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PLOT TO BRIBE CONGRESSMEN

College Man Was Agent at \$1,000 a Week

READY NOW TO TELL

German Scheme to Secure Prohibition of Export of War Munitions to Allies—Million Spent Before Game Was Given Up

New York, Dec. 22.—A German plan to bribe members of congress to ensure the enactment of legislation prohibiting the exportation of war supplies for the allies, is under investigation by the federal authorities here and in Washington. That an American college graduate was hired at \$1,000 a week to undertake the work, and that he had unlimited funds at his disposal, spending almost \$1,000,000 before he was called off, are facts said to be in the possession of the department of justice. It is hinted that this man is now ready to tell his story, and in fact, it was asserted here today that he already had visited District Attorney Marshall.

PERSONALS

Miss Mae Mullin came to the city today from Boston to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Mullin, Metcalf street. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Blanche Gormley, B. P. Smith of East Florenceville, at the Victoria. A. B. Connel, K. C. of Woodstock arrived in the city yesterday. W. Roy Smith arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith. Miss Ethel Wigmore, daughter of Commissioner Wigmore, who secured her M.A. degree from Acadia University this spring, returned today from Simon College, Boston, where she was qualifying for the degree of bachelor of library science. George Kierstead of the North End returned to the city after spending six months in Montreal and other parts of Quebec. Miss Louise E. Walters arrived in the city at noon today from Boston to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. A. T. Walters, 80 Kennedy street. Fred E. Stephenson of this city, now bandmaster of the 8th Battalion, Toronto, will arrive in St. John tomorrow to spend a few days with his family. Miss Amelia Green returned on the Boston train at noon today. Fred E. Stephenson of Roseworth, Sask., arrived yesterday and while here will be the guest of his aunt, Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, 57 St. James street. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Read are the guests of Mrs. Read's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith, 176 King street east. Miss Jean Smith, student at Mount Allison University, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith, King street east. Roy Harding, who has been in Brazil for the past two or three years, reached St. John yesterday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. F. J. Harding. Harold C. Belyea, a student of forestry at Yale University, is home from New Haven for the holidays. Word was received yesterday by E. S. Carter that his son, George E. Carter, and W. H. Doyle, who left with the 4th Universities Company, had arrived safely at Shorncliffe. The company is to act as reinforcements to the Princess Pats.

THIS FAMILY DOING A GOOD SHARE IN WAR

James McKinney, Jr. of H. M. Customs, has two sons enlisted, and the third is bitterly disappointed because he failed to pass. George is in the Army Service Corps in France. Ned, who has been driving the motor truck in the department, goes with the 15th. Harold, the oldest, qualified for a company sergeant-major, but was turned down because of a slight asthmatic trouble. Mr. McKinney himself is chairman of the South End recruiting committee.

RECEIVED BY MAYOR

Mayor Frink has received \$19 for the Patriotic Fund, and \$1,001 for the Belgian fund, the latter including a gift of \$1,000 from James F. Robertson, and also a contribution of \$1 from the primary department of St. Luke's Sunday school.

TWO WOMEN ARE DEAD IN HOSPITAL

May Littlefield, Who Jumped From Taxi, and Mrs. Mary Spittle

May Littlefield, who was injured yesterday afternoon when she jumped from a runaway taxi-cab in King street, died in the hospital at half-past nine o'clock this morning. She only partially regained consciousness. She was a daughter of Mrs. Peter Langlois of Sydney, C. B. William J. Foster, who was the chauffeur of the taxi, was arrested this morning pending a possible inquiry by Coroner Hobbs.

SAD BLOW AT CHRISTMAS

Savings Bank in Pittsburgh Fails to Open Doors

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—Christmas cheer in Pittsburgh was rudely shocked this morning when the Pittsburgh bank for savings, one of the best known institutions in the city, failed to open for business. Tacked to the front door was a notice which said that it had been closed by order of the Pennsylvania banking department, and G. H. Getty, bank examiner, had been appointed temporary receiver.

THE HIGH MEN AMONG THE BOWLERS

According to statistics compiled in the City Bowling League, Harold Sullivan of the Sweeps is leading with an average of 106.6-18. Games of the Easterns is second with an average of 101.8-12. Riley of the Ramblers is third with 99.6-30 of an average. Wilson is leading the Specials with 98.9-30. George the Nationals with 96.21-27. McLeod the Wanderers with 94.27-30. Halley the Tigers with 97.1-26. Cleary the C. P. R. with 96.9-27. Stanton the Elks with 89.1-2.

WAS KILLED INSTANTLY

Particulars as to the death of her husband, Pte. Gennaro Saccia, 29th Battalion, killed in the famous engagement of the Somme, were received by Mrs. Saccia, 18 Clarence street, where she lives with her three children. He was on sentry duty at the time and a shell burst over his head, killing him instantly. He felt no pain, in fact never knew what happened him.

DEATH OF W. M. FRASER

William M. Fraser died this morning at his home in Paddock street, after a brief illness. He conducted a carriage manufacturing business in Brussels street for the last thirty-one years and was well known and respected. He was in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and is survived by his wife, two sons, William of Boston and Ernest of Winnipeg, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Coleman of this city. His funeral will take place Saturday afternoon.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS HERE

Arrangements have been made through the efforts of Col. Armstrong by which the soldiers who come here last week on the steamer Corinthian as guards over sick and invalid men will be allowed to remain for Christmas. It was at first intended that they should return to England on the next sailing, but permission has been given for their spending Christmas at home.

LOCAL SHIPPING

The Head Line Steamer Bray Head arrived in port last night and docked at West St. John this morning. She arrived in ballast. The schooner Harold B. Cousens arrived in port this morning from New York with a cargo of coal for R. F. & W. F. Starr. She is in charge of Captain Gayton and is consigned to Peter McIntyre.

BURIED YESTERDAY

The funeral of Wm. Alexander, conducted at half past two o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, Thomas Alexander, 178 Wentworth street, was attended by many friends, who held him in high esteem. There were numerous floral tributes. Rev. R. S. Crisp officiated and interment was in Fernhill.

FROM LIEUT. RAINNE

Malcolm L. McPhail today received a Christmas card from Lieutenant A. Gordon Rainne of the C. A. S. C., No. 5 Company. Lieut. Rainne asks to be remembered to the members of the Union Lodge of Portland and his other friends here.

HOSPITAL TRAIN

A special hospital train was made up on the arrival of the steamer Pretorian at West St. John today. It was brought to St. John and taken north over the J. C. R. leaving about noon.

INSTALLATION

The officers of Vermer Lodge I. O. O. F. elected a month ago, were installed last evening at their rooms in Orange Hall by District Master B. C. Waring.

ECONOMY MARKS THE BLEED BACK; OFFENSIVE OF THE ENEMY IS A FAILURE

The Soldiers at Home and at the Front and the Sailors on the Deep Are Not Forgotten

New York, Dec. 22.—A cable from London to the Tribune says: "The German offensive on the Riga-Dvinsk front has completely failed. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has been forced to retire before the Russian counter-attacks, after burying his cannon and abandoning an enormous amount of material. The Germans, unable to cross the Dvina, have suffered very heavily. Five German Divisions have retreated on Tukum, against which the Russians are advancing. A sanguinary battle is in progress near Ulkull."

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HOLIDAYS FOR LADS IN KHAKI

Christmas and New Years Vacations—First March-out of 140th

Within the discretion of the officers commanding, Christmas leave is being arranged for the men in khaki now here. It will begin on December 27, while those who do not get the Christmas holidays will be given for New Year's from December 30 to January 1. No more than 50 per cent. of any unit is permitted to leave at either time. An extra twenty cents has been added to the pay for Christmas, which will probably be added to the improvement of the day's men.

FINE STROKE BY FRENCH IN WEST

Paris, Dec. 22.—The War Office reports: "In the Vosges the attack delivered yesterday by our troops made it possible for us to seize appreciably our positions on the east slope of Hartmann's Wesserkopf. The number of Germans made prisoners is now 1,200, of whom twenty-one are officers. They belong to six regiments."

WAR NOTES

George Foster Pearce, Australian minister of state for defence, says that British withdrawal from the Dardanelles will neither lessen the determination of the Australians to see the war through, nor affect a new effort to raise men. A Vienna telegram says the delivery of the second Ancona note from the United States is announced by the New York Press. The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed on islands in the Eastern Mediterranean have been withdrawn to be sent to Salonika.

DISTRIBUTING GOOD CHEER

With \$22, the returns from a concert given under the direction of Miss Muriel McIntyre a short time ago in St. Dunns school room, a committee composed of Miss McIntyre, Miss Julia Hirt, Mrs. C. D. Howard and Miss Priscilla Howard, yesterday visited several homes to which they brought Christmas cheer. They gave supplies of a welcome nature, and in one deserving case bought a kitchen stove for a home. An automobile was kindly placed at their disposal by W. B. Tennant.

PHILIP AND PHERDANAS WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

INJURED IN MILITARY TRAINING

H. A. Sutherland, C. E. of the department of interior, Ottawa, while training for a position with an engineering corps to be sent to the front, fell and fractured his arm. He is now able to be out again. Mr. Sutherland is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, his wife being formerly a Miss Brewer, a daughter of Sergt. Major H. P. Brewer of Fredericton.

APPOINTMENT IN ENGLAND

Colonel Basil White, chief ordnance officer, has been appointed officer administering in the Canadian Ordnance Corps in England. Col. Basil White is a son of Col. George Rolt White.

GENERAL WALKING STICKS

Capt. F. Roy Sumner and Lieut. S. L. T. Harrison have been made recipients of officers' walking sticks by members of the 14th Westland and Kent Battalion drilling in Moncton.

PRISON FOR HALF YEAR

London, Dec. 22.—Cedric Erlund, charged with unlawfully possessing to deal in large quantities of war materials, without a permit, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment.

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NEWS OF MARITIME PROVINCE MEN IN THE WAR

Fredericton Aviators. Another Fredericton man is arranging to join the Royal Flying Corps of the British Army. He is now instructor of aeroplanes at the Vickers-Maxim plant at Denby, England, his position being a very responsible one.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICERS

Lieut. Allan W. G. Good has been presented to his unit by the members of class A of the Provincial Normal School. The watch was sent to St. John, where Lieut. Good is stationed with the 140th Battalion. The officers of C Company of the 104th Battalion at Fredericton were remembered by the non-commissioned officers and men. Lt. Murray Tweedie, officer commanding No. 1 Platoon, received a memento from the non-commissioned officers and men of his command.

NO INTENTION OF DISMISSING ANY WHO WILL NOT ENLIST

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Employees of the outside service of the militia department run into the hundreds. Many of them are of military age. Just how many are qualified for service and have no particular obstacles to enlistment will be ascertained by a sort of census, which is to be taken at once. Official denial, however, is given to a report that all who do not enlist will be dismissed and returned to reserve soldiers. This, it is said, would be a form of conscription to which neither the department nor the government has any intention of resorting.

FORD BETTER; IS TO START FOR STOCKHOLM TOMORROW

Christiania, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford, now greatly improved, said today that the peace expedition will depart for Stockholm on Thursday morning. A donation of \$10,000 has been made by Mr. Ford to the Christiania Students' Society for a new building.

AUSTRIA MUST ADHERE TO FACTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The reply of the United States to Austria's note on the destruction of the Ancona, declares that the official admission of the Austrian admiral that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped, and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

EVERY ONE IN GERMANY ON SLENDER RATIONS

Helen Keller Gets Uncensored News in Characters For The Blind. New York, Dec. 22.—Miss Helen Keller and other blind persons, in the United States, are obtaining uncensored news from the capitals of belligerent nations in Europe, in newspapers published for the blind in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, according to Miss Keller. These newspapers are not censored, she says, because they are printed in short hand and a special type used for the blind, which the censors are unable to read. Through the medium of these journals, what is probably the most authoritative advice on Germany's lack of food, has reached this country. For the first time it is revealed that every man, woman and child in Germany is living on slender rations, dined out by weight, determined on after a conference of the chemists, scientists and physicians in Berlin.

PROVISION VOTED BY PARLIAMENT AT 5.30 A. M.

London, Dec. 22.—The debate in the House of Commons on the supplementary estimate of the government providing for the raising of 1,000,000 extra men for the army, continued until 5.30 a. m., at which hour the vote for the additional men was agreed to, and the house adjourned.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES?

The debate was carried on mostly by the opponents of conscription, and those members who have been conspicuous for criticizing the government on the conduct of the war. Of the small number of members present to preserve a quorum, many were asleep before four o'clock, the speeches being punctuated by loud snoring. Sir Arthur Markham complained humorously of these interruptions, once asking whether a Nationalist member was snoring at him.

CABLE TO NEW YORK PAPER INDICATES THAT SOMETHING IMPORTANT IS COMING IN ENGLAND—FURTHER ATTACKS ON MINISTRY

New York, Dec. 22.—A cable to the Tribune from London, says: "Fundamental government changes may take place in the immediate future, if information received today is borne out by events. It cannot be denied that political unrest exists in several quarters and the movement begun at the first of the month has grown to such considerable proportions that it is just about ready to launch its attack on the existing government."

CHANGES COMING?

"Too late," says the Evening Standard, "is common English for 'wait and see' and 'wait and see' still prevails in every department. There is no doubt that there is much mature intellect in this government, but little metallic decision. This fatal habit of procrastination on the part of the government is generally regarded as a new phenomenon, but it is really only an extension of the practice obtaining before the war."

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning two men arrested on drunkenness charges were fined 8s or two months in jail. Joseph Olsen, arrested on charge of assaulting Robert S. Shaffert, was fined 800 which was allowed to stand against him.

R. A. ANDERSON HIT IN CHEST—D. B. WINSLOW OFFERS FOR SERVICE

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Robert A. Anderson of Lower Kingsclear has been notified by his son, Pte. William Franklin Anderson, 7th Battalion, was admitted to hospital on Dec. 18, suffering from gunshot wound in the chest. Private Anderson left home three years ago, locating in the west. He spent some time in Alaska and the Yukon then went to Mexico where he was mixed up in a revolution and was taken prisoner and escaped, returning to British Columbia where he joined the 7th Battalion. He has been in the 7th Battalion since October 1. Donald B. Winslow, formerly secretary of the New Brunswick Public Works Department, who has been in Regina for some time, has arrived here to spend Christmas. He has applied for overseas service and lately qualified for a commission.

MRS JANE SINCLAIR

Word of the death of Mrs. Jane Sinclair, widow of Archibald Sinclair, barrister, of this city, has been received. Mrs. Sinclair passed away on December 21 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Bray, at Arlington Heights, Mass. She was seventy-seven years of age. Mrs. Sinclair had been living with her daughter for the last two years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Charlton, both of Arlington, and three sons, William, who is living in Edmonton, and Fred and John A. of this city. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of John A. Sinclair, 161 Waterloo street.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS

The campaign carried on by Inspector Kenney to make stationary engineers comply with the law requiring that they shall secure certificates has resulted in the issue of certificates to nearly all the men in this occupation in the province. There are still a few who have not qualified and changes result in new candidates applying all the time. In order to save time and trouble for the applicants, as well as himself, the inspector has fixed the last Tuesday in each month as the day on which examinations will be held. There will be at least four up for examination on next Tuesday.

WANTS RENNICK RELATIVES

Registrar John B. Jones has received a telegram from W. L. Rury, chief ranger Foresters of America, Monrovia, California, asking for information regarding the relatives of John Rennick. No information was given regarding the cause of the enquiry.

UTILITIES COMMISSION

The New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission met this afternoon in the government rooms, Prince William street in monthly meeting for the transaction of routine business.

CHINA'S POSITION IN THE GREAT WAR

Yuan Took Crown While Powers Were Busy

DOES HE LOOK TO BERLIN?

German Activity There Meets Response in China's Hatred of Japan, Allied Against Germany

Were the great powers of Europe not at war. Yuan Shi Kai would never have dared to have proclaimed Emperor of China in the face of protests from Japan, Britain and Russia.

This appears to us an unduly pessimistic view, but bearing in mind what Germany has accomplished with countries originally neutral, the stakes she is playing for, and the peculiar situation regarding China, it is worth considering.

These machinations were an almost inevitable result of the conditions that immediately followed the outbreak of war. A year ago last August the various treaty ports of China were crowded with German merchants and the managers, clerks, and salesmen in their employ, as well as a considerable body of Germans who were in the pay of the Chinese government.

Until recently China did nothing, or could have done nothing, that might be considered hostile from a British point of view, and even now there is nothing very serious to complain of. However, the fact remains that in the past few weeks Yuan has engaged a large number of German officers as instructors of the Chinese army and these experts are now laboring diligently to give China a powerful army.

We know that the German officers have done with the Turkish army. They have made it a most formidable fighting force. They might do the same with the army of China if there were enough of them, which there are not at present, and if the munition problem could be solved, which it cannot be for some years to come.

William Dean Howells a well known American author and critic, tells a Shakespeare story. "In Stratford," he says, "during one of the Shakespeare jubilees, an American tourist approached an aged villager in a smock and said: 'Who is this chap, Shakespeare, anyway?'

"He were a writer, sir," "Oh, but there are lots of writers. Why do you make such an infernal fuss over this one, then? Wherever I turn I see Shakespeare chocolates, Shakespeare shoes. What the deuce did he write—magazine stories, attacks on the government, shady novels for some years?"

"No, sir, oh no, sir, said the aged villager. I understand he writ for the Bible, sir."

LOCAL NEWS

BATTLE LINER. The Battle liner "Selsasia" Captain Abbott, sailed on December 21 from Civita-Vecchia, Italy, for Hampton Roads for orders.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. In knives, forks, spoons, and tableware are lasting, beautiful, and reasonable in price at Grandines, the Plate, 24 Waterloo street.

How about a pair of shoes, a few ties, some dress shirts, gloves and umbrellas, a pair of fine suspenders, or some choice jewelry for "his" Christmas? We've the best togethery to be had—Wiesel's Cash Stores, 248-247 Union street.

CORRECTION. In the obituary of Stephen A. Stephens the name of Mrs. G. Carton was given in error. It should be Mrs. William Smith.

Sale of hot water bottles 60c. each, boxed for gift purposes at Wasson's, 711 Main street.

LEE VS. BOONE. The case of Robert R. Lee vs. Frank L. Boone was continued today, the morning session of the hearing being devoted to evidence by witnesses for the defence. It is expected that the evidence will be concluded this afternoon.

Band in Carleton rink tonight.

HOLY WREATHS. Leave your orders at once for the prepared holly wreaths as stock is getting low and cannot be repeated, 60c. each at Daniels's.

Women's Jersey waterproof overshoes for \$1.25 at the True-It Shoe Store, 289 Main street.

In a drawing for a miniature sewing machine, which realized \$20 for the Red Cross Society, ticket No. 19, held by W. E. Smith of Douglas avenue, won.

Queen's rink opens tonight. Band tomorrow.

Make it glasses for the old folks. We can make suitable arrangements to test their eyes carefully and have a scheme of gift—K. W. Epstein & Co., Opposite, 193 Union street. See ad. page 7, T. 7.

Christmas slippers for every foot in the family, 25c to \$1.25—Wiesel's Cash Stores, 248-247 Union street.

Call up Dunham's for Christmas trees; Main 465-11.

Father Morley's Stomach Remedy for the cure of Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Gas, Stomach, Sourness and all forms of stomach troubles. No Cure—No Pay, Price 60c. All Druggists.

GET YOUR GIFTS AT GILBERT'S. Send your washing to Ungars Laundry and get satisfaction. No chemicals used. Phone M 28 and our team will call.

Fancy candies, Christmas goods, choice boxes and baskets of chocolates at Dunham's, 141 Main street. Also a fine stock of Christmas specialties, ornaments, stockings, etc., at reasonable prices.

We are showing many choice things in Christmas footwear that can not be found elsewhere—Wiesel's Cash Stores, 248-247 Union street.

LADIES' NECKWEAR. Popular ladies neckwear. Another shipment just received at Daniels's, 85c to 75c. each.

Wasson's, 711 Main street will deliver ice cream bricks on Christmas Day. Order early Phone 110.

Practical Gifts Should Head Your Christmas List

Men are practical and they like to receive practical gifts. A gift of something to wear is sure to please them, because it is of practical use and of lasting benefit. Our very complete stock of winter wear for men and boys offers a splendid chance for you to choose just the gift he would like best to get.

The True Philosopher. "The truest philosopher" says Jerome K. Jerome, "I ever heard of was a woman. She was brought into a London hospital suffering from a poisoned leg. The house surgeon made a hurried examination. He was a man of blunt speech.

"What, not all of it?" "The whole of it I am sorry to say," growled the house surgeon.

"Nothing else for it?" "No other chance for you whatever," explained the house surgeon.

"Ah, well, thank Gwad it's not my head," observed the lady."

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

One year's ticket for our new library for Christmas Gift Costs \$4.50. Books new, latest and best, 2c. per day.

Try our special Fruit Cake, Plum Puddings, Pies, etc. for Xmas. —Women's Exchange, Tea and Lunch Rooms, 158 Union street; phone M. 789.

FOR SALE—Ford Roadster, 1913 model, in good order, has been driven less than 3,000 miles. Address P. O. Box 333, City. 82194-12-30

WANTED by a widower, a house-keeper, would prefer middle aged lady to go to the country, good home for the right party. Address H. D., rare Times.

WILL the person who found the Pair of Glasses at the Children's treat at N. of C. hall kindly return them at once to 18 St. Andrew's street, or leave at Times Office. 82199-1-23

For Christmas

CANADIAN CANDY

- Mixed Candy (extra value), 40c. lb. Xmas Ribbon Mix, 10c. lb. Superior Barley Toys, 20c. lb. Hard Mixed (Frank White's), 25c. lb. 5 lb. boxes, \$1.00 Mixed Chocolates and Creams, 30c. lb. 5 lb. boxes, \$1.25 Hand-Made Creams, 40c. lb. Hand-Made Creams (Frank White's), 40c. lb. After-Dinner Mints, 30c. lb. Scotch Mints, 30c. lb. Cream Almonds, 30c. lb. Maple Walnuts, 30c. lb. Wrapped Butter Scotch, 30c. lb. Marshmallows, 30c. lb. Peter-Pan Caramels, 50c. lb. Candy Canes, 25c. lb. Neilson's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Moir's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Moir's Chocolates, 50c. lb. Nut Milk Chocolates, 60c. lb. IMPORTED CANDY (U. S. A.) Chocolate Nougatines, 50c. lb. Peppermint Patties, 50c. lb. Marshmallow Snowballs, 50c. lb. Quality Chocolates—A full assortment (in bulk), 70c. lb. Chocolates Straws, 50c. lb.

Fancy Boxes Chocolates

- Quality Wrapped Caramels, 40c. lb. Sugared Jordan Almonds, 50c. lb. Cream Castanet, 70c. lb. Molasses Chips, 15c. lb. Marshmallows, 15c. pkgs.

IMPORTED CANDY (English)

- Riley's Toffees (10 kinds), 40c. lb. Devonshire Toffee, 30c. lb. Double Mints, 30c. lb. Mixed Gum Drops, 30c. lb. Clear Jujubes, 40c. lb. Sugared Jujubes, 40c. lb. Panama Assorted Fruits, 50c. lb. Barley Almonds, 50c. lb. Barley Walnuts, 50c. lb. Buttered Almonds, 50c. lb. Buttered Walnuts, 50c. lb. French Almond Rock, 50c. lb. Canadian Toffee, 50c. lb. Festival Bon-Bons, 50c. lb. Picture Boxes, Chocolate Dolls, Sweet Shams, Smokers' Sets, and other lines too numerous to mention.

Gilbert's Grocery

Store Open Every Night Until Xmas

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

CARTER DE HAVEN AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Carter De Haven and Flora Parker will dispense holiday fun at the Imperial tonight and tomorrow in that effervescent comedy punctuated with moments of excitement, entitled "The College Orphan." The story deals with a young fellow who is deserted by his fiancée and his father because of a supposed fraud. The college lad proves his sterling qualities, however, through the devotion of a little orphan waif. This is an Universal Broadway feature, the same corporation responsible for that splendid play "The Long Chance," shown at the Imperial last week. That it will distribute plenty of merry Christmas smiles and giggles is a surety. "The Universal Weekly" of this week's issue—same as shown in New York today—will complete the picture part of the story. Henry Kelly will sing tomorrow and for the ensuing nine days, Arthur Huskins & DeWitt Cairns will return to the Imperial for one of those pleasing engagements of popular and humorous songs in duo and solo.

THE IMPERIAL'S CHRISTMAS DAY SHOW

The week-end, including Christmas Day, will be marked at Imperial Theatre with a programme of films and music keyed right up to the demands of the holiday. The chief feature of the bill is to be the Morosco photoplay, "Kill Meny," an exquisite gypsy action presenting the charming little star, Lenore Klitch, who attained fame throughout

Who'd be a Scrooge?

You wouldn't intentionally. But you might be one and not even know it.

Supposing that you were to die before another Christmas came around, would your kiddies' stockings be as well filled next year? Or might they not lack even some of the necessities of life?

Among other gifts this Christmas why not present your wife with an Imperial Home Protection policy.

That would be a most practical gift; based on generosity and kindness; banishing worry, anxiety and care; making Christmas all the happier, and the New Year all the more hopeful for yourself and loved ones, in the knowledge that, come what may, the future is provided for.

THE IMPERIAL LIFE Assurance Company of Canada

HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO

L. J. Lowe, Provincial Man., St. John

Do Your Shopping at MARCUS'

The Store of Practical Gifts

Let us have the Christmas home more attractive and finer every way than relatives and friends expect to find this year, and after merry-making is over, they'll remember the day as more eventful for the greater pleasure than heretofore with you and yours.

There are many things in our stock that are desirable, inexpensive and appropriate for any member of the family. If you come here you may be able to easily solve the problem of "WHAT TO GIVE?"

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But Diamonds are not so high as most people think. In our stock you will find Diamonds priced at \$20 to \$100 in the sizes most people want.

Single Stone Diamonds from \$5.00 to \$275. Combination Rings containing Diamonds with Sapphires, Pearls, Rubies, Emeralds and other gems, from \$12 to \$60.

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The present year or daughter wants most is a Watch. It's the finest present you can give your child. Good Watches are not expensive. You can get a good watch from our stock at the price you feel you can afford.

Wrist Watches, \$3 to \$25. Pocket Watches, \$5 to \$75. Longcase Watches, \$15 to \$25. Gold, \$22 to \$60. Silver, \$12 to \$25. Special prices, \$5 and \$7. Diamond Watches, \$15 to \$55. Howard Watches, \$40 to \$125. Waltham Watches, \$10 to \$35.

Don't forget that Father would appreciate a Howard Watch Christmas morning more than any other thing you can think of to select.

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L. L. SHARPE & SON, Jewelers and Opticians, 21 KING ST.

WALL STREET NOTES

J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire (Telegram) New York, Dec. 22—Westinghouse Electric directors meet today.

Colonel F. M. House, confidential friend of President Wilson, to sail for Europe to confer with United States ambassadors abroad.

Anchor Line California brings \$2,500,000 gold and several cases of British treasury notes consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co.

Reo Motor Company declares 100 p. c. stock dividend.

General navy board advises expenditure of \$7,000,000 for 1917.

Spain in market for 5,000,000 worth of war munitions this country.

Estimated that 80,000 loaded cars are held up in and around New York.

Average price twelve industrials up 1.47; twenty active rails off 5.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS

(Maritime Baptist)

Rev. J. H. Mackham is supplying for a few Sundays on the Belleisle field, left vacant when Rev. E. J. Barras accepted a call to the Olivet church, Marysville.

Rev. F. C. Wright, once pastor at Harvey, Albert county, is now at Gardiner, Me.

Rev. W. H. Johnson spent last Sunday at Chipman. His services at St. George were taken up by Rev. Gideon Swin.

The Chapman churches were left pastorless by the resignation of Rev. S. Johnson to accept a call to the church at Centerville, Carleton county.

Rev. E. H. Cochrane of the Highgate street church, Moncton, is now with his people, engaged in special services.

Rev. G. F. Howard, who has been serving the churches at Cope Tormentine and Bayville, has accepted a call to the Half Island Cove group.

Rev. P. R. Hayden continues to do excellent work at Oxford. A new and comfortable parsonage has been completed. The outlook at Oxford is most hopeful.

The many friends of Mrs. Fred A. Cook, who was Miss Bessie McNally, will sorrow with her in the sudden bereavement in the death of her husband. Dr. Cook died at their home in Yorkers, N. Y., after only two years of wedded life. Mrs. Cook is a graduate of Acadia, of the class of '98, and is a sister of Rev. C. R. McNally of New London, Conn., and usually spends part of his summer vacation there.

Rev. Joseph C. Robbins has been appointed to fill the foreign secretaryship vacancy in connection with the American Baptist Missionary Union. Dr. Robbins, we believe, is a native of Chelogue, N. S., and usually spends part of his summer vacation there.

The field at Springfield and Alberton, P. E. I., will soon be vacant, owing to the regretted resignation of Pastor J. C. Peacock, after five years of earnest and successful service.

The death of Walter E. Bradshaw at Montreal has cut short a promising career.

After studying a few years at Acadia he completed his course at McGill, graduating as a civil engineer. He rose rapidly in his profession and was appointed construction engineer for the building of the new bridge across the river St. John. About two years ago he married the daughter of Michael Kelly (Ic.), so widely known through his advocacy of the temperance cause.

Mrs. Bradshaw passed away just a few weeks before her husband's death.

We have learned with great pleasure that the two United Baptist churches at Sussex are about to unite under the pastoral leadership of Rev. G. B. MacLennan, who has been pastor of the Main street church. When Rev. W. E. Parker of Church Avenue received his commission as chaplain of the 80th, it was foreseen that such outcome might be possible, though few hoped to see the union consummated so soon.

The Weather a Year Ago Today. Cold. Temperatures: High, 40; low, 12—remember Laxative Bromo Quinine cures a cold in one day. There is only one Bromo Quinine. Look for signature E. W. GROVE, 25c.

A VETERAN PIPE. The twelve-inch main, which is now being cleaned, was condemned as useless on account of age at the time of the Loch Lomond extension. In opening it recently to take out the cleaner, it was found to contain better iron than it was secured in water pipes now and, although sixty years old, has stood the pressure of the entire water system when it was turned on to dislodge the cleaner without showing any sign of strain. The cleaner got as far as Fernhill yesterday, and it may get to the One Mile House today.

MARCH-OUT TODAY. The members of both siege batteries on Partridge Island came ashore this afternoon and went on a march-out about the city.

The German prisoners have always got enormous appetites. As soon as they are captured they ask for something to eat, and devour anything that is given them especially bread.

Walking Sticks! From 25c to \$7.00 each ELGART BIRCH PIPES, from \$1.50 to \$7.00 each TOBACCO POUCHES, CIGAR CASES Ladies Can Make a Nice Selection from the Above

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MARRIAGES

LORETTA-SNIIDER—At Fredericton on Dec. 18 by Rev. J. E. Wilson, Jasper Lorette of Sackville and Marion Snider of St. John.

DEATHS

SINGLAIER—At Arlington Heights, Mass., on the 21st inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Bray, Jane, widow of Archibald Singlaiser.

Funeral on Friday, 24th inst., at 3 o'clock from residence of John A. Singlaiser, 161 Waterloo street.

FRASER—Entered into rest on the 21st inst., after a short illness, William M. Fraser, aged 75 years, leaving a loving wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday 29th inst. from his late residence 28 Paddock street. Service begins at three o'clock.

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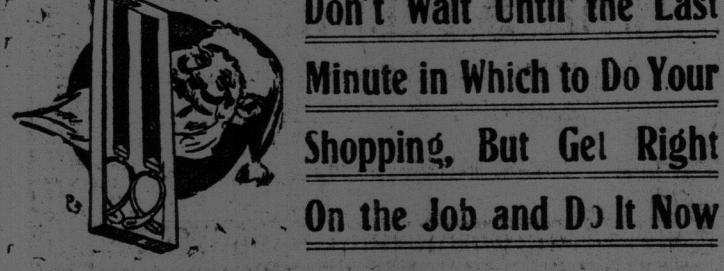
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HAND TO HAND IN THE ALPS



The Italians have made progress on the road to Gorizia. On the Carro they took several trenches by storm, capturing many prisoners and considerable war booty.

LOCAL NEWS

Go to Emerson & Fisher for Cutlery. The common council met yesterday afternoon and after reading the minutes of the previous meeting, adjourned until noon on Thursday.

SKATING—BE PREPARED Buy your skating boots now. We have men's at \$2.48; boys' at \$1.98 and ladies' at \$1.88.

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A GLOVE MUCH IN DEMAND Ladies' black chamisettes gloves so much in demand just received at Daniels' All black and black with white stitching 75c pair.

McMillan's store will be open every evening until Christmas. 12-25

Before buying sweeping compound, phone West 877 for factory prices on No-Dust. T.F.

Open a charge account with Bragor's for any goods required for fall wear at \$1 weekly. T.F.

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W. A. Nelson will erect a dwelling on a lot in the Manawagonish road which he has purchased from Frank Flewelling. T.F.

Call up Dunham's for Christmas trees, Main 465-11. 12-24

Buy calendar mount and separate greeting card at Wasson's, 711 Main St. T.F.

If you have not the ready cash to buy your fall overcoat or suit come to Bragor's on Union street where you can get same by a small deposit down and \$1 weekly. 6-42

Miss Edna Simon, 818, 89, won the centre-piece in the drawing conducted in the Soldiers' Comforts rooms by Miss Dearborn. T.F.

A STORE YOU OUGHT TO KNOW Mulholland's men's furnishings store. Their new Christmas goods have just arrived in the morning, and our man says they are the best in town, and their prices are the lowest.

Your choice of sixty overcoats at cost—Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

Elijah Stewart, colored, who said he stole a tub of butter from D. J. Purdy as a joke, was allowed to go yesterday as Mr. Purdy did not wish to prosecute. T.F.

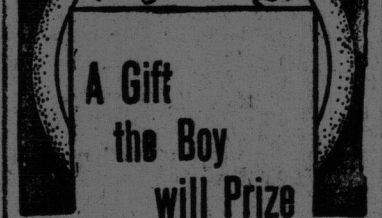
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BRITISH PORTS. Glasgow, Dec 21—Arr, stmr Cameroon, New York.

FOREIGN PORTS. New York, Dec 21—Arr, stmr Californian, Glasgow.

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The total income of the people of the United States is about \$85,000,000,000 a year.

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CHURCH AND STATE

The members of the recruiting committee have good reason to be gratified with the response of the clergymen of the city to the request to meet with them yesterday and consider in what way the committee and the clergymen could best co-operate in the recruiting campaign, with special reference to a universal service on the Sunday following the new year. It was decided to hold service of intercession next Sunday, as already provided for in most of the churches, and to have a Soldiers' Memorial Service on the Sunday following.

nounced by Premier Asquith, who agreed that there had been "errors of calculation," but added that they were not confined to one side. While this remark is true, it does not overcome the force of the criticism which, however, found perhaps too strong expression in the words of Mr. Dillon. Hit or miss, errors or no errors, we must see this thing through, and it must be clear to every observer that British miscalculations are small indeed in comparison with those of Germany, which had at the outset so immense an advantage in preparation for land fighting.

THE BELGIANS

Canadians are reminded of the debt they owe to the starving people of Belgium, John Galsworthy, the popular English writer, puts these words in the mouth of a Belgian: "We stood by our guns for them, and they are going to leave us in the lurch!" Commenting on this, the case of the Belgians is thus admirably stated by the Montreal Daily Mail: "Literally those Belgians who stood by their guns laid down their lives for us. This solid column stood up before the German invaders to be shot down and each one of them fell beside his gun, but that long line of dead bodies formed the barrier which kept the invaders from sweeping to the coast and to the shores of Britain. To the shores of Britain, and then nothing could have kept Canada from the invading bands. Nothing could have kept our women and children from the terrible tortures that have been inflicted on the innocent women and children of Belgium and France. We were saved from this because they stood by their guns. Hardly a true Canadian has failed to recognize with words of praise the heroic deeds of these Belgians, but how many of us have recognized it materially? Belgium is starving. The thin, dead women and children, the widows and orphans of those men who stood by their guns for us, while they might have submitted as others have done, are starving and they are pleading with us for bread. Bread is all they ask—just enough to keep body and soul together until the remnant of the manhood of Belgium returns when peace is declared. We Canadians are happy—our business is good, our harvest has been bountiful. Will we not stand by our guns of moral obligation, loosen our purse strings and answer, "No, we will not leave you in the lurch?"

The churches and the clergymen have done nobly in this war. Every church has its honor roll. More than one speaker plausibly and yet we doubt not proudly observed that there were comparatively few men of recruiting age, fit and free to go, in his congregation now, because so many had already gone. The strong, earnest young men of the churches have in large numbers heard the call, and heeded the admonition of their pastors. But there are many hundreds of young men who have not yet come to the moment of decision, and it is necessary to create a more pervasive war atmosphere to envelop them. Every sermon, every address, every conversation based on the country's need will help to make that atmosphere, whether or not as many young men attend church or attend meetings as may be desired. There are still many people of all ages and both sexes who have not yet grasped the seriousness of the crisis, and until they do there must be no cessation of activity. We must all learn to think war and talk war, and not regard any day as too sacred for the task, since to entertain any other view would cast doubt upon the sacredness of the cause to which we are devoted. Assuming that this is a holy war, a war for civilization, a war for humanity, we must also assume that far more than prayer is needed. They prayed in Belgium, and in Serbia, and in Armenia, and in all the regions ravished by the Hun, the Bulgar and the Turk. The strong arm will win this war, and if we fail to provide it the fate of Belgium, of Serbia and Armenia will befall our own land. Hence the New Year should be marked in St. John by such a wholesome, united and universal dedication of the people to the task of doing their part in the war as will bring men to the colors in greatly increased numbers. For that reason the cordial relations that exist between the clergymen of the city and the recruiting committee are of the utmost value.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

July 800 children yesterday enjoyed themselves at the Christmas tree entertainment in their honor in the rooms of the Knights of Columbus under the auspices of the Soldiers' Comforts League. They were the kiddies of soldiers now in service, and each was the recipient of a little remembrance from off the tree, distributed by Santa Claus, enacted by Miss Helen Sydney Smith. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc and Rev. W. H. Barracough gave short addresses, and Mrs. E. A. Smith in an interesting talk, explained lantern views thrown on a screen for the children. Nuts, raisins, candy, fruit, ice cream, toys, all these were in abundance and the little ones were given a time that they will not soon forget.

EVERY THREE MINUTES ONE DIES IN THE U. S.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society illustrates the frightful toll of consumption by extinguishing a light every three minutes, and shows that it is the man or woman, girl or boy, who neglects colds, whose blood is impure, who feels weak and languid, who is the very one to contract tuberculosis—and none are immune. During changing seasons, or after sickness, blood-quality is most important, and if you and your family will take Scott's Emulsion after meals it will charge your blood with health-sustaining richness, quicken circulation, and strengthen both lungs and throat. Scott's is free from drugs—easy to take—it cannot harm. Get a bottle to-day. Scott & Borne, Toronto, Ont.

Another million men. Premier Asquith asked parliament yesterday to provide for the enlistment and equipment of another million men. The discussion was marked by some very plain speaking, but no member offered any objection to the proposal. The Irish Nationalist and Labor parties again declared through their leaders that they are opposed to conscription, but on the ground that the necessary number of men can be secured without resort to that measure. There was sharp criticism of some of the army leaders, especially in connection with the disastrous outcome of a portion of the Dardanelles expedition, and it may be noted in passing that some further changes in military commands were announced by Premier Asquith, who agreed that there had been "errors of calculation," but added that they were not confined to one side.

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HALIFAX IN WAR TIME. Bangor Man Speaks of Seven Thousand Soldiers Being There. (Bangor Commercial) The determination with which Canada is facing the war issue will go a long way towards assuring the success of the Allies in the great European conflict, according to Hon. T. D. Bailey of this city, who has just returned after a business trip to Halifax. Mr. Bailey spent ten days in Halifax, being called there in connection with important litigation over eminent domain proceedings. During his

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ways another on hand ready to take its place. They are speeded to the limit and work their six hours without a pause. Vessels are constantly coming and going. "The government is spending \$5,000,000 on a large dock and terminal system and this work adds to the great industrial activity of the place. "The people down there are quiet, but determined in their outlook on the war, and while they do little loud talking they say that they are going to see the thing through to the end. War is the upmost topic on the streets, in the hotels and everywhere you go. "The churches throw open their social rooms for the use of the soldiers, seats are reserved for them at all services and every Sunday the lists of the dead and wounded over across the water who have been connected with that parish are read from the pulpit of each church. "All the business activity or social life seems to be centered on one thing, and that is the successful termination of the war. Everything is subservient to that. The general impression is that the war will last at least two years longer. "Americans traveling in Canada have no difficulty with the exception that they are questioned a little more closely when they cross the line than they would be under ordinary conditions."

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A desk set of Tiffany glass and hand-wrought brass embellishments is another distinctive gift.

A rug of white bear skin, a Vienna rug of great value and variety, and a bewildering collection of books of all types go to add variety to assortment of gifts already packed and under the supervision of the bride, who will personally send acknowledgments to the donors.

A flax table cloth from Portugal and a wonderful traveling clock of Swiss origin are notable gifts. Of unusual beauty is a unique lamp of Florentine alabaster.

A Sevres vase of the time of the first Napoleon, bearing the signature of the artist who embellished it, came from one of the members of the cabinet.

Wytheville, Va., the birthplace of the bride, sent as its token miniatures of her mother and father. The president's gift to his bride, a superb brooch of sapphires and diamonds caught the filmy lace at the throat of the wedding gown.

The twelve members of the Virginia delegation in Congress sent a beaker shaped loving cup, which on its pedestal of ebony stood two feet high.

Among other gifts were an oil painting from the postmaster general and Mrs. Burleson, a pair of alabaster candlesticks with white silk shades, a rug of Russian silver fox furs and a bronze statuette of Pocahontas, sent by the Pocahontas Association.

No Gift From Congress In deference to the president's wishes the house of Congress sent no gifts officially, but many members sent personal remembrances.

The Montmore Indians of Wisconsin sent a handsome bead belt. The former

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There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors are most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Queen of Hawaii sent a scarf; Minneola women sent a wedding cake; every member of the cabinet sent a gift. A bracelet of Brazilian tourmalines and an ornament of tropical bird feathers came from South America.

In view of the desire of president and Mrs. Wilson that as little publicity as possible attend their wedding the names of those sending wedding gifts have been withheld from publication.

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Rounded Up the Teuton Cul-
prit—Was Report on Ammu-
nition

New York, Dec. 22—A story of international intrigue, involving the theft of a secret document on the American navy is told here today. A confidential report stolen from government sources is said to have reached the hands of Capt. Boy-Ed, Naval Attaché of the German Embassy. Then followed an investigation at the direct order of President Wilson, in the course of which an aide to Boy-Ed confessed the manner in which the document was obtained. Some weeks ago President Wilson requested that a thorough enquiry be made as to the preparedness of the United States navy, especially in regard to the amount of ammunition on hand and the facilities for getting more. The report was submitted to him apparently for consideration by the cabinet, though it was not considered at that time.

The document reached several persons and may have been mislaid for a few minutes or left unguarded. At any rate the report or its contents were obtained and a complete report, through devious channels, finally reached the German naval attaché, before the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Von Papen was requested by Secretary Lansing.

In some manner it became known to several officials in Washington that Capt. Boy-Ed had obtained possession of the document. President Wilson was apprised of the fact, it is said, and ordered an investigation into the leak. The men detailed to make the enquiry did an exhaustive piece of work, in the course of which they got next to one of the employees of Captain Boy-Ed and learned from him the story of how the attaché got the secret document. The whole story was reported to President Wilson and other officials in Washington.

In the course of time Captain Boy-Ed was told of the unusual twist affairs had taken and of the evidence that had been obtained. He called in the man believed to have given certain facts to government investigators and accused him. The man, the story goes, admitted that he had done so. There followed a violent quarrel between the attaché and the employee.

Finally the employee turned upon Captain Boy-Ed and said: "Yes, I told them that you had the report. Now what about it? I am prepared to make a public scandal of the affair if you like."

**BUSINESS AND ART
IN CONJUNCTION**

The Genesis of a Great Trade in the
United States and Canada.

It is not generally known that the earliest visits of the great pianists to America were financed by some of the more notable piano manufacturers of New York and Boston. It was necessary in the earlier years of the trade on this continent to prove to the great musicians as well as to the people of America that the ability to make a pianoforte of the highest rank was not confined to London, Paris and Vienna. There was business shown also in guaranteeing the tours of Rubinstein and in later times of Paderewski. The visit of a great artist was a stimulus to an infant industry. Forty years ago people did not buy pianos with abandon, as they do now all over the United States and Canada. Furthermore, all people know that the product of a high-grade factory in either country today is not excelled in the world.

Out of the commendable enterprise of the early manufacturers and the association of the trade and the artist came the excesses of a later time. Some one developed the pleasant fiction that the artist personally selects his instruments when in reality he plays on the piano his agent has contracted to use. The traditional exploitation of artists for advertising purposes has been carried to great lengths on this continent. "Testimonials" have become a purchasable commodity. The Goulay piano, made in Canada by Canadian experts, is not so "selected" by visiting artists. There is a reason. No money is spent by this firm for this kind of exploitation or to acquire testimonials. Goulays do not dream for pieces of purchased praise. They make a superb instrument and the Canadian public knows the meaning of the word "Goulay" engraved so neatly on the fallboard. It stands for an ideal of manufacturing efficiency.

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**ROB BELGIANS
OF LIVELIHOOD**

Germans, Not Satisfied With Con-
quest, Despair Country of Its In-
dustrial Life

Under normal conditions seven-tenths of the products of Belgium are exported. In other words Belgium lives on three-tenths of its own products and what it purchases with the money received from the sale of the other seven-tenths.

The war, which came upon the Belgians without warning, without time for preparation, cut off its exports and the revenue from them overnight. One day the little country was an industrial nation—the next a country fighting for its liberty against an overwhelming invader. Three-tenths of its industries remained intact with the exception of being undermanned through the departure of employees for the battle front. Imports were cut off by the state of war but Belgium might have struggled on had her foe been an honorable one. The invaders immediately turned their attention to the remaining three-tenths of Belgian industries and under the pretext of requisition for army use robbed the people even of this source of livelihood. Today Belgium is starving. Mothers

and children, wives and sisters, aged and crippled men turn toward the west with empty hands and emaciated faces, lined with hunger and stained with tears, and ask for bread. Just bread—that is all they want, enough to keep the wolf from their doors. Mothers are pleading for their hungry children. The merciless invader, the Germans who have killed innocents, outraged women and tortured old men, answer their cries with oppression and jeers.

The sister country and ally, France, can give no aid. Britain has sent her men and is feeding thousands of refugees, so Belgium looks to the daughter of these two nations—Canada—and asks of her plenty the mere pittance to ward off death by starvation.

The heart-rending cry of starving thousands in Belgium is heard across the Atlantic and Canadians can picture the straining eyes of these famine-stricken Belgians gazing far out to sea for more wheat laden ships from Canadian shores.

On Canada rests the burden of one of the greatest obligations that the world has ever known. The means is here—the money is here. The Belgian Relief Committee of Montreal has renewed its efforts and asks all Canadians to help. One bag of flour will keep some of these starving thousands alive a month. Is your bag on the way?

Board of Health Estimates

At a meeting of the board of health yesterday estimates for the coming year were considered. It is understood that they total about \$7,000, an increase of about \$400 over the current year. The increase is attributable to the inclusion of a suggested expenditure of \$300 to provide a laboratory and appliances for the chief medical officer.

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The advance sale of tickets for the W. S. Harkins engagement at the Opera House opened yesterday with a rush. There are still plenty of good seats left for both the matinee and night performances on Christmas Day, but it would be a good plan for you to secure yours early to avoid disappointment in getting a favorite location. The Christmas Day matinee will start rather late, so that everybody will have a chance to enjoy the Christmas dinner at home and still get to the Opera House in plenty of time to see the opening of the first act. All seats for both the matinee and night are reserved. The phone number is Main 1868. Reservations will be held until Friday night at 9.30.

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Christmas Plum Pudding

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2 Cupfuls Fine Bread Crumbs
1 Heaping Cupful Sugar
1 Cupful Seeded Raisins
1 Cupful Well-washed Currants
1 Cupful Chopped Blanched Almonds
1/2 Cupful Citrus, sliced fine
1 Teaspoonful Salt
1 Teaspoonful Cloves
2 Teaspoonfuls Cinnamon
1/2 Grated Nutmeg 4 Well-beaten Eggs

Disolve a level teaspoonful of soda in a tablespoonful of warm water. Flour the fruit thoroughly from a pint of Purity Flour, then mix the remainder as follows: In a large bowl put the well-beaten eggs, sugar, spices and salt in one cupful of milk. Stir in the fruit, chopped nuts, bread crumbs and suet, one after the other, until all are used, putting in the dissolved soda last and adding enough Purity Flour to make the fruit stick together, which will take all the pint. Boil or steam four hours. Serve with wine, brandy, or any well-flavored sauce.

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EVERY MAN PHYSICALLY ABLE IS NEEDED AT THE FRONT

Stirring Call by Premier Asquith and Review of Recent Events of Importance

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith made his long expected statement on the Allies' military position in the house of commons today, in connection with the introduction of a "supplementary estimate" providing for the raising of the numerical strength of the British army from three million men to four million men.

The house was crowded, and the premier's speech was listened to earnestly and silently. In the peers' gallery Lord Fisher, the former first sea lord, and Earl Derby, director of recruiting, occupied the most prominent position, above the clock.

The prime minister, as usual, got to the heart of his subject in his opening sentences, and declared that, although the British fighting forces in the various theatres now amount to more than 1,250,000 men, the war's demands were such as necessitated calling out "the empire's recruitable maximum."

Although the premier did not put himself on record as either for or against conscription, John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, at the close of Mr. Asquith's speech, flung a bombshell by declaring that the Nationalists would oppose conscription by every means in their power. And John Dillon followed with a severe arraignment of the British war leadership, inquiring: "What is the use of sending out more troops to be led by men like those responsible for the Somme Day failures?"

The premier's statement of the need of the army for "every fit man" included a warm tribute to the overseas soldiers, and he took pains to mention particularly the "men eager to be attested who have made application from far distant places—Hong Kong, Rhodesia," adding: "THIS HAS BEEN A COMMENTARY ON THE LETHARGY OF SOME OF THESE HERE AT HOME. NO MORE SPLENDID EXHIBITION OF PATRIOTISM AND SELF-DENIAL COULD BE CONCEIVED, OR ONE MORE CALCULATED TO CARRY CONVICTION TO THE HEARTS OF ALL OUR GALLANT ALLIES."

Referring to the Derby scheme, Mr. Asquith said the report from Lord Derby had only been sent to him Monday evening, and was now being considered by the members of the cabinet. "Therefore, any statement regarding the government policy on this subject must be deferred. He indicated, however, that another chance would be given those who had not yet responded, saying: "Those who have been disposed to hang back may now seize the opportunity set them by the mass of their fellow countrymen."

MONRO AND KITCHENER ADVISED WITHDRAWAL. Turning to the military situation, the premier said that the retirement from the Dardanelles position—with the notable exception of the position at the tip of the peninsula—had been taken on the advice of General Monro and Earl Kitchener.

"The retirement," he continued, "was an operation of peculiar hazard, for the least misjudgment might have led to serious loss. It was carried out by sea, navy and army, combined, in a manner for which no praise could be too high, and which will give the services enduring fame in the annals of warfare."

"With the exception of a relatively small proportion of the stores and a very few guns, which had to be left behind and which were destroyed, the whole force at both places was removed with perfect serenity. THE TOTAL CASUALTIES—IT SEEMS ALMOST INCREDIBLE—IN THE WHOLE OPERATION WERE TWO MILITARY AND ONE NAVAL, WOUNDED."

"I am sure that the house will take the earliest opportunity to express its admiration and gratitude to General Monro for carrying out these difficult operations; while other officers deserving special praise are General Birdwood and Admiral Wemyss. "It is most gratifying to know that these splendid troops were embarked to a new destination without the loss of a single life, and after a short and much needed rest they will be ready—and, I am sure, also eager—to resume their gallant career."

Summing up the government's war policy, Premier Asquith said: "IN ORDER TO WIN THE WAR, WE WANT AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MEN TO REINFORCE AND AUGMENT THE ARMY IN THE FIELD. WE WANT, NEXT, AN EVER-GROWING SUPPLY OF MUNITIONS. WE WANT, FURTHER, SUCH A STEWARDSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY AS WILL ENABLE US TO LIFT AND CARRY THE FINANCIAL BURDEN WHICH WE ARE CALLED UPON TO BEAR IN BEHALF OF OURSELVES AND OUR ALLIES."

"Finally, what, perhaps, is as important as anything, we want to counter the advantage which has over us in a single direction, by greater unity and concerted strategic control among the allies. The staff conferences, inaugurated in Paris a fortnight ago, will mean a greater concentration of purposes, co-ordination of plan, economy of energy and effectiveness of action."

In closing, Mr. Asquith referred to the speech of Lloyd George, minister of munitions, yesterday, saying: "I agree with the minister of munitions that, while at this or that moment the superficial facts of the campaign seem against us, the facts that really, in the long run, matter, are steady and growing on our side. There has been in this war, as in other wars, an abundance of error and miscalculations on both sides, but our will has never wavered for a moment, and our fighting resources, both in men and material, are becoming more ample, better organized and better mobilized for the purposes of victory."

MEN WANTED FOR NEW FORMATIONS. A large proportion of the wounded, the premier said, was able to return to duty, but in addition to keeping up the present supplies to their nominal strength men were wanted for new formations and to increase the aggregate of Great Britain's fighting forces. Every available man should be put in the field, so far as was consistent with provision for national necessities, including munitions and the vast field of employment, upon the continued working of which the national life depended.

Turning to the Dardanelles campaign, Premier Asquith said: "It was with deep reluctance that we sanctioned the withdrawal, especially from Anzac, where our Australian and New Zealand kinsmen won undying fame. This withdrawal did not involve withdrawal from Helles (at the tip of Gallipoli), where our combined naval and military forces commanded the entrance to the Straits. "Everything was brought off, except some stores and six guns, which were destroyed."

The premier said the men withdrawn, after a short and much needed rest, would proceed to a new theatre of operations. He paid warm tribute to Generals Monro and Birdwood. IMPORTANT DECISIONS AT WAR COUNCIL. Referring to operations on the Franco-Belgian front, the premier complimented Field Marshal French and his successor in command, Sir Douglas Haig. He continued: "A fortnight ago a most important military conference was held in Paris, attended by representatives of the staffs of France, Russia, Italy and the United Kingdom. The leading strategic problems were fully discussed and certain most important conclusions reached with absolute unanimity. "So far as the war as a whole went, Mr. Asquith said, it might be that at

this or that moment what could be called the superficial facts of the campaign seemed to grow less. "But the fundamental facts, the facts that in the long run matter, are steady and growing on our side," he continued. "There has been in this war an abundance of errors in calculation, but they have not been confined to our side."

"SO FAR AS WE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE CONCERNED—AND I KNOW ALL OUR ALLIES ARE THE SAME—OUR WILL HAS NEVER WAVED FOR A MOMENT, WHILE OUR FIGHTING RESOURCES, BOTH IN MEN AND IN MATERIAL, BECOME EVERY MONTH MORE AMPLE IN QUANTITY AND BETTER MOBILIZED AND ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CAMPAIGN."

Referring to the measures recently taken to bring about closer co-operation among the Allies, Mr. Asquith said it was hoped by the cabinet's concentration of this procedure would lead to great concentration of purpose, co-ordination of plans, common energy and effectiveness of action. He added it was satisfactory, though not surprising, to know there was not one of the Allies "who is not as determined as ourselves to win the war, and to have nothing whatever to do with separate peace, but to persist, at all costs, until our supreme and common purpose is achieved."

C. B. Stanton, the miners' leader, who succeeded to the late James Kirk Hardie's seat for Merthyr Tydfil, introduced himself to the house in a breezy, unceremonious but pointed speech, in which he referred to "the hypocrites, nonchalants and the people were afraid of conscription."

"If the men would not volunteer," he continued, "if the country was good enough to live in it was good enough to fight for," adding: "We have so much more than any other people on earth to stand up for, and it is a time like this that we must really die ourselves."

The Irish party held a meeting in the house of commons today, John Redmond presiding, and affirmed its unshaken adherence to the resolution adopted June 7, opposing compulsory military service, adding: "All that has occurred since more than justifies the attitude then taken by the Irish party, and the magnificent response to the appeal of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign has proved that the patriotism of the country can be relied upon to supply by voluntary effort all men necessary to carry the war to a victorious conclusion. We repeat our resolve to resist by every means in our power any attempt to bring into force a system of compulsory military service."

4. To inquire into and study the welfare of our returned soldiers, involving a consideration of the necessity for adequate pensions, vocational training, and such other assistance as may be required to enable them to again take their proper place in our national life.

5. To study and report upon the question of adopting a scheme of technical education and industrial training, in co-operation with existing provincial systems.

6. To study and report upon the question of extending the federal control over limited liability companies so as to prevent fraud on the public by undue capitalization, and in other ways, also the question of adopting a federal insolvency law.

7. To study and report upon a comprehensive programme of social reform and health legislation, which shall include such measures as: First, old age pensions; second, national insurance for sickness and invalidity; third, insurance of unemployment in certain occupations and industries.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is chairman, and John Bain, of Ottawa, honorary secretary of the advisory council.

WHY PEOPLE FEEL DEPRESSED IN THE COLD WEATHER. Why is tiredness and languor so prevalent just now? A physician explained that the cold of winter drives blood from the surface of the body to the liver. Normally one-fourth of the whole blood supply is in the liver, and whole blood supply is in the liver, and the liver is the seat of the metabolism of the body, being back a reserve of energy which organ everything good.

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With a view to defining as concretely as possible the subjects of the most important subjects of public policy, resolutions were passed embodying a few clear-cut principles, and committees were appointed to make a special study of the subjects given to their respective care, and to report later to the committee, as a whole, at a future meeting. The meetings of the conference were here today and yesterday, together with some other members who were unable to attend on this occasion, will act as a permanent national advisory council, representative of all parts of the dominion, co-operating with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in dealing with the problems of government, as they come up from time to time.

Clearing House of Ideas. "The conference just concluded," and the council just constituted, is, in brief, designed to form a clearing house, and to clear up the confusion of thought, sitting the party either for the function of constructive criticism in parliament, or of wise, ready, and progressive legislation when called again to assume the responsibility of office.

"The questions embodied in the subjoined resolutions took practically the whole time of the conference. The subject of the extension of terms of parliament was not recognized as coming within the purview of the conference, and was only incidentally mentioned. That will be left for parliament itself to decide.

The resolutions passed by the conference, embodying the main principles unanimously adopted as a groundwork for concrete legislative proposals, were as follows: "This national Liberal committee is of the opinion that so long as the war lasts the Liberal party should continue, as it has from the first, to give its careful attention to the tremendous struggle in which the country is engaged; that to that end it should continue to give loyal support to all necessary war measures, whilst exercising a vigilant supervision of the conduct of the government in military and civil matters; and that, in the meantime the members of the committee should actively apply themselves to the study of the important questions and problems which the country will have to face when peace is restored.

Problems to be Studied. "Sub-committees were by resolution appointed for the following purposes: 1. To study and report upon the financial condition of the country, with special reference to the greatly increased national financial obligations, and ways and means to distribute the necessary charges or taxation among the people in the most equitable manner.

2. To consider the problems of rural life in Canada, with a view to federal legislation by which the agricultural production of such additional to the laws affecting employed and our immigrants may be encouraged and enabled to engage in farming.

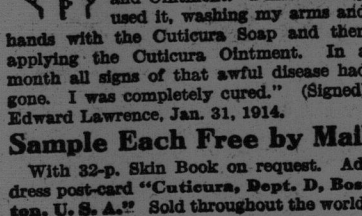
3. To study and report upon the establishment of a rural credit system, and such additional to the laws affecting banking as may tend to make capital and loans for agricultural operations

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ENLISTED AT FIFTEEN, WAS TWICE WOUNDED

Harry Smith of Fredericton One of Youngest of Canada's Volunteers

Private Harry Smith, son of Frank Smith, of Fredericton, and probably one of the youngest Canadian soldiers fighting in the trenches in Flanders, has been wounded for the second time and is now at the Australian Hospital at Wimereux. Mr. Smith received a telegram from the adjutant general at Ottawa, informing him that his son had been wounded in the forearm and leg with shrapnel on December 18.

This is the second time that Private Smith has been officially reported wounded since he went to the firing line. On the first occasion, September 22nd, he received wounds in the face, but quickly recovered and was able to go back to the trenches with his battalion. First Enlisted When Only Fifteen.

He is only sixteen years of age, having celebrated his sixteenth birthday on May 29th last. At that time he was a member of the Composite Battalion at Halifax, having gone later to England with a draft from that unit. His military service in the Composite Battalion was not his first since the present war broke out, however, as he enlisted with the 20th Battalion when only fifteen years of age. His father, feeling that the boy was then too young for an overseas unit, took him out of the 20th Battalion, but in response to the boy's wishes allowed him to go to Halifax with the 1st Company of the Composite Battalion. His parents did not know that he was going overseas until they received a letter from him stating that he was leaving Halifax and was then on his way to England.

On his arrival in England he took the first chance to get to the front, was transferred to a draft being sent to France for the 18th Battalion, and has since been with that unit.

Another Plant Blown Up. Edgewater, N. J., Dec. 22.—Two men are missing and twenty-five others were injured yesterday by an explosion in the Dextine plant of the Corn Products Refining Company at Shady Side, two miles from here.

Farmers' President Dead. Calgary, Dec. 22.—James Speakman, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, died today.

CLERGYMEN WILL AID RECRUITING

Meeting of Ministers Held Yesterday—St. John Men in Casualty Lists—Half Holiday Given For Good Showing in Inspection

A representative body of the clergymen of the city of St. John met the recruiting committee yesterday afternoon at the board of trade rooms. The prime idea was to secure the organized co-operation of the clergy of the city in the work which is being prosecuted by the recruiting committee.

Ven. Archbishop W. O. Raymond, Rev. W. H. Barracough and Rev. W. H. Sampson sent messages of regret at not being able to be present at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

It was decided to hold on Sunday morning, January 2, a memorial service, and on Sunday morning, January 3, a common and united patriotic service.

The meeting was harmonious throughout, although technically there was some little misunderstanding during the early part of the session owing to the fact that some of the clergymen present were not in possession of the full details of the plans and desires of the committee.

The clergymen present were, Rev. G. F. Scovell, Rev. H. A. Cody, Rev. J. H. Anderson, Rev. L. Ralph Sherman, Rev. H. G. Alder, Rev. W. F. Thompson, Rev. John Hardwick, Rev. Arthur Hodges, Rev. W. G. Lane, Rev. Dr. J. A. Morris, Rev. J. J. Haughton, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, Rev. J. J. Walsh, Rev. F. McMurray, Rev. W. M. Duke, Rev. P. Costello, Rev. F. S. Forter, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Rev. E. A. Westmorland, Rev. F. S. Dowling, Rev. F. H. Westworth, Rev. D. J. McPherson, Rev. Gordon Dickie, Rev. Hammond Johnson, Rev. W. R. Robinson and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson.

The first matter discussed was the advisability of having a service of intercession on a memorial service to the soldiers in all the churches on the morning of Sunday, January 2. The memorial service to be dedicated not only to those who have given their lives to their country but to those who are now fighting at the front. This suggestion was followed by another that the evening service on that day be of a patriotic nature.

Casualties. In the casualty list yesterday were included Wm. F. Anderson, Fredericton, N. B., 7th Battalion, and Harry Smith, Fredericton, N. B., 18th Battalion, wounded; Vaughan Henshaw, St. John, 20th Battalion, seriously wounded; and Sapper Alfred Burch, St. John, 6th Engineers, wounded. Mr. Burch, Trooper Hartley Simpson, 2nd C. M. R. of Gagetown, is reported wounded.

Resulting has taken a slump this week, apparently because of the approach of Christmas, but the New Year is expected to see it stronger than ever. Curtis Willis, King street, was the only volunteer signed here yesterday.

Two former members of the City Corset Band, Spurgeon McBride and William Waddington, who are now enrolled with the 104th Battalion band, were

honored by their associates in the former body, last night. Bandsman Waddington received a wrist watch and Bandsman McBride a purse of gold, the presentations being made on behalf of the band by Frederick Hazel.

Dr. Catherine Travis is at present in Sofia, Bulgaria, according to word received by her sister, Miss Minnie G. Travis of Hampton. She is with a hospital unit.

Because of their showing up so well in the inspection by Major General Benson yesterday, the members of the 69th Battalion, were granted a half-holiday by the D. O. C.

H. Koop, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Chatham, N. B., has resigned to become paymaster with the 145th Battalion.

Get the Most Out of Your Food. The digestive organs absolutely need the influence of pure blood for the proper performance of their functions. Persons that sleep in small, ill-ventilated rooms coming out of little or no appetite in the morning and of disagreeable dryness of the mouth and throat. Why? Because, as a result of breathing air that is impure, their blood is impure and fails to give their digestive organs the stimulus they must have for perfect work. It is necessary that we should have pure blood if we want to get all the good out of what we eat that is comfortable.

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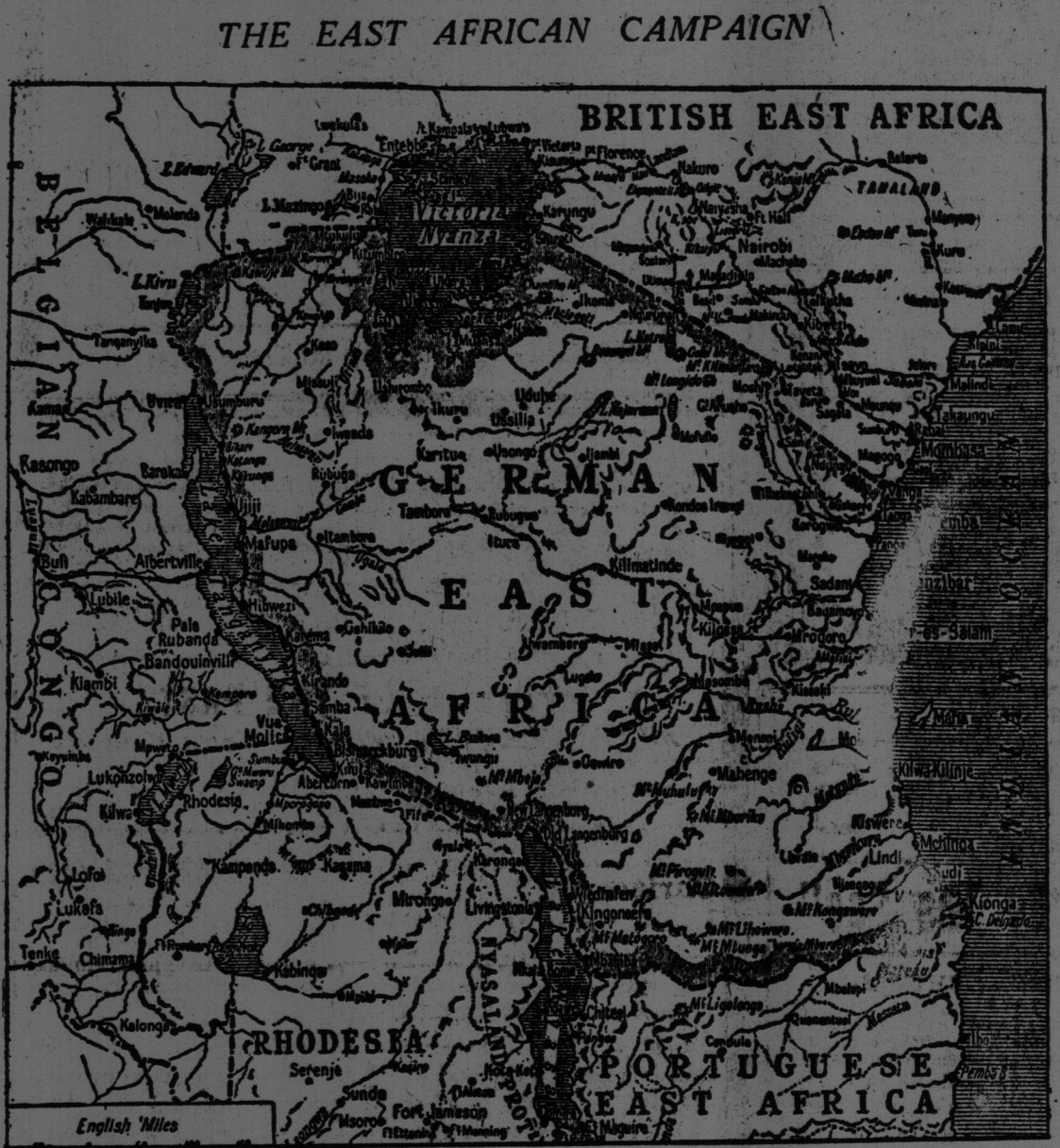
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Newspaper Halted by War Was Born in 1803

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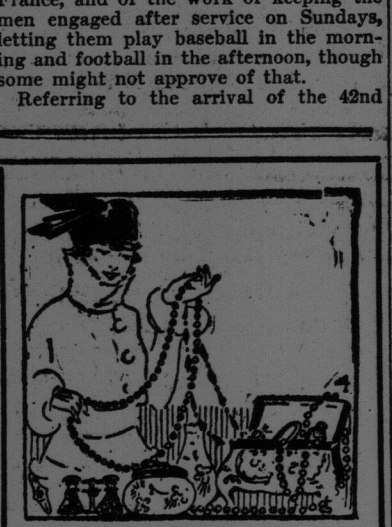
MAY DROP BUSINESS LIFE AFTER THE WAR

Rev. Dr. Bruce Taylor, Chaplain, Gives Impressions of Soldier Life

(Montreal Gazette) "A go-between stern discipline and common ordinary human nature," was the summing up of the duties of a chaplain in the present war by Major, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Taylor at St. Paul's Presbyterian church yesterday morning...

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GERMAN LAD STABS FRENCHMAN AT MINTO

A German lad of seventeen, named Heigel, was taken to Gagetown yesterday under arrest on the charge of stabbing a fellow miner in Minto, a Frenchman.

The principal works of British Dyes, Limited, which have been established in order to found a national supply of dye stuffs that will be independent of German supplies, will be at Funderfield. Contracts amounting to \$250,000 are already out for works covering 250 acres.

RETAINS OLD FEATURES

Although the Globe, like many other newspapers, has changed its appearance a good deal during the last few years, it has preserved many distinctive features which give it a special place among the evening journals.

One of its most notable "scopas," too resulted in considerable bother in the official world. This was in 1878, when on the morning of the first formal sitting of the great Berlin Congress of 1878, which tried to settle the Balkan question...

Advertisement for 'PEG TOP' cigars. Features an illustration of a man and a woman, and a large image of a cigar. Text includes 'THE PEG PRINTED GUARANTEES ITS QUALITY', 'Your father knows.', '5c EVERYWHERE', 'There are thirty years of full value in every "Peg Top"', 'QUALITY MAINTAINED FOR OVER 30 YEARS', 'POSITIVELY ALL IMPORTED TOBACCO', and 'L. O. GROTHE, LIMITED, MAKERS, MONTREAL'.

Waterloo Slighted. When the news of Waterloo came to London on June 22—five days after the battle—it was announced with a single heading, "Great and Glorious Victory," and there was scarcely an indication that the battle was one of the most important and decisive in history.

Campaign Against Aliens. "At the request of the authorities the Globe for many months has published an invitation to its readers to furnish in confidence what are regarded as well founded suspicions concerning aliens."

HUNDRED BAGS OF RUBBER IN SHIPMENT. How Germany is Being Supplied by Means of U. S. Parcels Post.

Advertisement for 'Ready's Lager Beer', 'Ready's Pale Ale', and 'Ready's Extra Stout'. Text includes 'For The Holiday Festivities', 'Propose the New Year's toasts in these delightful, invigorating and health-giving Beverages.', 'The beauty of these brands is that there are never any ill-effects after an indulgence in same.', 'Use READY'S for Health and Happiness.', and 'READY'S BREWERIES, LTD. St. John, N. B.'

"DEUTSCHLAND UEBER ALLES" IS AN OLD SCHEME



"Deutschland Ueber Alles," so far at least as Europe is concerned, is no new dream in Germany. This is shown by the curious old map reproduced above which shows the whole continent from Portugal to the boundary of Asia as one German state with Berlin as its capital. It will be noted that German names have been given to all boundary waters.

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Table with columns for names (McGovern, Stevens, etc.), scores, and totals. Includes sections for Bowling and Cricket.

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AMUSEMENTS MERRY CHRISTMAS FILMS These Sprightly Broadway Headliners CARTER DEHAVEN and FLORA PARKER In the Scintillating Drama of College Life

THEIR BAYONETS DID THE TRICK

Cartridges Gone, French Won With Cold Steel

OUTNUMBERED THREE TO ONE

Graphic Account of Three Day Fight in Mountains North of Saloniki - Bulgars Lost 4,000 Men

Paris, Dec. 21—How a single division of General Sarrail's Balkan army fought three Bulgarian divisions to a standstill and gave indirect relief to the Serbians at Babuna Pass is described in a semi-official report of the campaign made public here today. The report, which is written by a French officer, summarizes the early operations in Serbia and then goes on to say: "By the end of October we took up positions on the Cerna with the object of commanding the road leading from Priep. The Serbian southern army was then only a few miles from us, fighting desperately. On November 5 one of our battalions seized Gradsko station. The same night a reconnaissance party to the formidable height, upon the crest of which stands the Archangel monastery. This scouting party discovered that the enemy were occupying all the surrounding heights.

attacked in force. The infantry was caught by enfilading fire. One company was left to protect the battalion's flank. Three officers were shot down while heading a charge against the Bulgarian trenches. But under the command of sergeant-major a company carried the enemy trenches on Green Knoll at five o'clock in the morning, after all-night fighting.

"On November 9 our left wing, farther to the north, carried Airkovo village and gained a footing on the heights to the west and north-west. Then with fixed bayonets they swept on toward Krusheva. "Disquieted by our rapid advance the Bulgarians violently counter-attacked, denuding our positions with a storm of shells, launching an attack with a battalion against our troops on the Green Knoll. This company resisted gallantly for several hours, but unfortunately the ammunition gave out and it was impossible to take up supplies. By evening the company was surrounded. One section, without cartridges, defended the position with the bayonet for a whole hour before the officer in command ordered a retirement. The officer formed the remainder of his men into a square and continued heroic resistance until 10.30 the following morning, when the attack of the Bulgarians grew weaker owing to their heavy losses. At 2 a. m. when only a few cartridges were left, remaining members of the company formed into a column, four abreast and with fixed bayonets, charged through a thick fog. They forced a breach and re-joined their regiment.

"On November 10 the foot chasseurs carried the tower Cievro. The battle continued furiously around Sirkovo and Krusheva. Hand-to-hand fighting was frequent. On November 11 the chasseurs captured the upper Cievro but the commander-in-chief, learning that the Bulgarians had received strong reinforcements ordered a retirement on the lower Cievro. However the object of our attacks was attained, and we had attracted enemy troops from Babuna Pass, where they were pressing the Serbs. "The Bulgarians now had three divisions against our one, and early on November 12 they began to attack, swarming down the mountain sides in compact masses. The battle lasted three days without our giving any ground. The Bulgars were moved down frightfully by our rapid-fire guns, our mountain guns and our seventy-fives. Swept by machine-gun fire and hacked by bayonets, the Bulgarians retreated beyond the heights on November 15 leaving the ground strewn with dead and dying. The fighting cost them nearly 4,000 men. Our losses were relatively light. Our troops behaved magnificently. They fought with bravery and coolness, never losing their nerve even at the height of the battle.

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MORNING WAR CABLES

A member of the British joint recruiting committee announces that 2,500,000 have been enrolled under Lord Derby's recruiting plan. The Russians are reported to have bombarded and occupied the Bulgarian port of Varna with sufficient men to hold it against attack. The town was laid in ruins and the garrison suffered heavy casualties. It is also reported that the Russians have occupied the town of Kium in Persia, after a great battle in which the opposing forces were completely defeated. Premier Asquith announced yesterday that General Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the general staff, has been recalled from France to become chief of the imperial staff in London in place of Lieut. General Sir Archibald Murray, who is to receive an important command.

A man was brought before a police court charged with abusing his team and using loud and profane language in the street. One of the witnesses was a plump old dandy who was submitted to a short cross-examination. "Did the defendant use improper language while he was beating his horses?" asked the lawyer. "Well, he talk mighty loud, sub." "Did he indulge in profanity?" The witness seemed puzzled. The lawyer put the question in another form: "What I mean, Uncle Asa, is did he use words that would be proper for your minister to use in a sermon?" "O, yes, sub, yes, sub," the old man replied, with a grin that revealed the full width of his immense mouth, "but they'd have to be 'roughed diff'rent." "Everybody's Magazine."

Howard Chandler Christy, illustrator and noted painter of girl types, was walking down the street one afternoon when he was overtaken by a pet dog that began to snap at his heels. His mistress made no effort to call it off, so he turned and gave the dog an admonitory kick. "Brr!" cried the woman, "to kick a little defenseless animal! That little creature is a pet and is not accustomed to such treatment." "I beg your pardon, madam," replied Mr. Christy, "I did not mean to hurt your dog. But you should have called him off." "He would not have hurt you," replied the woman in a pained tone. "He is a pet." "I did not care to be bitten by him, nevertheless, madam," returned Mr. Christy, "and I am somewhat of a favorite at home myself."



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The Man In The Street

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So far as the records go, the Kaiser has not announced in which of the allies' capitals he will eat his Christmas dinner this year. It was to have been Paris in 1914.

Probably he will go to Belgium or Serbia, where he can grab some of the refugee or Red Cross provisions if his own menu runs short.

Seems there are quite a few people willing to go to the reformatory, when there is a salary attached to the terms of their stay there.

If you haven't done your Christmas shopping early, remember the saying "Better late than never."

And if you wait till Christmas Eve to buy, don't think that because you wish the poor, tired girl behind the counter a "Merry Christmas," that it has made you any more popular.

Henry Ford is reported ill. Some cruel person has slungly suggested that his "wheels are skidding."

It is rumored that because of its powers of belligerent suggestion, Turkey may be excluded from the bill of fare of the Ford party for the Christmas dinner.

The county council wish it understood that their appropriation is not to be taken as an excuse for doing voluntary contributions to the patriotic fund, that is another matter.

When the clerical county councillors and five city commissioners get together and do anything of which our evening contemporary does not approve, there is another strong argument against the commission form of government. Consistent? Why of course!

Wonder how long it will take the Ottawa government to discover that the I. C. R. elevator at St. John was burned down two years ago.

And how much longer to build another elevator. Will we have to elect a premier from St. John first?

Late War Bulletin

Salonki, any date.—The Bulgars have crossed the Greek border.

Salonki, via Paris.—The Bulgars have not yet crossed the Greek border.

Athens, any date.—The Greeks are wondering if the Bulgars will come across.

Salonki, via London.—The Bulgars sent advance patrols across the Greek border today.

Salonki, special-special.—The Bulgars are gathering their forces and it is expected that they will cross the Greek border.

Meanwhile Constantine's favorite solo is "You can't come and play in my yard."

DALHOUSIE SOLDIER HAD CLOSE CALL

Thought Dead As He Lay On The Battlefield

HOME ON THE PRATORIAN

Saint John Soldiers Also Here Among 118—Body of Ontario Private Brought Home by His Mother and Sister

The Allan Liner Pretorian, which arrived in port last night brought 118 officers and men from overseas duty. Many were returning owing to injuries having incapacitated them from further activities on the battle field, while others were invalided home as a result of sickness.

Among the soldiers were the following maritime province boys: Driver G. Garnett and Private G. R. North from St. John; Private J. Long of Bellefleur, Private H. Sutherland of Miramichi; Captain McKenzie of Moncton, Lieut. Bowness of Kensington, P. E. I.; Private R. J. C. Stewart of Dalhousie, N. B.; Corp. W. Lister of Amherst, Private G. Ruggles of Bridgetown, N. S.; Private P. Brogan of Sydney, C. B.; Private H. Snoddy of Kentville, N. S.; Private H. A. McDonald of New Glasgow, Private F. D. Baird of Amherst.

St. John Soldiers

Driver Garnett said he was delighted to be home again. He fortunately escaped injury while fighting in the trenches in France, but his eye sight had become affected and he was ordered back on home defence duty.

Private North was very reticent. He said he was invalided home as a result of lung trouble brought on while in the trenches in France. He had fought and fortunately escaped injury, but the rainy weather was too much for his health and his lungs suffered. He said he was glad to be home for Christmas.

Lance Corporal R. G. C. Stewart of Dalhousie, N. B., a member of the 15th Battalion had a very interesting story to narrate about his experience on the battle field. One day while he was assisting a wounded companion a bullet passed through the parapet and struck him in the head, entering behind the right ear and coming out through the nose close to the left eye. As a result he was rendered unconscious and lay on the field as if dead. Later some of the ambulance men came along to bury his body, but a slight movement indicated that he still lived. His body was cold and rigid and as he was shot through the head the stretcher bearers thought him dead. He was taken to the base hospital and after receiving treatment was sent to England where he lay in a hospital for seven weeks, deaf, dumb and blind. When he regained control of his faculties the doctors discovered that the bullet had practically destroyed the right side of his right eye. Corporal Stewart bears his affliction without a complaint. He greatly praised the treatment accorded him while convalescent.

The body of Private Meunier of the 16th Battalion who was injured at the battle of Langemarck and who was taken to England for treatment and there died, was brought over on the steamer, accompanied by his mother and sister. The body will be taken to Paris, Ont. for interment. The father of the dead hero came to this city and met his wife and daughter and will accompany them.

The main body of the soldiers disembarked about 9 o'clock and entrained for Quebec. They were in charge of Captain Mainer. The maritime province boys reported to Col. Armstrong who told them that he would see that they were all home in time for Christmas.

Members of the reception committee were on hand and distributed cigarettes, candy, magazines and papers among the soldiers and needless to state, they were gratefully received. The maritime province boys were escorted to the discharge station.

The steamer brought 1,500 tons of general cargo. The passage across the ocean was pretty rough and the soldiers were glad to reach land.

Private A. I. Ross, Amherst, N. S.; V. Bingham, Halifax; E. J. Cavans, M. Wild, Bucksville, N. S. all maritime province men were on the steamship.

Christmas Bells

The ringings of the telephone when some persons are very busy causes considerable annoyance. One man in the midst of a trying piece of work, when the phone rings and oftentimes it is an unimportant enquiry that has caused it. The plan of a local business man whose trade is of such a nature that the bulk of his Christmas business is ordered a month or more previous, may not appeal to other dealers, but it is effective, just the same. He did it last Christmas and it worked quite well, so about a week ago he had his telephone removed. Of course, it will be put in again after Christmas, but while he's busy finishing his orders, he will not be troubled with the query "Have you finished my order yet?"

A Time For Prayer.

The ash man was wrestling with a barrel which he was trying to raise to dump into his cart. The barrel was large and heavy and it was an ordinary wooden barrel with no handles. Worst of all it was not overly strong and sagged and strained as he pulled at it. Finally he succeeded in raising it and had it braced on the tail-board of the wagon ready to dump when there was an ominous cracking and it collapsed, allowing the entire contents to billow down over the unfortunate underneath. And the little girl who was passing asked in a surprised tone, "Mummy, do his legs play with ashes that way?" And, Mummy, why is the man saying his prayers out in the street?"

Though the engagement of Earl Kitchener and the Dowager Countess of Minto is denied, none can doubt that the countess would look with favor on his suit—for it is of khaki.

"Kum" is the name of an enemy town in Persia. The Russians have done so and are prepared to stay.

RETURNED SOLDIERS PLEASED WITH RECEPTION HERE

In conversation with a member of the committee to meet wounded soldiers, this morning, the medical officer in charge said that the kindness of the ladies, in giving each man a package containing an orange, chocolates and cigarettes, with a little flag bearing words of welcome, was very greatly appreciated by all the men. They thought it very generous and kind of the ladies to be there to meet them on their return to Canada. The medical officer was from Dr. MacLaren's Hospital, and he said the very highest praise was given in England to the work done for the hospital by the ladies of New Brunswick.

The committee of ladies desire to thank all who have contributed to the gifts given the returned soldiers, and to say that, as more men are coming, further contributions will be gladly received and should be sent at once.

WINNERS OF PICTURES

William Nell of West St. John has raised \$88 for the Red Cross Society as a result of a drawing for six pictures, painted by himself and for which he sold the tickets. The drawing took place on Monday evening in the presence of Magistrate Allingham and other citizens and the winners were as follows: Mrs. R. H. D. Campbell, Main street, Fairville, ticket No. 284; W. Nelson, Prince street, West St. John, ticket 284; Mrs. Doherty, Fairville, ticket 29; W. W. Duff, Prospect street, Fairville, ticket 481 (two pictures); Louis Ready, Lancaster Heights, ticket 108.

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