

### FIUME SUBURB CAPTURED BY THE ITALIANS

Shipyards and Torpedo Works Captured by the Regular Forces Already.

### FAITHLESS WARSHIP CRIPPLED BY FIRE

Red Cross Has Many Wounded Soldiers to Care for from Fighting.

London, Dec. 28.—The Exchange Telegraph's Rome correspondent says that, according to the latest news from Fiume the Italian regular forces have occupied the Danubian shipyard, the oil refinery, the Whitehead torpedo works, the public gardens and Monte Citorio. On the Susak side the line remains unchanged, owing to the destruction of the bridges.

Admiral Sannarini, commander of the Italian fleet, yesterday gave the destroyer Eaporo, which recently deserted to D'Annunzio, fifteen minutes to rejoin his squadron.

Crippled by Fire Following the refusal of the Eaporo's commander, the cruiser Andrea opened fire 500 yards, disabling the Eaporo's propeller and causing an explosion.

A despatch from Trieste thus far says 150 wounded, chiefly Alpini and Carabinieri have arrived in Trieste. The Red Cross is sending field hospitals to the scene of fighting.

Cease Fire on City Rome, Dec. 28.—Firing on Fiume by the Italian blockading force will be suspended, it was decided at a conference in Abruzzo today, according to advices received here.

The suspension was requested by the Director of National Defense at Fiume and the mayor of the city, who met General Ferraris, commander of the blockading force, to discuss the possibility of ending hostilities.

Peace in Sight At a conference in the morning the general informed the delegates that four parleys were impossible without prior recognition of the treaty of Rapallo. Such recognition having now been given, the delegates decided to return to Fiume to discuss the matter and asked for another meeting in the afternoon. They also requested a suspension of the firing, which was granted.

Favor D'Annunzio. Rome, Dec. 28.—Pro-D'Annunzio demonstrations, have been held in all the great centres of Italy. Shops everywhere have been shut up. On their doors are posters reading "Closed as a sign of national mourning." Flags also have been half-masted.

In Milan, Genoa, Spezia and Bologna the police were compelled to interfere to restore order. No serious incidents, however, have been reported, although two persons were wounded in Turin.

### SIDETRACK CARS WITH GOODS FOR TWO STEEL CO'S

From Sydney to Straits of Canso Freight is Being Left Behind.

DROP CARS OFF REGULAR TRAINS

Coal Shipment Left Standing on the Tracks By the Crews.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 28.—The embargo against the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company which became effective on Tuesday is being carried out on the Canadian National Railway according to the orders of the Railway Union executive. Shipments of freight are reported to be sidetracked on the line all the way from Sydney to the Straits of Canso.

Tuesday morning about one o'clock a shipment of steel products from the Dominion Iron and Steel Company was sidetracked somewhere in the vicinity of Sydney Mines. This shipment left Sydney attached to one of the regular freight trains.

Cut Off Train. It reached the other side of the water about midnight. Shortly afterwards the cars containing the steel company freight were sidetracked. A shipment of coal from Judloos mine was placed on one of the yard sidings of the Nova Scotia Coal Company this evening for transportation to points west. In the regular course of events it would be taken into charge about midnight by the C. N. R. Late tonight it had not been touched.

B. C. LEGISLATURE FEB. 8 Vancouver, Dec. 28.—It is officially announced that the Provincial Legislature will meet on Tuesday, February 8.

### "Uncle Joe" Cannon Sets New Record For Length of Service in the House

Washington, Dec. 28.—"Uncle" Joe Cannon, war horse of the House of Representatives, today established a new United States record. With the close of a dull House session he passed the mark for length of service set by Justin Smith Morrill, of Vermont, who as Senator and Representative served 48 years, nine months and 24 days.

The former Speaker will begin tomorrow adding new time to his own record, with the hope of reaching the ripe old age of 100, and beating Gladstone's record of 53 years in the British House of Commons.

"Uncle Joe's" achievement will be celebrated in the House tomorrow, with Champ Clark, himself a veteran, who retired March 4, leading the speaking ceremonies. Mr. Cannon will also speak, and many of the older members will ask time for a few remarks.

### CHEAPER SUGAR MAY FOLLOW THE BREAK IN RAWS

Wholesaler Declares He Can Sell at Nine Cents and Make Profit.

ONE CENT DECLINE IN MONTREAL NOW

"Not Very Promising" Declares Sugar Company President of Present Situation.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Another flurry in the price of sugar has occurred in the past day or so, resulting in a further drop in the price from a nominal eleven cents to a nominal ten cents from the refinery. One of the large wholesalers stated today that he could sell sugar at 9 cents a pound and still make a profit.

The ten cent refiners price is with the allowance of five per cent. discount to wholesalers.

Cheaper Sugar Possible. Following a further break in the New York market today for raw sugar it is believed, possible that there may be still more pronounced drops in the price of sugar here.

"The situation is not very promising," said the president of one of the largest sugar refineries in Montreal today. "I have been asked to help in the work of the unemployment committee here. What is really worrying me is that our refinery has been closed for months and that I am unemployed for employment for my hands who are in dire straits for lack of employment."

### WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Condemns British Police. London, Dec. 28.—The labor commission that visited Ireland recently to probe the troubles there, declares that the Black and Tans have grown beyond the control of the government.

Remembers Faithful Servant. Boston, Dec. 28.—The domestic service of Agnes McNeven in the family of Mrs. Mary Gilbert Knight is to be rewarded with a legacy of half a million dollars.

Plot To Free Convict. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 28.—Reliable reports of a widespread plot to free convicts in the state penitentiary were responsible for the mobilization of the Pine Bluff machine gun company of the Arkansas National Guard, according to a statement by Governor Brough.

FOUND HANGING IN SHED Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—Joe Wolf, a plumber was found dead in a garage at the rear of his home this morning. His father found his dead body hanging by a rope from a beam. It is believed he mounted a high box, instead of one end of the rope around the beam, the other around his neck and then jumped. It is thought he was despondent over a love affair.

### ORANGE PRICES BREAK IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Overbuying for the Christmas market is given as the cause of the fall in the price of oranges today. That and the fear of the fruit being injured by frost has led to the price per dozen being marked down from \$1.25 to \$1.

### BLONDIN MAY QUIT SENATE FOR YAMASKA

Quebec Has Rumor He Will Run Where Oscar Gladu Died.

### HON. MR. SEVIGNY FOR THE SENATE

Liberals Expected to Put Candidate in Field Under Any Circumstances.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—The report is current here that Hon. Senator P. E. Blondin, postmaster-general, will resign his seat in the Senate to run in Yamaska County, vacant through the death of Mr. Oscar Gladu, M.P., and that the Hon. Albert Sevigny, former secretary of state, will be called upon to take a seat in the Senate, becoming one of the representatives of the Province of Quebec in the cabinet.

Other reports are that Hon. Justice Deay will abandon the Bench to return to politics, or will run in Yamaska, and might be called to the ministry. In Conservative circles the reports are taken seriously; but in any event the Liberals are expected to oppose any candidate.

Late today it was learned that Hon. Albert Sevigny had been called to Ottawa.



HON. MR. BLONDIN

### LONG SENTENCE FOR BANKER WHO STOLE THE CASH

Four to Seven Years for President of Barre Savings Bank

PRISONER COLLAPSED WHEN SENTENCED

Pleaded Guilty on Three Charges of Theft from the Institution.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 28.—A sentence of four to seven years at hard labor in state prison was imposed today on Frank G. Howland, president of the Barre Savings Bank and Trust Company, after he pleaded guilty to embezzlement of the bank's funds. The charges on which he was arrested set his thefts at \$25,890 but when Howland objected to an item of \$10,500 his admission of guilty was accepted on the other four counts aggregating \$15,480.

Collapsed When Sentenced Howland suffered a partial collapse when sentence was pronounced. He had asked that he be fined instead of imprisoned, so that he might be able to assist in straightening out the affairs of the institution, with which he has been connected for years and which was closed as a result of thefts four weeks ago. He said he had not profited by his manipulation of the funds which had covered a period of four years.

How It Was Done As trades people failed to meet their obligations he took funds from the bank's general account to cover losses on their loans, he said, expecting in the end to make good. Several recent failures had unsettled the loan accounts to such an extent that the bank was closed.

De Valera, who is 56 years of age, has served in both branches of the Vermont legislature and has been active in local affairs.

### BLIZZARD SWEEPS NEWFOUNDLAND

All Shipping Held in Ports and Train Services Demoralized.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 28.—A blizzard swept over this island colony today and left confusion among the communications medium in its wake. Damage was not extensive, but all shipping was held to ports.

Train service was disrupted and roads made impassable. The storm was the first of the winter. Weather authorities predicted it would not blow itself out for days.

Wash Away Tracks The snow kicked up by the gale was so great that a section of the narrow gauge track of the Red-Headed Railway at Conception Bay was washed away. Express trains running through the bleak interior fell far behind their schedules and rotary snowploughs were sent out to clear a way for them through the snow barrier.

SNOW MELTS IN WEST. Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 28.—Snow melting; water running from the eaves the sun shining brightly and a gentle breeze blowing from the west were among the weather observations of Edmonton here today.

### WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA Freight for Hamilton Steel Co. and Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company left for New York, N. E. lines as a result of the embargo against the company.

Hon. Mr. Sevigny, Postmaster-General, may retire from Senate to be candidate in Yamaska.

Three Halibut, Ont., men are listed lost in the northern forest.

Montreal puts 1,000 unemployed men at work shoveling snow from streets.

Break in raw sugar prices may lead to lower sugar rates.

UNITED STATES Frank G. Howland, Barre, Vt., bank president, sent to prison for seven years for theft of bank funds.

Two important arrests in New York in crusade against criminal gangs.

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NEWFOUNDLAND A terrific storm is sweeping across Newfoundland, and all transportation is shut up.

EUROPE Suburban portions of Fiume have been captured by the regular Italian troops.

Bombardment of the city has ceased for negotiations between the two factions to be inaugurated.

Bolsheviks are evacuating the recently formed Balkan states with large armies.

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### PAIR FOUGHT GREAT BATTLE WITH POLICE

New York Officers Capture Two Alleged Heads of Big Robberies.

### ALDERMEN REJECT MONEY FOR POLICE

Attempt to Call Out 700 Extra Constables to Stop Crime Wave Blocked.

New York, Dec. 28.—Two men caught being members of the band that held up and robbed the First National Bank of Milltown, N. J., December 10, escaping with \$50,000 and believed to have been implicated in the murder and robbery December 16, of Edwin H. Andrews, Fifth Avenue jeweler, were arrested here tonight with their wives.

Liberty bonds valued at \$18,000 said to be part of the Milltown robbery loot, were found in a suitcase, carried by the women, police said, and added, that all four carried firearms.

The men taken into custody tonight said they were Jerome B. Chafetz, 28 years of age and Harry Blizborger, 30 years old. They were halted when they alighted from an automobile Seventy Second street and Broadway. Resisting arrest, they fought for several minutes before being subdued.

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### Died of His Love Which Nothing Could Cure Said Tragic Note Beside River

Montreal, Dec. 28.—"Do not accuse anyone of my death, for I die of love from which my heart has been suffering for a long time and which nothing could cure—"

The above are the contents of a letter pinned to a hat lying in the snow by the side of the river at Champlain, near this city, and found by George McGreard, said to be of Quebec. The letter was written in French and English and was signed, "Guillaume."

It went on to ask the finder to inform the victim's sisters and employer of his tragic end.

No address was, however, furnished, and the letter is now in the hands of the police here, who are making enquiries.

### FEAR THREE MEN LOSE LIVES IN NORTHERN WOODS

Trio Has Been Missing Now for More Than Five Weeks.

HAD TO CROSS MONTREAL RIVER

Wolves Numerous and Fierce in Section Where Men Disappeared.

Hallebury, Ont., Dec. 28.—Three men are missing in the bush of the north country and hope for their safety is regarded here as very slight. Mary Wright, ex-mayor of this town, and her nephew, Charles Wright, of Chris McCool, of Pembroke, a prominent undertaker, have not been seen for some weeks, and it is generally believed they have met their deaths. The Wrights left Hallebury a month ago to examine a property at Maple Mountain in the Crown Reserve Mining Company of Cobalt.

No Trace of Pair. They had a twenty mile snowshoe tramp to reach the property after leaving the railway and they also had to cross the Montreal River. When they did not return for Christmas a search party was organized which is now scouring the district.

McCool came to Hallebury from Pembroke on December 16 and soon afterward drove down to the Myron camp, some 15 or 20 miles south of here. He passed the night there and next morning left for his camp on the other side of the Montreal River. Mr. Burrell, who has been tramping in the Montreal River district reports the wolves are very fierce in that section and states that he was attacked by three big animals, but managed to beat them off.

### OTTAWA PREPARING FOR THE COMMONS

C. N. R. Estimates to be Discussed by Directors During the Week.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Hurry-up orders have gone to all public departments to have estimates ready in preparation for the coming session of parliament. Tomorrow D. B. Hanna and the board of management of the C. N. R. are to be here to discuss expenditures for the coming year on the government lines. What deficit the present year has brought to the government lines will not be known for a month or so yet, when the returns will be complete. But there is every expectation that it will be considerably higher than last year's loss of \$41,000,000.

Increases granted in passenger and freight rates have, it is stated, been entirely swallowed up by increased wages.

Apart from the tariff—which will be the main business of the session—the legislative programme of the government gives every prospect of being light.

### LORD BEAVERBROOK FAVORS HOLIDAY IN BUILDING WARSHIPS

Great Britain, United States and Japan Should Agree on Plan.

New York, Dec. 28.—The New York World in the second of a series of articles advocating disarmament today publishes cable messages from a number of the leading men of Europe.

Lord Beaverbrook says: "Great Britain, Japan and America ought to agree on a naval holiday during which no ships should be built, and they should insist upon the smaller naval powers following suit. The Daily Express will urge this plan with all its energy and press the necessity for limiting armaments on the British public and governments."

### RAILWAY UNIONS TO DISCUSS ATTITUDE OF C. N. R. CHAIRMAN

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A meeting has been called of the executive of the Grand Division, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees to be held at the general offices of the organization in Ottawa on Tuesday, January 4. Several important matters will be taken up, among them the confirmation of the position of the Grand President, A. R. Mosher, on the question of the employees of the Canadian National Railway entering politics. Mr. Mosher was the only Brotherhood representative at the conference on the matter in Toronto recently who had full authority to act without referring to the executive.

### 1,400 WORKLESS MEN CLEAR SNOW OFF STREET

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Over 1400 unemployed men were taken on by the city today to assist in the removal of snow.

### 'REDS' MENACE NEW BALKAN STATES NOW

Armenia Refuses Bolshevik Demand for Troops to Pass Her Borders.

### ENTIRE CAUCASUS BECOMING SOVIET

Sixty Thousand Radicals Are Massed Already on Letvian Border.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Bolsheviks are greatly strengthening their operations in the Caucasus region and are menacing the new Baltic states, it is indicated in a despatch received here today from diplomatic sources.

The messages point out that the Armenian government is unable to deal with the Bolsheviks, having on one hand the Turkish Nationalists, and on the other the accepted Soviet regime. That government, however, had refused the Bolshevik demand that Soviet troops massed on the frontier be allowed to penetrate the country as a condition to participation in the peace negotiations now in progress at Alexandrovsk, between the Armenians and Turks.

Surrounded by Reds. Georgia is said also to be in a precarious situation surrounded by Bolsheviks on all sides. Competent authorities forecast that the entire Caucasus will become Soviet shortly. The greatest resistance is coming from the Mussulman Turks and the Bolsheviks are discussing the entire question of the Caucasus at Tiflis.

From Letvia comes the news of a concentration of Bolshevik forces estimated at sixty thousand men on the Letvian frontier. Several companies are reported to have already reentered inside the country.

### POISON GAS TO BE CHIEF ARM IN NEXT FIGHT

Britain Prohibits Dye-stuffs Importation for Next Ten Years.

WILL BUILD UP OWN DYE TRADE

Then She Will be in a Position to Meet War Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 28.—By the passage of the dye-stuffs import regulations act, Great Britain has definitely accepted the theory that poison gas will be the supreme weapon of the next war and at the same time has opened the way for the entry of German dyes into the United States, according to the views expressed to pressed tonight by chemical experts of the government.

The British act, which became a law yesterday, prohibits the importation of dye-stuffs into Great Britain for ten years, which, government experts declared, will enable Britain to build up her dye industry to a point of complete independence from the outside world.

Ready To Make Gas. Poison gas and dye-stuffs both come from coal tar, it was explained, and from the manufacture of the commercial article to the production of the military weapon is but another step in a continuous process. By insuring the development of the dye industry, chemical experts here said Great Britain has laid the ground work for possible widespread use of gas in warfare, as chemical factories can turn from the manufacture of dye-stuffs to the production of poison gas practically at will.

# FOR WOMEN

# AMUSEMENTS

## "The Sphinx" An Odd Composition

William Strang Has Many Colored Canvases at London Salon.

London, Dec. 27.—The Goupil Gallery, the tenth exhibition of a series inaugurated in 1915, is now open at the Galleries Lafayette street. All schools are represented, and the Academician hangs cheek by jowl with the extremist of the "Friday Club," and the "London Group." There are many interesting pictures, both French and English, also many that are pretentious and of no artistic value. The distinguished painter, Wilson Steer, is represented by a number of delicate landscapes, pale and atmospheric. Augustus John contributes a dozen clever drawings of which the best is the "Woman Reclining." William Strang, the Academician, shows a remarkable character study, "The Sphinx," the portrait of a plain, long-faced, brown-haired girl in a many-colored, hat, low-necked, crimson blouse, a long black necklace. It is an able piece of work, and one is not concerned much as to what the Sphinx thinks. A subtle and accomplished portrait is "Joyce," by Howard Somerville, a young woman in black against a black background. This painter has, however, a mistaken idea of "finish"; the end of Art is not to conceal paint. The "Pastoral" by Walter Bayes, one of the most prolific of painters, is excellent work, marred only by one cow, stupidly intent on spoiling the decorative effect. Louis A. Sargeant's "The Bodon Glacier" is a fine harmony, composed of blue and pink rocks and snow.

## "LI-KI" CHINESE FOR CHRYSANTHEMUM

If one went into a flower store and asked for a dozen Li-Ki the florist might be puzzled. But that is what Confucius called the chrysanthemum when he wrote about it over in China some 500 years before Christ was born. And that's how old, at least, the chrysanthemum is—something like 2,500 years. Ago has bettered rather than decreased the beauties of the bloom. The Japs have known it for at least 2,000 years. But in earlier centuries it was not the imposing mammoth head hundreds of years of cultivation has brought it to be. It came to Europe from Japan and China some time in the Seventeenth Century, and the florists of those days began its intense cultivation and developed the large flowers from which have come down the chrysanthemums of this day. The name itself is from the Greek and really means "golden flower," which is not far from a good description in the light of the great lemon-and-orange colored blooms with which the florists' shops have been filled.

The Lord made woman—but the dressmaker and the beauty specialist are inventing improvements. The average man has a mania for posing as his own hero.



and the sealed air-tight carton keeps it "Good". Red Rose Tea comes to you with all its original rich strength and rare flavor fully retained.

Red Rose Coffee is as generously good as Red Rose Tea

## Opening of K. of P. Castle Tonight

Congregational Church Remodeled—De Monts Chapter Ball Opening Event.

The long-cherished dream of the Knights of Pythias of St. John will be realized tonight in the opening of their own Castle in the form of a brilliant ball under the auspices of De Monts Chapter, I. O. O. F., the leading society event of the year. After two months of intensive remodeling and renovation the Congregational church property, Union street, will be used for the first time as a community centre. Other engagements will follow, including a reunion of Knights and their ladies New Year's Eve, when Pythianism will receive a revival that will bring into immediate touch all the families of the Order in the four city lodges and many from outside the city who are planning to be present for the event.

The new Castle, which is the property of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1—the mother of Pythianism in the British Empire—and Union Lodge No. 2, also a stock company of fraternal, is one of the prettiest interiors in Canada. In point of decoration and appointments it is easily the best in New Brunswick and will fill a long-felt want in this city where many a social and platform event has been compromised for want of proper housing. The Knights are therefore to be congratulated upon their enterprise in providing such a place.

### Excellent Decorations.

Upon entering the building by the main auditorium doorways a spacious hall over fifty-five feet square confronts the eye. The floor is of highly polished birch and the predominant color scheme is a gold and greenish mixture known as the "Tiffany effect." Tastefully offset in soft greys with just enough strange color, such as a rich red top-wall band, to make lines of distinction between the exquisite-ly paneled ceiling and the walls. Graining in silver grey tones give the whole lower section an exceedingly smart touch, very modern indeed, very New York in fact. At the front of the interior flanking the stage and music alcove are two heroic Greek goddesses, Music and Plenty, typifying the uses to which the auditorium will probably be put. R. S. Craig, W. E. Demings and Y. W. Stringer are responsible for this fine display of the decorator's art.

There is a balcony with accommodation for two hundred people, which is convertible to platform seating purposes and for a rest section at social events. Off this main room are ladies' retiring suite, check room for clothing with a new system of caring for wraps and hats. In fact this upper floor is ideal for social event and concert or platform gatherings and the removable seating is of special design "tailor-made" at the factory.

### Lower Section.

Downstairs the greatest changes have been made in the former church property. The floor has been lowered to allow of two feet higher ceiling.

## LET'S TALK IT OVER

It has been said by visitors to St. John that one of the best things they notice is the way the citizens run down their home, its climate coming in for the lion's share of condemnation. If this is true, and judging from the remarks heard almost daily it certainly is a common failing, let us take a leaf from the books of our neighbors across the border and boost for a change.

In an interesting paper read recently before a women's organization, it was strikingly pointed out that in Western Canada they never publish their drawbacks, but strive to impress upon the stranger that the West is the one and only place to live, is the people the best in the world and the particular place where you happen to be the most wonderful city and going to be finer yet.

It is something of this attitude which we dwellers in beautiful New Brunswick should adopt. Nowhere can more lavishly scenery be found and in few places will you hear less about it. Our city will be reëxposed but look at the picturesque views of these rocks. Nearly every street in St. John has a sea-view and if one looks many beauty spots can be found. Our river is unsurpassed and our hills and valley forever beyond description.

## LAUNDERING DONE BY WEIGHT NOW

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London, Dec. 28.—The high cost of clean linen, not the least of the Londoner's post-war burdens, has been dealt severe blow. Henceforth the family linen in one London district, may be dealt with by weight, at a cheap rate. Fulham Borough Council are starting new machines at the municipal wash-houses, and have notified local residents that their linen can be washed and rough-dried at forty-two cents per twenty-eight pounds. They also provide bags at 50 cents each to hold that amount of linen.

## MRS. MACSWINEY SAILING

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord mayor of Cork, who starred himself in British prison, will sail for England next Saturday, after testifying in Washington before the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland.

new walls have been erected to divide the place into a large suite of apartments, chief of which is the lodge room, to be otherwise employed as banquet hall or small auditorium. This is classically pillared in keeping with the Greek lines of the Pythian order, thickly paneled in the ceiling and lighted by nine hanging Grecian bowls. The vast floor space—62 by 94—is carpeted and looks veritably like a drawing room.

Off this lodge and banquet room is the modern kitchen with gas installation for cooking, specially designed pantries and water heating plant. The armchairs are off here too, convenient to the lodge room for ritualistic purposes. There are smoking rooms and clothing storage places, as well as ante rooms for fraternal purposes. One remembering the old Congregational church vestry will not recognize this lower floor at all. It is completely changed, modernized and made cosy and inviting.

## Practically New Building.

The whole building is now new it might be said—new ceilings, floors, walls and painted and decorated in splendid style. The electric lighting is the last word and while the Pythians have some few things yet to do to make it quite up to their ideas, it is even now a revelation in reconstruction and something not only the Pythian Order but the whole of St. John may well be proud. Garnet W. Wilson was the architect and there was a committee in charge of the building supervision who worked long and faithfully to materialize the scheme of the composite committee as a whole-bad-thing mind when the project was first mooted.

The new Pythian Castle is owned by the Pythian Castle Co., Ltd., recently incorporated. The stock is held by New Brunswick and Union Lodges and a group of subscribers belonging to the Order in the city. The Knights now have a home they can truly call their own. This has been their hope and desire for years. To celebrate this culmination of their efforts they will foregather New Year's Eve with their ladies and have a grand time.

## Movie Actors Out of Work

Fifty Thousand Have No Jobs in California Studios Alone.

New York, Dec. 28.—A radical change in motion picture production on this continent for the coming year was announced yesterday by leaders of the industry, according to this morning's Herald, which says that the chief aspect of the readjustment is a marked curtailment in production already started. The reduction is said to be of a startling order, as most of the producing concerns have set out to cut their production fifty per cent.

The newspaper says: "Among those film corporations who are known to be cutting down on production, reducing the number of actors and studio help employed and in some instances shutting up plants entirely are the Famous Players-Lasky, Goldwyn, Fox Metro, Vitagraph and Universal."

## CHIPPENDALE WAS CABINET-MAKER

Almost all the mahogany of the eighteenth century is vaguely assigned to that illustrious designer, Thomas Chippendale, who, as a matter of fact, was not in the zenith of his vogue until 1760. Chippendale established himself at a house in St. Martin's Lane, London, as a cabinet-maker. His style was heavier in technique and less severe in decoration than those who came after him.

He published a volume of designs for furniture in 1754, which he called The Gentleman and Cabinet-maker's Director. This work ran to three editions, and at the time it must have been impossible to foresee the coming triumphs of Heppelwhite and Sheraton, who superseded him.

The father was born in 1751, and thus was a boy of 9 when Chippendale was in his glory. Brought up without regular education, Sheraton taught himself the elements of geometry and drawing. Like Chippendale, he, too, was a cabinet-maker, but seems to have met with little success in that calling. But as a designer of furniture his influence made itself felt almost immediately. His designs were regarded with extraordinary respect, but, none the less, they proved financial failure, and Sheraton lived and died a poor man.

## FORMER AMHERST MAN ARRESTED ON ARSON CHARGE

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 28.—Early this morning a barn owned by Robert Coste, and destroyed by fire. The circumstances were suspicious and following an investigation by the police, Henry Wood, a former resident of Amherst, Head, was arrested and charged with arson. Wood arrived at the Terrace Hotel last night, and it is alleged that he registered under the name of "Henry Holt," Boston, which city he has been residing in of late. The police claim that a big merry-go-round, stored in the barn, was owned by Wood, and that it was insured. The merry-go-round was removed without being seriously damaged. Wood was arraigned in court this afternoon and remanded.

## COAL MINERS AGREE TO MEET OPERATORS

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 28.—Accepting an offer of the operators to adjust inequalities and injustices within the present wage agreement, the general scale committee of the Anthracite Mine Workers' Association today instructed its sub-committee to meet with representatives of the operators and endeavor to work out a basis of settlement that will bring general satisfaction to the Anthracite Mine Workers. None of the demands of the hard coal miners for additional wage increases will be dropped.

If you are going to sea, ship with a wreck-less captain.

## THE CITY STREET.

Some scribbler sang of the city street, He was sick of its lights and its lures; Of the shuffle and scuffle of faltering feet, And the singhish sigh of its sewers; Like a motherless child He stood for the wind, And the glow of the moon on the moors, He was sick of the game of dollars and cents, And the greed for the farthing and dime; Of the paint and the polish of social pretence, And the reek of the alms and the stime, So he hid for the halls Where the bull-moose calls, Away from the sin and the crime. For me some wild Autumnal night, Not a planet affirms in the sky; Just to lean 'neath the gleam of an old arch-light, When the end and the glad go-by, Drifting along To a drags of a sea; Drifting the way — H. McKurgie.

## Douglas Avenue Work Started

Commissioner Jones Had Only One Application for Work from Army of Unemployed

The work on the Douglas Avenue water and sewerage service was commenced Monday, A. George Moses having the contract. It is expected the work will be in full swing today. When these extensions were undertaken it was thought an opportunity would be afforded to absorb some of the unemployed in the city. Commissioner Jones informed the Standard he had but one application for a job from the great army of unemployed said to be encamped in this city. A place was found on the work for that applicant but he did not show up to handle the shovel and pick.

The Commissioner states there is opportunity for at least a dozen more men to find employment on the Douglas Avenue work if they really want to work.

## CONFERENCE IN GUELPH, ONT.

Representatives of Canadian Universities Are in Session Today.

Representatives of Canadian Universities will meet in conference in Guelph, Ont., today for the consideration of inaugurating the Canadian Student Christian movement. This work in the past has been carried on by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. councils, but this year they have decided to place the work in the hands of the students. A proposed constitution will be discussed, embodying the character of the work and affiliation movements in other countries, and if so, this movement will result in bridging the world in our international fellowship of students. R. A. Miller represents King's, Mr. Lamb represents Acadia.

## Ouch! Rub Backache, Stiffness, Lumbago

Rub Pain from back with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacob's Oil."

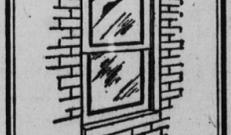
Back hurt you? Can't straighten up without feeling sudden pains, sharp aches and twinges? Now listen! That's lumbago, sciatica or maybe from a strain, and you'll get relief by rubbing "St. Jacob's Oil." Nothing else takes out soreness, lameness and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub it on your back and out comes the pain. It is harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

## ROYALTY AT CONCERT

The King and Queen and the Prince of Wales attended the Melba concert in the Royal Albert Hall, in London, on December 8th, in aid of the Boy Scouts' Association. Madame Melba was assisted in the concert by the London Scouts' choir of five hundred voices and the Scouts' whistling choir.

Baby's mother—What do you think of the new nursemaid, George? Baby's father—She looks capable, my dear; but she is so terribly tall. Think what a distance poor baby will have to fall when she drops him!

## Use Old Dutch Cleanser



Cleans Windows and Mirrors

Just put a small amount of Old Dutch in a dry folded cloth. Clean thoroughly; no rewiping necessary. Saves time and labor; economical; efficient.



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## Abbey's Purifies the Blood

STORM ON FRENCH COAST.

Brest, France, Dec. 28.—A storm of utmost violence is raging along the western coast of France. The sea is very heavy even in the roads of Brest harbor, where a vessel was sunk last night.

To Look Young is a valuable asset to women in business, social and private life. Nothing helps so much as a good digestion. Poor elimination causes one to look sickly and faded.

## BEECHAM'S PILLS

sweeten the stomach, stimulate the liver, promote elimination. This helps purify the blood, improve the complexion, bring the roses back to the cheeks. To look and feel young—Beecham's Pills

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Sold Everywhere in Canada. In boxes, 25c., 50c. Largest Sale of any Medicine in the World.

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# One of The Biggest Reduction Sales Ever Attempted

## BY THIS STORE IS OFFERED BY OUR

# Mid-Winter Clothing Clearance

This occasion again demonstrates the value-giving power of this store. In addition to our policy of revising prices as fast as changing conditions permit, we have gone a long way to bring back "old times" by making enormous extra reductions on already low prices, for this mid-winter selling event. You get double economy here now; the economy of good clothes—some of the finest goods made; the economy of wonderfully low prices. It's a big chance for every man and boy to buy all the clothes he needs.

This big store believes in keeping stocks clean and new always. Our stock-taking day is January fifth, and by that time our supplies of Overcoats and Suits must be greatly lessened. To accomplish this we are making this sale, one of the

**Greatest Reduction Events in the History of This Store**

**Sale Commences Wednesday, December 29th**

**ENDS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th**

### Men's Overcoats At Big Reductions

The prices are certainly 'way down, but the quality is 'way up. This sale offers you the choice of the season's best styles, dependably and correctly tailored from sturdy, good looking overcoatings in choice colorings.

Included are Slip-ons, Belters, Ulsters, Ulsterettes and Form-fitting models in Tweeds, Whiteys and Soft Fleece Cloths; also Chesterfield fly front coats, with or without velvet collars. These are in black or light and dark greys.

A saving of from \$8.00 to \$14.85 on every Overcoat, and every overcoat in our stocks included.

\$34.00 and \$34.50 Overcoats for	\$25.90
36.50 and 38.50 Overcoats for	28.90
39.00 and 41.00 Overcoats for	30.75
46.00 and 46.50 Overcoats for	34.90
47.50 and 48.50 Overcoats for	35.65
50.00 and 52.50 Overcoats for	39.40
53.00 and 54.00 Overcoats for	40.50
58.00 and 59.50 Overcoats for	44.65
62.00 to 64.00 Overcoats for	48.00

### Here's Value For You in Men's Mackinaws

Made from extra heavy, all wool Mackinaw cloths in brown and black checked patterns. An ideal coat for the outside workman, where a short, warm, hard wearing garment is required.

Plain Coat with belt. Regular \$12.00, for **\$10.20**  
Norfolk, with yoke, pleats and belt.  
Regular \$13.50 for **11.50**  
Double lined Norfolk with pleats and belt.  
Regular \$18.00 for **15.30**

### Men's Sheep Lined Coats Priced Very Low

These are made with Beaverette Collars and leather bound pockets.  
Brown Duck Coverings. Regular \$12.00, for **\$10.20**  
Drab Whipcord Coverings. Regular \$16, for **13.60**  
Brown Curduroy Coverings. Regular \$17, for **14.45**

### This Sale Brings Some Mighty Big Values in Boys' Overcoats

No need to make the old overcoat do for the long weeks of winter ahead. For boys from 10 to 17 years of age you can find here a splendid choice of youthful looking Ulsters, Ulsterettes, Belters and Form Fitting Coats in plain Whiteys and Soft Fleece Cloths. Made in a variety of colors, neat checks and fancy mixtures.

The styles, colors and fabrics will make a direct appeal to the boy himself.  
Regular \$16.50 Coats for **\$12.40**  
Regular 17.50 to 18.50 Coats for **13.90**  
Regular 19.00 to 21.50 Coats for **16.15**  
Regular 22.50 to 23.50 Coats for **17.65**  
Regular 25.00 to 26.50 Coats for **19.90**  
Regular 27.00 to 28.50 Coats for **21.40**  
Regular 30.00 to 32.50 Coats for **24.40**

### Prices 'Way Down on Overcoats For Junior Boys, Too

Long Reefer styles, made from Chinchillas, soft fleeced cloths and tweeds. Among them are yoke Norfolks and half and full belted models, with warm linings of flannel. A variety of colors and patterns to choose from. Many of these coats are as suitable for girls as boys.

All sizes from 2 to 10 years.	
Regular \$10.00 to \$11.00 Coats for	\$ 8.25
Regular 11.50 Coats for	8.65
Regular 12.50 to 13.50 Coats for	10.80
Regular 15.00 and 15.50 Coats for	11.65
Regular 16.00 to 17.00 Coats for	13.15
Regular 18.00 to 19.50 Coats for	14.95
Regular 21.00 to 22.00 Coats for	16.50

### Extraordinary Value in Men's Suits

Extraordinary! That's the only way to say it. The newest styles including two and three button and form fitting models for younger men also; loose fitting three button models for the business man, are showing in Tweeds, Worsted and Cheviot cloths in medium and dark shades, heather mixtures, and neat patterns.

No suits held back. Every one in stock goes into the sale at an extraordinary bargain price.

\$37.50 Suits for	\$29.95
39.50 Suits for	31.60
42.50 Suits for	33.95
45.00 Suits for	35.95
51.00 Suits for	41.95
55.00 Suits for	43.95
57.50 Suits for	45.95
59.50 Suits for	47.60
67.50 Suits for	53.95

### Heavy Mackinaws For Boys Ages 13 to 15

Regular price \$9.50. Sale **\$8.10.**

Norfolk style, made from all wool Mackinaw cloth in brown and black models. Only a limited number of these. Get the one you want early. All sizes from 7 to 17 years.

### A Great Chance To Buy Boys' Suits

Just the kinds that boys like best—manly styles with plenty of slash or patch pockets. Coats are plain or pleated with loose or stitched on belts. For those who prefer them, there are waist-line styles, too. The materials are good, strong wearing. Tweeds and Worsted in medium and dark shades, and a variety of neat patterns.

\$15.00 and \$15.50 Suits for	\$12.40
16.00 and 16.50 Suits for	12.95
17.00 and 17.50 Suits for	13.60
18.00 and 18.50 Suits for	14.80
19.00 and 19.50 Suits for	15.60
20.00 and 20.50 Suits for	16.40
21.00 and 21.50 Suits for	17.20
23.00 and 23.50 Suits for	18.80
Others up to	\$24.00.

### Bargains in Suits For Small Boys 3 to 8 Years

Made in smart juvenile styles, all carefully tailored, and made from materials most becoming to little fellows.

Suits are mostly fashioned with round or sailor collars and have plain knicker pants.  
\$ 9.50 and \$10.00 Suits for **\$ 7.95**  
11.00 and 11.50 Suits for **9.20**  
12.00 and 12.50 Suits for **9.95**  
13.50 Suits for **10.80**  
14.00 and 14.50 Suits for **11.60**

### Boys' Knicker Pants

Made of strong, good wearing Tweeds and Worsted.

Plain Knickers, in 4 to 8 year sizes.  
Regular \$2.75 Sale price **\$2.35**  
Bloomer Pants, sizes 7 to 10 years.  
Regular \$3.25 Sale price **\$2.75**  
Regular 3.75 Sale price **3.20**  
Regular 4.25 Sale price **3.60**

### Sizes 11 to 17 years.

Regular \$3.50 Sale price **\$2.95**  
Regular 4.25 Sale price **3.60**  
Regular 4.75 Sale price **4.05**

Men's Separate Worsted Trousers, neat stripes, in medium and dark greys. All greatly reduced.



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# THE STANDARD'S SPORTING SECTION

## Basketball Teams And Schedules

### Y. M. C. I. Senior Boys, Senior Girls and High School Girls Have Busy Time Ahead.

The following is the make-up of teams and schedule for the Y. M. C. I. Senior Boys' House Basketball League.

1. Burns, captain; Wall, Kennedy, Johnston, Fishwick, Peterson, LeChik.
2. Murphy, captain; McManus, Knowl, McCourtly, Driscoll, Keesley, Green, Cohn, Goldman.
3. Marous, captain; Stekolis, Rubin, captain; Fraser, M. Griffin, L. Griffin, Hughes.
4. Jackson, captain; Loman, Tanner, Johnson, Fishwick.
5. Conway, captain; O'Brien, Corlaker, Bink, Vinger.
6. Maher, captain; Brown, Miller, Sweeney, Sterling, Mitchell.
7. Nixon, captain; Lenthox, Storey, Dow, Thorne, Allan.
8. Burns, captain; Murphy.
9. Burns, captain; Murphy.
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11. Burns, captain; Murphy.
12. Burns, captain; Murphy.
13. Burns, captain; Murphy.
14. Burns, captain; Murphy.
15. Burns, captain; Murphy.
16. Burns, captain; Murphy.
17. Burns, captain; Murphy.
18. Burns, captain; Murphy.
19. Burns, captain; Murphy.
20. Burns, captain; Murphy.

## Senior Girls' League

The teams and schedule of the Y. M. C. I. Senior Girls' Basketball League:

1. Captain, Miss Flood; N. Callaghan, F. Higgins, C. Nugent, Z. Higgins.
2. Captain, Miss Conway; G. Allingham, L. Peterson, F. Kane, Miss Conlon.
3. Captain, Miss Warner; K. Warner, M. Bowes, G. Bowes, K. Flood.
4. Captain, Miss Cronin; M. Cronin, L. Flood, E. Williams, L. Kirvan, K. O'Brien.
5. Captain, Miss Tapley; G. Ready, G. Costley, E. Gorman, L. O. Kegan, Miss Driscoll, St. John, L. McNamee, F. Nugent, C. McGrath, J. McNeill, M. McCrossin.
6. Captain, Miss Mellday; A. McLaughlin, L. Wallace, E. Higgins, F. Read, E. Ritchie.
7. Captain, Miss Corkery; S. Jennings, M. Keenan, M. O'Brien, S. Robinson.
8. Captain, Miss Conway; G. Conway, J. 7.30—Miss Flood vs. Miss Cronin.
9. Captain, Miss Tapley; G. Conway, J. 7.30—Miss Tapley vs. Miss McKale.
10. Captain, Miss Mellday; A. Conway, J. 7.30—Miss Mellday vs. Miss Corkery.
11. Captain, Miss Warner; K. Conway, J. 7.30—Miss Warner vs. Miss McKale.
12. Captain, Miss Cronin; M. Conway, J. 7.30—Miss Cronin vs. Miss McKale.
13. Captain, Miss Flood; N. Conway, J. 7.30—Miss Flood vs. Miss McKale.
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20. Captain, Miss Mellday; A. Conway, J. 7.30—Miss Mellday vs. Miss McKale.

## Money Needed

It was reported that up to date \$500 has been collected, with more territory to cover. To reach the objective of \$1,500 it will be necessary to make a house to house collection in the South End. Frank White, D. H. Waddington and Frank Lewis were appointed a committee to look after finances. Fuel will be needed, as well as equipment, and the services of a tractor and the skating rink is to be kept up.

## Mayor Schofield advised going ahead with the project, and Rev. E. C. Styles, of Carmichael street church, promised the cooperation of the men of that church. Steve Matthews gave valuable suggestions regarding canvassing. All present were enthusiastic over the plan and the club seems an assured success.

## Cleveland Team Trains In Dallas

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Dallas, Texas, Chamber of Commerce is to pay the Cleveland world's champion baseball team \$7,500 to train in that city, under terms of a contract made by Manager Tris Speaker and announced by President Dunn of the club here today.

## BURNLEY HEADS DIVISION.

London, Dec. 28.—As a result of the league soccer games played in England on Boxing Day, Burnley is still head of the first division, and Cardiff remains leaders of the second division, tied with Bristol City, who again beat Ferriola yesterday.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

1. Captain, Miss Flood; F. Connelly, M. O'Leary, B. Dwyer, M. Hennessey, E. Conroy, Miss O'Leary, M. McLaughlin, G. McLaughlin, M. Gans, M. McLaughlin.

2. Captain, Miss Lavelle; A. Lamb, A. Flood, E. Ryan, M. Gowan, A. Conroy, Miss Frances, M. O'Connell, Miss P. Frank, V. Farrow, M. McKelvey, E. Conroy, Miss McKeown, G. Conroy, H. Harris, M. Wilson, E. Brown, J. 7.30—Miss Lavelle vs. Miss O'Leary.

## Hockey Trip To The States

### King's College Team Will Make Tour Next Month and Play U. S. Teams.

King's College Hockey players returned to Windsor December 27 to train for the proposed hockey trip to the States the first two weeks in January. Training was commenced before college closed under R. Parrott, captain, and W. B. Morehouse, manager, and will be continued until the team is in readiness to leave on January 4th.

## South End Boys' Club Meeting

### Held in Board of Trade Rooms by Those Interested—Committees Appointed.

A meeting was held in the Board of Trade room last evening in the interest of the South End Boys' Club. Thomas Killen presided, and there were representatives from the following churches: Trinity, Centenary, Central Baptist, St. David's, St. Andrew's, German street Baptist, Carmichael street Methodist, St. John Baptist, St. James' Mayor Schofield and a number of citizens attended.

## Committee's Report

J. H. Hamilton reported for the committee appointed to inquire regarding the Y. M. C. A. Hut, that letters had been received from Mr. Bishop, secretary of the Red Triangle in Toronto, and Mr. Buckley in Halifax. Captain Stokes had reported that the matter is entirely in the hands of the Red Triangle. Mr. Buckley wrote that he was desirous of doing all in his power to forward the proposition that the hut should be used for a Boys' Club.

## Local Bowling

In the Wellington League series on the G. W. V. A. always last night, Nashuak and Customs broke even, each team capturing two points. The scores follow:

Nashuak Pulp and Paper Co.	160	95	299	99-23	
Craft	82	80	81	243	81
Wilson	82	80	74	238	78-23
Gillis	82	80	73	229	73-23
Gray	82	80	89	251	82-23

## THE CITY LEAGUE.

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Cubs and Ramblers split even, each winning two points. The scores follow:

Cubs	83	116	84	288	96
Ramblers	83	116	84	279	93
Stevens	86	111	112	309	103
Leaman	89	97	97	276	81-23
Parlee	85	92	92	269	82-23

## COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

In the Commercial League series on Black's alleys last night the Ramblers captured all four points from Smith Brokers. The scores follow:

Smith Brokerage Co.	48	61	443	1282	
Paulson	78	82	105	263	87-23
Whitaker	74	71	84	229	81-23
Chapman	78	75	77	239	76-23
Langley	83	82	84	255	85
Mellish	86	87	93	266	89-23

## GAMES YONIGHT.

The Y. S. Simms and Nashuak Pulp teams will play at the Industrial League. Black's alleys tonight. The Commercial League teams are G. W. V. A. and Ford Motor Works.

## New Brunswick Hockey League

### Frederickton Plays in Campbellton, Marysville at Chatham in Opening Games Tonight.

Frederickton, Dec. 28.—The Frederickton Hockey Club left here this evening for Campbellton, where tomorrow night they will play one of the opening games of the New Brunswick Hockey League. They are also scheduled for a game in Bathurst on Thursday night.

## Toronto Races Were Concluded

### 2.20 Pace, 2.18 Trot and 2.18 Pace Was the Card on Ice Track Yesterday.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The first programme of harness races at Dufferin Park ice track was concluded today when the unfinished 2.20 pace was completed and the 2.18 trot and 2.18 pace were run off. As yesterday's programme totalled eleven heats, racing at this track will be two or three days' programme will be offered.

## Canada's Curlers For Overseas

### Civic Banquet Tendered Curlers at Toronto Last Evening—Will Sail from Here.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The civic banquet tendered this evening to Canada's curlers for overseas was partly the aspect of the play Hamlet, which the Prince of Denmark left out. It had been intended primarily as a reception to the contingent from the Prerics who were expected to arrive at the hotel this afternoon. Their train was many hours late, and as the Ontario representation had to leave on the night train for Montreal, it was for them that the banquet was served and speeches of congratulations and wishes for bon voyage addressed.

## Parcel Unopened But Gems Gone

### Merchant's \$3,500 in Diamonds Vanishes in the Mails in the West.

Calgary, Dec. 28.—Expecting diamonds to the value of \$3,700, last week for the Christmas trade, A. J. Conolly, jeweller of Basanuco, accepted a registered parcel from a jewelry firm in Toronto, but upon opening the parcel, the diamonds were found to have disappeared and the parcel empty. The postal authorities went to Basanuco to investigate but so far no trace has been found of the missing jewels.

## First Wife in Bigamy Case Gives Evidence

### Moncton Case Will Be Continued This Afternoon By the Defence.

Moncton, Dec. 28.—The bigamy case of George Cameron of this city is the accused and his alleged second wife, also of Moncton, is the complainant, was continued in the police court today. Wife No. 2, Jennie Cameron, of St. John, who was brought here to give evidence, told the court that she was married to the accused, who was fifteen years her senior. She lived with Cameron for four years when the accused was sentenced to the penitentiary. Three children were born to the couple, and they lived together only a short time. During the last seven years she has been living in St. John. The defence opened their case this afternoon. Thomas Collins and his wife and accused brother Albert Cameron, gave evidence. The case will be continued tomorrow.

## Accept Wage Cut

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 28.—The six textile unions of the American Federation of Textile Operatives at meetings tonight voted to accept the wage reduction of 22 1/2 per cent. recently announced by the manufacturers effective January 31, 1921. The action follows the unions affects approximately 35,000 employees in 110 cotton, cloth, and yarn mills in this city.

## Blames President Wilson

Washington, Dec. 28.—Admitting that they acted under direct orders of President Wilson, Secretaries of Labor and Daniels filed today in the District Supreme Court their answers in the suit brought by the Telegraphing Club from preventing the landing of the cable line.

## London Money Market

London, Dec. 28.—Close, bar silver, 42d per ounce; bar gold, 116s, 10d, 10d; 4 1/2 per cent. Discount rates, 3 1/2 per cent. 6-84 per cent. Three months bill, 6-84 per cent. Gold premiums, at London, 16s.

## Walter Johnson Signed Contract

### Washington American League Club Pitcher Starts His Fifteenth Season.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Pitcher Walter Johnson signed contract for the season of 1921, his fifteenth season in major league baseball, was received in the mail today by President-Manager Griffith of the Washington American League Club. Johnson wrote from his farm near Cottageville, Kans., that the injury to his arm which handicapped him last season, had yielded to treatment and that he expected to regain his former effective speed. Johnson will be 34 years old on his next birthday.

## Bobby Eber Wins Ten Round Bout

### Defeated Harry L. W. in a Ten Round Bout Here Last Night.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—In a ten round bout here last night, Bobby Eber, of Hamilton, who substituted for Pat Moore, of Memphis, lost the decision to Bennie Gould of Toronto. Gould weighed 123 and Eber made 124. The first four rounds were tame, and the seventh eighth and ninth were even, but in the fifth, Gould was going and the latter saved himself by clinching.

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Gillis	82	80	73	229	73-23
Gray	82	80	89	251	82-23

## THE CITY LEAGUE.

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Cubs and Ramblers split even, each winning two points. The scores follow:

Cubs	83	116	84	288	96
Ramblers	83	116	84	279	93
Stevens	86	111	112	309	103
Leaman	89	97	97	276	81-23
Parlee	85	92	92	269	82-23

## COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

In the Commercial League series on Black's alleys last night the Ramblers captured all four points from Smith Brokers. The scores follow:

Smith Brokerage Co.	48	61	443	1282	
Paulson	78	82	105	263	87-23
Whitaker	74	71	84	229	81-23
Chapman	78	75	77	239	76-23
Langley	83	82	84	255	85
Mellish	86	87	93	266	89-23

## GAMES YONIGHT.

The Y. S. Simms and Nashuak Pulp teams will play at the Industrial League. Black's alleys tonight. The Commercial League teams are G. W. V. A. and Ford Motor Works.

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## Fruit Growers' Market Scheme

### Plan System to Prevent Waste That Occurred During Past Season.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 28.—An organization of the fruit growers of the Niagara Peninsula with a view to co-operation in marketing their produce and the prevention of waste, such as occurred this year, was effected here today at a meeting presided over by W. Bert Roadhouse, deputy minister of agriculture. Ontario, Canada, Mr. Doherty promised that the Ontario Government would go so far as to pay the first year's salary of a capable manager of the organization which is to be known as the Niagara Peninsula Growers' Limited.

## Corn Hill

### Annual Christmas Event Was Held Thursday Evening in the Baptist Church.

Corn Hill, N. B., Dec. 27.—The annual Christmas event was held Thursday evening in the Baptist Church, which was packed with an interested and appreciative audience. The children without exception performed their parts admirably. At the conclusion of the programme, Mr. Wm. Jennings led a collection for the Red Cross. An address was given by Mr. Wm. Jennings, who has spent several months in the Canadian West, has returned home again.

## England Has Big Scheme to Provide Country Clubs for Her Soldiers

### By Sir W. Beach Thomas, (Copyright, 1920, My London Daily Mail-Cross-Atlantic.)

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## THEFT CHARGE.

### Cecil Livingston, an arrested last night on charge of theft. He will be given an opportunity to explain affairs to Magistrate Ritchie this morning.

## FELL DEAD DELIVERING NOMINATION SPEECH

Streetsville, Ont., Dec. 28.—Henry Cook, who had been a member of the village council for six years, and was a candidate for re-election at the coming municipal election, dropped dead at the nomination meeting here last night. He was addressing the electors when he collapsed on the platform and expired.

## FRED RYAN DEAD.

Moncton, Dec. 28.—Word was received at Sackville today of the death in Vancouver of Fred Ryan, formerly of Sackville, and well known throughout the maritime provinces. Mr. Ryan resided in Sackville many years, being connected with the Charles Pawcett Foundry Company. During the last few years he resided with his family in Vancouver, where he passed away today. Mr. Ryan was a native of Kings county, N. B., and is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Mabel Pawcett, daughter of the late Charles Pawcett, Sackville. One son, Charles, professor of engineering at the University of British Columbia, Victoria, and one daughter, Mrs. Herbert B. Boylan Jack, of Glouster, B. C. Two brothers, Dr. J. J. Ryan and Dr. G. B. Ryan, both in Paris, France, and two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Hayward, Hampton, and Mrs. A. Gordon, Sackville, also survive. The late Mrs. F. A. Ryan, Gully, Moncton, and Mrs. Dr. J. J. Ryan, Sackville, were sisters. The late Mrs. Ryan was a widow of an son of the late James Ryan, of Millstream, Kings county, N. B.

## Athletic Meet And Social Held

### Employees of W. H. Thorne & Co. and T. McAvity & Sons Enjoyed Programme.

A large number of employees from the establishments of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., and T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., held an athletic meet and social at the Y. M. C. A. last night and every moment proved one of enjoyment. A bowling match for the men was won by the McAvity team, and at the same time the Thorne team won a basketball game. A bowling match for girls was won by McAvity. Thorne team won the tug-of-war, while McAvity won the girls' relay race, and Thorne captured men's relay race.

## Huge Leather Plant Banned

### Loss at Wilmington, Del., is Estimated at Over \$2,500,000 in Big Blaze.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 28.—The huge plant of the Wilmington Leather Company was a mass of smoking ruins, twisted steel and shattered concrete tonight, after the most destructive fire in the history of Wilmington, which caused damage estimated at more than \$2,500,000.

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## Walter Johnson Signed Contract

### Washington American League Club Pitcher Starts His Fifteenth Season.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Pitcher Walter Johnson signed contract for the season of 1921, his fifteenth season in major league baseball, was received in the mail today by President-Manager Griffith of the Washington American League Club. Johnson wrote from his farm near Cottageville, Kans., that the injury to his arm which handicapped him last season, had yielded to treatment and that he expected to regain his former effective speed. Johnson will be 34 years old on his next birthday.

## Canada's Curlers For Overseas

### Civic Banquet Tendered Curlers at Toronto Last Evening—Will Sail from Here.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The civic banquet tendered this evening to Canada's curlers for overseas was partly the aspect of the play Hamlet, which the Prince of Denmark left out. It had been intended primarily as a reception to the contingent from the Prerics who were expected to arrive at the hotel this afternoon. Their train was many hours late, and as the Ontario representation had to leave on the night train for Montreal, it was for them that the banquet was served and speeches of congratulations and wishes for bon voyage addressed.

## Parcel Unopened But Gems Gone

### Merchant's \$3,500 in Diamonds Vanishes in the Mails in the West.

Calgary, Dec. 28.—Expecting diamonds to the value of \$3,700, last week for the Christmas trade, A. J. Conolly, jeweller of Basanuco, accepted a registered parcel from a jewelry firm in Toronto, but upon opening the parcel, the diamonds were found to have disappeared and the parcel empty. The postal authorities went to Basanuco to investigate but so far no trace has been found of the missing jewels.

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THE WEATHER
Toronto, Dec. 28.—The disturbance which was off the New England coast last night, has moved northeastward.

AROUND THE CITY

NOTICE

Until repairs to our building are completed, the business office of The Standard will be located on the top floor of the Merchants' Bank Building, Prince William Street.

GAS MAIN LEAK

The residents of Elliot Row had to do without gas yesterday as owing to a leak the main had to be shut off.

"RED DEVIL" BROKE DOWN

While going to the Pitt street fire yesterday afternoon the front axle of Chief Blake's car broke and it is now laid up for repairs.

LADDER TRUCK TAKEN OVER

Commissioner Thornton announced yesterday that the new ladder truck having successfully passed the tests had been taken over by the city and was now in commission.

HOUSE BADLY GUTTED

A house in Milford owned by James Goldie and occupied by Mr. Goldie and William Arbo was badly gutted by fire yesterday. The loss will be about \$4,000, partially covered by insurance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRUST

A Christmas treat was held for Central Baptist Sunday School last evening. Mr. Wamman presided, and from a finely trimmed Christmas tree gifts were presented to the scholars.

CALLED OUT TWICE

The city firemen were called out twice yesterday. In the morning they had to go to Water street but failed to find any fire. In the afternoon they were called to 112 Pitt street for a slight blaze in a Christmas tree.

ASKS ENGINEERS TO REPORT

Mayor Schofield has asked the St. John Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada to hold a special meeting to consider the question as to which would be the better, an overhead bridge or subway at the Douglas Avenue crossing.

HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED.

It was announced at local military headquarters yesterday morning that authority has been received for the transfer of Lieutenant R. G. Johnson of the New Brunswick Dragoons, to the Royal Canadian Dragoons at St. Jean's, Quebec.

KING'S COLLEGE

Owing to the recent soft spell, the concrete foundation of the Central and Western wings for the new main building of King's College has been completed by the contractor, Mr. DeWyn, of Halifax, in readiness for building in the spring.

PLEASING LECTURE.

A large audience assembled at the Christian church, Douglas Avenue last evening to listen to a lecture given by Rev. George Titus on "U. S. A. Army's Part in the War." Mr. Titus was a former member of the Douglas Avenue church, but left St. John nineteen years ago. His many friends were much interested in hearing of his experiences and impressions at the front with the American Y. M. C. A.

ALARM OF FIRE

An alarm from box 74 yesterday afternoon called the firemen to a house at the corner of Orange and Pitt streets for a blaze in a Christmas tree. Slight damage was done to some furnishings in the room where the tree was placed.

THE CANADIAN CLUB.

An unusually large attendance of members of the Canadian Club, including officers of the 28th Battalion, Sir Douglas Hason and leading children, greeted Major the Rev. R. C. MacCallum, who was chaplain of the 28th Battalion, at his residence yesterday. A. M. Belding introduced the speaker, whose story of how the brigade, which included the 28th, broke the Hindenburg line, was one of the most thrilling narratives of the war to which a St. John audience has listened. Further MacCallum paid a noble tribute to Colonel McKenna, and declared that the people of New Brunswick should not rest until a fitting monument to his memory had been erected.

Want a Free Employment Bureau

Trades and Labor Council Make Request to City Fathers.

The request of the Trades and Labor Council for the opening of a free employment bureau in co-operation with the federal and provincial governments was brought up at the council meeting yesterday, and after a discussion, which at one time threatened to become somewhat warm, was turned down. During the debate Commissioner Jones quoted Premier Foster as saying the office, which was for a time operated here, as "being a farce," and Commissioner Bullock said this statement was made because the Premier wanted to side-step his responsibility in this matter.

Wants More Information.

Commissioner Bullock said he was favorable to the establishment of such a bureau, but he wanted more information and moved the mayor be asked to prepare a report showing the probable cost and defining its operations.

Commissioner Jones said the council had already voted twice on this matter and the proposition had been defeated each time. He did not see that any good purpose was to be served by opening such an office, in view of the statement of Premier Foster that when the employment office was open before that "it was a farce," he could not support it.

Give it a Trial.

Commissioner Thornton moved the council go into committee. He had given the matter considerable thought and had been of the opinion that it was a needless expenditure, but it might be worth while to give it a trial. Just at present too much of the mayor's time was taken up in looking after the men out of work, and while he was under the impression that it would not do much good it might be well to give it a trial.

Advantages of such a bureau.

Commissioner Jones said one of the advantages of such a bureau was that a man was out looking for jobs for the men, and this his clerk could not do.

Commissioner Bullock said the Trades and Labor Council had endorsed the former employment office and expressed the opinion that Premier Foster was trying to side-step his responsibility when he said it "was a farce."

As no commissioner was willing to make a motion the matter dropped and there will be no free employment bureau.

Applications for grants were received from the Free Kindergarten, and from the Riverview Park, who asked the usual \$350. These were laid over to be taken up with the other grants.

Meeting Held In Centenary Church

Committee Representing N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist Conference Heard Reports.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at Centenary church of a committee representing the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist conference and the Home Mission committee of the St. John Presbytery. The object of the conference was to discuss matters with a view to closer co-operation, and to prevent overlapping, thus conserving both money and the work of ministers.

The Methodist committee consists of Rev. D. R. Chow, president of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference; Rev. Dr. George Steel, superintendent of missions for the Maritime Provinces; Rev. G. M. Young, Rev. H. E. Thompson, Rev. J. M. Palmer, Mr. Sackville, W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, and J. M. Lamont, of Fredericton; Rev. G. S. Dawson and J. Hunter White.

Rev. D. R. Chow, of Fredericton, president of the conference, presided. Reports were received from the Presbyteries of Fredericton, Miramichi and St. John, the latter report being presented by Rev. F. S. Dowling. Rev. George Steel read letters from Fredericton and Miramichi.

Practically all the recommendations sent from these Presbyteries were accepted. Places where co-operation was recommended include the counties of Albert, Westmorland, Kent, Northumberland, Restigouche, Carleton, Charlotte and St. John. A committee was appointed from the Methodist conference to meet with those appointed by the Presbyteries church. It is expected that these places under consideration will be visited by this commission between the middle and end of the month of January.

TOBACCO PARTIES

Tobacco parties were numerous at Lily Lake last evening. Exciting sport was reported by those who were able to enjoy the fun.

HIGH TIDES

There were exceptionally high tides Tuesday. Many of the wharves were overtopped by the high water, and the approach to the ferry boats were inundated necessitating the laying of planks for the convenience of passengers to and from the wharves.

Municipal Home Annual Xmas Treat

150 inmates Remembered—Christmas Tree and Programme Enjoyed.

For the one hundred and fifty inmates of the Municipal Home the annual Christmas treat was held yesterday afternoon. A very beautiful Christmas tree had been provided, and useful gifts for the adults and toys for the children were distributed by the commissioners and those assisting.

To the regret of all, G. A. Knodell for so many years chairman of the board was unable to attend. His place was taken by Mr. Scotty, M. L. A. Addresses were made by a number of the visitors in which high praise was given to E. L. Woods, superintendent of the Home, upon the manner in which the institution is conducted. Miss E. McGuire, the school teacher, was warmly commended for the excellent showing made by the children. The programme of songs, recitations and Christmas exercises given by the scholars was most creditable.

The room in which the entertainment was held, was lavishly decorated with red and green festoons and spruce, Christmas drawings on the blackboard, done by some of the pupils, were much admired.

Delivered Addresses.

Addresses were made by Judge Ritchie, Councillor Spidling, Councilor O'Brien, R. T. Hayes, Rev. J. C. B. Appell, Rev. R. Taylor McKim, Rev. H. A. Cody, Rev. Father Ryan, Rev. C. P. Carleton. Others present were Mayor Schofield, Frederick Green, William Walsh, Alexander M. Rowan, Rev. Isaac Briley, Commissioners Thornton and Bullock.

Many of the visitors made a tour of the Home, finding everything very clean and in good order.

Wants To Get Out.

"I want to get out." These were the words uttered by a young girl at the Christmas entertainment given for those who have no other home than that provided by the city called the Municipal Home.

It was Christmas there so the red and green decorations which decked the schoolroom, the Christmas tree, the songs and recitations given by the scholars would indicate. There were present the usual number of well dressed visitors—ladies in fur and feather trimmed hats, smiling officials and pleasant looking clergy-men.

At the desks sat row after row of children. They appeared healthy and had shining faces. Towards the back of the room were the older and younger women, bent and crippled with rheumatism. One old woman looked with listless eyes staring straight ahead at nothing.

A young girl, evidently a visitor, slipped a parcel into the pocket of a straggled man she was sitting near, then stepped softly out of the room.

Before the gaily trimmed Christmas tree members of the Municipal Home Council spoke one after another congratulating those who dwell at the Home on the Riverview Park, and telling them how well off they were.

Received Gifts.

When the gifts were distributed, each woman received a warm shawl, the men suits of clothes, and the older children handkerchiefs and cotton dresses. The smaller children to their great joy, were given toys. Each child got an envelope with J. O'Connell's present, a script and five bright pennies. One little girl had evidently been judged too big for a doll. She sat looking at her cotton dress, her handkerchiefs and the money she had nowhere to spend, then gazed longingly at the doll which a lot next to her was hugging till big round tears rolled down her cheeks. It was hard to be delighted over useful presents when there were toys in the world, but not apparently for her.

The older people received their gifts without enthusiasm. Then were spoken the words quoted above and they seemed particularly pathetic.

"I want to get out." It doubtless is warm at the Municipal Home and people there are safe from many evils and troubles.

Empress of France Concert Party

Seamen's Institute Crowded to Doors Last Night to Enjoy Programme.

Many old friends and some new ones were welcomed at the Seamen's Institute last evening when the Empress of France Concert Party gave their first performance for the season. H. Coogrove is chairman, and L. Marston secretary of the party, whose members are all talented entertainers.

W. Brindle acted as chairman last evening. The Institute was crowded to the doors. By request, Mr. Foucher repeated the recitation of two original poems given on Monday evening.

The following took part in the programme:—G. Lasson, Mr. Tilbrook, Messrs. Hammond and Evans, Mr. Kearney, G. Shevlin, Messrs. Ramsay and Pearce, Mr. H. Tucker. Accompanists, Mr. W. Evans.

The "Perfect" Man? No. But "Perfect" cooking with "Perfect" Baking Powder.

CLIFFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 50c.

VICTORIA RINK Skating in afternoon. Skating and band tonight.

Street Car Fares To Be Advanced

Schedule of Fares Being Prepared by Street Railway Experts of Boston.

There is every reason to believe that street car fares in St. John will be advanced beginning with the new year. Just what that advance is to be has not been determined as yet but the company hope to be able to announce the new schedule by Saturday.

Experts at Work.

Statisticians and street railway experts from Boston have been in the city, examined the company's books, went over thoroughly the cost of operation here, and the daily traffic for the system for the purpose of figuring out a schedule of fares on which the company can afford to operate. President Ross, of the company, says the Street Railway Co. will depend wholly upon the report of the experts employed, and their schedules of fares will be accepted and acted upon. It is hoped that report and schedule of fares will reach here so it can be put in operation on Monday next.

Schedule of Fares.

The experts will also report to the company a schedule of fares that could profitably be exacted were the "one man car" in service. "It stands to reason," said Mr. Ross, "with the 'one man car' we could afford to operate on a lower fare than we can with two men on the car. It would mean a saving to the company of \$10 a day in the operation of each car service on our system were the 'one man car' in use. That would mean a saving of \$240 a day to the company.

High Wages.

To overcome the high wages and increased operating expenses, other cities, especially in the United States, are rapidly introducing the "one man car," and it is proving a success without any increase in fares.

"Our company dislikes to increase its rates, but under existing conditions, if that be the method figured out by the statisticians to overcome the deficit in operation of the street cars, then it must be adopted."

Chief Inspector Hawthorne Here

Appoints Sub-Inspectors Next Saturday—Complaints on Bad Liquor Sold by Vendors

John B. Hawthorne, Fredericton, Chief Inspector under the Prohibition Act, is in the city, where he will remain a few days for the purpose of completing his list of sub-inspectors, who are to assume office on January 1st. Chief Hawthorne has his new men well lined up, and by Saturday each will have received his commission with instructions how to proceed and orders to get busy.

The Best Man Possible

He gives no intimation as to who will comprise the new force, and neither will be until all have been settled upon and ready to begin work. "They will be the best men possible to obtain," the chief informed the Standard last night, "and if any one of them shirks on the job does not live up to the oath of office, I will find a new man to take his place."

Bad Booze

The chief says he has received several complaints that the liquors being sold by vendors, on prescriptions, for medicinal purposes are not fit for the sick room. With the high prices exacted by vendors, the chief is of the opinion that nothing but the purest and best should be dispensed.

Analysis of Brands

He purposes having an analysis made of certain brands against which complaints have been lodged by the medical profession. If they prove to be inferior liquors and not fit for the hospital and the sick room, he will find some method of black-listing such.

On the whole, he finds conditions in the province fairly satisfactory. He says the "bootlegger" flourish in some sections, but with the war to be waged on him beginning next month, he thinks that class will have an unhappy time.

MEMORIAL HOME CHRISTMAS TREAT

A large number of visitors were present at the Provincial Memorial Home for children on Wright street last evening, and all were delighted with the Christmas treat provided. A large tree was loaded with presents for the half hundred kiddies in the institution.

The children sang a number of choruses and all present spent a delightful time.

PERSONALS

W. S. Eaton, ex-M. L. A., Woodstock, is in the city today on a business trip.

R. W. McLellan, Fredericton, is in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Green announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Amelia Myri Green, to Isadore Alfred Wyner, of New York, son of George Wyner, of Boston, Mass., the marriage to take place January 27th.

Mr. Wyner spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Green and a family party was held on that day.

Burn Less Coal And Get the Most from Every Ton
DAISY ASH SIFTER
Illustrated above. You pour the ashes into the hopper, close the lid and turn the handle. The half-burned coal goes into the attached scuttle, the dead ashes into the barrel beneath.

SLEDS--SLEDS
Every boy—and girl too—must have a sled.
A snow shovel is another necessary winter toy. Let them have them and keep them out in the open—they'll be healthier and happier too.

Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats Enormously Reduced for Our Mid-Winter Clothing Clearance
You'll find the styles, fabrics and tailoring of these Suits and Topcoats just as you would like them. They are the product of manufacturers of high grade clothing. You really couldn't call these values anything but wonderful bargains—the prices are so sensationally low.

Manchester Robertson Allison & Co.
KING STREET - GERMAN STREET - MARKET SQUARE
For \$7.00 Until January 8th \$13.50 is the least price these hats are worth
YOU MEN FOLK — can own a Genuine Knox or Stetson Hat, either soft or derby, of your choice.

YOU WOMEN FOLK — can possess either a Genuine Knox French Silk Plush Hat, a Genuine Beaver Hat or a Fine Velour Hat.
D. Magee's Sons, Limited, Saint John, N.B.