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WEATHER—FAIR

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GERMANY SUGGESTS AN IMMEDIATE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF PEACE TERMS

Washington Not Impressed with the Answer of the Central Powers to President Wilson's Suggestion—Not a Reply at all so Much as Another Shrewd Plan to Place Upon the Allies Responsibility for Continuing the War.

WHILE NOTE DOES NOT MEET REQUEST OF PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON STILL HOPES

With Nothing But Unofficial Text to Go By, United States Capital is Chary of Forming Definite Opinions—Regarded as Revision of Mr. Wilson's Proposals Rather Than As Any Useful Contribution to the Question Under Discussion.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted today to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador. Germany proposes an immediate meeting of belligerents delegates to discuss peace.

The answer, which also contains the reply of Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, says:

"The high-minded suggestion by the President of the United States, in order to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace, has been received and considered by the Imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the President's communication. The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of road. To the Imperial government an exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result.

"It begs, therefore, in the sense of the declaration made on Dec. 11, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place.

"The Imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

"It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The answer of the Central Powers concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

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THE DOMINIONS WILL BE CALLED TO AN EMPIRE WAR CONFERENCE

Matters Affecting the Prosecution of the War, Possible Conditions of Peace, and Problems of the Future to Engross Attention of Imperial Council Board — Meeting Not Later than February.

London, Dec. 26.—The secretary of state for the colonies has sent a telegram to the dominions explaining the purposes of the forthcoming imperial conference, announced by Premier Lloyd George. The telegram explains that what the government contemplates is not an ordinary imperial conference, but a special war conference of the Empire.

The prime minister of each of the dominions is "invited to attend a series of special meetings of the War Cabinet, in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to its termination, and problems which would then immediately arise."

The premiers are urged to attend at an early date—not later than the end of February.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—In a cable to the governor-general, given out tonight, the prospective imperial conference is a special war conference to deal with war problems. The attendance of the prime minister is urged. The cable reads:

"I wish to explain that what is contemplated by His Majesty's government is not a session of the ordinary imperial conference, but a special war conference of the Empire. His Majesty's government therefore wishes your prime minister to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the war cabinet, in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, the possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to its termination, and the problems which will then immediately arise. Your prime minister for the purpose of these meetings, would be a member of the war cabinet. In view of the extreme urgency of the subject of discussion, as well as of their supreme importance, it is hoped that your prime minister may find it possible, in spite of serious inconveniences involved in attending at an early date, not later than the end of February.

While the presence of your prime minister himself is earnestly desired by His Majesty's government, they hope that if he sees insuperable difficulties he will carefully consider the question of nominating a substitute, as

The New Grit Propaganda

During the past couple of weeks the newspapers playing the game of the machine wing of the Canadian Liberal party have engaged in an attempt to convince the people that the Federal Government is not embracing to the full the opportunities for Empire service, that what is wanted is a National Government in the sense of a coalition government, and that until some such movement is made the people have an excellent excuse for not throwing themselves with might and main into the business of prosecuting our necessary war measures.

It is a transparent political trick. The Liberals were planning to force an election by refusing to extend the term of Parliament in the hope that, by means of a solid Quebec and such disaffection as they were able to arouse in the other provinces, they would snatch the reins of power, not for a business or a non-political government, but for the old gang back again.

Notice was served upon the Quebec leaders that a portion of the Ontario wing of the party and many of its western members would stand by them. Filled in this, they are now attempting to pave the way for a refusal to extend the term of Parliament unless a so-called "non-partisan administration" is brought into power.

It is time that the thinking men of both political parties asked themselves these questions:

Would Sir Wilfrid Laurier be an addition of any value to the present Government?

Would he draw a single additional recruit from the province of Quebec, or does he even sincerely desire to do so?

Has he a single Quebec colleague to whom the people of Canada would give credit for either the ability or the desire to place patriotic welfare above party advantage?

Outside of that province, where are the men the Grit party has to offer? Is there one of them, who, in the hour when Sir Robert Borden placed the need of Empire before the Parliament of Canada, did not rise in his place and vote against participation in assistance to the British navy?

There was no peril, they cried; these men of little vision failed to sense the danger until civilization burst into flames before them.

Yet today their organs assert lack of leadership in the present Government, a failure to bring forth recruits, a want of ability to marshal Canada's resources in the Empire's interest.

When have these detractors of Sir Robert Borden and his Government gained a genius of leadership?

What miracle has given them the foresight which they so conspicuously lacked when the Naval Aid Bill was before the House of Commons?

Would the restoration of the Fieldings, the Grahams the Carvells, the Pugleys and the Macdonalds, to even a share of power, prevent them from again attempting to conduct the business of the country along lines subservient to their party interests?

Where, outside of the two political groups, are there in Canada the men whom the Toronto Star and its fallen sisters of Canterbury street would place in office?

Why not bring forth the names and give the people an opportunity of passing judgment upon a concrete suggestion? The answer is obvious: It would not be playing the game of the little politicians to open places except for those of their kind.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had better pick the beam out of his own eye before he attempts to pluck the mote out of that of his neighbor.

Public men are judged by the results they accomplish and when Sir Wilfrid and his associates can point to "a solid Quebec" contributing another Canadian division at the front through the efforts of these men, then, not until that day, will Canada be willing to tolerate for an instant the idea of calling to her councils the men who have miserably failed to appreciate their God-sent opportunity to help the Empire.

NEW YORK HEARS REPORTS OF MYSTERIOUS SQUADRON IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC

New York, Dec. 26.—For some days skippers of the Atlantic and coastwise steamers have been bringing to port reports of strange appearing craft that are making their way westward. They made no reply to signals, and could not be approached. They steered a vagrant course, and were described variously as of the fashion of merchantmen, transports, light cruisers and even of submarines.

Pieced together, these reports fitted in with the suspicion, now apparently confirmed, of shipping men.

The commerce protectors are described as large and powerful, but capable of fair speed. They were designed, it is said, to meet the German sub boats, and in anticipation of an attempted raid off the Canadian coast similar to that made by the U-53 off Nantucket on October 8. The British admiralty, it is said, determined to make impossible another such raid, and the fleet of commerce protectors was the result.

TORNADO KILLS 70 IN SOUTH

Arkansas Storm Swept—Seventeen Known Dead at One Place — Convicts Among Victims.

Little Rock, Dec. 26.—From 17 to 70 persons were killed in a tornado that struck South Central Arkansas, this afternoon, according to reports received here tonight. Four are known to be dead at England; 17 reported killed at Keo, and several are reported killed at the state convict farm at Tucker.

BRITISH ARE POUNDING AT HUNS IN WEST

Report from British Headquarters in France Shows that our Troops Continue Their Aggression.

London, Dec. 27.—The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads:

"Some fifty Germans approached our lines Monday night in the neighborhood of Lesbouefs. Eighteen of them were taken prisoner; the remainder suffered heavy casualties from our machine guns.

"Monday night we entered trenches northeast of Armentieres and drove off an enemy working party. The enemy's positions east of Ploegsteert were also raided; casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and prisoners were secured.

"In the neighborhood of Lesbouefs and Gueudecourt we bombarded the enemy trenches during the day, with satisfactory results.

"At other places along the front artillery activity has continued.

"On the night of December 24-25 our airplanes carried out successful bombing operations on places of military importance behind the enemy's lines."

BERLIN HAD ADVANCE INFORMATION OF THE REPLY TO WASHINGTON

Answer to President Wilson's Peace Note Given Out Before it Officially Reached U. S. Capital.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Officials here are surprised that Germany's answer to President Wilson's peace note was given out in Berlin before it reached this country in official form.

They pointed out that in sending his note President Wilson allowed two days between the time of its despatch and making it public, that it might first reach the German government. In the absence of an official reply official comment was withheld.

ROUMANIA STILL CONTINUES THEATRE OF MUCH ACTIVITY; LITTLE INTEREST IN PEACE

Premiers of Great Britain's Colonies to Attend Special War Conference During the Month of February.

British Score Successes in Mesopotamia and Against the Turks, Capturing Guns and Material—Russians Holding their Own in Dobrudja While Italians Make Minor Gains Over Austrians.

Roumania continues the theatre of greatest activities. In Northern Wallachia, along the southern Moldavian border, and in Dobrudja the Teutonic allies continue to make gains over the Russians and Roumanians. Thirty miles southwest of Braila the invaders have captured the town of Filipecht, and west of Rimnik Sarat are on the offensive. In this latter region during the past few days 5,500 Russians have been made prisoners.

In Mesopotamia the British forces are still in quest of Kut-el-Amara in which sector they have made further advances on the right bank of the Tigris and consolidated and extended their position south and east of the town. Gassabs Fort, twenty miles southeast of Kut, a base from which hostile Arabs had been operating against the British, has been destroyed.

The British victory over the Turks at Maghdaba, ninety miles east of the Suez Canal, was of considerable proportions. In addition to making prisoner of 1,350 men of the Turkish force of about 2,000, seven guns, a large number of rifles, much ammunition and large quantities of other war stores were captured.

On the other fronts there have been only artillery engagements. The Teutonic allies are favorable to an immediate meeting of delegates from the belligerent states at some neutral point in order that an exchange of views with regard to peace may be carried out.

This has been declared by the German government, in replying to the recent note of President Wilson suggesting that the belligerent nations make known their basis for peace. It is announced, in the note, that Germany is of the opinion that the work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle, but that then Germany will be ready to collaborate with the United States "in this exalted task."

Nothing has yet come through to indicate what will be the tenor of the reply of the Entente Allies to President Wilson's suggestion, and so far as is known, none of them has yet given an answer to the announcement made to them in the note of the Teutonic allies that Germany is ready to discuss peace.

Meantime the premiers of Great Britain's colonies have been urged to attend at an early date—not later than the end of February—a series of special meetings of the war cabinet. At these meetings, says the British colonial secretary, "urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, possible conditions on which, in agreement with our allies, we could assent to its termination and problems which would then immediately arise," are to be discussed.

Artillery Fighting in West.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The war office bulletin issued tonight reads: "There was great activity by both artilleries in the sectors of Belloy-En-Santerre and Fouquescourt. Everywhere else the cannonade was intermittent."

The Belgian communication: "The usual artillery activity prevailed."

Germans Claim Success.

Berlin, Dec. 26, via Sayville.—The Russians have been driven from several positions in northeastern Wallachia, says tonight's army headquarters statement on operations, which reads:

"On the north bank of the Somme there was temporarily strong artillery fire. Elsewhere on the western and eastern fronts nothing important occurred.

"In Great Wallachia the Russians were ejected from several positions. "Conditions in Macedonia were calm."

Italians Gain 300 Metres.

Rome, Dec. 26, via London, (5.20 p. m.)—"There have been desultory actions along the whole front, interfered with by bad weather," says today's war office statement.

"On the Carso, south of Montefelt, we straightened our lines by a surprise advance to a depth of 300 metres. In one of the crater-like holes in the area occupied by us we found 150 cases of artillery ammunition which had been abandoned by the enemy."

British in Mesopotamia.

London, Dec. 26.—An official statement on the Mesopotamia situation issued tonight reads:

"On the 22nd British detachments advanced to the right bank of the Tigris. Their position subsequently

BRITISH HOLD A GREEK LINER AT GIBRALTAR

The Patris with 600 Passengers from Piraeus to New York Detained Pending Blockade.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Greek line steamship Patris, with 600 passengers aboard, bound from Piraeus to New York, is detained by the British at Gibraltar, it was learned today from N. A. Galanos, local agent of the line.

"We have been officially informed by the British government that the Entente Allies have declared a blockade against Greek shipping," said M. Galanos. "The Patris, we presume, will be detained until the blockade is lifted." The liner is several days overdue.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ON THE NEW ACT

Dr. Campbell and Dr. Kierstead Tell Citizens Proposed System is the Most Equitable. A large and representative gathering of citizens in the High School building last evening heard an excellent explanation of the proposed new system of assessment by Dr. J. Roy Campbell, chairman of the Assessment Commission, and Dr. W. C. Kierstead, of Fredericton, a member of the commission.

Mayor Hayes occupied the chair and called on Dr. Campbell as the first speaker. Dr. Campbell spoke for about an hour taking up in detail the various recommendations of the commission as outlined in the report, which has already been made public.

An interesting discussion followed the addresses. Those taking part included Dr. J. H. Prink, F. A. Dykeman, Hon. J. E. Wilson, A. H. Wetmore, Michael Kelly and P. T. Doherty. The various questions were answered by Dr. Campbell and Dr. Kierstead.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE Y. M. C. A. BOYS

Following their usual custom the Y. M. C. A. have suspended the formal programme for the holidays and they have substituted the following special programme which commences today:

Wednesday, Dec. 27th—Hike to Long Lake, 8 1/2 day (bring lunch) 9 a.m. Junior business boys' swimming meet, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28th—Junior A group athletic meet, 9:30 a.m.; Daughters vs. Crusaders athletic meet, 7:30 p.m.

MORE VESSELS SENT TO BOTTOM BY ENEMY PIRATES

Washington, Dec. 26.—Lloyd's reports, in despatches received today by the state department from London, tell of the sinking of the Norwegian bark Annagar and the British steamers Istrar, Lincoln, Langri and Murex, not previously reported from other sources.

THREE SCHOONERS WRECKED YESTERDAY

The Roger Drury, Daniel McLeod and Ravola, Three Vessels Well Known in St. John, Wrecked Near Nantucket During Gale.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 26.—American schooner Roger Drury, with coal from New Jersey for St. John, N. B., (cargo for R. P. & W. F. Starr), was sunk off Green Point. Sch Daniel McLeod was stranded on the northern end of the Rip off the point, and the British schooner Ravola was wrecked on the southern end of the Rip, in a northwest gale today.

The coastguards had barely handed the men when the Daniel McLeod was stranded on the other extremity of the Rip, and her crew was brought ashore in the lifeboat. Both the Ravola and the Daniel McLeod are coal laden, bound from New Jersey ports to the eastward. Little hope of saving either was expected by the coastguards.

MEXICO AGAIN WAS A WALL ST. FACTOR

Stock Market's Speculative Element More Concerned With Conditions on the Border Than With Hun Peace Talk.

New York, Dec. 26.—Judging from the movement of special stocks today Wall Street's speculative element appeared more concerned in the Mexican situation than in the course of European peace negotiations. Shares most affected by conditions across the southern border rose vigorously on reports in financial circles of a possible agreement between the United States and Mexico.

Shipping issues, in which dealers were relatively most active, were highly erratic. Mercantile Marine preferred recording an extreme decline of 7 1/2 points, with 3 1/2 for the common, on further heavy selling ascribed to England's policy of "nationalization," while Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies, owing no allegiance to the British government, registered a gross gain of 9 points.

Renewal of Germany's peace overtures, which became known in the latter part of the session, was followed by a moderate strengthening of representative stocks, including United States Steel, but this advantage was partly forfeited on the failure of the note to set forth any definite terms.

At no time were rails more than moderately active, low-priced shares displaying more firmness than the investment group. Coppers contributed measurably to the day's business, but some unsettlement in trade quotations kept those issues within narrow bounds. Sugars, leathers, Industrial Alcohol and such utilities as Ohio Gas and Columbia Gas, the former at an extreme gain of 5 1/2 points, were among the few less conspicuous issues of strength. Total sales approximated 850,000 shares, the smallest full day in weeks.

MUST TONE DOWN NOTE TO HOLLAND

Germany Advised to Moderate the Terms She Employed in Reply to Protesting Neutrals.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—The Telegraph says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is framed in such terms that it was inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch parliament and that the government has requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to the parliament.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

Every Man in Canada Will Have a Card to Fill Out Soon. National Service Week is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest.

Why You Should Read The Standard

Do you read the paper regularly? If you do and if you are now a subscriber the following will not interest you; but if you are in the habit of taking another paper and just chanced to see this issue we have something to say which will be of much interest to you.

We take it for granted that you read some paper each day. Everybody does, of course. If you take some other paper regularly, just stop for a moment and consider why you always read that particular one. Is it through habit?

Many folks do get the habit of asking for the same paper day after day, and they never have an opportunity to learn just what they are missing by failing to give some other paper a trial.

Possibly your failure to be a regular subscriber is caused by the fact that you only know this paper as it was a few years ago. Quite likely you were not pleased with it then; but The Standard of today is vastly different from the paper you read then. A glance through the columns of this issue will convince you of that.

The St. John Standard of today is the ideal family newspaper. We carry, on leased wires, the entire Canadian Press service, which completely covers all war news and other happenings the world over; we have special correspondents in every town and village in New Brunswick, and we carry more provincial news than any other daily.

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The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people.

Lecture For Patriotic Fund. Tomorrow evening at the St. John Art Club an opportunity will be given to those eager to assist the ever-growing demands of the patriotic funds.

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DONALDSON

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HEAD LINE

St. John to Belfast. S.S. Ramore Head... Dec. 16. S.S. Bray Head... Dec. 20. S.S. John to Dublin. S.S. Torr Head... Jan. 9. S.S. Bengore Head... Dec. 23.

FURNESS LINE

From London to St. John. Dec. 22. From St. John to London. Dec. 26. From London to St. John. Dec. 30.

The Maritime Steamship Co., Limited.

On March 3, 1916, and until further notice the S.S. Connors Bros., will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B. Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Company, Ltd., on Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

GRAND MANAN S. S. CO.

After Oct. 1st and until further notice S. S. Grand Manan leaves Grand Manan, Mondays 7:30 a.m. for St. John, returning leaves St. John Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. both ways via Campobello.

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From Manchester to St. John. Dec. 19. Manchester to St. John. Dec. 23. Manchester to St. John. Dec. 27.

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Between Montreal and St. John, N. B. Single First Class Fare Going Dec. 23, 24, 25. Returning Dec. 26.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1916.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

MUNITIONS AND THE WAR.

Despite the heavy decline in high-priced war stocks, the Allies are still greatly concerned to secure in the shortest possible time an adequate supply of munitions. Only with an abundance of munitions can they obtain a complete victory over a desperate foe, shorten the war, and thus terminate the slaughter of Canadian and other Allied soldiers. A high authority has said that the Allies would probably have been won had they at the outset offered even greater monetary inducements than they did to munition manufacturers in Allied and neutral countries. If the issue was between dollars and human lives the high authority was right. The great need was to get production under way in the largest volume feasible.

It is said that plants created since the war began may be scrapped as soon as it is over. For the most part Canadian munition prices have been lower than American, and often lower than contemporary British quotations. Canadian competition in the supply of war materials has cut their cost to the Allies in other countries. Some manufacturers still experience technical difficulties in production, or their deliveries are delayed by an increasing strictness on the part of inspectors. Some plants are handicapped by labor conditions or by a shortage in coal and coke. It is also said that some munition makers promise privately that when they have overcome all obstacles and know just what their final profits will be they will voluntarily return a great proportion to the government, as has already been done in one case. But for war orders some industries would have been bankrupt. Their rescue and establishment on a strong financial basis should enable them to weather the difficulties of reconstruction after the war, and even carry their employes over any period of dislocation that may ensue. And if the occasion arises the public will expect them to do so.

The Imperial Munitions Board has forced prices down to a comparatively low level. There is fear that if prices were cut still lower or profits appropriated by the authorities, the flow of munitions would be checked, and that is the one danger to be avoided. The Prime Minister, the Finance Minister, the chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board and others, who understand the critical situation at the front, are bringing all possible moral pressure to bear upon manufacturers and workmen to multiply the production of war materials. Canada is not Great Britain. Canadians reside from 3,000 to 6,000 miles from the firing line. Less than sixty per cent of the population is British in origin. The fact that along a border of 4,000 miles we touch shoulders with a neutral nation of 100,000,000 people is not without its influence.

Capital and workers cannot be coerced without the risk of alienation to the United States. Any measures would be unwise which would frighten away American capitalists who may contemplate the establishment of primary or contributory munition plants on this side of the international boundary. Under these circumstances, and keeping especially in mind the national obligation to speed up the output of war materials, it would be the course of folly to single out munition makers for individually drastic taxation. At such a moment no special law or penalty can be imposed upon the most vital industry in the Empire. The highest considerations may be urged upon manufacturers and workmen why they should put forth all their efforts to maintain and increase the output of munitions. Every extra shell they produce will help to save the lives of men who are fighting for our liberties at the front. The call to employers and employes to put all their energy into their work for the salvation of civilization is imperative.

THE SIN AGAINST CANADA.

The instant that Germany declared war and all but enveloped the world in the giant upheaval, that instant the Canadian people, in sheer defense, were thrown together. Their differences disappeared as if by magic. The young men of the country sprang to arms and the women set aside their

work in large measure and turned to the knitting of socks and the making of comforts for the protection of the men in the field. The whole thought and effort of the nation was directed into one channel.

It seemed that we should go through the war to the end in this spirit of union and devotion to the national and imperial cause against a common antagonist. Weeks, even months, passed, and there was no sound of discord. The Government found itself supported on every hand. Slowly but assiduously the poison of division and suspicion entered, notwithstanding. A member of Parliament was found to have engaged in the sale of drugs to the country for personal advantage. His act was frowned upon by the Government; he was ordered to resign. The stain upon the nation was wiped out.

The opposition that until now had been acting in seeming concert with the Government was here put to the test. Would it sink partisan play? Would it acknowledge that the Government of Canada was without sin in the matter? Or would it proclaim before the nations of the world, including our enemies, that Canada was a land of war grafters, one of whom had been caught red-handed? In an evil hour—evil for Liberalism and for Canada—the opposition elected to slander Canada for the act of this one unworthy man. Having chosen the path of slander, the opposition set itself industriously to discover other foundations for its calumnies. The purchase of some horses in an Eastern province gave them more of the fuel for which they searched. Among thousands of pairs of war boots, provided in great haste, some were defective. With all the avidity of an enemy of the country the opposition seized upon these few pairs of boots. The shoemakers of Canada became overnight a group of grasping thieves, caught in the act of selling their country and imperiling the lives of their fellow countrymen upon the altar of graft.

The slanders have in large measure been overtaken. One chief slanderer among the opposition has been compelled to acknowledge in an important instance that charges laid before Parliament were not meant as charges at all. The motives of the politicians who have basely misrepresented their country in her hour of fearful stress have been to some degree exposed. But back of it all there has existed, and there still exists, the poison of suspicion, of disunion, of distrust. Herein lies the real sin of Sir Wilfrid Laurier against his fellow-Canadians, against Canada, and against the empire. For honest criticism there has been a place. But of wicked, selfish, partisan criticism in these war times Canada should have had none. It was the privilege and the duty of the opposition leader to have protected the honor of Canada and to have preserved the unity of her people, and he has failed and failed miserably.

AUSTRIA'S SUBJECTION.

Advices from Austria indicate that the new Emperor, Charles VIII, is bitterly opposed to Prussian domination of Austro-Hungarian affairs. Already considerable friction has developed, though the Dual Monarchy's inability to meet the war crisis alone forces it to continue dependence on Germany. But the Hapsburg party, which consists not alone of the dynasty, but of a caste as distinct and as powerful in internal affairs as the Prussian military caste is in Germany, fears for its very existence under the ever-increasing domination of Berlin.

When the Emperor Franz Josef died it was freely prophesied that the Austro-Hungarian Empire would break up, because only the old monarch could hold it together. But in Austria, at any rate, it has become clear that the Hapsburg caste is prepared to carry on a struggle before succumbing. The assassination of Count Stuergh, and the difficulties of forming a Government to replace him, have been incidents in this struggle to keep the lid on. The Hapsburg caste has been endeavoring to make peace with the Czechs in the North, and the Slavs in the South, as a support against the Magyars, and their new-found ally the

Kaiser. The loss of Galicia and Bukovina to Russia would disturb the Vienna governing classes little, since they do not fear Russia as much as they do the grasping Bessarabians, with their grand scheme of a Mitteleuropa down to Constantinople, and as they fear the Magyar ascendancy, the Austrians have blocked, for the time being, the German proposal of a customs union that would unite the Dual Empire to Germany as a vassal state, and would even now willingly make big concessions to the Entente to get clear of the Hohenzollern. That much is evident from political developments in Vienna and Budapest. Not the least interesting events after the war will occur when the Germans endeavor to strengthen their hold on their present allies. It is difficult to see how Emperor Charles can avert the threatened permanent loss of independent standing, but he has the support of the Pope and the Austrians in endeavoring to stiffen his defenses against the pushful Prussians.

2,000 AMERICANS HAVE DIED IN WAR

Lure of Adventures Sent United States Lads to Europe.

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

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

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

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

Because of the willingness of the British Government to release and send home boys who joined by fraudulent means, the State Department has found little difficulty in restoring "lost" boys to their parents when the boy himself can be located alive, but there are many cases, department officials say, where the names of American boys, sought by terrified parents in America, have been found in the lists of those killed in action, in many instances not even the body can be recovered.

SPECIAL DIVISION NECESSARY

During the early days of the European war, there was a constant stream of requests received at the State Department, asking for the release of American volunteer boys soldiers, but it was not until recently that the volume of these requests made it necessary for Secretary of State Lansing to designate a special division to handle such cases. It is called the Division of Application for the Discharge of Soldiers and Sailors in Foreign Service. In reality, it is a branch of the Diplomatic Bureau of the department, and it is operated by Frank A. Baskett and Miss Frances Marsh.

The figures of the newly-created division show that the cattle boat traffic across the Atlantic from American ports to London, is a great recruiting source for the British army. Of late weeks, the number of American boys who have enlisted in London, has been even greater than the number enlisting in Canada.

This is chiefly due to the extraordinary precautions in London recruiting officers are taking to avoid such cases. The British government has shown extreme willingness to release all Americans who joined when under the age of 18 years, but it is no mean task to trace a boy from the time he enlists in Canada until he is found on a British vessel off the Mediterranean coast, or in a trench in France. That's why the Canadian officers are careful to scrutinize the "past performance" of all youthful applicants and the result has been a rush to London, via the cattle boats, to share in the excitement of the world's greatest war.

If an American boy has enlisted in Canada and his parents believe he has not left the Dominion, the State Department forwards the request for a discharge to United States Consul General Foster at Ottawa. If the boy is still there, he's sent to the American consulate under guard and turned over to Mr. Foster.

If the Canadian contingent which such a lad has joined has sailed for England, the job becomes more difficult. Robert P. Shiner, American consul general at London, then takes up the case and appeals to the British Foreign Office. This request must pass through the proper official channels, and if the boy is alive, he will be located eventually.

The thing that makes difficult the task of locating these boys, however, is the almost universal tendencies of the youngsters to give fictitious names and addresses. This naturally complicates the task.

Many Pathetic Appeals

The appeals received at the State Department from parents seeking their sons are pathetic in many cases. One

mother wrote in saying her son was "only 14 and merely over-age for his age." Other parents charge that their sons were forced into the service of Great Britain, though such an idea is manifestly inaccurate, as the government of Great Britain readily releases boys who are under the proper age limit.

At the outbreak of the war, the British authorities made only two requirements—that the boy be an American citizen and under 21 years of age. Later, the age qualification was lowered to 18. Due to the volume of requests, the English authorities are now only releasing boys who are under that age. If the boy's father is a naturalized American, the certificate of naturalization must accompany the discharge application.

Owing to the fact that the Department of State has no funds available to pay for the expense of this work, parents are required to deposit \$45, which will pay the boy's passage home and when he is found, another \$25 is required to buy him clothes and food.

SHIP WRECKED ON HONEYMOON

Captain Hartz, of Albatross, Tells Stirring Tale of Encounter.

Capt. Wiely Hartz, late of the good ship Albatross, which now lies a broken wreck on the beach at Yucatan, with the bride and three members of the crew arrived in New York, Wednesday morning on the Ward line steamship Monterey from Progreso, Yucatan.

The Albatross was a bark built in 1874 and sailing under the Danish flag. She left Leghorn, Italy, in September in ballast for Mobile, Ala., where she was to have shipped a cargo of lumber. Capt. Hartz had recently married a beautiful Danish woman and she insisted upon making the voyage with him. The ship was manned by a crew of 13.

On Oct. 13, while the ship was sailing calmly in the Gulf of Mexico, a hurricane blew up out of the north and in a short while Capt. Hartz had his capable hand full holding the old vessel together.

"It must have been blowing 100 miles an hour," he said, "and I saw we were in for it. I brought her square to the wind and began to run for land. With every possible inch of canvas set, the time that we could have been remarkable in the Lusia. If we weren't going 25 miles an hour we were standing still.

"When we were about three-quarters of a mile from the beach I ordered the main mast cut away and she went over the side, and as long as a drag cut down our speed a bit.

"We had donned our life belts and I put all the ship's money in my pocket. The bottom was literally dropping out of the Albatross as we hit the surf. Then came the crash. As the ship struck the beach the whole 15 of us were catapulted into the air and we came down in the boiling water.

"We had no chance to swim but just lay the surf boll us up on the beach. We found ourselves on the edge of a tropical jungle and started through it to the nearest settlement. We had to cut our way through the brush and we lived on anything edible we came across. We made a small's pace and finally came into Progreso after a 19-mile trip through the jungle.

"Even then our troubles were not over. You think the cost of living is high here. Well, you should see what those Mexicans did to us when they discovered our plight. They charged the highest prices for everything and our money must have looked good to them.

"Then most of the crew reshipped, but three of them are with us. We are going over to the office of George Beck, Danish Consul-General, and he will look after us."

DR. STAN. BRIDGES TO JOIN THE HARVARD UNIT

Son of Dr. H. S. Bridges Likely to go Overseas to Take Important Position With Medical Force.

Dr. Stanley Bridges, chief house surgeon at the Worcester, Mass. Hospital, is in the city, visiting his father Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of city schools. The Standard understands that Dr. Bridges has been offered a responsible position with the Harvard unit and will leave shortly to engage in medical work at the front with that unit. He will be the second son of Dr. H. S. Bridges to join the colors. His brother, Lieut. Atwood Bridges, is now with the artillery on Partridge Island and expects to go overseas in the near future.

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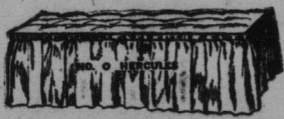
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C. E. Allen Tenders Resignation.
A meeting of the executive of the patriotic committee was held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms. A communication was read from C. E. Allen asking to be relieved of the duties of secretary of the fund.

The members present expressed the hope that Mr. Allen might be induced to withdraw the resignation and laid the matter over until the could be interviewed. The assessment for the patriotic fund for 1917 was also talked of but no action was taken.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT MATTERS DISCUSSED

Commissioners in Session as Council for Brief Period Yesterday Afternoon.

The Common Council met yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, dealt with two matters as a council and then went into committee to take up the replies from the milk dealers. Commissioner McLellan brought up the bills for the repairs to the engine in the motor truck and the payment of salary to date to Dr. W. H. Simon. The mayor presided and all the commissioners were present.

Commissioner McLellan introduced the bill from the American La France Fire Engine Co. for repairs to the motor fire engine which was damaged at the Thorne fire last spring. The bill first rendered was \$2,225, but this was afterwards reduced to \$1,460 by credit given for parts of the old engine which were in good shape.

He also brought up the question of the payment of eighteen months salary to Dr. W. H. Simon, city veterinarian, who was at the front. The entire amount would be \$375 as his salary was \$250 per year, and recommended the payment of this amount and the bill of the La France Co.

He felt that the city was in duty bound to pay the amount due Dr. Simon but thought that their responsibility should end with this payment and on this understanding both bills were ordered paid.

The commissioner explained that both amounts would be paid out of unexpended balances in his department, and it would not be necessary to ask for an overdraft.

The mayor read the telegram which he received from Mayor Church of Toronto on Monday conveying good wishes from the "Queen City" to St. John and this was ordered placed on file.

The council then went into committee to consider the replies from the milk men to the questions sent out by the council.

BORN.
AGAR—At 40 Canon street, on December 26, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Agar, a son.

WILSON—To Mrs. Smeaton Wilson, 198 Queen street, West Side, a daughter.

DIED.
SHIVES—At Euston, near Theford, England, on September 29, 1916, Capt. Robt. Kilgour Shives, R. F. C., youngest son of the late Mr. Kilgour Shives and Mrs. Shives of Campbellton, N. B.

RODGERS—In this city, on the 25th inst., Arthur Rodgers leaving two sons, two daughters, two brothers and four sisters to mourn.

Funeral Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late residence, 73 Somerset street, to Holy Trinity church for requiem high mass. Friends invited to attend.

BARLOW—On December 25th, at the residence of E. R. W. Ingraham, 41 Rodney street, West St. John, Edward William Barlow, aged 79, leaving two children to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father, also two sisters.

Funeral from 41 Rodney street, West St. John, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

CLARK—At his home, Upper Wickham, December 26, George N. Clark in the 59th year of his age, leaving a loving wife and six children to mourn.

The funeral was held on Sunday, December 24 at the Upper Wickham Baptist church.

WHITE—On the 25th instant, in the Moncton hospital, Minnie, wife of Leslie White, leaving her husband and two sons to mourn.

Frederick and Sydney papers please copy.
Funeral from residence of F. C. Wry, 165 Leinster street, Wednesday, at 2.30 p. m.

TRACEY—On December 26, Thomas P., son of the late Patrick and Catherine Tracey, leaving three sisters to mourn.
Notice of funeral in evening papers.

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AMERICANS THEMSELVES MAKE RIDICULE OF WILSON'S VIEWS ON MATTER OF WORLD'S PEACE

The President's Proposals as Indicated in His Most Recent Note do not Reflect Mind of American People Who Are Harshly in Sympathy With the Allies and Desire no Inconclusive Peace.

President Wilson's peace proposals are meeting with equally as much ridicule among followers of political affairs in the American Republic as they are in England, said William Randolph Walsh, M. A., son of Edward Walsh of this city who is here from Washington to spend the holiday season with his parents.

Mr. Walsh after a brilliant course at the Saint John High School at the University of Saint Francis Xavier at Antigonish took a professorship at the latter institution. Last June he received word of having been chosen for the Knights of Columbus scholarship at the Catholic University of America, one of the foremost institutions of learning on the continent, at which university he is now taking a post graduate course in psychology.

Knowing Mr. Walsh to be a close student of affairs political, a Standard reporter asked him soon after his arrival here on Saturday to tell something of the present situation at the American capital.

Ridicule Peace Talk.
"President Wilson's peace proposals are meeting with equally as much ridicule in the American Republic as they are in England," said Mr. Walsh. "My own impression, gained after a careful survey of the situation is that the vast majority of the people of the United States are heartily in sympathy with the Allies in the present great war. They realize that Britain and her Allies want a stable and durable peace and many are inclined to be in favour of the peace that President Wilson might bring about. Another significant feature is the attitude of both houses of congress in connection with the President's proposals. The proposals emanate solely from the President and do not reflect the views or desires of the people as represented by the members of the two houses."

A Troublesome Explanation.
"Much consternation has been caused in Washington by the explanatory note sent out by Secretary Lansing, that gentleman in the course of his writing saying that the United States had been brought to a state where conditions were intolerable, which as you know, in diplomatic circles, is taken to mean sufficient to provoke war."

"Again, as you are perhaps aware the Japanese menace is an ever-present question. There are many who believe that Japan has designs on the west coast of the United States. The Japanese were not for some time afforded the same educational advantages that would place the United States on the immigrants from other countries."

There is quite a general impression that should Wilson adopt any policy that would place the United States' influence on the side of a small European power as opposed to the more powerful state that such action would be in direct contravention to the Monroe Doctrine. This was the doctrine enunciated by President Monroe before congress in 1823 and upheld by John Quincy Adams. While it was never formally ratified custom has served to establish it as the policy of the United States with regard to foreign affairs. As you know this doctrine forbids any European nation from interfering with affairs in America, while the United States undertakes not to be engaged in any political alliances. Such a radical departure from the terms of the doctrine would be a matter of deep concern to the whole nation, and there would be strong opposition to any proposed change in the established policy."

There are over 1,500 students at the Washington University that Mr. Walsh is attending. He says that every state in the union is represented and the feeling among the student body, which includes many of German descent, is strongly pro-Ally. The leading newspapers of the States, aside from the Hearst journals, he states, are also most friendly to the cause of the Allies and opposed to the German policy which in addition to the many other outrages has operated to destroy the lives of American citizens on American steamships.

Willfully Broke Glass.
John Bent was given in custody of the police last evening, and he is charged with willfully breaking glass in the premises of William Bell on Union street.

RALPH CONNOR'S SONGS WERE GREATLY ENJOYED
Author Assisted to Make Soldiers' Concert on Metagama Success—Only 40 of 26th Left.

"There are only about forty of the original members of the 26th Battalion left," said Henry Marsters, a member of the Battalion who returned on the Metagama. "I cannot say too much in praise of the work of the boys. They 'carried on' till the last minute. Whenever they were given a job to do they did it willingly and well."

Mr. Marsters told the reporter that he planned to study at the studios at the University of New Brunswick after the Christmas vacation. He has been honorably discharged from the army after spending over eleven months in the trenches.

"The most exciting incident of the scrap that I participated in happened one evening when the Germans threw a bomb that came over our parapet. It blew off the head of the fellow next to me. He was a good soldier, and I tell you his loss was a great one," said Mr. Marsters.

The men returning on the Metagama speak in the highest terms of the kindness of Rev. Dr. Gordon, or "Ralph." The eminent writer put his heart and soul into the work of making the returned men's concert on the Metagama a big success. The concert was in aid of the Sailors' Widows and Orphans' Fund, and about \$50 was realized. The soldiers in addition to taking a collection for the widow and family of the soldier who died on the Metagama also showed their generosity in contributing a tidy sum of money to a woman who had lost her purse and contents during the voyage.

To Inspect Munition Plants.
J. K. Urquhart, of the engineering department of the Imperial Munitions Board at Ottawa, reached the city last evening and is a guest at the Royal Hotel. Mr. Urquhart is here to inspect the work being carried on at the local munition factories.

New Calendar.
The Standard has received from Mr. Geo. W. Parker, provincial manager of the Confederation Life Association, a timely calendar for 1917. This calendar carries a colored picture of Canadian soldiers on the march in Flanders accompanied by transport wagons, etc., and is in its way a distinctive piece of work.

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Following his return from an inspection of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. military branches overseas, C. W. Bishop, general secretary of the National Council, thus told of an incident in the Somme area where there are now 35 "Y" branches:

"I went on farther up the line and in beside that high road, along which the troops and lorries and pack trains were moving in constant procession stood a little dugout which was our branch nearest to the trenches. Outside was a line of soldiers. Our secretary, pointing to them, said: 'That line never stops day or night.' Back in the tent which I described they said: 'We close up at nine as far as the canteen is concerned but usually we have two men on duty all night. We keep the coffee hot all night and invite in the small parties passing to and fro from the trenches for a cup of coffee and some biscuits.'"

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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

CANADIAN RAILWAY REPORT FOR COMMONS

Findings of Commission Examining Into Situation Will Not be Ready Before Parliament Meets.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—W. B. Acworth, the English financial expert who was appointed on the commission which is examining into the railway situation in Canada, will arrive here tomorrow from New York.

MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Morning. Montreal, Tuesday, Dec. 26.—Steamships Com.—10 @ 35.

Dom. Iron Com.—725 @ 66 1/2, 825 @ 66 1/4, 200 @ 66, 15 @ 65 3/4, 10 @ 66 1/4, 200 @ 66 3/4, 1,055 @ 67, 160 @ 67 1/4, Shawinigan—45 @ 128 1/2, 15 @ 129, Civic Power—305 @ 80, 50 @ 79 3/4, Dom. War Loan—3,000 @ 98 3/4, 2,700 @ 98 1/2.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN TORN FROM THEIR HOMES

By Hun Slave Drivers. I cannot adequately describe the awful misery of those whose homes have been decimated. Many will die of it. It is the passion of our families, added to the Passion of Christ.

URGES ORGANISATION FOR AFTER THE WAR

Sir Herbert Holt, of Royal Bank of Canada Says This Country Must Prepare For Time to Come.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 26.—"The fundamental need of Canada, in view of the problems of the day, both in relation to the problems of the war itself and the industrial machinery that keeps the war machine going, is a more efficient organization," writes Sir Herbert Holt, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, in an expression of his views in the Financial Post.

UNITED STATES MAKING RE'DY FOR AFTER WAR

This is the Opinion Regarding Reserve Board's Action in Naming Bank of England as Correspondent.

Special to The Standard. Washington, Dec. 26.—The federal reserve board's action in authorizing the appointment of the Bank of England as a foreign correspondent of the system was interpreted here today by some as indicating an effort to offset the board's recent ruling against foreign treasury notes as collateral for big loans.

MONTREAL MARKETS

Table listing market prices for various commodities in Montreal, including Am. Holden Com., Am. Holden Pfd., Canadian L. H. and P., etc.

FOUNDATION STONES OF SAFETY

Table listing tax exempt and attractive municipalities with their respective values and interest rates.

BANKS HAD QUIETER MONTH IN NOVEMBER

During That Month There Was a Pause in the Phenomenal Business Record Formerly Maintained.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The November statement of the chartered banks of Canada which was issued in Ottawa today shows that during the month covered there was a pause in the phenomenal growth which the banks had made in previous months.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

Table of New York stock market quotations for various securities like Am. Beet Sug., Am. Car. Ry., etc.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

Table of Chicago commodity prices for wheat, corn, oats, etc.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Table listing contributions to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, including names and amounts.

WINNIPEG WHEAT CLOSE

Small table showing Winnipeg wheat market close prices.

METALS LED IN GAINS ON NEW YORK MARKET

War Order Issues Also Showed Renewed Strength on Report T. at Peace Would Not Come Just Yet.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Dec. 26.—There was little of interest that developed in today's market. Prices of the metal stocks gradually worked up till gains of 2 and 3 points were fairly common.

STEEL OF CANADA TO GO ON AT 8 PER CENT. DISC

Earnings for 1917 Expected to Show Big Increase Over Best Previous Showing.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 26.—According to talk in generally well informed circles in Hamilton shareholders of Steel of Canada may look forward to the stock going on a regular dividend basis of eight per cent. in 1917.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

Table of Montreal commodity prices for flour, sugar, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON

Table of New York cotton market prices for various grades.

F. NANCY L'OFFICIER WILL LEAVE SERVICE

Henry T. Ross, of Finance Department, to Accept Position With Canadian Bankers Association.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—It is understood here in departmental circles that Henry T. Ross, assistant deputy minister of finance, will leave here early in the new year for Montreal to take an important position with the Canadian Bankers' Association.

WHITE STAR LINERS TO CALL AT HALIFAX

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Dec. 26.—The Mercantile Marine Co. has no intention of diverting its transatlantic business from New York to Halifax.

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Table of Montreal commodity prices for various goods.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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A STRONGER TENDENCY ON MONTREAL EXCHANGE

Fractional Recessions Were Shown in Some Issues Generally Market Was Firm.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Montreal, Dec. 26.—Trading was light throughout both sessions. A stronger tendency was shown throughout the list, and advances were held to the close.

NEW BOND LIST

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Hotel. Their mission to St. John is a sad one inasmuch as they are here to meet the steamship which is bringing the remains of Robert K. Shives, flying officer, who met his death while engaged in war work for the flying corps.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Shives, Mrs. K. Shives and A. K. Shives of Campbellton are in the city, guests at the Royal

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SHIPPING NEWS

Table with columns for Date, Sun rise, Sun set, H. water a.m., H. water p.m., L. water a.m., L. water p.m.

CONVICT ESCAPED FROM PENITENTIARY BUT WAS RECAPTURED

Special to The Standard. Dorchester, N. B., Dec. 26.—A prisoner in the Federal institution here made a successful dash for liberty from the prison quarters at about 2 o'clock today.

OBITUARY.

Miss M. E. McPeake. Word was received yesterday morning of the death of Miss Mary Estelle McPeake at Fredericton.

The death has been announced of Frederic Wilcox, youngest brother of Mrs. Charles Masters, of St. John, at Bahia, Brazil.

The death of George N. Clark occurred last Thursday afternoon, December 21, at his home, Upper Wickham, Queens Co., N. B., in the 59th year of his age.

Fort Fairfield, Me.; Mrs. Minnie Logan and Miss Alice at home. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hopkins at the Upper Wickham Baptist church on Sunday, December 24.

Newcastle, Dec. 26.—The death of James Howe, one of the oldest residents of Nordin (Rosebank), occurred on Saturday night at ten o'clock.

The death of Thomas P. Tracey occurred at his home 270 Brussels street last night.

Rev. Alexander Fifth of St. Mark's church conducted services at the house and grave.

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Before coming to the city he resided at Willow Grove. He was a member of C.M.B.A. No. 134, and the I. L. and B. He is survived by three sisters, Miss Susie of this city, Mrs. John McDonald of Georgetown, Mass., and Mrs. Meander Wood of Lexington, Mass.

Notice of the time of the funeral will be given later.

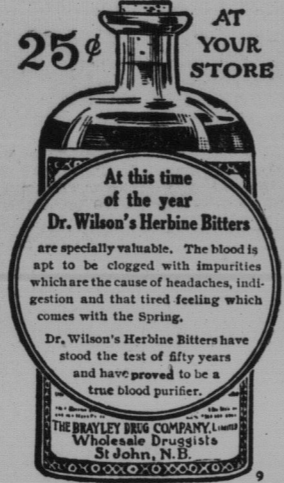
If Belgium Were "Next-Door" To Canada

- if the heavily-charged electric wires, that pen the people into a workless and almost foodless land, ran along our frontier
-if instead of reading of Belgian sufferings we heard the pitiful tales from the lips of escaped victims
-if we could see the long and hungry bread-lines of people as intelligent and once as prosperous and comfortable as ourselves

Can we bring the urgent need of the hungry Belgian mothers and children home to YOU? Can we enlist YOUR active sympathy for those whose very lives depend on the prompt and continued help of people like yourself?

Belgian Relief Fund

59 St. Peter Street, Montreal.



Dr. Wilson's Deadbeat Wormstick in candy form for children is a safe cure.

Jan. H. Frink, Treas. of Provincial Belgian Relief Committee, St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for Wilson's Bachelor Cigar, 'The National Smoke'. Includes text: 'Refuse Substitutes. Always mention the name. Nothing can be "Just as good."'

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Ard schr Precoprot, Gloucester, in tow.
Sd Dec. 24, stmr Sardinian, Glasgow.
Ard Dec. 23, stmr Anglian, London.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Tuesday, Dec. 26. Steamer Bray Head, 1954, Hoy, Dublin. Wm. Thomson, Ltd.
Steamer Tritonia, 2840, Rankin, Glasgow, Robt. Reford & Co.
Steamer Caps Finlister, 2803, Lockhead, trans-Atlantic.

BRITISH PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Ard schr Rebecca Palmer, Savannah.
New London, Dec. 24.—Ard schr Chas. E. Wyman, South Amboy for Portland; Colin C. Baker, do for do.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT

A three masted schooner is reported sunk in St. Mary's Bay in twenty fathoms of water, four miles south-east of Dartmouth Point, N. S.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT

THE light on Trinity ledge Gas and Whistling buoy has been reported not burning. WEL be relighted as soon as possible.

SHIP EMANUEL NOVEL SAFE.

Halifax, Dec. 28.—Belgian motor ship Emanuel Novel, which sent out signals of distress on Saturday from the vicinity of Sable Island, has been towed into Sheet Harbor.

ALLAN LINE.

The steamer Scandinavian arrived at Liverpool at 12.45 p. m. yesterday.

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Advertisement for Dewar's Whisky. Includes text: 'if you drink Whisky, why not drink Dewar's Whisky. The best matured, best blended, and purest spirit on the market. Agents J. M. Douglas & Co., Montreal, Que.'

Advertisement for Christmas Cheer by Whyte & Mackay's Scotch. Includes text: 'Christmas Cheer The proper spirit to enjoy the Yule-tide season with, is the old time favorite Whyte & Mackay's Scotch The moderate use of which is beneficial to all, fosters the spirit of hospitality and promotes good fellowship. At all dealers.'

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ANDOVER

Andover, Dec. 26.—Miss Annie Bedell, Plaster Rock, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Bedell.

Miss Grace Tompkins, milliner for R. W. Estabrook, has gone to her home in Florenceville. She expects to return for the spring season.

School closed on Wednesday, and the teachers, Miss Thomas, Miss Rankine and Miss Grant are attending the institute in Woodstock.

On Monday evening Mrs. J. W. P. Dickson entertained at tea in honor of Miss Gray and Miss Miller.

Miss Mary Henderson, St. Stephen, is visiting her sister Mrs. Harold Alcorn during the Christmas season.

Miss Kathleen Beveridge of St. John is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Benl. Beveridge.

Mr. Ernest Hoy spent a few days in Woodstock this week.

Miss Jean Dickson spent part of the week in Bath, N. B.

Mr. Wm. Curry was in Woodstock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Blanchard Murphy and Mrs. George Bell left for St. John on Thursday, where they will reside for the winter.

Mrs. H. A. Henshaw who has been visiting her old home in Lower Perth, left on Thursday for St. John en route to the south to spend the winter.

Miss Esme Stewart has returned from a visit with Jacksonville relatives.

Mr. J. E. Mallory has returned to Kent Joli, P. Q., after spending a few days here.

Mrs. Myrtle I. F. Carvell, St. John, was in town a few days this week.

Miss Elva Miller, Edmundston, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Edwards.

Mr. Charles Spike spent a few days in Woodstock this week.

Mr. Walter Colwell of Minto, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Wm. Trafford.

Mr. Robert Curry spent part of last week in Grand Falls.

Miss Annie Watson has returned from a month's stay in Caribou. Miss Emma Watson came home on Friday from Fredericton Business College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Woodson.

Miss Ruth Matheson, student at Mount Allison is home for the holidays.

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Miss Beatrice Reid left on Friday for her home in Upham where she will spend her Christmas vacation.

PENNINGFIELD RIDGE

Penningfield Ridge, Dec. 26.—School closed here on Friday, December 22nd. The examination was held on Thursday afternoon, the pupils being examined on the arithmetic, geography, grammar and history which had been taken up during the term. After the season the following programme was carried out: Recitation, Opening Address, Gusty McKay; song, "My Own Canada Home"; school recitation, "When Huddy Spocks Her Beau"; Morel McKay; recitation, "I'm Going Back to Grandpa's"; Gordon Nodding; recitation, "If I were You"; Kenneth McDowell; recitation, "Silly Little Tommy"; Charles Hawkins; song, "The New Moon"; six girls and five boys; recitation, "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing"; recitation, "Guess What's in My Pocket"; Lulu MacWhinney; recitation, "Boy's Lecture on Knives"; Alfred Hawkins; recitation, "Multiplication Tables"; Janie Bryant; dialogue, "How the Story Grew"; six girls; recitation, "Smiley"; Harvey Cowley; recitation, "A Real Santa Claus"; Gordon McKay; dialogue, "Counting Chickens Before they are Hatched"; three boys; recitation, "To Britannia"; Ernest McDonald; recitation, "Dolly's Speech"; Mabel Hawkins; recitation, "God's Best Gift to Man"; Florence McDowell; recitation, "No Stockings to Wear"; Kenneth McDowell; recitation, "Five Little Crows"; Gusty McKay; song, "Holy Night"; six girls; dialogue, "An Encounter with an Interviewer"; two boys; recitation, "Two Little Stockings"; Ethel Cowley; recitation, "A Little Boy's Lecture"; Charlie Hawkins; recitation, "Mamma's Little Curly Locks"; Mabel Hawkins; "The Sleepy Head"; Alfred Hawkins; dialogue, Gladys Morrison; closing address, James Hawkins; God Save the King.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacWhinney, Mace's Bay, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blair Ferris.

Misses Beatrice and Lilian McKay have returned home after spending a few days in St. John.

Miss Ethel McDowell spent a few days last week in St. George.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin H. McKay have returned home after spending a few days in St. John, the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Scott Morrell.

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Mrs. David Watson and Miss C. Watson left on Friday to spend some time with Miss Hazel Watson and Mr. David Watson. They will also visit relatives in Marysville.

Miss Helen Robinson was the guest of Mrs. H. L. Alcorn on Friday, en route to spend the vacation at her home in Marysville.

Wilfred Nicholson of the Signalling Corps, Ottawa, is home for Christmas.

Mr. Fred Gunter has gone to his home in Queensbury to spend a few days.

Miss Susie Watson has gone to Three Brooks to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Edgar.

Mrs. LeBaron Anderson and Miss Christina Anderson, Four Falls, are guests of Mrs. Harry Tibbitts.

Mr. William Matheson and Mr. Cecil Matheson are home from Fredericton to spend the Christmas season.

Mr. LeBaron Anderson spent part of the week in Presque Isle, Me.

Mr. T. Whit. Colpitts, Moncton, and Mrs. S. L. Colpitts, St. John, are guests of Rev. J. S. and Mrs. McPadden.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills left on Saturday for Ottawa, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bert Graham.

Paul Bedell of the 6th Siege Battery, Woodstock, is the guest of his parents, D. R. and Mrs. Bedell.

Mr. Bruce Waugh, Florenceville, is moving here into the Geo. Bedell house, for the winter.

A young son arrived at the home of Stanley Ritchie and a daughter arrived at the home of Pte. Charles Ance, during the week.

Mrs. Julia Sutton and Miss Gertrude Tibbitts were visiting in Fort Fairfield this week.

Dr. McQuaig, McAdam, spent part of the week in town.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 26.—Miss Lena Jones returned this week after two months spent in St. John.

Mrs. Geo. D. Prescott is out again after an illness of eight weeks.

Miss Mildred Murray is confined to her home with illness.

Mrs. Gideon K. Prescott returned from a trip to St. John on Tuesday.

Mrs. Reuben Williamson and child of Albert, went to St. John this week to remain for the winter with Mr. Williamson, who has employment there.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Macrae went to spend their Christmas-tide with friends in Petticoat. They will return on Tuesday.

Harold Fullerton has returned to his home for the holidays, from the Provincial Normal School.

Miss Orpah Russell left this morning en route to Boston, after spending Christmas with her friend Miss Ada Calhoun in St. John. Miss Calhoun has been attending the public school here, and is returned to her home for the holidays.

Miss Boyd left on Friday for her home in Georgetown, and Miss Doherty went yesterday to Sussex to spend their Christmas holidays. These young ladies will resume their duties in the public school at the beginning of the new year.

Misses Frances E. Rogers, Gertrude Macdonald and Nina Steeves returned on Thursday from Fredericton where they have been attending the Provincial Normal School since September.

To spend Christmas with their parents, Miss Mary Russell who has been teaching at Havelock for the past term, came to spend Christmas at her home here.

Miss Ivah Newcomb, teacher at Dalhousie, is expected today to spend her Christmas-tide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Newcomb.

Mrs. John L. Peck and daughter, Miss Flora have returned from several weeks spent in New York.

Miss Bessie M. Rogers of Montreal, is expected today to spend her first Christmas at home for a few years.

Miss A. Rogers, teacher at Rockland, is also coming today to spend her holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Rogers.

Miss Margaret Archibald of the Sussex staff, is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Archibald.

The Mission Band will hold a concert in the Baptist Church this evening.

J. Clifford Stevens of Halifax, will spend Christmas with his family here.

Harcourt, Dec. 23.—Miss May Ward of Halifax Ladies' College arrived on Thursday and will spend her vacation at her home here.

Mrs. David Scott was taken to the Moncton Hospital on Tuesday to be operated on for appendicitis. Mrs. Scott's husband is at the front and with a family of little ones conditions are rather unfavorable.

Miss Maud Smallwood spent the week-end in Rexton, a guest of Mrs. Egbert Atkinson.

Mr. Peter Cormier's many friends are glad to hear of his serious illness. Dr. White of Moncton is attending him.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Ward spent part of the week in Moncton.

Miss Hazel Sears of St. Stephen arrived on Wednesday and will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sears.

Miss Jean Wathen, student of Harling's Academy, Newcastle, is home for the holidays.

Miss Althea Wathen, director of manual training at the P.N.S., is also spending her vacation at her home, "The Elms."

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This week Prof. J. W. Mitchell of the Provincial Department of Agriculture was in Hartland, conferring with the members of the agricultural society in an endeavor to further stimulate interest in the dairying and livestock section.

Many farmers are proposing a trip to the convention of the Potato Growers' Association at Woodstock, next Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McFarland left for Saskatoon to spend the holidays with their son, Arnold G. McFarland, who is C. P. R. auditor of the western section of the road.

Mrs. Fred Adler arrived last Friday from her home in Yarmston, Alberta, and will spend some time with her brother, Mr. Andrew Shaw of Chester.

Miss Ruth Boyer is home from the St. John Business College to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. G. E. Boyer.

After an extended visit in Boston, Miss Peary Pratt has returned to her home on the Rockland Road.

Rev. N. Franchette was unable to attend his services in the parish of

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LOST—Sunday, between I. C. R. station and Leinster street, gold wrist watch bracelet with monogram. Please return to 29 Leinster street and receive reward.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED—Salesmen \$50 per week, selling one-hand egg-beater. Sample and terms 25c. Money refunded if unsatisfactory. Collette Mfg. Company, Collingwood, Ont.

HORSES FOR SALE

Six good working horses, each weighing 1450 lbs. Can be seen at Glenwood, Kings Co., A bargain for each. Address

SAVOY CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD., Glenwood, Kings Co., N. B.

F. L. POTTS, Real Estate Broker, Auctioneer and Appraiser. All kinds of outside sales attended. Large salesroom for the receipt of merchandise, etc., 96 Germain street.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer. Phone 973. P. O. Box 531.

Aberdeen last Sunday on account of the severe storm. He held a short service in the rectory here in the evening, however.

Miss Elsa Sippel arrived Thursday from the Fredericton Business College, and will take the position of stenographer and typewriter in the office of M. L. Hayward, mad vacant by the resignation of Miss Helen G. Alton, who is to be one of the principals in an interesting event at the beginning of the new year.

On Wednesday Mrs. H. N. Boyer and daughter, Miss Clara, returned home from Massachusetts. The latter has had a successful recovery from a serious illness while in Uncle Sam's territory.

Miss Mary Carr who has been attending the St. John Business College, returned home on Saturday.

Wednesday, Kenneth Keith returned from the Welbyville College to spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Keith.

Miss Laura Pace of N. S. where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Tedford.

WANTED.

Boys Wanted

Apply

T. S. SIMMS & Co. Ltd.

WANTED—CHOPPERS to cut box wood by the cord, on Morris property, Milford.

Wilson Box Co., Ltd.

SECOND CLASS TEACHER wanted for School District No. 10, Mispicot. Apply to William McKee, secretary, Mispicot.

TEACHER WANTED for School District No. 5, River de Chute, Carleton Co. Apply stating salary, W. J. Miller.

WANTED for the Florenceville Consolidated School, a first class teacher for the Intermediate Department. Apply stating salary to the secretary, S. M. Fleck.

A SECOND CLASS TEACHER wanted for School District No. 5. Apply to A. A. Morrell, secretary, Hatfield Pt., R. R. No. 1, Kings Co., stating salary.

WANTED—Men to make ship timber. Apply to J. F. Merritt at Moss Glen, or No. 151 King St., East St. John.

MEN WANTED—To work in the dairy at Primrose Farms, Primrose, N. B. Phone West 372. The Christie Woodworking Co., Ltd.

WANTED—Spruce logs delivered at our City Road Mill, \$12.00 to \$18.00, 1,000 ft. Send for Price List. The Christie Woodworking Co., Ltd.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 16 years of age, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A home steader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$10 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years, and cultivation of the land; also 50 more acres cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead rights may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$10 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$50.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land. Livestock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. VOY, C.M.G., Deputy of the Minister of Interior, N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—6433.

CAMPABELLO.

Campobello, Dec. 26.—A wedding which promises to be quite an event will be solemnized in St. Anne's Church at eight o'clock tonight, the contracting parties being Miss Louisa Vennell and Mr. Medley McLellan, both of whom belong here.

The ladies of St. Anne's congregation held a very neat tableau, consisting of songs and dialogues, on Wednesday evening for the benefit of their Christmas tree. They were assisted much by Rev. H. S. Baker of Maine, who is visiting here at present.

The Baptist society held their Christmas tree and concert in the Baptist church on Saturday evening, much to the delight of the young folk.

Messrs. Simpson, Vroom, Russell and Connell visited the island last week in the interest of the New Brunswick Brown Tail Moot Society. The public schools closed on Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

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NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

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

CURIOSITIES IN PROVERBS

(The Spectator, London.) There is always a fascination about a collection of proverbs. It is like...

It is not the weight of jewel or plate Or fondle of silk and fur; 'Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich...

of Eastern pedagogy. "If a serpent love thee, wear him as a necklace," says the Arab. The west does not produce quite such staid didacticism as that.

We suppose that all proverbial philosophy comes up from below. It is from among the unlettered masses that we must look for the beginnings of wisdom. It is they who evolve it from cunning. The masses have a cynicism which is all their own.

of what is called luck is made up of narrow escapes. We forget sometimes that it is much luckier to have been kept out of danger than to have been saved from it.

Woman's Role in Art of Finance "Finance in Relation to Woman's Citizenship" was the title of a very interesting and instructive address...

Every day offers new opportunities, new inspirations, new impulses, like a neglected garden, it may produce noxious and destructive weeds.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE

How it Was Done A school teacher was recently complaining of the success attending the examination of her pupils. When a question was put every hand in the class was raised.

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

HOW TO BECOME A MOTION PICTURE ACTRESS

By Beverly Bayne In which Metro's famous star offers her aid to those who seek distinction in the silent drama.

UNCLE DICK'S DAILY CHAT

My Dear Kiddies:— Doesn't the time seem to fly past after Santa Claus has paid his yearly visit?

THE BALBOA FEATURE FILMS

man who thus soliloquizes is no exception. They all do it. You can take it from me. Old Timer,

G. B. CHOCOLATES

A Few Favorites--Cereals, Almonds, Cream Crisplets, Nougatales, Burt Almonds, Maple Walnuts, Caramels, Cream Drops, Milk Chocolate, Creams, Fruit Creams, etc.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

A Contest for Kiddies Only CASH PRIZES VALUED AT \$20.00 The following interesting contest is open to members of the Children's Corner in the St. John Standard, excluding those who live in St. John only.

There are now nearly five thousand names and addresses of boys and girls on that membership roll of the Corner, but Uncle Dick is anxious to commence the New Year with thousands of other kiddies' names added to the list, as he has several surprises for 1917.

1st Prize\$5.00 3rd Prize\$3.00 2nd Prize4.00 4th Prize2.00 and Six Prizes of \$1.00 each

- 1. Show your school mates, cousins, and friends the Children's page. 2. Tell them about the splendid prizes awarded each week, and the nice stories, Uncle Dick's regular chat, the answers to letters, and the best of other attractions.

CONTEST COUPON

Name, Address, School, Age, Birthday, Grade, Name of Teacher

Value of Education

First, let me say that in my opinion every woman should have some knowledge of the effect of receipts and expenditures. Understanding the methods by which public financing is done, women would necessarily have a better outlook upon life in its broader sense.

"The question may be asked, how best to interest our women in finance. My answer to that query is in one word, EDUCATION. It is only within the last 50 years that woman has been afforded an opportunity of college education."

Uncle Dick

Children's Editor.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MAIL BAG

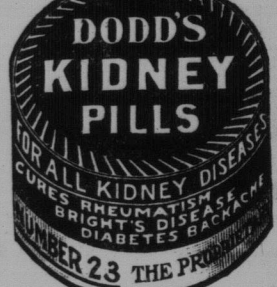
Belleisle Creek, Joining the Corner, St. Stephen, N. B. Dear Uncle Dick:— I have been reading the Children's Corner in The Standard for quite a while and would like to become a member.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I have not yet sent anything in for a prize, and as I saw "prizewinners" in The Standard to see who could get the most votes, I thought I would try to win a prize.

Dear Uncle Dick:— As I saw that many other children had joined Uncle Dick's Corner, I wish to join too.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I speak of the work woman man has done and is still doing in respect of this great war.

From your friend, Emma Wright.



Imperial Theatre Sunday Dec 31 A Lecture on CHRISTIAN SCIENCE By Edward A. Merritt, C. S. B.

Holiday Good Things Continue at IMPERIAL THEATRE A Critical Moment When Lillian Walker—a Prisoner—is Confronted with the People Endeavouring to Steal Her Employer's High Explosive Secret.

"THE BLUE ENVELOPE MYSTERY" Another Story With a Big Punch! Delivering Mail By Aeroplane. Figures on The High Cost of Living.

"HIS FRIEND THE ELEPHANT" A Christie Comedy of 100 Laughs.

OPERA HOUSE This Afternoon at 2.30 15c-10c TONIGHT 7.15 and 8.45 25c-15c-10c JACK WESTERMAN MUSICAL COMEDY CO. In "THE KING OF PATAGONIA" FLINT AND LEINER'S DOG AND PONY CIRCUS With the smallest Trick Pony ever on the stage J. WARREN KERRIGAN in a one-part Mutual Picture "THE FIGHT ON THE DAM"

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Fresh north and northwest winds, fair and cold. Washington, Dec. 26—Northern New England—Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer Wednesday, followed by snow by night. Thursday, snow; east winds, increasing Wednesday.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Sunbury Will Vote First. Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary of the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance, announces that Sunbury will be the first county to vote on the repeal of the Canadian Temperance Act in favor of the Provincial Temperance Act. It is expected that the vote will be taken in February.

Nine Men Arrested. Yesterday afternoon and last night, the police arrested nine men, of this number five are common drunks, one is a vagrant, another is charged with theft, another with breaking windows, and still another for impeding pedestrians on the street. This makes no less than 34 persons arrested since Saturday afternoon.

Construction Corps Entertained. A reception was given last evening in St. Phillip's A. M. E. church on Queen street to about thirty members of the Construction Corps, who are spending a few days at home on Christmas leave. Rev. Mr. Plankie welcomed the soldiers and spoke a few words of encouragement to them. R. H. McIntyre also made a few remarks. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

An Unservable Record. Andrew Irvine was arrested last night charged with vagrancy. There is no other name in the city that has appeared on the police blotter as many times as Irvine's. He has been arrested more than 150 times, so often in fact, that the policemen have forgotten to count. At all events he has a record of which no person would be proud.

Miss Lyden Badly Injured. On Monday morning while walking on the road near Silver Falls, Miss Carmel Lyden, daughter of Thomas Lyden of Lakeside, fell on the ice, with the result that a deep gash was cut near the knee cap. A physician was summoned and it took eleven stitches to close the wound. It will be some time before Miss Lyden will be able to get about again.

Disorderly House Case. The men and women who were arrested last Saturday night on the charge of being proprietors and inmates of a disorderly house on Sheffield street, where it is alleged liquor was kept for sale, were before the Magistrate yesterday afternoon, and as they requested time to consult a lawyer were remanded to jail. The case may be resumed today.

Truro Fireman Drops Dead. On Christmas night while seated in a chair in the Truro fire station, Chas. Roop, one of the Truro firemen, and a most respected citizen, suddenly collapsed. His comrades rushed to his assistance and were relieved to find that he was dead. The deceased was a former St. John man and a brother of the late William Roop who at one time was proprietor of a hotel on the King Square.

Arrested for Theft. Harold Delaney, a soldier, was arrested early yesterday afternoon by Detectives Barrett and Duncan on the charge of stealing a suit of clothing and a pair of trousers from the store of William Ward on King street. The theft is said to have taken place a few days ago. The prisoner was taken before the police magistrate and after some evidence was taken he was remanded to jail.

An Enjoyable Dinner. Last evening at the Cliff Club a very enjoyable dinner was partaken of by some forty or fifty members of the Conservative Executive, the local patronage committee and other friends. The host of the evening was Hon. J. D. Haesen, who is spending a few days in the city and took this opportunity of meeting his friends. At last evening's function Fred C. MacNeill presided, and addresses were given by friends representing the city and county of St. John. There were also a number of musical selections, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

COST OF DELIVERY OF MILK NOT ANSWERED BY DEALERS

Milk Dealers Fail to Reply to Most Vital Questions in Connection With the Cost of Handling Their Product.

The common council in committee yesterday afternoon took up the further discussion of the replies from the milk dealers to the set of questions sent out to them. The replies in most cases were not very enlightening on the most vital points in connection with this inquiry, namely, the cost of handling the milk in the city. Some of the producers gave figures on the cost of production but failed to tell how they arrived at the figures given. The matter will be further dealt with on Thursday as the council found it impossible to get through yesterday afternoon. Replies were received from some eighteen dealers and producers. Nearly all of them sold milk both wholesale and retail. The wholesale price was given as from 48 to 64 cents per can or 8 to 8 cents per quart, while all gave the retail price as ten cents per quart. Cream was quoted from 30 to 35 cents per quart wholesale and 35 to 50 cents per quart retail.

The cost of production was given by one man as 6 1/2 cents per quart, by another as 7 cents, still another 7 1/4 and another as 7 1/2 to 8. In answer to the question as to quantity and cost of milk brought to the city by the dealers here, Primcrest said that their cost about 48 cents per can and the quantity about 1,500 quarts; W. H. Bell received about 75 cans daily, but could not state definitely the price paid; some of the men who live in the county and sometimes buy milk from the dealers when they are short quoted the price paid as 56 cents per can. None of the dealers was able to tell the cost of delivering the milk in the city.

In regard to delivery teams only two concerns had more than one, Primcrest with nine and W. H. Bell with three. Primcrest teams delivered about 200 quarts per day. Mr. Bell was unable to say how much each team delivered and the others ran from 88 quarts to 256 per day for a single team. All of the dealers claimed that they had no contracts for the purchase of milk or cream and Mr. Bell who was present at the meeting explained that while he had contracts in his safe they were no good as he was unable to enforce them and for that reason had answered the question no.

The only one who had contracted to sell milk or cream at a specified price was Primcrest, who had outstanding tickets for 8,000 quarts purchased at eight cents per quart, and the contract for the supplying of the hospital at 45 cents per can. The question in regard to the purchase or sale of tested milk seemed to bother the dealers who professed not to know what was meant. Primcrest answered it by saying they sold clarified and pasteurized milk in sterilized bottles. None of them had ever thought of dictating to their customers what price they should retail milk for.

Primcrest claimed that the question in regard to the naming of wholesale and retail dealers who had agreed upon a selling price was beyond the scope of the inquiry and they were not required to answer. W. S. Waters said that the dealers had all agreed at a meeting to advance the price to ten cents. No circular or letter had been sent to retail dealers or farmers and no selling agreement existed. None of the dealers knew of any milk being sold which was not whole. The questions in regard to the computing the cost of production and delivery item by item and the comparative costs for December, 1915 and 1916, will be taken up at the next meeting.

EIGHT MEN ON THE ROLL OF EMPIRE

Recruits to That Number Signed Roll of Service Yesterday—Engineers the Favorite Unit.

- ROLL OF HONOR. George W. Walsh, 236th Battalion; Edmour Omeau, 65th Battery C. F. A.; J. D. Maxwell, Home Defense; Frank Simmons; Earl Irvine; Michael Pagnano; Phelix Diego; Fred L. Brown, Canadian Engineers.

Eight good men and true were successful in passing the doctor yesterday and will don the khaki to do their bit for king and country. Four of the number joined the Canadian Engineers, and this unit seems to be a favorite one among the boys who are offering at the present time. Six men will leave this morning on the early train for the headquarters of the Engineers at St. Johns, Quebec.

A Big Sale of Domet Remnants. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are putting on sale 2,500 yards of mill ends, of nice fine twill Domet or Flannelette. This material makes splendid underwear for children's underclothes, and is much heavier and softer than the usual flannelette. It is a regular 18c quality and will be sold in 10 yard ends for \$1.50. It comes in white, pink and scarlet.

Christmas Treat at Municipal Home. The annual Christmas tree treat for the children in the Municipal Home was held yesterday afternoon and the kiddies had one good time between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. The large tree had been decorated and loaded down with presents of toys, candy, nuts and fruit, and these were distributed among the children who thoroughly enjoyed them. A number of visitors were present and took part in the exercises. G. A. Knobel, chairman of the board; Rev. I. A. O'Neill, Roman Catholic chaplain; Rev. R. Taylor McKim, Protestant chaplain, and Rev. J. A. MacKeigan made short addresses.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SALMON RIVER PLANT

Of Pejsboot Pulp and Paper Company—Ten Millions is Estimated Cost.

William Walsh, the well known St. Martins lumberman, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Walsh is now with the Pejsboot Lumber Company at Salmon River, of which Mr. Maurice Tutts, a former St. John man, is the efficient manager.

Mr. Walsh told The Standard that about 500 men were now in the woods along the line of the St. Martins rail way engaged in cutting and logging operations. He said that he understood that Mr. A. F. Bentley would cut in the vicinity of 3,000,000 feet during the winter, while the cut of the Pejsboot Lumber Company would in all probability be about ten and eleven millions. The company had about 600,000 feet of lumber in their yard at Salmon River which would be shipped during the coming winter. Mr. Walsh said that Mr. Tutts and his associates were planning extensive improvements at the mill at Salmon River. The improvements will include the installation of a new bark roller or tumbler for barking slabs and edgings. The new mill of the company which started operations on September 1st last, has been lately equipped with electric light.

Mr. Walsh is well known in St. John and his many friends were pleased to see him during his visit.

Industrial Home Boys Enjoy Tree. The boys of the Industrial Home were made happy on Christmas day with the usual Christmas tree and the good things which were found on it. After they had disposed of their Christmas dinner the boys were invited to the school room where the tree had been put up and trimmed and the presents placed on it. Each boy received a nice present and plenty of candy, nuts and oranges. The thanks of the board of management are extended to the following who made possible the treat for the boys: H. A. Powell, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Lady Tulley, J. E. Secord, W.C.T.U., and Mrs. Joseph Seymour for books; R. Morton Smith, handkerchiefs; C. W. Weddon, Moncton, fruit and confectionery; Chief Finlay, Fredericton, knives; Mrs. Land, combs; Baird and Peters, barrel of apples; Miss McKnight, candy and oranges.

The Police Court. In the police court yesterday a number of drunks were fined the usual amount. A man named McFarlane was fined \$50 for being drunk and interfering with pedestrians.

ST. JOHN AGAIN LED PROVINCE FOR RECRUITS

Of a Total of 35 This City Contributed 16—Five of the Counties Failed to Get a Man.

The total number of recruits for the province last week was 35, and of this number St. John contributed 16. Five of the counties failed to give a single man. The returns by counties follow:

Table listing recruitment numbers by county: St. John Co., Restigouche Co., Westmorland Co., Carleton Co., York Co., Victoria Co., Northumberland Co., Queens and Sunbury Co's, Kent Co., Albert Co., Gloucester Co., Kings Co., Madawaska Co., Total 35.

COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN ARRIVES IN ST. JOHN

Will Leave This Morning for Halifax and Return Here on Wednesday Next

The Countess of Aberdeen arrived in the city last night en route to Halifax. This is her first visit to the maritime provinces since 1898, and she expressed herself as very glad to again have the opportunity of visiting a part of Canada of which she had so many pleasant memories. She left Boston yesterday morning where she had been attending the fair of the Allies. The fair was largely attended and netted in the vicinity of \$300,000 for the funds of the Allied nations. She will return to St. John on Wednesday next and will address meetings to be arranged for her. The C. G. R. have placed at her disposal while she is in the maritime provinces a private car which she will use in her trip to Halifax and back.

Too Full for Utterance. A man was arrested last evening on the charge of being drunk, and with impeding pedestrians on Charlotte street. Shortly after he was placed in a headquarter's cell, he lapsed off into a drunken sleep, and up to a late hour last night, had not imparted his name to the police. No doubt by this time he appears in police court this morning, he will be clear enough in the brain to tell the officers who he is.

Water Taxes. Pay your water taxes this week and save the cost of an execution. The chamberlain announced yesterday that executions would be issued next week for all water taxes in arrears. All interested are advised to call and see him at once.

Service First. Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading at? Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money. You may practically do as you wish in making a square trade, anything but cut the price.—The First Price is the Best Price.

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