

HEWED THEIR WAY FOR MILES IN DENSE AFRICAN JUNGLES

Belated Report of East African Expedition Gives Graphic Account of the Difficulties Encountered by Force Under General Vanderventer in Operations Against the Germans—Marched Many Miles Without Any Appreciable Gain.

Enemy Had Bribed the Native Chiefs With Goods Stolen from the Portuguese, so That Allies Were Misled by False Reports—Hard to Maintain Communication Between the Different Columns as Wireless Was an Uncertain Quantity in the Thick Bush.

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch from General Sir G. L. Vanderventer, commander in chief of the Allied forces in East Africa, and dated Dar El Salaam, September 20, has just been published. It graphically describes the tremendous difficulties of campaigning in East Africa, and says it may appear extraordinary that Col. von Lettow von Beck's force should so often have succeeded in evading the Anglo-Portuguese columns. The report says that the Germans were well guided and generally avoided the regular paths and moved by native paths through the heart of the bush, which paths were often so thick and difficult that the troops might march and counter-march within a few miles of one another without gaining much. There were over one hundred thousand square miles of such bush between the Rovuma and the Zambesi rivers. Some idea of the heavy obstacles encountered is shown in the fact that the troops often had to force their way through such thick jungle that the roads were mere tunnels through bamboo thickets and elephant grass. Long stretches of track appeared more suitable for boats than motor transports. General Vanderventer shows the difficulty of getting into touch with the enemy was accentuated by the fact that he had bribed many of the native chiefs and headmen by lavish presents of cloth and other Portuguese goods which he had managed to capture. In the course of his movements, these chiefs misled us by false reports. The maintenance of telegraphic communication between the pursuing columns was difficult owing to the rapidity with which they moved and also because the wireless had a very uncertain range in the thick bush. General Vanderventer's despatch shows how, despite a few surprise attacks against weak columns which enabled the enemy to keep going, General Anielo of the Portuguese forces did sterling work.

NORTHLAND AND GRAMPIAN ARE BRINGING CANADIAN TROOPS

Both Are Due in This City About December 23rd—The Grampian to Come to St. John With About One Thousand Troops—Northland Has About the Same Number.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The militia department has received word that two more vessels carrying Canadian troops left England on the 15th. They are the Northland, with 24 officers, 955 other ranks, and 75 civilians on board, and the Grampian, carrying 110 officers and 1,100 other ranks. The Northland will, it is expected, dock at Halifax on or about the 23rd, and the Grampian at St. John the same day. The classification by military districts of those on board the Northland is as follows: Other Civil Military District Officers Ranks Total No. 1. 57 9 66 No. 2. 210 20 230 No. 3. 97 6 103 No. 4. 16 0 16 No. 5. 65 9 74 No. 6. 34 32 66 Totals 110 83 193

HARD WORK TO MAKE OBJECTIVE FOR NAVY LEAGUE

Nova Scotia Making Strenuous Efforts to Raise Its Quota of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 17.—The campaign for one hundred thousand dollars for the Navy League in Nova Scotia has been one of the most uphill drives of any in the long series of these efforts. Halifax was to have raised 100,000 of this at the end of last week, but the time was extended for two days of this week, and now it is to go a little longer in the hope of getting the full amount. The same condition has prevailed over the province. Pictou town has passed its objective, but New Glasgow will not finish up before Saturday next. The committee hope, however, that Nova Scotia's quota will be secured. If it is not reached it will be one of the very few times in which failure has occurred. The city Board of Control was called on today and asked for a minimum of \$5,000. The mayor was favorably disposed, but he said he thought the government should attend to such matters and not charitably disposed people. Finally the Board agreed to give \$5,000 and the extra \$2,000 if it was found at the end really to be needed. "Yes," said the Mayor, "but put it on the tax bill and let the citizens know what they are paying for. He thought the tax bill should be itemized so that the citizens could see at a glance just what departments the money was needed for. Citizens would be better satisfied if they got the itemized bill, something like the loose leaf system." It was suggested that would require a very large staff. "No it would not," said the Mayor. "None of the present staff of officials are so overworked that they could not do more, with the exception of, perhaps, myself." The item will be placed on next year's tax bills.

COMMITTED ON CHARGE OF THEFT

Capt. Fisher Must Stand Trial for Stealing Army Funds.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—On a charge of stealing \$18,547.23 the property of the Dominion of Canada, Captain Charles F. Fisher, former paymaster of the A. M. C. in Toronto military district, was committed for trial at the local police court today without plea or election. His counsel T. C. Robb, K. C., contends that the alleged discrepancy was due entirely to errors arising out of the carrying and paying of large sums in cash, and that more than \$10,000 of the total mentioned has been discovered and paid back to the government.

TORONTO POLICE ARE ON STRIKE

Demand Re-instatement of Twelve Men Dismissed Yesterday and Re-hearing in Case of Constable Ellis.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—At a meeting which began at midnight the police of this city voted to strike. The vote was almost unanimous and the strike is to begin at 6:45 this morning. In addition to the strike decision a resolution was passed demanding the reinstatement of the twelve policemen dismissed by the commissioners yesterday and a rehearing of the case of Police Constable Ellis, who was discharged a short time ago, presumably because of his activity in the police union organization.

ENGLISH FOR SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regina, Dec. 17.—Premier Martin this afternoon introduced an amendment to the school act, providing that English only be taught in the schools with the exception of some provision for the teaching of French.

FIFTEEN PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE WHICH DESTROYED TOURIST CAR ON THE C.P.R. EASTBOUND EXPRESS WINNIPEG TO TORONTO

MONCTON HAS ITS HOUSING PROBLEM TOO

City is Asked to Guarantee \$170,000 Bonds for Erection of Forty Houses.

NATURAL GAS A BURNING QUESTION

Big Consumers Will Enter Protest Today Before Public Utilities Board.

FLU IS EPIDEMIC IN SOME PLACES

Sunny Brae Goes Under the Ban Again and Shediac Parish Has Reason to Worry.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 17.—A proposal for the erection of forty houses in the city of Moncton to relieve the housing problem was laid before the city council tonight by the West End Building Committee. The scheme is to float bonds to cover the cost of construction and have the city guarantee the bonds and appoint a trustee to hold a mortgage on the property, the life of the bonds to be fifteen years. The amount it is proposed to raise in this way is \$170,000.

The proposition as submitted by the West End Building Co. was referred to the finance committee without the council committing itself in any way or the other. The natural gas problem has apparently not yet been settled by the order made by the finance committee, namely ordering all consumers using two million cubic feet of gas per month to discontinue the use of gas after November 27, and the Albert Manufacturing Co. of two of the heavy consumers affected by the order. It is stated, content that under the order they are allowed to use up to two million cubic feet a month. The city council tonight appointed a delegation to go to St. John to appear before the Utilities Commission to look after the city's interests in this regard. The C. G. R. and Albert Manufacturing Co. it is understood, will also be represented at the meeting of the commission. The flu is one more becoming quite prevalent in this section. In Sunny Brae the epidemic has assumed such a serious stage that the public schools have been closed, and reports from some sections of the country, notably in the parish of Shediac, indicate a return of the epidemic. Some few cases of a comparatively mild type are reported in Moncton, one case being taken to the isolation hospital yesterday.

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG AT COLOGNE

Says Good-bye to Newspaper Correspondents and Expresses Thanks for Their Labors.

Cologne, Monday, Dec. 16. (By The Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Haig came to Cologne this morning to make his initial tour of inspection of the territory occupied by the British along the Rhine. Immediately on his arrival the British commander-in-chief proceeded to the famous Hohenzollern bridge for a meeting with more than a score of war correspondents representing all the great newspapers of the Allied and neutral countries. The occasion was in the nature of a farewell to the writers who have been accredited to British general headquarters and who shared their labors when the British completed their occupation of the territory assigned to them under the armistice. In a brief address the field marshal expressed his deepest thanks for the work done by the press in presenting the truth of the war to the world and the hope that the correspondents henceforward would devote their energies to advocating everlasting peace. "Do not let us get swelled heads over our victory, the same as other persons did after 1870," said the Field Marshal during his speech.

BOLSHEVIKS ARE BUSY DOWN SOUTH

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 17.—There has been a steady increase in Bolshevik agitation in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina in the last two months and it is reported that councils have been formed by workmen in co-operation with the police. At Rosario, Argentina, a council of this nature has called a strike.

Among the List of Names of Those Who Perished Appear Several Men and Women Who Were Ticketed Through to Sussex and to St. John—All the Victims Have Not Yet Been Identified.

It is Believed That the Fire, Which Broke Out While the Train Was Standing Awaiting Orders at Bonheur Station, Was Caused by a Man in an Upper Berth Lighting a Match Which Ignited the Curtains—Doors Were Forced and Train Crew Did All Possible to Rescue Other Passengers.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Fifteen are missing, believed burned to death, as a result of the destruction by fire, early this morning, of a tourist coach on the C. P. R. Transcontinental train at Bonheur Station, 150 miles west of Port William, Ont. Six passengers among the missing are still unidentified, but it is believed that the unidentified women and little boys are the wife and son of C. Foot, ticketed from Regina, Sask., to Albion, Mich. Advice received here indicates that the fire started through carelessness in handling a spirit stove or other light in a berth occupied by an unidentified man with his wife and small baby. Within a few seconds the flames swept along the berth curtains, making the car a fire trap.

Eight passengers were rescued from the car uninjured, and four injured, though none seriously. The injured have been taken to Port William and their condition is said to be improving.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—As a result of the destruction by fire of a tourist coach on the C. P. R. Transcontinental train, No. 4, bound to Toronto from Winnipeg, fifteen persons are missing and several sustained minor injuries. The work of establishing the identity of the missing passengers is proceeding, but some time must pass before a reliable list can be compiled. When the fire was discovered by the train men, the train was being held for orders at Bonheur station. The crew lost no time in forcing an entrance into the coach. Although the flames gained great headway, and the work was attended with much danger, they succeeded in rescuing a number of the passengers. The origin of the fire has not definitely been determined, but it is believed that it started in an upper berth, occupied by a man, his wife and baby, presumably a match was struck for some purpose, and the curtains caught fire. A thorough investigation is being made by the Canadian Pacific officials.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—A report received at this afternoon states that injured or uninjured. Note—A correction to the above adds to the list the name of Mrs. C. L. Buchanan, ticketed from Greenwood, Man., to Sussex, N.B., but does not state whether Mrs. Buchanan is dead, injured or uninjured.

The following were rescued, uninjured: Miss Crossman, Gurnsey, Sask., to Kitchener, Ont. C. P. Ode, Regina to Albion, Mich. C. L. Buchanan, Greenwood, Man., to Sussex, N.B. C. L. Hunter, Regina to St. John, N.B. The injured, none of whom is in a serious condition, are: Mrs. J. H. Breakey, Melita, Man., to Thornhill, Ont. E. S. Kilgour, wife and baby, Winnipeg to Sussex, N.B. Thos. Davidson, Summer Cove, Sask., to Harrison, Ont. H. Henderson, Winnipeg to Toronto.

Soldiers Must Travel on Regular Troop Trains, Not With Relatives

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—The military department desires to inform the public that a very considerable number of people have arrived at Halifax from various points for the purpose of meeting returning soldiers and appear to expect that their relatives will be allowed to accompany them on the regular trains out of Halifax. It is pointed out that soldiers whose families have accompanied them across the ocean are permitted to travel with their families on civilian trains, but all other soldiers will be required to travel on the regular troop trains. The railway arrangements are difficult, and they do not contemplate that an undetermined number of soldiers will proceed on civilian trains, and accommodation is not provided with that end in view. On the other hand arrangements with respect to troop trains, including provision of meals, are made on the basis of a definite number allotted to each train. In view of the number of ships arriving from now on in succession at the port of Halifax, arrangements respecting disembarkation and entrainment must be adhered to strictly, and it is desired that civilians should clearly understand that these arrangements cannot be disturbed by reason of their presence in Halifax. Soldiers must travel on troop trains provided, and will not be permitted to accompany their relatives on other trains.

GIRL NAWED HERE IN CHATHAM JAIL

Charged With Serious Offence by Soldier on Duty in This City.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, Dec. 17.—A young woman is in the lockup here, having been arrested on complaint of a Chatham soldier in St. John. An officer from St. John was here several days ago in search for her but had to depart without accomplishing his mission. Chief Coughlan arrested the girl, who claims to be not yet sixteen, in a lumber camp at Bartletogue some nine miles in the woods from this place, where the family is engaged in lumbering.

AMERICAN FLEET WILL REACH HOME DEC. 24

Big Parade Planned in New York to Celebrate Their Return.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The American fleet returning from Europe which is to be reviewed at sea by Secretary Daniels, is expected to arrive at Ambrose Light vessel at daylight on Tuesday, December 24. The navy department announced tonight that the ships will pass the Statue of Liberty about 9 a. m. and will then anchor in the north river from 56th street to Fort Washington.

In the afternoon men from the fleet will parade down Broadway from 96th to 23rd street, then down Fifth avenue to 23rd street. The parade is expected to start moving at 1:30 o'clock. The department announced that as the parade will occur on Christmas Eve, general leave of absence will be granted to both officers and men immediately after the conclusion. The fleet will probably remain at New York until January 8.

MANY DIED FROM FLU EPIDEMIC

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Two thousand Navajo Indians, residing on that part of the reservation in Apache county, under the jurisdiction of Fort

KEEP TO THEIR BEDS DAY AND NIGHT TO ESCAPE FREEZING

Graphic Picture of the Situation in Russia is Given in Despatch to Washington—No Food Supplies Have Reached Petrograd for the Past Two Weeks and Great Numbers Are Dying Daily from Starvation.

Bolsheviks Are Gaining in Strength Through Control of the Scant Food Supplies—Many Refugees Are Seeking Succor in Sweden, While Soviet Government is Trying to Control the Influx of Desperate Prisoners Now Being Released by Germany.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Gloomy reports of the situation in Russia, particularly at Petrograd, continue to reach the state department. A despatch today announced that the Soviet government has restricted the influx of hungry and destitute prisoners returning from German and Austrian prison camps without officers or guards.

The condition of middle classes in Petrograd is said to be extremely bad, and great numbers are dying daily of starvation. No fuel is available and the people are obliged to keep to their beds day and night. No supplies have reached the city for more than two weeks.

The Bolshevik section is reported, mainly numerically because it controls the distribution of food. There is increasing disorder in the administration of affairs, according to these reports, and such authority as exists has no control over subordinate officials. Many Scandinavian fugitives, escaping from Bolshevik terrors, are arriving in Sweden. The state department has advice from Norway that the Norwegian legation, which had charge of American interests at Petrograd, left the city December 13, and is expected daily to Christiania.

GERMANS REACHING BERLIN AT RATE OF 10,000 A DAY

Scenes of Enthusiasm at Return Ending—City Has Gone Dancing Mad and Cabarets Are Filled All the Time They Are Open.

London, Dec. 17.—(By Wireless Service)—The correspondent in Berlin of the Daily Express, dealing with the return of the German army, says the scenes of enthusiasm marking the home-coming of the troops are ending. "Men have been coming home at the rate of ten thousand a day," says the correspondent. "Every day Herr Ebert (the chancellor) takes his place on the balcony opposite the French embassy. He addresses the home-coming men, and the bands play martial air, while the crowds cheer and wave their handkerchiefs. "Deutsches Ueber Alles" brought me into the street. To my amazement—and to the apparent amazement of the French officers grouped in the window of the Embassy—a regiment was passing the Brandenburg gate to the old tune. Later I heard it played continuously as the cavalry, infantry and artillery swept by. Regimental flags were crowned with wreaths. The men wore evergreens around their steel helmets, and the tunics and gowns were covered with flowers. "What particularly struck me was the attitude of the home-coming officers. These I have seen in the Berlin garrison were quiet men, many of whom had removed their marks of rank. They seldom were saluted by their men. On the other hand the troops just returned from the front are well disciplined and salute as of old. The officers themselves are unchanged. They exhibit themselves, mottled and tight waisted, to the population who cheer them heartily. "Berlin is dancing mad. There are about fifty cabarets in the city, and dancing goes on all the afternoon and until nine o'clock at night. In a hotel, who cheer them heartily. "Berlin is dancing mad. There are about fifty cabarets in the city, and dancing goes on all the afternoon and until nine o'clock at night. In a hotel, who cheer them heartily. "Berlin is dancing mad. There are about fifty cabarets in the city, and dancing goes on all the afternoon and until nine o'clock at night. In a hotel, who cheer them heartily.

It is a remarkable sight to see cabarets packed to suffocation with women in expensive toilettes and both soldiers and civilians dancing and drinking wine costing two pounds a bottle. Seats at the theatres can only be booked two days ahead. "We are trying to forget" said a Berliner to me today.

SCHOOLS ORDERED TO CLOSE TODAY

Health Ban at the Capital Now Made to Include All Places Where Persons Congregate.

Fredericton, Dec. 17.—Caterers to the amusement seeking public are beginning to make arrangements to draw the blime on their places of business at midnight tomorrow, in keeping with the order of the Board of Health, which has placed its ban on all public gatherings, effective on Thursday.

Coming just at the season of the year when busy shoppers like to rest a few minutes at a motion picture house, and tired business men look for a few minutes of relaxation at the bowling alley or the billiard table, it means some considerable loss to the managers of the various amusement enterprises. All are now included in the ban, and no special rules are to be made in favor of any one.

There is nothing for the managers to do but submit cheerfully to the order, and trust it will not be necessary to keep the ban long in force. There is a feeling, however, that the period of "shut down" should extend over a greater stretch of time than the previous one. Many venture the opinion that had the previous ban been kept in force two weeks longer the epidemic would have been eradicated. It is the intention of the health authorities to have the disease entirely subjugated this time, before any ban is lifted.

The Schools. The schools will all close on Wednesday, the board having reconsidered its intention of allowing them to run until Friday. The chancellor of the University of New Brunswick requested permission to have the college re-open until Monday in order to care for the examinations. The request is under consideration. Some believe that, should it be granted, other like requests will be made and trouble ensue.

No official reports of new cases have been recorded so far this week. The board looks upon the situation, however, as being serious and is rushing work on the emergency hospital, which they hope to have working by Thursday.

BRITISH WARMLY RECEIVED AT REVAL

New Republic Decorates Itself to Welcome the Fleet.

London, Dec. 17.—The Estonian delegation in Stockholm has received a despatch from the foreign minister of the new Estonian republic, saying that the British squadron on its way to Reval was met at sea by representatives of the government and on its entrance into Reval it was enthusiastically welcomed by the population. Reval was gaily decorated for the occasion, and the men of the squadron were cheered wherever they went.

FIRE IN EDSON. Saskatchewan, Sask., Dec. 17.—Fire of unknown origin wiped out an entire block in the heart of Edson, Alberta, five stores are a total loss. Loss unknown.

BLIND CANADIANS ASK GOVT FOR HOMESTEADS

Sir Robert Borden Makes Sympathetic Reply and Promises Consideration—London is Overcrowded—Huntly R. Drummond Gives \$50,000 to Extend Maple Leaf Clubs' Work for Soldiers.

London, Dec. 17.—The Canadian Commission attended St. Dunstan's last night for the blind yesterday and met the blind Canadians, some thirty in all. A petition was presented to the Premier asking that the government give to each one of the blinded Canadian officers or men 100 acres of homestead land, without stipulation that it must be personally cultivated, and suggesting the method by which this land can be located for them by proxy.

Leutenant Hitchings, who spoke supporting the petition, pointed out also that in Australia each blinded soldier had been given five permanent acres of land for his support.

Sir Robert Borden made a sympathetic reply and promised careful consideration of the requests. It is estimated that there are only about 50 cases of total blindness in the Canadian army.

Sir Arthur Pearson, head of St. Dunstan's, goes to Ottawa next week. Provision of accommodation for the food of Canadian soldiers on leave in London for the holidays is a serious problem. The city is congested to a degree unknown in the war by the number of soldiers of all armies on leave, and the returning prisoners of war. The Ministry of War has agreed to extend their accommodation by 1,600 beds.

GENERAL SMUTS WILL REMAIN MEMBER OF THE WAR CABINET

Will Probably be a Delegate to the Peace Conference—Changes in Cabinet After Peace is Signed Forecasted by Daily Chronicle.

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent says that Lieut. General Jan Christian Smuts, who was reported Monday as having resigned from the war cabinet on the ground that as the war had terminated his services were no longer required, probably will remain in office as long as the war cabinet continues.

The newspaper says that in the ordinary course of events the war cabinet will be superseded by a normal cabinet, of which General Smuts will not be a member. The newspaper adds that since his arrival in England General Smuts has been held aloof from party controversies, and it is obvious he could not possibly serve in a domestic cabinet.

General Smuts will have important duties to fulfil in connection with the Paris peace negotiations, the Daily Chronicle continues, "and either he or General Botha, the South African premier, will be a member of the peace conference."

LATER RETURNS INDICATE FULL VOTE IN THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS

In British Election Labor Claims to Have Polled Full Strength—Unionists May Capture Scotland—Hard Fight Against Ramsay Macdonald.

London, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press dispatch from Reuters, Limited)—News from country constituencies rather shakes first impressions as to the apathy of the electorate, indications being that a good percentage of the vote was cast on Saturday. Labor candidates everywhere claim to have polled full support. Special interest attaches to the West Leicester election, where the Coalitionists and Liberals united to defeat Ramsay Macdonald, who was a rival of his former supporter of the Liberal party in Leicester on account of his war attitude. His opponent, Green, runs as a national democrat, being the chairman of the British Workers' League.

In Scotland the success of Coalition would mean the capture of this historic Liberal stronghold by the Unionists who form a majority of the Scottish Liberal candidates. The national issue is being fought in the Govan division of Glasgow, where there is a straight party fight between Burns, who is a rival member of the war cabinet, and Maclean, who is frankly Bolshevik and deserves a term for seditious speeches, being only released on the eve of the election through the personal intervention of Burns.

From Ireland come reports of the overwhelming victory of Sinn Fein. It is predicted that the Nationalist party is reduced to eight or ten seats plus four in Ulster. Two Ulster Unionists claim a record poll and an unbroken balance in the new parliament.

On Saturday the British electorate embarked on the great experiment of one day polling, but were ill-prepared. The vast extension of the franchise and the hurried completion of the new register developed many grievances at the polls. Owing to the shortage of experienced clerical and printing staffs the lists bristled with errors, tens of thousands being disfranchised. Similarly, many unqualified persons were on the lists, a striking instance being that of a four-year-old boy, who was wheeled to the poll in a perambulator and whose vote was duly recorded.

No personal registration exists, the cause being placed on the authorities in the past which meant the election agents. The present election with its obligation of party lines has swept the professional agent out of existence thus aggravating the confusion of the lists.

In Canada such anomalies would be greeted with fierce partisan cries of corruption but in Britain they take the situation philosophically and see the party politics situation.

HELP IN WORK OF REPATRIATION

Have Appointed Special Committee to Co-operate With Government Officials in This Work.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Great War Veterans' Association has appointed R. H. Metcalf, Winnipeg, W. P. Tait, Halifax, and D. Loughnan, Ottawa, an advisory committee to co-operate with the repatriation and employment committee. This committee is now closely associated with the staff of the repatriation committee and will represent the activities of the Great War Veterans' Association as they touch the committee's work.

The significance of this intimate association of the Great War Veterans' Association with the repatriation committee is that there is likely to be uniformity and harmony between the work of the repatriation committee and the aims and objects of the veterans' association. It is organized to protect the interests of the veterans of the war.

GUNNER LEONARD DIED YESTERDAY

Young Soldier Was Victim of Pneumonia—Stated He Was Severely Injured While Attempting to Jump Through Window.

The death of Gunner Daniel Leonard of Charlottetown, P. E. I., occurred from pneumonia at the St. James street military hospital yesterday morning. Gunner Leonard was a member of the 4th artillery, and was twenty-four years of age. His mother, Mrs. William Leonard, accompanied her daughter, came from Charlottetown to be with her son during his illness.

It is stated that on Sunday afternoon while the unfortunate young soldier was delirious he jumped from his bed, rushed to a window and attempted to throw himself to the ground many feet below. As he crashed through the glass he managed to get partly out of the window and was saved from instant death by attendants who grappled with him. When he threw himself through the window sash he received very severe cuts from the broken glass.

NOOSE TIGHTENING AROUND MILO PIPER

Chicago Man Says Miss Weichman Left His Home to Marry Insurance Man Accused of Murder.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 17.—That Milo H. Piper, accused of killing Frieda Weichman, a Chicago book-keeper, after an automobile honeymoon, courted the girl while she was living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Whitney, of Chicago, was the statement of another man made in support of the troops within the bridgehead.

All the larger hotels here have been taken over by the Americans for military purposes, as well as many of the public buildings, which are being used as offices.

German officers who had remained in the city to assist in the transfer of the Americans soon completed their task and proceeded across the Rhine in automobiles flying white flags to join the German army beyond the bridgehead lines.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County, Coldbrook Realty and Development Co. Ltd., to Ethel Grant, property in Simonds.

Kings County, G. H. Brown to Amland Bros., Ltd., property in Greenwick. Callie M. Graves to I. C. Mercer, property in Norton.

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Robert McFee to Chalmers Presbyterian church, property in Sussex. Susan Price to E. D. Price, property in Harlowe.

Brunswick Price to F. L. Greenlade, property in Springfield. United Baptist church to Andrew Forsythe (in trust), property in Sussex.

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FUNERALS. The funeral of Mrs. Susan Boyle, 277 King street east, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the funeral home of Rev. H. C. Fraser, interment at Cedar Hill cemetery.

DOMESTIC PORTS. Halifax, Dec. 17.—Ard stmr Pacific, transport, Greenock. Sailed, stmr Eagle, St. John's.

DIED. MAHONY—In this city, on the 16th instant, Edward J. Mahony, in the seventy-first year of his age, leaving his wife, two daughters, two sons, two brothers and two sisters to mourn.

NEW FACES PROVIDED AND OLD ONES REMODELLED TO ORDER

One Hundred Dentists from All Parts of Canada Attending a Special Course in Reconstruction Dental Work at Toronto Conducted by Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—In view of the return of the Canadian armies and the problem they will bring to the dental profession, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons this week is conducting, in conjunction with the Canadian Army Dental Corps, and the Preparedness League of American Dentists, a special course of instruction in reconstruction work, under the heads of war prosthesis, fractures, splints, oral surgery and anaesthesia.

The course, which is being attended by about one hundred professional men from all over the Dominion, is part of the Dominion reconstruction scheme. Already some striking operations have been performed in Toronto by members of the Canadian Army Dental Corps.

AMERICANS IN COBLENZ

Over Forty Thousand Passed Through City—German Officers Turned Over War Material.

Coblentz, Sunday, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Approximately thirty thousand American troops have arrived at Coblentz since the advance guard reached here a week ago. A large number of these troops have passed through the city, but considerable will remain here temporarily.

The people of Coblentz got their first glimpse of the American troops yesterday, several of the machines flying over the Rhine toward the bridgehead and then returning.

The officers and clerks of the third army arrived this morning. They are followed by trucks loaded with equipment and office supplies.

During Sunday, various detachments of infantry and artillery passed through Coblentz on their way to their divisions east of the Rhine. Church bells tolled the marching troops with much interest.

The Third Division crossed the Moselle north of Coblentz. It has taken up a position north of the Rhine in support of the troops within the bridgehead.

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NEW FACES PROVIDED AND OLD ONES REMODELLED TO ORDER

One Hundred Dentists from All Parts of Canada Attending a Special Course in Reconstruction Dental Work at Toronto Conducted by Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—In view of the return of the Canadian armies and the problem they will bring to the dental profession, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons this week is conducting, in conjunction with the Canadian Army Dental Corps, and the Preparedness League of American Dentists, a special course of instruction in reconstruction work, under the heads of war prosthesis, fractures, splints, oral surgery and anaesthesia.

The course, which is being attended by about one hundred professional men from all over the Dominion, is part of the Dominion reconstruction scheme. Already some striking operations have been performed in Toronto by members of the Canadian Army Dental Corps.

AMERICANS IN COBLENZ

Over Forty Thousand Passed Through City—German Officers Turned Over War Material.

Coblentz, Sunday, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Approximately thirty thousand American troops have arrived at Coblentz since the advance guard reached here a week ago. A large number of these troops have passed through the city, but considerable will remain here temporarily.

The people of Coblentz got their first glimpse of the American troops yesterday, several of the machines flying over the Rhine toward the bridgehead and then returning.

The officers and clerks of the third army arrived this morning. They are followed by trucks loaded with equipment and office supplies.

During Sunday, various detachments of infantry and artillery passed through Coblentz on their way to their divisions east of the Rhine. Church bells tolled the marching troops with much interest.

The Third Division crossed the Moselle north of Coblentz. It has taken up a position north of the Rhine in support of the troops within the bridgehead.

All the larger hotels here have been taken over by the Americans for military purposes, as well as many of the public buildings, which are being used as offices.

German officers who had remained in the city to assist in the transfer of the Americans soon completed their task and proceeded across the Rhine in automobiles flying white flags to join the German army beyond the bridgehead lines.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County, Coldbrook Realty and Development Co. Ltd., to Ethel Grant, property in Simonds.

Kings County, G. H. Brown to Amland Bros., Ltd., property in Greenwick. Callie M. Graves to I. C. Mercer, property in Norton.

I. B. Marr to I. C. Mercer, property in Norton. Caroline Maynes to Lucy C. Magee, property in Rothbury.

Robert McFee to Chalmers Presbyterian church, property in Sussex. Susan Price to E. D. Price, property in Harlowe.

Brunswick Price to F. L. Greenlade, property in Springfield. United Baptist church to Andrew Forsythe (in trust), property in Sussex.

Quinine That Does Not Affect Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVES' signature on the box. 30c.

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WARNED FARMERS TO AVOID TALKING

President of Co-operative Farmers' Association is Afraid of Report—A Poor Year Reported.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—I would like to sound two notes of warning, unnecessary, perhaps, but nevertheless, a safe precaution," said President R. W. E. Barnaby today at the fifth annual meeting of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, Limited.

"The ban has not been lifted on free speech, and it is more than likely that detectives will be present at all our meetings. I am sure we do not want to break the laws of the country, nor do we want to see any disturbances. Therefore, I might suggest that we be careful in our remarks that no such unpleasantness be experienced at this convention.

WHENEVER YOU SENSE A SICK HEADACHE, OR FEEL A BILIOUS ATTACK COMING ON, WARD IT OFF BY THE TIMELY USE OF BEECHAM'S PILLS

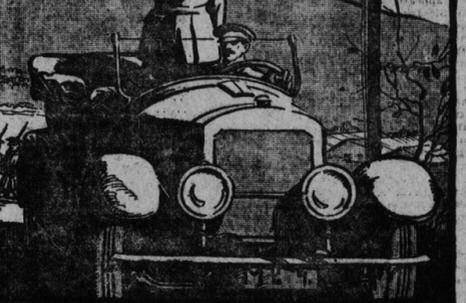
Whenever you sense a sick headache, or feel a bilious attack coming on, ward it off by the timely use of BEECHAM'S PILLS

Washington, Dec. 17.—Defeat of Russian Bolshevik forces with a loss of 1,100 prisoners and twenty cannon by the Don Cossacks in the Voronezh region was reported in a despatch today to the state department.

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North New England, fair Wednesday and probably Thursday. No change in temperature. Fresh north and northeast winds.

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In boxes of 10, 25 and 50.

FAIR PRICE COMMISSION

Committee Who Investigate Milk Situation Report to be Sent to Board of Labor and Industry.

The Fair Price Commission presented their report yesterday into the milk situation. The report was presented to the Board of Labor and Industry, and referred to the committee of the City of Toronto, which is to report to the Board of Labor and Industry.

Following is the report to His Worship, the Mayor. Members of the Commission who have been appointed to make enquiries into the milk situation in the City of Toronto, beg to report to His Worship, the Mayor, the following: 1.—That evidence was received from sources of supply, prices of milk, and the cost of production, and that the price of milk in the City of Toronto is higher than in other parts of the Dominion.

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—The weather has been fine with moderate temperature in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

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It is to be noted that the spread is permitted here whether the milk passes through a churning machine or goes to the consumer in its original form.

(4) That one selling price to the consumer (fourth quart) prevails, irrespective of the number of quarts purchased.

(5) That the selling price in other large cities is lower than in St. John's.

(6) That a large portion of the milk supply comes from the Kings County Cream Producers' Association, while it appears that the price to the St. John's dealers is reasonable, providing quality is always up to the standard.

(7) That there are a number of samples of milk delivered in the city and price to the consumer, adhered to.

(8) That the sanitary connection with the operation of the milk supply is a matter of concern to the Board of Health and the City Council.

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THE FAIR PRICE REPORT SUBMITTED

Committee Who Investigated Milk Situation Recommend Prices be Sent Department of Labor and Attorney-General.

The Fair Price Committee yesterday presented their report of the investigation into the milk situation in St. John to the City Council. The report calls attention to the increasing price of the Kings County Milk and Cream Producers' Association, and recommends that copies of the report be sent to the Federal Department of Labor and the Attorney-General of the Province. It was received and referred to the committee of the whole for discussion and action.

Following is the report: To His Worship, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council: Your Committee, which was appointed to make inquiries into the cost of milk within the City of St. John, begs leave to report as follows:

1.—That evidence was taken on sources of supply, prices, methods of handling and delivery, pasteurizing, bottling vs. open bulk delivery, care of milk when held over, etc. Also information was received that the recently constituted Provincial Health Department has under consideration the inauguration of a system of inspection and certifying of milk which, by co-operation with the local Board of Health and the City Government would ensure that the milk sold in the city would be pure and of good quality and probably without increasing the selling price.

2.—That it appears from the evidence taken—
(1) That there is no grading of milk supplied to the city. It is essential that the milk should be sold according to quality.
(2) That the sanitary conditions in connection with the open delivery of milk leave much to be desired. The use of closed containers would be preferable.
(3) That the five cents spread allowed by the Dominion Council as between the cost to the dealer delivered in the city and the selling price to the consumer, appears to be adhered to.

It is to be noted that the five cents spread is permitted irrespective of whether the milk passes through machinery for clarifying and pasteurizing or goes to the consumer without such treatment.
(4) That one selling price delivered to the consumer (fourteen cents per quart) prevails, irrespective of quality. This should not continue.
(5) That samples of milk for testing by the local Board of Health are at present obtained too infrequently.
(6) That the selling price of milk in other large cities is not generally lower than in St. John.

(7) That a large portion of the city milk supply comes from the farms composing the Kings County Milk and Cream Producers' Association, and, while it appears that the present prices to the St. John dealers may be fair and reasonable, providing that the quality is always up to the standard, yet the evidence showed that these producers had combined recently to raise the price from 7 cents to 8 1/2 cents per quart at points of shipment to the city and that this combining was in restraint of competition. Under the law the attorney-general of the province is the one to decide about taking action in regard to the combining to raise the prices.
(8) That there are a great many vendors of milk, each having his special delivery, this causing much overlapping and adding to the cost, as is the case also in other lines of business. The establishing of a municipal milk depot was proposed by one witness as a method of preventing overlapping in deliveries.

Your Committee recommends that this report be given to the press as to be made public and that a copy be sent to the Department of Labor, at Ottawa, and to the Attorney-General of the Province. Also that the city co-operate with the Provincial and local Boards of Health in any measures which may be instituted for testing, purifying and certifying the milk sold in St. John, and also for causing all milk to be sold according to established grades or standards.

Respectfully submitted,
G. FRED FISHER,
T. H. BULLOCK,
Fair Price Committee.

Easy to Make This Pine Cough Remedy

Thousands of families swear by its prompt relief, and saves about \$2.
You know that pine is used in nearly all prescriptions and remedies for coughs. The reason is that pine contains several peculiar elements that have a remarkable effect in soothing and healing the membranes of the throat and chest. Pine is famous for this purpose.
Pine cough syrups are combinations of pine and syrup. The "syrup" part is usually plain granulated sugar syrup. To make the best pine cough remedy that money can buy, put 2 1/2 ounces of Pine (50 cents worth) in a 16-oz. bottle, and fill up with home-made sugar syrup. Or you can use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup. Either way, you make 16 ounces—more than you can buy ready-made for \$2.50. It is pure, good and very pleasant—children take it eagerly.
You can feel this take hold of a cough as cold as a way that means business. The cough may be dry, hoarse and tight, or may be persistently loose from the formation of phlegm. The cause is the same—inflamed membranes—and this Pine and Syrup combination will stop it usually in 24 hours or less. Spoons, too, for bronchial asthma, hoarseness, or any ordinary throat ailment.
Pine is a highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is famous the world over for its prompt effect upon coughs.
Beware of substitutes. Ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pine" with directions, and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money promptly returned. The Pine Co., Toronto, Ont.

WET WEATHER WHEN ARMIES CROSS

Canadian and British Went Over the Rhine on Four Bridges—Men Were in Great Shape.

Cologne, Dec. 17.—The British and Canadian armies crossed the Rhine on four bridges here. The Canadian division passed over on a boat bridge. The weather was extremely wet, and spoiled the impressive spectacle. The crossing began at nine in the morning and continued until late in the afternoon. The spectators were impressed by the magnificent fitness and the marching of the men, the excellent condition of the transport and horses.

BOLSHEVIKI ARE MOVING.

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—The newspapers here say that travellers arriving from Petrograd announce that the Bolsheviki have begun the evacuation of the Russian capital, preparatory to proceeding to Nishni-Novgorod.

Do all your Xmas shopping at Bassett's, 14-15-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

TOURIST CAR ON C. P. R. BURNS

And Thirteen People Are Missing—Fire Started in Berth Occupied by Family Part.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Thirteen people are missing, following the destruction by fire of one tourist coach in the Canadian Pacific train No. 4, which left Winnipeg at 9.10 p.m. yesterday for Toronto. The fire apparently started in a berth occupied by a family party, and quickly spread to the rest of the coach.
The rest of the train is uninjured, it would appear from the reports. The identity of the passengers missing is not yet known. They are all tourist passengers.

HAIG IN COLOGNE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—The Cologne Gazette, a copy of which was received here, says Field Marshal Haig arrived in Cologne Monday. The newspaper adds that the British commander-in-chief was received with military honors "familiar to us in former princely receptions."

SCHOOL TEACHERS THREATEN STRIKE

Toronto Educationalists Want Increase of Pay or Will Quit the Job.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Sixty-five of 72 separate schools' (Roman Catholic) teachers have announced their intention of going on strike, unless they receive immediate recognition of their petition which they have sent to the separate school board and to which no attention has been paid. The principal request on the petition is that they be given a living wage. Their present salary is a minimum of \$900 a year, and a maximum of \$700. What they are asking is an increased minimum of \$100 in January, 1915, and \$50 annually afterwards until the maximum of \$950 is reached. The answer again came back from the board that it would be taken up at the meeting in January.

GERMANS MUST GO.

Melbourne, Dec. 17.—Acting Premier Watt stated in the House of Representatives today that the Commonwealth of Australia would act in close co-operation with the Imperial Government regarding the expulsion of Germans.

NEW AMBASSADOR NOW ON THE JOB

American Representative at London Pays First Official Call.

London, Dec. 17.—John W. Davis, the new American ambassador at London, made his first official call today, when he went to the Foreign Office to see A. J. Balfour, the foreign secretary. Mr. Davis was introduced by Irwin B. Lawson, secretary of the ambassador. The new ambassador will present credentials to King George within a few days.

NEED MANY MEN FOR UNITED STATES NAVY

Washington, Dec. 17.—Two hundred thousand men must be recruited for the navy next year to take the places of men enlisted for the war, who will be demobilized. Captain H. Lansing, chief of the bureau of navigation, made this estimate today in asking the house naval affairs committee for an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to cover transportation and recruiting expenses.

MELITA WILL ARRIVE TODAY

Has on Board 1,621 Passengers—Included in List Are 102 Officers and 1,089 Other Ranks.

The big liner Melita is due to arrive today with 1,621 passengers, 1,460 bags of mail, and 2,164 packages of parcel post. Included in the passenger list are 102 officers and 1,089 other ranks.

District	Officers	Ranks
London, Ont.	5	5
Toronto	22	782
Kingston	8	10
Montreal	10	10
Quebec	1	1
Halifax	3	3
St. John	4	4
Winnipeg	8	281
Vancouver	7	7
Regina	7	7
Calgary	7	7
On duty	13	15
Unknown	1	1
	102	1,089

Whatever and whenever you shop, shop at Bassett's, 14-15-18 Charlotte Street. No branches.

Had Hacking Cough Couldn't Sleep Nights.

Hackingcoughs are very wearing on the system. The constant coughing disturbs the rest, and keeps the lungs and bronchial tubes in an irritated and inflamed condition.
Don't neglect the hacking cough. You can get rid of it with a few doses of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup; the most prompt, pleasant and perfect cough remedy known.
Miss Catherine M. McLean, Craik, Sask., writes:—"Last winter I caught a heavy cold and was laid up for some time. I had such a hacking cough I couldn't sleep at night. I didn't think I would get over it. One day a friend dropped in to see me and was surprised to see how bad my cough was. She advised me to try Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. The next day I sent for a bottle, and I soon got relief, and by the time I had taken two bottles, my cough was all gone, and now I am able to do my work again. I don't think there is anything to equal it."
There are plenty of "pipe" preparations on the market trying to live on the reputation of "Dr. Wood's." The genuine is put up in a yellow wrapper, three pine trees the trade mark, price 25c. and 50c. a bottle. Put up only by The T. Millbrae Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

LISTEN! It's music! It's "Silent night, holy night," it's down-stairs it's a BRUNSWICK!

THIS CHRISTMAS WILL HELP YOU. STIMULATE YOU, INSPIRE YOU
You will have a Brunswick, the "Music Master."
From it you will draw a flood of emotion, courage, hope, gladness—all a peace-time Christmas needs. You will find in it all that Christmas stands for, all the world is hoping for, all Canada is fighting for—peace and good will to men.

Watch your son's face when you play patriotic airs. He is a better Canadian for hearing fine Canadian music.

Watch your daughter's face when you play a love song—she is dreaming dreams of the future.

Watch your wife's face. She has forgotten the worries of every day.

Watch your guests. Their finest selves are revealed by the universal language—Music.

This happiness is not just for today, or tomorrow; it is for all the year, all of every year—a happiness that grows with age and understanding.

This will be the remembered Christmas, "the year the Brunswick came," and literally unlocked the gates to all the music in the world, lifting us out of present distractions, inspiring our subconscious selves to higher things.

The Brunswick is the only cosmopolitan phonograph. It has no commercial interest in just a few singers, orchestras, songs. It does not presume to choose your music for you. Yours will be an individual collection, just suited to YOUR family, YOUR needs, YOUR tastes.

There is no barrier between you and the music the Brunswick brings—no annoying scratching, no nasal tone, no sound of the needle traveling over the record. The Brunswick is the natural voice of ANY record—ALL records.

Christmas and music are needed this year as never before—are you and yours to have it?

Just you hear the Brunswick

F. E. Townshend, 54 King Street, St. John
John Frodsham, Royal Hotel, St. John
F. E. Townshend, Fredericton
The Brunswick Shop, 708 Moncton, N. B.

The Musical Merchandise Sales Co.
Sole Canadian Distributors.
582 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal

THE FAIR PRICE REPORT SUBMITTED

WEATHER

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Low England, fair Wednesday, probably Thursday. No temperature. Fresh north west winds.

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CANADIANS NOW IN GERMANY WOULD LIKE TO COME HOME.

Our Soldiers Are Joyfully Received by the People of the Poorer Classes, But the Highbrows Are Not Very Warm in Their Welcome—Canadian Soldiers Having a Great Time With the Children.

BY WILBUR FORREST.

(Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard.)

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Coblenz, Dec. 17.—By courier to Nancy, Dec. 12.—There is considerable good-natured dissatisfaction among members of the Canadian Second Division now reaching the Rhine on the left of our sector toward Coblenz. A report has spread around that American troops are being sent home, and they will tell you that if anybody of the North American contingent ought to go back the first should be Cassin, "not the Yankee," as one explained it today, adding: "We've been over since February, 1915. They ought to have a heart."

I motored along the Rhine today a distance of forty kilometers, until I ran into this first Canadian patriot, after passing units of our marines and the 32nd Division, who have now settled themselves manfully on the banks of the Rhine, to remain until Friday, when they will begin to cross. "How are the Germans treating you here?" I asked a Canadian corporal at Rollneck, a few kilometers south of the famous German university city of Bonn.

"Highbrows" Hate Victors.

"Fine," he responded. "It's only the highbrows, the vons, and the richer classes that hate us. The working classes and poorer people welcome us and give us the best they have got. We haven't put any restrictions on them yet except to make them give us a fair rate of exchange for our francs—140 marks for 100 francs."

As the corporal spoke, a Canadian private came up the street with at

LINERS DAMAGED BY HEAVY WEATHER

The Linmore and Aras Had a Rough Time, While the Lake Bloomington Has Been Driven Ashore.

London, Dec. 17.—The British steamer Linmore, from Portland, Me., Dec. 1, for Falmouth, with a cargo of wheat, and the British steamer Aras from Philadelphia, November 27, for Lough Swilly, have arrived at Queenstown, and both report they were damaged by heavy weather.

According to advices from Bordeaux the American steamer Lake Bloomington is stranded at Point de la Corbe, near there, and a strenuous message from the ship said that owing to the heavy seas, she was in danger of breaking in two.

The Lake Bloomington sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., October 9 for Nantes, and was reported on December 2 as arriving at Penarth.

POLAND MOBILIZING.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—According to dispatches received here, the Polish general staff has called for the mobilization of the classes extending from 1883 to 1901. It is asserted that the mobilization will bring to the colors 1,500,000 men.

SAY PARLIAMENT WILL MEET IN FEBRUARY

This is the Intimation Now Given from Ottawa—An Earlier Date Had Been Anticipated.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Parliament is expected to meet the second week of February, although the date has not yet been definitely settled by the government. Sir Robert Borden is not expected back for the opening, but may possibly return a few weeks later. His decision in this regard will, however, no doubt be determined by events overseas.

The present parliament is a year old, the first anniversary of the day when the Union Government won a victory at the polls.

GENERAL BOTHA REACHES LONDON

He and His Party Given Great Reception on Arrival of Their Train.

London, Dec. 17.—General Botha, premier of South Africa, and his party arrived at Tilbury today from Cape Town. They were welcomed on board their ship by Captain Younger, representing the Secretary of State for the colonies, and the son of the premier, Captain Louis Botha, the party afterwards proceeding by special train to London. Upon arriving at St. Pancras station, General Botha was given a great ovation by a large crowd which had gathered to meet him.

WANT \$400 BONUS.

Quebec, Dec. 17.—A delegation of all civil employees of the Quebec provincial government called on the cabinet today asking a war bonus of \$400. Their demand was taken under consideration.

least twenty-two German children hanging to his hands and coat-tails. From all the evidence the Canadians and Americans are getting about the same reception in the occupied zone, and there is no tendency in the population, except among the hard-billed aristocratic militarists, to be in the least disagreeable.

Rolling along the Rhine today, I saw a long string of German locomotives en route to France as a part of the 5,000 engines demanded under the armistice. Elsewhere I saw hundreds of German army motor trucks lined up along the roadway, all numbered and ready to be taken over by the Americans. With few exceptions, every wheel lacked a rubber tire.

Resorts Are Deserted.

The Rhine valley with its towering hills, with both ancient and modern castles sitting on their crests, while below the sloping vineyards extend almost to the river banks, gives a sombre brown winter effect as if draped in mourning for Germany's downfall. The great hotels and bath resorts appear painfully deserted, especially in the town of Oberwinter, where the streets are mainly filled with our marines and with children.

The broad river itself is dotted with boat traffic and some steamers were towing as many as six huge barges either in the direction of Rotterdam or down-river points. The Dutch flag flies over many of these barges.

Plans for an American Christmas on the Rhine will not be very extensive so far as the army is concerned. The Y.M.C.A., however, has planned to give every soldier of the occupational army a Christmas box and special Red Cross plans also are under way.

STRANGLES WIFE AND HANGS HIMSELF

Business Man of Buffalo Committed Double Crime During the Night.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.—William H. Danford, formerly a well-to-do business man, strangled his wife some time during the night and hanged himself. The probation office, to which Danford had been making reports under court orders because of trouble with his wife, this morning received a letter from Danford saying they would find the result of his last quarrel in his apartments on Elmwood Avenue.

An officer found Mrs. Danford dead in the bath tub. She had been strangled. Danford's body was found hanging from a rafter in the loft of a warehouse owned by his brother.

PRINCE OF WALES IS TO HAVE A TRIP

London, Dec. 17.—One of the latest battle cruisers is being fitted for the purpose of the Prince of Wales' imperial tour. It is the intention of King George to express to the dominions by this tour his deep consciousness of the great services they have rendered during the war to the Mother Country and the whole Empire.



Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

Almost limitless is the variety of Holiday Gift articles comprised in our selection showing which we never have or make complete than at present, offering, as it does, a host of suggestions appropriate for young and old, in

DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVERWARE, CUT GLASS, ART DEPOSIT WARE.

We offer you here a partial list—

For the Was Ones—Silver and Pearl Rattles, Porcelain, Mass, Feeding Spoons, Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, Dress Pins, (three in set), Bib and Safety Pins, Neck Chains and Locketts, Bracelets, Rings, Brush and Comb Sets, and many such suitable remembrances.

For Girls and Misses—Watch Bracelets in large variety, including most of the popular effects. Neck Chains and Pendants, Brooches, Hat Pins, Rings, Manicure and Toilet Sets, Jewel Boxes and a wide range of equally appropriate Holiday Gifts.

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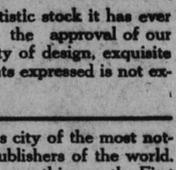
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ELECTORS MAKE BRITISH PEACE TERMS OBVIOUS

"Hands off Our Navy" Demand People in Electing Coalition—No Truck With Boches — Pledges Forced from Candidates for Vigorous Protection and Reparation.

London, Dec. 17.—(Though the polling in Great Britain is over, the results remain unknown and will be ascertained December 25, but everybody believes that the Coalition has won a sweeping victory. The campaign, though without excitement, indicated the trend of British thought and sentiment. Conscription is dropped, but although the British demand a small navy, they are equally insistent that a large navy be maintained. To the British an inviolable navy symbolizes strength and determination that would ensure the relative strength of the navy, would, to them, threaten the security of the Empire.

Abolition of conscription would greatly reduce the military forces, but "hands off the navy," was the apparent demand of the electorate in the pledges extorted from the leaders and candidates. If the result of the election is as confidently anticipated, the British electorate have served notice on the Allied conference that "freedom of the seas" must not imperil imperial naval security. From nearly every candidate, even those "whose friends were in Germany before the war" was forced to pledge that the Germans would be kicked out of England and no others permitted to settle here, that German goods would not be permitted to replace British production and deprive British artisans of employment.

The British seamen, soldiers, and workmen are more bitter against the Germans than the official Government classes, and forced the acceptance of their demands on the latter. To the British three million dead and maimed has been a terrible tragedy and in their deep feeling of bitterness against those guilty of this tragedy demanded and obtained pledges guaranteeing adequate reparation for financial sacrifices as far as possible, and protection against future association in social or business life with the Hun. British statesmen were forced by the strong feeling in the country to pledge themselves to exact from Germany the fullest possible indemnity for the world-wide expenditure and destruction. The British electorate during the campaign have made Britain's peace terms.

Britain for Britain. While the tariff could scarcely be said to be an issue, yet indirectly the sentiment displayed and the pledges exacted for commercial protection against the Germans must have an important bearing on Britain's future fiscal policy. Industrial protection for producer and artisan against Germany was demanded and promised and must entail in fulfillment trade restrictions not consistent with free trade as known in England for three-quarters of a century. It is doubtful if the same antipathy to tariff protection prevails among the British to the pre-war degree.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN BUT HE GOT SAVED

Conscientious Objector Who Narrowly Escaped Being an Orangeman, Amuses Toronto Court.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Argument that it would be breaking faith with his religious principles if he signed military documents, Private Isaac McCallion, a conscientious objector of 19 years' halt, was tried by district court yesterday afternoon. The court heard that he was provided over by Lieut.-Col. A. MacCallum, sergeant of the two hours with McCallion. "Where do you think the Kaiser will go?" asked Lieut.-Col. MacCallum. "I would like to see him," replied McCallion. "If he was saved he would go to heaven; if he was not, he would go to the other place," replied McCallion. Lieut. Col. A. MacCallum, sergeant of the two hours with McCallion, stated he knew McCallion for twenty years.

"Are you an Orangeman?" asked the judge. "I was going to be an Orangeman but I got saved," replied the man, and there was a roar of laughter in the court. Judgment on McCallion will be pronounced later, when the O. C. confirms the finding of the court.

ST. JOHN NURSE DIED IN ENGLAND

Nursing Sister Lenna May Jenner Died in Nurses' Home on December 12 Following an Operation.

The relatives and friends of Nursing Sister Lenna May Jenner, daughter of Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Jenner, of West St. John, were grieved yesterday on learning that she died in a nurses' home in London, England, on December 12, her death following an operation which was performed two days before. At the time of the Halifax disaster, a year ago, Miss Jenner was on duty in the Ogilvie Street Military Hospital in that city, and as the result of overwork and exposure her health was impaired, and as she did not entirely recover from this illness, it laid the foundation for the sickness which caused her death.

Miss Jenner had been on duty in Halifax for two years when she left for overseas service in last July. On her arrival in England she was assigned for duty at the Westcliffe Canadian Eye and Ear Hospital in Folkestone, but as her health failed she was recommended for return to Canada in September. She had gone to London preparatory to sailing when she again became ill and finally passed away. Besides her parents, Miss Jenner is survived by one brother, Sergt. H. B. Jenner, who went over with the 29th N. S. Battalion, and who now is stationed in England; and two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Ross, of Carleton Place, and Miss Marjorie at home. Mrs. J. Hamble Wood of this city is a aunt.

RETURNED MEN WANT EXEMPTION

Ask City Council to Provide Exemption on Income up to \$2,500 for Period of Ten Years.

A delegation from the Great War Veterans' Association met the city council yesterday afternoon, and in an informal way presented a request for an amendment to the assessment Act, providing exemption for returned soldiers on income, up to and including \$2,500. Their request will be presented to the council and discussed at a later date.

The delegation consisted of O. J. Lawson, provincial secretary; E. H. Robertson, W. G. Fink and H. C. Nelson. Before calling the council to order Mayor Hayes asked the delegation to present their request and Mr. Lawson, who acted as spokesman, read a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the St. John branch of the association, asking the city council to grant exemption to returned men on income up to and including \$2,500 for a period of ten years.

The mayor pointed out that it had been the custom to remit taxes of returned men up to \$15. He had the council the matter of special exemption for returned men with the president of the association, Major Gordon Johnston, and it had been suggested that the present exemption of \$400 on income be increased in the case of returned men by \$600, bringing it up to \$1,000, this special exemption to run for either five or ten years. He intended to take up with the provincial premier the matter of general legislation at the next session, providing that any municipality might make special exemptions to returned soldiers.

Commissioner McLellan expressed himself in favor of making the exemption apply in part to real estate as this would help the returned men who purchased a piece of land for a home. Commissioner Bullock said he was in favor of helping the returned men and would do what he could when the time came, and moved that the request of the G.W.V.A. be presented in writing and taken up in committee. This was seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Commissioner McLellan favored the motion as it was a matter for legislation, and stated his belief that every member of the council was willing to concede anything which was right and proper to the returned men. He thought the exemption should be considered in the light of present day taxation. Commissioner Hilyard expressed himself as willing to do everything possible to meet the wishes of the returned men. Mayor Hayes favored the exemption on income, but was doubtful of that on real estate. The motion carried unanimously, and the delegation withdrew after thanking the council for the courteous reception received.

Make your headquarters for your Christmas and season's shopping at Basson's, 14-16-18 Charlotte Street. No branches.

GERMAN CLOCKS ON FRENCH TIME

Army of Occupation is in Receipt of Much Stuff the Germans Are Forced to Hand Over.

American Army of Occupation, Monday, Dec. 16, (By The Associated Press)—By decree of the American military authorities the clocks at Coblenz, Trier and elsewhere in the occupied area were set back an hour on Sunday. The change from the German time was made so the clocks in the bridges and the district west of the river Rhine would correspond with the French time or the time used by the American expeditionary force.

In accordance with the terms of the armistice the Germans on Sunday turned over to the Americans 12,450 motor trucks. About 500 of these trucks have been assembled at Coblenz and the others in two villages nearby. As rapidly as possible the former German army trucks are being manned and used to bring up supplies.

Before Breakfast



Do YOU take a cup of tea first thing in the morning? A great many people do, and know well its beneficial effect. They say it clears the head, and fits them better for the day's work. But at this time particularly, the tea used should be of choice quality and purest flavor. KING COLE Orange Pekoe is eminently fitted for this special service. It is indeed "The Extra in Choice Tea".

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Peace, But—

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Our troops find the Belgian population gaunt with hunger and suffering terribly for lack of food and shelter. Tens of thousands of homes have been blasted away!

Peace to them means a cessation of the frightful brutality of the German soldiers; but more than that, it means that they are within our reach, and that we, their grateful Allies, can see that they are provided with food and shelter for the many months that must elapse before they can start life afresh.

Fix firmly in your mind that Peace does not mean immediate happiness and prosperity to Belgium, who first stood in the breach, and by so going made this victorious peace possible.

Help! Help Liberally! Help Quickly!

Make cheques payable and send contributions to

Belgian Relief Fund

(Registered under the War Charities Act)

to your Local Committee, or to
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HOLLAND'S DILEMMA.

It is apparent that the government of Holland is becoming somewhat worried over the presence of Emperor William. This man arrived in Holland unannounced and unexpected, and sought the hospitality of a German nobleman for, as he stated, a few days. He has been in Holland now for more than a month and his host is as anxious to get rid of him as is the Government of Holland itself. Recently when intimation was given that the Allied governments would present a united request to Holland for the extradition of the former Emperor, one of the members of the Dutch administration announced that Holland could not accede to such a demand without the consent of the person most directly interested. This minister has since had reason to change his view, for the Allies have made perfectly plain to Holland the position in which that country now stands, practically an outcast among the nations because of its utterly selfish policy during the war. Holland has been pro-German from the start, although proclaiming loudly its neutrality. It was content to stand aside and see Belgium devastated and without in any way assisting the innocent sufferers of that invasion. But more than anything else, Holland has sunk in the scale of nations by its unceasing desire to profit at the expense of those who were suffering. Only when the Allied governments practically took that country by the throat was the steady stream of food supplies into Germany stopped. Meanwhile the Dutch had become wealthy through this selling to Germany, and now they find that even the assistance which they tendered has not resulted in the creation of any feeling of gratitude towards them. They have won the contempt of the Allies as well as of those whom they assisted, and there will not be one among the associated central empires or among the Allies who will feel disposed to come to the relief of Holland in the complications which may ensue through the presence of the ex-emperor in that country. Holland is now in a position to realize that having lost its own soul all the profit it has gained is as nothing.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Cables from overseas indicate that as a result of President Wilson's mission and the series of congratulatory visits paid by rulers of various Allied countries to each other following the cessation of hostilities, there may during the coming year be a more formal round of visits. Certainly the feeling which has been engendered by the successful completion of a strenuous campaign brought these various rulers and their peoples closer to each other, and this deeper friendship will likely find expression in whatever exchange of greetings can be arranged. Out here in Canada we enjoyed some years ago a visit from the King and Queen, then the Prince and Princess of Wales. We would be glad to see them again, but there is a young fellow over there in England to whom we wouldn't do a thing if he should happen to come across the Atlantic. The Prince of Wales is the sort of chap whom everybody likes. Just like his grandfather, a typical boy in his early years, and a man today. He has from the first of the war been so anxious to see the front of things that his enthusiasm has at times been checked only with difficulty. It was not his job to command armies, but he considered it his duty to serve, and he has served in whatever capacity was made available to him. Accepting all risks, performing all soldierly duties which fell to his hand—through it all he maintained a cheerfulness of demeanor which has endeared him to every person with whom he came in contact. Now that the fighting is over the boy deserves a real good time, and there is no place in the world where he can have a better time than right here in Canada. Let the Prince of Wales but indicate that he wishes to come to Canada and have a look at our people, and we will make things so pleasant for him that he won't want to go back.

WAGES HELD BACK.

It is fair to assume that as a result of the efforts of our heaven-born financiers at Fredericton, the statement of provincial accounts for the fiscal year ending October 31, which will shortly be issued, will show a handsome surplus. But if conditions which are found to exist in Shelia and vicinity with reference to those accounts prevail in other parts of the province, it will not be difficult to see how that prospective surplus is created. People who performed work on the highways last summer and as late as the month of October, have not yet been paid, or have been paid only two or three days ago, since the closing of the fiscal year on October thirty-first. Thousands of dollars which should have been paid and charged to the accounts which closed October thirty-first were held until the opening of the new fiscal year and the people to whom these various amounts were due have been since then deprived of

their earnings. They have waited for months in order that the Vonhof-Foster combination might be able to make both ends meet on paper and no doubt to show a surplus. They have been deprived of the enjoyment of their wages so that the wonderful contemplation which is supposed to be giving the province honest government for the first time in its history may be able to boast of its shrewd financing. And in many of these cases great hardship has resulted from the action of the government in refusing to pay those accounts.

LIPTON STILL AT IT.

Sir Thomas Lipton is a good old sport. Besides that he believes in advertising, and if there is anything in the belief that sticking to a thing brings success then he is entitled to carry across to Ireland the America's Cup which he has been after for so many years. Sir Thomas has issued his fifth challenge to the New York Yacht Club, and he proposes sailing in this contest, if it ever takes place, the challenger which he had ready in 1914, Shamrock the Fourth. During that year it will be remembered the Shamrock was on her way across the Atlantic when war was declared, and the race was, of course, called off. There has been no opportunity since then to try out the respective merits of the challenger and defender in contest with each other, but Sir Thomas apparently still has faith in his yacht and is bound to see how well he can do. The Royal Ulster Yacht Club, which Sir Thomas represents, labors under a serious disadvantage in that the challenging boat has to sail to the meeting place, and for this reason the Shamrock must be sufficiently seaworthy to resist whatever weather may be encountered on the Atlantic. Naturally this massiveness of construction handicaps the Shamrock in light winds and smooth water, but Sir Thomas is not daunted by a little thing such as this and has sufficient faith in himself and his boat to think that he can overcome this handicap and win. But whether he wins or not he has the fun and he gives other people a lot of fun as well, which after all is the real purpose of sport, especially when one can lose year after year as he has done, and still with cheerful determination try again.

ST. JOHN NURSING IMAGINARY SORROWS.

(Moncton Transcript.) That St. John has excellent advantages, both geographically and through the accommodation afforded by its harbor as a winter or even a summer port, goes without saying, but unfortunately St. John, through its newspapers, has the habit of presenting its case in such a way as arouses the hostility of other places. It is just now claiming that it has been unfairly treated in the matter of freight and passenger traffic going to and from the Canadian Government Railways, ignoring the fact that it has the Canadian Pacific terminals, which railway was largely subsidized by government money and land bounties. No one would have supposed from the result of the last election in St. John that there was any such feeling in the city of being unjustly treated. It overwheemingly expressed its appreciation by support of the government. The St. John Globe, which is usually fair and moderate in its presentation of a case, publishes the following editorial: Hon. Mr. Carvell's promise to take an active interest in having established a St. John connection with the government railway system via the Valley Railway and McGivney Junction, is an assurance of government recognition of the advantages of this port. This connection will make St. John the winter port of the government system and save the country the longer railroad haul incidental to reaching tide-water via Moncton. The Minister of Public Works clearly recognizes the importance of the shortest rail route. His assurance of a personal interest in the problem, which is so intimately connected with the future of the port and of Canadian trade development, is most welcome. Our contemporary does not in these remarks do justice to its vision. It desires to have a link of railway built connecting St. John with the government railway system via the Valley Railway and McGivney Junction. Now, this is a suggestion to which no just person would object, but linking the suggestion with a blow deliberately struck at another city in the province creates ill-feeling. Does not the Globe believe that the business of this country is quite adequate to maintain more than one town or port? Why does it, in common with the St. John Times present the case in such a light as to infer that if St. John gets this link built and traffic flows to its port, therefore it must absolutely be at the cost of other ports of the Dominion, or cities including Moncton. St. John was always a little jealous of Moncton. It seems to be unable to brook the idea that there should be any other town of any importance in New Brunswick save St. John. It is jealous and nothing more that is jealous of the rapid growth of this sturdy urban youngster, situated at the bend of the Petitcodiac. The prediction is ventured that when St. John's link with McGivney is constructed and the harbor facilities are made adequate to the ambitions and aspirations of St. John, according to the views of the St. John Times, the Loyalist city will still, however, be nursing a grievance. It will discover that the other places will continue to grow and attract business. The St. John arguments are based upon a fallacy, namely, that there is only so much business to be done in the country and that when St. John

gets all that it can handle, there should be nothing left for other cities and ports. It is the fallacy of those who reason that there are only so much wages to go around and that if anybody else enters into competition for those wages, they should be suppressed, overlooking entirely that the earnings of wages creates more wages to be expended.

So too will St. John find that the drift of traffic to St. John and the filling of its harbor with shipping and the crowding of its rails with trains, will simply create more business throughout the country, which will decrease those of other ports, which the late Mr. Hayes, of the Grand Trunk Railway, told us would be required to meet the business developed from Canada's Northwest. St. John should by all means continue to boost its own harbor, praise its advantages, keep ever before the people its geographical position, but stop knocking other places and pretending that its growth will divert business from going by way of Moncton on to Halifax, Sydney or elsewhere which it will not. Moncton's future is assured, just the same as that of St. John and so too Halifax. An embryo big city like St. John needs leaders who thought with a big vision, and the realization of that vision requires that St. John create its business by reason of its natural advantages and not nurse the fallacy of its growth means the shrinking of Halifax, Moncton or other places. There is business enough for all!

WHAT THEY SAY

Watchful Waiting. St. Louis Star: When we know what the party leaders in Germany have to say about each other, then we will be able to judge whether or not it's a republic.

Lloyd George's Platform. Ottawa Journal: Judging from some planks in his reconstruction programme, Mr. Lloyd George caught the liberties in bathing and stole their clothes.

The World Safe for Democracy. Canton Times: A brave girl, 16 years old, being sent out by her mistress, a widow, living in Tin Wo Li, Koo-shan, to buy something for her, took opportunity of escaping from slavery, October 20. A liberal reward has been given by her mistress to those who could find her.

Balloon D'Essai. Boston Transcript: It is a time to be cautious about anticipations of the demands and requirements of the victorious Powers in the war. We should not forget, in the first place, that this is precisely the season for sending out trial balloons of this sort, and in the second place, that an electoral campaign is in progress in Great Britain. Even the hasty summaries of rampant speeches of members of the British Government should not be regarded too seriously.

Safe for the Whole World. New York Tribune: If the British navy should rise to second place, what it needs is that would be a position it should perhaps be as loath to relinquish as England is to give up first place. And if the English an American navies together should constitute an army trained to be incomparably more powerful than any three or four others, the world would be, if anything, a safer place for all of us.

A BIT OF VERSE. NOBLE "CONTEMPTIBLES." I've a wonderful story to tell you, Of valor, 'midst wreckage and loss, Of danger, devotion and duty, Of an army trained to be a cross. Wherever the Union Jack flutters, O'er continent, island or tide, This story will be related, With heartache and sorrow and pride.

Ever the roar of the cannon, Ever the gasp and the moan, Ever the crash and the groan; Ever the zip of the bullet, Ever the burst of the shell, Ever the fall of a comrade As on the back stretches of Hell.

Battered, bleeding and bandaged, Wounded, wearied and dazed; Stumbling and retreating, Ever with thirst scoured; 'Gainst odds as ten is to one, Struggle to dam back the deluge, Fight to hold back the Hun.

"Retire, and leave but a rear-guard!" "Was this the order came through, "Good-bye, old chap!" "Best of luck, mate!" "Wish I could stay with you," But never a moment for longing, No time for a prayer or a tear, The rear-guard faces the fury With neither a shudder nor fear.

Fighting it out in the darkness, Striking with bayonet or sword, Spitting defiance with rifle, Hailing the hellish Hun-horde; Holding the bridge-head for hours, Stumbling and heady retreat, Falling by scores in the forest, Or choked with the dust and the heat.

Left to the merciless German, Left to his insult and hate, Left to his Hell-born prison, O God, what a hideous fate! Outnumbered, outarmed, outmanned, Teeth set, eyes steeled for the shock, Unflinching, undaunted, unbroken, Stand the men of the Bulldog stock

Lying out there in the darkness, Dying of wounds and of thirst, Awaiting the sick of the Frustians, Alone amidst the Great Accursed; Catching a glimpse of the angels, Lifting a cross to the lips, Seeking the Great White Comrade As outward the spirit slips.

Lo! there is the gray of the morning, The oncoming ports of the earth, The gray waves of the Frustians, Sweep forward like tides up a river; They're met by the fire of the war gun, They melt in the heat of his light.

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE. Today in school we finished the history lesson, and Miss Kitty and I, now children, we are approaching the Christmas season, and if any of you know any little appropriate poems or recitations, we will devote a few minutes to hearing them. With pretty soon Skinny Martin pulled his hand, and Miss Kitty and I, now children, we are approaching the Christmas season, and if any of you know any little appropriate poems or recitations, we will devote a few minutes to hearing them. The boy stood on the burning deck, And his hands and feet were cold as he bled, And every time the wind did blow A locket on his nose did grow. Algeria, do you know the meaning of appropriate? said Miss Kitty. Yes, ma'am, it means not too long, said Skinny, and Miss Kitty said, it means nothing of the sort, it means suitable to the occasion, now does anybody else want to try? With Leroy Shooster did, reciting this as follows: Mary had a little lam, Its fleece was black as coal, Because every time it fell in the mud It stayed there and started to roll. Do you think that's pretty? said Miss Kitty. Yes, ma'am, said Leroy Shooster. Do you think it's appropriate to the season? said Miss Kitty. Yes, ma'am, said Leroy. Everybody who thinks that was pretty and appropriate to the season held up his hand, said Miss Kitty. Which all the fellows quick held up their hands, and Miss Kitty said, its no use, we will start the next-tick lesson. Wish we did.

They falter and reel, they break and retreat, Ye gods, what a glorious sight! A thousand hurled back by a handful, A host kept in check by a score, The pride of the Frustian is humbled, British valor holds true as of yore! Middlesex, Fuzilliers, Scotchmen, Northumberland, Lancolins and guns, Yorkshires, Wellingtons, Irish, Holding the bridges at Mons.

Guards dying like gods at Landreoc, 'Midst carnage, confusion and night; Berks holding the road at Marolles In bloody and desperate fight; Turning at bay at Le Cateau With grit but sheer valor and might; Munsters and Hussars at Bergues Dying and doing their "bit."

Smeared with Hell's vomit at Nery "L" battery lies mangled and slain Choked there in the Valley of Heroes Shot down in the blood-swollen Alsace; Dead in the salient of Ypres, Holding the Polygon wood, With limit of men and munitions, But never with limit of blood.

Defending the hilltops at Messines, In the shambles of Gheluvelt killed, Waist-deep in the slime of the trenches At Wytschaete and Zillebeke griled, Trapped in the swirl of the barrage, Mowed down by the pitiless fire, Plunged in the blood-baths of Flanders And stuck in the bend-devised wire

So held they the road to the Channel; So fought they for Freedom and Right; So died they that man may forever Live heedless of Kultur and Might, We hail thee, old army of Britain; We live through the blood thou hast shed; We salute thee, humanity's Saviors; We acclaim thee as Victors though dead. —By Oliver Hazelwood.

Striking Similarity. The beautiful woman with the peach and cream tins and satiny skin was looking sympathetically at the face of the man who had just been rescued from the powder house which had exploded. "Poor man!" she said. "Your complexion is ruined!" "Oh, I don't know," said the man feebly, yet cheerfully; "you see, I got my complexion the same way you got yours—from a powder puff."

Degree of Courage. Mrs. Spatting—A British military authority asserts that married soldiers display greater courage than unmarried. Mr. Spatting—Naturally. A married man doesn't care what happens to him.

Or So Turned Up. Mrs. Roxton (instructing new maid)—Be extra careful when dusting this vase, Olga. It was found in Pompeii, Olga—I was ma'am. Who knows but that the owner may turn up one of these days?

Piling it On. Reggie had laid his very small portion of the world at Marianna's very small feet, and Marianna had gently but firmly said "No." "Then you won't marry me?" said Reggie, feeling very bad about it.

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W. G. KESTER HAD BUSY SESSION YESTERDAY

Increases for Police Force go into Effect First of Year—Sale of Fisheries First Tuesday in January—Commissioner of Public Works Complains—Railway Company Declined to Accept Bill for Paving.

The common council yesterday approved of the schedule recommended for the police force and the increases will go into effect on January 1st next. Arrangements were made as usual for the payment of all accounts in full before December 15, and for the paying of the city employees on Dec. 20. The sale of the fisheries was ordered for the first Tuesday in January. A report from the Commissioner of Public Works complaining that the city was being discriminated against in the matter of prices for horse shoeing was received. The application of Moses and Tobias for the payment of the city per cent. held back on their Lake Fitzgerald contract was referred to the committee. The South End Improvement League was given permission to place a pole on Britain street for the purpose of carrying wires to light the rink, and Commissioner McLellan announced that a similar arrangement would be made for the Hill Dam in North End and a number of routine matters were disposed of.

Mayor Hayes presided, and Commissioners McLellan, Hilyard, Bullock and Fisher were present. The committee of twelve recommended that the strength of the police force and pay of the same, as published some days ago, be adopted. This schedule provides for a chief at \$1,500 per year, two inspectors at \$150 per month, one detective at \$125 per month, three sergeants at \$120 per month, two station sergeants at \$110 per month, forty-five patrolmen at \$85 per month, one broad inspector at \$85 per month, one meson at \$80 per month, two chauffeurs at \$100 per month, one janitor at \$85 per month, one janitor at \$75 per month and the allowances to W. W. Clark and Mrs. O'Leary, a total of \$4,821 for the year.

Commissioner Fisher objected, claiming the schedule was both inadequate and defective. It was inadequate because it did not say anything about the cost of the police force, and Commissioner McLellan rose to a point of order that these matters had nothing to do with the matter under consideration, and the mayor sustained the point. Commissioner Fisher then contended it was defective in that it made no distinction between old and new men. On the vote being taken the report was adopted, Commissioner Fisher voting against it.

The Commissioner of Public Safety recommended that the increases in the pay of the police, firemen and members of the salvage corps ordered by this council on the 15th of June last, be assessed for in next year's assessment, if necessary. Adopted.

The Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs recommended that the City Comptroller be authorized to pass for payment all accounts received by him, if correct, so that they may be charged to the year's expenditure, such accounts to be placed in his hands by the several departments on or before the 15th inst.; also that he be authorized to pass for payment the several pay rolls for the month of December on the 20th inst., so that they also may be charged to this year's expenditure. Adopted.

Commissioner Bullock reported that he had had the city engineer, acting under the authority of the city solicitor, prepare a plan of fishing lots on the West Side, Courtenay Bay and Partridge Island, and moved this plan be received and the bids sold at the same time as the other fishing privileges. Carried.

On motion of Commissioner Bullock it was decided to set the fishing privileges on the first Tuesday in January.

Commissioner Fisher then presented the following reports: "Your Commissioner begs leave to report that he wrote to the N. B. Power Company in October, asking if the company would accept a bill from the city for block paving in the truck sections in the two blocks on the car barn on Main street, the work having been done as part of the general paving on Main street this year. "Your Commissioner requested the view that it was customary for street railway and steam railway companies to pay for such work and that the Street Railway Company had paid for the paving in the turning in at the car barn on Wentworth street.

"Also that in the Main street turn-outs special grooved blocks were used to pave one of the grooves in the pavement for the same purpose as the wheels. The company has declined to accept the bill, which amounts to \$175.00, and has assigned as a reason that the company is not in a position to assume any liabilities that it is not legally entitled to.

"Your Commissioner recommends that this report be received and that it be filed for reference when the company in the future asks for some concession from the city."

"Your Commissioner begs leave to report that he is withholding payment of the November and December bills for horse-shoeing in the Public Works Department, because of having learned that the horse-shoers have been charging the city departments higher rates than those charged to merchants and other horse-owners for the same class of work.

"Your Commissioner has been trying for about two months to arrange through the president of the Horse-shoers' Association for a meeting to discuss this matter, but now finds that the association has decided to adhere to its position with respect to the rates without giving any reason therefor.

"Three members of the association, with whom your Commissioner has talked separately, have advanced different reasons for the rates to the city being special, but the reasons were all unavailing.

"Your Commissioner begs leave to report that at the time of the appointment of the Fair Price Committee an suggestion was made by Prof.

W. G. Kestler, secretary of the New Brunswick Committee of the Canada Food Board, that the selling price of bread in St. John might be investigated. Prof. Kestler expressed his opinion that the retail price should be thirteen cents per loaf.

"At that time some of the dealers were selling at thirteen cents and others at fourteen cents per loaf. Now they are probably nearly all selling at fourteen cents per loaf. "The Fair Price Committee not being authorized to investigate bread, your Commissioner made some personal enquiries and discussed the matter with two of the bakers. Considerable information was obtained, and after taking into consideration the bread is one of the necessities, which is in universal use and should be sold at a price as low as possible, your Commissioner received the conviction that the retail price should be thirteen cents, although while the wholesale price, which is twelve cents per loaf, remains as at present, the retailers' profit would be too small, one and one-half cents per loaf appearing to be a fair and reasonable margin."

These reports were all referred to the committee of the whole. Commissioner McLellan pointed out in connection with the matter of blacksmith charges that in many cases the city was given the preference over the ordinary customer.

An application from the Animal Rescue League for an increase of \$100 in their grant was laid over to be taken up at the next meeting. The application of Moses and Tobias for the payment of the twenty per cent. held back on their contract for the work at Lake Fitzgerald was referred to the committee of the whole. On motion of Commissioner McLellan a letter from Mr. R. O'Neil stating that for the present the Film Exchange would remain in St. John, was filed. A communication from No. 1 S. F. P. stated that Wm. Evans had resigned and J. Arthur Lindsay had been elected a member. On motion of Commissioner McLellan the warrant of Mr. Evans was cancelled and a warrant was issued to Mr. Lindsay, No. 2 S. C. and F. P. sent a notice that Thomas A. Armour had been elected a member and a warrant was ordered issued to Mr. Armour.

On motion of Commissioner McLellan, A. C. Smith, Jr., was given five-year lease of the room in City Hall, West Side, used as the Empress Theatre, at the same rental as previously paid. A bill of \$259.33 for radiator for the motor fire pump was ordered paid. On motion of Commissioner Hilyard a return of \$10 was ordered made to James Rose, Sydney street. This amount had been paid twice for entry to sewer.

Bills of \$100 for use of land, belonging to John Staggard, West Side, for four years, and Mr. T. Johnston for veterinary services to the Public Works Department for two years, amounting to \$265, were ordered paid.

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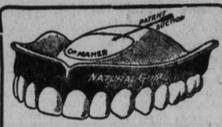
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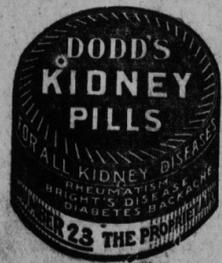


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In the suit of Carrie Fairweather vs. Anna M. Lillo, et al. J. F. H. Teed moved for foreclosure of mortgage and sale of property. Order made assessing amount due for property, \$2,500 and for interest \$71.43. Reference to a Master for sale of property was made.

The adjourned sitting of the Supreme Court with His Honor Judge Crockett presiding, was resumed at the Court House yesterday morning. As counsel were not in a position to proceed with jury cases this morning, His Honor adjourned the court until this morning at ten o'clock, when the jury cases will be taken up.



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Mar. . . . 71 69 69 1/2
Dec. . . . 72 70 70 1/2
Pork.
Jan. . . . 47.00 46.00 46.00
Mar. . . . 46.25 45.25 45.25
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Corn, No. 2 yellow, 1.45; No. 3 yellow, 1.39 to 1.42.
Oats, No. 2 white, 71 to 72 1/2.
Standard 71 1/2 to 72 1/2.
Rye, No. 2, 1.25 to 1.28.
Barley, 95 to 98.
Timothy, 8.00 to 11.00.
Clover nominal, pork nominal, lard 11.00.

A SLUMP IN THE LAST HOUR
Lazy Market Lost at the Close
All it Had Gained in the Earlier Part of the Day.

New York, Dec. 13.—Specialties at the several groups and divisions controlled by pools and professional cliques were the sole feature of today's inert stock market, and other investment issues being relegated to the background.
Gains among specialties, notably oils, equipment, motor subsidiaries, tobacco and sugars, ranged from one to five points at maximum, but these were materially impaired in the general reaction of the last hour. The belated reversal was more especially due to the heaviness of shipping.
Marine preferred recording an extreme decline of six points, its abrupt set-back accompanying familiar reports of further delay in the completion of the deal involving the sale of the company's British tonnage.
Other leaders were firmly offered, while Marine was under pressure and only a few unimportant gains were registered at the irregular close, steel and minor miscellaneous shares recording nominal losses.
Much of the early improvement was attributed to Chairman Gary's more optimistic views respecting industrial conditions, but yesterday's promising crop report was utterly ignored by transportation.

In keeping with recent speculative markets, over half of today's trading was made up of U. S. Steel, Mexican Petroleum, Shipments, Motors and several of the more prominent equipment, rails contributing the smallest percentage. Total sales amounted to 185,000 shares.
Trading in bonds was more extensive, but mostly at the expense of values. Liberty issues showing further irregularities on the weakness of the fourth quarter at the new low record of 85.50.
Total sales (par value), aggregated \$11,175,000.
Old United States Bonds were unchanged on call.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS.
(McDougall and Cowans.)

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Lists various commodities like Am Beet Sug, Am Car Fy, Am Loco, etc.

MONTREAL PRODUCE.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists various commodities like Montreal Flour, HAY, etc.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists various cotton grades like Jan., Mar., July, etc.

TO AVOID ANOTHER STRIKE.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The city administrative commission, on threat by union officials of a second Brennan's and policeman's strike, today abolished the department of public safety after Director Tremblay had resigned.

TRAVELLING?

Passage Tickets By All Ocean Steamship Lines.
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SPORTING GOSSIP

LOCAL BOWLING.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE.
In the Senior League series on the Y. M. C. I. alleys last night the Owls captured three points from the Hawks. The following are the individual scores:
Hawks:
Maed . . . 95 77 80 322 94
Nixon . . . 94 88 84 288 83-3
Moore . . . 92 78 90 267 83
McBride . . . 84 108 96 278 92-3
Hanson . . . 80 96 82 258 86
Owls:
McCaffery . . . 95 97 87 276 91-3
Pitpatrick . . . 95 101 82 278 92-3
McCaun . . . 81 97 86 264 88
McDonald . . . 80 128 95 201 100-1-3
Garvin . . . 80 96 111 287 99
427 617 461 1415

ON BLACKS' ALLEYS.

On Black's alleys last evening the competing teams of the City League, the Pilots and Panthers, broke even in points, each taking two. The Panthers, however, made the greater gain in the deal. Hishewsky's and the Pilots' bowlers bowled the highest string of the evening, making 118 in his first.

CITY LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Team, Points. Lists scores for Panthers, Pilots, and other teams.

WILL MANAGE PHILLIES.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—John W. Coombs, veteran pitcher, who was with the Brooklyn team last season, has wired William F. Baker, president of the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club that he has accepted terms to manage the Phillies next year.

QUICK TIME ON AIR-PLANE MAIL ROUTE.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Ira Biffle, mail flier, reported today that he had made the trip from New York to Washington yesterday in an hour and forty minutes, including a ten-minute stop at Philadelphia. He passed through snow and sleet storms, and at 8,000 feet struck a temperature of seven degrees below zero.

PARIS GEORGE GOING TO PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 13.—David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, will arrive in Paris next Sunday. After a short stay in the capital Mr. Lloyd-George will proceed to the Riviera for a few days rest.

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ANTIMONY MINES TO BE REOPENED.

American Capitalists Now Behind the Project and Ready for Business.

London, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Press dispatch from Boston's L.A.)—Lord Hugh Cecil, coalition, 2,771. Mr. Prothero, coalition, 2,541. Fred. Gilbert Murray, Liberal, 823. Mr. Furness, labor, 524.

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SHED ACROSS HOME FROM THE FRONT

Pha. E. J. Blazian Has Had a Varied Career Since He Enlisted in 1915 in the American Legion—Will Get His Discharge at Onco.

Mediac, Dec. 11.—Private Edward Leonard Blazian, who enlisted in the American Legion in 1915, has been discharged from the service at Onco, N. B., today.

Private Edward Blazian enlisted on the 15th of August, 1914, at Sherbrook, P. Q., in the 97th Battalion, known as the "American Legion"; he followed the unit to Albert and spent the winter of 1914-15 in the last days of September of the same year. He remained eleven days at a military camp in England, then went over to France, landing at Havre, where he also remained eleven days. The draft to which he was attached was sent to the front. He was transferred to the Royal Canadian Regiment at that time at Vimy Ridge, and took part in the famous battle bearing the name of the 97th Battalion. He was at Vimy on the 9th of April, 1917. He was at Arras, at Vimy and at the attack of Lens. He was at Arras when he was wounded in the knee, and passed out in October, 1917, to No. 11 Hospital at Etaples, where he spent thirteen days; he was later on sent to England where he entered a hospital at Reading, Berkshire, where he remained seven months; was subsequently transferred to a convalescent home at Borewood, was finally found medically unfit for military service and returned home. He made the trip back on the Scandinavian and landed at St. John, N. B., on the 15th of October, 1917. He was at St. John on the 15th of October, 1917, to the 1st of January, 1918. He expects to secure his discharge.

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Mrs. AMY J. Larlee, relict of the late Charles H. Larlee, and one of the most respected residents of Perth, passed peacefully to her rest at her home here on Saturday evening, the 7th instant, after an illness of a few months, aged 88 years. Her death, though not unexpected, came as a surprise to her numerous friends.

Mrs. Larlee was the daughter of the late George and Mary Craig. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the home of her brother, Columbus Craig, to the United Baptist Church at Larlee, Bath, N. B., at 10 a. m. Rev. C. M. Barton, of Victoria, Carleton Place, assisted by Rev. J. B. Ganong, of St. John, preached a very impressive sermon, dwelling on the merits of true motherhood and what it stood for in the Christian Church. The choir, Mrs. Nellie Anderson, Mrs. Estabrook, Mr. C. L. Olmstead, and Mr. H. E. Hakesies, rendered some beautiful hymns which had been selected by the dear departed one. Mrs. Geo. B. McLaughlin was organist. A large and beautiful floral offering was a joy to the bereaved.

The subject of this memoir passed to the Better Land from her late residence, Bath, N. B., on Oct. 30th last, aged forty-eight years. Her death came as a great shock to all her friends, and cast a deep gloom on the whole community. To all appearances she was in the best of health, but an internal tumor made an operation necessary, from which she never rallied.

Mrs. Larlee in early life was Miss Phoebe S. Brooks, of Biggar, Carleton County. For some years the deceased lived in the United States, but returned a few years ago and married to Mr. Larlee. During the years of her residence in Bath, she was active in all good works and especially in church and Sunday School, to which she was devoted.

She leaves to mourn her sorrowing husband and a large circle of relatives and friends, who miss her sorely. The funeral, which was largely attended, was conducted by her pastor, Rev. F. A. Wightman, assisted by Revs. Howlett and Giberson, interment being made in the family plot at Biggar.

Mrs. James R. Hooper. The death of Mrs. Jas. R. Hooper, of Back Bay, N. B., occurred at the General Public Hospital, Monday night, in the 34th year of her age. The late Mrs. Hooper was a highly respected resident of Back Bay, and a member of the Christian church. She leaves to mourn besides her husband, one son, Lloyd D., her father, Adam McLean, and one sister, Mrs. McNicol, of L'Etete. The body will be taken to Back Bay for burial.

Charles Wm. Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Luther S. Ward, of 225 City road, will have the sympathy of friends in the death of their infant son, Charles William, which occurred yesterday.

Wm. Francis. The death took place yesterday morning of William Francis, aged 50, who has been a patient here for some years. He was the husband of Mrs. Mary Francis, and one sister, Mrs. Cooper, both of Fenwick, N. B., also two brothers, one of this city, and Berryman, Crossville.

Edmond H. Deval. The death of Edmond H. Deval, 17 Woodrow Street, occurred yesterday afternoon, after an illness of about three months. Besides a sorrowing wife he leaves one daughter, Beatrice.

BAGDAD RAILWAY BADLY RUN DOWN

Locomotives to Become Unfit for Use — Danger in Taurus Tunnels.

Constantinople, Nov. 21. (via Salonika, Dec. 17)—One of the greatest German schemes which the war has overthrown was the ambition for a German-controlled railway line from Hamburg to Bagdad. With the armistice the Bagdad Railway has entered another phase. Its eventual history rests with the peace conference to decide.

As to the actual condition of the line I had today a conversation with M. Bourard Hisspain, Director General of the Bagdad Railway. The tunnels through the Taurus Mountains were opened for broad-gauge traffic last month and trains can now pass as far as Haidin, 100 miles west of Mosul. The track throughout is in good condition, but the rolling stock has been much deteriorated by overwork during the war.

Although there are still plenty of freight cars serviceable, two-thirds of the engines are unfit for work through lack of spare parts, which Germany has not supplied. Nevertheless, a limited daily traffic from Constantinople to Nebatlia would be possible, together with a larger service of trains in Western Asia Minor, provided the food supplies of Constantinople are drawn, if it were not for a lack of coal, which has brought the working line to extremely reduced and irregular proportions. As regards the continuance of the service, the question of the existing German staff is a vital one.

"Most of our German engineers," said M. Hisspain, "are civilians who have been in this country thirty years. They have the required special knowledge of the Bagdad Railway, without which the line could not be worked. Even should the Allies insist on replacing them by engineers of their own, it would be necessary in collaboration with the present German staff before they would be able to accept the responsibility."

The system of the Taurus tunnels alone is one of the most difficult in the world. Daily inspection is necessary for the safety of the line. As to the probable time required to complete the Bagdad Railway to the Persian Gulf, M. Hisspain said that a great deal depended on what the British had done in Mesopotamia. Several hundred miles of tracks laid by the Turks beyond Nebatlia would need to be reconstructed, as they were hastily done with poor materials. Working from both ends with adequate supplies of material and labor and with the use of the British military railways in Mesopotamia as lines of supply, he thought that trains might be running through to the Persian Gulf in two years.

The deceased who contracted a general sore on Waterloo Street, was a highly respected citizen, with a wide circle of friends, who are deeply grieved to learn of his death. He was a deacon and member of Waterloo Street Baptist Church. After a short service at his late residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the remains will be conveyed to the Waterloo Street church, where the burial service will be conducted by Rev. F. H. Wentworth.

CHILD GETS SICK CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

Look at tongue! Then give fruit laxative for stomach, liver, bowels.

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm children and they love it.

Mother: Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign the little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ill: give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing.

Devotions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle. Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

WILL NOT MAKE ANY CHARGES

Guelfh Ministerial Association as Decides re Jesuit Novitiate Raid.

Guelfh, Ont., Dec. 17.—The Guelfh ministerial association will not form any charges in connection with the raid on the Jesuit novitiate. This was the decision arrived at at noon today after a private discussion. The resolution reads:—"That the ministerial association of Guelfh, inasmuch as it did not formulate the charges against the Jesuit Novitiate college, but asked that the charges of military authorities be investigated, does hereby insist, as previously, that a full impartial and unrestricted parliamentary enquiry be granted."

BOLIVIA HAS NEW CABINET

New Blood Introduced to Strengthen Government in View of Possible Trouble.

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 17.—A new Bolivian cabinet has been formed to strengthen the government in view of the differences between Chile and Peru over the provinces of Tacna and Arica. The new ministers are:—Minister of Foreign Affairs—Alberca Gutierrez. Minister of the Interior—Jose Luis Toledo. Minister of Education—Daniel Sanchez Bustamante. Minister of Finance—Diego Gutierrez. Minister of Public Works—Alfredo Martinez Vargas. Minister of War—Jose Santos Quintana.

JEWES HAVE A HARD TIME IN RUMANIA

Are Forced to Serve in the Army But Cannot Become Officers—Other Oppressive Restrictions.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—Jews in Rumania are conscripted into the army, but they are not permitted to become officers. Neither can they hold public offices in that country nor can their children attend schools, except when there is room, and then only on the payment of a sum of money. These restrictive as well as other oppressive conditions under which the Jews are compelled to live in Rumania were recounted by Leo Wolfson, of New York, in today's session of the American Jewish congress assembled here for the purpose of obtaining full and equal rights for the Jews throughout the world.

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What Marguerite Sees and Hears. That action certainly speaks louder than words on the moving picture screen.

That the present vogue for the deep blue with black recalls when Miss Jenny appeared at her own opening in Paris attired in black and brown, one of the buyers is reported to have said, "After all, some very pretty little puppets have been dressed in black and tan."

That a woman's service league, to co-operate with the Great War Veterans' Association, has been organized in Winnipeg.

That if the collarless neck line proves unbecoming, you may embellish it with a becoming contrasting color.

That one's sentiments towards the person who says, "Bought all your Christmas presents yet?" are not those of love to say the least.

That if you want to enjoy a real pleasure take a small child and add one ice cream, especially if the small child is unaccustomed to such treats.

That a costume which fastens slantwise down the front both attractively and easily donned.

That a schoolgirl never graduates until she has learned to stab a pickle with a hat pin.

That a recent card received read

"Birthday Greetings! Cheer up everybody gets them."

That New York has five lip reading classes in her night schools, attended by many wage earning women, whose deafness has made their work difficult.

That Sara Teasdale (Mrs. R. B. Flisinger) has been paid one of the highest honors that a poet in America can achieve. She has been awarded the 500 prize offered by Columbia University for the best book of poetry published during last year.

PERSONAL

C. F. Stowe, who has been for some time manager for F. G. Spencer of the Unique and Lyric Theatres, left last evening for his home in the United States.

Louis Rosenfeld, who was in St. John some time ago in the Famous Players film exchange, has returned from a trip to Halifax and the Sydneys.

G. A. Margetta returned recently from a trip to Halifax and the Sydneys.

Miss Mary Shaw, of Berwick, N.S. is the guest for a few days of Dr. and Mrs. I. W. M. Baker.

Miss Etta Willis, of the Petrie Manufacturing Company, Prince William street, returned to her duties yesterday after a severe attack of influenza.

Judge J. H. Barry arrived in the city on the McAdam express last night.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Some things are of that nature as to make One's fancy chuckle, while his heart doth ache.

—John Bunyan.

W. C. T. U. PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS

Matters relating to the celebration of Christmas came up for discussion at the meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon. The president, Mrs. David Hipwell, presided, and the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Humphrey.

The Union does much in the way of spreading Christmas cheer and donations were given to several members to carry on this work.

A letter was read from a young lady in Moncton who desired to find a suitable boarding house in St. John, and one of the W. C. T. U. members volunteered to answer this request.

The names of several honorary members who joined at the time when the Dominion President, Mrs. Gordon Wright, was in the city, were handed in. The Union was very glad to receive the following honorary members:

Rev. D. J. MacPherson, Sergt.-Major Morton Olive, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Gravel.

Mrs. Seymour spoke of the increased work at the Seaman's Institute, and a vote was passed supporting this undertaking in every way.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

PLANNING FOR SOLDIERS RETURN

Reception Committee to Appeal for Funds—Meeting Yesterday.

The question of funds to carry on the work of the Soldiers' Reception Committee was thoroughly discussed at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Powell, Queen Square.

S. Herbert Mayes presided, and stated the fact that about 60,000 soldiers are expected to arrive at this port. It was decided to appoint a committee of four ladies, who will canvass King and Charlotte streets for funds to carry on this work, which has been so deeply appreciated by the arriving soldiers returning to Canada. They have spoken of the kindly welcome received at St. John all over the Dominion.

Members of the men's committee will canvass the North and South West, and the secretary, R. S. Ritchie, was instructed to send letters asking for financial aid to twenty organizations, including the I. O. O. F., and other patriotic societies, lodges and men's clubs, as well as church organizations.

Arrangements were made as to the methods of conveying the parcels presented to the men over to the West Side, as the larger numbers make it impossible to take them over as in former times. Other details regarding the work were discussed, and plans made for the increased activity of this faithful committee.

TRIANGLE CLUB'S NEW QUARTERS

Formally Opened by Brigadier-General Macdonnell Last Evening—Excellent Addresses and Programme of Music Enjoyed.

The fine new quarters of the Red Triangle Club, on Charlotte St., were formally opened last evening by Brigadier-General Macdonnell, during a program of great interest and vigour.

According to the excellent plan to be carried out in future, the entertainment was held in the large hall upstairs, leaving the rooms on the first floor free for the men to enjoy as they please. The cuisine is on the first floor, and the pool tables, as well as other tables for games. All arrangements are made for the pleasure of the men and certainly everything seems homelike and comfortable.

A large audience of soldiers and citizens assembled and listened to the eloquent speeches made, and the splendid selections rendered by the Depot Battalion Band, whose music was heartily applauded.

On the platform were Mayor Hayes, Premier Foster, S. E. Elkin, M.P., A. O. Skinner, President of the Red Triangle Club, and Captain Correy, who is in charge of the new rooms.

After music by the band, Mayor Hayes gave an address of his recent trip, and the good account he had heard in other cities of the fine hospitality extended to soldiers in St. John, N. B. He praised the work accomplished at the Red Triangle club, and complimented the Red Triangle committee with A. O. Skinner at the head.

Capt. Correy then welcomed those present, and spoke briefly of the work of the club. A. O. Skinner, in his address, told of the welcome extended to the men at the Red Triangle, and at the port on their arrival in the city and hoped that both efforts would be supported by the citizens of St. John.

In introducing Brigadier-General Macdonnell, Mayor Hayes mentioned the many ways in which this officer has assisted during his stay in St. John.

General Macdonnell expressed his pleasure in being present and of his desire to do anything in his power for the boys in khaki, and the city of St. John. He spoke in appreciation of the work of the Red Triangle committee, both of the ladies and gentlemen, saying they had worked early and late to make the soldiers happy and comfortable. General Macdonnell then formally declared the Red Triangle Rooms open.

Greetings were extended for the Ladies' Committee by the Mayor, who said that the ladies could do everything but talk on the platform, and that they had shown how well they could work in the past four years.

In a detailed way Premier Foster described the plans made for the return of the men to their homes, and the terms upon which farms can be secured. He said he felt the work of public men in Canada had just begun, that they had the responsibility of the development of Canadian resources, and in the working out of the destiny of the nation the services of the returned men would be required. He hoped that some of the returned men would take an interest in public life, if he could give them any advice it would be not to assign themselves with any individual party, but to support the party which gives good, clean, honest administration.

S. E. Elkin, M.P., was the next speaker, and the keynote of his address was the individual responsibility of each person towards the reconstruction and re-organization of the country. He said that the sooner each man helped the affairs of the country to transpire the sooner Canada could take her place as a great nation. That there must be nothing in the way of a turmoil or socialism but that men should settle down as quietly as possible, realizing that the greatest good for the greatest number meant the greatest good for the individual.

R. W. Wigmore, M. P., who was to have spoken, was unable to be present.

Rev. Canon Armstrong, Rev. G. F. Dawson, Rev. J. A. McKelvie, and Rev. S. S. Poodie representing their respective churches, wished the Red Triangle Club all prosperity, and offered their services in hearty co-operation with its work.

Among the delightful music rendered by the Band under Bandmaster Perkins, were two solos, one on the trombone by Private Buckle, the other a saxophone solo by Pte. Leeb. After the singing of the National Anthem the audience were invited to adjourn to the cañtine, where members of the Cañtine Committee, with Mrs. Leonard Tilley at the head, served refreshments.

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ON XMAS VACATION.

Saint Anne's College, at Church Point, near Digby, closed for the Christmas vacation yesterday and many of the students of this institution reached the city on the steamer Empress last evening, en route to their respective homes. Among the number arriving were Leopold La Plante, Lionel Soutcy, and Edward Dube, all of Saint Leonard's. The ladies took in the different shows last evening and apparently were amusing themselves immensely. They leave today for their homes, returning in the course of two weeks to resume their studies at their Alma Mater.

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Exchange Managers Held Meeting Yesterday and Discussed the Advanced Cost.

A meeting of the Exchange Managers' Association was held on Monday afternoon and an adjourned meeting was held yesterday afternoon. The chief matter under discussion was the new rates for advertising matter being put into effect all over Canada.

There is so little call for lobby posters and large sheets of pictures in the Maritime Provinces in comparison with Upper Canada that a protest has been made by the exhibitors when asked to pay more than formerly for the advertising which is for sale with every picture.

In other cities much is made of lobby advertising and unique displays are made in the front of theatres. In the Motion Picture magazines much space is given to ideas for attracting attention to the special features of productions, and the advertising cuts and pictures which are available with the film are largely used.

The St. John branch of the Exchange Managers' Association discussed the matter thoroughly in an endeavor to meet the exhibitor of this territory, and a letter will be addressed to the Exhibitors' League of the Maritime Provinces regarding the matter.

MEETING WITH SUCCESS.

The drive for new members for the Y.M.C.I. is meeting with pronounced success. This week's drive is for business men of the city, and over 100 joined on Monday last. Equally the same number joined yesterday. The Y.M.C.I. is for the betterment of the young men of the city, physically and morally, and is deserving of that success now crowning the work of the soliciting committees. A drive is now proposed for senior members.

John O'Hagan, on the board of directors of this institution, made an excellent speech last evening in the rooms of the I. L. & B. Society at their respective churches, wished the Red Triangle Club all prosperity, and offered their services in hearty co-operation with its work.

Among the delightful music rendered by the Band under Bandmaster Perkins, were two solos, one on the trombone by Private Buckle, the other a saxophone solo by Pte. Leeb. After the singing of the National Anthem the audience were invited to adjourn to the cañtine, where members of the Cañtine Committee, with Mrs. Leonard Tilley at the head, served refreshments.

GRANTED HIS DISCHARGE.

Sergeant Robinson, former recruiting officer of the Canadian Engineers Local Depot, under Captain Currie has been granted his discharge from further military service. It is learned that the popular officer will accept the offer of a position with a Montreal firm, which has a branch in this city.

city. Sergeant Robinson before signing up for military service held a mercantile position, which gives him the necessary qualifications to accept the duties now being offered him.

ON THE WAR PATH.

Sub-Inspectors McAtosh and Garnett are still on the war path, and ran foul of a merrily one this morning at 12.30 on Charlotte street. At the time of his arrest he was not only drunk, but had the forbidden potent in his possession. He appears in court this morning to answer the double charge.

CONDUCTING OFFICER.

Captain McKay, of Ottawa, is in the city, relative to military business. His mission east is to be learned, is a conducting officer to the men of his military district, reaching the city today on the Melita. While in the city he is a guest at the Royal.

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By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
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Ottawa, December 4, 1918.

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LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
December—Phases of the Moon.
New Moon 2nd 11h 2m a.m.
First Quarter 10th 10h 15m p.m.
Full Moon 18th 5h 15m p.m.
Last Quarter 26th 2h 51m a.m.

DATE OF W. WATER A.M. WATER P.M. WATER A.M. WATER P.M.

18 W 8.06 4.38 11.39 6.45 11.18
19 T 8.06 4.38 0.00 12.39 6.27 10.93
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22 Tu 8.06 4.40 2.41 14.55 9.05 10.27

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.
December 15, 1918.
Arrived Tuesday.
Steamer Corporation, 2478, Montreal, from Montreal via Halifax. Wm. Thomson and Co., Ltd., general cargo.
Steamer Glen Gordon, 2,352, Montreal, (Shelburne, J. T. Knight and Co., Ltd., ballast).
Coastwise—Schr. Lena, 81, Soreby, Spencer Island; star Ruby G., 51, Soreby, Margaretsville, N. B.; schr. Violet Fox, Spencer's Island, N. B.; Schr. Granville, 60, Collins, Annapolis Royal; tug J. A. Munford, 11, Clayton, Hantsport, N. B., towing schr. J. H. Miller.
Cleared.
Schr. Miriam H., 359, St. John's, N.B., J. T. Knight and Co., Ottawa and Soreby.
Schr. Hartney W., 270, Kelowna, New York, rock plaster and lumber.
Coastwise—Tug J. A. Munford, 11, Clayton, Parramore, N. B.; star Grand Masson, 159, Hantsport, Wilson's Beach; star Granville, 60, Collins, Annapolis Royal; schr. Walker G., 18, Soreby, Chance Harbor; star Mildred, 27, Wessons, Parramore, N. B.; schr. Lena, 81, Soreby, Spencer's Island, N. B.; star Ruby A., 51, Soreby, Margaretsville, N. B.; schr. Violet Fox, 23, Dewey, Beaver Harbor.

AMERICAN PORTS.
Boston—Dec. 15, schr. L. A. Phipps, Edgewater, for St. John.
Havana—Ard Dec. 7, schr. Harry W. Lewis, Kingsport, N. S., (with 2,448 barrels of potatoes).
Boston—Cld Dec. 12, schr. Quays, Dgby.
Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 16—Schr. Schr. Dorothy from Elizabethport for St. John.
Portland, Me., Dec. 14—Ard star Lake Desha, Quebec.

BRITISH PORTS.
Durban, S. A.—Ard Dec. 15, schr. Freda E. Berry, St. John.
Falmouth, Dec. 12—Ard star Stella, Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS.
Havre, Dec. 16—Ard star Target Cape, Montreal.

STUCK BY WAVE.
Boston, Dec. 17—Schr. Cabedonian (Br.) from Hull, was struck by a huge wave off the Grand Banks and had deck compartments smashed and two tons of potatoes and twelve barrels of flour carried away. Most of the food in the storerooms below was ruined by the salt water that poured into it.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.
Dec. 3, lat 49 20 N, lon 75 20 W, a conical buoy painted red and white.
Dec. 11, lat 38 40 N, lon 74 05 W, a drifting mine.
Dec. 11, lat 43 46 N, lon 56 08 W, drifting mines.

WILL LOAD POTATOES.
The schooner Laiden Evelyn will proceed to St. John, N. S., to take in a cargo of potatoes for Havana.

DAMAGED IN STORM.
The schooner Nellie Eaton, Capt. Thompson, bound from New York for Camden with coal, met bad weather last week and lost her jibboom and bowsprit. She was towed into Boston for repairs on Friday.

NEW SCHOONER SOLD.
The new schooner which was built by the Milton, N. S. Shipbuilding Company and was to have been launched yesterday has been sold to Rhesmarth Iron, and others of Lunenburg.

GRAIN FROM BOSTON.
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AROUND THE CITY

OPEN THURSDAY NIGHT. Beginning Thursday evening, the three stores of Waterbury & Rising Limited will remain open every evening until Christmas.

XMAS CARDS FOR MAYOR. Mayor Hayes yesterday received from Corp. Roy Wigmore, son of R. W. Wigmore, M. P., a very nice Christmas card. Corp. Wigmore is now at Whiteley Camp.

MORE FLU CASES. Eight new cases of Spanish influenza were reported to the board of health authorities yesterday. The cases are of a mild type but the feature is that they are spread over the whole city.

LEFT FOR VANCOUVER. Captain Horace Vanwert of the Depot Battalion left last evening for Victoria, B. C., to join the 26th Battalion as signalling officer. This unit is expected to leave for Siberia at an early date.

OIL IN THE HARBOR. It is reported that oil is being discharged into the harbor from ships in port. Fishermen claim that on account of such a practice early last spring it was responsible for a failure in the fishing business.

A GERMAN HELMET. Harold Rising has received a German helmet from his brother, Captain Percy M. Rising, who, with an interpreter, is proceeding the 36th Battalion arranging billets for the unit in its victorious march through German territory.

A MEAN THIEF. One of the meanest thieves on record stole a toy drum containing more than eight dollars from the entrance of the War Veterans' Home, Wellington Road. The money was collected for a fund to provide Christmas treat for children whose fathers died at the front.

GIVEN SILVER BASKET. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. J. A. Moss, forelady of the McAvity plant, Rothway avenue, was made the recipient of a silver flower basket and stand by the girls of the three to eleven shift. The presentation was made by Miss Irene Kelly. It was an appreciation of kindness shown by her. Mrs. Moss, although greatly surprised, thanked the girls in a few well chosen remarks.

RETURNS FROM WRECK. Captain John Walsh, assistant general manager of the C. P. O. S., returned yesterday from the stranded steamship Corinthian on the Northwest Ledges and says he is not yet prepared to say whether the ship could be saved. While he was at the steamer there were about 100 motor boats around her and scores of men were busy stripping the ship of all her movable fixtures and plundering everything they could lay hands on.

R. B. EMERSON RESIGNS. After ten years of faithful service as chairman of the local school board, R. B. Emerson has tendered his resignation to the government owing to pressure of his business. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Emerson, the public schools in the last decade have been developed to a remarkable extent both in accommodation, in staffs and in attendance. Splendid, well-equipped buildings have been erected to meet the demand for a higher standard of housing of schools and the pay of the teachers has been increased.

INTERESTING XMAS CARD. Lieut.-Col. Markham has received from his son, Cecil, of the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion, an interesting Christmas card issued by the officers of that unit. On the front page the names of the officers are listed and the part are enumerated, and attend to the fighting in which the men were engaged. Foremost in these engagements were Cambrai, Amiens, Arras and Vimy. Besides there were Kemmel, Vierstraet, St. Elloi, Voormezele, Hill 60, Hooge, Zillebeke, Courtrai, Reghin, Fromelles, Sully Grenay, Arras, Lens, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Wercatel and Neuville Vitasse.

THANKED FOR SERVICES. Yesterday morning Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of health, thanked Dr. Robert J. Williams of Boston for two months' faithful services during the epidemic of influenza in Chatham and Blackwell sections.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM FOR CHRISTMAS? This is the same old problem that presents itself at every recurrence of the season. "Come here with all your troubles, and let us show you. We can also fill the boy's stockings as satisfactorily as the man's."

AN OVERCOAT. A Tie. A Raincoat. A box Hono. A Suit. An Umbrella. A pair Boots. A Club Bag. A Hat. A box Collars. A Muffler. A pair-Gloves. A Shirt. A Brace Set. Store open this evening.

HUNTER'S CLOTHING STORE. 17-18 Charlotte Street. If in the market for a good used car, or wish to sell, consult with J. A. Punsley & Company, Used Car Department. Used car exhibition now being held at showrooms, 45 Prince Street. Open day and evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION. Why not give him a Twelve Months' Membership Ticket for the Y.M.C.A.? Boys, Young Men, Business and Professional Men all get good, healthy recreation there.

LABOR LEADERS HERE YESTERDAY

J. C. Watters Leaves for Minto This Morning—Is Assisting Fuel Controller for Bigger Canadian Production.

J. C. Watters, the well known labor leader, arrived in the city yesterday from Sydney and will leave this morning for the coal fields at Minto, where he will spend a couple of days, and then leave for his home in Ottawa, returning to Sydney soon after the new year.

When seen last night at the Dufferin by a representative of The Standard, Mr. Watters said he was for the present in the service of the nation and trying as best he could to assist the fuel controller in his campaign for greater fuel production in Canada. He had visited all the mining centres in Nova Scotia and was glad to be able to say there had been a decided improvement in the output of the mines although there was still room for a better showing in some of them.

The method adopted in dealing with the matter was to make a direct appeal to the miners and point out to them the necessity for the maximum output in order to keep the wheels of industry moving and keep the people from freezing. At every mine there had been appointed a committee from the men to study the situation, discuss with the operators methods of increasing the production, etc., and this had been found to work out well. Some of the suggestions made by the miners had already been adopted and had resulted in a speeding up in the production of coal.

He had found the men ready to respond to an appeal for their assistance and willing to accept the responsibility which rested on them for the getting of the coal out of the ground and on its way to the consumer. When the matter was put right up to them, that they were the only means by which this prime necessity of national life could be supplied, they had rallied magnificently to the call and as a consequence there had been a marked increase in the production by the same number of men.

Today Mr. Watters will go to Minto and endeavor to speed up production in those fields. The same course will be adopted as in Nova Scotia and the men will be asked to name their committees to co-operate with the operators to improve working conditions and make them more efficient.

Asked about the trouble at Sydney, Mr. Watters said the coal in question belonged to the Dominion assets but the Scotia had a slope, the Florentine, from which it could be mined, while before the Dominion could mine it they would have to make a new slope, which would take considerable time. The fuel controller had suggested that as the need for the coal was urgent, the Scotia Company should take out the coal and pay the Dominion a certain amount for doing so. The two companies had been unable to come to an agreement in the matter and it was just possible the government might take a hand and settle it for them.

SONS OF ENGLAND WERE THE GUESTS. Clan Mackenzie Were Hosts Last Evening—Excellent Program Greatly Enjoyed.

Last night Clan Mackenzie were the hosts to Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England, and right good hosts they proved, was the verdict rendered by those who enjoyed their hospitality. The lodge room of the clan, Orange Hall, Germain street, was well filled with men from the two societies, and behind the third member of the "Trinity that rules the seas," was represented by Judge Ritchie of St. Patrick's Society.

Joseph Murdoch, chief of the clan, presided, and on the platform were seated with him T. H. Carter, supreme vice of the S. O. E., Judge Ritchie and others. A splendid programme of songs, readings, musical selections and humorous stories made the evening pass all too quickly. At the close of the programme refreshments consisting of cake and coffee were served.

The programme was as follows: Solo—F. J. Punter. Address—T. H. Carter, supreme vice-president S. O. E. Solo—Mr. Plummer. Address—Judge Ritchie, St. Patrick's Society. Solo—James Laidlaw. Address—E. Lawrence, district deputy S. O. E. Reading—Steve Matthews. Solo—Mr. Parker. Humorous story—Capt. R. C. Brown, S. S. Cassidara. Piccol solo—Mr. Davidson. Duet—Messrs. Collins and Plummer. Dudley S. Robillard acted as accompanist for the evening.

FULL CARGOES FOR ST. JOHNS. Two Schooners Have Cleared for Newfoundland With Cargoes of Flour and Rolled Oats Valued at \$113,936.

The schooner Marian H. cleared yesterday for St. John's, Nfld., with a full cargo of flour and rolled oats. The Lawrence Flour Mills Co. ships 2,149 barrels, while the Quaker Oats Company ships 1,599 bags and 1,031 bales of oats. The total value of the cargo is \$63,956.

On November 27th the schooner Samuel Courtney cleared for St. John's with a similar cargo from the same shippers and it consisted of 800 bags of peas, 1,397 barrels of flour, 600 bags, 1,227 bales, 1,900 kegs and 1,295 barrels of rolled oats with a total value of \$48,980. The Courtney also took a large quantity of oil.

OPEN EVENINGS. F. W. Daniels & Company's store will be open every evening until Christmas, commencing tonight, Wednesday the 18th.

MILITIA AND A MILITARY OFFICE

Captain J. R. Thomson Appointed Officer in Charge of Much Needed Information Bureau—Other Military Notes.

Military headquarters announced yesterday that arrangements have been completed here for the establishment of a bureau in this city, with Captain J. R. Thomson as officer in charge, assisted by a capable staff of assistants. This move was made on the part of the military authorities, so as to eliminate many of the enquiries which were at the present time burdening the shipping officials and the militia, relative to the queries of the men now returning from overseas, who demanded the time of the arrival and exit of trains, places where they might stop while in the city, and other numerous questions.

In the future, when the new branch has become organized the men and their relatives will be furnished with the necessary information at quick notice, and thus the burden on the militia and the shipping officials will be greatly lessened.

Relative to the officer in charge of the bureau, it is pointed out that he has in the past enjoyed a large and varied experience in work such as the above, being connected with the shipping firm of Wm. Thomson & Co., and by this means is well qualified.

The new bureau will be of inestimable value to the returning men, who are strangers to the city, and will eventually lessen the worry on their part and that of their relatives.

Captain William J. Brown, of the 26th Canadian Rifles, reached the city from the West yesterday.

That the Siberian contingent, or that part remaining in the West will not proceed to Russia, is the belief of many of the members of the unit. The townspeople where the unit is stationed have petitioned the military authorities to allow this unit to remain in their city for the winter months at least. A meeting between the civic body and the militia authorities of that centre was held on Sunday evening, relative to the request, and it is not as yet known here, but it is hinted that the unit will remain for a time at the western city. One draft has already gone to Russia.

WERE AT HOME. LAST EVENING. I. L. and B. Society Entertained in Their Rooms, Union Street—Excellent Program Carried Through.

The Irish Literary and Benevolent Society held a smoker in their rooms, Union Street, last evening. The programme carried out by the members of the club and some representatives of the other fraternal societies of the city, was a decided success.

President George Sturford acted as chairman, and made a few remarks at the opening of the evening's smoker and entertainment. Referring to the work of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society, which as many others had suffered a decrease in membership owing to the absence of many of the younger members at the front, and the absence of many of the familiar figures owing to the hand of death, he referred to the other fraternal societies in the city, he added that they were all making special appeals for a greater membership, so that their respective societies might be enabled to carry out the work before them, and uphold all Catholic young men of the city to link themselves up with some society, to enable them to become better, physically and morally. He stated that the I. L. & B. Society had made up a list of a decrease in membership of its winter activities, and among these were pool, cards, and domino tournaments. Concluding, he added that they were making a drive for new members also, and already were meeting with significant success.

All the other Catholic societies of the city were represented at the smoker last evening, and each representative delighted in the gathering with excellent addresses.

Some of the features of the evening were the presentation of a silver cup to William Monahan for excellence in the billiard pool tournament, he capturing the premium over a large number of close competitors. The piano solo of Mr. Granman, who is totally blind, was excellent, and he was invited to encore again and again. Another feature of the entertainment was the Harmony Quartette of the St. Peter's Y.M.C.A.

Following is the programme: Address—President Sturford. Piano Solo—M. O'Hara. Reading—Owen Hall. Address—John O'Regan, representing the Y.M.C.A. St. Peter's Y.M.C.A. Quartette, Messrs. Moore, Moore, O'Donnell and Hanson. Piano Selection—Mr. Granman. Address—J. U. Haggerty, representing St. Peter's Y.M.C.A. Solo—Michael Howard. Address—Jas. McAndrews, representing A. O. H.

Presentation of the Pool trophy to William Monahan. Violin Solo—Pta. Bowes of the Depot Battalion. Solo—Edmund Barry. Solo, selected—Arthur Haggard. God Save the King. It is announced that the I. L. & B. are staging a play by amateur actors, entitled "Within the Law," in the Opera House on Thursday evening the sixteenth of January next.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION. Why not give him a twelve months' membership ticket for the Y.M.C.A.? Boys, Young Men, Business and Professional Men all get good, healthy recreation there.

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, the 18th, the Metropolitan Book Co., Ltd., 50 King Street, will be open evenings until Christmas.

GENERAL MEETING

Make Fixed Charge for Use of Hall—Ask for New Scale of Pay for Discharge and Clothing Allowance.

A general meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association was held last evening in their home on Wellington Row, with S. C. Tippett, the Vice-President, in the chair. Five new members were elected yesterday.

The report of the ways and means committee was read, and among other discussions was the hire of the hall. Owing to the present rate of lighting and heating it was decided that a fixed charge would be made to cover the expenses, but the Y.W.P.A. are not to be charged, and others can obtain the rates for the use of the hall on application to the secretary.

A committee composed of R. E. Anderson, J. Dryden and C. W. Lawson, who were the representatives of the Association who first brought to light the matter in which soldiers' wives were being received at West St. John on the arrival of ships, reported that they had the ladies of the different societies in the city attend a meeting and it was decided for a good reception to be given the women and children coming to Canada.

It was resolved that the St. John branch ask the Dominion government to make the new scale of pay for discharge and clothing allowance to all ranks that have been previously discharged. It was pointed out that the men under the M. S. A. enlisted previous to July 1st last, receive \$35 for his clothes, while a man who has been overseas for three years, and was discharged last June, received eight dollars only to purchase a civilian suit and eleven dollars in the winter for a suit. The new scale of pay discharge pay is six instead of three months.

The next meeting will be held on December 29th, when there will be the nomination of officers for 1919 and the election will be on January 6th.

The Veterans will entertain 154 children and about 400 children of their comrades who have given their lives for Canada and the Empire during the Christmas season, and a committee was appointed to wait on the Legionnaires at Sand Point next Saturday. The new scale of pay for a large contribution towards the fund. The freight handlers will also be called upon.

The reception will be held on Friday, December 27th, and any donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the secretary, E. J. Ruddy, at the Veterans' Home. The secretary is working hard to make this year's reception greater than that of last season, and deserves the assistance of all patriotic bodies, to help make a good Christmas for the widows and orphans of the brave St. John soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice.

CINDERELLA AT CHILDREN'S HOME. Little Folk Under Direction of Matron Presented Enjoyable Programme Last Evening.

There was a very enjoyable entertainment in the Children's Home, 88 Garden street, last night. More than fifty ladies and gentlemen were present and showed by their frequent applause how much they enjoyed the programme. Mrs. Postman, the matron of the Children's Aid, presided at the piano. Miss Poole, the assistant matron, directed. The play of Cinderella was presented. The names of those who took part were as follows: Prince Charming, Francis Wood; Cinderella, M. B. Poole; Cendrillon's sister, Marian Wood and Violet Wallace; Fairy Godmother, Johnny Wood; Herald, Douglas Montford; Lord Chancellor, Gordon Wright; Miss Popsy, Nellie Phillips; Mrs. Timothy Moonstone, John Wood; Pages, Alan Duce and Lester Knox.

In addition to the play there was a flower hoop drill and patriotic choruses. The training of the children for the entertainment was attended to by the matron and her assistant and the manner in which the children played their several parts reflected great credit on their efforts.

WILLIE'S STRONG POINT. It was in a neighborhood night school that the faithful teacher was trying to find out the ambition of her boys. With this end in view she asked each to tell her the one thing that he could do best. The first boy when asked to do so said he was great on sawing wood; the next was great on lifting; another on "raspeling," but almost intellectual (?) ones, for his mother had told him he "could read his own writing better than any one else could."

The praiseworthiness of such an accomplishment is somewhat open to suspicion. There is no question, however, as to our strong point just now. It is "Christmas boxes." That is one thing, which to use Willie's language "we can do better anybody else." Take our handkerchief stock, for instance, hundreds of those dainty kerchiefs at very little money, lots of dainty neckwear, Handbags, Toilet Sets, up to Marlborough Capes and Stuffs. Just so with Blouses and Dress Lengths in Silk or Woodbine. Everything from Baby's Jacket to cosy Wool Blanket. Our sets of Furs begin at \$26.00 up to \$100.00. Our Fur Coats—well, they must be seen to be fully appreciated. Gifts for all kinds of people, with all sizes of pocketbooks. Store open until 10 p.m. tonight.

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