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Defeat On Somme Brought Peace Bid

Explanation Of The Proposals By Germans

GENERAL HAIG'S MESSAGE

London Morning Post Sees in it Reason for Kaiser's Desire to End the War—Austrians Eager to Quit and Admit They Are Beaten

London, Dec. 30.—The Morning Post commenting on General Haig's dispatch, says:

"What is the lesson on the Somme? There are many, but the moral, with which we are chiefly concerned today is that the battle was scarcely ended—indeed it is not ended yet—ere Germany asked for peace. Haig tells us that the enemy's power is not yet broken nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the objects for which the allies have been fighting have been attained, but he adds that the Somme battle has placed beyond a doubt the ability of the allies to attain those objectives.

"In those simple words, which must sound in German ears like thunder, lies the whole explanation of the German proposals. Therefore all that the allies need to consider is whether or not Germany will concede the objects for which the allies are fighting or will prefer to continue to resist until her resistance is broken. It follows also that any suggestion made on the part of neutrals that a compromise might be effected in fact between Germany and as such is a violation of neutrality."

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.—The president of the Danish Social party, Minister Stauning, in the name of the party, cabled to President Wilson a message of thanks for his peaceful note and wishes for the happy result of his efforts. The Danish Peace League cabled a similar message. The Norwegian Socialist party today also sent to Mr. Wilson a message saying that the Norwegian Social Democracy, which includes a third of the electors of Norway, gives its support to the energetic effort of the president to put an end to the barbarism of war and to establish a durable peace.

The Man In The Street

Thanks! The same to you and many of 'em.

No, we're not making any new resolutions this year; we have enough left over from last year.

The Kaiser must have started making his good resolutions both good and early, when he resolved to seek peace.

The writers, who have been referring to the Kaiser so familiarly as Dumptious Bill, Wickett Wilhelm and similarly descriptive titles, probably will find by this time that he is entitled to another alternative alias, that of Weary Willie.

Foolish question number 7,869,352: "Is it cold enough for you?"

That man will earn undying fame who can arrange that the price of coal will go down when the mercury does.

The Poor Milk Dealers Having accepted the milkmen's statements as accurate—or at least accurate enough to decide that the price of milk is justified—it would seem that the logical step for the common council would be to vote a pension to the man who is supplying this necessity of life to the citizens at a loss of \$3.30 a day.

Even the school board seems to be worried by our old friend, the high cost of living.

By the time the assessors provide for all the additional demands for funds for 1917, the tax-payers will have something more to worry about, also.

An Inexpensive Pleasure "I'm thinking of buying a car next spring." "So am I!" "Indeed! I thought you said you were hard up." "So I am, but it does not cost anything to think about it."

Perhaps it Was "I had a good laugh yesterday," said his friend to the man in the Street. "I was coming up Mill street with another chap when the wind was whistling along at about forty miles an hour. The gale caught the other chap's eye-glasses

LAISZ US OUR ARTILLERY

C. G. D. Roberts Says High Honors Merited by Field Observation Officers and Their Men—Some Stirring Incidents

London, Dec. 30.—The following special article on the Canadian artillery is written by Charles G. D. Roberts, for the Canadian Review.

"If the Canadian artillery has won special distinction in the war, no small share of the credit is due to our field observation officers, with their technicians and line-men. It has been said with more truth than usually savours such surprising propositions, that every one of our F. O. O.'s ought to have the V. C. or Military Cross and the proposition might be well extended to include his telephone who crouches or lies beside him in his lonely post of peril and his line-men who wander ceaselessly up and down the naked expanse of the open under the storm of shells and bullets, and the wire by which he sends back his directions to the guns.

When these duties have to be carried on across the rolling and undulating terrain between the Somme and the Anvers, where the once smiling green of the farm lands has been swept clear of every shrub and chimney and deep and shallow ditches by the burning shell, where the shell holes lie everywhere, so close together that it is like threading a maze to pick the depth of many of the holes or petty craters, is often sufficient to engulf a horse and his rider in the purifying rain which half fills them—where one stumbles at every other step over some horrid wreckage of the wide flung struggle—there is the work doubly nerve wracking, the accomplishment of it doubly magnificent.

A Young Hero. For just this work, on this world's tremendous battlefield, our Canadian lads, fresh from farm and mine, desk and shop, factory and college, which developed the most amazing, cheerful aptitude.

Here is an instance, from one of our records, that he killed the Somme, of our quickly such raw soldiers, under the supreme test, may harden into the veteran and the hero. The wire, which is a peculiarly dangerous post, was being cut by shell continuously. Linesmen, after the advance of the infantry, were the support of the guns behind it. At last the line was broken but one line-man left to stand out, and he, though he knew his job thoroughly, was a youngster, newly arrived at the front, without experience of doing his work under fire. There was no time to get an old hand from another battery, so he was sent out alone, from a screaming hell. No one could have followed his progress through the night but it was soon evident that he was doing his job. Broken communication was restored. It was maintained throughout the rest of the battle.

The morning when our object had been gained and the lad could be relieved it was found that the task of keeping his wire service had not been done. He had found the shattered remnant of one of his predecessors, buried him in a trench, and had then, with a few bits of stick welded together into a form of a cross. He had also found another of his mates, wounded; had bandaged his wounds and helped him to the partial shelter of another shell hole to await the coming of the stretcher bearers.

The point where the F. O. O. performs his perilous duties is known as "O'Pip," which stands for observation post. The pip may be some distance behind the front trenches. It may be at some advantageous point in those trenches themselves. It may even be beyond them. Such a point may be a fragment of a battered chateau or a factory chimney, threatening to fall at any moment through concussion, even if it escapes a direct hit. It may be a tree-top, though it is rare indeed to find a tree nowadays in the battle area, that has any top left or any remnant of branch to stand upon. Such trees as the shell storm has left standing are nothing more than stripped and splintered trunks.

Or it may be merely some bit of higher ground which affords the required outlook. But the spot which commands a view of the enemy naturally can be viewed in turn by the enemy. It proclaims itself as at least a potential O'Pip and is treated as such even though the observer who occupies it may be himself concealed. If near enough it will receive the sleepless attention of the sniper and will be raked from time to time by the implacable hail of the machine gun.

If it is an snail, that knoll will be dosed every now and then with high explosives till it looks like a miniature volcano and at such times the F. O. O. and his signaler, if there is anything left of them, will indignantly withdraw from the post, to return to the wreckage when the storm has lulled.

If it is situated somewhere on a ridge the enemy's shells will feel along that ridge for it from end to end, and with the most relentless prospect of finding it sooner or later. If it is farther back, in tower or windmill, or chimney, then it becomes a favorite target of the enemy's "heavies" to be potted at by those great shells which roar through the air like a train through a tunnel.

In none of these cases is it a position to be recommended for the health. And yet I know an indefatigable C. O. in the Canadian transport service whose idea of relaxation seems to be (when he can get a few hours off) to go up to the most advanced O'Pip and take over the task of the F. O. O.

In such conditions the observation officer is expected to remain cool, undisturbed, unflinchingly alert for twenty-



FOR SAFE KEEPING

—Rochester Herald

GENERAL MR. CASGRAIN WILL BE IN ON TUESDAY

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—The funeral of Hon. T. W. Casgrain, postmaster-general, has been arranged to take place on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Young St. John Soldier of First Contingent Has Made the Supreme Sacrifice

Close upon the receipt of official notification from Ottawa to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hickey, 14 Sydney street, on Wednesday last, that their son, Pte. William Louis Hickey, was then dangerously ill in No. 2 Western General Hospital, Manchester, Eng., came the more sad news this morning that he had been officially reported having "died of wounds" on October 11 of this year.

BELOW ZERO FOR FIRST TIME

The thermometer this morning recorded two points below zero, the coldest since the winter set in. The wind was strong from the northwest and reached a velocity of forty miles an hour, which made the cold very penetrating. Predictions are for continued cold weather and strong winds.

FRANCE'S ADVERSE BALANCE Imports for Year Likely to Exceed Exports by \$3,000,000,000

Paris, Dec. 30.—Official statistics now available place the value of imports in November at 2,111,000,000 francs, and exports at 271,000,000 francs. The Temps calls attention to the fact that imports for the first ten months of the year amounted to 17,397,000,000 francs, and exports to 5,015,000,000 francs, so that France will have against her for the year a balance of trade of upward of 12,000,000,000 francs (about \$3,000,000,000 at normal exchange).

OFFERS CARRIGAN \$18,000 AGAIN TO MANAGE RED SOX

Lewiston, Dec. 30.—Owner Harry Frazee of the Boston Red Sox has not arrived in Lewiston for the expected visit to talk over plans and the possibilities of securing Bill Carrigan to again take the management of the Boston Red Sox.

Phelan and Pherdman WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the greater portion of the United States and eastern Canada and fair, cold weather prevails in all sections from Manitoba to the maritime provinces. A milder condition has set in over Alberta, Ottawa Valley—Fair and decidedly cold today and on Sunday.

Decidedly Cold. Maritime—Strong northwest winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Sunday.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—For the first time this winter the thermometer registered below zero last night and today it was below zero. Weather probabilities say "decidedly cold."

Entente Answer To German Note Goes To U.S. Ambassador Tonight

Germany Has Given No Reason For Negotiations—Must Be Reparation and Restitution

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Allies' answer to the German note of December 12 will be handed to United States Ambassador Sharp tonight, says the Petit Parisien, and will be published tomorrow. It is long, and sets forth again the responsibility of the Central Empires for the European conflagration. It insists on legitimate reparations and restitutions demanded by the Entente as outlined by Premier Lloyd George and also says that Germany, because failing to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance any basis for parley.

The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin cabinet, having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties, cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as powers respectful of signatures and must offer guarantees.

Other Replies. Madrid, Dec. 29, via Paris, Dec. 30.—Spain's reply to President Wilson's note will be handed to the American chargé d'affaires tonight and given to the public at noon tomorrow.

Berlin, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—The Scandinavian peace notes were presented today to the foreign offices in Berlin and Vienna.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish ministers delivered notes to the war office last night supporting the initiative taken by President Wilson. The notes are identical and are couched in terms even more platonic than the Swiss note.

MORE ZIEGLER WEALTH GOES TO ADOPTED SON

Heir of Baking Powder Manufacturer Will Soon Receive \$3,485,016

New York, Dec. 30.—William Ziegler, Jr., adopted son of the baking powder manufacturer, who died in 1905, will soon receive \$3,485,016 from the Ziegler estate, according to an accounting filed in the Surrogate's court. The accounting of the trustees, Mrs. E. Matilda Ziegler, the widow, and William S. Champ, shows that the total estate was \$11,382,724, which was to be held in trust and the accrued income paid to the son when he became 21 years old. One-quarter of the principal was to be paid to him at 25 and the other quarter in five-year periods thereafter. The accrued income, less all deductions, which was paid to the son when he was 21 was \$4,802,282. The principal of the estate had increased to \$13,940,086 on July 21 last, on which date he reached 25 and became entitled to a quarter of this fund.

RUBBERS GOING HIGHER. Jobs Announced Advance of 20 Per Cent to Retailers, Effective Jan. 1

Boston, Dec. 30.—Rubbers are going to celebrate the birth of the new year by taking another advance in price. The increase will be 20 per cent for the retailers, who may ask a trifle more than that from customers.

BRIDES RECEPTION DAY

On Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Lynch, Burpee avenue, Harry Lynch received for the first time since her marriage. The bride looked charming in a very pretty and smart pink tulle silk gown trimmed with midnight blue, a wide grille of the same colored silk encircling the waist. Mrs. David Lynch, in Belgian blue poplin, received with the bride in the drawing room. The artistically arranged table centered with jonquils and pink carnations was presided over by Mrs. Frank O'Regan and Mrs. Frederick Lynch. Mrs. Wilson Josephine Lynch conducted the guests to the dining room. The drawing room was lighted by candlelight and spring flowers shed their fragrance throughout the rooms. It is with regret that friends hear that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynch are soon to leave his Ottawa, where they will in future reside.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Edward Strauss, composer of dance music, is dead. Dr. Claude L. Wheeler, editor of the New York Medical Journal, is dead. Berlin reports that the Russians and Roumanians are being driven back along the whole front. He has been wounded twice and has won the Military Cross and the D. C. M.

LOCAL SHIPPERS

The schooner Margaret May Riley has arrived at Barbadoes with a cargo of shingles from this port, according to advice received yesterday by her local agent, A. W. Adams.

HAD CHRISTMAS TREAT

A Christmas tree treat and supper was tendered the children of the City Mission Sunday school, Brussels street, last evening. About 100 children were present and all were remembered by Santa Claus. Following supper a programme was carried out by the children and was thoroughly enjoyed. The officers and teachers thank all who assisted.

GIVEN FREEDOM

Magistrate Ritchie made his annual visit this morning to the jail picking out the most deserving prisoners and giving them their freedom for New Year's. This is in keeping with His Honor's yearly custom. Being absent at Christmas the judge took the opportunity today. Thirteen were allowed to go.

HATFIELD-TAIT

The wedding of Samuel F. Hatfield of this city and Mrs. Annie Truman took place on Thursday evening, December 28, at the residence of Mrs. Tait, 252 Princess street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. S. Poole in the presence of relatives.

NO TIMES ON MONDAY

The Times will not be published on next Monday, New Year's Day.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

IMPERIAL'S BIG SHOW ON NEW YEAR'S
On New Year's Day the Imperial will show an unusually good programme...

TONIGHT AND NEW YEARS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The Western Musical Company at the Opera House present the "Traveling Man" for the last two performances...

TONIGHT AND HOLIDAY AT THE POPULAR GEM

You'll get the best of entertainment at the Gem tonight and on New Year's Day with an all new programme...

PERSONALS

R. H. Crother, chairman of the Billy Sunday campaign committee, has been called to America and expects to return early in January.

SHORT OF COKE, CLOSE DOWN BLAST FURNACES

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—The Steel Company of Canada has been forced to close down its blast furnaces on account of coke shortage.

BIRTHS

SCURRIE—To Mr. and Mrs. Purcell School street, Fairville, on Dec. 29, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

HATFIELD-TAIT—At 232 Princess street on December 26, by Rev. S. S. Poole, Samuel F. Hatfield to Annie Truman Tait, both of this city.

DEATHS

NICE—On Dec. 30, at 20 King street, West St. John, Alice Helen Frances, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nice, aged six months.

LADY ABERDEEN'S ADDRESS

It is hoped that all members of patriotic societies will attend at the Imperial Theatre next Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock to hear Lady Aberdeen speak on the subject of "Reconstruction after the War."

LOCAL NEWS

St. Philip's A. M. E. Church—Morning service 11 a.m.; Sunday school 2:30 p.m.; evening service 7 p.m. Subject: "Great Invitation." Watch Night meeting 10:30 p.m. All invited. R. H. W. Pinkett, B.A., pastor.

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER
Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., 189 Union street. See our adv. on page 7.

Special course dinner, 9-12 p.m. Saturday at Bond's.
Flyers, framers, skates.—Dural, 17 Waterloo.

Worm blankets—A sale tonight and next week at Daniel's—white wool blankets at \$8.49 a pair, also fine \$7 blankets at \$5.89 a pair. See window.

SKATE ENJOYED.
Your skate will be enjoyed if you wear a pair of our hockey boots. We've a habit of selling cheap.—Wiesel's Cash Stores.

Band at Carleton Rink Monday afternoon and evening. Ice in excellent condition.

Special New Year's dinner, Victoria Hotel.

Lugrin Photo Studio, 38 Charlotte street, will be open New Year's day.

I. O. G. T. GRAND RALLY
All members requested to attend Thorne Lodge Hall, Thorne avenue, for New Year's gathering, Monday 7:30 p.m.

PRISONERS OF WAR FUND.
Mrs. Richard O'Brien, for the Women's Canadian Club, acknowledges—Mrs. T. Sherman Peters, Gagetown, for November.....\$8

WHITE WOOL BLANKETS
A sale, commencing tonight and lasting all next week, a special offering of white wool blankets. About 100 pair in different qualities, quite a proportion of these at the special price of \$8.49 a pair, regular \$4.80 blankets. A number also beautifully fine white wool, \$7 and \$8.50 blankets on sale at \$6.99 and \$6.99 a pair. See window.—Daniel, Head of King street.

HOCKEY BOOTS!
The best hockey boots at the prices, to be found are sold at Wiesel's Cash Stores, 248 Union street.

Tonight—A sale of good white blankets at \$9.49 a pair.—Daniel, head of King street.

Chalet popular Saturday class now open.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.
The meeting of Lodge N. B. No. 353, to be held on January 1, will be postponed until January 15 and then, for the installation of officers; all members requested to be present.

F. W. Holder has opened a store at Riverside station with a general line of goods, four and a half right prices. Terms strictly cash.

Bonds on New Year's Day. Special dinner 12-3 p.m.

THE RIGHT SORT.
Of hockey boots at here at prices that defy competition.—Wiesel's Cash Stores, 248 Union street.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
The following are additional donations for Christmas cheer for the soldiers in the military hospitals in the city: Alexander Corbett, box of oranges; Mrs. Fraser Gregory and Miss Murray, box of grapes; Mrs. F. W. Bonnell and Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, barrel of apples; John Keefe, oranges, and Mrs. Barnaby, oranges and bananas.

Mad Queen's Rink Monday afternoon and evening. Skating in morning; good ice.

Friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Warren last evening to wish them a happy and prosperous New Year. Games and music were played, luncheon was served and the gathering broke up at midnight.

AS TO BOXING BOUTS
In a letter to The Times, George V. Parker tells of arranging a boxing exhibition, twenty-five per cent. of the profits to go to the patriotic fund, of postponing the exhibition in order not to conflict with the exhibition in the Imperial Theatre on New Year's evening, and of receiving word yesterday from the police that the commissioner of public safety had given orders that he could not hold the exhibition. He asks why he is barred from holding an exhibition while the war veterans can hold theirs.

In reply to this Commissioner McLellan said today that the message he had sent was that the exhibition could not be held without a license, this being according to the law. All licenses are issued by the mayor and the commissioner has no control over them.

With regard to the show in the Imperial, the commissioner pointed out that it has not been the custom to charge license fees for affairs entirely for patriotic purposes. The commissioner added a warning regarding the difference between an athletic exhibition and a prize fight. The latter is prohibited by the dominion criminal code and both participants and spectators would be liable to arrest.

When application was made to Mayor Hayes for a license, His Worship said today, he refused to grant a license, leaving the matter to the police.

In confirmation of this, Commissioner McLellan said today that the mayor had even refused to issue a license for the exhibition in the Imperial, and that the commissioner had to authorize it on his own responsibility. The commissioner explains that he has no desire to discriminate and wishes to be fair to all but that the law must be observed.

FORMER MONCTON MAN IN TRAGEDY

Isaac McFarlane, a former resident of Moncton, is in hospital in New Haven, Conn., his wife dead and a man named Shedy, a boarder dead as result of a tragedy which occurred at their home in New Haven recently.

Mr. and McFarlane kept roomers and Shedy, who was a roofer, came in the house one night—it was said he was drinking—went up stairs and instead of turning the gas jet on and lighting it he broke the pipe off. Mrs. McFarlane was going up stairs with a lamp in her hand, smell gas, and called her husband. On his arriving they opened the door and an explosion followed. The kerensc scattered over Mrs. McFarlane's clothes and they caught fire. Her husband carried her down stairs and succeeded in putting the flames out, but two days later she died as did Shedy. Mr. McFarlane's face and back are very badly burned and he has lost his right hand, which had to be amputated.

GAPT. H. A. PEARSON OF Y. M. C. A., HOME FROM THE FRONT, WILL BE HERE SOON

Captain H. A. Pearson, representing the Y.M.C.A. overseas military work, will spend the second week of the new year in the maritime provinces, beginning at St. John, where he will spend Sunday and Monday, January 7 and 8. He will visit Fredericton, Moncton, Halifax, and other cities of Nova Scotia. On Sunday in this city, he will speak at St. John's (Stone) church at the morning service. In the afternoon he will address a public meeting at the Imperial Theatre, at 7 o'clock. The evening he will occupy the pulpit at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Capt. Pearson's programme for Monday has not been arranged as yet, but he will address the women's patriotic societies under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club at the Elks' Club rooms in Wellington row on Monday afternoon.

The purpose of Capt. Pearson's visit at this time is to report on the overseas work of the Y.M.C.A. to which St. John contributed so liberally last year. For the last month he has been visiting different cities of the west, and is reported to be a very enthusiastic speaker and well qualified to make such a report. At the opening of the war, he was one of the first secretaries in France, where he has remained with the Canadian army until the present time. He was stationed in the city of Ypres, when the famous battle of April 27 developed, and he gave a wonderful account of the Canadian soldiers who were Germans and stopped their rush to Calais, when the best fighters of the war had fallen back amidst the gas and machine fire.

A fuller and more complete programme concerning Capt. Pearson's visit to St. John will be announced later.

GIVE MONEY TO BELGIANS
The annual Christmas entertainment of the Ludlow Street Baptist Sunday school was held last evening and many attended. This year, instead of the scholars receiving a treat, they voted to have the money given to Belgium. This, with a special self-denial gift which they gave last night, will mean a contribution of about \$50. Following a short address by the superintendent, Mr. H. Parsons, an interesting programme was carried out as follows: Recitation, Gray Belyon; humorous dialogue in two acts, "Christmas at Flinnes's Flat," characters assumed by Hasan Fairweather, Clarence E. Rupert, I. Ronald Carlin, Tom Robinson, Chas. Bisset, Hilda Beattie, Mabel Willis, Lillian Cameron, Mabel Bisset.

Those taking part in the dialogue showed excellent ability. The patriotic drill and chorus by the primary and a recitation by Evelyn McPherson added greatly to the enjoyment of the programme which was brought to a close with the appearance of Santa Claus to whom was presented the money from the Sunday school. The presentation was made by Dawson Ring, Miss M. E. Mullin, treasurer and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Robinson. A very enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the national anthem.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Lord Shaughnessy has sent the following telegram to all British and Dominion employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway: "My very best wishes for the New Year. May it bring peace on the terms of Britain and her allies."

LOCAL NEWS

AT GERMAIN ST. CHURCH
C. Herbert Barnes, formerly of this city, and now of New York, will sing at both services in Germain street Baptist church tomorrow.

LITTLE ONE DEAD
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nice of King street, West End, have the sympathy of friends in the death of their infant daughter, Alice Helen Frances.

NO. 9 INSPECTED
Lieut.-Col. Mersereau inspected No. 9 Siege Battery this morning. The boys of the battery made a fine showing and he was pleased with their general appearance and the way in which they went through their drill, as also was Major Wetmore, the commanding officer.

NOT SERIOUS
A chimney fire in a house in Chesley street this morning badly frightened the tenants and an alarm was sent from Box 132. When the fire department arrived on the scene their services were not required.

JUVENILE COURT
Magistrate Ritchie held a session of the juvenile court this morning. The charge was a minor offence. It was noticed that the youthful delinquent had no buttons on his coat, safety pins being used in stead. Imbued with the spirit of the New Year, the court officials busied themselves, and soon two adjustable buttons were discovered. The lad was made the recipient of them. He left the court smiling and not forgetting his thanks to the magistrate and officials.

SPORTS AT Y. M. C. A.
A Junior "B" group athletic meet, held in the Y. M. C. A. this morning was a success. Loyalists won the meet with thirty-five points and the Chippewas came second with thirteen and the Aces last with two points. The events were: Running high jump—Loyalists, H. Wetmore, 4 ft. 6 in.; Chippewas, B. Wilkes, 4 ft. 4 in.; Loyalists, G. Kelley and J. Thomas, 4 ft. 2 in. Five man relay race—Loyalists, E. Lee, T. Robinson, G. Kelley, J. Thomas, H. Josselyn, 1 min. 35 sec. Chippewas—B. Patterson, A. Bowman, J. Christie, R. Kee, C. Brown, 1 min. 43 sec. Aces—A. Markham, M. Kubring, 1 min. 20 sec.

Standing hop, step and jump—Loyalists, T. Robinson, 22 ft.; Chippewas, B. Wilkes, 21 ft. 11 1/2 in.; Loyalists, B. Josselyn, 21 ft. 9 in. Pull Ups—Loyalists, Sterling, 18 times; Chippewas, R. Kee, 12 times, B. Wilkes, 12 times. Standing broad jump—Loyalists, T. Robinson, 7 ft. 7 1/2 in.; E. Lee, 7 ft. 7 1/2 inches; Aces, J. Welsford, 7 ft. 4 1/2 inches. Sixty yard potato race, three laps and three men each—Loyalists, Sterling, Wetmore, Thomas, 1 min. 10 seconds.

NEW YEAR'S MATCH ON THISTLE ICE
The rinks chosen for the annual New Year's day match in the Thistle rink morning, afternoon and evening on Monday, are as follows:

- W. C. Murray H. Stubbs
Major Ferguson W. Gamblin
H. G. Barnes T. Armour
R. M. Fowler F. Watson
G. S. Bishop S. W. Palmer
W. J. Miles W. L. Robison
I. F. Archibald D. Cameron
J. S. Gregory R. E. Crawford
D. Willett W. A. Shaw
J. O. Mitchell H. A. Wilson
W. Denings F. Shaw
J. W. Cameron J. W. Holly
A. W. Sharpe W. J. Shaw
B. D. Malcolm W. G. Gamblin
T. C. Ledingham R. S. Ritchie
E. P. Howard A. A. Sinclair
R. S. Orchard H. C. Olive
R. McKendrick H. A. Wilson
G. Warwick H. Warwick
H. McAlpine F. S. Barpee
S. A. McAndrews J. McClelland
D. O'Brien Don Seely
W. H. Mowatt A. W. Estey
J. B. McPherson J. M. Barnes
W. J. Miles J. S. Malcolm
B. McElwaine L. F. Thayer
R. E. Smith L. Lingley
W. J. Currie S. R. Murray
J. D. Malcolm J. Chealey
W. J. Edgett F. T. Walsh
A. J. Lalely G. Stubbs
H. Reid W. B. Robertson
R. Langstroth H. A. Wilson
J. L. McAvity A. P. Paterson

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Your Broken Glass can be duplicated here accurately and promptly. Prescription is not necessary. Our new factory for grinding lenses has brought our Optical Service to the height of efficiency.

D. BOYANER TWO STORES: 38 Dock Street, 311 Charlotte Street.

Cash Specials All Laundry Soaps Have Advanced in Price. Our Special Price:

- 5 cakes Gold Soap..... 22c.
5 cakes Sunlight Soap..... 22c.
5 cakes Ivory Soap..... 22c.
2 pkgs. Old Dutch..... 17c.
2 pkgs. Lux..... 17c.
2 bottles Ammonia..... 17c.
15c. tin Orona Cleaner..... 11c.
5 lb. pkge. Lantic Sugar..... 45c.
10 lb. bag Lantic Sugar..... 85c.
20 lb. bag Lantic Sugar..... \$1.69
1 lb. block Pure Lard..... 23c.
5 lbs. Oatmeal..... 25c.
3 lbs. Mixed Starch..... 25c.
3 pkgs. Jelly Powder..... 25c.
15c. pkge. Wheat Flakes..... 13c.
35c. bottle English Malt Vinegar..... 37c.
1 tin Canadian Plums..... 12 1/2c.
1 tin Canadian Raspberries..... 17c.
1 tin Canadian Strawberries..... 18c.
Heaton's Pickles..... 10c. bottle
Pink Salmon..... 15c. tin
Shrimps..... Only 17c. tin
Fish Flakes..... 16c. pkge.

Watch Your Child's Eyes Before the little one goes back to school, have the eyes examined at Sharpe's. This precaution may prevent serious trouble later. Often eye-strain is present though sight is good, but the strain makes school work unduly difficult.

Eamination at Sharpe's will make known the exact condition and glasses will not be recommended unless they will be a positive advantage.

Gilbert's Grocery L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians, 25 KING ST. ST. JOHN, N. B.

USE THE WAY

LOCAL NEWS

AT GERMAIN ST. CHURCH
C. Herbert Barnes, formerly of this city, and now of New York, will sing at both services in Germain street Baptist church tomorrow.

LITTLE ONE DEAD
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nice of King street, West End, have the sympathy of friends in the death of their infant daughter, Alice Helen Frances.

NO. 9 INSPECTED
Lieut.-Col. Mersereau inspected No. 9 Siege Battery this morning. The boys of the battery made a fine showing and he was pleased with their general appearance and the way in which they went through their drill, as also was Major Wetmore, the commanding officer.

NOT SERIOUS
A chimney fire in a house in Chesley street this morning badly frightened the tenants and an alarm was sent from Box 132. When the fire department arrived on the scene their services were not required.

JUVENILE COURT
Magistrate Ritchie held a session of the juvenile court this morning. The charge was a minor offence. It was noticed that the youthful delinquent had no buttons on his coat, safety pins being used in stead. Imbued with the spirit of the New Year, the court officials busied themselves, and soon two adjustable buttons were discovered. The lad was made the recipient of them. He left the court smiling and not forgetting his thanks to the magistrate and officials.

SPORTS AT Y. M. C. A.
A Junior "B" group athletic meet, held in the Y. M. C. A. this morning was a success. Loyalists won the meet with thirty-five points and the Chippewas came second with thirteen and the Aces last with two points. The events were: Running high jump—Loyalists, H. Wetmore, 4 ft. 6 in.; Chippewas, B. Wilkes, 4 ft. 4 in.; Loyalists, G. Kelley and J. Thomas, 4 ft. 2 in. Five man relay race—Loyalists, E. Lee, T. Robinson, G. Kelley, J. Thomas, H. Josselyn, 1 min. 35 sec. Chippewas—B. Patterson, A. Bowman, J. Christie, R. Kee, C. Brown, 1 min. 43 sec. Aces—A. Markham, M. Kubring, 1 min. 20 sec.

Standing hop, step and jump—Loyalists, T. Robinson, 22 ft.; Chippewas, B. Wilkes, 21 ft. 11 1/2 in.; Loyalists, B. Josselyn, 21 ft. 9 in. Pull Ups—Loyalists, Sterling, 18 times; Chippewas, R. Kee, 12 times, B. Wilkes, 12 times. Standing broad jump—Loyalists, T. Robinson, 7 ft. 7 1/2 in.; E. Lee, 7 ft. 7 1/2 inches; Aces, J. Welsford, 7 ft. 4 1/2 inches. Sixty yard potato race, three laps and three men each—Loyalists, Sterling, Wetmore, Thomas, 1 min. 10 seconds.

NEW YEAR'S MATCH ON THISTLE ICE
The rinks chosen for the annual New Year's day match in the Thistle rink morning, afternoon and evening on Monday, are as follows:

- W. C. Murray H. Stubbs
Major Ferguson W. Gamblin
H. G. Barnes T. Armour
R. M. Fowler F. Watson
G. S. Bishop S. W. Palmer
W. J. Miles W. L. Robison
I. F. Archibald D. Cameron
J. S. Gregory R. E. Crawford
D. Willett W. A. Shaw
J. O. Mitchell H. A. Wilson
W. Denings F. Shaw
J. W. Cameron J. W. Holly
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T. C. Ledingham R. S. Ritchie
E. P. Howard A. A. Sinclair
R. S. Orchard H. C. Olive
R. McKendrick H. A. Wilson
G. Warwick H. Warwick
H. McAlpine F. S. Barpee
S. A. McAndrews J. McClelland
D. O'Brien Don Seely
W. H. Mowatt A. W. Estey
J. B. McPherson J. M. Barnes
W. J. Miles J. S. Malcolm
B. McElwaine L. F. Thayer
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- 5 cakes Gold Soap..... 22c.
5 cakes Sunlight Soap..... 22c.
5 cakes Ivory Soap..... 22c.
2 pkgs. Old Dutch..... 17c.
2 pkgs. Lux..... 17c.
2 bottles Ammonia..... 17c.
15c. tin Orona Cleaner..... 11c.
5 lb. pkge. Lantic Sugar..... 45c.
10 lb. bag Lantic Sugar..... 85c.
20 lb. bag Lantic Sugar..... \$1.69
1 lb. block Pure Lard..... 23c.
5 lbs. Oatmeal..... 25c.
3 lbs. Mixed Starch..... 25c.
3 pkgs. Jelly Powder..... 25c.
15c. pkge. Wheat Flakes..... 13c.
35c. bottle English Malt Vinegar..... 37c.
1 tin Canadian Plums..... 12 1/2c.
1 tin Canadian Raspberries..... 17c.
1 tin Canadian Strawberries..... 18c.
Heaton's Pickles..... 10c. bottle
Pink Salmon..... 15c. tin
Shrimps..... Only 17c. tin
Fish Flakes..... 16c. pkge.

Watch Your Child's Eyes Before the little one goes back to school, have the eyes examined at Sharpe's. This precaution may prevent serious trouble later. Often eye-strain is present though sight is good, but the strain makes school work unduly difficult.

Eamination at Sharpe's will make known the exact condition and glasses will not be recommended unless they will be a positive advantage.

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We wish to extend to the People of St. John our heartiest good wishes for a happy and prosperous 1917; and thank you for making the past year the best ever in our business career.

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LOST ON DEC. 17, WHITE AND black fox terrier, from Douglas Ave. Finder kindly phone 5262-41. 52672-1-8

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

- No. 2 Engine House, King square.
No. 3 Engine House, Union street.
Cor. Sewell and Garden streets.
Cor. Hill and Union streets.
Prinze Wm. street, opposite M. R. A. alley.
Cor. Brunswick and Richmond streets.
Cor. Hill and Union streets.
Water street, opposite Jardine's alley.
12 Waterloo street, opposite F. J. street.
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12 Brunswick street, Wilson's foundry.
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12 Cor. Union and Brunswick streets.
12 Cor. Courtenay and St. David streets.
12 Cor. Edin and Brunswick streets.
12 Cor. Brunswick and Richmond streets.
12 No. 1 Engine House, Charlotte street.
12 Cor. Prinze William and Prinze streets.
12 Ross's corner, King square.
12 Cor. Duke and Prinze Wm. streets.
12 Activity Foundry, Water street.
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The photograph shows French soldier emerging from his underground shelter at the expiration of his brief period of rest between watches.

FRANCE MUST FACE WHITE PLAGUE PERIL

Tuberculosis Will be the Great After-War Problem Says Architect Butler

New Plans for the Fight—Government May Not Release Infected Soldiers—Says Ideas in U.S. Hospital Construction

To prevent the spread of tuberculosis in France after the war is one of the greatest tasks which that nation will have to face, according to a statement made by Charles Butler, vice president of the board of administration of the American fund for French wounded, who has just come over to New York from the war zone for a short vacation.

opening every day to Frenchmen imprisoned in Germany. "At present the people in France are really more healthy than they were at the outbreak of the war, at any rate they are no less healthy. The out-of-door work, even in the trenches, and the general conditions of wartime make for a harder, healthier people. Hence the main fear is from the crowds of prisoners who will return home as soon as the war is over.

"The French government is well acquainted with the terrible possibilities which are in the situation and is bending every energy to cope with them successfully. That is why I, for one, am delegated to investigate everything pertaining to American sanitariums for tubercular patients and to report on the same when I go back.

THE ST. JOHN PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME The following additional subscriptions are thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer: Mayor R. T. Hayes, \$10; J. M. Lawson, Helena, Montana, \$5; D. Coe, West Side, \$2.

LOCAL NEWS

At a meeting of the quarterly official board of the Fairview Methodist church it was unanimously decided to extend an invitation to the Rev. Thomas Marshall, at present pastor of the Methodist church in Fredericton.

The engineers and others who patronize the rest room at the L. C. R. roundhouse, presented to Mrs. Mitchell, the caretaker, yesterday, a set of furs as a mark of appreciation for the neat and tidy manner the quarters have been kept during the year.

James Connolly, who has been a member of the City Cornet Band almost a half a century, was made the recipient of a purse of gold recently in recognition of his faithful services.

A dance was held in Orange Hall in German street, last evening under the auspices of the True Blue Lodge, L. O. L., the proceeds were for patriotic purposes.

Mrs. E. H. S. Flood, wife of the Canadian trade commissioner at Barbadoes, has left for her home after a long visit in St. John. Mrs. Flood came here in the summer, accompanied by her two sons. For the last two days she has been the guest of Mrs. H. A. Powell.

Miss Gertrude McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCullough, Exmouth street, recently graduated from St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass, where she completed her course of training.

Rev. W. M. Donahue, formerly of St. John the Baptist church, in this city, and now of Riverside, N. B., received a check for a substantial amount from St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass, in his charge on Christmas morning.

The members of the Junior branch of the National History Society and their friends held a masquerade dance last evening in the society's rooms in Union street. About 230 guests were present. During the evening luncheon was served.

A special case of the City of Fredericton vs. David P. Maxwell, C.E., was argued before Chief Justice McKewen yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff is a resident of Fredericton within the meaning of the local assessment act. R. B. Hanson of Fredericton represented the plaintiffs and Attorney-General Baxter, K. C., the defendant.

A concert was held in Thorne Lodge Hall last evening and the attendance, considering the weather, was all that could be expected. The following part in the programme: Caesar Barcha, J. Barry Allan, John McEachern, Miss Sparks, Miss Boyd, Miss Fox, Miss Alcorn, George Gordon, Isaac Mercer, Joseph Hezwood, Thomas Snack and Henry McEachern. Each number was encores.

Whether the city public works department shall undertake the free collection of garbage and ashes during the coming year, may be left to the public to decide by plebiscite. Although this phase of municipal activity is strongly advocated by Commissioner G. Fred Fisher, and the officers of the board of health, it will mean an extra expense to the city of at least \$6,000 for ensuing years.

SCHOOL BOARD WANTS \$17,000 MORE FOR 1917 At a special meeting of the board of school trustees last evening, business was discussed and it was reported that an overdraft of \$10,000 had been found necessary in order to meet the bills. The board decided to ask the city for an appropriation of \$188,000 for 1916 had been entirely inadequate as it did not provide for even necessary repairs and left no margin for increasing teachers' salaries. They decided to ask the council for \$200,000 for 1917. Of this amount \$50,000 would be for interest and repairs and the balance for operating expenses. In addition to this, the board decided to send a committee to the register and assess for the city be permitted to assess for \$200,000 for ordinary expenses, in addition to the amount needed for interest and repairs. Owing to the condition of the finances the board decided that the request of teachers and janitors for increases in salaries could not be granted.

LOCAL NEWS

PHILLIPS' CANDY SPECIALS Peppermint - chew, 15c, best mixed nuts 20c, pure chocolate 25c per pound. Friday and Saturday at Phillips' Candy Stores, Union street and Main street. 12-30.

Special course dinner, 9-12 p. m. Saturday at Bond's. 1-2 Long evenings Crokinole boards, Duval, Waterloo. 1-2

VICTORIA RINK Good skating. Band Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, also Saturday afternoon. 1-7

CHOICE DELEWARE POTATOES We are still selling our potatoes at 85c, peck, rolled cuts 2 packages for 45c. We have received a new lot of earthenware teapots, 4 sizes, 1 1/2 to 5 gallons. American Oil for 80c. Orders delivered—J. A. Lipsett, The Blue Store corner Brussels and Exmouth streets. Phone Main 1402. 12-30

You can buy a good strong well made suit for your boy for \$4 at Turner's, out of the high rest district, 440 Main street. 1-1

Men's reefers and working pants that are good at Turner's, out of the high rest district, 440 Main street. 1-1

NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS

Two recruits were secured in the city yesterday. They were Gustave Ekland and Anglo Zent, both of St. John, who were recruited in the Canadian engineers. Lance Corporal D. A. Robinson of Jeffrey's Corner, N. B., has died of wounds, according to an official report from Ottawa.

Chinese Pirates, Pirates, mostly Chinese, boarded the wrecked ship Sanjaku Maru, off Chefoo, and robbed and plundered the marines and the ship's stores. As a result of the wreck about 800 were lost. The reports in New York said that some of the survivors, who were partly Chinese, were killed by the pirates when the latter boarded the ship.

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We do work painlessly and well.

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Better La'e Than N'ver

Our Solid Gold and Gold-filled Eyeglass Chains have been in such demand the last two weeks that we had to make a special order. A new arrival of the largest assortment of Solid Gold and Gold-filled Eyeglass Chains have just arrived in time. This stock was purchased before the increase of prices.

We suggest that one of these new chains will be very acceptable as a Christmas Gift and a lasting remembrance. The prices are right, as we are in the right place, out of the High Rental District.

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The New GROCERY

(Next Imperial Theatre) KIRKPATRICK and GOWAN 22 King Square PHONE M. 3158

- 1 1/2 lbs. Sugar, \$1.00 New Buckwheat, 6c lb., 5 lbs for 25c Shrimps, 20c, 2 for 35c Home-made Chow Chow and Mustard Pickles, 25c bottle 5 lbs. Oatmeal, 25c 50c Lipton's Tea, 45c 40c Lipton's Tea, 35c Fancy New Tea, 20c lb. New Seedless Raisins, 2 pgs, for 25c Sultana Seed as Raisins, 15c, pkgs. A fine line of Xmas Candy and Fruit in bulk. Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas. West Side Delivery Tuesday and Friday. C. O. D. Orders Solicited

To Be Given Away Free of Charge Friday and Saturday

1-2 lb. TEA with Orders to the amount of \$3.00, at Parkinson's Cash Stores

East St. John Post Office

128 Adelaide Street

147 Victoria Street

1 1/2 lbs. Sugar, \$1.00 Fresh Ground Coffee, 35c lb. Finest Ceylon Tea, 55c lb. Purely Flour, 24 lb. bags, \$1.40 Royal Household—24 lb. bags, \$1.35 King's Quality—24 lb. bags, \$1.35 98 lb. bags, \$5.30 (Equal to One-Half Barrel) Prunes, 10c lb. Cornflakes, 5c, 3 for 25c Sweet Meadow Peas, 10c, can Good Case Eggs, 42c, doz. Choice Butter, 42c lb. Other Goods Equally Cheap 12-25.

WASSON'S - Cut-Rate

CALENDARS Free to Our Customers

Come Early Before They Are All Given Away

Drug Store - MAIN ST.

MILL REMNANTS OF WHITE FLANNELLETTE

We Will Offer for Sale on Wednesday a Special Lot of White Flannellette, Mill Remnants, at Money-Saving Prices.

245 Waterloo Street, Corner Beindley Street. CARLETON'S Store Open Until 8 p.m.

To Our Patrons

We beg most respectfully to return our sincere thanks for your liberal patronage this past year.

Wishing you all A Happy and Prosperous New Year

We remain, yours respectfully

AMLAND BROS.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST JOHN, DEC 30

A.M. P.M. High Tide... 3.48 Low Tide... 10.31 Sun Rises... 8.11 Sun Sets... 4.44 Time used is Atlantic standard.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Halifax, Dec 27—Arr, str Durango, Liverpool; Snetoppen (Nor), Wernberg, New York for Havre (repairs); 27th, in port, strs Alger, Furness; Banan (Nor), Emanuel Nobel (Belg); Kanawha, Furness White; Manchester Inventor, Matatus, dry dock.

BRITISH PORTS.

London, Dec 27—Arr, str Cranley, Mana, Botwood, Newfoundland (slightly damaged in collision).

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, Dec 28—Clid, barge Bristol, Macumber, Spencer's Island (N.S.). Boston, Dec 27—Arr, str Mashkongo, Sydney; str Maple Leaf, Windsor. Baltimore, Dec 27—Arr, str Lakonia, Montreal.

Norfolk, Dec 28—Arr, sch Jacksonville, Halifax for Philadelphia (arrived in Hampton Roads in distress). Perth Amboy, Dec 27—Slid, sch Caric L. Hirtle, Lunenburg. Vineyard Haven, Dec 27—Arr, schs John Bracewell, Calais for New York; Arthur M. Gibson, Dorchester (N.B.) for Bridgeport.

CHRISTMAS TREATS

About 200 light-hearted youngsters hurried to the annual Christmas dinner last night in the German street Baptist Church Sunday school. There was a feast, an entertainment and gifts from old Kris Kringle himself. All ages from six to sixteen sat down to the feast. Stanley E. Fisher acted as chairman. Those taking part were: Russell Fleet, Adrienne Davis, Blanche and Gladys Dykeman. The class leaders, E. H. Davis, W. C. Cross, and W. F. Nobles were remembered kindly by Santa Claus, as well as the pastor, Rev. S. S. Poole and the grown-ups. Industrial Home. The lads of the Boys' Industrial Home were given a treat last night by Rev.

FLOUR

Flour has advanced, but we sell for this week at the old prices.

- Five Shamrocks... Only \$10.00 bbl. Five Shamrocks—98 lb. bag... \$5.00 Five Shamrocks—24 lb. bag... \$1.35 Stratheons... Only \$9.50 bbl. Stratheons—98 lb. bag... \$4.75 12 lbs. Pure Cane Granulated Sugar... \$1.00

CANNED GOODS

- Standard Peas... 11c. can Cream Corn... 12c. can Tomatoes... 16c. can Golden Wax Beans... 11c. can Summer Vegetables for Soup, 9c. can Libby's Soups... 12c. can Lobster—1 lb. can... 33c. Peaches, (2s)... Only 15c. Pears (2s)... Only 15c. California Peaches... 27c. California Pineapple... 27c. Apples... 15c. peck up. Malaga Grapes... Only 20c. lb. Naval Oranges... 25c. doz. up

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THE NEW YEAR

The year 1916 has been one of tense anxiety for the Canadian people and the new year will not find the conditions altered, except that there is now a more settled confidence in the outcome of the great war. So far as material prosperity is concerned the country has been exceedingly fortunate, as there has been work for all, and money has been plentiful. Trade and industry have flourished, and the people have been able to regard the increased cost of living with a degree of indifference far beyond their participation. Indeed, it has been asserted that we are too prosperous, and not yet fully alive to the danger which threatens, or our responsibilities in connection with the war. Our failure to provide that half million soldiers gives point to the charge, and it is certain that if we are to do our full duty there must be an universal New Year resolution to devote ourselves more seriously to the task of winning the war. It means sacrifice, but all over this land are people who have already submitted to the sacrifice of loved ones, whose labor will have been in vain if we fail to go on and complete the task whose performance has already cost so many precious lives. That task cannot be better stated than in the words of Mr. N. W. Rowell, the Liberal leader in the province of Ontario. In an address last week on national service he said: "Every man and every woman in this Dominion has the privilege at this time of throwing their life and influence into the scale for the preservation of human liberty and of free institutions and of all the blessings which our Christian civilization has brought to us. And in the face of the struggle which we now face it may mean that final victory will depend, as Sir Robert Borden has said, on the last 100,000 men put into the firing line. And what will be our place in the Empire and our place before the world if with the ability to send the last 100,000 men, with the ability of supplying added munitions, if with the ability to have greater production of agriculture, we fall in this supreme hour? Our soldiers have won their place in history; the place of those who stay at home will be determined by what they do from now, not from what they have done in the past."

THE PENALTY OF DELAY

One paragraph from the report of Sir Douglas Haig, dealing with the battle of the Somme, should be printed in large type, framed and hung in the office of each member of the Borden government, as a reminder. Sir Douglas Haig says: "Subject to the necessity of commencing operations before the summer was too far advanced, and with due regard to the general situation, I desired to postpone my attack as long as possible. The British armies were growing in numbers, and the supply of munitions was steadily increasing, but a large proportion of the officers and men were still far from being fully trained, and the longer the attack was deferred the more efficient they would become."

That is to say, Sir Douglas had to postpone operations on the Somme, although the Teuton pressure at Verdun and against Russia and Italy called for vigorous action by the British army on the Somme. He was forced to wait because "a large proportion of the officers and men were still far from being fully trained." And when he did strike, and gained such success that greater results than any yet attained appeared to be in sight, the fall and winter weather prevented him from following up the advantage he had secured. If he had had trained officers and men enough to strike earlier in the year, he would have accomplished far more.

The conditions have not materially changed. The demand for more men—properly trained men—is as urgent as it was last summer. Canada today ought to have at least one hundred thousand more men in training. How will they be secured in time to be of real service in the great struggle to begin again next spring?

CANADA AND CONSCRIPTION

Sir Robert Borden told the representatives of the Trades and Labor Council that he would not pledge himself not to introduce conscription, although it is not involved in the present National Service campaign. In Toronto last week, Mr. R. B. Bennett enlarged upon the subject and the government's attitude, in reply to persistent interruptions by listeners, who called for immediate conscription. We quote from the Toronto Globe's report: "Prolonged cheering greeted the announcement of Mr. R. B. Bennett, director of National Service, that the National Service scheme affords the last great opportunity for voluntary effort; the inference being that if the National Service plan fails the government will introduce some form of compulsion. The applause lasted for about a minute and several enthusiastic members of the au-

dience shouted 'Give us conscription.' Conscription is not desirable at the present time, proceeded Mr. Bennett. It would mean civil war. Cries of 'No, no,' followed this statement, and Mr. Bennett said: 'Do you prefer a united confederation to civil war, riot and rebellion?' Again there were loud cries of 'No' and 'We want conscription.' 'I say to you in all solemnity, standing here tonight, it is my profound conviction, from information I have been able to gather, that unless the people have one last great opportunity for voluntary service, with the issue fairly put before them, so sure as any measure of force or compulsion is introduced it will bring about the serious situation indicated.' Several in the meeting again demanded conscription, shouting that there was no fear of rebellion in Canada. The speaker met these cries with the statement that six months ago he had held strong views, perhaps stronger views than any in that audience, with respect to conscription, but he thought differently now. 'We must think in the terms of a country that is three thousand miles east and west,' he said. In Toronto they were apt to hold the views of Toronto or Ontario. In other parts of the Dominion opinion was different. In Vancouver, for instance, he had received a deputation whose spokesman had said: 'We don't want conscription at present.' There must be one great last opportunity to young men in every province of the Dominion to say what their response will be. You can't indict a nation,' said Mr. Bennett. Another important statement made by the director-general of National Service was that it is obligatory upon every man to fill in that card (the National Service card), but we have not put upon the face of the card anything about a \$20 fine. This evoked prolonged applause. 'We do not believe,' continued the speaker, 'that any man with a sense of duty to his country will refuse to give the information.' The "slackers" won't," shouted someone in the audience. 'Well, we'll get them,' retorted Mr. Bennett, amid loud applause and laughter. Apparently, then, it rests with the men of Canada of military age whether we are to have conscription or not, and the issue will be determined by the response to the appeal of the National Service Board. This is, according to Mr. Bennett, the last great opportunity to avoid conscription by volunteering to join the military forces for overseas service. It is well to have the situation clearly defined. 'Come, or we'll fetch you,' appears to summarize the remarks of the Director of National Service. It will be observed, however, that no limit is placed upon the time to be allowed the men of military age to make up their minds. And in the meantime there is an urgent call for more men, and it is clear that if men are to be ready to go to the front next summer they ought to be in training now. A soldier is not trained in a few weeks, and the country will not get any special credit for supplying men after the war is over. Would it not be simpler to say: "We must have 100,000 (or 150,000) men before a certain date, and if they do not come we will go after them?"

A reviewer in a Toronto paper says: "The Juvenile Court in Canada is the title of an interesting article which recently appeared in The Canadian Churchman, referring to the methods adopted in various cities to deal with juvenile delinquents. It is a great satisfaction that, in the place of the old inhumane methods, when children guilty of petty crimes were dealt with in the police court along with others, and locked up in the ordinary cell, they are now brought before specially appointed magistrates and tried in courtrooms where there are no audiences. The writer urges that at least eighty per cent. of the children can be restrained and protected by the wise use of probationary methods, and after many years of personal experience, he is of the opinion that in most cases the trouble is not so much with the child as with the family. The article is written by a Winnipeg layman, and is worthy of the most careful attention by all those who have at heart the best interests of the children. It is a large and complex problem, including almost every factor, such as personal character, home life and labor conditions, and it is on all these accounts imperative that the children should be considered and safeguarded to the best of our ability."

Former United States Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson says: "I believe that the president has made a grave mistake. In his message he states: 'The objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same.' In other words, that there is no real issue in the war. I cannot conceive an error more profound. I do not believe there ever were issues more fundamental in any war of history. Nor is there in the world a nation more deeply interested than America to have those issues rightly decided."

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Little Boy Burned

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 29—Blaine, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Carruthers, was very severely burned this afternoon at 9 o'clock. The child was standing near the stove at their home and in some way his clothing caught fire. His mother was in another room at the time and hearing the child's screams rushed in and beat out the flames, but the little fellow was terribly burned on the right side from the shoulder down. Medical aid was immediately summoned and all possible aid was rendered. The doctor holds out faint hope for his recovery.

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Canadian lumber jacks are not the only ones who are now engaged in felling Britain's surplus timber. Women have entered practically every field of employment, the elderly woman shown in this picture being busy with her axe in Kewstoke Woods, Weston-Super-Mare. Note her dress of overalls.

Crime in London Is Decreased

Many of the Thugs, Thieves and Holdups Have Enlisted

Men in Prison Help Out—Drunkenness Wanes, Women Alone Now Safe in the Street

War in spite of all its terrors brings some compensations to the folk who stay at home; and even if the compensations do not balance their anxieties and sorrows they are welcome.

Among such indemnifications is a decrease in crime. That this decrease has been considerable in Great Britain is shown by the report for the year ended March 31 of the commissioners of the prison population, says the commission.

Prisoners received under sentence were 64,160, as compared with 114,253 in the previous year—a decrease of 40,093.

The report says that three main causes seem to have contributed to this great decrease:

1. The enlistment of many habitual petty offenders. 2. The restrictive orders issued by the liquor control board and those made by the justices and military authorities; and 3. The great demand for labor rendering employment easy and well paid and resulting in ability to pay fines.

One of the notable effects of the war on the prison population, says the commissioners, has been that the exceptions are now for the most part the physically and mentally weak. There is every reason to believe that the country's call for men appealed as strongly to the criminal as to other classes.

Burglar Gang Enlists A young burglar, one of a gang of five, the chaplain of a London prison said that his four pals had enlisted; two had been killed and two others wounded. He said he meant to go and "do his bit" as soon as he got out of prison—a promise which he faithfully observed.

The decrease in the case of females committed on conviction for drunkenness was not so marked as in the case of males. An inquiry made by the lady inspector prisons during the year into the character of the population committed for this offence to Holloway prison showed that during 1915, 1914 and 1913, 10,886 commitments on convictions of drunkenness were recorded against 1,928 women, who including the above convictions had those incurred in years preceding 1913, had on their combined records, a total of 30,986 convictions.

The average convictions for each individual rose from 2.6 in 1913 to slightly over 5 in 1915. Though the figures are inclusive, they show, if the same proportion holds at Holloway, not only a considerable decrease in the total reception into prison but a decrease of over 60 per cent. in the individuals responsible for the convictions.

In spite of the fall in the prison population, the manufacture of war stores has been conducted in prisons with unabated vigor. During the 20 months ended March 31 last orders were placed for nearly seven and a quarter million articles for the use of the navy and army.

Inmates Work Overtime The prisoners have even cheerfully worked overtime. "It is no small thing," the inspectors of prisons say, "to call on prisoners for an addition of some 25 per cent. to their ordinary working hours, but this has been accomplished without murmur, and though due allowance must be made for the fact that a reward is given in the shape of an increased supper ration, yet this cannot be regarded as the only reason for their increased exertions."

Recalls "Her Baby" Cry The writer recalls with indignation "that cruel cry of 'war babies' that rang through the land" some months ago when a prudent and emotional member of parliament stirred all the prudes in the country to alternate fits of bluster and pallor by assured predictions of an unprecedented increase in the illegitimacy statistics until a committee presided over by the Archbishop of York picked the bubble. "Do not," says Margaret Munro to London's bishop, "let us have a repetition of that mistake."

People of either sex, who frequent the darkened streets of London by night cannot but be struck by the absence of drunkenness and rowdiness. A hind stranger turned loose alone in the less frequented thoroughfares might well expect to meet at any moment a foot-pads who would demand money with menaces or to be sandbagged and have his pockets emptied. It is certain that the forward and the bug might operate in many streets with virtual impunity, for police are rarely seen except in Piccadilly.

But Dick Turpin and Jack Sheppard have been roped in the army along with the sons of their potent victims, pallid offences of violence in the streets are of the rarest occurrence.

In the suburbs, too, a halcyon time of peace and the bug might operate as silent and empty as remote country lanes and the most timorous daniel may

It is stated that one prisoner offered as an economy to forego the extra supper ration. On this a chaplain writes:

"Under the broad arrowed garments there beats many a heart still responsive to the loftiest sentiments of loyalty and patriotism."

The enlistment of lads has also reduced by half the male population of the reformatories, and a number of old reformatory boys have done well at the front. Two of them have won the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

In other directions the home people benefit under war conditions. The Bishop of London in the course of a street preaching campaign has been denouncing the sexual immorality which he declares to be rampant in the metropolitan area since the war has called upon "the women to purge the heart of the empire."

Girls Take Up Challenge

The challenge is taken up by one who is described as "a girl worker" employed in a war industry and it's now her word against the bishop's.

Under the name of Margaret Munro she writes in a newspaper: "Surely a good deal of that change of mind and spirit the bishop so rightly demands has come about."

"Who are more easily able to judge of the city's morals than the ungarbled girls who work in the London streets at all hours of day and night; who must, perforce, while their men folk are abroad, dwell, dine and play by themselves? The streets grow daily darker, yet I and my fellows, many of them country girls, ignorant of city ways, called upon to do the nation's work in this London of ours, I and my like walk unmolested through the city."

norms of the nation's work in this London. Indeed, London were a sink of iniquity, could we young women take up men's work, labor, by their side unhampered, the girl alone with one man perhaps all the day?"

"Yet, these are the things we do. Could we serve at midnight cantens, surrounded by the roughest men, from the roughest parts of the city, unassailed by so much as a phrase that twangs of familiarity. Yet there we stand all night in the midst of these workers; we travel to the canteen just before midnight on omnibuses, on foot, and no man stays us."

Times Have Changed. "Even in a very few years of London experience most of us can remember a time—when we were children—when to loiter in the streets was to be spoken to, when to frequent tubes, theatres, restaurants and night clubs was to invite familiarity. I almost laugh when I remember 'those were the days when few men wore the king's uniform; it was every man for himself, not every man for king and country."

"Now, work over, we take our solitary dinner in a crowded restaurant where once a waiter would politely but firmly have asked us at once if we were not waiting for a friend. We go to the very theatres the bishop condemns, alone and remain alone. That, I think, is the surest test of the type of any entertainment."

"I cannot tell you how proud I am of all this. For, indeed, it might not be expected. Never have men and women had greater need of one another; they are both distraught and lonely in soul by war's cataclysm."

"Never, too, at any moment of our country's experience have the sexes lived so apart. The women at home, the men barracked, in camp or in trench. It would have been in no way surprising had reaction set in."

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Miss Naimska Depicts Destitution She Found in Poland

Miss Zofia Naimska of 80 Morning-side Drive, New York, who several months ago went to Poland to investigate conditions there, has returned to New York. She made the trip to Poland with the encouragement of several well-known women, among them Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee and Mrs. Samuel Thorne of New York, and Mrs. Hartley Winslow of California, the understanding being that on her return a movement would be started to collect funds for the relief of the children of Poland.

Miss Naimska spent five months in Poland, but before she was permitted to go into the country she had to wait three weeks in Copenhagen for the permission of the German government, and when that was obtained she was conducted hurriedly through the German empire without being permitted to stop overnight at any place.

Arriving in Poland, Miss Naimska made Cracow her headquarters. Every fourteen days she was compelled to apply for a new permit to prolong her stay, and had a great many other difficulties to overcome before she could get permission to visit the Polish territory occupied by the German and Austrian armies.

In short trips between Cracow and Lublin, then occupied by Austrian troops, she discovered pathetic conditions. Lublin, Miss Naimska said, is hedged around by ruined villages, which in many places she found whole populations wiped out by typhus, induced by bad food. Not far from Lublin she encountered an old man who was the sole survivor of a large village. Outside Warsaw she saw peasants' children living in barrels. Other youngsters made their homes in trenches which had been dug by their parents for the storage of potatoes. At Gorlice, in Galicia, were many children who had been injured by bombs. In the cemetery a bombardment had uprooted coffins and gravestones and hurled them about in all directions.

Miss Naimska learned that by reason of the lack of food the death rate of Polish children since the beginning of the war has increased 60 per cent., and epidemics had flourished unchecked. The Women's League in Cracow, the

RIVER BANDITS IN CHINA

Official Narratives of Piracy From the Orient Seas

Overseas commerce has not yet lost, everywhere in the world, all the atmosphere of adventure and color of the olden days. The Malay pirates are probably gone forever, and the modern steel steamship would be too much for them once it got upon the high seas if they should return. But piracy in the Oriental inland waters has not yet entirely ceased. The following accounts come from two successive annual issues of the Chinese official reports of trade. The 1914 report relates something that seems to have escaped the world's news organizations:

"The country around Canton was much disturbed by brigandage and piracy, and considerable apprehension seems to have been felt that further revolutionary activities were imminent. The year was marked in the latter part of April by what was perhaps the most terrible outrage that shipping has yet encountered in those waters."

"The British steamer Taim was attacked by pirates, and as the captain and officers resisted and prevented access to the bridge, the pirates saturated the lower deck with machine gun fire, burned the vessel to the water's edge. It is believed that some 800 passengers perished. The captain, chief engineer, a few of the crew and a handful of passengers were picked up by passing steamers and saved."

The 1915 report shows that things have changed. The piracy is at least being modernized:

"Piracy on the Canton river was not quite so frequent, owing to the policy of establishing patrols and garrisoning dangerous localities. But the North River was still so unsafe for native craft that most of the freight has been diverted to the railway. Junks travel only in fleets and engage 'soldiers,' who are supplied by agents guaranteeing a safe passage. The junks pay, it is said, a fee of 5 per cent. of the value of their cargo, and the agents pay the pirates to leave them alone, both agents and 'soldiers' being part of the pirate organization."—The America's.

INDEPENDENTS HOLD BALANCE OF POWER

Indications Are That Democrats and Republicans Will Each Hold 215 Seats in Next House

Washington, Dec. 30—A tie vote as between Democrats and Republicans in the next House, with five independent members holding the balance of power, probably will be shown by the directory of members-elect, soon to be issued by South Trimble, clerk of the house.

Mr. Trimble said today that his figures indicated a tie "if Representative Scully, Democrat, wins out in New Jersey." The Scully contest is now in the courts, and on the face of returns Mr. Scully has the advantage.

Assuming that Mr. Scully will obtain a certificate of election, Mr. Trimble's figures show that the next House will stand: Democrats, 215; Republicans, 215, and Independents, 5.

The so-called Independents represent various shades of political opinion, and their alignment will elect the next speaker and organize the House. This small but powerful group includes:—Randall of California, a prohibitionist, who is a Democrat in his tendencies; Schall of Minnesota, Progressive, who sits with the Republicans in the present House, and will vote with them if the Republican candidate for speaker is regarded by Mr. Schall as progressive in his policies; Martin of Louisiana, protectionist, who defeated a Democrat and received Republican support in the election under these circumstances, and in view of Mr. Martin's advocacy of higher duties on sugar, Republicans hope to get his vote on organization; Fuller of Massachusetts, Independent, whose vote is being sought by both sides. He was a Republican, then a Progressive, and later a Republican, and was supported for Congress by Republican newspapers in Boston and London of New York.

Socialist, who sits with the Democrats during the present Congress and is believed to be more friendly toward the Democrats.

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HOW TO SAVE ON THE COAL BILL

Kind of Fuel Which Should Be Used

Don't Put in Too Much—Advice Which the Consumer Will Benefit by Following

One of the most ominous sounds these chill winter mornings comes from the coal bin. If the handy man of the block comes in before daylight, clatters down the cellar stairs and begins to shovel on those precious black diamonds, it is generally enough to prevent your turning over for another nap.

Probably, says the pamphlet, the consumer is not getting his money's worth. This may be for one of several reasons. It may be the fault of the stove or furnace, but kind of fuel used, or the way you use it. Here are some "Don'ts" quoted from the pamphlet: Don't put in too much coal or too little. Don't crowd it above the top of the fire brick lining in range, cylinder stove or hot air furnace. Fill the fuel space twice a day in winter weather, heaping the coal slightly in the centre.

Don't add small quantities of coal several times a day with attention to shakings; that means loss in economy and comfort. Shake the grate only twice a day before fresh coal is put in, and stop when a bright light shows underneath.

Don't leave the feed door open; it cools the heating surface. All checking of draught should be accomplished by shutting the ashpit door and opening the check damper in the stovepipe.

Don't neglect the furnace in mild weather. See that the coal is properly consumed and not snuffed through the ashpit under the grate; it not only shuts out air needed for combustion, but tends to warp the grate bars. It is to be raised regularly once a day, even if only a small amount has fallen.

Don't use the wrong size of coal. Ordinary domestic ranges require "chestnut" larger sizes can use "stove coal," but "chestnut" will give satisfaction. Fairly large steam and hot water boilers are best operated with "egg size" anthracite; larger sizes use "stove" alone or mixed with "chestnut." Hot air furnaces of all sizes generally in use should be fed with "egg."

RECENT DEATHS

Adam Akery. The death of Adam Akery, who had reached the ripe old age of ninety years, occurred on Tuesday, December 26, at his residence Big Cove, Queens county, of which place he had been a life-long resident. Mr. Akery, despite his advanced years, was hale and hearty up to a few days ago and he had been very ill but for two days before his death. He was well known throughout the county and also had many friends in St. John, who will learn with sorrow of his death. Mr. Akery is survived by

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FOR SALE—SPECIAL BARGAIN—Self-contained house, Portland Place, S. B. Bustin, solicitor, 62 Prince Street. 52433-1-3

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FOR SALE—MIRROSCOPE, ALmost new. Address Illustrators, Times. 52631-1-8

FOR SALE—A CELLO IN GOOD order. Enquire John Frodsham, Royal Hotel. 52923-1-7

HEATING STOVES—WE STILL have a few Heating Stoves left, including Crown Moons. Low prices to clear. J. P. Lynch, 270 Union street. 52585-1-1

FOR SALE—GIRL'S GRAY Persian lamb tie and muff. Inquire Box 24, care Times. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries Lots along the East side of the Bay, River and Harbor, heretofore owned and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, and also certain Fisheries Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the SECOND DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1917.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1916. JAMES V. RUSSELL, ROBERT T. HAYES, HARRY R. McLELLAN, RUPERT W. WIGMORE, G. FRED FISHER.

three sons, Charles, of Springfield (Mass.); Beverly, at home, and G. B. Akery, of Waterloo street, St. John. The funeral was held yesterday from his late home at Big Cove. The late Mr. Akery was a life-long member of the Big Cove Baptist church.

Dr. James Loudon.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Dr. James Loudon, former president of Toronto University, died at his home, 83 St. George street, this morning, after a short illness, aged seventy-three. He was born in Toronto and was connected with the university for over forty years, as student, (gold medalist) professor of mathematics and president from 1892 to 1906.

Mrs. William Thom. Salisbury, Dec. 29.—Many friends in New Brunswick and especially in the parish of Salisbury will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. William Thom, which occurred on Friday, December 22, at the home of her son, John, at Lynn (Mass.). Mrs. Thom had been in failing health for some time. She is survived by her aged husband, who is quite ill and confined to his bed, and a grown up family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thom came from Scotland nearly fifty years ago, and settled at Scott Road near this village and made a fine farm. When their family of boys grew up the young men all went to the United States where they secured good positions. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Thom sold their property here and joined their sons at Lynn, where they have since resided. Their departure from Salisbury was generally regretted as they took a keen interest in church and temperance work and were in the forefront of an movement. Much sympathy is felt here for the aged husband and the surviving members of the family.

The Swedish match factories have decided to reduce the size of matches owing to the fact that Russia has forbidden the export of aspen wood.

There is \$500,000.00 invested in United States lumber plants.

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TO LET—NOW READY FOR OCCUPATION, entire top floor in large McLean brick building, Union street, opposite Opera House, over 4,000 feet of floor space. Two large rooms recently renovated. Fire escapes and modern conveniences, suitable for meeting rooms, warehouse or factory. Apply H. A. Allison, care of Gandy & Allison, North Wharf. T.F.

WAREHOUSE TO RENT, No. 31 Charlotte street, three floors, 30x8 and good cellar. The building is equipped with electric elevator, electric lights, water heating on all floors. There is also a side entrance for goods. The building is well fitted with shelving and especially suitable for wholesale warehouse or factory. Apply to Robert M. Magee, 86 Prince Wm. street. T.F.

TO LET—ONE STORY WAREHOUSE, 30 x 100 feet, Forest street, near siding. Address P. O. Box 108. T.F.

TO LET—TWO BRICK BUILDINGS, 272 and 274 Francisco street. Apply Phone Main 108 or 690. T.F.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET TO LET—THREE FURNISHED, room, heated, suitable for light housekeeping, near Winterport. Apply 172 Prince street, West St. John. 52670-1-8

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11.00 a.m.—Preacher H. T. Brown, now of Lubeck, Me.—Subject—"The Momentous Hour." Soloist at this service, Mrs. Henderson.

2.30 p.m. Bible School Preacher H. T. Brown 7.00 p.m. SPECIAL MUSIC (Emerick) (Howe) (Bonar-Coenen)

Quintette—"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" (Emerick) Duet—"In the Cross of Christ We Glory" (Howe) Solo—"Come Unto Me" (Bonar-Coenen) W. J. Bambury. We heartily welcome you to our services

Waterloo Street United Baptist Church

REV. F. H. WENTWORTH, Pastor 11.00 a.m. Rev. Robt S. Crisp will preach 2.30 p.m. Sunday School 7.00 p.m.—Pastor's Subject—"WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO THE CHURCHES"

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE at 11 a.m.—At this service the pastor will be assisted by the young men of the church. Strangers Cordially Welcome. All Seats Free.

Tabernacle United Baptist Church

Haymarket Sq. Rev. F. Patrick Dennison, Pastor 11.00 a.m.—"Things You Will Remember and Which Happened This Year" 3.30 p.m.—Edith Ave. Mission "Rest for Workers" 7.00 p.m.—"Getting Rid of the Skeleton in the Cupboard." Come, see how you can get rid of yours.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE at 10.45 p.m.—"Old year out and new year in." Did you send your Thank Offering for the New Tabernacle?

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First Presbyterian church, West Side, Rev. J. A. Morrison, Ph.D., D.D., minister. Morning subject, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," being the fifth Expository lecture on the Book of Job. In the evening Dr. Morrison will preach upon the Text, Romans 1-16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth."

St. David's Presbyterian Church, Sydney street—Public worship, 11 and 7. Minister, Rev. J. A. MacKegan, preaching. Sunday school, 2.30; song service and soldiers' reception at close of evening service. All seats free. Strangers are cordially invited.

Calvin Presbyterian Church, minister, F. W. Thompson, B. A. Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Services suitable for the closing year. Strangers cordially welcome.

St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, minister, L. A. MacLean, M.A. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. Strangers welcomed.

Congregational church, Rev. Thos. Hall, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school 12 o'clock. Lord's Supper at close of evening service. A cordial invitation to all.

City Mission, Brussels street, Sunday services—Sunday school, 4 to 5 p.m.; evening service, 8 p.m., preceded by song service; also a weekly night service beginning at the usual hour. Don't forget the mid-week meeting, Thursday evening, 8 p.m.; all invited.

"THE GREAT JUBILEE OF EARTH." Will the world of mankind ever come to a satisfactory condition, when war, famine and every human ill shall forever cease. This will be the subject of discourse at Bible Hall, Sunday, Dec. 31st, at 8 p.m. The Bible gives trustworthy information. Seats free. No collection.

First Church of Christ Scientists, service at 11 a.m., at 7 Germantown, subject: "Christian Science." We are pleased to have you at our service. In open daily from 8 to 12 o'clock, excepted.

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Revs. W. P. Dunham, G. Earle, P. R. Hayward and W. M. Townsend will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. tomorrow on "The Duty of the Hour—Register!" Also Mass Meetings—Theme: "Factors in National Service" Sunday 8.15 p.m., Baptist Church—Rev. G. Earle: "Circulation of Literature."

Germain St. Baptist Church

Corner Queen and Germain St. REV. S. S. POOLE, B.A., Pastor. Strangers and those having no Church Home are welcome here. Pastor's Subject at 11.00 a.m.: "Dwelling in the Secret Place" Pastor's Subject at 7.00 p.m.: "Christ at the Door"

Central United Baptist Church Sunday

Rev. D. J. MacPherson, M.A., B.D., Pastor 11.00 a.m.—Pastor's Subject: "Things We Should Forget" 2.30 p.m. Farewell to Old Year in Sunday School 7.00 p.m.—Pastor's Subject: "The Present Struggle and Its Lessons"

Douglas Avenue Christian Church

11.00 a.m. "Lessons From the Past" 7.00 p.m. "New Year and New Opportunities" SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE 11.00 a.m.—Sergeant A. F. Hodges, leader. Offering for Bible Society.

Seventh-Day Adventist

Evangelist Geo. H. Skinner. Come! Orange Hall, 37 Simonds St., Sunday, 7 p.m.—Subject: "Your Newest New Year" (Illustrated)

THE PEOPLES CHURCH Victoria St. B. H. NORLES, Minister 11 a.m.—"THE PRAYERS GOD ANSWERS" 7 p.m.—"IRREVERSIBLE 1916"

Salvation Army Sunday Services

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THE RED, RED ROAD TO HOOGE

Samuel O. Snow (8th C.M.R.), attached to 2nd Canadian Tunneling Co., 8th Battalion, Somewhere in France, October 10, 1916. Fall in, the shovel and pick brigade, There's a Carry Fatigue for half a day, And a trench to dig with pick and spade, 'Mid the dust and ruins of Ypres town. That hand, seventeen-inch is battering down, While spewing death with its fiery breath, ON THE RED, RED ROAD TO HOOGE.

"THE SPIRIT OF THE NORTH"

We were having a kind of a jamboree in McKello's dancing hall, English and Irish and French Canadian and Scotch, but Britishers all. With never a thought of the world out here, nor a thought of peace or war, Ready to take what came our way; no matter what went before. When Peg-leg Murphy come rushin' in, with his waddle just like a duck's, His face aglow and his eyes alight, as if he'd got a million bucks, And addressed his remarks to One-eyed Pete—God knows the reason why, For One-eyed Pete lost his hearin' too, when he lost his good right eye. We listened around half-hearted like, for we'd heard Peg 'bail' before. But we picked up our ears when we heard him say that "England had gone to war!"

THE SUNDAY PROGRAMME AT QUEEN SQUARE CHURCH

Rev. George Steel will preach at the morning service in Queen Square Methodist church tomorrow, and the pastor, Rev. Hammond Johnston, in the evening. A portion of the splendidly rendered Christmas music will be repeated at both services.

ROUMANIAN CAVALRY, WITH MAXIMS



Roumanian cavalry, with Maxim guns are here shown taking up new positions in the recent fighting.

London Paper Proposes These Terms

London, Dec. 29.—The Spectator devotes the greater part of its issue to answering President Wilson's question as to where are the peace terms of the Entente Allies. Briefly summarized the principal demands, as outlined by the Spectator, follow:
"The peace terms are to start from the status quo before the war, thus including the evacuation of the whole of Northern France, Belgium and Luxembourg, and of all lands taken from Serbia, Rumania, Russia and Montenegro.
"Alsace Lorraine is to be restored to France. The Danish portion of Schleswig-Holstein is to go to Denmark and Posen.
"Polish Prussia and Austrian Poland are to be added to the new kingdom of Poland, which the Czar has pledged to create.
"The Slavs of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia, etc., are to be created into a new kingdom.
"Rumania is to be an independent state.
"The Roumanian section of Transylvania to be added to Rumania.
"The whole Austrian Tyrol, plus Trieste, Istria and the other portions of Austria which are Italian in blood or feeling, to be added to Italy.
"Turkey to yield Constantinople and the Straits to Russia.
"The Armenians to be put under Russian tutelage.
"The Arabs to be freed, while Syria, Asia Minor and Mesopotamia are to be under external protection, guaranteeing tranquility.
"The German colonies to remain in the hands of the Entente.
"Moreover, a money indemnity for the ruin Germany has done in Belgium, France, Serbia, Montenegro, etc.
"Regarding shipping, Germany to make reparation in kind for all ships of commerce destroyed, ton for ton, neutral shipping to be replaced only after all the demands of the Allies have been satisfied.
"The German navy to be handed over and distributed among the Entente nations.
"As a guarantee against future war the Allies are to insist upon the demilitarization of the German government.
"The Kiel Canal to be neutralized, under an international non-German commission, including the Entente countries, the United States and other neutrals."
Pressing in upon southern Moldavia from three sides, apparently with all their vigor, the forces of the central powers are making progress against stiff resistance. On the Transylvanian-Moldavian frontier, in the region north of Rimnik-Strat, and in the Dobruja opposite Beala, Berlin reports, the Austro-German and Bulgarian troops are advancing.

MORE NEW BRUNSWICKERS TO WESTERN FRONT?

Local military authorities say that they have been informed semi-officially that New Brunswick will have a second infantry battalion on the western front within the next two or three months. No intimation has been given as to what unit will be sent forward, but the consensus of opinion is that the 104th Battalion, under Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Fowler, will be the unit chosen for the honor.
It is understood that Lieutenant-Colonel Borden, of Halifax, will also be sent to the front with his 89th Highlanders, the senior battalion of the Highland Brigade raised in Nova Scotia. A new military authorities in England have found that the different provinces in Canada are not represented at the front according to the number of men they have enlisted for overseas service. The province of Quebec and British Columbia have more representation at the front than any of the other provinces, and it is pointed out that in the case of the former province there is a splendid representation on the western front, while the recruiting from that portion of Canada has been the lowest in the dominion.
The news that a new Canadian division is being formed is of particular interest to people in New Brunswick owing to the fact that in such formation the field ambulance depot here, under Major G. G. Corbett, will be included.

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BID FOR Y.M.C.A. BUILDING FOR MILITARY HOSPITAL

Negotiations have been opened between the directors of the St. John Y. M. C. A. and the Canadian Military Hospitals Commission for the purchase of the local building in Hazen avenue for use as a hospital for returned soldiers. It is understood an offer has been received direct from Ottawa and that the directors had the matter under consideration at a special meeting Thursday evening, but that no decision had been reached.
The hospitals commission, as previously announced, is preparing for a large influx of returned men this winter and is opening many new homes. The splendid plant of the local institution could readily be converted into a most excellent hospital. The building cost about \$75,000 and has been kept in modern repair throughout.
In the event of the sale going through, and at present there is nothing through, although for patriotic reasons, the directors are inclined to be favorable, it is believed the local Y. M. C. A. would seek a new home, costing probably nearly as much as the old building and providing much greater accommodation.
For the purpose of making more adequate preparation for the receiving and care of returned wounded soldiers, Lieutenant-Governor Wood and Premier George J. Clark, in a conference here last night. While nothing was decided upon the matter was talked about in a general way and several places in different parts of the province came under discussion. With reference to the negotiations under way for the taking over of the Y. M. C. A. building, the premier stated that this was not discussed.
Among other places that it was suggested may come under the control of the Military Hospitals Commission for returned soldiers are one or more of the Mount Allison buildings at Sackville, the old government house at Fredericton, which was some time ago granted as quarters for the 28thth Kilites, also the Mack Arran summer hotel at Dalhousie, and the Marston Hotel in Grand Manan.
The old government building at Fredericton is already being equipped for the care of wounded soldiers. It is stated, will be of much value. What buildings at Sackville will be used, will also be in good order. The hotel at Dalhousie, however, presents the difficulty of heating, it being only a summer hotel, and that at Grand Manan of being so isolated, though well suited for the purpose.

MORE TEACHERS NEEDED

Fredericton, Dec. 29.—That the supply of teachers in New Brunswick is not yet equal to the demand despite the fact that more students are taking up the teaching profession during the past few years than formerly, was the report made by the various school inspectors at the semi-annual conference in Fredericton yesterday.
The school inspectors agreed that many cases it was almost impossible to secure teachers for the remote districts. They also considered that the call of the west was responsible for shortage of teachers in this province although this difficulty was being usually overcome. At their conference school inspectors discussed changes in the courses of instruction well as in the text books, but none of these will be made public until the board of education passes judgment thereon.
A clip has been invented for use on a spoon on the edge of a cooking pot or medicine glass.

GERMANS NG LIKES CASE AROUND BAPAUME

Goal of British on Ancre To a Peaceful Ready for Attack

Teutons Resist New English Artillery

Leaders are unwilling to commit themselves to the positive statement that Bapaume cannot be taken if the British want to pay the price. They are hardheadedly rather calculating on selling it dearly should the British make a bid for it tomorrow or next spring, and are prudently preparing for the eventuality of having to part with it, as the rearward network of main defensive lines extending back to the Belgian border showed.

DECLARES GERMANS ARE DYING OF HUNGER

Swiss Asserts He Saw Many Perished, Exhausted, Collapse in the Streets

London, Dec. 30.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Paris says: "I have private information indirectly from Germany. A friend of mine, the head of an important Paris business firm, had a partner, who is Swiss. The latter has just visited Germany and returned to Paris. He is a level-headed business man, and says positively that Germany can scarcely hold out more than six months longer. The shortage of food is more serious than has ever been said.
It is literally true that the entire population has long since been unable to eat its fill. He himself saw many persons in various German towns actually fall down in the streets, exhausted by hunger, and in one case at least a man dropped dead from starvation in the road before his eyes. Such sights apparently are now not uncommon in Germany."
Curious as it may seem, it is stronger than the British and the Germans, particularly in the working-class districts, have turned to the sea for food. Inland Gibraltar, it is said, is a veritable modern machinery. Tarfish and wreck-remnants of ships added themselves to the regular ration of bread and meat. Still, the situation is not so desperate as it appears. The German army is still in a rather hasty state of preparation, and is still, in spite of every point in its favor, in a rather hasty state of preparation, and is still, in spite of every point in its favor, in a rather hasty state of preparation.

CRISIS BETWEEN U.S. AND MEXICO

Carranza Has Refused to Approve of the Atlantic Protocol—Demands Modifications

Washington, Dec. 30.—General Carranza has refused the demand of the United States for his approval of the Atlantic protocol, and insists upon the reopening of the protocol for modification, inasmuch as the United States government had refused to re-open the protocol for revision before it served notice that the protocol must be signed as it stands or the joint commission would be dissolved. It is apparent that another crisis has been reached in the relations between this country and the de facto government of Mexico.
The reply of General Carranza reached Washington tonight. It was sent here by special messenger from the Mexican commissioners, Senors Luis Cabrera, Alberto Pani and Ignacio Bonillas, following their secret conference at the Hotel McAlpin in New York today. It is a letter, which will be delivered to Franklin K. Lane, the American Secretary of the Interior, who is chairman of the joint Mexican-American commission, who has registered the letter embodying General Carranza's reply is tonight in the possession of the Mexican commissioners, who have registered at the Shoreham Hotel, and who will hand the communication to Secretary Lane tomorrow.
Senor Rojo went in a taxicab to the residence of Mr. Lane on Wyoming Avenue, shortly after nine o'clock today, and arranged for a conference to be held tomorrow between Mr. Lane and Luis Cabrera, the respective chairmen of the American and Mexican wings of the joint commission. The conference was sought by Senor Cabrera, and will be held after the Carranza answer has been delivered tomorrow by Secretary Rojo.

D. C. CLARK TO BUILD SHED ON NO. 1 PIER

A contract for the superstructure of the new shed on Pier No. 1 has been awarded to Daniel C. Clark for \$70,000. Additional costs including pile driving, and making an embankment for railway tracks, will bring the total well around the \$100,000 mark. The contract was let through the public works department of Canada. Although the department has been at work some time making preliminary arrangements for the shed, including the driving of piles, the Clark force will begin active operations next week, a view to having the work completed by February 1. Contract stipulations call for the completion by that time, but the department has delayed the contractor in getting under way, and this will mean that more time will be allowed on the other end. The shed, however, will be ready for use by that time, and will be completed by March, which is the busiest month of the winterport season.
It will be the largest individual structure of its kind in port. It will be ninety feet wide and 150 feet long, with a maximum height of twenty feet. The construction type will be same as berth No. 15, but will be heavier and more substantial. Three railway tracks will be at the rear, and the inshore end of the building will also contain five offices, two gear rooms, longshoremen's quarters, and a room for the accommodation of the public. One of the features will be a concrete boiler room. A special roadway is being constructed from the foot of Protection street to the pier, and this roadway will be well lighted with the same type of lights used on other city streets. Poles are being erected to provide for the stringing of power and telephone wires, and the water supply promises to be of the best, with seven emergency fire hydrants in the building, supplied by an eight-inch main, extending from berth No. 15.
The electric lighting system will be modern in every respect, and all the latest appliances in the way of fuses, fenders, gangways and fire railings are to be embodied in the new structure. Tar and gravel will be used for the roofing.

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EMPRESS GREAT HOLIDAY PROGRAM. SPLENDID BLUEBIRD PRODUCTION. "THE SECRET OF THE SWAMP". An Exciting Five-Part Comedy-Drama, Featuring Myrtle Gonzales and Val Paul. THE CRITIC OF THE MOTION PICTURE NEWS SAID: Briefly this offering is a gem, and in passing, there are few pictures about which such can be said. It comes under the classification of comedy-drama, and with the final half of it there is introduced a touch of mystery. The story is laid in the southwest, and the glorious and picturesque settings that have been chosen in which to lay the story, pay still further tribute to the director's sense of detail. Harry Grant, by excellent camera work, has assisted the production beyond measure. Some of the lights effects he has secured are without parallel. An Extremely Funny Eddie Lyons' Comedy. It's a Scream! SPECIAL MATINEE MONDAY at 2 p.m.

SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD. Four for Whips. The Whips cleaned up four points in last night's match in the City Bowling League, winning from the Amateurs by a wide margin. The scoring follows: Amateurs—Total 95. Whips—Total 109. Total Avg. 102.1. A Baltimore despatch says that Pitcher "Babe" Ruth and wife were badly hurt in an auto accident. Mrs. Ruth is in an hospital. Notes of Interest. San Langford and Jim Johnson are to meet again on New Year's Day in Kansas City. Joe Rivers and Vic Moran will clash in a New Year's Day bout in Detroit. George Chip figures that because Darcy knocked him out in Australia he should be given the first chance against Darcy in the United States. Joe Welling is to be held before the boxing commissioners of Wisconsin to explain why he fouted Richie Mitchell in their recent bout in Racine. Mitchell has been in bad shape since the scrap. Bat Levinsky and Gunboat Smith will meet in Brooklyn on New Year's Day. Darcy Awaits Carpenter. Les Darcy, Australian middleweight champion, has received another flattering offer to engage in a bout against any of America's prominent middleweight boxers. Hugh Grant Brown, who, with Mike Donlin, a former baseball star, is negotiating for a series of sporting events to be staged in Havana, visited Darcy at the Hotel Bristol, and there offered \$20,000 for a bout with Al McCoy of Brooklyn, recognized title-holder, Mike Gibbons, a St. Paul boxer, or Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, in a contest of either twenty or forty rounds. The offer, however, was refused, and Darcy said that he had no intention of participating in a boxing exhibition until definite news had been received from Paris whether Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, would cross the ocean. Canadians to Form Club. According to an announcement by Robert L. Henderson, a Canadian manufacturer, Canadians living in New York are planning the organization of a golf club. Mr. Henderson said that fifty or more Canadians had started the movement and that 1,400 acres of land had been acquired. This property, he said, was known as The Belle Mead Farm, near Summerville, midway between New York and Philadelphia. ATHLETIC Plans Novel Trip. New York, Dec. 28.—Eugene Estoppey, who, as a member of the Shamrock Harriers, was prominent in cross-country running circles here about twenty years ago, plans a novel trip from the Pacific Coast to this city, according to a letter received by an old associate of the runner who is now a physical director in Colorado, Cal., outlining his plans as follows: "I leave California for a race to New York on foot and bicycle, a real medley race, on New Year's Day, and expect to reach New York city on March 15, or possibly before, according to the weather and condition of the roads. Am due in Washington March 5 to deliver messages from all governors of the union to President Wilson." Besides performing well in regular cross-country races Estoppey has perpetuated many feats of endurance, from eating 1,000 quail in 100 days to running 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours. The stretch of distance work was accomplished at Venes, Cal., in 1910. Estoppey was formerly a newsboy in New York, and has been on the Pacific Coast for eleven years. ICE RACING Races at Clifton. If the weather and ice are favorable there will be races on New Year's Day at Clifton.

Carpentier is Said to Have Mailed Contract. French Champion's First Opponent Will Be Les Darcy, Australian Champion. New York, Dec. 28.—Not only has Tex Rickard outgeneraled his rivals in the matter of getting Les Darcy into the Rickard-McCracken camp, but he has beaten them to a frazzle so far as Georges Carpentier is concerned. It developed yesterday that the contract sent by the promoter to the French champion had been signed and was on its way here by mail. The only thing that delays Carpentier's departure for New York is the form incident to getting his leave of absence from the military authorities. As powerful interests are working to that end, there is small doubt that the rough will soon be granted and that second foreign champion will arrive on Manhattan Island. It is a foregone conclusion that the first match to be staged by Rickard will be one between Darcy and Carpentier, as Willard, owing to the arduous demands of his managers, has been sidetracked by the promoter. From all points of view a Carpentier-Rickard match will be the better. It is allomable if a Willard-Carpentier match would be a good one even from a box office standpoint, as the disparity in size would militate against keen interest in the bout. On the other hand, there probably would not be more than ten pounds difference between Darcy and Carpentier, which would not be much of a handicap to a man of Darcy's combative disposition and physical ruggedness. A contest between Darcy and Carpentier would be sure to create intense interest, for it would be a battle between a particularly skillful boxer with a good punch and a heavy hitting fighter who never has been knocked off his feet. If the bout went the ten rounds there is small doubt that the Frenchman would be the winner and the only question would be the ability of Darcy to drive home one of the crushing blows that said low McGoorty, Chip and other husky fighters. MADE IN CANADA ROYKRAFT TOOKE COLLARS 15 CENTS EACH TOOKE BROS. LIMITED MONTREAL

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**STRAITS NAVIGATION**  
Advices to George Carvell, I. C. R. ticket agent here, are that navigation has now closed between Pt. du Chene and Summerside, P. E. I., for the winter. At present the P. E. I. ferry is running between Picton and Charlottetown leaving Picton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at seven o'clock.

**MRS. ELIZABETH TYNER**  
The death of Elizabeth Tyner, wife of the late William Tyner, of Sea View, St. John county, occurred early this morning at the residence of her brother, Robert Tyner, 111 Broad street. She was a native of Ireland and came to this country as a young girl. Mrs. Tyner was in the eighty-seventh year of her age. She is survived by a brother, with whom she had made her home for more than twenty years. The funeral will take place on Monday morning. Interment will be made in the Sea View cemetery.

**EXPECT THAT  
COLONEL POWELL  
WILL GET BRIGADE**

Interesting Reports Follow News of New Canadian Division

For the last few months there has been much talk in military circles with regard to the formation of a F. I. Canadian division of the Canadian expeditionary forces. It will be remembered that Brigadier-General Garnet Hughes, of the first division, was in England for some time and it was reported then that he was slated for a high command in the new division, but the forming of the division was postponed and General Hughes returned to the front.

Now word has been received in Canada that the division is to be completed in England for service at the front, providing recruiting is pushed vigorously in Canada and military men are beginning to speculate as to who will get the higher commands.

Among the officers mentioned is Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. H. Powell, A. A. G., of the New Brunswick command, who is well known in this city, having been with the New Brunswick troops for more than a year and a half. It is understood that he is to get a brigade; in fact when the first word of the formation of the division was heard this was the unanimous opinion of military men. It is also considered possible that Brigadier-General Hughes will be made major-general of the division.

The Field Ambulance Depot, under Major Corbet, it is understood, will be included. At the time when the opinion of the commanding officer that the unit would cross, at least to England, in fact, if the unit does so, Major Corbet will likely be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, which promotion he has undoubtedly earned.

Not only will the Field Ambulance depot cross as a unit, but very likely the new Ammunition Depot which was recently authorized, but for which recruiting has not begun, may be part of the new division.

Several St. John officers are very liable to secure appointments in the new division, but as yet nothing definite as to what appointments they will receive has been heard.

**HAVE HAPPY TIME  
AT THE GIRLS' CLUB**

Social Committee Gives Entertainment at Which Christmas Tree is a Feature

The social committee of the Girls' Club gave their usual weekly entertainment last evening with a programme of informal nature. Miss Edith Pears acted as director, assisted by Miss W. Steeves, in the absence of the chairman of the committee, Miss Nina Brown.

A special feature of the evening was a Christmas tree presented to Mrs. Good by J. Carney of Silver Falls. This was beautifully decorated with artificial snow, candy in pretty bags, sparkling ornaments with red lights and candles. Christmas crackers were very attractive and the overburdened tree and adjoining well-laden table were themselves an expression of the generosity of the unknown friend who made it possible for Mrs. Good to give the girls so much pleasure.

The ladies who decorated the tree with such taste were the Misses Hazel Clarke, E. L. Heffer, Berwick and Jean Brown. Miss Pitt and some of the girls had previously trimmed the room, so that the whole appearance was most artistic and festive.

Mrs. Good was asked to take the chair and she gave a short address in which she greeted the members of the club and welcomed the new girls of whom there were a good number among the fifty who were present.

**ARRESTS WERE IN  
LAST YEAR 2022**

Of These 177 Were For Drunkenness

**CITY COURT FIGURES**

Receipts Were an Excess of Those of 1915 But City Court Were Smaller — Fees Under Liquor License Act

The following are some interesting figures from the books of George A. Henderson, clerk of the local police court. The receipts for 1916 in the police court were almost double those of 1915. With the exception of one month, the amounts were all in advance of last year.

In the city court, however, the receipts have fallen off this year. The fines collected under the Liquor License Act are more than last year. The figures are of actual fines that have been collected and are according to the books kept by the chief clerk of the court. The total number of arrests was 2,022, there being 1,177 arrests for drunkenness alone.

The following is the statement:

Police Court	1915	1916
January	\$168.00	\$327.00
February	254.00	542.00
March	363.00	913.00
April	512.00	422.50
May	142.00	547.75
June	318.00	582.00
July	410.00	577.00
August	292.00	466.80
September	512.00	1,772.00
October	406.00	684.00
November	401.00	461.00
December	478.00	622.00
Total	\$4,358.00	\$7,827.45

City Court	1915	1916
January	\$124.82	\$ 72.55
February	145.48	73.05
March	94.20	69.70
April	98.08	40.95
May	89.82	96.83
June	101.33	87.50
July	99.98	92.75
August	105.38	110.88
September	128.59	69.14
October	112.04	88.55
November	94.99	95.70
December	128.75	79.00
Total	\$1,895.56	\$890.24

Fines under Liquor License Act	1915	1916
License	\$1,470.00	\$1,850.00
Total	2,022	1,177

**CHURCH EVENTS OF  
THE JOYOUS SEASON**

Entertainment and Tree in Waterloo Street Sunday School — Two Celebrations in Victoria Street Church

The annual Christmas tree entertainment of the Waterloo street United Sunday school was held last evening in the vestry and was attended by many scholars and their parents, teachers and friends of the school. The superintendent, John Mott, presided. The following programme was successfully carried out: Recitation of the 28th Psalm by the primary children and a chorus, "Jesus Loves Me," solo, Audrey Greig; "The Nativity," by Harold Greig, Joseph Montclair, Bernard Bean, John Bines, Raymond Nickson, Laura Kelly, George McKie, Margaret Hamilton; dialogue, Irene Wentworth and Margaret Hamilton; exercise, "The Emblem of the Star," by Miss Pooley's class; an exercise by Miss Florence Kienstead's class, and a chorus by the primary class, "Jesus Bids us Shine."

The pastor, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, was heard in a brief address, and then Santa Claus dashed into the room to distribute the presents from a loaded Christmas tree. Most of the presents were for the smaller children, as the older classes, in recent years, have arranged with their teachers to look after poor families as Christmas, rather than to give and receive presents among themselves. Some, however, did both. The superintendent was suitably remembered by the Sunday school and the ladies' Bible class. Various individual members also placed gifts on the tree for the pastor, and the pastor's wife and children. A very enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the national anthem, Victoria Street.

The Sunday school of the Victoria street Baptist church observed the Christmas season with two well arranged services. On Thursday evening there was an interesting entertainment with a programme of dialogues, duets, choruses and recitations by members of the school. A nail driving and whistling contest provided more than ordinary amusement. A tug of war by the boys of the V. I. C. was keenly contested. Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. White and Mrs. McKimney were largely responsible for the success of the arrangements.

A white gifts service was held on Sunday afternoon last, at an open session of the school. More than \$80 was contributed by the various classes. About \$8, contributed by two of the classes, was marked for the Children's Aid Society and the balance was for the poor and needy of the community. A consecration service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. P. Nobles, made the occasion one long to be remembered.

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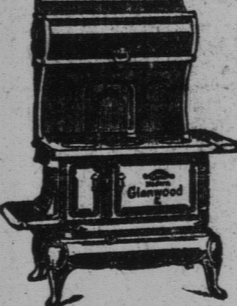
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