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It costs more to put the "pick of the wheat" into

## PURITY FLOUR



But it makes

"MORE BREAD AND BETTER BREAD"

### GERMANY FACING STARVATION

An American Tells of Effect of Blockade

Early last summer the Chicago Tribune sent one of its best women reporters, Madeline Doty, author of Society's Mists, to Germany with orders to carefully observe conditions throughout that country and then return to the United States and write her story. This was done to avoid the censor, first in Germany and second in England. Had she written her story in Germany the German censor would have eliminated all that was objectionable from a German standpoint, while in England the British would delete whatever they wished removed.

To an untrained observer and writer the task assigned Miss Doty would have been almost impossible of fulfillment but to a trained observer and writer it was comparatively easy to carry away vivid and accurate pictures of actual conditions. Miss Doty was particularly well qualified for the task as she had made a big name for herself as an investigator of social and economic conditions at home, especially work connected with prisons, slums and general relief.

She was sent to Germany with an open mind. She was neither pro-Ally nor pro-German, but was to investigate conditions and faithfully report what she observed. This she has done. At least her paper, the Chicago Tribune, vouches for her ability, her truthfulness and her faithfulness on all other assignments. Her story reads like a true tale; the faithful portrait of an observing careful investigator.

The first letter dealt very largely with her voyage and landing in Germany and finding "Hamburg with deserted streets and a harbor devoid of all life."

The following extracts from her second and third letters indicate that Germany is seriously feeling the pressure of British blockade. Food and peace are the words on the lips of every German woman.

#### ARTICLE II

I awake to find myself in Germany. With quivering excitement I spring from bed and creep to the window. Beneath lies an empty courtyard, quiet, still, no sign of life. I press the electric button and order breakfast. A pale, worried little man arrives with a tray.

There is the same undrinkable coffee of the night before, a tiny drop of blue, watery milk in a doll's pitcher no bigger than my thumb, no sugar, some black, sour, unearable bread, no butter, and a small saucer of marmalade.

Irritation seizes me. How can I spend weeks in Germany without proper food?

We decide to make a tour of the city. It is a gray, sunless day. The weather increases the gloom of the city. Only a few persons are upon the street; old people or very young people and tiny children.

But occasionally we pass a silent, dejected group lined up before a meat shop. It is a meat day. Working women with babies in their arms, or tiny children carrying baskets, or old dejected men and women clutching a government meat card patiently wait their turn. The shop door flies open, three or four are admitted and a miserable half pound of meat portioned out.

Except for these food purchases the city seems actionless. We enter a book shop and ask for a map. But to sell a plan of Germany is verboten. So many things are verboten. Perhaps that accounts for the inactivity. Store windows present a fine display but inside the shop is silent and empty.

Little Life in City.

Even in the business section there is little life. We find a small boy that makes a three hours' trip about the harbor, and take it to the wharves are busy with men, no smoke

ing boats, no vibrant, thrilling life.

Hamburg Seems Dying.

Hamburg is a city of sleepers. Its streets are empty, its shops are closed, its buildings stretch out endlessly, but within all is still. All that modern industry and the ingenuity of man can achieve has here been flung upon the land and then the force that created has vanished, leaving these great monuments to rot, to rust and to crumble. The tragedy of unused treasures is as horrible as rows of dead. A city seems visibly dying.

Faint from want of food we leave the boat to seek a restaurant. We find one directly opposite the Hamburg-American docks, on the hillside. We seat ourselves on the outdoor porch which commands the harbor. As we do so we notice a long line of women and children filling into the big Hamburg-American buildings. Each bears a pail. When they emerge it is with steaming contents.

Docks Become Kitchens.

The docks have been turned into big feeding kitchens. When the women leave a whistle blows. Then from every direction come old men and young boys. They come running, hopping, jumping, each striving to be first driven by hunger, or by fear that the last may have nothing. The police keeps them in order. They file into the big building to eat.

The meals furnished us is scanty but after this scene it seems beautiful. There is soup, fish, meat, vegetables, fruit and cheese. The bread and meat are to be had only with cards. Like the day before, the food is watery and tasteless. It is such food as is served in institutions.

Prison diet does not promote health or strength. One can live on it, but patriotism and temper suffer.

From the moment we go to the residential quarter. We try to get a taxi, but there is none. I save just three during that day. It has become tea time. After a short walk we enter a popular cafe. Here at last is a large group of people. There are many well dressed women, retired officers or officers home on leave, and some slightly wounded soldiers.

The tables in the big building or scattered about on the sidewalk are all occupied. A hand is playing wau. On the surface all looks well. But a line of Whitman flashes through my mind:

"Smart attired, countenance smiling form upright, death under the breaths, hell under the skull bones."

There is no chatter, no laughter. The faces are lined with sadness. Except among the women there is no youth. All are shrunken, listless, distraught. Coffee "ersatz" (coffee mixed with a substitute) and tea "ersatz" is being served. There is no milk and no sugar. The few cakes are made of unknown "substance. I try one, but cannot swallow it. Only the music is cheerful. There is a revival of bad playing in Germany. It is needed to hide the lack of laughter and talk.

Life is Mere Existence

There are only two topics of conversation—war and food shortage. That is the whole of life. There is little business, no trade, no reforms, no scientific discoveries, no creative work to discuss. Life has become mere existence—a prison existence. Mind and bodies are shrinking from a shortage of intellectual and physical nourishment.

This first day in Germany is the worst. Fresh from war-free countries the impression is vivid. After a little I became adjusted. All who live in Germany get adjusted.

The Germans come gradually.

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flung in one's face everywhere. Today the average person is pathetically eager to be friendly. Slowly the people are awakening. For months the newspapers have fed them on the triumphs of Germany and the peridy of other nations. But these stories of glorious German victories have resulted in what? A lean and barren country, undernourishment, death, the hatred of other nations. The people begin to doubt their leaders.

To all these people "barbars" is an outrage. They are like ourselves, just folks kindly and generous, deceived and brow beaten by a ruthless military group.

The young women in the railway carriage belongs to the well to do bourgeoisie. She is eager to talk. "Why," she asks, "does the world think we're beaten when we have soldiers in Belgium and France?" So often this question is asked.

Boasts Things of Past

Boasting no longer exists. Instead comes the plaintive query, "Why are we beaten and why must we suffer?" We gaze out of the window as the train speeds on. We pass great stretches of desolate, barren, juiceless land. It is the worst portion of Germany. A tear is in my companion's eye.

"We have got to have food," she says, and then a moment later: "O, why can't we have peace?"

It is early afternoon when we reach Berlin. I leave the train slowly. When I reach the station entrance the taxis and carriages are all taken. An aged porter with a push cart volunteers to conduct me to the Alton. It is Sunday. I follow the push cart through the silent streets, but as we pass the Thiergarten a great throng of people is visible. They flow in and out about the Hindenburg Denkmal. That figure is made of wood and covered with nails. You pay a small sum and hammer in a nail. In this manner patriotism and Hindenburg devotion is incultated and the government gets the money.

If ever there was a systematic smashing of Denkmals it would create a busy day for Berlin. There are so many of them. The Thiergarten strasse is lined with ugly monstrosities of royalty. Many figures are portraits of English nobility who intermarried with Germans. Evidently whatever comes to Germany becomes German, for all are decorated with wreaths and flowers.

But the Sunday crowd that moves about the Thiergarten is not happy. As in Hamburg, and elsewhere, the men are old or young, except for the sprinkling of lean, pale, nerve-racked soldiers.

Poor People Pay the Price

So on the surface there is bustle and action; life somewhat resembles normal. But it is a queer limited, down at the heel activity. People are upon the streets, but the stores are nearly empty. There is shortage of things to buy the rich sell purchase, but cheap things are only to be had with government cards.

That is the tragedy of Germany—the sore spot that festers. The pinch has come, and the rich protest themselves at the expense of the poor.

It is marvellous with what ingenuity the big hotels conceal deficiencies. That is why visitors and reporters fail to see the underlying truth.

Salvation From Within

But I go to bed tormented by the lean and shrunken people I have seen. Is it not foolish to starve out Germany? This procedure does not hurt the governing classes and the rich. They will not suffer until the rest of Germany is dead.

Starvation kills off the poor but leaves the militarists intact. This is not the way to crush militarism. It cannot be done by pressure from the outside. Regeneration always comes from within. Revolution or evolution, not smashing, is what is needed.

Silence as Soldiers Depart.

As the train moved out of the station there were no shouts, no cheers, no words of encouragement. Instead there was a deadly silence. The men leaned out of windows, stretching despairing hands towards loved ones. As the train pulled away the little groups broke into strangling sobs.

They were shaken as by a mighty tempest. Paroxysms of grief rent and tore them. They knew the end, had come. A man may go once into battle and return, but not twice and thrive. Life held no hope as a game.

Food Packages are Fakes.

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we went up to a gray clad man asked him if he wasn't tired. But spies grow angry when spoken to. German officials have no sense of humor. If they had I wonder if there would have been a war.

Berlin Like Country Town

For several days I wander about Berlin letting impressions sink in. There is as I have said, activity but it is the activity of a by gone day or a country town. Nowhere are there shining new taxis, prancing horses, and laughing people.

The taxis are the refuse of the front. The carriages have been resurrected from the past. The horses are chiefly valuable as study in bone anatomy. Poor things I often gazed in their dinner pails. They never had anything but chopped straw.

As for the people, there is a sombre grayness about them. They, too, are thin. I didn't see a big girth anywhere. Germany is stomachless. It isn't that people have nothing to eat but all except the rich have too little. The food they have isn't the right kind.

Germans Growing Thin

During the summer there seems to be plenty of vegetables, fruit and a fair supply of black bread, but this without grease, sugar, or small does not satisfy digestion. It's like trying to run a wagon without oil. It begins to creak. The German race begins to creak. As a whole, it is paler, thinner and sicker than it was before the war.

Whether when it comes the desperate people will join the Von Tirpitz group and it will be one of ugly retaliation, or instead of an internal awakening and evolution depends on the attitude of the neutrals and the Allies. The soldiers, as well as the civil population suffer. The front line trenches may be well fed, but the men home on leave or in barracks are noticeably thin. They are pale, weary, and without life. They also have no stomachs.

Before I leave Germany the spies get on my nerves. What was at first amusing becomes a nuisance. I feel exactly as though I am in prison I acquire the habit of looking out of the corner of my eye and over my shoulder.

These spies are as annoying to their countrymen as to me. They grow restful under such suppression. Free conversation is impossible except behind closed doors. Between German spies and the spies of other countries supposed to be at large public conversation is at a standstill. Everywhere are signs:

"Soldiers: Be careful in your conversation on account of the peril of spies."

Soldiers are everywhere in Berlin. They are always coming and going. The cripples are not allowed upon the streets, but nervous wrecks are plentiful.

In spite of the concealment of the wounded, the population begins to understand its loss. One night I went to the station to see a big detachment leave for Vilna. All had been in war before. Their uniforms were dirty and patched. They sat on benches, clinging to a loved one's hand, or stood in listless groups. No one talked. They needed food and beds. The scenes of farewell were harrowing.

Here was a young boy saying good-by to a mother and three aunts. Here was a father saying farewell to a wife and three sons all under 17, of a mother in mourning taking leave of her last son, or a young wife with a baby in her arms giving a last embrace.

In a flash they revealed Germany. Before the war, under benevolent paternalism, the people grew round of girth. Replete with good food and flowing steins of beer, feet and brain slugged. It is hard to be discontented and progressive when the stomach is full and the land flows with milk and honey. But suffering has come and a new race is emerging, a lean race, with active minds that begins to question German autocracy and militarism.

To an observant person three things are everywhere in evidence (telling an unmistakable story. The fat stomachs, the endless signs "to rent," and the empty chocolate slots. The German race is surely sliding into a decline. What shall the women do? Shall it stand still by, or shall it stretch out a hand of sympathy and understanding to these troubled people and help them free themselves from the domination of a military despise.

One evening at midnight as I cross the Thiergarten I pass a small procession of new recruits. Midnight, my friend tells me, is the favorite hour for seizing fresh food for cannon.

There is something sinister in choosing dark hours, when the city sleeps, for this deed. On this occasion the recruits number a hundred or two. Their ages vary. They might be fathers and sons.

Women Doing Men's Work.

Such is the fate of the men; neither is life any better for the women. They are to be seen everywhere—in the streets digging and cleaning sewers; on the road, with pickaxe and shovel, helping Russian prisoners lay railroad tracks; in the suburbs, clad in bloomers, acting as train starters; on the trains wearing husband's motor cap and coat. At night they come home to hungry children and empty larders. Their tiny savings go for bread and potatoes. The day laborers cannot frequent city feeding kitchens. They cannot afford it.

The meal served is a pint bowl of food, which is a cross between soup and stew. It contains potatoes, barley, rye, vegetables, or anything to be had and on the most days some odds and ends of meat. A bowl full is 10 cents, a half bowl 6 cents. A mother earning 40 to 60 cents a day pay 11 cents a head for food. It is the bourgeois class that patronizes the kitchen.

Food - Cooked in Vats.

I visited these feeding stations. A large central market turned into a kitchen prepares the food. Here are big vats in which the food is steamed or boiled in bulk. From here the food is sent to feeding stations in different localities. Women of means preside over these places and conduct them well. The stewed mass is usually palatable.

Such places are a Godsend to the middle class, the small storekeepers whose business has failed, clerks, and stenographers, but for the unskilled laborer the price is prohibitive.

Signs of Decline Everywhere

Everywhere the signs of decline are manifest. In the windows of houses, on the front of empty stores are great signs: "Zu Vermieten" (to rent). For years mechanics have been fighting for vacancies on the big thoroughfares of popular Berlin. Now they are to be had everywhere.

One Sunday I went to the Zoological garden, the popular resort of the masses. A band or two still played, but the groups were not half filled. Everywhere were vacant tables, when formerly it was a privilege to secure one. Little family groups in black sat silently before a lonely glass of beer. Sandwiches were a rarity. The frozen seemed to be made of colored frozen perfume and were distressing internally.

In the iron cages there were still a few animals. Whether they have decreased in number I cannot tell. But they like the people, suffer from a scanty diet. The monkeys have grown contentions. Their tempers suffer. They raised a most terrific racket and continually bit and clawed and fought each other. Ironic laughter seized me. They were so human. I felt to wonder whether mankind was copying them or they mankind.

The two or three lions in the outdoor cages were lean and restless. They crouched and growled or paced feverishly up and down. There was none of the lazy indifference seen in circus fed animals.

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## A CALL TO SERVICE

We have entered upon a fateful year for Canada and the Empire. We are at the crisis of the war, and success or failure depends upon the concentrated effort we, as a people, are prepared to put into the great struggle. This places a personal responsibility upon every man and woman in Nova Scotia.

During the past year we have enjoyed material comfort and prosperity. Our sacrifices have been as dust in the balance compared with the sufferings of those who have passed through the actual furnace of war. In beginning the New Year shall we not dedicate ourselves, as never before to the service of our country? If we enjoy the priceless privilege of youth and health, shall we not answer the call that comes to us from the far-off fields of France, where our sons are fighting for the battles of liberty, justice and truth? If our duty lies at home, shall we not highly resolve to devote our time, our means, and our strength, to some patriotic work which is essential to the winning of the war? The people of our province have already given splendid proof of their courage and patriotism. Let us now show equal readiness to answer the call to service and sacrifice.

Conscious of the righteousness of our cause, let us face the coming year with undaunted courage, determined that there shall be no wavering until victory secures a lasting peace.

G. S. CAMPBELL,  
Director of National Service.

Halifax, N. S.  
1st January, 1917.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

### BRITISH TAKE OVER MORE LINE ON FRENCH FRONT

London, Dec. 28.—British forces during the last ten days have taken over a good slice of the line heretofore included in the French front. Major-General Maurice, Director of Military Operations, announced late today.

"The inactivity recently exhibited on the Western front," General Maurice said, "has been due to the uncalculated inclemency of the weather and fogs. While awaiting the next test, the British in the past ten days have taken over a good slice of the French front. Big operations will probably not be resumed before March. New batches of guns are now going out weekly."

### ALLIES ANSWER TO GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Allies' answer to the German note of December 12 will be handed to United States Ambassador Sharp today, says the Petit Parisien, and published tomorrow. It is long and sets forth again the responsibility of the Central Empires for the European conflict.

It insists on legitimate reparations and restitutions demanded by the Entente, as outlined by Premier Lloyd George and also says that Germany be caused failing to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance any basis for pour parlers.

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### CANADIANS MADE BIG RAID

London, Dec. 28.—The following communication is issued from the Canadian War Records Office: "One of the most successful raids ever carried out on the Western front was executed this week by the Canadians. The raid was made in the early afternoon, while the low winter sun was still shining. From several points of observation it was possible to witness the whole progress of the operation, and historical cinematograph films, for successful purposes, were obtained within a short distance of the attack.

"Preliminary bombardments had successfully destroyed the heavy enemy entanglements and generally weakened the German defences.

"Shortly before the hour of assault the attackers, consisting of picked men, carefully trained for this special occasion, filed into the trenches and took up a position along the tip of an advanced crater. The enemy remarked the unusual movement, because a few hours before the advance an active rifle broke out and several colored rockets were fired from the German trenches.

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## MAKE ENQUIRIES

before you buy an ointment, as to which gives best results. If you do, you will buy Zam-Buk, for this herbal balm has been proved by thousands to be the most reliable ointment on the market. It not only cures when other ointments fail, but its cures are permanent.

Mr. Isaac L. Philney, of Lower Five Islands, N.S., writes: "Zam-Buk is, without doubt, the most reliable ointment on the market. For two years I suffered with an ulcer on my leg, which defied all treatments—although I tried many and spent no end of money. Finally I tried Zam-Buk and the results were most encouraging. The ulcer soon showed signs of healing, and perseverance with Zam-Buk worked a complete cure."

Zam-Buk is equally good for eczema, ringworm, abscesses, running sores, blood-poisoning, scalp sores, boils, pimples, piles, cuts, burns, scalds, and all skin injuries. All druggists and stores, or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, 50c. box, 3 for \$1.25. Send 7c. stamp for free trial box.

**ZAM-BUK**

IF YOU CANNOT FIGHT, PAY, PAY, PAY.

Fight or Pay! These are the alternatives that are before the people of Canada to-day. From taking one or the other of them there is no escape for the man of military fitness.

All of us must make sacrifices if the war is to be won. What is so self-evident a proposition that it should not be necessary to make it. Yet there are people who even yet do not accept it as applying to themselves. In the matter of financial sacrifices many a man is beginning to say to himself that he has given as much as he should be expected to give. But where is he to draw the line if he is in earnest about "doing his bit" to win the war?

Plainly, there is one place at which he cannot draw it and that is where the claims of the Canadian Patriotic Fund present themselves.

If there is one Fund more than another that must be maintained, at cost of sacrifices, if need be, it is this one. The work it has undertaken cannot be allowed to drop. The dependant of our soldiers must be protected against want, privation or unnecessary suffering. All Canada has pledged itself to the men at the front that their families will be looked after, and that pledge must be fulfilled.

For 1917 the call on Nova Scotia will be \$800,000. Of this large sum a good proportion will have to be raised from individuals. It is clear, therefore, that no good citizen can say that his subscription will not be needed. If he cannot not fight, it is up to him to pay.

Provincial Recruiting News

Halifax, Dec. 26.—A draft-giving Depot Ammunition Column has been authorized to recruit in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The officers appointed to this unit are Lieut. A. S. Gunn, 18th Battery, 4th Brigade, and Lieut. A. E. Andrew, 28th Battery, 12th Brigade. For the present Lieut. Gunn will have his headquarters at Moncton and men who enlist in New Brunswick will be quartered there for a time, while Lieut. Andrew will make the same arrangements concerning Pictou. As so far as a sufficient number have been enlisted to warrant their being brought together they will be mobilized at Sackville, N. B.

Major W. B. A. Ritchie who has been Chief Recruiting officer, first for No. 6, Military District, and afterwards for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, has resigned his position and is returning to his law practice in Vancouver. Major Ritchie has served very efficiently and faithfully since Sept. 1st, 1915, and the Province is under great obligation to him for the sacrifice he made in trying to do his bit. He will be followed by all good wishes.

Authority has been granted for the recruitment of Railway men for No. 1, Military District, and for the recruitment of men for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174

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William Maxwell Aitken, who has recently been elevated to the British peerage, with the title of Baron Brunswick, and is one of the very few Canadians who have attained that honor, has had a remarkable career. Like Mr. Andrew Bonar Law, he was born in New Brunswick and is a son of the manse. His father the Rev. William Aitken, was pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in Newcastle, and the son was born there on the 25th of May, 1879.

He received his education in the public school of Newcastle, and as a young man entered into the insurance business in Halifax. He soon left this for banking, and shortly after went to Montreal where he became financier and banker on his own account. He soon exhibited unusual ability as an organizer, promoting the Royal Securities Company, and through it, the Canada Cement Company, the Steel Company of Canada, and the Canadian Car and Foundry Company. These transactions made him quite wealthy, and in 1910 he went to England, and was shortly after elected member of the British Parliament for Ashton-under-Lyne and was knighted in the following year.

When the war began, he was engaged as official "Eye Witness" of events on the front, taking particular interest in the movement of the Canadian troops. His dispatches attracted much attention, and those which refer to the memorable battles in which the Canadian troops won distinction have been published and widely distributed under the title of "Canada in Flanders," by Sir Max Aitken. This book is volume one of the official story of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

One of the New York papers credits him with a prominent part in the information of the New British Cabinet. He is a strong advocate of closer connection between the Mother Country and the Dominions, and takes a great interest in the welfare of the Canadian soldiers and their families, as well as all British soldiers.

For a man who has not yet reached the age of thirty nine years, this is indeed a remarkable career.

GERMANY FACING STARVATION.

It has been extremely difficult to ascertain the facts concerning the internal condition of Germany. Reports have been extremely contradictory. But, we are publishing to-day, under the above caption, extracts from several letters published by the Chicago Tribune, which bear upon their face the marks of authenticity. They were written by a young woman, Madeline Day, who was sent overseas, especially for the purpose of reporting what she would see and hear. She could not write the story in Germany. Had she done so the Censor would have taken charge of it. Her retentive memory, however, has enabled her to recall very accurately the scenes she has witnessed, and her conviction is that for a time the people were purposely misinformed as to the actual condition of affairs at the front but their eyes are being opened to see that things are not going well with Germany, and they are beginning to question the wisdom of the militarism which has brought upon them so much suffering and loss.

FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

Aid for the Blind.—The Maritime Association for the Blind" has for its object the assistance of students and graduates of the School for the Blind, and of blind persons generally. It has on its list of contributors a large number of names of persons belonging to the Maritime Provinces and Day members, who have contributed twenty-five dollars at one time.

At present the Association is appealing for aid toward the increase of its Library for the blind. There are systems used in the preparation of books, the Braille system, and the Perkins system.

PARADISE

Jan. 1 Marguerite and Reginald Boggs are spending the holidays in Halifax. Mr. Reginald H. Mason is spending the winter at his home in Paradise. Miss Eleanor Longley is visiting at the home of her uncle at Granville Centre.

Miss Minetta Longley spent New Years at the home of her sister at Kingston.

Glen MacNinch of Clementsport has been visiting some of his young friends in Paradise.

Miss Hazel Dakom is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Daleom.

A reception for Pastor and Mrs. Corbett will be held in the Baptist Church on Monday evening, January 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowly of Wolfville spent a week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bowly.

Mrs. Adams Mrs. Chute and Mrs. Dunn of Bear River have been guests of Rev. I. A. and Mrs. Corbett at the personae.

Mrs. Margeson of Kingston and Miss Jennie Corbett of Bridgetown were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Chesley.

Leut. Harold Balcom and Lieut. Fred Balcom of the Composite Battalion Halifax, spent New Years at their respective homes.

The Red Cross Society will meet on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Milledge Daniels. The members will kindly attend to the payment of dues at this meeting.

Miss Ross of the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Middleton has been a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Longley.

The "Willing Workers" will hold a supper and apron sale in the vestry, Friday evening, Jan. 5th. Should be a stormy it will be held Saturday evening. Proceeds to be used for church purposes.

The following is the program of the Christmas Concert held in the Baptist Church under the auspices of the Sunday school.

Opening chorus—reading and prayer. Scripture—Helen Corbett. Exercise—Miss Longley's class. Reading—Leon Bank.

Exercise—Miss Idaline Bowly's class. Recitation—Hardy Freeman. Stocking Drill—Miss Bowly's class.

Reading—Miss Louise Longley. Music—By "Willing Workers" assisted by Messrs H. W. Longley and Edward G. Morse.

Exercise—"Christmas Dawn" Mrs. F. W. Bishop's class. Drill—"Christmas Children".

Music—"Miss Longley's singing class. Exercise—By Miss Bowly's class. Recitation—Margaret Freeman.

Drill—Miss Gladys Daniel's class.

CENTRE CLARENCE

Jan. 1 Mr. Raymond Marshall and Miss Edna Kelly are on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Kelly.

Mrs. Van Tassel, Mt. Pleasant, Digby, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Hattie Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mader, Hampton.

Mr. H. A. Vines and Mr. James White have returned from Boston to spend the holidays with their families.

Miss Ruth Ward, student at Acadia Seminary, is spending her holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ward.

The Annual Christmas school entertainment was held Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd. The school-room was prettily decorated for the occasion and the black board drawings were splendid, bringing vividly to our minds the festive season. A goodly number of parents were there to hear the treat in store for them; also visitors from the Eastern Section.

Speeches were made by Secretary and Trustees of the School. Suddenly by a rustle was heard outside and who should appear but "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, and in his usual jovial manner welcomed the boys and girls. He then proceeded to relieve the number of parents who were there to hear the treat in store for them; also visitors from the Eastern Section.

Our teacher Miss Lottie Bent is spending the holidays with her parents at Gates Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Banks and baby Gerald of Lawrenceton spent Christmas at Leonard Bank's.

MELVERN SQUARE

Jan. 1 A Happy New Year to all. Several days visiting friends in Melvern Square.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gates are spending several weeks with friends in Boston.

Mr. Wentworth Pearson of Massachusetts, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearson.

Miss Myrtle Morse of Acadia is spending her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morse.

Mr. D. W. Smith, and Mrs. Kenyon, left for Boston week before last, where they will spend Christmas holidays.

Mr. H. F. East of the Ammunition Corps, Halifax on a five days' leave of absence spent Christmas with his family in Melvern.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dodge and son Vernon, and Mr. Arthur Stronach are spending the Christmas holidays with friends in the States.

The many friends of Mrs. Whitman Plumb will be glad to learn that she will soon be able to leave the hospital, much improved in health.

Mr. Fred McNeil, who has been travelling through the Province, in the interest of his business, is spending the holidays with his family in this place.

Our teachers the Misses George Brown, of East Margareville and Dorothy Lantz of Culloden, Digby, N. S., are spending their holidays at their respective homes here.

Among those who spent Christmas with friends in other places were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Oakes and family at Bridgewater; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hatt, and family in Lunenburg Co.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin and family at Williamston; and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morse and daughter, at Middleton.

Major W. E. Douth of Calgary, Alberta, Organizer and Inspector of Cadet Corps, arrived in Melvern on Saturday, Dec. 30th, and after two months furlough, and is spending his vacation at his home here. Major Douth's name friends are glad to see someone here, even if only temporarily, after his long stay in the West.

Among the Christmas visitors to Melvern were Mr. and Mrs. F. Burgess and family, of Sheffield Mills at Colonel and Mrs. Spurr's; Lieut. E. R. Power and children of Kingston, and Miss Lillian Clarke of Prince Albert, at Colonel and Mrs. F. McNeil's; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Phinney of Halifax at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Phinney, and other visitors at the different homes.

A few days before Christmas the sad intelligence was received by friends here of the death of Mrs. Arthur Concher, of Brighton, Mass. (nee Ethel Harris of Margareville) casting a gloom over the place.

Mrs. Cpucher was well and favorably known here, having taught school in our community for some time, and her sudden death is much regretted by all.

The members of the Baptist S. S. gave a Cantata in the Baptist church on Wednesday evening before Christmas, the entertainment being good and nearly every one in the church was made happy with a gift from the well loaded Christmas tree, Santa Claus in the midst.

Rev. and Mrs. Roup were remembered with a nice gift from the members of their esteem and good-will.

The following Friday evening the advanced department of our Melvern school held an entertainment. We understand that Principal Bastin was the recipient of a nice and appropriate gift from his pupils.

WEST INGLISVILLE

Jan. 1 Miss Eva Banks is visiting her aunt Mrs. Avard Leonard at East Inglisville.

Miss Nina Banks of Bridgewater spent the week end with her brother Mr. Wilbur Banks.

Mrs. Annie L. Cobb of Alton, Mass. has been visiting her brothers, John and Leonard Banks.

Miss Emma Daniels has returned from Bridgetown and is visiting her sister Mrs. James Darling.

Our teacher Miss Lottie Bent is spending the holidays with her parents at Gates Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Banks and baby Gerald of Lawrenceton spent Christmas at Leonard Bank's.

Hilda Banks spent a week of the holidays with her cousins Grace and Jennie Daniels of Lawrenceton.

We are pleased to see Elsie Whitman out again after being confined to the house for some weeks on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Primrose Durling of St. John N. B. spent the last week with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. John McGill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barteaux and family spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Warner of Wilnot.

Our teacher Miss Lottie Bent had a very successful Christmas entertainment on Friday afternoon. The programme was nicely rendered by the school.

CLARENCE

Jan. 1 Miss Evangeline Elliott is spending her holidays at home.

Miss Edith Jackson is spending her holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilson spent Christmas at Bear River.

Mr. and Mrs. Avard Jackson are spending a few days in Truro.

Miss Ruth Ward is home from Melvern for the holiday season.

Ward of Kentville and Mr. and Mrs. Windsor were recent visitors to Melvern.

Mr. and Mrs. Dincock Baker spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. ...

GRANVILLE CENTRE

Jan. 1 We are sorry to report Mrs. J. C. Withers still seriously ill.

Mr. Shannon Trench of New Glasgow spent the holidays at home.

Rev. Isaac Brindley is attending the Billy Sunday meetings in Boston.

Mr. Robbie H. Troop spent the Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Wetmore, Yarmouth.

Mr. Abraham Hunt of Lunenburg, recently made a short visit to his mother, Mrs. E. Hunt.

Little Miss Della White of Port Wade, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Hannah Tauch.

Services for Sunday, Jan. 7th, in the Episcopal at 10.30, in the Baptist 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Miss Stella Covert, teacher at Karsdale, is the holiday guest of her aunt, Mrs. George M. Bent.

The January Meeting of the W. M. A. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. E. Withers, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11th.

Miss Dessie Troop, who is teaching at Yarmouth, spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Troop.

Mr. Maurice Caine, who has spent the past two months at home, is leaving again for the West to resume teaching.

Mr. McLean of Margareville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Willett, who is improving from her recent illness.

Misses Mabel Troop, Campbellton, Alice Troop, Noel and Beatrice Troop, Parrabro are spending their vacation at the home of their parents.

We regret to report Gunner Robie Palmer of the C. G. A., Halifax, is dangerously ill in the military hospital there. His mother left this (Monday) morning to visit him.

GUTRAM

Jan. 1 Wedding bells in the near future. We hope for Miss Winnie Brown of Mt. Rose, a speedy recovery.

Rev. R. H. Kinley of Paradise, was calling on friends in this place last week.

Among the Christmas visitors to Guttram were Mr. and Mrs. Pte. Guy Marshall of Halifax, was calling on friends in this place one day last week.

Miss Beatrice Slocomb has been stopping the past week with friends at Mt. Hanley.

To the Editor of the Weekly Monitor and its many readers "A Happy and Prosperous 1917."

Mr. and Mrs. Vaner Smith of Berwick, have been spending a week of the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bent.

Mrs. W. A. Marshall and son Moody spent Sunday the guests of her daughter, Mrs. Percy Marshall, Mt. Rose.

Mr. Melbourne Sanford and Miss Hattie O'Neal were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stocomb of Mt. Hanley on Sunday last.

Mrs. Joshua Banks and son Kenneth of this place, spent a few days last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hudson, Bridgetown.

LAKE MUNRO

Jan. 2 New Year greetings to the Monitor and staff.

Walter Hubley of Deep Brook spent the holidays with his family here.

Charles Sullivan spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Sullivan, Weymouth.

Arthur W. Munro is spending the holidays at his home here. He plans to work the most of his business at Belleisle in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowter and children of Malland, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Vialto and children of Milford, spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Julia Munro.

Mrs. Julia Munro, who has been very ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ratus Wentzell, is now able to be out again. Miss Saunders will close her school here, for the winter months and go to the home of her brother at South Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edith Munro celebrated in a quiet manner the 45th anniversary of their marriage at their home here on New Years day. Mr. and Mrs. Munro were married at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Susan Brown of Port Williams (now Port Lorne) on Jan. 1st, 1872. The Rev. L. B. Gates, a Baptist pastor performing the marriage ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Munro have five children, Mrs. M. B. Gates, a Baptist pastor performing the marriage ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Munro have five children, Mrs. M. B. Gates, a Baptist pastor performing the marriage ceremony.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitman have gone to Port Medway to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Manthorpe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fair and Mr. Mrs. Leon Veinon on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Whitman and two sons Reginald and Lawrence spent Christmas with her parents and brothers, Deacon Phinney and E. J. Whitman.

MRS. HARRIS OAKES A beloved and highly esteemed neighbor, Mrs. Harris Oakes was called very suddenly to her fathers' home "where the many mansions are," on Dec. 13th, aged eighty years. Mrs. Oakes had been ill but a short time in law business, but even her dearest friends thought the end so near. All was done that could be done to alleviate her suffering, but the hand of disease was too strong for her. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, two sons Almon, Station Agent at Springfield, Ingon who is engaged in law business at Halifax, and one daughter Mary at home, who tenderly cared for her mother in her last illness. Mrs. Oakes will be much missed in the community as a kind neighbor and christian woman.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. S. Boyce of Lawrenceton, Text: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him."

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Season's Greetings

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J. HARRY HICKS

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thurber spent Christmas at Mrs. Thurber's home in Grand-Pre.

Miss Clara Miller of Bear River, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hicks.

Mrs. C. S. Covert of Paradise, spent the New Year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Uncles of St. John's, spent Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. B. Freeman.

Mr. Chas. S. B. of West Paradise, is attending the afternoon course at the Agricultural College, Truro.

Mr. W. C. Jones, Customs Officer at Clementsport was a New Years guest in town of his son, Mr. W. V. Jones.

Mr. J. D. Purdy of Deep Brook, was a guest over the New Years at the home of his brother, Mr. R. W. W. Purdy.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry of New York and Mrs. N. A. Marshall of Kingston, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Chute.

Mrs. J. P. Cunningham accompanied by her daughter Miss Alice are visiting at the home of Mrs. C. S. Covert, Paradise.

Mrs. John Gormley of Annapolis and Miss Jessie Bishop of Lynn, spent Christmas week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice, Carleton Corner.

Miss Grace Woodward of Weymouth, Mass., spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Woodward, returning to her duties as teacher in the High School, on Saturday.

We are glad to report Miss Winnie Brown of Mount Rose slowly recovering after being confined to her bed with rheumatism for the past month. Drs. Morse and Phinney are in attendance.

Mrs. Kathleen Brooks, widow of Major (Rev.) Brooks, who fell at the taking of Caporetto, spent "New Year's Day" with Mrs. J. H. Tupper.

Mrs. Brooks was in England at the time her gallant husband gave up his life for his country and has just returned and will make her home for the present at Hantsport, where her husband was pastor of the Baptist Church.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT AT RECREATION HALL

This annual event for the inmates of the Annapolis County Home for the Deaf took place last Thursday evening. As is usual on these occasions the hall was tastefully decorated with high and well-laden Christmas trees occupying places of vantage on either side of the stage.

The programme as published last week was rendered with slight alteration, and the much to be regretted that the audience, which completely filled the hall, too much praise cannot be given to Suppl. Hiltz, Suppl. Myers and their respective assistants, for the great trouble they take to make this annual function the success it always is, and they in turn, desire to thank all those who in any way contribute to the undertaking whether in cash or in kind.

A great word of praise is also due to those who as year after year undertake the programme. Like the subscription list it brings friends old and new. A list of the cash contributors is appended.

J. W. Beckwith ..... \$5.00  
C. H. Strong ..... 3.00  
Mrs. E. Troop ..... 1.00  
Rev. E. Underwood ..... 2.00  
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John Ross ..... .50  
Gilbert Gibson ..... .50  
Miss Cameron ..... .50  
Mrs. Blanchard ..... .50  
Mr. C. S. Bothamley ..... 1.00  
By sale of tickets at door \$25.25

It is felt that many others would like to contribute to this fund and would gladly do so if they realize that just as the Recreation Hall was built and equipped by private subscription so it is maintained. Amongst the present needs are a piano and more chairs. Perhaps some kindly disposed person whose eye this notice may be disposed to help secure these. Subscriptions (great and small) gladly received by either of the Superintendents of the Rev. E. Underwood, Bridgetown.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Jan. 8th to 14th—Plan of Services.  
Monday, Jan. 8—Baptist Church. Speaker, Rev. Dr. Jost.  
Tuesday, Jan. 9—Methodist Church. Speaker, Rev. Mr. Dykeman.  
Wednesday, Jan. 10—Presbyterian Church. Speaker, Rev. G. C. Warren.  
Thursday, Jan. 11—Baptist Church. Speaker, Rev. A. R. Reynolds.  
Friday, Jan. 12—Methodist Church. Speaker, Rev. F. C. Simpson.  
Exchange for Sunday Evening Jan. 11.  
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Baptist Church, Rev. A. R. Reynolds.  
The week night services will begin at 7.30.

PORT LORNE

Jan. 1  
The death of Mr. Jacob Sabean occurred on Thursday, Dec. 28th.  
Mr. Reece Foster is visiting his brother at Smith's Cove, Digby County.  
Corpl. Archie Beardsley of Halifax spent a few days of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beardsley.  
Mrs. Lizzie Messenger and daughter Gladys are spending their vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarke.  
The "Willing Workers" Club had a Christmas Tree and pie sale at the home of Mrs. Howard Neaves on the evening of Dec. 21st. Nine dollars was realized.  
The Sunday School Concert on Monday evening, Dec. 25th, was a decided success, and much credit is due the Superintendent.

"LEST WE FORGET"

The Annapolis County Poultry Exhibition will be held in the Demonstration Building, Lawrenceston, on the last week in January or the first week in February. The exact date will be announced shortly. The show will include exhibits, from Halifax, Hants, Kings, Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth. The large number of exhibitors will insure a good show of the best varieties of birds in the province.

In attendance at the Fair will be a number of experts in the breeding and care of poultry. Such meetings as these offer special opportunities to examine the stock, to see the judging, and to hear addresses, and to purchase the best stock.

During the past decade poultry raising has not received the same attention as other departments of farming, nor as much as the importance of the subject demands. The prices of eggs and poultry have more than doubled during the past ten years, with every indication of increased prices. The great need of the present is improved breeds, better care, and more and larger pens. Under proper conditions it is doubtful if any product of the farm will yield as large a return as the poultry.

The local market for eggs and poultry is unlimited, and there still remains the market for any overplus in the cities of New England. At the present time the eggs in Nova Scotia show a larger yearly return than our apples. To repeat, the present need is larger plants, better breeds, and better care, in order to make poultry raising one of the largest and best paying departments of farming.

This province offers special opportunities for the successful raising of poultry. Many large farming districts and the extent of the North Mountain makes Annapolis County one of the best sections in the province for raising poultry on a large scale. We have become accustomed to the patriotic call for more, and more money to supply the needs of the war. The call is only a little less urgent to every patriotic man and woman in this province to produce more. Raising poultry on a large scale offers to every person in this county a pleasant and profitable way to add to the yearly income. The poultry exhibitions should put new life into this industry. This exhibition offers a special opportunity to those interested in this branch of farming to obtain all necessary information about improved poultry raising. Addresses on this subject will be delivered by experts, prize birds will be on exhibition, birds will be properly dressed for market, etc.

Prize lists which will contain all needed information will be ready for distribution in a short time.

BORN

ELLIOTT—At Paradise, Dec. 19th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Murray S. Elliott—a son, John W. Wigglesby.

MARRIED

JODRIE—KEMPTON.—On Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, at 3 o'clock, at the residence of Rev. E. E. Daley, the marriage of Lance Corporal Albert A. Jodrie of Halifax to Marion Helen Kempton daughter of Robert Kempton of Halifax took place.

DIED

LYONS.—In Boston, Dec. 23rd, Edward S. Lyons, aged 57 years, and ten days.



NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any person without my written order.

H. F. WILLIAMS.  
Bridgetown, Jan. 1st, 1917.—35 41

TOWN OF BRIDGETOWN

Office of Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Bridgetown, upon which the rates will be levied in and for the said Town for the present year 1917 has been filed in the office of the undersigned, the Town Clerk, and that the said roll is open to the inspection of the ratepayers of the Town.

And further take notice that any person, firm, company, association or corporation assessed in such roll who obtains that he, she or it, should not be assessed, or who claims that he, she or it are overassessed, may on or before the Tenth day of February next, give notice in writing, to the undersigned, the Town Clerk, that he she or it appeals from such assessment, in whole or in part, and shall state in such notice particularly the grounds of objection to such assessment.

And further take notice that if any person assessed in such roll claims that any person, firm, company, association or corporation has been assessed too low, or has been omitted from or wrongfully inserted in such roll, he may on or before the tenth day of February, give notice in writing to the undersigned, the town Clerk, that he appeals in respect to the assessment, or non assessment of the said person, firm, company, association, or corporation, and shall in such notice state particularly the grounds of his objection.

Dated at the town of Bridgetown in the County of Annapolis this second day of January A. D. 1917.

HARRY RUGGLES  
Town Clerk.

FOR SALE

One single sleigh (Portland Cutter) one double sleigh, and one light driving harness. All in good condition.

Apply to H. RUGGLES  
Bridgetown, Dec. 19th, 1916.—33-21.

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W. M. HOWSE.

Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites

We have just received another lot of this excellent tonic builder. Now is a good time to get tuned up for the winter.

ROYAL PHARMACY  
W. A. Warren, Phm. B.  
The Rexall Store

HAIR WORK DONE  
Combs or cut hair made into Puffs, Transformations and Switches. Terms moderate. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mail orders promptly attended to.

MISS GEORGINA BANCROFT,  
Annapolis Royal, R.F.D. No. 1.

TEACHER WANTED

Principal wanted for the Carleton Corner school. Apply stating salary qualifications and references to MALCOLM TODD  
Secretary of Trustees  
Bridgetown, N. S.  
Dec. 20th, 1916.

W. S. DUNNIN, M.D., C.M.

LAWRENCETOWN  
Annapolis County, Nova Scotia

Office hours for consultation (except Sundays) 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. and by appointment.

Telephone No. 2-11. —35 1y

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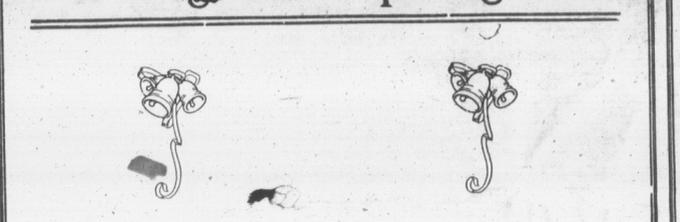
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AGAIN old memories reassert their claim and once again the festive season prompts us to wish all our friends and customers

A Very Merry Christmas and a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year

J. W. Beckwith

The Fact

That in spite of war conditions our December attendance far exceeds that of any previous year of our 49 years' history, is prized, with much gratitude, as evidence of public appreciation of work faithfully performed.

Our New Term begins Wednesday, January 3rd.  
Send for Rate Card.

S. KERR  
Principal

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

All persons having legal demands against the estate of JAMES HOWARD TUPPER, late of Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested within one year from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to Elias Tupper of Bridgetown, in the County of Lunenburg, or Charles R. Chipman of Bridgetown, N. S., executors.

Probate granted October 16th, 1916. Dated at Bridgetown, N. S., this 16th day of October, A. D. 1916.—28, 6 mos.

CASH MARKET

Prime Beef, Fresh Pork, Lamb, Chicken, Hams and Bacon, Sausages, Headcheese, Pressed Beef, Mince Meat, Corned Beef and Pork, Salt Mackerel, Boneless Cod, Fresh Fish every Thursday  
Thomas Mack

ROYAL PURPLE CALF MEAL

New Stock Just Arrived  
Also Royal Purple Poultry and Stock Food

JANUARY

THIS SPACE WILL BE USED PERMANENTLY BY BENTLEY'S LIMITED MIDDLETON, N. S.

14 lbs. BEST Granulated SUGAR SHAFFNERS LIMITED Beginning January 2nd, 1917 for 10 days only

14 lbs. of DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

POSITION WANTED

School teacher would like a position in store or office.

X. Y. Z.  
Care of Monitor.

THE 53rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION

will be held in Lawrenceston on Jan. 14th and 15th. See announcement in this issue.

PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS

that the Premier will be called to attend the War Conference to be held in London in the latter part of February.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade held last Friday evening, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the meeting of the Western Counties Board of Trade which will convene in Bridgetown on Friday, Jan. 12th.

The attention of those who frequent the various post offices is called to a notice issued by the department which states that any person entering, noisily behaving, defacing or interfering with post office notices, is strictly prohibited about the office.

Last Friday evening a reception was held in the Epworth League of Providence Methodist Church for former members and members home for the holidays. A good number were present and the evening pleasantly passed with readings, music, games, addresses and refreshments.

Are you getting your poultry ready for the poultry show to be held in the Demonstration Building, Lawrenceston, in the course of a few weeks? This is the first Poultry Show ever held in the County has undertaken, and is getting the best of your poultry for the exhibition.

F. Williams shipped a carload of beef and one of mutton to the market this week. Mr. Williams has been buying beef in the adjoining counties for over twenty years and states that the prices of beef should be an incentive for farmers to raise more beef cattle.

of our subscribers when sending their renewal writes "let me say a dear old Monitor arrives regularly and is as much appreciated as you have no idea how refreshing to me to gather up the news from the different parts of the province that I could not do without."

ed. E. Bath, local agent for the Federation Life Assurance Co., is in our office a calendar a beauty. The scene representations in Flanders" and the Canadian boys' wearing medals, some wounded, but all as only the Canadian boys in all situations. The calendar is appropriate one for all of war.

Max Herald has received from its London correspondent a report that the 55th Battalion, Nova Scotia Highlanders, will leave for the front within the next few days. Lieut.-Col. Allison Bosh will command the Battalion and Lieut.-Col. Phinney will be second in command, unless military necessity commands a change. The other Battalions of the Highland Brigade will reinforce the 55th.

The Annual Christmas Tree of the Sunday School of Providence Methodist Church, was held in the school last Wednesday evening, and a most enjoyable occasion for the smaller folk. After a program of readings, music and the school, Santa Claus put in an appearance and from a well filled bag passed out presents and surprises, and caused much merriment. The Pter and his wife were remembered by the friends of the congregation with \$25 in gold.

The Methodist Church is making a special forward movement in connection with Sunday School beginning of the New Year. A special rally is being planned for Sunday morning. Prof. of Mt. Allison College will speak at the school and will preach at the service. At the evening service he will speak in the interest of the special work of the church.

is a most interesting and profitable work.

by large numbers.

### HEALTHIEST ONE IN THE FAMILY

No Sign Of Dropsy And Kidney Trouble Since Taking "FRUIT-A-TIVES"



HATTIE WARREN Port Robinson, Ont., July 8th, 1915. "We have used 'Fruit-a-tives' in our house for over three years and have always found them a good medicine. My little girl, Hattie, was troubled with Kidney Disease. The Doctor said she was threatened with Dropsy. Her limbs and body were all swollen and we began to think she could not live. Finally, we had her take 'Fruit-a-tives'. She has since gone down and her flesh began to look more natural. Now she is the healthiest one in the family and has no signs of the old ailment. We can not say too much for 'Fruit-a-tives' and would never be without them."

WILLIAM WARREN, 100, a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. AT all dealers or sent postpaid on order.

### DOMINION ATLANTIC RY

On and after November 1st, 1916, train service on the railway is as follows:

Service Daily, Except Sunday Express for Yarmouth... 12.08 p.m. Express for Halifax and Truro... 2.08 p.m. Accom. for Yarmouth... 7.10 a.m. Accom. for Middleton... 7.10 a.m.

### ST. JOHN - DIGBY

DAILY SERVICE (Sunday excepted) Canadian Pacific Steamship "Empress" leaves St. John 7.00 a.m. arrives Digby 10.00 a.m. leaves Digby 2.00 p.m. arrives at St. John about 5.00, connecting at St. John with Canadian Pacific trains for Montreal and the West.

### BOSTON SERVICE

Steamers of the Boston and Yarmouth S. S. Company sail from Yarmouth for Boston after arrival of 23 press trains for Halifax, Wednesday and Saturday.

R. U. PARKER, General Passenger Agent, GEORGE E. GRAHAM, General Manager

### H. & S. W. RAILWAY

Accom.	Time Table in effect	Accom.
Tues & Fri.	April 2nd, 1916	Tues & Fri.
Read down	Stations	Read up
11.10	W. Middleton AR.	15.45
11.38	* Clarence	15.17
11.55	Bridgetown	15.01
12.33	Granville Centre	14.38
12.39	Granville Ferry	14.21
12.55	* Karsdale	14.05
13.15	St. Port Wade L.V.	13.45

Connection at Middleton with all points on H. & S. W. Railway and Dominion Atlantic Railway.

P. MOONEY, General Freight and Passenger Agent.

### Yarmouth Line

STEAMSHIP "PRINCE GEORGE" Leaves Yarmouth Wednesday and Saturdays at 5 p.m. Returning leaves Central Wharf, Boston, Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m.

Tickets and Staterooms at Wharf Office

A. E. WILLIAMS, Agent Yarmouth, N. S.

Boston and Yarmouth S. S. Co., Ltd.

### Lawrencetown

Jan. 1 Miss Vesta Pick of Wolfville is a guest of her friend Mrs. Roy Blauvelt.

Mr. Hilsley of Acadia University, a guest of his friend and school mate, Malcom Shaffner.

Next Friday evening a social will be given in the Epworth League. A good time is expected.

The Methodist Choir will meet for practice at the church on Saturday evening at 8 p. m. A good attendance is asked for.

Miss Luchina Bancroft and little niece Kathleen of Round Hill, are visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bancroft.

Mrs. Newcomb and little granddaughter Ethely Newcomb of Bridgetown visited her daughter Mrs. R. J. Messenger quite recently.

Rev. Frank Beals will occupy the pulpit in the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and remain during the week to assist in the Union services held alternately in the Baptist and Methodist churches.

On Friday evening last Mr. John Hall entertained the members of the Adult Bible Class and the teachers of the Sunday School at his home. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

The Life and Times of Sir Charles Tupper embraces a half century of the history of Nova Scotia and Canada including the passing of the School Law, Confederation and the building of the C.P.R. Everybody interested in the life of Sir Charles Tupper should read this book.

Longley's lecture in the Demonstration Building on Thursday evening, Jan. 4th at 7.30. Admission 10 cents.

The Week of Prayer will be observed in the Baptist and Methodist churches beginning on Sunday next Jan. 7th. The Revs. F. J. Beals and S. J. Boyce will be in charge. The following is the program to which everyone is cordially invited.

Sunday, Jan. 7th, 11 a. m.; Rally in Baptist Church.

Sunday, Jan. 7th, 7.30 p. m. Rally in Methodist Church.

Monday, Jan. 8th, 7.30. Methodist Church. Topic "Grieving the Spirit."

Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 7.30. Baptist Church. Topic "A Helpful Meditation."

Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 7.30. Methodist Church. Topic "National Righteousness."

Thursday, Jan. 11th 7.30. Baptist Church. Topic "The Young for Christ."

Friday, Jan. 12th, 7.30. Methodist Church. Topic "Religious Drifting."

### MARGARETVILLE

Jan. 1 Mr. J. P. Stronach, who has been ill, is slowly improving.

Our teacher, Mrs. Smith, is visiting at her home in Middleton.

Mr. Kenneth Brown of Saskatchewan is at home for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gage entertained a few friends at tea on Thursday evening.

Capt. S. O. Baker and Mr. A. Huggins left on Wednesday to spend a week in Boston.

The Baptist Sunday School held their annual Christmas tree in Orange Hall one evening last week.

The members of Rev. Mr. Gage's congregation presented him with a purse of money on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cleveland of Halifax have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris.

Miss Ina Dorman of Acadia University is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dorman.

The Christmas Play "The Puppet Princess," was given in Orange Hall on Tuesday evening. Proceeds for Belgian Relief Fund.

On Monday evening, Dec. 25th word came to Mrs. S. Baker that her little granddaughter Frances, daughter of Dr. F. H. Parks of Dorchester, Mass., had died.

On Friday, Dec. 22nd, the sad news received by her parents that Mrs. [Name] had died.

### What are Peps

Peps are the new treatment for coughs, colds and lung troubles. They are little tablets made up from Pine extracts and medicinal essences. When put into the mouth these medicinal ingredients turn into healing vapors, which are breathed down direct to the lungs, throat and bronchial tubes. The Peps treatment is direct. Swallowing cough mixtures into the stomach, to cure ailments and disorders in throat and lungs, is indirect. Peps are revolutionizing the treatment of colds, as their price is within the reach of all. 56c. box all druggists, or Peps Co., Toronto.

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### DEEP BROOK

Jan. 1 Mrs. Fenwick Rice went to Bear River on Saturday, where she intends to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reop and children of Digby, spent Christmas with Mrs. Reop's mother, Mrs. A. G. Sullis.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Benson and little daughter of Kentville, spent Christmas with Mrs. Benson's mother, Mrs. J. C. W. Dittmars.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Henshaw spent a few days last week with friends in Yarmouth, returning Wednesday, after a very pleasant trip.

Mrs. L. E. Sherman entertained the young people of the Plus Ultra Class on Saturday, Dec. 30th. A large number was present and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

The Smith Cove Red Cross Society intends holding a Concert in Union Hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 4. During the evening home-made candy, sandwiches and cake, and hot drinks, will be served by the Deep Brook Red Cross Society.

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