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PREMIER ASQUITH RESIGNS; BONAR LAW NEXT LEADER

NEW BRUNSWICKER MAY HEAD BRITISH CABINET

King Summons Unionist Leader at Suggestion of Retiring Prime Minister and Invites Him to Form New Government—If Mr. Law Refuses, Lloyd George May be Next Choice—Sensational Announcement Came at Close of a Day of Conferences.

Asquith Resigns; Bonar Law Summoned.

London, Dec. 5.—The resignation of Premier Asquith is officially announced.

The court circular announces tonight "the Right Hon. Mr. Asquith had an audience with His Majesty the King, and tendered his resignation as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, which the King has been graciously pleased to accept."

King George has summoned Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, to the palace. It is understood that Mr. Asquith will advise the King to entrust to Andrew Bonar Law the formation of a new ministry.



BONAR LAW.

London, Dec. 5.—The government crisis found a solution tonight, which up to the hour of its announcement was considered the least probable of practical alternatives. Herbert H. Asquith resigned the premiership, which he has held through eight stormy years of domestic and foreign history. The Unionist leader, Andrew Bonar Law, was summoned to the palace immediately after Mr. Asquith had departed, and the King offered him the prime minister's commission which he had just accepted from Mr. Asquith's hands.

No announcement regarding Mr. Bonar Law's decision has yet been made, and there are some doubts whether he will accept the heavy responsibility. If he declines it, it is considered certain that the honor will fall to David Lloyd George. The continuation of the coalition cabinet, with some changes in its membership, and the speeding up of the war management will be the policy in either event.

A DAY OF EXCITEMENT.

The premier's decision to resign and advise the King to summon Andrew Bonar Law to form a cabinet was taken after a day of extraordinary political excitement and activity. There were constant comings and goings of the political leaders between Downing street and the various departments. Mr. Asquith met several Unionist leaders in consultation, including Lord Curzon, Lord Robert Cecil, and the Earl of Derby.

Noticeable absentees from this conference were A. J. Balfour, who is ill; and A. Bonar Law, J. Austen Chamberlain, and Walter Hume Long.

Later in the afternoon the premier met his supporters, including Viscount Grey, Lewis Harcourt, Edwin S. Montagu, the Marquis of Crewe, Reginald McKenna, Walter Runciman, Lord Buckmaster, H. Samuel, Lord Reading and Arthur Henderson. The meeting lasted for more than an hour, and it is supposed that Mr. Asquith explained that he was faced by almost insuperable obstacles to the reconciliation of the conflicting interests, and intended to tender his resignation. Almost immediately the premier drove to the palace and had an audience with the King.

Opposition To Election.

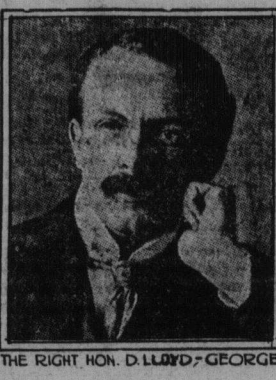
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There is strong opposition, however, to any political campaign, which must necessarily divert the country's energies from the war work while it lasted, and the new government may decide to go ahead, with the approval of the House of Commons only, and not of the voters.

The part David Lloyd George is playing in the crisis was demonstrated plainly today by the fact that he remained in his office while the premier conferred separately with the Liberal and Conservative members of the cabinet. Mr. Lloyd George's policy had supporters in both camps. His strongest Liberal friends, Lord Reading, carried messages between the premier's councils and Mr. Lloyd George's desk.

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THE RIGHT HON. D. LLOYD GEORGE.

HAD BEEN PREMIER FOR EIGHT YEARS

Herbert Henry Asquith became premier of Great Britain in 1908, succeeding Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Mr. Asquith at once began a policy of reform—parliamentary, social and constitutional—of a radical nature, aided by David Lloyd George, with whom today he apparently is at odds.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war the Liberal cabinet of Asquith began to be assailed by its political enemies mainly on the conduct of the war, and particularly with regard to the naval branch of the British forces.

So bitter was this campaign that on May 26, 1915, a coalition cabinet was formed with Asquith, however, retaining the portfolio of prime minister.

The present political crisis in Great Britain apparently had its origin in a similar situation, especially on account of the government's postponement of consideration of the British air board's demand for fuller powers to meet the situation created by German air raids on England, the recent change in the command of the British fleet, by which Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty was made head of the grand fleet, and especially Mr. Lloyd George's demand for a smaller war council, which should have powers to act independently of the cabinet. Mr. Asquith, in parliament Monday, admitted that there was trouble in his cabinet, and that he had asked King George to permit a reconstruction of it. Just how it was proposed to change the ministry was not stated, but the prime minister said that he desired to make it perfectly plain that whatever method of reconstruction was effected it would involve no departure from the policy already announced and pursued by the government since the beginning of the war.

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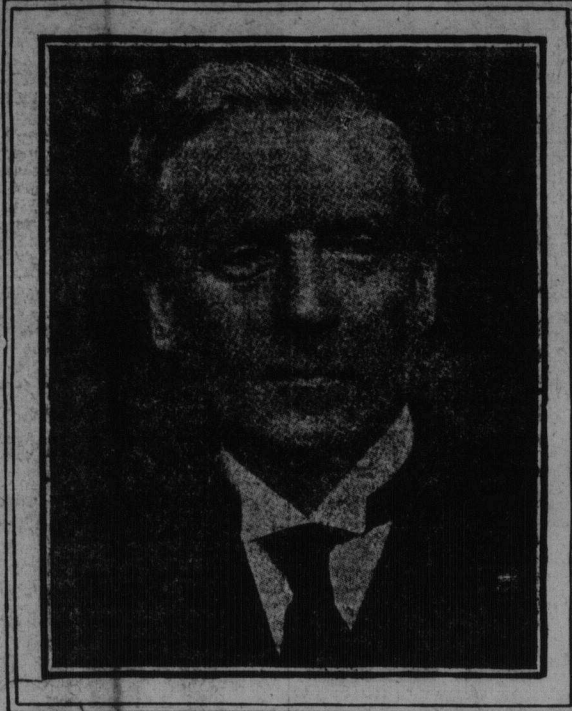
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P. E. I. BOY KILLED.

Charlottetown, Dec. 5.—Edward Mullart, of Bothwell, received word today that his son, Freeman, had been killed in action. He had spent a year in the trenches, was invalided home last spring and returned to the front again.

Britain's Retiring Premier



Mr. Asquith's retirement, reported this morning, may bring a New Brunswicker to the leadership of the British government, Mr. Andrew Bonar Law, who has been asked by King George to undertake the task of forming the new ministry, was born in Kent county, this province, but went to Scotland when a lad and has since resided there.

CANADIANS' ACTION ON THE SOMME WAS ONE OF REAL GEMS OF THE WAR

How the 2nd Ontarios, the "Iron Second," Bayoneted and Bombed the Huns out of 400 Yards of Trenches—'Twas All Over in Fifteen Minutes.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The first fight of the Canadians on the Somme is going down to history as one of the gems of Canadian war performances. Only one battalion, the second, an Ontario battalion, was involved. The thousand men went over the parapet of a bright trench in the afternoon of a bright sunny day. A moving picture camera took them as they jumped into No Man's Land for the German salient trench four hundred yards out. The men disappeared into the smoke which the bombardment of their own heavy guns in the rear had hung over the German trenches.

In just fifteen minutes the camera caught two hundred Germans with their hands up bursting out of the trench into which the Canadians had disappeared. At the same time word came back that the job was done; that four hundred yards of jutting trench had been taken and were being secured. In that fifteen minutes the German casualties totalled six hundred, while in the attack and the twelve hours' resistance of counter-attacks the Canadian losses were but 250.

Records for Bravery.

The character of the action may be judged from the awards to individuals who distinguished themselves. British commanders are notoriously generous on the distribution of medals and crosses, yet in that fifteen minutes of flaming fighting, the second battalion of the First Canadian Division won twenty-eight medals and crosses. To one went the Victoria Cross. The battalion was fresh from Ypres.

"As steadily as if on parade with the interval between each man marked with mathematical precision and with the easy swing of conquerors the 'Iron Second' cleared their parapet and swept toward the enemy," writes an officer.

"At the same moment the German parapet became lined with rifles and above the shrieking of shells, the deafening bursts of shrapnel, arose the vicious, crackling sound of rifle fire.

Silenced Hun Fire.

"The first wave sweeps on; the men fall on all sides; thirty yards from that line of blazing hostile rifles they drop into shell holes and themselves open fire, to silence that against them. On the left a machine gun comes into action, and from the front the German bombers throw one

incessant stream of vicious explosives at the advancing line. Close behind the first wave comes the second which had moved into the jumping-off trench almost immediately.

An Incident of Bravery.

"In the centre the enemy pours a steady fire into the Canadians, and here was enacted one of the bravest, one of the most self-sacrificing incidents of the whole of Canada's war history. The situation for a moment was critical; a German machine gun was being mounted on the parapet, and the position was such as to command the whole line. Without a moment's hesitation Lieut. Pringle, a platoon commander of No. 3 Company, dashed forward. Running through an inferno of bombs and bullets, he made straight for the gun. His body was found later lying across the muzzle of the gun, with the crew, dead, all around it.

"On the right all went well; No. 3 Company advanced steadily over the open. In front of the Boche parapet, Major Chrysler and Lieut. Hetherington received the wounds which put them out of action; but the company charged brilliantly into the enemy trench and proceeded to bomb toward the centre and right.

"The success assisted matters materially. Attacked from the flank and with their line of riflemen thinned out, the enemy wavered. Leading his men in the attack, Major Williams was mortally wounded, but Lieut. Lyle taking charge of No. 5 Company, gathered his men and rushed forward. The fire was still intense. Major A. E. McLaughlin and Lieut. Bishop while directing the fire of No. 1 Company received the wounds which were to prove fatal.

"Ten yards from the enemy parapet Lieut. Stuart was killed, but the company led by Major L. T. McLaughlin recommenced the advance, and the whole line swept forward.

Canadian Bombers Won.

"On the left flank of No. 1 Company a section of battalion bombers entered the German trench, and immediately started to bomb out the enemy who were in great strength. Corporal Clarke, assisted by two throwers, essayed the difficult task of mopping up the thickly clustered Boches who offered a determined resistance. To the credit of this heroic non-commissioned officer are placed eighteen Germans, including two officers. Three times he discharged his automatic pis-

GERMANS ARE DRAWING CLOSER TO BUCHAREST

Best Efforts of Russo-Roumanian Forces Unable To Stem Teutonic Tide Which Now Almost Encompasses Capital City.

Russians and Germans in Sea-Saw Battles in Carpathians—Italian Steamer Torpedoed with Americans Aboard—Rome Announces Failure of Austrian Attacks.

In Roumania the forces of the Central Powers are continuing their drive which daily is bringing them appreciably nearer Bucharest. Already almost encompassed on the south and southwest by the invaders, the capital apparently is being rapidly approached from the west and the northwest, with the Roumanians and Russians nowhere able to stem the tide. The encircling movement to the northwest from the region of Tergovitsa and Petrosia is dangerously threatening the town of Ploesti and the only railroad running from Bucharest except to the east. If the press of the Teutons is maintained, the indications are that they soon will be at the doors of the capital.

In the northwest, from the Carpathians to the Moldavia frontier region, the Russian offensive is making little, if any progress. While Petrograd announces the capture of another range of heights on the Moldavia front, the Russian war office admits the recapture by the Teutons, in the wooded Carpathian sector, of a height southeast of Voronezhka. Berlin says the Russian attacks everywhere have been without avail.

Serbian Make Advance. On the Macedonian front, east of the Cerna river, the Serbians north of Grunishite and Budmirsha have taken additional fortified positions from the Bulgarians. The Bulgarians in this region are said to be retreating.

Austrian Attack Repulsed. Rome, Dec. 5, via London.—The failure of an attempted surprise attack on the Italian positions north of Santa Caterina east of Gorizia, on the night of Dec. 3, is reported in today's war office statement. Otherwise there has been only artillery action and patrol activity along the Austro-Italian front. The official statement reads:

"On the Trentino front there were artillery actions in the Adige and Asiago valleys, and patrol activity on the Asiago plateau.

"East of Gorizia, on Sunday night, enemy elements attempted a surprise attack against our positions to the north of S. Anna Catarina. The vigilance of our troops and the rapid intervention of our batteries caused the attempt to fail.

"On the (Isonzo) there was artillery activity throughout the day, in spite of the bad weather.

"Enemy airplanes dropped a few bombs on Adria and Monfalcone without causing casualty or damage."

The German Report. Berlin, Dec. 5, via Sayville.—The war office report issued this evening says:

"Eastern and western war theatres: There is nothing important to report.

"Roumanian theatre: We continue to make progress in the direction of Bucharest and Ploesti.

"Macedonian front: There has been an artillery duel.

of the horse, and the house of another royalist, M. Dozmozoglu, and also from the street. Princess Ypsilanti, who is a Hungarian, it is declared, was seen encouraging the soldiers.

The house was eventually broken into and Mayor Benakis, who is 73 years of age, was wounded with a bayonet and hit with the butt of a rifle. His beard was partly torn out. When brought into the street, covered with blood, Princess Ypsilanti, the foreign office says, was seen at the window clapping her hands.

GERMANY AND NORWAY
MAKE DEAL ON TRADE

Copenhagen, Dec. 5, via London.—A despatch to the Politiken from Stockholm says that Norway has agreed to modify the recent decrees concerning the operations of belligerent submarines in Norwegian territorial water. Also that she has agreed to supply Germany with fifteen per cent. of her entire catch of fish, as compared with ten per cent. heretofore.

Germany, in return, according to the despatch, agrees to supply Norway with more coal and fishing tackle.

to be before the last enemy was down.

"No. 1 Company was now in the trench driving the enemy to the left; Corporal Clarke and his bombers were cutting off the Huns' retreat and pushing them back. Caught between two determined lines of grim fighting (Canadians), the German struggled for his life but bayonets and bombs vanquished him.

"The Germans clambered over their parapets and fled headlong across the open. The opportunity was not lost. The Lewis guns were brought up into action and the fleeing numbers of them were caught by our barrage; others stopped uncertainly, then with hands up ran quickly back to their lost trench.

IMPOSSIBLE TO FORM ANOTHER COALITION GOV'T IN BRITAIN

This the Opinion of London Daily News—Lloyd George and Carson Would Serve Under Law but Liberal Ministers Will Insist Upon Retaining Asquith.

London, Dec. 5.—When the crisis first arose it generally was understood that Lloyd George and those who supported him simply were demanding a smaller war council, of which Mr. Asquith would be a member. When it became known that it was proposed that Mr. Asquith should be excluded from the council, or at best, simply act as an ex officio chairman, without a vote in its proceedings, the seriousness of the situation became apparent, and the Liberals and members of the Labor party hurriedly called meetings to express confidence in the premier, and assured him of their support, should he resist the demand. It also is understood that Mr. Asquith resented the outcry against Viscount Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, because of the late forenoon in Greece for which the government's critics are holding him responsible, and that the premier also refused to ask A. J. Balfour to resign as first lord of the admiralty.

Edward Carson and Mr. Lloyd George would both serve under Bonar Law's premiership, but that it is understood the Liberal ministers who belonged to the expiring coalition ministry would not serve without Mr. Asquith. The correspondent adds that the position of the Laborites has not yet been defined, but that they would be definitely hostile to a ministry of which Mr. Lloyd George was the premier. The correspondent says he believes the rank and file of the Liberals are willing, for a time, to support Mr. Bonar Law. Northcliffe a Factor. The influence Lord Northcliffe wielded in bringing about the crisis undoubtedly was one of the most important factors in this chapter of history. Lord Northcliffe and Mr. Lloyd George formed an alliance since the beginning of the war. The Northcliffe group of newspapers have for some time put forward Mr. Lloyd George as "the strong man" the country needed, and they appeared to be co-operating with him and in his confidence since his rebellion against the cabinet's methods was launched last week.

THREE N. B. MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The 10.30 p. m. list follows: Infantry. Killed in action—Edward Muttart, Bothwell, P. E. I. Albert Astles, Campbellton, N. B. Alex. Fraser, Port Hastings, C. B. Previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing—Leslie Titus, 122 Adelaide street, St. John, N. B. Seriously ill—L. J. McKinnon, Moncton, N. B.

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WILSON DID NOT MENTION WAR IN SPEECH

President's Message to U. S. Congress Dealt Purely with Domestic Affairs—A Suffragette Interruption.

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Wilson delivered his opening address to congress today to the accompaniment of a great demonstration of felicitation on his re-election, in which many Republicans joined the Democrats, and the first approach at heckling on the part of woman suffragists. After the house and senate had stood and cheered the president heartily, and he had begun the reading of his address, some suffragette invaders in the gallery dropped over the rail a banner which they had smuggled in with them in a handbag. It was yellow, the suffrage color, and bore in bold letters the inscription: "Mr. Wilson, what will you do for woman suffrage?" A page quickly snatched the banner from its place. The president smilingly looked up from his manuscript, but continued his reading without hesitation or interruption. There was no responsive demonstration from suffrage supporters on the floor or in the galleries, and the incident passed off without further mark.

A policeman took up his station near the women to see that they did not violate the rules of the house again. The suffrage leaders gave out a prepared statement explaining that inasmuch as the president made no reference to their cause in his address they took that means of calling it to his attention. The president's address was devoted principally to recommendations for railway legislation, and required less than eighteen minutes for reading. It was wholly devoted to domestic subjects, principally the problem of railway legislation, and made no reference to international affairs.

AN ITALIAN STEAMER TORPEDOED AND SUNK; AMERICANS ON BOARD

Madrid, Dec. 5, via Paris.—The Italian steamship Palermo, with 47 Americans on board, has been torpedoed off the Spanish coast. One sailor reported to be an American. He was wounded by a shell and died in a hospital. The Italian steamer Palermo left New York November 15 for Genoa and Spezia, and was last reported as passing Gibraltar on November 28. She carried no passengers, but had on board 47 American horse tenders. In addition to horses she carried a general cargo. Besides 858 mules and 163 horses, the Palermo carried 1,462 cases of "T. N. T." the most powerful explosive made, and tons of munitions and war supplies.

BOYS ENTERTAINED

The Tuesday evening senior boys' supper last night was addressed by Lou Buckley, Maritime Boys' Work secretary of the Y. M. C. A. About 50 boys were present and heard a splendid talk from Mr. Buckley on the subject of sculpture. This is one of the subjects included in the C. S. E. T. programme, and at the close of his address Mr. Buckley made a most eloquent appeal for the building of a right kind of life. Mr. Buckley left last night for Halifax. During the day eight Bible study groups were in session, with an attendance of nearly 80 boys, and the average attendance at the Bible study groups for the last two weeks has been about 80 per cent.

BERLIN STILL STALLING ON THE ARABIA'S CASE

Washington, Dec. 5.—A preliminary reply from Germany to the request for information concerning the sinking of the British liner Arabia was cabled to the state department today by the American embassy at Berlin. It said a submarine commander had reported attacking the ship believing her to be an armed transport, and asked that the United States inform the imperial government of any evidence it might have about the incident and the character of the vessel. Secretary of State Lansing declined to comment upon the communication, further than to say that it added nothing to the information already at hand.

NEW CALENDARS

The Standard has received pretty well calendars from D. McArthur and the London Life Assurance Company. Soldiers' Club. The executive committee of the Soldiers' Club will meet at the club on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock to consider important business. Members please accept this notification. 236th Bag Pipe Fund. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith gratefully acknowledges an additional amount of \$40 from the Caledonian Society of Campbellton toward the bag pipe fund of the 256th Battalion, making a total of \$100 received from this society, also the sum of \$5 from a friend at Pictou for the same fund.

BRITISH COAL ONLY FOR SELF OR HER ALLIES

Coaling Facilities at British Ports Closed to all Save Friends of Empire's Cause.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Great Britain has given notice that because of the scarcity of tonnage and coal the government cannot longer guarantee coaling facilities at British ports to other than British and allied ships, and to the neutral owners "who have undertaken to utilize their vessels in such a way that British or allied interests are benefited." Today the British embassy made public the following memorandum on the subject, drawn up in the House of Commons: "His Majesty's government have for some time past found it necessary, owing to the shortage and increasing scarcity of tonnage to make special arrangements at British ports and coaling stations abroad whereby coaling facilities of all kinds should be reserved for vessels belonging to British and allied owners, and to neutral owners who have undertaken to utilize their vessels in such a way that British or allied interests are benefited. His Majesty's government are, in fact, unable to guarantee that facilities can be provided to other ships."

WEST SIDE TAG DAY REALIZED GOOD SUM

Ladies of Soldiers Comfort Association Raised \$300 Yesterday by Tag Day and Supper. The ladies of the West Side Soldiers' Comfort Association held a tag day and bean supper yesterday and they were more than satisfied with the returns from their efforts. The people responded very generously, and the young ladies who acted as taggers were successful in obtaining \$180 for the work of the association. The attendance at the bean supper was all that could be desired, in the vicinity of 300 persons being served. The receipts for the supper were not all in last night, but it is expected that the total receipts for the day will be about \$300. The ladies desire to thank all those who so generously contributed to the success of the day's efforts in behalf of the boys who are fighting the battles of the Empire on the fields of France and Flanders.

INVESTIGATING CHARGE AGAINST COL. PAGNUELO

Montreal, Dec. 5.—Lieut.-Col. Tancredi Pagnuelo, of the 206th Battalion, which was disbanded at Valcartier last summer, is on trial here before a military court, presided over by Major General F. L. Lessard, C. B., Inspector-General for Eastern Canada, on eleven charges, eight of which are in connection with fines said to have been imposed upon the men and not accounted for to the government. Other charges include an address to have been made by the accused to his battalion, practically telling them to desert as they were to be sent to Bermuda because they were French, and the officers were to be dismissed. The inquiry will probably last several days.

RAILWAY COMMISSION LIKELY TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST POTATO HOLDUPS

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The holding up of potatoes in shipment and allowing them to freeze and become useless for food thus increasing the scarcity and cost in certain localities has been referred by the Minister of Labor to the Railway Commission. The board has now under consideration ways and means of effectually putting a stop to any recurrence of such a destruction of valuable food and one of the means suggested is increasing the demurrage from one dollar at present to a much larger sum, say five dollars a day. A special session of the Railway Commission will be held in Toronto on December 11 when all sides of the question will be examined and evidence taken.

Washing Won't Rid Head of Dandruff

The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips. Do this tonight, and by morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have. You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop at once, and your hair will be fluffy, lustreous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive and never fails to do the work.

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MEN FEEL SOONER... Battery... Conditions as well as... A draft of 63 N... No. 3 Overseas... to leave for overseas... are the men selected... Rank... N. Sergeant—Dunham, I... Corp.—MacDonald, J... Corp.—Mersereau, J... Corp.—Smith, A... Bomb.—Cochrane, J... Bomb.—Headerton, J... Bomb.—Hutchinson, J... Bomb.—O'Brien, J... Gunner—Black, W... "—Blair, R... "—Bowes, E... "—Cooper, F... "—Cook, G... "—Carpenter, J... "—Delves, D... "—Drayson, J... "—Eastwood, J... "—Eich, W... "—Fulton, H... "—Green, C... "—Hunter, F... "—Hart, S... "—Hudson, J... "—Jenkins, J... "—Kierstead, J... "—Lewis, L... "—Lockhart, J... "—Loblan, J... "—Mason, J... "—McDougal, J... "—Morrissey, J... "—Morrison, J... "—Morrison, J... "—Morgan, E... "—Morgan, I... "—McKee, C... "—Nason, W... "—Nummelin, J... "—Pickett, C... "—Pickett, W... "—Price, P... "—Ruddy, T... "—Reid, I. W... "—Ruddy, M... "—Simons, J... "—Shaw, S. Y... "—Thomas, J... "—Vaughan, J... "—Whitlock, J... "—Williams, J... "—Williams, J... "—Wyatt, S... The Battery

MEN FROM NO. 9 SIEGE BATTERY SOON TO LEAVE FOR OVERSEAS

Battery Has Been Recruited to Strength and is in Fine Condition for Active Service - The Men in the Draft as well as the Complete Muster Roll.

Table listing names and ranks of men from No. 9 Siege Battery, including Sergeant Dunham, Corporal MacDonald, and others.

Table listing names and ranks of men from the battery, including Drayson, Edgcombe, Edgerton, and others.



Only for the Teeth Have We Learned to Take Precaution in Advance of Pain. Experience has taught us that to wait for the toothache warning is to allow irreparable loss to be done.

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, featuring a circular logo with a portrait and the text 'DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD'.

TRANSPORTATION

Advertisement for DONALDSON, Glasgow-Portland Service, listing ship names like CASSANDRA and ATHENA.

Advertisement for RMSP SAILINGS TO WEST INDIES, listing ship names like TWIN SCREW MAIL STEAMERS.

Advertisement for CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, listing routes like JOHN-MONTREAL and FURNESS LINE.

Large advertisement for THE ST. JOHN STANDARD newspaper, including a coupon for a subscription and contact information.

THE POLICE COURT. In the Police Court yesterday John Coyle was remanded on the charge of assaulting his wife.

Advertisement for BEECHAM'S PILLS, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the benefits of the pills.

APPOHAQUI. Apohaqui, Dec. 4.-In this village and the surrounding communities a bush of sorrow and profound sadness prevailed all when on Sunday afternoon official word was received that Corporal Harold Gordon Pearson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac D. Pearson of Lower Millstream, had passed away in the 2nd London General Hospital, London, England.

Advertisement for Dr. Wilson's Herbine Bitters, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits.

HAD AWFUL ATTACKS OF HEART TROUBLE FOR 5 OR 6 YEARS. Diseases and disorders of the heart and nervous system have become frightfully prevalent of late years.

Advertisement for THE ST. JOHN STANDARD newspaper, including a coupon for a subscription and contact information.

Advertisement for HOTEL MARLBOROUGH, 36th St.-Broadway-37th St., listing amenities and contact information.

Advertisement for TRAVELLING? Passage Tickets By All Ocean Steamship Lines, listing various shipping companies and routes.

Advertisement for MANCHESTER LINE, listing ship names and routes.

Advertisement for GRAND MANAN S. S. CO., listing ship names and routes.

CALGARY BATTALION TO REACH THE CITY ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

The 511th Calgary Battalion, numbering 800, is due to arrive in the city on Tuesday next. Their stay will not be lengthy, as it was announced some time ago by the military authorities that any battalions arriving in the city would only be for a short time. It is understood that the unit will arrive here in two trains on Tuesday morning at the early hour of 3 o'clock.

Preparations for their reception are being made by the military authorities. Yesterday an inspection of the quarters at the exhibition building was made by the officials, and with the exception of a few minor matters the city is ready to receive the new battalion.

Owing to the storm in the west last night it was impossible for The Standard correspondent in Calgary to supply further information regarding the personnel of the battalion, but it is understood that the unit was recruited strictly in the west.

One More Recruit. The naval recruiting office secured only one man yesterday. His name was Frederic Gaudin, of Restigouche county.

Four other applications were received at the central recruiting office, but up until 8 o'clock they had not been examined by the medical examiner.

Lieut. McBeath, of the Canadian Engineers, arrived back in the city yesterday from Moncton and Dorchester, where he has been for the last few days in the interest of the Engineers.

Mrs. Benjamin Titus, of 122 Adelaide street, received word yesterday that her son, Private Leslie Titus, was missing. The last word received concerning the young soldier was four weeks ago. He was then reported wounded. Mrs. Titus wired for further information, and she received a reply to the effect that her son was missing.

Fred Pattman, son of Mrs. W. J. Pattman, of 257 Carmarthen street, and one of the youngest boys to enlist in the service of the Empire, began at the time of enlisting only fourteen years old, is on his way home on a three months' furlough after spending nearly two years on the firing line.

George C. Durgan, late pianist at the Unique Theatre, left yesterday for Quebec, where he is to report to the Canadian Engineers. He was the recipient of a wrist watch, the gift of his fellow employees before going.

Self-Starting, Non-Stop Through-Express Typewriters, the kind that begin easily, run regularly and get through promptly. The Remington, A. Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr., 37 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

M NY NOVICES WALKED THE HOT SANDS AT THE MYSTIC SHRINE S'SS ON

Lezir Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., held a ceremonial session in the Shrine rooms, Masonic Temple, Germaine St., last night, and from the happy smiles of the Shriner, wearing the little red hats, and the serious expressions on the faces of others in the rooms, who it is supposed, were candidates, there was no doubt left in the minds of any outsiders who were guests at the ceremony, but that the Ceremonial Session was in every shape a "howling" success.

An actress was heard once to sing a song entitled, "I would be sure to love a Shriner, for a Shriner never tells," and this appears to be quite true, for it was needless to ask any of the members last night just what happened within the walls of the Temple between the hours of eight and 10.30 o'clock.

There might have been seen a number of innocent looking articles about the rooms, a thing which looked like a miniature chute-the-chutes, a large cannon, a camel, and last, but not least, a number of gentlemen who are members of years standing, and who would be qualified to blister the feet of any candidate who wished to walk over the burning sands. The only way that a person can find out just what transpires at one of these ceremonial sessions, is to make application for membership into the Shrine, take what is handed out to him, and of course, smile, no matter what happens. Last night there were sixteen candidates, and it goes without saying they are all perfectly aware of what one has to go through to become one of the real ones. There were 150 Shriner's present and the session is said to have been one of the most successful ever held in the city.

George E. Day was Potentate, and like the Noble Recorder Charles Robinson, they were busy men, along with other Shriner's who took important parts in the ceremony.

At the close of the session a score of gentlemen acted as a committee and served an excellent luncheon.

After the dinner had been passed round, those present obtained comfortable seats and for a couple of hours were delighted with a good entertainment. In addition to moving pictures, through the kindness of Noble W. C. McKay, manager of the Opera House, Eddie Flavette and a number of his

BIG EATERS GET KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take a glass of Salts before breakfast if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water beverage, and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.

company entertained the assembly with songs and musical selections. It was a great night and fully enjoyed by all.

A quiet military wedding was celebrated yesterday at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. John Hardwick on Main street, when Major Morris of the 187th Battalion, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Feddon of Toronto.

Mrs. William Howes, New York, arrived here yesterday, called on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Robert Granville, 190 Main street.

Prof. Alexander Graham-Bell passed through the city last night on his way from Cape Breton to Washington.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING.

Miss Staples' team took three points and Miss Thompson's one in the ladies' bowling last night at the Y. M. C. A.

The line-up and score were:
Miss Staples Team.
Miss M. G. Staples .. 77 63 69 309
Mrs. S. Smith .. 68 64 66 198
Mrs. H. S. Treat .. 55 45 37 137
Miss S. Dick .. 72 64 59 195

272 236 231 739

Miss Thompsons Team.
Miss Thompson .. 57 74 48 174
Miss K. Bates .. 71 53 28 153
Miss A. Farwell .. 48 53 42 148
Miss V. Maxwell .. 72 80 72 224

248 260 185 693

How I Became a Photoplayer.

By Bessie Epton.
[Bessie Epton of Selig appears in short length pictures released through General Film Service.]

I have been told that my entrance and my success in motion pictures were somewhat unusual for the reason that I had no previous dramatic experience. As you know, a large majority of those prominent in the art of the silent drama were formerly players in the spoken drama. Very few players, I have been informed, have arisen to prominence in screen work who were not previously experienced on the stage.

I never had any experience in dramatic work—not even amateur theatricals—before I began work as a photoplayer for the Selig Company. The way I started was unusual. My home in Los Angeles, where the Pacific Coast studios owned by the Selig Company are located. I visited the Selig studios with a party of friends and purely for pleasure. I liked motion pictures on the screen, but at the time of my first visit to the studio four years ago, appearing in the movies was something entirely foreign to my thoughts.

When I visited the studio floor the producer espied me and said: "I like your type, it is one I sadly need in this picture." More for mere sport than anything else I consented to take the minor role that was offered me. And I have worked for the Selig Company ever since that time, and I hope to continue. What success I have achieved in the movies is due solely to hard work and willingness to heed instructions.

The art of acting for motion pictures is not an easy art. There is no means of ascertaining from one day to another just what the character role or what action the director will call upon one to portray. I have experienced probably four or five hundred different character roles during my experience and these characters range from a leader in highest social circles to a Salvation Army girl. A motion picture actress must know how to ride, to shoot, to fence, to dance, and to motor, for there is no telling when one may be called upon to exemplify these and other accomplishments.

Many long hours are spent on "locations" so called. I have worked from early morning until late at night in just one or two scenes of a film play. One of the problems confronting motion picture actresses is appropriate dressing rooms when changes of costumes are necessary and there are no dwelling houses or other shelters near at hand. I solved this problem by arranging the interior of my automobile as a dressing room. The interior of my automobile contains a take-down dressing table, mirrors are arranged on the sides, and I have a specially devised drawer located under the front seat which contains cosmetics and other articles essential to the art of motion picture make-up.

I have never regretted my entrance



HOMELESS

Their only Hope is in The Generosity of Their Allies

To Serbia, John Bull is The Good Samaritan. He found what is left of the Serbian nation, bruised and bleeding after the never-to-be-forgotten flight from the invader across the mountains in the dead of winter, and he has sheltered them AS FAR AS HE CAN. But the work is supported by private contribution, and more and more help is sorely needed.

Canada is asked to contribute her share to the work of relief—food and shelter now for the homeless Serbian refugees—and if the remnant of the nation can be kept alive, money to put them back on their farms and in their homes in re-conquered Serbia. It is a glorious work, and Canada is proud the opportunity is given her to share her prosperity with our valiant ally.

Would you be willing to make your contribution a Christmas offering, instead of spending money on the usual gifts. Think it over and act quickly. There is time need. Send a generous contribution.

Serbian Relief Fund
The Canadian Serbian Relief Committee
Honorary President: President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G., LL.D., University of Toronto.
President: Dr. W. D. Sharpe, Late Commandant, British Naval Mission Hospital, Belgrade, Serbia.
Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, 1st Vice-Pres. Hon. Treas.: A. H. CAMPBELL, Esq. Please send your contribution today. The Canadian Serbian Relief Committee transmits funds to the British Serbian Relief Committee, through Mr. A. H. CAMPBELL, Hon. Treasurer, 4 Wellington St. E., Toronto, Ont., or to ANY BRANCH OF THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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Men are required of good character and good physique, for service overseas, in the above force, with the Imperial Royal Navy, for the period of the war.

Candidates must be the sons of natural born British subjects; between 18 and 38 years old, at least 5 feet 3 inches in height and 33 inches chest. No previous sea experience is necessary.

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Christmas Cheer

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into the movies despite the fact that it came about by mere chance. I take keen pleasure in knowing that I have won many admirers and friends, many of them I have never seen, it is true, but who, nevertheless, write me very kind and encouraging words. It is true that opportunities to enter motion picture work are now rare. My opportunity was one in a thousand. I would advise the many, many girls who write me requesting information regarding how to enter motion picture work, to forget it. Art is long and art is fleeting. Many are disillusioned after they see the interior of a movie studio, realize that it is all hard work, and that there is no inspiration where plaudits of the audiences are missing. It is best to enjoy motion picture plays seated in a comfortable chair in a movie theatre. Take this advice from me; I know!

WILSON'S "The National Smoke" BACHELOR CIGAR

Refuse substitutes. Always mention the name. Nothing else can be "just as good."

Every "Bachelor" Cigar is stamped as above

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Bringing Up Father

Panel 1: A man in a top hat asks, "I'M HERE FER A LITTLE ADVICE!"

Panel 2: A man in a suit replies, "THAT'S WHAT WE LAWYERS ARE FOR—"

Panel 3: The man in the top hat says, "IF A MAN TOOK A DISLIKE TO ME AND CAME UP AND HIT ME IN THE JAW—CAN I SUE HIM?"

Panel 4: The man in the suit replies, "CERTAINLY—YOU CAN COLLECT DAMAGES!"

Panel 5: The man in the top hat asks, "HOW MUCH DAMAGES?"

Panel 6: The man in the suit replies, "ABOUT \$10000!"

Panel 7: The man in the top hat says, "I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO COUGH UP—"

Panel 8: The man in the suit looks on.

SHIPPING NEWS

Table with columns for ship names, destinations, and arrival/departure times. Includes entries for 'MINIATURE ALMANAC' and 'PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.'.

ASTHMA COUGHS

Advertisement for Vapo-Cresoline, a treatment for asthma and coughs. Includes an illustration of a person using the product.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Arrival information for various hotels in St. John, N.B., including names and dates.

BRITISH PORTS

Shipping news for British ports, listing ship names and their respective destinations.

FOREIGN PORTS

Shipping news for foreign ports, listing ship names and their destinations.

STOMACH UPSET? END INDIGESTION, GAS, SOURNESS—PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN

Advertisement for Pape's Diapepsin, a medicine for stomach ailments. Includes a testimonial and product information.

WHAT DYSPEPTICS SHOULD EAT

Article providing dietary advice for dyspeptics, discussing the benefits of certain foods and the effects of indigestion.

WINTERPORT SEASON

Article discussing the winterport season, mentioning ship arrivals and the impact of the weather on trade.

TO BUILDERS

Advertisement for building services, listing various construction and architectural firms available in the area.

OXO CUBES

Advertisement for Oxo Cubes, a concentrated stock cube. Promotes its use in soups and stews for flavor and nutrition.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Information regarding classified advertising rates and procedures, including contact details for the newspaper's advertising department.

HORSES FOR SALE

Advertisement for horses for sale, detailing the breeds, ages, and features of the available animals.

WANTED

Advertisement for a person wanted, likely a lost child or a missing individual, with identifying details.

FOR SALE—Second hand

Advertisement for second-hand goods, including a rotary saw and other tools, offered for sale.

TEACHER WANTED

Advertisement for a teacher position, seeking a qualified individual for a school in the district.

BOYS WANTED

Advertisement for boys wanted, likely for an apprenticeship or a specific training program.

AGENTS WANTED

Advertisement for agents wanted, seeking individuals to represent a business or product in the region.

HOME WORK

Advertisement for home work, offering flexible employment opportunities for individuals.

CLIFTON HOUSE

Advertisement for Clifton House, a hotel or residential property, highlighting its amenities and location.

ROYAL HOTEL

Advertisement for the Royal Hotel, providing information about its services and accommodations.

VICTORIA HOTEL

Advertisement for the Victoria Hotel, detailing its facilities and the quality of its service.

HOTEL DUFFERIN

Advertisement for Hotel Dufferin, offering information about its rooms and dining options.

GRAND UNION HOTEL

Advertisement for the Grand Union Hotel, showcasing its location and services.

WINE AND LIQUORS

Advertisement for wine and liquor, listing various brands and suppliers.

RICHARD SULLIVAN & COMPANY

Advertisement for Richard Sullivan & Company, a business or firm, detailing its products and services.

AGENTS WANTED

Advertisement for agents wanted, similar to the other ad in this section, seeking representatives.

HOME WORK

Advertisement for home work, similar to the other ad in this section, offering flexible jobs.

HOTELS

General information and advertisements for various hotels in the area.

ROYAL HOTEL

Advertisement for the Royal Hotel, providing details about its offerings.

VICTORIA HOTEL

Advertisement for the Victoria Hotel, highlighting its features.

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Large advertisement for Ready's Breweries, Ltd., St. John, N.B., featuring images of beer bottles and text promoting their products.

CERTIFIED COPY OF A REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE 24TH NOVEMBER, 1916.

Main body of the report text, detailing the findings and recommendations of the Privy Council regarding military service and desertion.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS

Summary of regulations for land in the Canadian Northwest, covering various aspects of land ownership and development.

MAIL CONTRACT

Advertisement for a mail contract, detailing the terms and conditions for mail delivery services.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice to mariners regarding shipping regulations, safety procedures, and other maritime matters.

CHRISTMAS JEWELRY

Advertisement for Christmas jewelry, showcasing various pieces and offering special holiday prices.

DRINK HABIT CURE

Advertisement for a drink habit cure, claiming to help individuals overcome alcohol addiction.

MISCELLANEOUS

Various small advertisements and notices, including information about rubber goods, violins, and other items.

THE HOME THE WORLD

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

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

Life full of completion haunts us all. We feel the thing we OUGHT to be, beating beneath the thing we ARE.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN MEETING.

In order to release large quantities of milk now made into ice cream the Ottawa Council proposed that the local council be asked to 'advocate the use of ice cream as a luxury for the period of the war.'

many interesting discussions were held. Miss Grace Leavitt the acting president was in the chair. Miss Ethel Jarvis acted as secretary.

A letter was read from the Executive Council, which had met at Kingston, and passed a number of important resolutions. The letter was taken up section by section. The above resolution was the only one adopted with the exception of one regarding mentally defective.

The high cost of living, which was the burning question before the meeting, brought forth a number of opinions. It could not seem to be settled just where the blame lay. The above resolution was finally adopted with the amendment moved by Mrs. Kuhring, 'That all women in the city of St. John be asked to support the local council in the step they have taken.'

It was moved by Mrs. Kuhring, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, that the local council go on record as supporting the resolution adopted at the meeting of the 'Lionshoremen. This resolution dealt with the high cost of living. It was published in The Standard on Monday.

A resolution which came from the Corresponding Secretary of the National Council, Mrs. Cummings, was read and carefully considered by this meeting. This resolution is being considered by all local councils. It reads as follows:

'Whereas the Local Council of Women of Montreal is disatisfied with the results of the present undemocratic methods of recruiting, and believes that Canada should, without further delay, fulfil her pledge to send 500,000 men overseas for the defense of the Empire;

'Be it therefore resolved, That the Local Council of Montreal request the National Council of Women of Canada to petition the Dominion Government to take definite steps to extend the operations of the militia act for home defense to service overseas, exercising due discretion in the matter of just and reasonable exemptions from such service.'

It was decided at the meeting yesterday that the resolution needed more time for discussion and more knowledge of conditions than were possessed by the meeting, so it was held over for most careful consideration at a future meeting.

Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. David McLellan were appointed a committee to see what could be done for the better care of the mentally defective.

The visit of Lady Aberdeen to the city was spoken of and members asked to attend the public meeting to be held in the Imperial Theatre on Wednesday afternoon, January 3rd, under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY. A largely attended meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary was held at St. Paul's Sunday school on Tuesday afternoon. Many outside branches were represented.

Satisfactory reports were read by the various secretaries including a letter of thanks from Mrs. Schofield in reply to the W. A. congratulations on the elevation of Dean Schofield to the See of Columbia.

Mrs. Geo. F. Smith read very interesting notes on the general board meetings which she attended in Montreal. Quoting from a sermon which Bishop Montgomery of London preached in St. George's church, she said: 'The bishop was asked while in the United States what can be done to increase missionary subscriptions. His answer was: "Enlarge in a righteous war; spend your money, give your best beloved, see your taxes increased 10 fold keep at this as many years as needful and your missionary coffers will be full." We have tried it and never have we had so much for missions.'

Mrs. Jas. F. Robertson read from the Mission World a very able article by Mrs. Sage of Huron on the Aims of the W. A.

Rev. James Millidge gave a helpful address also upon the duties of the W. A.

Blue Cross Fund. I beg to acknowledge the sum of \$370, money collected by Miss Violet Whittaker, St. John, for suffering horses at the front. The Blue Cross tries to help horses as the Red Cross does for men. Many beautiful articles were sent from St. John to be forwarded for the Christmas sale which took place at the Royal Albert Hall, Nov. 29 and 30, to raise funds for the Blue Cross. Boxes came from Stellarton, Sackville, and many towns of N. S. and N. B. Grateful thanks to all who contributed to make the Canadian Stall a success. Thanks are due also to Miss Violet Whittaker and all who have helped in this splendid work; to editors of papers who have given free notices. Will you give the Blue Cross your support to continue the work for the duration of the war? Donations from St. John can be sent to Miss Whittaker. (Signed) Mrs. Ronald Whiteway, Bridgetown, N. S.

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up. County fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffing, rawking, mucous discharge, dryness or head-ache; no struzzing for breath at night. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE. Bobby: "Smart Boy!" Tommy: "Oh, I say, how did you manage to get that bowl of cream?" Tommy: "Why, just told me I saw the cat put her nose in it."

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

Uncle Dick wishes many happy returns to the following kiddie who is celebrating her birthday today: Mary Walcoe, Coles Island.

BOY SCOUT NOTES.

Winning Patriotic Badges. The war service badge, recently instituted in the Dominion, is finding great favor among the boy scouts of Winnipeg. For rendering services with a patriotic spirit, and not until a scout may win the badge. Winnipeg scouts have stood at street corners for hours and hours selling extras to provide Christmas cheer for Winnipeg soldiers, and in connection with recruiting a number of local youths have recently assisted the 190th Battalion who obtained several recruits for their ranks as a result. The 11th troop did their bit for the Returned Soldiers' Association on Monday night when they acted as ushers at the water carnival at the Cornish Baths, handing all kinds of timely help in the provincial resorts and displays. From ushering at patriotic concerts and displays to collecting money or articles for the boys in the trenches the local scouts have surely worked with Spartan fortitude of late, and the war service badge has been distributed right and left. Toronto scouts are also working like Trojans to win their badges, many of them assisting the Fruit Growers' Association last summer by gathering the fruit harvest. Services such as these are being rendered in every part of the British Empire day after day, and rendered as only scouts can render them.

East and West.

'East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet' says Kipling. But when Rudyard wrote these lines he probably never reckoned with the provincial resorts and displays. From ushering at patriotic concerts and displays to collecting money or articles for the boys in the trenches the local scouts have surely worked with Spartan fortitude of late, and the war service badge has been distributed right and left. Toronto scouts are also working like Trojans to win their badges, many of them assisting the Fruit Growers' Association last summer by gathering the fruit harvest. Services such as these are being rendered in every part of the British Empire day after day, and rendered as only scouts can render them.

THE QUEEN'S "LUCK"

The Queen, always thoughtful for the wounded, caused a large box of "lucky" white heather from Bremner to be sent to a London hospital lately for distribution among a number of Scottish soldiers and sailors under treatment in the wards.

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



SESSUE HAYAKAWA Lasko-Paramount

Le Temps calmly announces the first performance of "La Seconde Madame Thackeray," it surpasses all expectations. Only, perhaps, with the novelist's relatively familiar name did it feel quite safe.

Speaking of misprints, William H. Tooker also has a grievance against linotypers and proofreaders, who are prejudiced against putting a "t" where it belongs.

This is part of one newspaper's biography of the William Fox photographer: "Mr. Tooker came to the silent drama after long engagements with sock companies."

This is probably the origin of the well-known theatrical term, "the sock and buskin," slang for "treading the boards."

Will some kind director please bury forever the pistol in the desk drawer. It's really getting painful to see--say a broker who has just lost his all in

the market stagger into his office or his den, open the drawer and extract a pistol therefrom without even looking to see where it is. If a director who thus exposed his lack of originality went to see his own picture shown to the public, his mortification would be overwhelming as he staggered from the theatre, derisive laughter ruining the dramatic effect of his scene.

Just for the fun of it, the other day we slowly opened our own desk drawer and groped for the pistol. We almost ruined one perfectly good hand on a pair of scissors. Not contented we thought we'd try again when the boss was out, and that time tackled his desk drawer. But instead of a pistol we came upon a cigar--which may still be there for all we know. Pretty soon we're going to take a canvass, a sort of straw vote as it were, and find out how many business men have made all arrangements for easy suicide.

—Motion Picture News. ALICE FAIRWEATHER.

OPERA HOUSE TODAY Afternoon at 2.30 15c-10c HUMAN MUSICAL CO. in A FAMILY MIX-UP CAPT. ASH, the Sharpshooter and Lariat Thrower TONIGHT 7.15 and 8.45 25c-15c-10c 26th Battalion Pictures Last chance to see this wonderful motion picture of New Brunswick's own battalion

IMPERIAL THEATRE Young Wife Undergoes Terrible Ordeal in Edward Montague's Fervid Vitagraph "The Combat" Blue Ribbon Masterpiece in Six Parts HUSBAND No. 1 Secretly married to Anita he goes West. Falsely accused of murder he breaks from courtroom. Seeks shelter from terrible blizzard in smallpox camp. Finally reaches New York and in disguise saves Anita from blackmailer, also assumes blame for Anita's shooting of the scoundrel. Is condemned to die. HUSBAND No. 2 Anita, thinking first husband killed in railway wreck, consents reluctantly to Mother's wild entreaties to marry money to save estate. New husband is District Attorney and prosecutes Husband No. 1 for his own wife's crime. Anita now knows her truth concerning her first husband. ANITA STEWART AT HER VERY BEST Supported by the Following Cast: Muriel Fleming, the soul-tired sweet girl--Anita Stewart. Philip Burton, the man of her mother's choice--John Robertson. Graydon Burton, the man she suffered for--Richard Turner. Mrs. Fleming, the bankrupt, insistent mother--Virginia Norden. Herman Slade, blackmailing lawyer and viper--Winthrop Mandell. Amazing Escape from Northwest Mounted Police. Mile-a-Minute Train Dashes Over Embankment. Hero Lost in Raging Blizzard on Canadian Prairie. THIS IS ANOTHER SUPERB PICTURE LIKE "THE CHATELAIN." It is a veritable marvel of stupendous moments with its real train wreck, sensational escape from court, midnight scenes in the blackmailer's quarters and tense trial incidents. The Vitagraph Co. never put out a more gripping story. ANIMATED WEEKLY and MAGAZINE FILMS Reservations by Telephone.

LYRIC - TODAY - UNIQUE OUR STARS TODAY IN A MASTERPLAY: Helen Rosson, Eugene Ford, Franklin Ritchie CHARLIE CHAPLIN TODAY In "THE FIREMAN" Special Return Engagement. RAVENGAR Reveals a Secret "THE DISAPPEARING MANTLE" 10TH EPISODE OF "THE SHIELDING SHADOW" NEW FEATURES TOMORROW. "THE UNDERTOW" A strong, startling story of morals, business and society lure. INTRODUCING A NOVELTY CHAS. DIAMOND "The Dancing Harpist" THURS-FRI.-SAT. BRAINKMAN AND THE STEEL SISTERS.

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Belgians are Starving While Canadians Have Plenty Our Heroic Allies Deserve More Help than We are Giving An accident of geography, and the fortunes of war, have subjected Belgium to the cold-blooded, calculated cruelty and attempted starvation of the German conquerors--while we in Canada, secure from danger, are making money out of the War. Legitimate though our profits are, we surely owe a substantial share of them to our Allies, who are destitute because they dared stand up for their rights and defy the enemy. We have given much--but barely enough to help keep the Belgians alive. More of them every week are calling for help, as their own resources are exhausted, and every one of the millions should have something more than the three slices of bread and the pint of soup which is all the Relief Commission can supply out of present contributions. If you have been helping, do more if you can till the war is over and Belgium is free. If you have not given yet, will you make up for lost time with a substantial contribution? Better still, will you give, every month, enough to feed one or more Belgian families, at the rate of \$2.50 each per month? Whatever you can afford to give, send your subscription weekly, monthly, or in one lump sum to Local or Provincial Committees, or

Belgian Relief Fund 59 St. Peter St., Montreal. \$2.50 Feeds a Belgian Family One Month. Jas. H. Frink, Treas. of Provincial Belgian Relief Committee, St. John, N. B.

G. B. CHOCOLATES A Few Favorites--Cereilas, Almonites, Almond Crispies, Nougatines, Burt Almonds, Maple Walnuts, Caramels, Cream Drops, Milk Chocolate, Creams, Fruit Creams, etc. Display Cards With Goods. EMERY BROS. 82 Germain Street Selling Agents for Ganong Bros., Ltd.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales from southwest and west, clearing and mild.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—A moderate disturbance is moving eastward across Quebec, while pressure is now highest over the central portion of the continent.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Regina, Battleford, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Meet in Moncton. The Order of Railway Telegraphers will meet in session at Moncton today when some important business is to be transacted.

Y. M. C. I. J. Harry Cohalan has been appointed permanent general secretary of the Young Men's Catholic Institute.

Extension of Time. The Board of Railway Commissioners have advised the Board of Trade that they have extended the time for the diversion of the highway at Sagwan by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. until the 1st of June, 1917.

Had Plenty of Money. A man who is a stranger to the city was arrested on King street last night by Police Constable Melnab, charged with being drunk and acting disorderly.

Had a Long Walk. Calvin Hanson, the seventy-six year old man who was arrested Monday night on the charge of vagrancy, was before the Police Court yesterday when it was ordered that he be sent back to Buctouche, where he claimed he came from.

Flour Cheaper. A further drop in the price of four took place yesterday, the jobbing quotations being \$10.60 for Manitoba and \$9.65 for Ontario.

A Gain in Ferry Traffic. The ferry made a good showing for the month of November, the total receipts being a few dollars in advance of the corresponding month last year.

Table with columns: Passengers, 1 cent fare, 1 1/2 cent fare, 3 cent fare, Single teams @ 6 cents, Double teams @ 12 cents, Increase for 1916.

PERSONAL.

Captain George Lent, Freeport, N. S., and daughter are visiting at Mrs. Carries Houlston's, 262 Union street.

MILK PRODUCERS NOW JUMP IN TO BOOST PRICES TO 48 CENTS PER CAN; AN ICE-CREAM BOYCOTT

City Dealers Must Pay Six Cents per Quart, Beginning on Monday—Council Ratifies Resolution That Present Retail Prices Are Excessive.

Fairville Started General Milk Boycott Yesterday While Local Council of Women Decided That Ice-cream is a Luxury to be Used Sparingly, if at all, While Present High Prices Persist.

Ten cent milk has probably come to stay in St. John, as the producers at a meeting held yesterday in Sussex decided to raise the price to 48 cents per can, commencing next Monday.

A largely attended meeting of the Milk and Cream Producers' Union of Kings County was held yesterday afternoon at Sussex, and after considerable discussion over the increased price of feeds and labor, it was unanimously decided that in the opinion of the meeting it was desirable in the interests of the milk producers and to stimulate the production of milk, to increase the price to six cents per quart or 48 cents per can, beginning Monday next.

It was also decided to form an association along the lines of the Nova Scotia organization and to take out papers of incorporation.

There was some mention made at the meeting that a proposal had been made to the city to operate a municipal milk plant, but the matter had been turned down.

The people of Fairville are up in the air over the milk question, and are attacking it in a manner which promises to produce rather important results.

The statement is made that one milk dealer as a result of yesterday's canvass lost twelve customers in one street.

As a result of the increase which has come into effect during the last couple of days, action has been taken by at least one organization. It is unfortunate for Fairville that there is no local governing party corresponding to this matter, and it has therefore fallen upon local societies to interfere.

Speaking of the western front, he said that the Allies were gradually pushing the Germans back, and the artillery used by the British was now superior to that on which the Germans have depended so much.

NEWFOUNDLAND LAD IN CITY YESTERDAY WAS IN DARDANELLES

Badly battered and bruised, wounded in the chin, missing a jaw bone and suffering from a bullet wound in the back, a broken collar bone and the left arm partly disabled, the result of fighting for the flag of Empire at the Dardanelles, under Sir Ian Hamilton, and later under General Munro, and on the western front, Corporal Joseph Daymond of the 1st Battalion, in company with six other men from Newfoundland, passed through the city yesterday en route for their homes.

The young soldier who has spent nearly two years in the war, told The Standard last night that the Turks are much cleaner fighters than the Germans. He stated that the artillery used at the Dardanelles was not as heavy or as powerful as that in use on the western front.

BENJ. FISH FOUND DEAD LAST NIGHT

Body of Well Known Brussels Street Man Discovered in Alleyway off North St.—Heart Trouble Caused Death.

"There's a man dead in an alley off North street," was the message flashed over the wires to police headquarters last night at 9:13 o'clock. The ghastly find was made by George Capen, of 37 North street, who lives over the building under which the body of Benjamin Fish, of 187 Brussels street, was discovered.

The story of the finding of the body as related by George Capen was as follows: "Mrs. Capen and I were returning from the Opera House and as we turned up North street from Mill I noticed a man, not the deceased, evidently under the influence of liquor walk into the alley, which is under the house. I went upstairs with Mrs. Capen, but thought I had better take a look in the alley before going to bed to see just where the party went.

"What about the man whom you saw going into the alley?" asked the reporter.

"He did not go very far into the alley, if he went in at all, because I was upstairs only a few minutes and when I came down he had gone."

The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Geo. A. Chamberlain and later to the home of the deceased at 187 Brussels street.

When the reporter arrived at the home of the bereaved family they had received a meagre account of the death of the father. Three of the boys are in khaki, one in the 26th Battalion in France, another, Corp. Harry, in the Army Service Corps in active service, and still another, Frank, a member of the 104th, in England.

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