiness of the nation to mobilize, as shown in a statement of the Board of Agriculture, describing Britain as a beleaguered island, and as a beleaguered island, the keynote to a situation which calls for the utmost national efforts.



GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

IMPERIAL TONIGHT AND TOMORROW
Tonight at the Imperial Theatre the splendid dancing novelty "The Quest of Life" in which Maurice and Florence Walton make their debut on the screen will receive its final presentation.

3,352,000 CARS IN THE UNITED STATES

John N. Willys Tells Life Insurance Presidents of Great Growth of Industry

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Many people, accordingly, are making gifts this year of necessities, of which Footwear is a good example. Make Your Present One That Means Comfort for Some Time After December 25

Table with columns for MEN and WOMEN footwear. Items include Felt Slippers, Leather Slippers, Hockey Boots, Felt Boots, Overshoes, Dress Boots, Children's Felt Slippers, Girls' Skating Boots, Boys' Skating Boots.

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Russia Excludes Frivolity Aids

Embargo That Will Make The Society Functions in Petrograd Quiet—All Frivoly Tabooed

Speaking of embargoes, the Russian government has announced one that promises to make society functions in Petrograd as quiet as Quaker prayer meetings next year if all its provisions are enforced.

SEE IT TONIGHT

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LOCAL NEWS

Band Queen's Rink tonight. Good ice. First things first—that means Duval's. 12-20

Special men's sweaters at Corbet's, 184 Union street. 12-22

Special sale of men's mufflers for balance of week at Chas. Magnusson & Co.'s, Dock street. Big reductions as stock is too large. 12-24

Lovely wool scarfs and toques to match; also ladies' silk velvet hats, 98 cents, at John K. Storey's. 12-23

GIFT UMBRELLAS. Ladies' and gentlemen's umbrellas, sterling silver mountings, from \$2.50 to \$6.—W. E. Ward, 53 King street. 12-23

PHONE M. 1782. For an assorted case of Blue Ribbon scented beverages. Besides the popular fruit flavors, this assortment includes the celebrated City Club ginger ale. 12-24

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER. Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., 193 Union street. See our adv. on page 7. 12-24

CONFECTIONERY AND CIGARS. Our Xmas confectionery arriving every day. Fancy Xmas packages in confectionery and cigars specialty.—F. Francis, 72 Mill street. 12-23

You can buy a good strong well made suit for your boy for \$25. Fur, out of the high rent district, 440 Main st. 12-24

QUEEN'S RINK SEASON TICKETS. Queen's Rink season tickets are no higher this year, but those who have not secured them should do so immediately; they are going fast.

YOU'LL FIND IT HERE. A few suggestions offered by Wiesel's, 121-123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 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A Practical Gift is Appreciated by Any Man
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LOCAL NEWS
Special Christmas shirts at Corbet's, 194 Union street.
If the selection of Christmas gifts trouble you, come right here and see how quickly and satisfactorily we can remove the pressure from your mind by showing you something choice in footwear that will be "just the thing!"

LOCAL NEWS
Men's lined Mocha gloves, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.—Harry W. King, 177 Union street.
XMAS SPECIAL
Ladies' collars, latest designs, worth 50c. to \$1.25; special for Christmas shoppers, 25c, 30c and 40c. C. J. Bassen, corner Union and Sydney. 12-22

LOCAL NEWS
After all—Christmas is but a big "love affair" to smooth the wrinkles of the year by kindly remembrances.—Wiesel's Cash Stores, 248-247 Union street.
Bassen's! Bassen's!—The People's Dry Goods Store—that's the place to do your Christmas shopping, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.
Amdur's for your Christmas presents, Amdur's for your Christmas wear, Amdur's for your shopping. 12-25.

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Why a Birks Diamond is a Sound Investment:
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Great variety of Christmas wear at special cut prices at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney. 12-22
You must include Amdur's in your Christmas shopping calls. It will pay you. We have a splendid stock in all lines.—258 King street west. 12-25.

LOCAL NEWS
Special Christmas ties at Corbet's, 174 Union street. 12-22.
Handkerchiefs, neckwear, waists, sweaters and tea aprons at great bargain prices. C. J. Bassen, corner Union and Sydney. 12-22
Arnold's Dept. Store will be open every evening till Christmas. 12-23.

LOCAL NEWS
Special cuts on four, Christmas groceries, confectionery, oranges, toys, books, games, friction toys, skates, sleds.—At The 2 Barkers, Ltd., 100 Princess street.
Father, Mother, Brother, Sister. We can supply a Christmas gift for each and at less cost.—Ideal Shoe Store, 103 Union street, W. E. (near Bank Nova Scotia.)
Ladies will find our selection of Christmas gifts one of the best in St. John. Come and look them over—no obligation to buy.—288 King street west. 12-24.

LOCAL NEWS
Buy your Christmas wear and your gifts for less money at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.
Queen's rink, children's tickets only cost \$1.00. They make the best presents. 12-24
Prunes, Fancy Raisins, 10c. lb.
Cornflakes, 25c. 3 for 25c.
Shelled Walnuts, 19c. can.
Good Case Eggs, 42c. doz.
Choice Butter, 42c. lb.
Other Goods Equally Cheap. 12-25

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In case of severe toothache, rush your patient to one of our offices where instant relief may be obtained.
We do work painlessly and well.
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1 1/2 lbs. Sugar, \$1.00
New Buckwheat, 6c. lb. 5 lbs. for 25c.
Shrimps, 20c. 2 for 35c.
Home-made Chow Chow and Mustard Pickles, 25c. bottle.
5 lbs. Oatmeal, 25c.
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Fancy New Figs, 20c. lb.
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Sultana Seedless Raisins, 16c. pkgs.
A fine line of Xmas Candy and Fruit in bulk.
Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas.
West Side Delivery Tuesday and Friday.
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1 1/2 lbs. Finest Granulated Sugar, \$1
10 lb. bag Lantic Sugar, 85c.
3 lbs. Pulverized Sugar, 30c.
Shelled Walnuts, 19c. can.
New Cleaned Currants, 18c. pkgs.
2 pks. Dromedary Dates, 25c.
Fancy New Figs, 20c. lb.
5 lbs. Oatmeal, 25c.
Mixed Peels, 25c. lb.
Tomatoes, 18c. tin
Corn, 14c. tin
Pass, 12c. tin
Clams, 10c. tin
Peaches, large tins, 20c.
3 lbs. Lipton's 40c. Tea for \$1.00
5 lbs. Oatmeal, 25c.
4 lbs. New Buckwheat, 25c.
24 lb. bag Purdy Flour, \$1.45
24 lb. bag Royal Household, \$1.40
Surprise, Gold or Fairy Soap, 6 for 25c.
3 lbs. Mixed Starch, 25c.

FANCY FRESH FRUITS
Sweet Juicy Florida Oranges, 22c, 25c, and 30c. doz.
California Seedless Navel, 30c. and 40c. doz.
California Seedless Lemons, 25c. doz.
Florida Grapefruit, 7c. 4 for 25c.
Cape Cod Cranberries, 12c. qt.
Apples, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c. peck
CHRISTMAS CANDY
Ribbon Mixture, 18c. lb.
Barley Toys, 20c. lb.
Best Hard Boiled Mixed Candy, 18c. lb.
Cream Mixture, 19c. lb.
DRY FRUIT
Santa Claus Seeded Raisins, 12c. pkgs.
Fancy Seedless Raisins, 14c. and 17c. pkgs.
London Layer Table Raisins, 15c. lb. 2 lbs. for 25c.
Choice Layer Figs, 20c. lb.
Dromedary Dates, 14c. pkgs.
Choice Prunes, 11c. lb. 3 lbs. for 30c.
Large Prunes, 15c. lb. 2 lbs. for 25c.
Evaporated Peaches, 15c. lb.
Apricots, 20c. 18c. lb.
CANNED GOODS
Peas, 11c.
Corn, 12c.
Tomatoes, 19c.
Peaches (2 1/2), 16c.
Lemon or Vanilla Extract, 3 for 25c.
Jersey Cream Baking Powder, 22c. can

WASSON'S CHRISTMAS SALE—ALL WEEK
Safety Razors
Make for Easy and Comfortable Shaving. Save the Man Money.
Star Razors \$1.00
12 Blades and Stropper in Case.
Durham Razors \$1.50
This is a \$5.00 Outfit Complete.
Gillette Razors \$5.00
Newest Style, 12 Blades.
FREE—A 25c. Shaving Stick in a Metal Case, FREE with any Safety Razor.
Razor Straps, 75c.—Brushes, 25c. to \$2.00.—Lotions, 25c., 50c., 60c.
EBONY SETS—In fancy cases for ladies, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$9.00 and \$10.75.
BROWNIE CAMERAS \$1.25, \$2.00, \$3.00
Any child can make good pictures with a Brownie.
CALENDAR MOUNTS—Half price, 5c., 6c., 8c. For 2 Brownie, 2 A Brownie, 3 Brownie and Postcard.
25c. BOXED PERFUMES—5 kinds, 19c., Others 25c., 50c., 85c. and up.
DOLLS—All reduced, 22c., 45c., 65c., 85c., \$1.00, \$9.50
WASSON'S MAIN ST.

"BOXED" CHRISTMAS GIFTS
In Scarfs, Ties and Fancy Collars. A Full Stock of Boxed Handkerchiefs in plain and fancy, from 15c. to 65c. per box. Men's Special Boxed Scarfs, 25c. and 50c. each. Men's Special Boxed Braces, 40c. and 50c. pair. A general stock of Useful Christmas Presents at Moderate Prices.
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Store Open Until 8 p.m.

CASH SALES for Xmas Week at C. T. Eccles, 267 King St., W. E.
C. O. D. Orders Delivered. Phone 80-41.
12 lbs. Sugar with order \$1.00
Santa Claus Brand Raisins, 12c. pkgs.
Good Currants, 15c. pkgs.
Dromedary Dates, 14c. pkgs.
Butter, 40c. lb.
Extra Good Butter, 45c. lb.
Eggs, 42c. doz.
Bishop Figs, 40c. pkgs.
Good Apples for all purposes, 35c. pt.
Fancy Barbados Molasses, 72c. gal.
Pure Swiss Lard, 15c. lb.
Buckwheat, 6c. lb. or 5 lbs. for 25c.
Jersey Cream Baking Powder, 25c. tin
Cow Brand in pkgs., 4c.
Felsa Naphtha Soap, 6c. or 5 for 25c.
6 pkgs. Pearlina for 25c.
Specials at BROWN'S GROCERY
86 Brussels Street
Corner Richmond
Phone Main 2370-21
24 lb. bag Royal Household Flour, \$1.35
24 lb. bag Five Roses or Purity Flour, \$1.35
Dromedary Dates, 13c. pkgs. 2 for 25c.
New Palm Brand Figs, 10c.
Choice Seeded Raisins, 12c. pkgs.
3 bottles Extracts for 25c.
1 lb. tin Bee Baking Powder, 21c.
4 pkgs. Bee Jelly, 20c.
New Mixed Peel, 25c. lb.
Pure Swiss Lard, 15c. lb.
Flake White Lard, 19c. lb.
New Excelsior Prunes, 11c. lb.
New Evaporated Peaches, 11c. lb.
King Cole or Dickson's Tea—Regular 40c. for 25c.
12 lbs. Finest Granulated Sugar with order, for \$1.00
Delivery All Over the City. 12-25

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Xmas. Day in the Dining Room
Now is the time to make your dining-room attractive for Xmas day. Plan to make this room brighter and prettier than it is. Then, when your friends and your family come for the "BIG DINNER," you will be proud to have them.
Beautiful Dining Chairs—Solid Oak, leather seats, etc. Per set, only \$22.50 upwards.
Xmas Gifts for Father, Mother, Wife, Sister, Sweetheart and the Little Ones.
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For Lowest Prices on Christmas Meats and Provisions.
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STORE OPEN EVENINGS
West End Delivery Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Afternoons.
SOME SNAPS
AT THE 2 BARKERS' LIMITED
100 PRINCESS ST. and 111 BRUSSELS ST.
Flour Less Than Wholesale Price.
Five Shamrocks, Only \$1.00 66l.
Five Shamrocks—8 lb. bag, \$5.00
Five Shamrocks—24 lb. bag, \$1.35
Strathcona, Only \$9.50 66l.
Strathcona—8 lb. bag, \$4.75
Choice Seeded Raisins, 10c. pkgs. up
Currants, 15c. pkgs.
New Lemon Peel, 21c. lb.
New Orange Peel, 22c. lb.
New Citron Peel, 25c. lb.
Cooking Figs, 2 lbs. for 25c.
12 lbs. Granulated Sugar, \$1.00
BARLEY TOYS Only 16c. lb.
Good Mixed Candy, Only 12c. lb.
Choice Mixed Candy, Only 15c. lb.
Barker's Mixed Candy, Only 20c. lb.
Conversation Lozenges, Only 15c. lb.
30c. Cream Mixture, Only 18c. lb.
Ice Cream Wafers, Only 25c. lb.
Christmas Mixture, Only 19c. lb.
Midlet Mixture, Only 25c. lb.
Fudge, Only 25c. lb.
Buttercrisp, Only 30c. lb.
Kisses, Only 25c. lb.
Snowflakes, Only 25c. lb.
Best Bon-Bon Mixture, Only 35c. lb.
Candy Cases, Only 25c. lb.
Regular 50c. Chocolates, Only 30c. lb.
Regular 60c. Chocolates, Only 40c. lb.
Regular 50c. Dolls, Only 40c. lb.
3-Piece Carving Sets, From 90c. up
Books, From 35c. up
Sleds, From 35c. up
Big Reduction in Iron Friction Toys.
Open Every Night Till 10 o'clock.
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NATIONAL SERVICE

From the principle of compulsion which would call upon one man to enlist and another to work in a munition factory, and which would in a general way enforce national service, Sir Robert Borden is not exempt. It is clearly his duty to place himself at the service of the country, and not of the Conservative party.

MUNITION MAKING

Next in importance to providing men, and indeed quite as essential, is the production of munitions. Nothing has done so much to impress this truth upon the public mind in Canada as the very striking series of advertisements in the newspapers, prepared by Mr. Mark H. Irish, director of munitions labor.

Not long ago Harry Leon Wilson, novelist, and Charles E. Van Loan, short story writer, were making a trip together on a western road. Wilson, who looks more like a rancher in comfortable circumstances than a literary man, fell into conversation with the hay grower from the coast, and they spent some time discussing crops and conditions.

Nothing President Wilson has done since the war began is less becoming to the president of the United States than the peace note just sent to the belligerent nations. When he says that "the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world," are that "each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and

powerful states now at war," he conveniently forgets the violation of Belgium, the trampling under foot of solemn treaties and all the crimes and the openly declared ambitions of Germany. He is playing into the hands of Germany. What does he mean by the remark that his suggestion comes "from representatives of a neutral nation, whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war, and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue?"

A Boston paper gives currency to the rumor that if British merchant vessels are armed they will use Canadian instead of American ports. The difficulty is that the Canadian winter ports are without the necessary facilities. A lot of damage has been done by the recent storm to the new terminals at Halifax, and the question is even raised if they have not been wrongly located.

Appeals in behalf of the sailors reminds us that the Seamen's Institute in St. John is an excellent institution, doing a valuable work and deserving of financial support.

LIGHTER VEIN

"The stranger was ushered into the society parlor's presence. 'Ah, you wish my aid,' said the great ser. 'Well, madam,' said the visitor, 'in a way, I do. You see, I've just called.' 'Certainly, I know all about it. Just sit here. Ah, I see you have met with various disappointments lately.' 'Quite true,' interrupted the caller. 'Hush! Let me go on. Something which you have written for and striven hard to get has eluded time and again.' 'Right you are,' murmured the victim. 'But patience. Your end will be attained in the near future. Success is yours.' 'I'm sure I'm very glad to hear it, madam,' said the subject, as he flourished a blue paper. 'I've called five times with the gas bill. It's a good thing I'm to get it at last.'"

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HOCKEY BOOTS and SKATES!

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Gaiters Make a Most Acceptable Christmas Gift

Call and See Our Assortment of BLACK CLOTH GAITERS at 60c., 75c., 80c., 90c., \$1.00. BLACK CLOTH LEGGINGS \$1.00 to \$1.50 Light Grey Dark Grey and White CLOTH GAITERS at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 Other Dainty and Useful Gifts: FELT SLIPPERS or BOUDOIR SLIPPERS Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas. McRobbie Foot-Fitters : 50 King St.

Cheyne's Special Christmas Announcement of Low Prices FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 22 AND 23

- ORANGES: Choice Floridas 40c. doz, New Navels 50c. doz, New Navels 60c. doz. APPLES: Red California Apples 45c. doz, Ontario Spy Apples 25c. and 35c. doz, Bishop Pippins 40c. peck, Bishop Pippins 50c. peck, Blenheim Apples 50c. peck, Gravenstein Apples 20c., 25c., 30c. peck. New Raisins (choate) 15c. pkge, New Raisins (fancy) 15c. pkge, Cluster Raisins 25c. pkge, Malaga Grapes 20c. lb, Currants (new) 22c. pkge, Small Raisins 15c. lb, Seedless Sultana Raisins 15c. pkge, Popping Corn 10c. pkge, Crackers, From 50c. doz box to \$1.75. CONFECTIONERY: Moir's Chocolates in bulk, hard centres and soft centres, in large variety 50c. lb. Also G. B. and Corona Chocolates, fancy boxes From 30c. to \$1.50 each, Plum Puddings 1 lb. tins, 40c. each, Fruit Cakes 1 lb. tins, 40c., Moir's Fruit Cake 35c. lb, Sunshine Biscuit in 15c. pkgs, in large variety. 5 lb. tin of Prunes, extra quality, 85c., New Dates (bulk) 15c. lb, New Figs (bulk) 20c. lb, New Nuts From 25c. to 30c. lb, Other Xmas Goods, Too Numerous to Permit of Mention, at Very Lowest Prices. Our Usual Special Week-End Prices on Staple Groceries.

GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS The "Safest" Gift you can select for "Him," because the appreciation will be sure and lasting. Pocket Editions, as illustrated Silver Plated Case and Silver Plated Razor \$5.00 Gold Plated Case and Gold Plated Razor 6.00 Standard Sets Morocco Cases and Silver Plated Razor 5.00 Nickel Plated Case and Silver Plated Razor 5.00 Combination Sets Morocco Cases \$6.50 and 7.50

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able system of mines in the world. "We are always trying to get something which the other fellow has not thought of, and the scramble for results practically amounts to spring models in mines," said he. Military Mines Present Problem. "There are two kinds of submarine mines, naval and military. Each has its function, and, inasmuch as the function differs, so each kind of mine is different. The naval mine is of necessity smaller. It must be carried on a fighting ship and is sown as a protection against attack by torpedo boat destroyers on the ship itself. "When we come to the military mine, the army's specialty, we have another problem. Where the navy mine is sown in a hurry, the ship commander knowing only in a general way where the field lies, the army officer in charge of the mine field carefully plants the mines, and the field is mapped with the utmost care. "Friendly shipping as well as enemy vessels must be watched. Since there is usually plenty of time and plenty of facilities for planting military mines, the mines themselves are larger and more powerful than those of the navy. A navy mine will carry on the average a 100-pound charge, and the military mine as high as 400 pounds of explosive. "One of the most important conditions which the army faces in the problem of coast defense is reckoning on the tide in the various harbors. Along the Atlantic coast the tide varies from five to ten feet; is from ten to twelve on the Pacific coast, while at the Pacific end of the Panama Canal it is from fifteen to twenty. Of course, you can see that a mine which is submerged at low tide at the proper depth from five to ten feet, at the entrance to the canal, would at high tide be down as low some times as thirty feet, useless so far as coast defense is concerned. A swift current may drag an ordinary mine about five feet, and this, too, has to be considered. "The old method of mining has been to plant two or three rows of mines submerged at various depths so that there will always be one line at the right depth. The disadvantages of this method lie in the fact that at low tide the mines which are submerged the least are afloat and may easily be photographed by spy or hostile airplanes. And thus, when the tide has risen the enemy fleet will be able to sail straight through the mine field by compass as easily as one of our own vessels. Put Ships at Operator's Mercy "It is to do away with these conditions, and also to do away with having the mines disarranged by the currents, that army engineers have long been working to construct just the sort of mine we have perfected, a mine which will automatically adjust itself to the correct submergence. "There have been two different schemes tried; the first has been to get some sort of mechanical device—a coiled spring has been the most popular—which is released by water pressure and raises or lowers the mine. Another method has been to construct a mine with a motor which is run by a current generated in the fort nearby, and transmitted to the mine along a cable. "Our mine accomplished just what we have wanted it to do. It can be pulled down to the bottom of a harbor out of sight of prying aeroplanes and made the way of friendly shipping. "Within minutes' notice or less, every mine can be sent up to the proper submergence and the life of any ship venturing within its field is at the mercy of the operator. "According to this officer, every harbor or defense fort in the United States has the material and equipment to mine the harbor within forty-eight hours after war is declared. "The new mines have not yet been issued.



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**LOCAL NEWS**

The many friends of Richard Walsh of Waterbury & Rising, will regret to hear that he has been removed from his home to the St. John Infirmary, where he will undergo an operation.

The next British and foreign mail to leave St. John will close at the post office on Saturday evening, Dec. 23. The letter mail will close at 7 p. m. and the parcel and paper mail will close at 9 p. m.

The board of commissioners of the St. John County Hospital have appointed Rev. D. W. McLeod as chaplain, owing to the fact that Rev. W. W. Malcolm, the former chaplain, has accepted a call to the St. Stephen Presbyterian church.

Bringing 3,500 tons of soft coal for the Canadian Government Railways, the steamship Selma arrived in port yesterday from Philadelphia. She is the first of several steamers that will bring coal from the United States for use on the railways, owing to the coal shortage in Nova Scotia.

Rev. F. P. Dennison, who for the last nine months has been acting as pastor of Edith Avenue church, East St. John, in addition to his own duties as pastor of Tabernacle church, was taken by surprise on Tuesday evening, when the congregation of Edith Avenue church made him the recipient of a purse of gold in appreciation of his services.

The annual Christmas tree and festival of the Congregational Sunday school was held last night in the church vestry and was largely attended. Rev. Thomas Hall, the new pastor, was introduced by superintendent J. W. Flewelling. Mr. Hall gave a stirring address. Miss Hall sang a vocal solo. The sum of \$18 was raised for the Belgian Fund.

The Ladies of the W. M. A. S. of the Ludlow street Baptist church held their annual crusade day exercises in the vestry of the church last night. Rev. W. R. Robinson occupied the chair. An admirable address was given by Miss Ship, provincial secretary of the U. B. W. M. U. on the work of the society in New Brunswick, India and Bolivia.

At a meeting of Union Jack Lodge, No. 35, P. A. P. B., in their rooms in the Orange Hall, Simonds street, last evening, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: W. M. W. Spencer; D. M. B. Logan; chaplain, W. Penny; R. S. T. Hunter; F. S. H. Curran; treasurer, J. M. Howe; D. O. C. A. M. Wheaton; foreman of committee, E. Morrell; J. S. Hargrave; A. M. Wheaton; H. Coleman; G. A. Earle; I. T. J. E. Hargrave; O. T. E. Morrell; lecturers, E. Morrell, C. Ducey. At the close of the business session—

**LOCAL NEWS**

Smalley & Co. are showing the finest selection of bracelet watches to be found in the city, including gold, gold filled, silver and gun metal. Every watch fully guaranteed. Smalley & Co., 91 Prince William street. 12-23

**CIGARS**

Thirty-five Florodoras in box for 65c. 25 Margarites in box for \$1.40; 50 tin box 7-20-4, one of leading 10c. cigars for \$2.50.—At The 2 Bitters, Ltd., 100 Princes street.

The man who can not afford to pay a high price for his overcoat will do well to call and see our \$12 Melton overcoats. Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main street. 12-26

**XMAS SUGGESTIONS**

Men's neckwear, 50c to \$2; mufflers, 50c to \$2.50; gloves, \$1 to \$2.50; silk hose, braces, arm bands and fancy sets.—W. E. Ward, 28 King street, corner Germain. 12-23

**NO ADVANCE IN PRICE**

"Blue Ribbon" beverages are one of the few things which have not advanced in price. Phone the factory for a Christmas case of assorted flavors. You will like them and so will the kiddies. 12-24

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"City Club" is a made good "by ginger." Order a case for Christmas. Delivered to all parts of the city. 12-24

**ASKS CLERK WHY HE IS IN MUFTI**

A Quiet, Motherly Woman Says Now's Time for Deeds, Not Words

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Are the women of Toronto beginning to give vent to the feeling of scorn which they experience on entering a store and being waited on by able-bodied young men who ought to be in khaki?

A lady entered a store and asked to see some ties. She was gentle and quiet and not at all troublesome to serve, to the young salesman laid himself out to please, displaying the after tie and pointing out the beauties of each. She chose one and took out her purse to pay.

"Anything else I can do for you today, madam?" the youth asked in his pleasant, business-like way.

"Yes," she replied, equally pleasant and equally business-like. "You might answer one question. Why are you not in khaki serving your country?"

"I don't know," he replied in confusion. "I have been thinking of it for some time."

"This is a time for deeds, not thoughts," she retorted, as she took up the change and her tie and walked away.

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WHAT more acceptable gifts than those which combine the full sentiment of gift-giving with long future years of useful service? Those who received Waltham on other Christmas Days are conscious of a deeper, more sentimental fondness for their watches with each succeeding year.

Waltham Watches are so exquisite in design, so thin, graceful, so marvel how they can combine in such high degree the stern qualities of accuracy and durability. Make this a Christmas gift. Jewellery can show you Walthams at low prices as will buy a good watch, and as high in price as any one should pay. Christmas is almost here. Visit your Jeweller today.

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Apron Lengths—Novelty Silk Mixture Waistings just arrived for Christmas.

**GIFTS IN SILK DEPT.**

Furs, Umbrellas, Blouse Waists, Silks, Corduroys, Velvetens.

**GIFTS IN WHITE WEAR DEPT.**

Kimonas, Boudoir Caps, Chemises, Lawn and Fancy Aprons, Silk Shirts and Combinations, Silk and Lawn Skirts.

**For the Infants.**

Shoes, Silk Puffs and Dressing Gowns, Toys, Celluloid Goods in Brush and Comb Sets, Trinket Boxes, etc.

Wool Hug-me-Tights for mother.

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**DOLLS**—Best quality, reliable make, reduced prices—Character Dolls, Baby Dolls, Dressed Dolls, flexible, jointed, very durable, all reduced..... 15c. to \$6.00

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Novelties in Mahogany, Trays, Bud Vases, Candlesticks, Nut Bowls, Book Sets, Smokers' Sets, New Pieces in China, Limoges, Minton Aynsley, etc., Boudoir Lamps, Empire Pattern, Cut Glass, Silverware, Trays, Brassware, Egyptian Pottery, Ornaments, Portable Lamps, Parisian Ivory, Manicure and Toilet Sets.

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Similar Light Colored Comforts of Mercerized Silkoline. Worth up to \$4.00.

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Silk Draperies also at special prices.

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**MAMMOTH NEW HOTEL TO BE CALLED DEVONSHIRE**

To Be Fourteen Stories High and Have 600 Guest Rooms.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—"The Devonshire" will be the name of Toronto's new four-million-dollar hotel which will soon be erected on the site of the Yonge street Arcade. A letter from the governor-general has just been received by W. S. Dinnick of the Anglo-American Hotel Company, which will construct the new hotel, stating that he is pleased to grant permission to use his name. His Excellency will be invited to lay the corner-stone some time during the coming year.

The Devonshire will be fourteen stories high and will contain 600 guest rooms. Features of the hotel will be a peacock alley and a roof garden. The size of the edifice will be approximately that of the Royal Bank and the C. P. R. buildings combined.

A young Turkoman started to bride and fret at remaining long idle. So, along with a pal, He approached the canal— A proceeding which proved suicidal.







BUTTER-MAKING AT HOME IN THE OLD COUNTRY



Numbers of families of Scotland, especially in Glasgow, are making their own butter by the simple process of shaking their milk in the milk bottle. The butter in the corner—four ounces—was produced from one pint of milk.

The World is Now Dependent On Canada For Its Nickel

United States Has Not a Single Mine in Operation—World Probably Produced 37,000 Tons This Year, of Which Canada Supplied 34,000—International Nickel Co. in Control

(By E. B. Biggar.) The present dominant position of Canada in the world's nickel market was not realized when costly experiments were being made by chemists connected with the big nickel corporations to overcome the difficulties of smelting the ore of the Sudbury district. The chief source of the world's supply then was Europe, and even the United States averaged Canada. From 1840 to 1860 the production of the whole world only surpassed from 100 to 200 tons a year, and its use was chiefly for cheap jewelry and utensils that could be produced from the alloy known as German silver. Its price averaged \$2 to \$3 a pound, but this increased by the growing demand and the uncertain supply till in the seventies, when it averaged \$6 to \$7 a pound. This rise was largely caused by the adoption by Germany of a nickel alloy for coinage which used up more nickel than could be replaced by the annual supply. As the technical problems of working the metal and making alloys were solved, and its new qualities became known, the demand and the supply both increased, but improved processes enabled the smelters and refiners to cheapen the product and still make more profits than before. The nickel refining corporation make prices ranging from thirty cents to forty-five cents per pound, according to the size of the order. As mining and exploration have proceeded in Canada the extent and richness of the Canadian nickel ores appear to be more clearly demonstrated, while the supplies from other sources have become more scanty by reason of the pock-

New Jersey, is not clear. One reason why the New Caledonia mines may not be able to maintain production in competition with Canada is that all the material for smelting and refining—such as coal, soda ash, gypsum, and sulphur—have to be imported, while the long sea voyage both for material and the shipment of ore or metal are a drawback. At all events M. du Palais, a French authority, estimated the output of the three smelters of New Caledonia at the equivalent of 2,268 tons in 1915, and the annual average production has remained at about that since 1891. Compare this with an output equivalent to 34,077 tons of pure nickel by Canada in 1915.

Dependent on Canada. In 1906 the world's production of nickel was 14,200 metric tons (a metric ton is 2,204 pounds), of which Canada produced 10,776 metric tons. In 1912 the whole world produced 26,500 tons, of which Canada's share was 22,421 tons. The figures for the past year will probably show a production for the world of 37,000 tons, of which Canada has produced over 34,000 tons. The significance of these figures consists not so much in the fact of the extraordinary increase in the output of the Canadian mines, as in the fact that all the increase in the world's supply in recent years has been contributed by Canada alone. The rest of the world has indeed decreased its output during the past three years. The largest share of the nickel mined in Canada—and consequently the largest share of the world's supply—is smelted by the Canadian Copper Company, which is owned by the International Nickel Company of the United States. The Canadian Copper Company, at its works in Sudbury, smelts the ore into a matte (a French word meaning dross, or without gloss), comprising chiefly the copper, nickel, and silver contents, but separated from its coarser metals. The matte is then shipped to the International Nickel Company's works at Constable Hook, N. J., where it is refined, and this refining work employs a large number of skilled hands, and involves the chief industrial processes connected with the nickel trade. The Canadian Copper Company, which owns the Nickel Corporation, Limited, and the Societe Miniere Caldonienne (a French word meaning dross, or without gloss), comprising chiefly the copper, nickel, and silver contents, but separated from its coarser metals. The matte is then shipped to the International Nickel Company's works at Constable Hook, N. J., where it is refined, and this refining work employs a large number of skilled hands, and involves the chief industrial processes connected with the nickel trade. The Canadian Copper Company, which owns the Nickel Corporation, Limited, and the Societe Miniere Caldonienne (a French word meaning dross, or without gloss), comprising chiefly the copper, nickel, and silver contents, but separated from its coarser metals. The matte is then shipped to the International Nickel Company's works at Constable Hook, N. J., where it is refined, and this refining work employs a large number of skilled hands, and involves the chief industrial processes connected with the nickel trade.

Few Men Control All. The nickel capital of the International Nickel Company is \$62,000,000, and its net profits range between four and five million dollars a year—the figures for 1915 were \$5,598,071 and for 1916 over seven millions—besides reserve sums and funds laid by far further exploitation. Its wholesale customers are the chief governments of the world, and needless to say that fact gives it control of the world's market prices and the world's supply, and will continue to give it that control so long as governments complacently subordinate their means of defence to the will of a few private individuals. Though the International Nickel Company has control, it has not an absolute monopoly of the world's nickel industry. The Mond Nickel Company, operating by another process worked out by Dr. Ludwig Mond, a British member of parliament, produces considerable quantities in the Sudbury district, has a smelter at Denison in that district, and ships its matte to Clydach, near Swansea, Wales, for refining. Its chief customers are the British and allied governments. Its capital is \$2,410,000 and on some classes of stock it has paid dividends ranging from 48 to 55 per cent. Then there is the Alexo Mine, on the Porcupine branch of the T. & N. O. R., in Ontario, which produces about 1,000 tons of matte annually. The amount of ore raised last year by the three companies named was—Canadian Copper Company, 644,208 tons; Mond Nickel Company, 146,074 tons; Alexo Mining Company, 7,962 tons. The total of 807,244 tons of nickel matte produced in Canada last year about 7,000,000 pounds were shipped to

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Quotations furnished by private wire of J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N.B. New York, Dec. 21.

Table of stock market quotations including Am Zinc, Am Car & Fdry, Am Locomotive, Am Beet Sugar, etc.

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Table of Montreal transactions including Brazil, Bridge, Erie Power, Quebec, etc.

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TEA IN RUSSIA

The consumption of tea has grown tremendously in Russia since the sale of imperial decree. In 1915, 4,251,000 pounds—a pound equals 16 ounces—of tea were used in Russia, while in 1915, the year following the vodka prohibition, tea sales jumped to 4,689,000 pounds.

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What to buy—and where to buy it answered to some extent by a visit to our Men's store.

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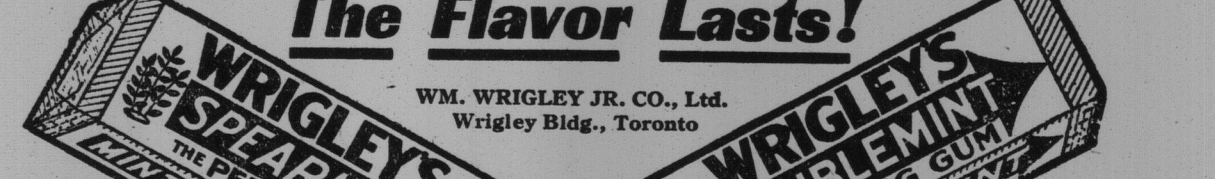
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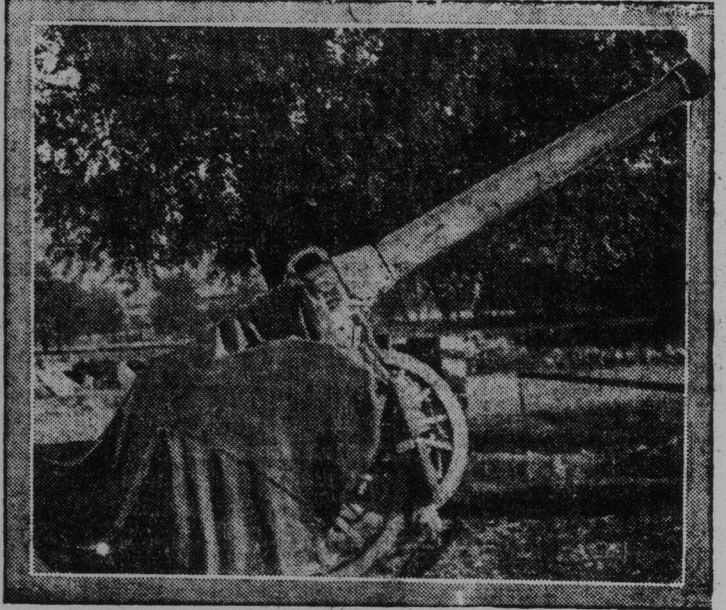
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Wilson Surprises All By Appeal To Belligerents To Discuss Peace Terms

Washington, Dec. 20—President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace. Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation the president has sent formal notes to the governments of all the warring nations suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded, and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Wholly without notice, and entirely contrary to what administration officials have described as his course, the president last night despatched the notes to all the belligerents, and to all the neutrals for their information.

This latest development in the rapidly moving world events toward a discussion of peace, was not permitted to become known until tonight, when the notes were well on their way to the American ambassadors in the belligerent capitals, and probably already in the hands of some of them.

It was a most distinct surprise to all official Washington, which had been led to believe that, with the formal transmittal of the proposals of the Central Powers, the officers of the United States would await further moves between the belligerents themselves, and that certainly, in view of the speech of Premier Lloyd George and the announcement in Russia, France and Italy, further action by neutrals would depend upon the careful and delicate moves of the belligerents.

Nowhere on the surface appears any indication of the history-making events which diplomatists generally are convinced must have transpired since the German allies brought forth their proposals to dispel the generally prevalent belief that such an action on the part of President Wilson would be unacceptable to the Entente Powers.

British embassy officials declare they were utterly taken by surprise, were wholly unable to explain it, and were emphatic in their statement that no exchanges whatever had passed through the embassy here as a preliminary.

The wish and hope of the German powers that President Wilson would intercede in some way has long been well known, and has been conveyed in different ways to the White House.

The attitude of the Entente Allies, as expressed by their statesmen, and certainly until recently in official advices to the American government, has been that a peace offer by the United States would be considered almost the next thing to unfriendly.

"The president of the United States suggested to me to suggest to the government (addressed), a course of action with regard to the present war which he hopes that the government will take under consideration as suggested, at the most friendly spirit, and as coming not only from a friend, but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation, whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war, and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

Special to Central Powers. At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the Central Powers this paragraph follows next:

"The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time, because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the Central Powers. It has, in fact, been in no way suggested by them in its origin, and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered out for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace, and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits, and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

Variation to Entente. In the note to the Entente Allies the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted:

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Then all the notes proceed identically as follows:

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pare them. He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative in its accomplishment, in any way that might prove acceptable, but has no desire to determine the method or the instrumentality.

One way will be as acceptable to him as another, if only the great object he has in mind be attained.

All in One Class. "He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statements of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war. Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future, along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this, and against aggression or selfish interference of any kind. Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues to preserve an uncertain balance of power, or of multiplying suspicions; but each is ready to consider the formation of a league to insure peace and justice throughout the world."

"Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present war upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity, and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved.

"In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war. Their interest, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker peoples of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand ready, and even eager, to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends, when the will to endure by force and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded.

"The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; but the president does feel that it is his right and duty to point out their intimate interest in its conclusion, lest it should presently be too late to accomplish the greater things which lie beyond its conclusion, lest the situation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than all, an injury be done civilization itself which can never be atoned for or repaired.

"The president, therefore, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world which all desire, and in which the neutral nations, as well as those at war, are ready to play their full responsible part. If the contest must continue to proceed, forced towards undefined ends by slow attrition, until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted, if million after million of human lives must continue to be offered up until, on the one side or the other, there are no more to offer, if resentments must be kindled that can never cool, and despairs engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing consent of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle.

"The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said, in truth, to stand outside its influence, or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

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"It may be that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents, on the one side and on the other, would deem it necessary to insist upon are not irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would clear the way at least for conference, and make the permanent concord of the nations a hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable.

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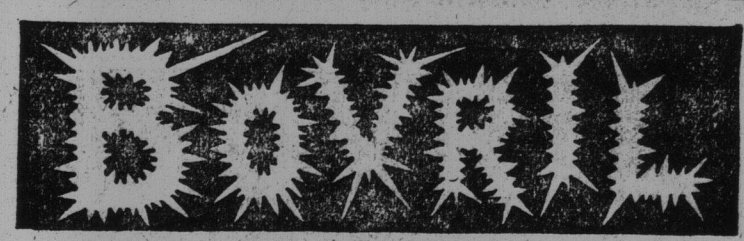
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a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world." The note to the Entente group will be delivered to Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania and Serbia. That to the Central Allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria. It is being delivered to all neutral governments for their information.

Believe Reason for Action. Diplomats consider it incredible that the president would bring forward such a proposal at such a time, unless he had reason to believe it would receive respectful consideration at the hands of all the belligerents and, above all, would not prejudice the position of the United States as a possible mediator.

The German embassy view, consistently hopeful that proposals of the Central Allies would lead to a discussion of peace, was expressed in this authorized



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statement by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, as follows: "Now," said he, "I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference."

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SINGING TO THE BLIND HEROES OF THE WAR



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England Now Sees Chance To Score

By a Careful Peace Answer, German People May Be Impressed

And Fees' Opinion Divided—Delicacy of the Problem Confirmed by Americans Just Returned From Berlin

London, Dec. 16.—To one newly arrived in London the reception of Germany's peace proposals had the appearance of instant and contemptuous rejection.

Either the surface indications were misleading or reconsideration is in process. At first I was able to find no one willing to take the Berlin proposals seriously, but yesterday and today I have run across a number of persons who are unimpressed by professional pacifism and in sympathy with the present British government.

There is undoubtedly a strong and increasing body of opinion favorable to a reply to Germany, carefully framed to drive a cleavage into German opinion. It is contended that the opportunity is now afforded for the first time to address directly the whole German people and to give aid and comfort to the already large element that wants peace.

The reply should, therefore, avoid anything that would put the German people up against the wall and compel a re-consideration of the peace proposals.

In the circles holding these views, Germany's reasons for making the proposals are interpreted as follows: First, a sincere desire for peace on self-respecting terms among the German people; second, a belief that peace proposals would be a freerhand among the Allies and lead to internal dissensions; third, a belief that the submitting of the proposals would have a good effect in Germany and, if rejected, would rekindle German patriotism and fighting spirit; and fourth, the effect in neutral countries would be favorable to Germany.

Advocates of a respectful and polite reply to the peace overtures, who are in Germany's action and think that it presents the most delicate situation that allied diplomacy has had to face since the war began.

I have met some Americans, recently returned from Germany, whose opinions, formed on the best of information, confirm the desirability of a peace effort now.

These Americans are pro-Allied in sympathy. They say that there is no exhaustion in Germany. The food shortage has so far done more good than harm.

German military opinion, they say, doesn't take the Somme drive at the valuation placed on it in England. The Germans have been moving the men and material from the Somme line to Roumania, and say that they are able to figure almost to a man the force necessary to hold the Allies.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff do not attach large importance to the western front. Ludendorff, and not Hindenburg, is regarded as the brains of the high command. Hindenburg has been erected as a popular idol to fire enthusiasm and attract and cement public support.

The German reckon psychological forces of this kind as analytically and mathematically, as an engineer would build a bridge. Through the newspapers and other agencies under the control of the German government an entirely mythical Hindenburg has been created. The very mention of his name thrills Germany from the North Sea to the Danube, and so perfectly is the work done that the people in the allied and neutral countries are fooled, too.

These same Americans believe that the reply to the German peace proposals can be so framed as to split the German people, even if not to lead to direct peace. They say that if the Allies wait a year, conditions will be no more favorable than now for the Allies, and meanwhile the cost in men and money will be terrific.

If the war could be ended on the basis of the status quo ante bellum with Germany paying Belgium and France an indemnity, German militarism would disintegrate because Germany would be at an economic disadvantage, requiring many years to overcome.

NEW BILL AT GEM VERY ENTERTAINING

Vaudeville Acts Excellent And Pictures Are Good

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The Gem last night presented an excellent new programme of vaudeville and pictures and it was very much enjoyed. The Musical Fredericks provided a quarter of an hour of delightful entertainment. They are man and woman, he in military costume, she attractively dressed. They play a duet well on a musical contrivance of their own and also play together well on saxophones. They also have a good snare drum act and introduce well placed comedy. Their offering was well received and applause was hearty and generous.

The act is pleasing and acceptable. Dacey and Chase, two men, gave us something new. There is good comedy in their act, while the interchange of pleasantries goes on, one of them is making on canvas a pretty picture by clever use of crayon and sand. There is also a good musical feature in the act and the close is a sure-fire laugh-raising burlesque exhibition that captivated all and sent everyone away in good humor.

In motion pictures The Yellow Mendice, Chapter 14, was shown. It is "The Interrupted Nuptials." Hong Kong Harry is about to marry Naja when All Sing's headquarters are attacked. Once more, however, the arch-plotter made good his escape. The episode is full of interest and excitement.

An amusing L. K. comedy, featuring Billy Ritchie, was shown last night as "Honor Thy Country" did not arrive. It is here for tonight, however. It is a strong three-act picture with an irresistible patriotic appeal and a good love story. A real tear-jerker and good is used in the action. This programme will be given tonight and Friday afternoon and night. Complete change on Saturday afternoon.

RAILWAY COST LESS THAN MONEY PROVIDED

In the hearing of the claim of A. R. Gould and his associates against the province, before Chief Justice McKeown as arbitrator, evidence was given yesterday by Ross Thompson, managing director of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company during the period of construction.

Mr. Thompson in his evidence yesterday afternoon gave the history of the formation of the Saint John & Quebec Railway Company. He told how a construction company was formed to do the work and how contracts had been let out to subsidiary companies.

"We endeavored to carry out the contract to the best of our ability," testified Mr. Thompson. "If we had received the money due us the government we could have carried out the work. We did not default on the contract. An act of parliament which provided for the filing of all claims with the government was the origin of the trouble. Under this act the main contractors filed claims. The sub-contractors also filed claims against the contractors and the sub-sub contractors against the sub-contractors and so on. This method of filing the claims made it appear that there was over double the amount due than really existed. The books of the company showed that there was only about \$250,000 due. The company held that this amount was correct but the government did not take to this view, feeling that under the act the creditors would have to be protected. The government held back the money and consequently we could not go on. Ultimately an adjustment was made and the accounts on our books were vindicated. Mr. Dunlop acted as auditor being appointed by the government."

Mr. Thompson cited figures to show that the road was finally built for less than the net amount available for building the road. Down to February 29, 1916, the cost of the road amounted to \$4,469,927.81. This was expended on the following sections as follows: Cost of construction from Gagetown to Fredericton, \$1,148,810.45; from Fredericton to Woodstock, \$2,406,998.85; from Woodstock to Centreville, \$914,218.51.

The net funds available for building the Gagetown-Centreville section were as follows: First mortgage bonds, \$2,099,221.81; second mortgage bonds, \$2,099,221.81; Dominion subsidy at \$5,400 per mile, \$769,920. These figures made a total of \$4,968,373.78, and left a balance of \$918,445.97 over the amount expended. Mr. Thompson was still on the stand when the hearing was adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

The new draft had just arrived in France and the men were exchanging notes with the old hands. "Do they care for you well out here?" asked one of the raw hands. "O, not at all bad," replied the campaigner, "not at all bad. Good breakfast and good dinner, and always pudding after dinner."

"Pudding, eh? What kind of pudding today?" "O, the usual kind—windmill pudding."

"Windmill. What kind of pudding is that?" "Why, if it goes round you get some."

Anti-Calumny French League

To Combat Evil of Slander Among the Public

Many Eminent Men Join

Hoped League Will Bring Back to Public Life Men Whom Fear of Scandal-mongers Kept Out

Paris, Dec. 20.—Jean Finot, editor of La Revue, has founded a league against calumny. As the title denotes, the new league is to combat the evil of slander among the public and in the press which, M. Finot points out, is an ever increasing danger to the public and private life of France.

The temptation to indulge in malicious gossip owing to the national facility for witty innuendo becomes, he says, a formidable weapon in the hands of unscrupulous or irresponsible people. This national weakness, he goes on, develops into an insidious and dangerous habit preceding the war, so that, like alcohol, it was vitiating the life of the country. Redress against slander by law is entirely inconspicuous with the harm caused to the victim. One of the most direct consequences of this evil has been to deter more than a million of high character from accepting public office which too often mean not only exposing themselves but their wives and families to the venomous attacks of professional scandal-mongers.

As the attacks most frequently take the form of allegations which it is almost impossible for a leader of a party to refute, the consequence, M. Finot says, has been that they have been met with distrustful silence. Unfortunately, this attitude of honest men was likewise adopted by the scoundrels who found the easiest way to answer justified accusations was to feign ignorance or silence of insulted virtue. This attitude is best expressed by the famous retort of the parliamentarian, who when attacked by colleagues in the Chamber replied: "Gentlemen, you can heap your insults. They will never reach the level of my conscience."

Now, when France more than ever is in urgent need of men who combine high competency with unimpeachable rectitude, besides Jean Finot, who will act as general delegate and organizer, the league includes the following: Henry Bergson, the famous philosopher; Jean Cripps, former member of the Camille Flammarion, the eminent astronomer; Emile Bouteux, the academician; Stephane Derville, president of the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Company and one of the directors of the Bank of France; Jean Hennessy, deputy; Mr. Lacroix, former bishop of Angers; Leopold Mabileau, General Malletiere, Henri Joly, president of the Institut; Fernand Donner, president of the court of appeal, and other men eminent in the political and intellectual life of France.

In an article to appear in the next issue of La Revue, Jean Finot, after comparing the evil effects of slander to the ravages of alcohol, points out that, thanks to scandal-mongers, France before the war often appeared to foreigners as a vast sink of iniquity, which reputation was kept up by the press and gossip of international salons. Germany disposed of literature whose object was the systematic belittling of France, based exclusively on allegations of Frenchmen speaking of their own countrymen. What was the stupefaction of the world when it discovered behind France, depicted as rotten to the core, a heroic France deserving the admiration of all.

Speaking of the irresponsible way in which public men are reviled, the writer says: "Who has not witnessed those deplorable scenes when, under the guise of showing off, men and women offer themselves highly respectable, vie in embellishing the honor of the absent. Starting from the highest spheres calumny penetrates to all classes of society. If Frenchmen are worth more than their reputation abroad they are worth infinitely more than the reputation they enjoy among their own people. And what of the press? In this mad dance of wholesale and individual displacement it has not ceased for its part to enhance the general disarray in which we live. If we look over the files of certain newspapers previous to the war we shall acquire the conviction that the men now to the fore in our public life deserve to be in the penitentiary. None the less,

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persons who have had most to suffer from these calumnies have today conquered our admiration by the innumerable services they have rendered the country. M. Finot has intimated that the new league will have legal backing to carry out its work.

2,000 AMERICANS HAVE DIED IN WAR

Lured by the spirit of adventure, more than 2,000 Americans have died in battle, fighting in armies of the British Empire.

Somewhere in the United States thousands of anxious mothers and fathers are awaiting the return of those who will never return, and somewhere in France there are Americans fighting in the khaki of Britain who will never return to their native land.

So serious has become the problem of American youths slipping away into Canada to join the over-seas regiments that the American State Department at Washington, has been forced recently to create a new division to care for the hundreds of communications which pour in, asking officials of this government to obtain the release of American youths from foreign regiments.

In many cases, these boys have joined in Canada by the simple means of falsifying their ages. Today, these same boys can be found in the trenches along the Western Front, and in the camps of England, and aboard British vessels patrolling the high seas.

Because of the willingness of the British Government to accept and send home American boys, their parents can be located alive, but there are many cases, department officials say, where the names of American boys who have been found in parents in America, have been found in the lists of those killed in action. In many instances not even the body can be recovered.

RECENT DEATHS

The death took place at Montreal yesterday of Edmund D. Outram, aged 69 years, son of the late J. D. Outram of this city. He leaves his wife and family.

John F. McCarthy, a well known druggist of Bathurst, was found dead in his bed on Tuesday. Heart trouble was the cause of his death. His wife and Mrs. Charles J. McCarthy, now of Moncton, were born in North End, Portland Street, and the Misses Deherby of Douglas Avenue, are cousins.

Mrs. Edith May McMullen passed away on Monday at Prince William Station at the age of thirty years. She is survived by three brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Beatrice McCashion died on Monday at her home, Newmarket, at the age of 62 years old and was the widow of Thomas McCashion. Three daughters survive. They are Mrs. Thomas Gallagher and Mrs. John J. McCashion, of Boston, and Miss Sarah McCashion at home.

Miss May Larsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Larsen, of Fredericton, died Sunday at her home in St. John. She was 28 years of age. She leaves his wife, formerly Miss Janet Sherrard of Whiteville, and two children—Thelma and Burton; also one brother, William, Russell of South Brewer, Me., and Mrs. Alexander MacDonald of Black River in this county.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED Mrs. Elmira Steeves of Bridgeton, Albert county, announces the engagement of her daughter, Josephine Elmira Steeves, to Frank V. Muncy of Cambridge, England, the marriage to take place in January.

PREPARING TO SEND TRACKAGE TO FRANCE

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A conference of railway men was held in the office of Sir Henry Drayton, head of the railway commission, today to consider the question of providing the railway trackage required of Canada by the imperial government for use behind the lines in France.

There were present among others, Graham A. Bell, financial controller of the department of railways; Gordon Grant, chief engineer of the I. C. R., and Sir Donald Mann, of the Canadian Northern; W. B. Lanigan, E. W. Beatty and W. R. McInnes, of the C. N. R., and Frank Watson, of the G. T. R.

The chairman explained the need of the situation and suggested ways and means for meeting the demand. He has called upon the railways to show why certain sections of railway should not come up and all available information is being prepared on the subject.

Messrs. Smith and Acworth, the other members of the railway investigating board, will be in Ottawa early next week, and further consideration by the commission and the railway board will be instituted. Hon. Frank Cochrane, who is charged with passing of the recommendations of the board, will be in Ottawa at the end of the present week.

Sir Donald Mann, on behalf of the C. N. R., has already tendered 900 miles of track from portions of their line where it will be possible to secure running rights over other roads.

The Canadian Copper Company, of Copper Cliff, a subsidiary company of the International Nickel Company of New York, has also tendered considerable trackage, including track material which they have on hand, and have wired that on receipt of instructions they will at once load it and move it forward to the seaboard.

Representatives of a number of the smaller railways of Canada have telegraphed offering rails and certain equipment and as fast as their offers are received inspectors are sent out to investigate. Offers of material are also coming forward from directors and contractors who happen to have material and equipment on hand.

\$100 REWARD, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The popular belief that Catarrh is in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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IT MEANS A BIG BILL FOR GERMANY TO PAY

New York, Dec. 20.—A special cable to the New York Sun says: "The complete evacuation of Belgium, with ample financial compensation to that country for outlays committed; the restoration of destroyed buildings and industrial equipment; repayment in full, with interest, of all loans, both in money and materials, taken from it by compensation to those forcibly torn from their homes and sent to serve in the German taskmaster, often in connection with military work, and compensation for those put to death by the lawless vandals."

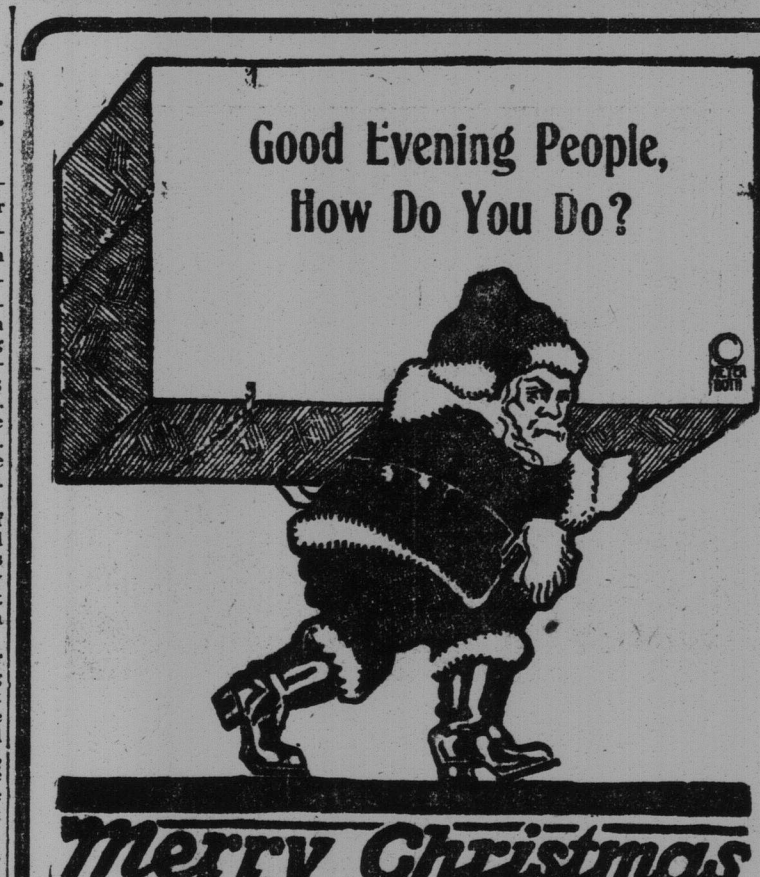
"The same should apply to Serbia, France and Poland. "For us, compensation for the open towns wantonly bombed by German ships; compensation for all injuries and property in air raids upon civilians in open towns and villages; compensation for merchant ships sunk by cruisers, submarines and mines; compensation for lives sacrificed, in all such cases; punishment if necessary capital punishment of those in authority who have ordered savage acts of repression and cruelty. Then the German Government should indicate the kind of reparation we expect for the past," continued Lord Sheffield, "we will indicate the securities we demand for the future."

"As treaty obligations are treated by Germany as scraps of paper, we suggest that the same should be done with the withdrawal of Germany's forces and those of her allies from all territory outside the limits of their former dominions. "When the Germans assent and comply with these terms we can begin to discuss any further agreement leading to peace, but not till then."

THE HALIFAX TERMINALS Halifax Chronicle.—What happened at the ocean terminals during Saturday morning's storm, when tugs were sunk, the sea was so high, and portions of the wall torn away, vindicates the warnings of Captain John Flemming and other experienced captains at the time when the terminal scheme was first projected. There is great reason to fear that we are only at the beginning of troubles.

PUBLIC NOTICE. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the East side of the Bay, River and Harbor, heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the Harbor, with the lands and surrounding lands, and also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the SECOND DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 18th day of December, 1917.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1916. JAMES V. RUSSELL, ROBERT T. HAYES, HARRY R. McLELLAN, RUPERT W. WILMORE, G. FRED FISHER.



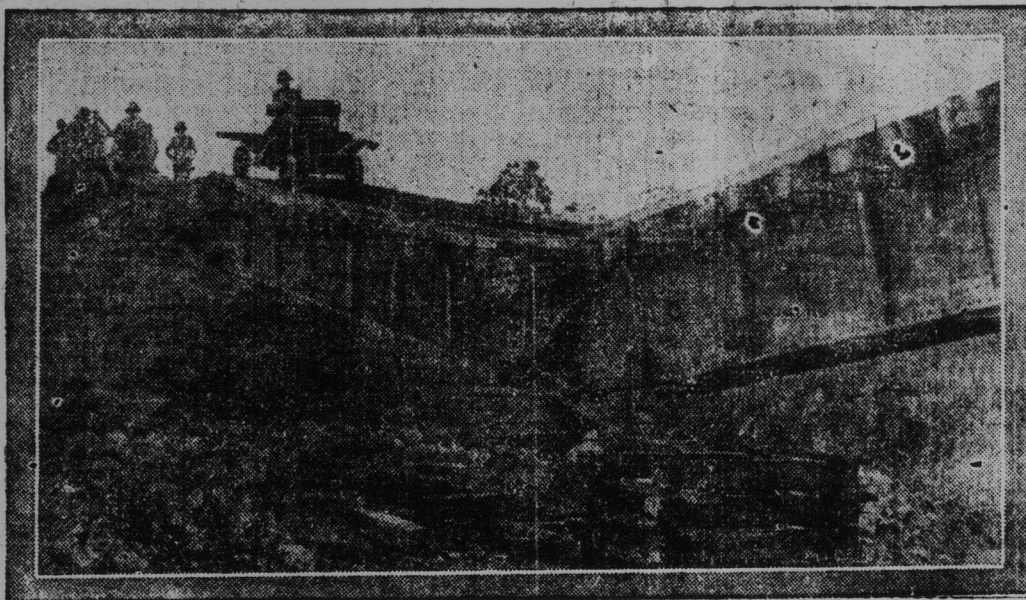
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**BORDEN'S REPLY TO LLOYD GEORGE**

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Sir Robert Borden has sent the following reply to the stirring war message received by him yesterday from Mr. Lloyd George, British prime minister:

"On behalf of the Canadian people I send to our kinsmen of the Motherland the assurance that our hearts are as undaunted and our determination as resolute as when we ran ourselves in the empire's battle line two years ago. All our sacrifices were made for a purpose, and that purpose is the achievement of a victory which assures the future peace of the world."

"Your message reached me in the western provinces of Canada while engaged in commending and supporting proposals for better organization of our national service and for more effectual utilization of our natural resources from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I have found everywhere the strongest determination that both the human energy and the national resources of this dominion shall be utilized to such purpose as will throw the full strength of Canada into the struggle."

"At Regina and Brandon I read your words to two great gatherings and the response which they evoked was splendid and inspiring. We shall indeed tread the path side by side in full realization that the sacrifice, however great, is for a cause transcending even the interests and destiny of our empire, and in supreme confidence that this path alone can lead to the ultimate triumph of democracy, liberty and civilization."

**Chaplain On Battle Front**

Canadians Are Well Looked After

No Religious Disputes

Church Services Are Well Attended And Parades Are Taken in Turn

London, Nov. 27.—A few years ago I dropped in one night at the Christ Church Cathedral Young Men's Institute and found Rev. A. H. McGreer throwing himself with enthusiasm into the effort to provide healthy recreation and relaxation for men at the end of the day's work. The spirit which he then displayed is now directed into similar channels, but amid sterner circumstances. The cinema flash past and the billiard balls, and the accompaniment of the swish and crash of shells. In some measure, Col. Almond and Major McGreer have become universal providers for the Canadian troops. The Chaplains' Corps, which they direct at headquarters "somewhere in France" has undertaken the task of looking after social and physical interests as well as the spiritual and moral well-being of the troops, and this is being done without any detriment to the primary work of the chaplain.

Much has been heard about the rum-tuck which is served out to soldiers. The chaplains do not generally veto it, but they are offering a very good rival in the form of hot coffee as men are entering and issuing from the trenches. "The coffee does them as much good as the rum," says Major McGreer, "and it has no reactionary effect as has the spirit. We have served out as much as 125 gallons of coffee in twenty-four hours, and it is good coffee; in fact, wherever the Canadian army goes, the commissariat say we clear their stock of coffee and other goods. We have taken as much as \$1,000 a day in our canteens. The profits so far have been devoted to extending our work, buying new furniture

and apparatus. The cinema shows which are an adjunct of the canteens are highly popular with the men and as often as the films are exhibited there is an audience.

"The Canadian Chaplains' Corps," Major McGreer continued, as we chatted together, "is probably doing more for our troops than does any other chaplain's unit on the front." One reason for this, he explained, was that Col. Almond had asked for, and obtained, permission to work without restrictions. The G. O. C., General Sir Julian Byng, displays personal interest in the religious and moral atmosphere and he has given the chaplains every facility, with the result that they are at liberty to go in to the danger zone, at their discretion.

Services Well Attended.

Services are well attended, and one in particular was recalled by Major McGreer. During the heavy fighting on the Somme the electric plant in the marquee failed one Sunday evening, but a large congregation had assembled. It was suggested that candles should be distributed, and within a few minutes every fourth man had a lighted candle in his hand. Some men stuck them on their helmets. The lights all seemed somehow to converge with a bright radiation on the Crucifix before the altar. It was an impressive service; the singing was unusually hearty, and over 100 men stayed for the celebration of Holy Communion, and went into active warfare next day from which some never returned.

In ministering to the wounded and in performing the last rites over dead heroes, the chaplains in this way are exposing themselves very frequently as much or more than combatants though they have not the satisfaction of the latter in getting a stroke back at the enemy. It was in going after wounded men that Rev. Captain O'Gorman and W. R. Ball were wounded, and it has already been cabled by the writer, Major McGreer, Rev. Capt. W. E. Kidd, and Rev. Capt. R. F. Thompson have been awarded the Military Cross for their efforts in this direction.

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**WIN MILITARY CROSS**

Another brilliant paragraph in the military history of St. John, as it is being written by our gallant boys on the western front, has been added by Second Lieutenant William Edgar Crombie, who has been recently awarded the military cross. Lieutenant Crombie is a subaltern in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, of the imperial forces, but is a former St. John boy and well known in this city.

The official announcement as published in the London Gazette relating the circumstances under which he won the decoration, follows:

"After an attack, when his battalion had been relieved, he voluntarily stayed behind and, with a small party, brought in fifteen wounded men from 'No Man's Land.' He was frequently close to the enemy's wire and under machine gun and rifle fire."

Another gallant lad of the maritime provinces who had also been decorated with the military cross is Second Lieutenant Colin Palmer Campbell, of the Royal Field Artillery, special reserve, who is from the town of Weymouth (N. S.).

The official announcement of his act of bravery follows:

"For conspicuous gallantry as field observing officer during operations. Though wounded in three places, he stuck to his post, and carried on his duties for several hours."

**IMPERIAL CONFERENCE MAY DEFER GENERAL ELECTION**

Following the announcement of the British premier that an imperial conference will be called at an early date to discuss concerted action during the war, the secretary of state for the colonies says that the date will depend on the overseas dominions. At Ottawa it is believed that the conference will be held in the spring. If parliament is in session at that time the Dominion government may ask for an adjournment for two months to allow the premier and some of his colleagues to attend the conference. In that event the discussion of a general election would not take place until parliament resumed.

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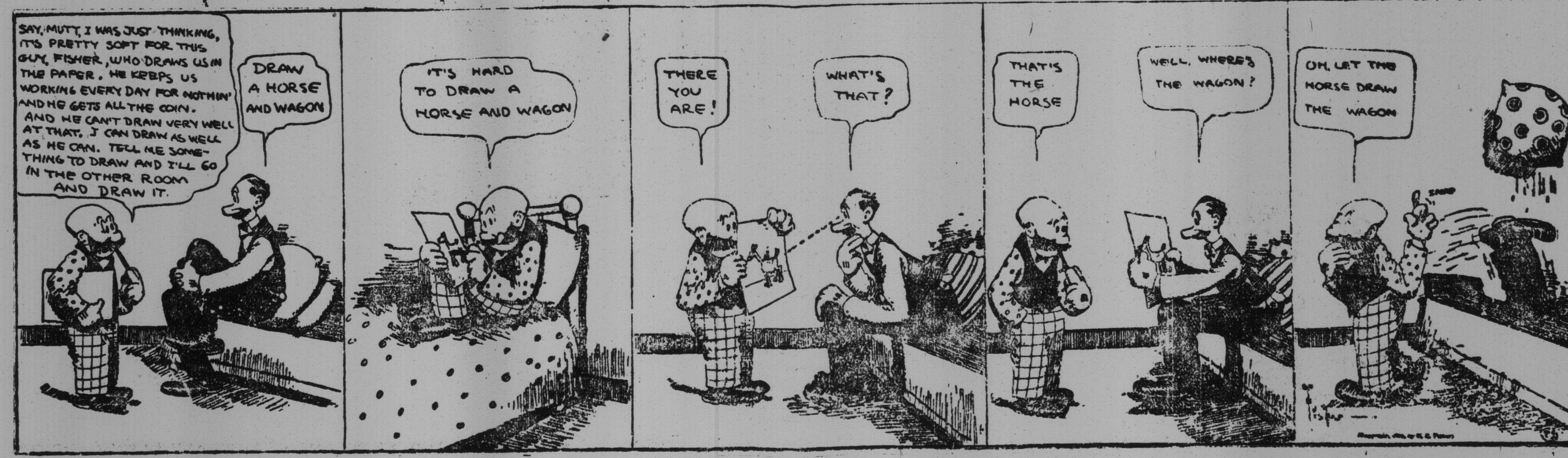
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SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING. Four for Beavers. The Beavers won four points from the Amateurs in last night's City Bowling League match.

Pittsburg, boxed six rounds before the Empire Club on Thursday. Crouse was the aggressor all the way, but could not penetrate Sullivan's defense.

by the major leagues. This is made on excellent authority and in view of the fact that a baseball war is threatened by the minors if their requests are refused.

SKATING. Fast Skaters to Race. Some of the best of the eastern speed skaters have already started practicing for half-mile and one-mile handicaps.

Rivers Stops Casey. Joe Rivers, of Gloucester, who boxed Roddie McDonald in Halifax, gained a victory over Bill Casey of South Boston in a semi-final at Boston on Friday night.

The elimination of the draft rule is an international League measure, and, despite the fact that the request was presented by a committee representing the three Class AA organizations, it is learned that the International stands with the American League in its demands.

BASEBALL. Tinker Seeks Franchise. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Joseph B. Tinker, deposed manager of the Chicago National League Club, has opened negotiations for the purchase of the Columbus franchise in the American Association.

TENER DOES NOT EXPECT TROUBLE Predicts Amicable Adjustment—Minor League Objections—Important Meeting of National Commission

President John K. Tener of the National League announces that an all-important meeting of the National Commission to act on the suggestions recently made by the two major leagues would be held in Cincinnati on Jan. 8.

FLOATING VAULTS DESIGNED FOR OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. As a means of preventing registered mail and valuable articles owned by passengers from being lost when a steamship founders, two Italian inventors at Chicago have developed a system of floating safes for installation in ocean liners.

AN OVERWHELMING VERDICT. (From the Regina Leader.) Saskatchewan rose in its might yesterday and entirely flung off the shackles of King Alcohol, which Hon. Walter Scott first loosened in his famous speech at Oxbow in March, 1915.

At a party one evening a married lady was entertaining the assembled company with an account of the way she and her husband had memorialized their first quarrel.

TO RECRUIT FOR NAVAL RESERVE

Local Committees Will be Continued—News of the Soldiers at Home and Abroad. A meeting of the Naval Reserve Overseas Division Recruiting committee was held yesterday afternoon to discuss plans for the pushing of recruiting for the navy in this section.

Germany's Lost Pacific Colonies

Inquiries are being made in Canada as to whether Canadian firms are desirous of exporting goods direct to the Pacific Islands, which were formerly German colonies, but are now occupied by Australia. These Pacific Islands, which were taken from Germany in the first two months of the war by the Australians and Japanese, comprise groups of small islands formerly called Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, Bismarck Archipelago, and the Caroline, Pelow, Marianne and Marshall Islands.

McGill Cancels Matches. The management of the McGill hockey team have been asked to cancel their out-of-town matches for this season by the Athletic Association of the university.

MAJORS WILL REFUSE BARROW'S DEMANDS

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Demands made upon the National and American Leagues by the Class A leagues comprising the International League, the American Association, and the Pacific Coast League, asking for the elimination of the draft rule, will be turned down.

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WHEN NEW YEAR'S CALLS WERE MADE. (Paul T. Gilbert in Cartoons Magazine) Col. Terwilliger Bluegrass Loquiter. Rolls somehow aren't as sociable as in the good old days.

When, sah, a certain grace an' charm distinguished social ways; For instance, sah, on New Year's Day, when chivalry arched.

We greeted one another, sah, With smile an' co'ly bow; An' round the brimmin punchbowl, sah, We gravely mut'ured "How!"

At a party one evening a married lady was entertaining the assembled company with an account of the way she and her husband had memorialized their first quarrel.

Miss Elizabeth Quinn, weighing only ninety pounds, and Jep Townsend, six feet tall and weighing more than 200 pounds, both of Sturgis, Ky., were married in Evansville, Ind., by Herman Tolrank, justice of the peace.

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### HAPPY DAY FOR THE KIDDIES OF KINDERGARTEN

Christmas Closing With Songs and Presents and Trees and Merriment

A very interesting programme was carried out in the Brussels street free kindergarten this morning before a large number of visitors. The children greatly enjoyed a treat nicely arranged for by their teachers and the spectators were surprised at the progress of the little tots. The programme was as follows—

Good morning, and Christmas songs, including "Jack Frost" and "Clap, Clap Hands." Lessons from old Santa Claus. A story, entitled, "The Christ Child." A march, enacted in by all the children. Exercises, consisting of dances, by the little tots, and other drills. Songs, "Soldier Brave." The giving of presents to the parents of the children. The children here marched out of the room, and when they returned Santa Claus had arrived. Songs, "God Save the King."

There are fifty children enrolled in this kindergarten. The good work accomplished by the children throughout the year was evident in the beautiful gifts made by the children themselves and given to their parents. The gifts were all on a large Christmas tree. Santa Claus arrived in due time with good things for the children. The teachers of the school are Miss Lou Estey, superintendent, with Miss Madeline McCullay and Miss Winnifred Ross as assistants.

At Marsh Bridge

A large number attended the exercises in connection with the closing of the Marsh Bridge Free Kindergarten this morning. The children, as well as the grown up, displayed great enthusiasm and the programme, arranged by the teacher, was very creditable indeed. The children gave a fine exhibition of the good work they are accomplishing at the kindergarten. The programme carried out was:

Morning opening; Christmas songs; Santa Claus songs; Christmas hymns; Story, "The Christ Child"; "The Christmas Stocking," by two boys and two girls; Christmas verses, with eight little children, each representing a Christmas emblem; march by all the children, and the usual games and distribution of toys and other presents to the children. There was an attractive Christmas tree. The gifts of the children to the parents was a feature of the morning's closing exercises. A Christmas greeting was also extended to the visitors. There are thirty-five children enrolled on the register. The teachers are Miss Ruth Manks, Miss Florence Kestrad and Miss Dorothy Simonds.

In North End

That the festive season of Christmas is approaching was exemplified this morning to parents and friends who assembled in the rooms of the Portland street Free Kindergarten. Children ranging in age from three to eleven assembled to sing Christmas carols, hear an interesting tale of the wondrous story of Santa Claus and to participate in the various games and amusements.

A little after 10 o'clock the little ones began to arrive. The first to enter the hall and saw the large Christmas tree laden with toys, etc., their eagerness and delight was apparent. Miss Edith M. Stephens, who supervises, spent the afternoon to have everything ready for their coming and that her efforts were appreciated was evident. Following a Christmas card a story of Christmas eve when Santa arrives with his reindeers and his well filled bags of toys, and told of the cheer he scatters throughout the world. The interest of all was awakened when she had completed the little ones entered into games with a zest which showed that the spirit of the season had taken a hold on them, and happiness reigned supreme.

The walls of the hall were bedecked with pretty drawings, the work of the members of the kindergarten and many favorable comments spoke volumes of appreciation on the part of the parents and other visitors. These gifts were given to the adults present.

About 12 o'clock Miss Stephens, assisted by the Misses of Marie Kina, Gertrude Green and Mildred Barnes, distributed to the little girls dolls, bags of candy, pop-corn balls and candy canes and to the boys shovels, bags of candy and pop-corn. Prior to leaving the children again sang and then left for their homes with their highly treasured gifts.

The South End Free Kindergarten held its Christmas closing this morning. The rooms were very prettily decorated with evergreen, flags and bunting. The exercises consisted of Christmas games and songs, which the children entered into with a great deal of spirit. A special feature of the closing was a Christmas tree decorated with the children's own work in the form of presents for their parents and especially for their fathers, many of whom will spend Christmas in the trenches in France or Belgium.

Following the distribution of the presents the children retired to another room where they played a few games while awaiting the arrival of Saint Nicholas. Then he placed on the tree presents for every little boy and girl—candy, oranges, dolls, bugles and novelties. The work which the programme was carried out reflected credit on the management and showed careful training of the children by the director, Miss Zola Morton, who is assisted by Miss Gladys Morrison, Miss Dorothy Barnes, Miss Ada Farrell and Miss Edna Colwell. The following children took part in the programme: Hazel Hayman, James McIntyre, Kenneth Oram and others in the choruses.

### MUST STOP THIS LIQUOR SELLING

Heavy Fines Today in Police Court

Several Places Visited by Police and Soldiers Found There—Fines of \$150 or Five Months in Jail in One Case

In the police court this morning acting magistrate Henderson put some heavy fines in dealing with hoodlums and others engaged in the illicit sale of liquor, especially to soldiers.

Henry Duffey, arrested by Detectives Barrett and Duncan last night about 7 o'clock on King square, pleaded guilty to supplying liquor to soldiers in uniform and was fined \$50 or one month in jail.

Patrick Mullaly was fined a like sum for a like offence. Policeman Hendrickson said that he was called into the defendant's house in Pond street last evening. There were soldiers in the house, and some were the worse of liquor. The defendant was intoxicated. Mrs. Mullaly said that soldiers were coming to the house frequently for liquor. Last evening her husband treated some soldiers in the house. He also gave some liquor to her two boys.

Mrs. Hall, who was in the house last night, said that she saw Mullaly treat the soldiers to liquor.

The defendant said that he treated the soldiers in his own house. This the court said was enough to incur the penalty, and he was fined \$50 or one month in jail. His wife made known to the court that her husband was a continual source of trouble to her, and that he had threatened her life more than once. She said that she would not live with him any more.

Alexander Venoit was before the court on suspicion of supplying liquor to soldiers in uniform. Policemen Hendrickson and Colwell said that last evening they saw the defendant hand a bottle to a soldier in the vicinity of the Union station.

Sergeant Robert Arsenault of 165th Battalion, said he was at the station last night and met the defendant. He gave him \$2 to get him a bottle. It was after hours and the \$2 was returned. The witness had a bottle in his pocket all ready and treated Venoit. He said the defendant never supplied him with the liquor. Venoit was discharged.

Nick Gorai was before the court on charge of selling liquor without a license in his house in Smythe street and with supplying it to soldiers. He was found guilty and fined \$150 or four months for keeping the liquor and \$50 or one month in jail for supplying liquor to soldiers.

Tony Wiska, a Russian, of the 165th Battalion, said that he was in the defendant's premises in Smythe street yesterday. He paid \$1 for a bottle of whiskey. He identified the bottle in court.

Detective Barrett said that this house was under suspicion for some time. It was raided before and there were found similar to others confiscated on a previous occasion. The witness said that he and Detective Duncan entered the house last night and found the last witness coming out. A bottle was discovered in his pocket. He pointed out the defendant as the man who supplied him. The court found the defendant guilty and he was fined as mentioned.

Lieut. Sear of the 165th made the interesting statement that the soldier who gave evidence in the case had lost a \$25 gold watch in Gora's house and was taking this means to get back at the defendant. The soldier, however, did not complain of this incident or the illicit sale of liquor to the police. He was found in the house and detained as a witness.

Leo Walsh was fined \$8 for drunkenness; \$8 for using profane language, and a charge of interfering with pedestrians was allowed to stand.

Several other prisoners were fined the usual amount for drunkenness.

### CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

Happy Gathering in Opera House Yesterday Afternoon as Guests of Soldiers' Wives League

The third Christmas treat given by the Soldiers' Wives League for the children of soldiers overseas was held yesterday afternoon in the Opera House and several hundred children spent two hours of intense interest and enjoyment.

The programme opened with the national anthem. Mrs. George F. Smith addressed the children. Mrs. L. M. Curran sang "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," with the children joining heartily in the chorus. Several reels of pictures specially brought in for the occasion by Manager McKay were shown. Santa Claus then appeared and, after a speech from the stage, went about speaking to the children. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and each child received a well filled bag containing candy, nuts, raisins, oranges and other articles.

The convenors of the various committees were: Mrs. W. W. White, Miss Addy, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss May Harrison, Mrs. Clarence deForest and Mrs. J. Hunter White. Miss Helen Smith impersonated Santa Claus.

### LOCAL NEWS

GLAD TO HEAR FROM HIM

The Grampian mail brought to friends of Lieut. J. B. Dever a Christmas card with his good wishes. Lieutenant Dever, formerly a popular Times reporter, went overseas with the 115th Battalion and is now with the 112th in England.

CUSTOMS PARCEL POST

For the convenience of the public the customs parcel post department will be open until six o'clock this evening, and Friday evening and until ten o'clock on Saturday evening. The office also will be open from nine o'clock a. m. to one o'clock p. m. on Monday, Christmas Day.

### SEND WORD HOME ABOUT CALL BY BROTHER NED

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jennings of East St. John today received from their son, Quartermaster Frank X. Jennings, a letter dated Nov. 17 and evidently delayed in transit. He writes of a visit paid to him on the previous evening by his brother Ned and of a pleasant chat they had about their military life and the friends at home. Jim Power, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Power, he says, is now in France, though he had not seen him up to the time of writing. The ground had been frozen in a cold spell and this afforded a welcome change from the mud that formerly held sway. Q. M. S. Jennings reports having met "Chippie" Morrison, who was just back to duty after a time in hospital made necessary by slight shrapnel wound in the leg.

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