



# FLURRY IN WASHINGTON OVER NOTE TO BRITAIN

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### PUBLICATION OF SYNOPSIS OF NOTE SENT TO GREAT BRITAIN CAUSES FLURRY AT CAPITAL.

### Washington Confident England Will Take Steps to Remove Causes for Complaint—Talk of Reprisals and Suggested Embargo—Government Embarrassed in Dealing With Matter by Action of Some Shippers in Concealing Contraband Among Non-contraband Articles.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson today appealed to American shippers of non-contraband goods, such as cotton, not to allow their cargoes to be mixed with contraband articles. The United States government, he announced, could deal confidently with the difficulties which had arisen in the treatment of American commerce by Great Britain only if supported by absolutely honest manifests.

This statement followed a discussion by the President with his cabinet today of the general shipping situation and of the note despatched yesterday to Great Britain protesting at length against the British policy of prolonged detentions of cargoes and other interference with American trade.

Publication of a synopsis of the note, the contents of which was confirmed at the White House and State Department, aroused much interest, not only in diplomatic circles, but in Congress and official quarters generally. Many diplomats of European and South American countries made formal inquiries at the State Department concerning the note, and were promised a memorandum on the subject.

There was a confident feeling in diplomatic quarters that steps would be taken by leading nations of this hemisphere, as well as by some European neutrals, to point out to Great Britain their acquiescence in the American point of view.

### Non-Debatable From American Viewpoint, Wilson Says.

From the way the President discussed the situation with cabinet members it was evident that the Washington government had spoken firmly of its desire for an improvement in the conditions of neutral commerce, and was prepared to insist on its rights. The President declared that the theory expounded by the United States in its note was from the American point of view hardly debatable, as England had adhered, in previous wars, to the contentions now advanced by the Washington government.

During the cabinet meeting it was suggested that in order to support the American government in its effort to protest cargoes of non-contraband goods, shippers and shipping companies should be warned against concealment of doubtful articles on the same ships. The White House then issued its suggestion to American shippers to be careful to manifest the contents of their cargoes. The President said the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contraband in their cargoes of non-contraband articles. So long as there were instances of that kind, the President added, suspicion would be cast on every shipment, and all cargoes were liable to doubt and to search.

### Two Specific Cases that Justified Britain's Action.

State Department officials said later that there were two cases in which this had occurred, and that Great Britain

# LOSS OF FRENCH SUBMARINE IS CONFIRMED

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Ministry of Marine today issued an announcement confirming the loss of the French submarine Curie in Austrian waters, as has been previously reported in newspaper despatches.

The text of the announcement follows: "The French submarine Curie was sent alone into the harbor of Pola, the Austrian naval base, against certain Austrian warships. Not having returned within the time expected, the Ministry of Marine assumed that the information of the foreign press is correct, namely, that the Curie has been sunk and her crew taken prisoners."

The Curie was 167 feet long and carried a complement of twenty-four men.

# PRINCE HENRY TO COMMAND GERMAN BATTLESHIP FLEET

London, Dec. 29.—Berlin despatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company, by way of The Hague, says that the German Emperor summoned Prince Henry of Prussia to his headquarters to confer with him and Admiral Von Tirpitz, Minister of Marine, on the British raid on Cuxhaven. The conference lasted several hours, the Prince returning to Kiel by special train.

It is believed in Germany, the despatch adds, that Prince Henry is to be given supreme command of the battleship fleet.

# MONTREAL DEPARTMENT STORE PASSES INTO AMERICAN HANDS

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The business of Scroggie Limited, the large department store which went into liquidation with liabilities at \$700,000, has been sold to Mr. E. S. Almy and Henry Wolf of Salem, Mass., for thirty-five percent of the dollar. The business of the concern will be carried on as usual.

# BEGIN RECRUITING EXTRAS FOR PRINCESS PATRICIA REGIMENT

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Indications that the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry are about to go into action are found by local officers in the fact that an order has been received to begin the recruiting of an extra one hundred and twenty officers and men for this regiment. Men in the second contingent are to be given a chance to transfer. The reinforcements were sent to England as soon as possible and be used to fill up the ranks of the regiment as they are depleted.

# \$50,000 RESIDENCE OF F. B. M'CURDY, ON NORTH WEST ARM, BURNED

Halifax, Dec. 29.—"Oaklands," a massive brick private residence on the shores of the North West Arm, which was recently purchased by F. B. M'Curdy, M. P., was destroyed by fire tonight. The building was valued at about \$50,000. It was unoccupied and the origin of the fire is a mystery. The building was constructed many years ago for the late Sir William Currier.

# MORE "MISFITS" FROM SALISBURY PLAINS ARRIVE AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 29.—The Uranium liner Principe, which arrived here today from Avonmouth brought 24 invalids and 17 "misfits" from the Canadian force at Salisbury Plains. The invalids were in uniform, but the others were not.

**DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
23 THE PHARMACY

# WOE TO GERMAN RAIDER WHO STANDS IN TOWNS ON COAST OF ENGLAND

### Proclamations Forbid Civilians to Leave Homes After Dark, But Majority of Citizens go About Armed and Confident they Can Take Care of Themselves.

West Hartlepool, England, Dec. 29.—(Correspondence from the Associated Press)—English east coast towns are on the alert since the German raid upon Scarborough, Whitby and the Hartlepool. Notwithstanding the power of the British navy to keep German away from England, every preparation is being made for the reappearance of German raiders, if not the landing of German troops.

The Mayors of the Hartlepool and the other stricken towns have organized a force of volunteers to meet any attempt to hold the public in check. Proclamations have been made that civilians must stay in doors should the bombardment occur, and the orders of constables. Nearly all civilians, however, are carrying arms, and they announce they will look after themselves. The raid is hazardous, as excited guards stop all motor cars, frequently with a flourish of guns and revolvers.

Many of the families living near the coast have moved back into the interior. The large number of women and children killed during the recent bombardment especially has attracted attention to the German raid, and whenever possible the heads of families are sending their wives and children beyond the possible range of German ships.

At Hartlepool the Germans fired with amazing accuracy. The first shell fell directed toward the town, knocking over twelve soldiers who were manning one of the coast guns. None of them were killed, but several were stunned. The railway was hit in several places, and traffic was temporarily suspended.

# Children With Heads Blown Off Found in Streets

Two of the invading cruisers were struck by shots which inflicted injuries visible from shore.

Persons who sought cellars during the bombardment practically all escaped injuries. Many of the deaths were in the streets. Children with their heads blown off entirely were found in streets in various parts of the two cities. In some of the houses which were destroyed very slight traces could be found of persons known to have been in upstairs bedrooms at the time of the bombardment. One entire family of seven members was so completely wiped out that the skeletal remains of all were collected into one coffin.

Scarborough had no artillery to reply to the guns of the German cruisers, so that not a shot was fired in resistance. There were no field guns there, nor had there been any attempt to make fortifications to resist shell fire.

A Home Guard Organization is forming in Yorkshire among civilians whose duties or age stand in the way of enlistment in the army. Its object is to repel invaders. But the question arises whether the Germans would shoot armed civilians who might be captured for their Home Guard work, or whether they would distinguish between civilians and have no distinguishing mark, other than a badge.

# PRESS COMMENT ON U. S. NOTE OF PROTEST

(Continued from page 1)

of the Baltic and of the Mediterranean and could doubtless make it effective. That would insure neutral trade with Germany."

London Press Comments.

All the morning newspapers comment at length on the American government's note to Great Britain concerning the treatment that is being accorded American commerce by the British fleet, and agree that the American protest should be met by the British government in the same spirit of friendly good will as is shown by the note. Generally, however, the newspapers are inclined to view the actual text of the note before indulging in detailed criticism of it.

In the meantime they point out that the note is a serious one, and that the conduct of war must occasion to the world's commerce. In any case, they say, Great Britain was not responsible for the war. The Times in an editorial says:

"The note is dated December 24 and, although the idea may seem fanciful, we cannot help imagining that it was by no accident that the eve of the note was the day when the war was chosen for the despatch of this friendly communication from one of the great branches of the English speaking communities to the other."

"If anything in the telegraphic summary of the note, as received here, should seem preposterous we feel assured that this appearance is entirely due to the necessities of compression and will vanish when the text of the document is before us. We fully realize the inconvenience and the loss of effect on the world's commerce. We also are confident that when the note is published we shall find that President Wilson and his colleagues are not insensitive to the imperious requirements of our military situation."

"We do not suppose this is a dispute of our right, as belligerents to practice such interference with commerce between neutrals as is manifestly necessary for the protection of our national safety. The question as to whether it is whether our action of our ships does not in some cases exceed that manifest necessity."

# CHRISTMAS CHEER AT PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

The following is a list of those who gave generously to supply the patients in the Provincial Hospital with enjoyment on Christmas Day—Baird & Peters, Geo. S. Barbour, Barnes & Co., J. C. Berris, N. L. Brennan, Chas. F. Brown, E. Clinton Brown, The Carrington-Paterson Mfg. Co., Ltd., S. T. Coughle, Geo. S. deForest & Sons, Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., G. & E. Evans, Ltd., Gannon Bros., Ltd., J. Hamilton, Hamm Bros., H. O. Harrison, W. H. Hayward Co., Ltd., Donaldson Hunt, Hutchings Co., Ltd., McAleary & Co., Ltd., The McCall Mfg. Co., Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., H. Mott, O'Neill Bros., C. H. Peters Sons, Ltd., Randolph & Baker, Ltd., P. Randolph & Sons, Reading, Brewsters, Ltd., Geo. A. Riecker, St. John Mercantile Co., Ltd., J. & W. Shaw, Shipp & Flavell, Slocum & Harris, A. C. Smith & Co., R. P. & W. F. Smith, Ltd., W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., The Union Foundry and Machine Works, Ltd., Varnwart Bros., Vassie & Co., Ltd., Waterbury & Boring, Ltd., Harvey Weston & A. R. Williams, Machinery Co., Ltd.

A great many patients had presents sent from their homes which were

# FRANCE GOING AFTER SOME OF GERMANY'S TRADE

### Committee of leading merchants and manufacturers chosen to organize trade expansion movement.

Paris, Dec. 29.—France is going to make an effort to obtain her share of the world's trade which was formerly in the hands of Germans.

Minister of Commerce Gaston Thomson presided today at a large meeting of merchants and manufacturers who are members of the Paris Chamber of Commerce. He told the business men that this was the time for them to reach out for trade in all countries where Germans previously had been a large purveyor.

Before the meeting adjourned a committee representing the principal industries and financial institutions of France had been chosen to organize this work of expansion.

# A MOVE TO RELEASE FRANK.

Justice Lamar, of the Supreme Court, at Washington, has taken under advisement an application for an appeal from the action of Judge Newman, of the Georgia Federal Court, in refusing to release Leo M. Frank, the factory superintendent, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, on habeas corpus proceedings. The Justice did not intimate when he would announce his decision.

distributed on Christmas Day and with rare exceptions were appreciated. Quite a few of the patients' relatives included gifts for friends, patients as well as for their own. With their usual liberality Messrs. Ganong Bros. donated 602 boxes of sweets, distributed with ribbon so that every patient got one. While other contributors to the patients were quite as generous, the donation from this firm was unique and gave pleasure to everybody which was equalled only by the gift of a pipe and package of tobacco to the smokers.

# DIED.

FRASER—At Gardner's Creek, on Sunday, the 27th inst., Miss Besie Fraser, leaving one sister to mourn. Funeral from her late home on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at 2 o'clock.

HUTCHINGS—In this city on Monday, 28th inst., after a short illness, Sarah J., daughter of the late Thos. Hutchings, leaving one brother Charles H. to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday, at 2:30 from the residence of her cousin, H. M. McAlpine, 18 Horsfield street. No flowers.

# IMPERIAL FAMOUS PLAYERS IN GREAT PROBLEM PLAY

The Eminent Broadway Star,  
**Mr. William Courtleigh**  
IN DANIEL FROHMAN'S ORIGINAL PRODUCTION OF THE DRAMATIC ROMANCE,  
**"The Better Man"**  
By Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady  
Four Acts of Pictures  
The Rivalry of Two Clergymen for the World's Two Best Prizes.

# OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT And All This Week

Thompson's Musical Comedy Company  
—PRESENTING—  
**"McKenna's Flirtation"**  
Corona Chocolates for the Ladies  
Wednesday Matinee

# CHAPLAIN OF CANADIAN CONTINGENT MARRIED IN LONDON YESTERDAY

Rev. R. H. Steacey, Rector of All Saints', Ottawa, Marries Daughter of Premier of Queensland.

London, Dec. 29.—(Gazette Cable)—A wedding of interest to Canadians in England was celebrated today in Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, the contracting parties being Rev. Richard Henry Steacey, rector of All Saints Church, Ottawa, and Major and Divisional Chaplain with the First Canadian Contingent, and Elsie Mary, elder daughter of the Hon. Digby Denham, premier of Queensland. The officiating priest was Rev. Ronald Denham, the bride's cousin, and Rev. Alexander Gordon was the best man. The reception which followed brought together a large Anglo-Australian-Canadian gathering, among whom were Sir Hamilton Adams, Adjutant General for Queensland; Sir Thomas and Lady Robinson, with a number of Canadian officers and men. After a short honeymoon the bridegroom will resume his duties at Salisbury Plain.

# NAVAL RESERVISTS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND REACH GLASGOW

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 29.—The Alton liner Monaghan with the fifth draft of Newfoundland naval reservists, one hundred and sixty-four all told, arrived at Glasgow on Saturday. This makes nearly eight hundred reservists already in service, including 110 on the Niobe, and 200 more are now training on the drillship Calypso in this port for despatch to England at a convenient date.

# OFFER OF \$8,671 ACCEPTED FOR MONTREAL BONDS.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The City of Montreal this afternoon accepted an offer of \$8,671 and accrued interest for \$6,900,000 five per cent. three year bonds which came from a syndicate headed by the Boston investment house of E. H. Rollins and Sons.

# IMPERIAL THEATRE

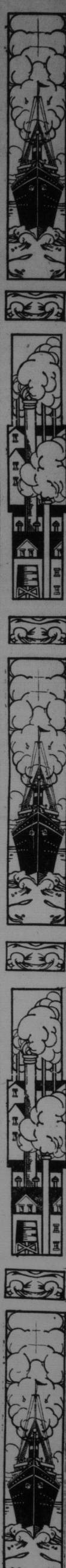
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NOTE—The Imperial Theatre and St. John Globe are co-operating in this entertainment in appreciation of the splendid support given their serial story schemes by the school children of St. John.  
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# RESOLVED

WHEREAS---In this time of Empire crisis it is the duty of every Canadian to share the necessary burden of Imperialism willingly and cheerfully, and

WHEREAS---That portion of our population which can answer the call to arms and do Empire duty in the trenches is necessarily but small, and

WHEREAS---Those of us unable, though willing, to undertake this duty are most desirous of showing by whatever means we possess our recognition of the need of Empire service, and

WHEREAS---It has been and is generally conceded that the most important service Canadian men and women can render to Canada and to the Empire is embraced in the maintenance of business conditions in Canada as near as possible to the normal level of prosperity, and

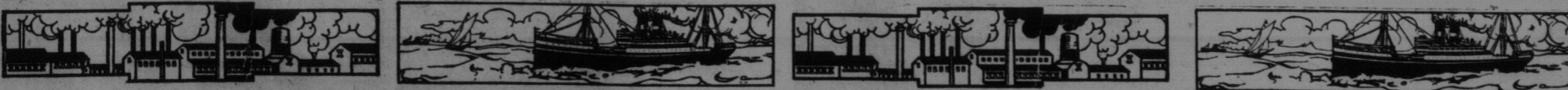
WHEREAS---To do this it is necessary that Canadian factories should be kept in operation, Canadian labor kept employed, Canadian merchants kept busy to the limit of their facilities, and

WHEREAS---This very desirable object cannot be attained unless the great mass of the purchasing public continue to follow the excellent plan of stimulating all lines of business by Keeping the Dollars Moving,

**THEREFORE RESOLVED---**That we do undertake as our New Year's resolution this year that during the twelve months to come we shall exert every effort to keep trade conditions as usual by buying goods in St. John and buying liberally and thus help our fellow Canadians and ourselves.

Scovil Bros., Ltd., Oak Hall,  
 J. & A. McMillan,  
 Wanamaker's Restaurant,  
 McRobbie Shoe Co., Ltd.  
 H. N. DeMille & Co.,  
 L. L. Sharpe & Son,  
 Marr Millinery Co.

Ferguson & Page,  
 J. L. Thorne & Co.,  
 F. E. Williams Co., Ltd.  
 A. Ernest Everett,  
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Financial

EARNINGS COMPANIES

Returns of current year may establish record - No bringing improvement

New York, Dec. 29. - The quarter may record earnings since the United States Steel is yet too early to say. Profits of United States Steel for the last quarter, it was reported, were below \$13,446,232 reported for 1914.

But assuming the 1914 figures, a deficit of \$1,000,000 after payment of the end of 1/2 per cent stock and 1/2 of 1 per cent.

Assuming that the charges of as much as reported for third obligations in the form of as follows: sinking fund bonds, \$1,572,000; sinking fund Steel bonds, \$1,572,000; United States Steel preferred, \$1,572,000; common dividend, \$22,186,532.

If the Steel Corporation same deductions in 1914 as in the third report a deficit of earnings of \$16,000,000.

World

MINIATURE

December Phase

Full Moon, 2nd ...

Last Quarter, 10th ...

New Moon, 18th ...

First Quarter, 24th ...

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SAILED

The Donaldson expected to sail from St. John with general cargo.

SAILED FOR

The steamer Nautilus sailed yesterday morning with a cargo of lumber and also took away a lot of automobiles, and a ship.

STEAMERS

The Head Liner in port yesterday afternoon to load general cargo.

The steamer Gladiolus Partridge Island docks this morning and cats for France.

ARRIVED FROM

The steamship Calcutta at Mail Packet I Smith in command yesterday afternoon from the ship brought general cargo and passengers. The latter were Mr. Serates H. Ingersoll, Laurie and Captain soldiers will go to the front.

THE ALL

Word was received at Boston of the steamer Ocean chartered by the company. The steamer will leave Carthaginian Feb. 1st. Her departure is for the port of Abo and Helsinki. Petrograd. Since the war only passenger ships were accepted.

KRON PRINZ

The North German ship Kronprinz is at a temporary berth at Clyde street, East St. John. It was brought up from the dock by the authorities after a tax of \$4 each. The crew remain at being mostly from engine department.

CHINESE

Cunard Line S. ship from Portland day for London. Her crew consists of men, and the few on deck since her the zero weather number of sailors merchant steamers war vessels has city of seamen, and boats are now manly with crews of cars, who although the regular Jack at a material reduction.

BRITISH SHIP

London, Dec. 29. - Four months of the 15th foreign-going ship 400,000 with a cargo were captured or enemy. These are of the Liverpool Ship Insurance Association. In these figures months were 1.23 number of vessels their total value, and their value of cargo. This would indicate



WAR PRISONERS ARE BUSY AT PETEWAUNA

Four hundred and fifty there now — Converting summer camps into winter quarters — Another crowd at new Experimental Farm on N.T.R.

NEWS FROM CARLETON CO.

Hartland, Dec. 28.—Christmas day was quietly celebrated. In the morning there was service and Holy Communion in the church of England.

Mr. W. D. Keith, treasurer of the local patriotic fund, acknowledges the receipt up to last Thursday, of further subscriptions amounting to \$47.15.

On Saturday morning the organ was played by Miss Hilda B. Melville, who was asked to play for the occasion.

Contracts for supplying the county fall for 1915 have been awarded by Sheriff Wilson.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

THREE GERMANIES IN DECADE WAR, SIR R. L. BORDEN SAYS

Premier Heard in Forceful Address Before Canadian Club of Winnipeg — Prussian War Lords Taken by Surprise by Unity of Purpose of British Dominions.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—What remains to be done shall be limited only by the necessities of the situation.

Continuing, the Prime Minister remarked: "On three recognized occasions during the past ten years, Germany has brought Europe to the verge of actual war."

Portage Vale, N. B., Dec. 28.—Rev. C. J. Steeves, pastor of the United Baptist church here, delivered a masterly Christmas sermon here Sunday morning, taking for his text: Isa. 9:6.

Among those spending the week-end here were: D. MacNaughtan, Moncton; R. P. Steeves, Sussex; J. H. Patterson, Salisbury, at Thos. Dunfield's.

OCEAN LINER GOES DOWN AT HER DOCK

Royal Mail Steamer Trent with cargo, sinks at Tilbury — Sailed from New York Nov. 21.

New York, Dec. 29.—A cablegram announced the sinking at Tilbury of the Royal Mail steamship Trent, which was posted at the Maritime Exchange here today.

Officials of the line here received no advices concerning the reported mishap.

It is within the bounds of probability that four nations of the overseas dominions will have put into the sea 250,000 men if this war should continue for another year.

London, Dec. 29.—Ard stmr Anglian, Hull, Dec. 29.—Ard stmr Appenize, Montreal.

Classified Advertising

WANTED.—January 1st, a travel agent to handle on commission our complete assortment of harness as a side line in the Maritime Provinces.

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**THE WEATHER.**

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, southerly to westerly, rain, then turning sleet at night with light snowfalls or flurries.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain or snow followed by clearing; colder Wednesday; Thursday fair. Winds for North Atlantic, fresh southwest and west gales.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—An important depression, which has developed since last night, is now centred over the Georgian Bay, causing snow and rain over Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, and snow in Quebec. In the west the weather is fine and quite cold.

**Temperatures.**

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	28	40
Victoria	40	44
Vancouver	38	42
Kamloops	28	38
Edmonton	9	10
Battleford	28	38
Calgary	4	22
Medicine Hat	6	26
Moose Jaw	18	28
Winnipeg	18	28
Port Arthur	6	22
Parry Sound	24	34
London	17	37
Toronto	24	26
Ottawa	24	26
Montreal	24	28
Quebec	10	26
St. John	18	26
Halifax	6	36

—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**New Year's Reception**

The Beaconsfield Conservative Association will hold a reception in their rooms, Dufferin Row, on New Year's afternoon. All residents of the Parish of Lancaster are invited.

**His Name Should Have Been Able.**

A soldier named Graham of the 26th Battalion met his mother rather lively in the Armory yesterday afternoon. Graham had partaken of too much "red eye" and became troublesome. He was taken in charge by a guard and before he was landed in the "clink" it took seven of his fellow soldiers to handle him.

**Acknowledgements**

The treasurer of the Playground Association wishes to acknowledge \$5 collected by Miss Heffer for the St. John Girls' Association; also \$2.50 collected by Mrs. C. F. Woodman for the same purpose.

The children of the King's Daughters wishes to acknowledge with thanks the gift of \$25 from Mrs. C. F. Woodman.

**Bent on a Bender.**

Jack Bent, a resident of Drury Lane, a small street running between Union and North street, made matters rather unpleasant in his home last evening. When he arrived at his home he was enraged and after smashing the door he entered the dwelling and it is said managed to beat up the women in the house. After doing all the damage that suited him he adjourned to a bar room in the near vicinity where he was found by the police and given in charge.

**Christmas Tree and Treat.**

The children of St. Stephen's Church Sunday school had a Christmas tree treat last evening. In spite of the storm a large number of little ones were in attendance. The hall was nicely decorated for the occasion and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After supper had been served a play entitled "The Book of Daniel" was given by the children, dressed appropriately in costume. The play was followed by a short programme of songs and recitations by the scholars. After the programme had been carried out a number of prizes were presented to the scholars making the best attendance during the year, and on behalf of the officers and members, Captain McAthur, of the 26th Battalion, was presented with a Jaeger vest.

**Patriotic Fund Meeting**

Hon. H. B. Ames, honorary secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, expects to visit New Brunswick between January 6 and 11. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has called a meeting of committees and representatives from the Canadian Patriotic Fund in St. John and elsewhere throughout the province at the Board of Trade rooms in St. John for the afternoon of Wednesday, January 6, at which Mr. Ames is expected to make an address on subjects relating to organization and administration of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and will also hold a conference with those representatives who may be present. His Honor would like to see as many as possible of the different branches of the Canadian Patriotic Fund throughout New Brunswick represented at this meeting.

**At Seaman's Institute.**

Despite the inclement weather there was a fair audience at the Seaman's Institute last night to enjoy an excellent concert given by members of the crew from the Allan Line steamship Sicilian. The programme included songs, choruses, readings and sketches and was voted one of the best that has been given in the institute. Tonight promises to be a big time for the sailors as the men from all the ships in port are invited to be present and receive their Christmas presents. A mammoth Christmas tree has been arranged and it is heavily laden with comfort bags and many other useful presents for the Jack Tars. It is expected that over five hundred sailors will be present and it always proves one of the most enjoyable evenings during the year.

**Complimentary Reception**

The Fishermen's Protective Association of Lorneville will tender a complimentary reception and smoker to Hon. Mr. Baxter on Saturday evening, the function taking place in Coronation Hall. All friends and supporters of Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited to be present.

**AGREABLY SURPRISED AT EXTENT AND EXCELLENCE OF PORT FACILITIES HERE**

**Montreal Harbor Commissioners Greatly Pleased with Dock Accommodations at St. John—Expect Large Grain Traffic through here this winter—Asked to come here by Hon. J. D. Hazen, Commissioners say their visit should result in closer co-operation between Montreal and St. John to secure Canadian Trade for Canadian Channels.**

"St. John has much better harbor facilities than I expected to find here," said Farquhar Robertson of the Montreal Harbor Commission, who, with his fellow commissioner, Col. E. A. Labelle, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the harbor facilities here. "I was very agreeably surprised at the extent and excellence of the docking arrangements here," added Mr. Robertson.

"That new wharf which has just been completed on the West Side is a splendid piece of work, and reflects great credit on the contractors," said Col. Labelle, when asked his opinion respecting the character of the wharf construction here.

"It is a good thing that the new wharf is ready for this winter's traffic. It has been made obvious already, and I think there will be greater need of it before the winter is over. Taking into account the enterprise, methods and facilities of the C.P.R., a large grain traffic should be handled through St. John this winter, provided, of course, steamers can be secured to carry the grain across the ocean. This is the only thing that can stop a big volume of grain business coming through St. John this winter. Steamers for the Canadian service are rather hard to get, because the Imperial government has been obliged to commandeer so many ships.

"The Imperial government will take large quantities of supplies, horses, etc., from Canada this winter, and that traffic will be largely handled through St. John."

**Steady Increase of Traffic.**

The harbor commissioners remarking of the rapid and steady increase of traffic through the ports of Montreal and St. John expressed the opinion that with the increase of facilities, these ports would not only get an increasing share of Canadian traffic, but would capture a good deal of traffic from the Western United States. "Of course," said Mr. Labelle, "it is likely that a certain portion of Canadian grain will always seek an outlet through American ports. But the volume of traffic flowing through Canadian channels and Canadian ports is bound to increase. We are constantly adding to the harbor facilities at Montreal. We present we have elevator capacity for 6,000,000 bushels of grain, and with an addition to be completed next year we will be able to store 7,000,000 bushels.

**Our Elevator Accommodations.**

Speaking of the elevator accommodations here the commissioners said they thought they were fairly good, the new C. P. R. elevator being modern in every respect, and that they could take care of a much larger volume of grain than had come through St. John in the past. They said they had been informed that the I. C. R. would build a fine elevator here in the near future to replace the one destroyed by fire.

In regard to the use of electric cranes on docks, the commissioners said they had been installed on some of the docks in Montreal, but that they were not extensively used.

W. G. Ross, chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, was invited to pay a visit to St. John, but on Monday he was suddenly taken ill and his physicians forbade him to leave his home.

Col. Labelle and Mr. Robertson arrived here on the C.P.R. train and were met at the station by Hon. J. D. Hazen and J. C. Chesley, agent of the Marine Department here. They were the guests of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries at luncheon at the Union Club. In addition to the two harbor commissioners, the other guests were Senator Curlew, Hon. John E. Wilson, Mayor Prink, Messrs. L. P. D. Tiley, M. L. A., C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A., P. W. Grannan, M. L. A., F. B. Ellis, F. W. Thomson, J. C. Chesley and D. King Hazen.

In the afternoon the commissioners were taken to the West Side, and given an opportunity to inspect the harbor facilities in the government wharf. They were accompanied by Hon. Mr. Hazen, Mayor Prink, Commissioner Russell, Senator Thorne, Senator Daniel, J. C. Chesley and others.

Today at ten o'clock the commissioners will be taken for a trip about the harbor in the government steamer Curlew and will also visit Courtenay Bay to inspect the works in progress there.

This evening they will leave for Montreal to be at home for the New Year.

**Comments Harbor Plans.**

"St. John has a fine harbor, and I think the plans for the new docks which have been or are to be built are about the best that could be devised," observed Col. Labelle in reply to a question.

"When the proposed programme of dock building on the west side is carried out you will have fine facilities for handling a big volume of traffic. In addition to fine docks, there will be splendid wharves, yards, on the area which the C.P.R. plans to reclaim."

"The making of a new harbor at Courtenay Bay will probably be somewhat expensive, but the harbor facilities on the west side can no doubt be developed at moderate cost. The amount of dredging required to be done in the old harbor is small compared to the dredging which has been done at Montreal. The Montreal Harbor Commission has spent nearly \$4,000,000 dredging the harbor basins and sites for docks."

**Greatest Grain Shipping Port.**

Speaking of the traffic through the port of Montreal during the past summer season Mr. Robertson said that while the import business had fallen off since the outbreak of the war, the export business was much larger than usual. During the season 71,000 bushels of grain were shipped from the port of Montreal as compared with about 45,000,000 bushels the previous summer. Montreal is now the greatest grain shipping port on the continent. Contrast the 71,000,000 bushels shipped through Montreal with the grain traffic through American ports for last year, as shown by official figures in Mr. Robertson's possession:

Montreal, 71,000,000 bushels; New York, 39,000,000 bushels; Baltimore, 31,000,000 bushels; Galveston, 23,000,000 bushels; Boston, 13,000,000 bushels; Portland, 6,000,000 bushels; St. John, 5,000,000 bushels; Newport News, 2,500,000 bushels.

Of the 71,000,000 bushels of grain shipped through Montreal during the summer season of navigation about 50,000,000 bushels were shipped to about 11,000,000 in the United States. It is not so long ago that not one-eighth of the grain raised in and exported from Canada went through the port of Montreal. Last summer about one-third of the Canadian grain available for export went through Montreal.

In addition to the regular liners running to Montreal 139 tramp steamers were loaded at the port last summer. Of these tramp steamers 160 took full cargoes of grain; 13 cargoes of hay and oats; 7 were loaded with horses; 8 with flour and 6 with motor vehicles.

**Boy Allowed to Go.**

Early yesterday morning between three and four o'clock while Patrolman Briggs was going his rounds he came across Joseph Baine, aged ten years, wandering about Mill street. Not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself, the youngster was placed in a cell and kept behind the bars until yesterday afternoon when he was taken before the police magistrate. The boy's mother is a Russian and cannot speak the English language and the services of an interpreter had to be engaged to make her understand what the magistrate said to her. The woman explained that her husband went west about two years ago and left her with a couple of young boys. She believes that her husband is dead, and since he left her she has been obliged to keep boarders to make a living. She claimed that she could do nothing with her son as he left the home in the afternoon for the purpose of selling papers and did not return all night. The magistrate allowed the boy to go home with his mother.


**Important Theatrical Notice**

The Famous Players' production of "The Better Man" at Imperial Theatre will be presented today and Thursday, including Thursday evening up to nine o'clock. Those who intend taking in the New Year's Eve theatricals at the Keith house may enjoy this splendid four-reel Broadway play the seven o'clock show and be on hand for the orchestral programme that will intervene before the amateur production of the military play "Ours" commences. Tickets for the Belgian-Red Cross benefit are selling rapidly, the High School Alumnae members are delighted.

Horse races at Clifton New Year's Day at two o'clock.

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- Boxing Gloves, \$2.15, \$2.70, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.80, \$5.50, and \$6.50 the pair.
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**REVERSIBLE PLAIDS, fringed ends.** Each ..... \$1.50 to \$5.85

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**HOSE DEPT.—ANNEX.**

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