

D'ANNUNZIO SLAIN WHEN FIGHT STARTS

Venice is Grief Stricken Over Rumored Death of Poet-Airman.

WARSHIPS TAKE PART IN ACTION

Zara Has Been Captured by the Regular Italian Forces.

Rome, Dec. 27.—It was reported from Fiume today that Gabriele d'Annunzio, the insurgent leader in that city, had been killed while trying to prevent a fight between his legionists and regular Italian soldiers.

Zara is Captured

London, Dec. 27.—Zara, a Dalmatian port south of Fiume has capitulated to Italian government forces operating against Gabriele d'Annunzio, according to a Central News despatch received here today.

VENICE IN SORROW

Venice, Italy, Dec. 27.—The reports of the death of Gabriele d'Annunzio spread quickly throughout Venice today. The Italian colors on the flag staff in St. Martin Square were immediately half-masted, and shortly afterwards flags on private houses throughout the city were lowered.

Battleships in Action

One report says that, notwithstanding the absence of D'Annunzio, fighting continues, the Legionaries trying to prevent the passage of the regular troops, which are composed chiefly of Carabineers. It is asserted that the battleship Andrea Doria participated in the operations against Fiume by firing grenades which killed several persons. One of the grenades struck the torpedo boat destroyer Zepare, setting the vessel on fire.

Report is Denied

London, Dec. 27.—Gabriele d'Annunzio is said to have been slightly wounded, according to the Milan correspondent of the London Times. The report that d'Annunzio has been killed, the correspondent adds, is officially denied.

Thirty Are Killed

Rome, Dec. 27.—The casualties sustained by the regulars in the fighting with d'Annunzio's Legionaries up to the present are reported to be thirty killed and about one hundred wounded, the correspondent adds, is officially denied.

SENATOR HAS WAY TO STOP FUTURE WARS

Five Great Powers of the World Must Act Together He Says.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A disarmament by the five great powers, would be "the one great step" toward the removal of "the world war," Senator Johnson, Republican, California, declared in the Senate today, commenting on an editorial on the subject appearing in a New York paper.

ITALIAN SHOT IN FIGHT DEAD

Allege That Fatal Assault Was Development of Card Game.

Hamilton, Dec. 27.—F. Angelo Foon, an Italian, who was shot on Christmas morning following a night at cards with companions, died in the general hospital here today.

HON. MR. WIGNORE COMING

Quebec, Dec. 27.—Hon. W. R. Wignore, minister of customs and inland revenue, and Hon. Wignore, left this morning for St. John, N. B., to spend four days.

Alberta May Make Banns' Publication Marriage Essential

New Laws to Govern Weddings Are Expected When Legislature Meets.

AUTO DEALERS STILL SEEKING TAX FREEDOM

Telegrams Are Pouring Into Government Demanding Removal of Tax.

WANT REBATES ON MONEY PAID ALREADY

Federal Authorities Not Likely to Agree to This Policy However.

OTTAWA, ONT., DEC. 27.—Telegrams are still pouring in into the finance department from automobile dealers urging rebate of manufacturers' tax paid on automobiles prior to cancellation of the tax last Monday.

INCREASE THIS YEAR IS 75,000 WORKERS

Committee Now in Session at Ottawa to Seek Solution of Trouble.

C. N. R. POLICEMAN KILLED INSTANTLY

Fifteen Minutes After He Went on Duty He Was Crushed to Death.

Takes Five Years For Home Brew To Reach "Ripe" State

No Improvement in Production During Last Eighteen Months Experts Say.

NEW YORK HARBOR MEN MAY STRIKE

Union Rejects Owner's Offer of New Terms and Decides to Quit.

STRIKING MINERS RETURN TO WORK

London, Dec. 27.—Striking miners in the Rhondda coal field district today voted to resume work pending negotiations between their employers and the South Wales executive.

'WITCH' CURSED BABE CHARGED IN NEW YORK

Starting Accusation Made Against Woman Who Alleges Annoyance.

BURNING AT STAKE SUGGESTED BY WOMEN

But Magistrate Dismisses the Case Because There Was No Evidence.

LUMBERJACKS IN BOSTON BUYING WOOD ALCOHOLS

Firm That Sold With Little Investigation Loses License.

NO DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED YET

But Officials Think Men May Have Died in Lumber Camps.

MURDERER IS HIDING IN THE DEEP FORESTS

Bloodhounds Fail to Pick up Track of Armed Assassin.

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WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Auto dealers are renewing demands on Government to free trade from surtaxes.

UNITED STATES

Lumberjacks at Boston have purchased much wood alcohol and taken it to the woods.

CUBA

One hundred thousand dollars was stolen from a mail bag at the central post office.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Several more murders are reported from various parts of Ireland.

EUROPE

Reports have reached London that D'Annunzio, the insurgent at Fiume, has been killed in battle.

FIUME UNDER FIRE OF LAND AND SEA GUNS

Warship That Deserted from Italians to D'Annunzio is Sunk.

GUNS TRAINED ON MILITARY BARRACKS

Orders Are to Do City as Little Damage as Possible.

KILLED BECAUSE HE REFUSED A DRINK TO PAIR

Russians Started Fight When Visit to Friend for Drink Was Denied.

SIX SHOTS FIRED IN THE FRACAS

Man Alleged to Have Done the Shooting is Now in Prison.

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Mail Robbers Get Hundred Thousand Dollars in Havana

Not a Trace Yet of the Whereabouts of the Missing Cash.

IRELAND SCENE OF MORE CRIMES OVER HOLIDAYS

Several Killed in Conflicts Between Sinn Fein and Crown Forces.

CURFEW ORDER IS IGNORED FOR TIME

Girl Killed in Attempt to Save Her Policeman Friend from Death.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1920.

#### CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE

The manager of the Commercial Intelligence branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association says that since the armistice Canadian manufacturers have spent more money trying to develop foreign trade than in any previous ten years. Perhaps the results justify the expenditure, for Canadian exports of manufactures last year were about ten times in value what they were in the year previous to the war. According to the Mail and Empire, they formed nearly one-half of our total exports of about \$1,200,000,000.

For the first time in their history, Canadian manufacturers have ample shipping facilities to develop markets in South America, Australia, India, and the Orient. The Canadian Government merchant fleet now has good steamship connection with each of these fields of trade. Many of the freighters have passenger accommodations, and ample room. Canadian steel, cement, paper, automobiles, timber products, asbestos, etc. are finding their way to new markets. As a matter of fact, in some lines our manufacturing capacity is beyond normal peace-time needs, and to sustain industry at all peace external markets will be needed. The United States also needs external markets to supplement the home market. If Canadian manufacturers now are anxious to get foreign trade, and endeavor to overcome the difficulties inherent in it, financially, they should be able to make use of the extra production to lower domestic prices.

So far, Canada's exports show practically no decline from the high level of the war. Our agricultural exports are assured, and the way manufacturing articles have kept up is most gratifying. Exchange conditions and other vexing obstacles should not daunt Canadian producers if they can do business even at a small margin of profit, because it is a national duty to keep business going even if the rewards, temporarily, are not large.

#### WHAT OF GERMANY?

The French ex-minister of War, M. Lefevre, says that he has positive knowledge that Germany still has \$9,000 million more, that the German Government has been making a new series, has new types of howitzers, and plans for an effective military force for two years hence. These plans, he says, force France not to recede from the present three-year military service term, and to maintain herself as strong, militarily, as she possibly can.

While what Germany is doing does not necessarily mean that her people are contemplating a new war, such preparations on her part are not being made for nothing. It is true that at the present time, and for the near future, Germany is not nor will not be in a position to finance another war, still this is a condition that will be overcome as time goes on. She has heavy obligations put upon her by the Treaty of Versailles which will take years to wipe out. If she discharges these, she will have no money for further warlike operations. And France's fear is that Germany may, on account of the severity of the terms, attempt to repudiate them, and begin a new war of desperation. That indeed would be the ruin of Europe. The war expenses incurred now are almost beyond bearing, and a new war would be suicide for all alike. The French have consistently opposed Germany's entrance into the League of Nations. They insist that the whole of France's war costs be paid by Germany. Marshal Foch wants the whole left flank of the Rhine occupied as security.

A nation of over sixty millions of people cannot be obliterated, and it is vain to expect to keep them in iron always. But they need to be watched, for they cannot be trusted.

#### THE STEEL MERGER

The fate of the Empire Steel merger, which now hangs in the balance, is expected to be determined at a directors' meeting, which is to be held in Montreal on January 1st. It seems to be pretty certain now that Canada (ownership) will withdraw from the proposed combination, as well as some other companies. Colonel Morden has succeeded in raising the \$26,000,000 which he undertook to finance in England, but the sum will shrink by \$5,000,000 on transference to Canada, owing to adverse exchange conditions.

"Greece takes Turkey's place in Europe" announces an Athens newspaper. "Well we imagine it was about all that was left in the sea when the Christmas festivities were over."

"Who steals my purse, steals trash," was probably the view of more than one pious families when he had got through his Christmas shopping.

#### ANOTHER LINK IN BOLSHEVIST-SINN FEIN

Between Sinn Feiners and Bolshévists in Canada, followers of De Valera and followers of Lenin, there is no real difference of opinion. One class aims at the disruption of the British Empire; the other aims at the overthrow of organized government throughout the world. One dwells on the wrongs of Ireland, the other upon the wrongs of the peasant classes. Bolshévist money has helped the cause of Sinn Feiners. Both Sinn Feiners and Bolshévists regard the British nation as the lion in the path. There being so many points of similarity and so few points of difference, it ought not to surprise anyone at all familiar with the question to learn that Sinn Feiners have resorted to the practice of the Communists and are distributing their propaganda stealthily. A passenger left his seat in a Canadian railway coach for a few moments, and on his return he found his seat occupied by a Sinn Feiner. A specimen of their propaganda distributed in this manner has reached this office.

An American Witness. It is entitled "Ireland Under the English Terror," the author being Stephen O'Neill, and the publishers the "Friends of Irish Freedom," with headquarters and a staff in Washington. Mr. O'Neill, whom our readers may never have heard of, is described as an Irishman by birth, but an American by adoption, who is the American correspondent of the Charles Diamond papers in Great Britain. Mr. Diamond and his papers being equally obscure. He is vouchsafed for by Mr. Wright McCormick, who is the editor of the news service; and it might be said that this does not get us anywhere, either. However, Mr. O'Neill was in Ireland last Fall, and claims to have been a witness to acts of reprisal by the Irish police and the Black and Tans in various places. There is no reason to doubt that he saw what he says he saw, despite the unfavorable auspices under which he appears. There is every reason to doubt Mr. McCormick's professed impartiality to the effect that British statesmen are deliberately lying when they discuss reprisals, and that there is an official conspiracy to keep the American people in the dark concerning Ireland.

No Chance of Falschgod. Everybody knows that in the House of Commons there are members quite as devoted to the ideal of an Irish Republic, quite as hostile to the British Government, and quite as unscrupulous as the United States in a monster Green Wood states deliberately what is an untruth those champions have the opportunity and the Parliamentary privilege of telling him so. We find in the pamphlet assertions to the effect that the military used incendiary bombs. The Irish Secretary has emphatically denied that they are in possession of such bombs. That the police, or rather their auxiliary forces, the Black and Tans, and the so-called "Catholic" destroy property and life as well in their warfare on the rebels is not to be denied. That they constitute a band of fiends in human form is a statement made out of the whole cloth of Mr. O'Neill's malignity.

Pacific Propagandists. He quotes as authorities for the statements he makes, and of which he did not have personal knowledge, the writings of correspondents of the Manchester Guardian and the London Daily News. Without impugning the honesty of these correspondents, it might be said that both these papers were pacifists in the war and are rather in favor of the Empire. He holds his position through a score of years, including the difficult time before the outbreak of war in 1914, and saw Britain and France in alliance again in the hardest war of history. He goes home, it is evident, with the general good will of the British people, official and other. The new relations existing between the countries, in part, at least, are to be credited to his ability and character.

The deflation which is going on apace in the country will mean a lowered cost of living, smaller profits and reduced wages. Individual classes will protest against some one or other of these results, but protests will be unavailing. When the readjustment has been effected, all will be the wiser.

If it is true, as asserted by a New York journal writer, that a society lady cannot nowadays dress decently upon less than \$16,000 a year, observation of the present day fashions leads one to the conclusion that no society or other lady is spending this amount.

One-third of the population of Germany, it is estimated, will emigrate to North and South America during the next few years. It is to be hoped that they will leave their own particular brand of political poisonous gas behind them.

"Stockings are coming down," says an advertisement. In view of the prevailing style of ladies' skirts, the advertisement suggests interesting possibilities.

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#### Benny's Note Book

My cousin Artie came over for supper yesterday and me and him was in the sitting room waiting for the supper bell to ring and pop was looking at the paper and saying, Confound it, what holding up show tonight, I'm as hungry as a flock of Russian bears. Me saying to Artie, I bet I'm hungrier than you, and Artie saying, Like I'm you are, if you was as hungry as me you'd be dead by this time, I'm so hungry I could eat a hole 35 pound turkey stuffed with cranberry sauce without even unloosening my belt. Aw that ain't anything, I sed, I'm so hungry I could eat breakfast, dinner and supper with 3 helpings of everything and 4 of some without even getting up to stretch, that's how hungry I am. Aw wats that, that ain't hungry, sed Artie, Gosh G, I'm so hungry I could eat the rubber of the end of a pencil and think it was coconut cake with chocolate icing, that's how hungry I am. Well do you call that hungry? I sed, I gosh, I'm so hungry I could start eating rats now and not stop once till I was a old man with long whiskers. Well hohay smokes you don't call that hungry do you? sed Artie. With jest then the supper bell rang, and pop sed, Praise be, I'm so weak and faint from listening to you 3 I don't see how I'm going to drag myself to the dining room. And we all went down to supper, being corn beef and cabbage, and all me and Artie could eat was 3 helpings apiece. Proving you can't always tell wat you can do jest by how you feel.

#### THE MEN

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#### WHAT OTHERS SAY

Well Worth It. (Vancouver Province.) Judging from what is happening in other countries, admission to Canada is expected to be a guarantee acquired by the immigration authorities. A Plain Moral. (Vancouver Province.) The premium on American currency is still going up. It is over 16 per cent, and the tendency is said to be to the direction of even higher rates. This would seem to be a tremendous handicap on the transactions of business between Canada and the foreign country, but we still are buying oranges and lemons from the States. There is but one way to bring about an adjustment, and that is by free-overriding possible that is by free trade.

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#### A MAN OF RENOWN

Among the notable professional men of this country who achieved great success along strictly legitimate lines, was Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y. Devoting his attention to the specialty of women's diseases, he became a recognized authority in that line. His work, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," is now in over two and a half million homes in this country and Europe. At one time Doctor Pierce represented his home district in Congress. Just fifty-one years ago he gave to the world a Prescription which has never been equalled for the weaknesses of women. Many women in every hamlet, town or city will gladly testify that Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription did them a world of good. Another of this great physician's successful remedies is known as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and, like the "Prescription," is now sold by all druggists, in both liquid and tablet form. This is probably one of the most efficacious discoveries ever made in medicine, for the list of men and women all over the universe who have successfully used it for indigestion and as a blood tonic and system builder, makes an amazing total of thousands. "Pleasant Tablets" for stomach, liver and bowels, introduced by Dr. Pierce fifty years ago, are recommended by thousands all over the United States and Canada. A new edition of the "Medical Adviser," over 1,000 pages, bound in handsome cloth, can be obtained by sending one dollar (or one-cent postage stamps) to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.



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Navy Oarsmen Are Preparing For 1921

Will Not be Represented in Poughkeepsie Regatta How-ever.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 27.—Navy's rowing management has made a tentative outline of the schedule for next spring, though no definite arrangements have been made yet. The mid-shipmen will meet several opponents on the local course and will take part in one big event away from home. Whether this will be in the intercollegiate meet at Poughkeepsie or the American Regatta at Philadelphia cannot now be definitely said. It is known that the Navy Department will not give permission for the Academy crew to enter the Poughkeepsie event if the practice cruise goes to European or

## DENTIST KNOCKS AFTERNOON TEA

(Copyright, 1920, By Cross-Atlantic.) London, Dec. 27.—Afternoon tea, the comfort and cheer of the whole British nation has received a bad knock from no less a person than the King's dentist.

"Afternoon tea is the most dangerous meal from the dental point of view," said Sir Harry Baldwin, Surgeon-Dentist to the King, in a lecture last night.

"Tea and bread and butter, he declared, prevented rather than promoted a free flow of saliva—essential for the preservation of the teeth. For this reason he suggested bread and orange sandwiches for tea, adding that all meals should be as tasty as possible.

Much of the trouble arose from the nature of the foods eaten. People ate too much starchy food, bread in particular, and this led to fermentation and the formation of lactic acid, which in turn attacked the crevices in the teeth. The diet should include a fair allowance of fruit and vegetables—uncooked and taken at the end of a meal for preference. They had a most beneficial effect in preventing fermentation.

## JAPAN READY TO LIMIT ARMAMENTS

Her Naval Programme Explained by Japanese Ambassador in London.

London, Dec. 27.—Supplementing the statement issued through a press agency that the Japanese policy had always been directed to maintaining friendly relations with China and the United States, Baron Hiyashi, the Japanese Ambassador in London, who attended the League of Nations conference at Geneva, says in an interview with the Evening Standard:

Geneva Results Valuable. "The value of the work done at Geneva is not doubted. Just think of the international court that was established. I do not believe we should ever have been able to bring that court into existence without the League of Nations. There are so many international questions that can be considered by such a body with beneficial results that otherwise would be absent. The mere expression of views on disarmament will be of great value. This question of disarmament is, of course, one of the most important questions to be considered by the nations of the world.

There is no fear, of course, of any immediate war. I don't think that in the near future any power on earth will be prepared to go to war, if it excepts the Soviet Government. Any increase foolish. "Under these circumstances there are people who regard merely as foolish any increase at the present time in war vessels. As to Japan it should be remembered that our naval programme was produced even before the war, but from the time of its

## WEST WILL START \$400,000 WORK TO MAKE DRYDOCK

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—The contract for the construction of the drydock at Esquimalt has been let and Victoria is the recipient of a most welcome Christmas gift.

The firm of P. Lyall and Son, Montreal and Vancouver, were the successful bidders on the huge work, the accepted tender being approximately \$4,300,000, about \$2,000,000 less than the government estimate.

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a time. He is survived by a wife and daughter.  
John Mason.  
Following a stroke of paralysis on Sunday, John A. Mason, watchman at the T. Eaton Company building, passed away at the city hospital this morning at the age of 51 years. He was stricken while at his work Sunday afternoon. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. The latter being nurses in training at the St. John County Hospital. He was a pensioner from the Imperial army and re-enlisted in the late war.

## FUNERALS.

The funeral of Robert Love was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his brother, David Love, 46 Cliff Street, 80 Parkhill. Service was conducted by Rev. G. F. Dawson.  
The funeral of Clifford Vernon Fawcett, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fawcett, 4 Epsley Street, was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his parents in Parkhill. Service was conducted by Rev. F. J. M. Appleman.  
The funeral of William Percival of Kingston was held yesterday afternoon



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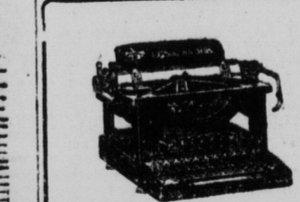
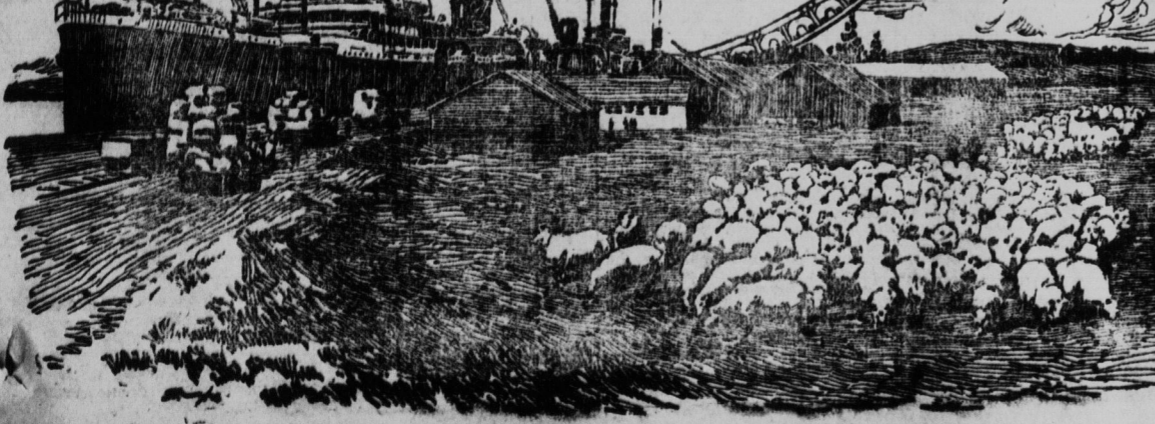
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WILL WOMAN JUROR BRING BACK DAYS OF SPECIAL PLEADER?

Mixed Juries Expected to Receive Appeal to the Emotions.

By HUGH DRYDEN. (Copyright, 1920, by Cross-Antic.) London, Dec. 27.—Ladies and gentlemen of the jury will begin the eloquent speeches of counsel in British law courts after the present session.

Will Oratory Revive

Now we are to have mixed juries, and there is much speculation as to what will be the effect upon the eloquence of "learned counsel." A writer in the Evening News says:

"Of late years, oratory, the traditional glowing oratory which swept its hearers of their feet—has been a dead letter in the courts; it has given place to a solid reasoning faculty, with an appeal to logic rather than emotion. It may be that ere long a change may come again. It is notorious that the appeal to woman is through her heart and her emotions rather than through her brain."

Of interest to Watch.

"It will be a matter of no little interest to watch what effect the personality of different counsel will have upon women."

"Before a jury of men the physical appearance of another man speaking to them has little weight, though to be sure, shortness of stature is sometimes accounted a drawback. But will it not be so under the new regime?"

"It would be foolish to suggest that the inexperienced young Adonis—true to all the precedents to be derived from the days of the trial of the regicides of the evidence, snatch a verdict to the surprise of his grim and white-haired opponent. It would be equally foolish to urge that a man's appearance has no influence whatever on a body of women listeners."

PLEASEING FEATURE GREATLY ENJOYED

Annual Christmas Tree at Home for Incurables—Gifts for Each Patient.

More patients than in former years enjoyed the annual Christmas tree held at the Home for Incurables yesterday. A large number were invited to be present at the celebration being brought in their wheeled chairs, as there are not as many inmates who are confined to their beds as on former Christmases.

The beautifully decorated tree bore gifts for each patient. Members of the Women's Aid Committee, who had labored the presents. Music and singing made the occasion bright, and it was a happy afternoon for all.

Cody's

Mr. George Perry of Butterfield Ridge, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry last week. Mr. Warren Cody and Miss Ina McCallen were the guests of Miss Lot to Roberson on Monday. Mr. John Keyes spent a few days in Sussex this week. Mr. T. P. Hutchinson, Mr. Stern Norrarp and Mrs. McCutcheon were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry on Friday. Mr. Wm. Armstrong left Cody's for Canada on Friday. He returned on Saturday with his intended bride, Miss Verrill, and spent the week-end at his home here and left on Monday for St. John to be the wedding knot. They are expected to return Thursday to Thornorton, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry left Thursday for Enfieldville to spend Christmas with Mrs. Perry's daughter, Mrs. George Thorn. They were accompanied by their granddaughter, Miss Susie Thorn. Mrs. John Worden was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Somerville on Monday.

ABOUT THANET.

About forty years ago Lippincott's Magazine published a story entitled "A Communist's Wife," by a previously unknown writer named Octave Thanet. Only the magazine editor knew that this was the pen name of a young woman, whose real name was Alice French. From the day she received a check for \$2.00 for this effort, Mrs. French determined to devote herself to literature, and "Octave Thanet" is a name now well known throughout the English speaking world. Mrs. French was born in Andover, Mass., seventy years ago.

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Mme. Galli Curci To Wed Pianist

Grand Opera Star Expects to Marry on January 21 Next.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—Mme. Amelita Galli-Curci, Grand Opera star of Chicago, announced today her coming marriage to Homer Samuels, her accompanist, and the man whom her husband, Marquis Taigi C. Curci, sought unsuccessfully to inveigle in her divorce suit a year ago.

Mme. Galli-Curci will complete her maturation papers here on January 15, 1921, and her marriage to Mr. Samuels is expected to occur the same day. Mme. Galli-Curci, who won fame among the artists of the Chicago Opera Company when she sang in Milan, Italy, in 1888. She obtained her first citizenship papers here last January.

EXMOUTH CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

Gifts Distributed by Santa Claus and Programme Greatly Enjoyed.

Over two hundred scholars of Exmouth street church were present at the annual Christmas tree held last night. It was a very festive occasion. A variety of gifts distributed by Santa Claus were greatly appreciated. The programme, which was very creditable to the young performers was given entirely by the scholars. It was in charge of Miss Forest and Miss Laura Myles of the primary and beginners' departments. E. E. Thomas was chairman and Gordon Stevens acted as Santa Claus.

IN THE JUNGLES OF NEW YORK

"In the Jungles of New York" is the title of a remarkable study being shown in the foyer of the New York Hippodrome. The picture shows a vista of dense jungle, with the head and shoulders of a big elephant in the act of reaching for some overhanging vegetation showing in the middle foreground, while to one side is seen the foot of another elephant and further back in the picture a part of the herd in an African jungle, but in Central Park in September, when the Hippodrome elephants were out for their morning constitutional. George Powers, the Hippodrome elephant trainer, and expert amateur photographer, made the picture.

Sussex

Miss Meredith White arrived home today from Toronto to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield White. Mr. Hedley Murray arrived in Sussex on Friday from Havana and will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives here. Miss Marjory Bradshaw left today for her home in Oxford, N. S. Murray Morrison, Fred Bickel and William McDonald are home from the U. N. B. for the holidays. Among those from St. John who were in Sussex this week, having come to attend the funeral of the late S. H. White were H. R. Ross, Howard P. Robinson, Leon Keith, J. E. Marshall, A. W. McHadden, John E. Moore, T. H. Estabrook, Weeden Nobles and W. Williams. C. Geo. Armstrong, of Chathamford, Mass., was in Sussex this week, having come to attend the funeral of the late S. H. White. Miss Kathleen Kirk is home from Campbellton, N. B., for the Christmas vacation. Major J. J. Bull, of Woodstock, spent the week-end in Sussex. Mr. J. Russell Morash, of the Sussex, N. E., Dec. 28. Mr. J. Connelly of Canada, N. S., is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Robert Connelly. Boston Co. sent Mr. C. A. Moore to Rev. A. V. Morash of this town, has just received from London, Eng., the honorary commission of 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force. W. S. Hay and E. H. Vickers were in Sackville on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mabey, of Kellogg, Manitoba, are guests of Mrs. Mabey's sister, Mrs. E. E. Nutter, Albert street. Mrs. Albert Price, who was here to attend the funeral of her brother, the late Mr. S. H. White, returned to New York on Thursday. Ralph Murray is spending the holidays with his parents, Hon. J. A. and Mrs. Murray. Mrs. Walter Craigs has returned home from a visit to her son at Hamilton, Maine. Miss Nellie Craigs left last for St. John, called there by the illness of her sister, Mrs. F. G. Mahoney. Mr. Robert Keith is home from Mount Allison to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Keith. Mr. T. H. Hammett, manager of the Futen Bank of Canada, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Belleville, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. White were visitors to St. John Tuesday. Miss Frieda Morash and Russell Morash, of Moncton, are expected home tonight to spend the holidays with their parents, Rev. A. V. and Mrs. Morash. Mr. and Mrs. B. Robertson and Miss Winifred Robertson, St. John, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Robertson's sister, Mrs. Harry H. Reid.

MRS. SOLOMON SAYS: Being the Confessions of the Seventh-Hundredth Wife.

By HELEN ROWLAND (Copyright, 1920, by The Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

My daughter, the cynic hath said in his heart: Why doth a widow re-marry? For Bebeloth doth she not possess all the horrors and the comforts of matrimony, and escape all its trials and sorrows? Lo, hath she not "Mrs." upon her calling cards and a good income?

Ye, verily! Her crepe veil glorifyeth her as a halo and wringeth sympathy from the hearts of men, and envy from the hearts of women. All the diversions of a demsel, all the freedom of a spinster, and all the charm of a married woman are here. She goeth where she listeth and dooth what pleaseth her; and whatsoever she saith, men say, "How interesting!" and whatsoever she dooth, they cry, "How cute!" Why, then, should she lay down her independence and her pet habits, and her little comforts and her personality on the altar of Domesticity?

Why shall she cheerfully exchange the batteries and attentions of ALL men, for the criticism and attention of ONE?

Why shall she exchange the polishing of her finger-nails for the polishing of eggs, and the meritment of many flirtations for the pleasure of watching one man read his newspaper, evenings?

Yes, I know you do, beloved thores a REASON! From whom put these questions to the Widow, she turned her eyes upon me, and answered me sadly, saying:

"Ver the cynics rave on, O Mother! For 'tis I know not whereof they speak."

"For it is TRUE that all my mornings are peace, and all my evenings, delight. For, no man's dinner weigheth upon my soul; and no man's breakfast disturbeth my beauty sleep."

"Behold, the youths and bachelors come, homing garlands upon my dome, and singing praises beneath my window, and proposals of marriage and protests of love are thicker than mistletoe-berries at Christmas."

"Yes, alas, hosannahs and fetteries and love-letters are as sound-ing brass and tinkling cymbals in the ears of a lonely woman!"

"For there is a SOUND, for which I listen in vain!"

"Verily, verily, it is sweeter than the song of the cabaret singer, more thrilling than the cooing of a lover, and more beautiful in a woman's ears than the strains of the orchestra."

"Yes, it is more homely than the hum of the trolley in the street beneath, more cheerful than the tinkle of the phonograph next door, and more friendly than the ticking of the clock."

"For, there is an hour in the day, when millions of women, all over the world, sit listening ears, awaiting this sound."

"Yes, I know in my heart, though I wait and listen, that NO ONE shall bring flowers or a grinch, kisses and the scent of cigar-smoke, demands or words of comfort!"

"And for this, alone, oh Mother, would I exchange all the luxuries of widowhood!"

"Behold! the return of Santa Claus is a yearly delight among children—but the return of an husband is a daily joy among women."

"And the strongest bond of marriage is the Sound of the Key in the Latch!"

Selah.

NEW CURATE FOR TRINITY PRINCE OF WALES AS FILM STAR

Albert Gabriel Selected by Wardens and Vestry at Meeting Last Evening.

At a meeting of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church held last evening, it was decided that Albert Gabriel shall be the next curate of Trinity to fill the place left vacant by the late Rev. Mr. Gabriel. He is a native of Halifax, is in his final year at King's College. He is a graduate in Arts. He will be ordained at Trinity in the spring and will then enter on his duties.

THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS.

It isn't the cut of the clothes that you wear, Nor the stuff out of which they are made, Though chosen with taste and fastidious care, It isn't the price that you pay; It isn't the size of your pile in the bank, Nor the number of acres you own, It isn't a question of mental vigor and strength, Nor a question of social degree, It isn't a question of city or town, Nor a question of doctrine or creed, It isn't a question of fame or renown, Nor a question of valorous deed; But he who makes somebody happy each day, And he who gives heed to distress, Will find satisfaction the richest of pay, For 'tis service that measures success.

HONOR NURSES' MEMORY.

Hamilton, Ont., 27.—Two bronze tablets were unveiled in the General Hospital here recently in memory of nurses from this city who gave their lives in memory of Nursing Sister Mabel Sampson, who was serving on the hospital ship Llandovery Castle, and a German submarine rone of the English coast in June, 1918. The other tablet was to the memory of fifty brave nursing sisters, who died in the Hamilton General Hospital.

BEN TURPIN.

Ben Turpin acquired his cross-eyes by encouraging them. Hows the third of a trilogy of American vaudeville stars to undertake the impersonation of Oppen's world-famed character, "Happy Hooligan." When newspapers throughout the country were spreading the fame of Hooligan's mad-dog nature, Ben was trying to animate that individual on the stage, a part of his impersonation consisted of cross-crossing the eyes. Ben already possessed the elongated neck, the beautiful smile, and the funny legs, but he had to simulate he misaligned eyes. Crossing his eyes so many times and keeping them crossed for so many consecutive minutes brought about a permanent condition from which Ben could not remove them without a surgical operation. Nature said, "I'm going to let you go, Ben, can't have 'em." Ben's eyes became fixed in their unnatural orbits and there have, they stayed to the present day.

"What is the use of uncrossing them?" asks Ben. "I'd only have to undo the work of the surgeons because the public has decided that you can't have 'em." Ben's eyes shall be perpetuated. I sacrifice myself to the public will.

Mary Pickford's Latest At Imperial

"Suds" is a Most Laughable and Yet Pathetic English Story—Drew Great Crowds Yesterday.

Mary Pickford in her latest production, "Suds," now running at the Imperial, has as usual surrounded herself with a cast of unusual talent and spared neither time nor money in securing players exactly suited to the roles. "Prominent in her support is Mme. Rose Dione, for a long time one of the leading members of Sarah Bernhardt's company in Paris and who since the outbreak of the war has appeared in French dramas at the French Theatre in New York. Madame Dione is as yet unable to speak fluent English which makes her especially suitable for the role of the haughty mistress of the house where Mary, as Amanda Affick, is the slavey.

The principal lead—the possessor of the shirt upon which this story is founded, is Albert Asselin, an English comedian of note, who for the past four years has been prominent in all of Charlie Chaplin's productions, and was lauded by the world famous comedian to Miss Pickford for this production. Harold Goodwin, who scored such a success in support of Miss Pickford in "The Heart of the Hills" is also seen in "Suds," as Benjamin Pillsbury Jones, master transportation for the laundry, his occupation being to drive the dilapidated old nag, Laverde, attached to the wagon in which the laundry is delivered about the Soho district of London.

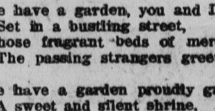
Nadyne Montgomery, the clever English character actress who has played in a number of eastern productions, but who more recently has appeared at the Little Theatre in Los Angeles, has a splendid part as one of the girls in the laundry who is rather skeptical of Amanda's aristocratic notions.

One of the principal members of the organization, but who is entirely new to the film world, is Laverde, the wo-begone nag which pulls the laundry wagon. Laverde was selected out of some two hundred applicants for the position, being the most dilapidated specimen of horse flesh ever seen around any studio. When interviewed recently Laverde said, among other things, that he had been engaged in a number of trades and professions, but that he was especially enamored of the sleek drama on account of the large number and pleasing variety of carrots with which he was being supplied and felt sure he would continue his screen career as long as the supply of carrots held out. The scenario of "Suds" was adapted from Charles Frohman's production of Frederick Fenn and Richard Pryce's play, "Op o' Me Thumb" in which Maude Adams scored such a triumph. The picture scores a tremendous success yesterday and is being continued today and Wednesday.

OUR GARDEN OF BRITANNIA.

(Dedicated to all Britannia's children.) We have a garden, you and I, Set in a bustling street, Whose fragrant beds of merrory The passing strangers greet. We have a garden proudly gay, A sweet and silent shrine, Whose myrtle stems of palm and bay Hold secrets—Yours and Mine. We have a garden beyond price, A soul in every bloom, Whose incense-bred sacrifice Our sorrows shall consume. We have a garden, dewed with tears, Smiling bright as any fall; Whose fragrance gathers with the years— God's Garden in Whitehall. —A. W., in The Daily Chronicle.

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TANLAC GAVE HIM APPETITE

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"Although it was several months ago that Tanlac first me up, it did the work so thoroughly I've been enjoying the best of health ever since, and have already told numbers of others what a great medicine it is," said Rod W. Morrison, of 183 Bank street, Sydney, N. S., well known steel worker, employed by the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. "For over five years I suffered terribly with stomach trouble, and there wasn't a week that went by but what I had such an attack it just caused me to faint away. I could scarcely digest anything and got where I didn't dare eat fat meat at all, for it made me sick almost at once. I was so nervous I was in continual worry, and a good night's sleep was out of the question. I lost a great many days from my work, and at times was even too weak to get out of bed."

"Well, sir, last spring I got hold of Tanlac, and it just seemed to hit my case exactly. For it built me up on pounds in weight and put me in the very best of health. Why, it gave me a dandy appetite, and knocked that stomach trouble sky high, so that I could eat fat meat and just anything else without it troubling me a bit. The nervousness so completely disappeared I could sleep like a log every night, and I want to tell you I haven't lost a day from my work on account of sickness since taking Tanlac, but just feel fine all the time."

Tanlac is sold in St. John by Ross Drug Co. and F. W. Munro under the personal direction of a special Tanlac representative—Advt.

WOMAN AUTHOR DEAD

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Matilda M. Crawford of this city, a frequent contributor to newspapers and author of the story, "The Woman of the Country," died yesterday.

CHILD MARRIAGES TO END

Child marriages in China must stop, for the Minister of the Interior has just issued an edict that any person who marries under fifteen years of age will be punished.

Attacks on British Peace

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### BACK OF THE TROOPS GRAVE IRISH ERROR

British Aroused for First Time When Their Own Kin in Danger.

### REPRISALS MEET WITH APPROVAL

Sinn Feiners Looked Upon as Murderers Following Killings from Ambush.

(Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger.) Dublin, Dec. 27.—For the moment the popularity of the Irish question is distinctly interesting. A year ago the British people, as a whole, were very little about Ireland one way or the other, Irish politicians and Irish newspapers have always played the part of professional "chickens" and it is almost startling to the average Briton (who has an instinctive respect for anything that has gone on for a long time) that they were enjoying the news of their share in the name of the Sinn Fein instead of in the name of the Irish National party.

The rebellion of Easter, 1916, and the abortive attempts made by the Sinn Fein to impart the British war effort certainly did not endear Ireland to the rest of the United Kingdom, but on the other hand they did inspire any active animosity. At the time of the execution and for months after the British people regarded Ireland as a problem for the politicians, not as a matter in which they themselves had any active concern.

And it would probably have continued that way but for one thing. The British have an immense respect for the law and for its custodians "The Police," but to them the attacking of police in Ireland was a matter of the utmost importance and therefore of no immediate moment. But when the Sinn Feiners took to attacking the military, that was a different matter. That was Irish law and what was done to them was a domestic matter.

Attacks on British People. But the attacks on the soldiers were direct attacks—not merely on the British Government, but on the British people from whose sons and brothers the British troops in Ireland were recruited. There is no doubt at all that when it decided to commence operations against the latter, as well as against the police, the Sinn Fein made a grave tactical error.

In fact, if the Sinn Feiners had pursued an attitude of studied friendliness toward the British troops in Ireland the question of using them as auxiliaries to the Royal Irish Constabulary would have presented itself with personal difficulties and might well have been rendered abortive if not impossible. For the British Government is the least opinionated and the least inclined to make war, even halfheartedly, against a friendly community whose abstract aspirations for liberty he generally sympathized with.

Even if the soldiers themselves had undertaken the task, it is certain that public opinion in England would have intervened. Now all that is changed. Military patrols have been ambushed, unarmed soldiers have been killed and maimed.

Inflame Public Opinion. The soldiers accept it philosophically, but naturally decide to have their own back. And they do not march carelessly whether they take it out of the Irish republican army or out of the civilian population into which the Irish republican army, after each attack, so conveniently and safely melts. The British Government, on the other hand, by transferring the Royal Irish Constabulary from a purely Irish to a semi-British force by the introduction of British recruited "Black and Tans," has brought the Irish situation home to the British people to an extent not known in Ireland in broad daylight. England will be called in his native village and British opinion is inflamed against Ireland accordingly.

As a result the British public as a whole now comes to regard the Irish as a community of about 300,000 real or potential murderers and about 3,000,000 accessories before and after the fact. And this view is not wholly erroneous provided one bears in mind that the Irish do not regard their attacks on soldiers and police as murders, but as acts of war. And so the British public, instead of standing horrified at the news of reprisals following upon reprisals, merely ejaculates "That's the stuff to give 'em." And Sir Hamar Greenwood, strong in the consciousness of this support, can afford to ignore the various attacks of John Dillon and T. P. O'Connor and further assaults of the discredited Liberals and of the near-Bolsheviks like Kennedy and Nelson.

Public Generosity Paid. But the British public is generally fair in its opinions and it is only going to give its least approval to reprisals, so long as they are a more or less necessary adjunct of the effort to crush armed Sinn Fein. As long as the hands of the Sinn Fein are on swords for the wrong the British public is not going to worry if a few more get their wool soiled. But it will be an entirely different thing if they get into their hands that the police and military in Ireland are bringing their job of killing and capturing Sinn Feiners and are taking it out of the civilian population in order to save their skins.

In any case the Sinn Fein has been down in any case but it makes itself very unpopular by its example of military law and by its other ways to keep its hands clean.

### CITY OFFERS WORK FOR BOBBY MEN APPLIED

Montreal Asked for Five Hundred Men for Street Work—Only Few Responded.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 27.—Although the Corporation of Montreal was ready yesterday to employ 500 men on the streets and sidewalks, the surprisingly small number of 40 men responded to the call. This caused much surprise in municipal circles.

The statements made recently regarding the huge number of men out of work and willing to work in the city. The city had work to offer yesterday and had the money at the rate of \$2.75 a day. The men were, however, not forthcoming. Whether this was due to the fact it was the day before Christmas or to some other cause no one was prepared to say.

The city authorities, after the conference with the trades and business bodies of Montreal, are losing no opportunity to offer what work can be done in the winter season. The streets and sidewalks are now in particularly bad condition following the rain and slush and have an opportunity of providing work and it was freely offered.

### LADY ASTOR IS "IMPORTED M. P."

Little Joke in the Commons at Expense of American Legislator.

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Remove its Cause by Purifying Your Blood.

One of the most important duties of your system is to burn up certain substances no longer of use in your body. One is uric acid, now generally held to be the cause of rheumatism. It inflames the joints, stiffens the muscles, causes pains, aches, and lameness.

The system is helped to dispose of this troublesome substance, and rheumatism is permanently relieved by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier. It is aided in many cases by Hood's Pills, which in small doses are a gentle laxative, in larger doses an active cathartic. A grand course of treatment, economical and effective, not increased in proportion. Last year

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"My face came out in little pimples that were sore, and I scratched them constantly, and then they turned into scales, causing much disfigurement. The itching was fierce, and I had many restless nights."

"This trouble lasted about a year before I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and after using three cakes of Soap and two boxes of Ointment I was healed." (Signed) W. Byrne, St. Basile, Que., Nov. 23, 1916.

Make Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Talcum your daily toilet preparations.

CHILD MARRIAGES TO END Child marriages in China must stop, the Minister of the Interior has issued an edict that any person marries under fifteen years of age will be punished.

There is nothing in the world quite so nourishing or helpful as Scott's Emulsion for thin, anemic girls of "teen-age." It is well-worth trying.

Today Holiday Treats

Blackford "OS" Production of the English "THUMB" Richard Pryce

ACTS OF HIGH CLASS VAUDEVILLE and SERIAL PHOTO DRAMA

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FUR CATCH IS BECOMING LESS AS YEARS PASS

Fur Bearing Animals Have Decreased Fifty Per Cent. in Ten Years.

PRICE HAS RISEN VERY RAPIDLY

Believed Time is Ripe for Fur Farming on a Large Scale.

They are now, for the day is fast approaching when only the very rich will be able to wear the warm and beautiful garments made from the skins of muskrat, skunk, fox, mink and other animals.

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Made a Nice Profit. This little incident tells the other. A man bought a muskrat skin for \$100 in 1913 for \$500.

GAS MAN TELLS CHARACTERISTICS Bachelor Girl's Room Easily Known - This is Frying Pan Age.

After we emerge, if we ever really do, from the present grip of the H. C. L., there will be a pretty race of demagogues for the doctors to grapple with.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE BOARDING-HOUSE GIRL INTO THE BACHELOR MAID, AND THE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG COUPLES WHO ARE CHECKED AWAY IN "BED ROOM" AND BATH APARTMENTS, HAVE BROUGHT INTO PROMINENCE THE HOT-PLATE IN THE CORNER.

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"You can always tell a bachelor girl's apartment (so the gas man tells me) by the hot-plate in the corner and the disheveled appearance of the room at 10 a. m., just after the tenant has made a frying dash to be on time at the office.

"And don't forget the young married people," warns the gas man. "There are thousands of them tucked away in one-room apartments all over the city.

By displaying a green cross, physicians in emergency cases can have the right of way at street intersections in Louisville, Ky.

MEN AND BUSINESS (By Richard Spillane)

A bank president was talking. "I never knew business morality to be so slow," he said. "Of my personal knowledge orders have been cancelled where the raw material and the manufacturing costs representing from \$100,000 to \$600,000.

"Here in Philadelphia you have an illustration. We have had no end of agitation over the fact that boys playing ball in the park on Sunday. We have had none over the cancellations of contracts or the tremendous increase in crime.

"The cancellation of contracts is a far greater evil than many persons appreciate. It is a national menace today. Through cancellations many worthy men and firms have been left to face very heavy losses, or possibly bankruptcy. It has undermined confidence as has no other thing.

"It has to be stopped. The moral wrong must be made clear, even if the legal wrong is not. In this the churches can do a great work. The man who cancels contracts week days and goes to church Sunday is more of an offender many times over, in my estimation, than the boy who works week days and plays in the park on Sunday.

"We rose to a great moral height in the period of the war. If that spirit of exalted service for mankind had been caught up at the close of the war by the church and translated into a higher moral standard it would have been of tremendous value to the nation and the world today.

"The largest motor truck in existence is now operated in New York State. The body is built after the size and lines of an ordinary box car. The motive power is furnished by the automobile, which carries the forward part of the car while the rear rests on the trailer.

BUY CANADIAN GOODS AND KEEP LABOR EMPLOYED

Purchase of Foreign Goods is Exporting the Canadian Workman. Business the world over is experiencing stormy weather. Doubts and uncertainties have caused depression in many parts of the world.

For in Canada we own the colossal stores of raw materials for which other nations wait, in other days, have sacrificed army upon army and feet after feet. The means of labor lie everywhere about us, in rich fields and immeasurable forests, in bottom-lands, mines, teeming waters, and in the power of thousands of untamed waterfalls.

But don't let us forget that our day-to-day purchases of goods can hamper or advance Canada's interests in this respect. To buy foreign made goods "dumped" on our markets by foreigners whose conditions are not so sound as ours, means that we are exporting work, and therefore, in a sense, exporting workmen and work-women we need.

Two Held for Burglary. Montreal, Dec. 27.—George O'Brien, of New York, and Frank Weneer, of Los Angeles, have been arrested on suspicion in connection with the theft of \$6,000 from Rubenstein Bros., Craig street, and five thousand dollars from the American Plumbing Supply Ltd., Craig street, both thefts having occurred a few days ago.

MARINE NEWS

Table with 2 columns: High Water, Low Water. Rows for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

PORT OF ST. JOHN

Tuesday, Dec. 28. Vessels and Where They Are Located

Manos—No. 5. Panad Head—No. 4. Swase—No. 7. Castellani—No. 1. T. J. Drummond—Long Wharf, west.

Three Liners Due. Three C. P. O. S. liners are due here this week with passengers. The Grampian is due to arrive today from Antwerp with eighty-five cabin, and 1,113 stowage passengers; the Pretorian is due on December 31 from Glasgow with 112 cabin and 392 stowage passengers; the Metagama is due on January 1 or from Liverpool with 509 cabin and 1,236 third class.

Furness Line

From London to London via Halifax, N. S. Dec. 1—Castellano Dec. 24. Via Halifax, N. S. Dec. 13—Arlano Jan. 15

Manchester Line

From Manchester to Manchester Via Halifax Dec. 4—Man. Mariner Dec. 29. Dec. 15—Man. Brigade Jan. 3. Jan. 1—Man. Hero Jan. 20

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CUNARD ANCHOR

HALIFAX TO Liverpool & Hamburg Ply., Cherbourg & Hamburg 788 Saxonia, Jan. 24

T. S. SATURNIA

TO LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW From Portland Jan. 30 From Halifax Feb. 3

PORTLAND-GLASGOW

Dec. 20, Feb. 18, Mar. 20, Oct. 20, Mar. 11, Apr. 20, ... Saturnia N. Y. GLASGOW (Via Moville) Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 26 ... Columbia NEW YORK-LIVERPOOL

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

T. S. CARCINA January 15th to March 3rd To Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Alexandria, Piraeus, Suez, Patras, Gibraltar. Rate \$1450.00 and up.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP LINES, INC.

During the winter months and until the International Line Service is resumed between Boston and St. John, freight shipments from the United States, especially from Boston and New York, destined for St. John and other ports in the Provinces, can still be routed in care of the Eastern S. S. Lines, and same will be forwarded promptly each week via Yagoumou and S. S. Keith Cann to St. John. This is a weekly service and shipments leaving Boston Thursdays will reach St. John Mondays. Heavy machinery and perishable freight not accepted. Rates and information on application.

TIME TABLE The Maritime Steamship Co. Limited.

Commencing June 7th, 1920, a steamer of this line leaves St. John Tuesday at 7.30 a.m. for Bucks Harbor, calling at Dipper Harbor and Beaver Harbor. Leaves Bucks Harbor Wednesday, two hours of high water for St. Andrews, calling at Lord's Cove, Richards Bay and L'Etete. Leaves St. Andrews Thursday, calling at St. George, L'Etete or Back Bay and Bucks Harbor. Leaves Bucks Harbor Friday for Dipper Harbor, calling at Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor at 9.30 a.m. on Friday. Freight received Mondays 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. George freight up till 12 noon.

GRAND MANAN S. S. CO.

Steamer leaves Grand Manan Mondays, 7.30 a.m. for St. John via Campbell and Gasport, returning Tuesdays, 7.30 a.m. for Grand Manan, via the same ports. Thursdays leaves Grand Manan 7.30 a.m. for St. Stephen, via intermediate ports, returning Fridays. Saturdays, leave Grand Manan, 7.30 a.m. for St. Andrews, via intermediate ports, returning same day. GRAND MANAN S. S. CO., P. O. Box 387, St. John, N. B.

PUBLIC AUCTION

At Liverpool, N. S., Dec. 31, 1920. At 12 o'clock noon on December 31, there will be sold WITHOUT RESERVE at the Store formerly occupied by John F. Seaman all the Stock in Trade, Store Fixtures, and Book Accounts belonging to the Estate of John E. Seaman.

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SURPRISE SOAP A PURE HARD SOAP All Cakes of Laundry Soap look more or less alike, but they can be quite different in Quality and Value. "SURPRISE" is just good Solid Soap—not padded or filled with useless material to make it look big. It's the largest real Soap value.

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MALE HELP WANTED AGENTS WANTED in every town. Best selling household article. Large demand for goods, \$15 to \$20 daily. Apply to Geo. W. Gonchar, 111 Terrace street, TORONTO, ONT.

SALESMAN - A self-respecting salesman, whose ambition is beyond his present occupation, might find more congenial employment with us and at the same time double his income. We require a man of clean character, sound in mind and body, of strong personality, who would appreciate a life's position with a fast-growing concern, where industry would be rewarded with far above average earnings. Married man preferred. Apply to Mr. Mercer, second floor, 167 Prince William St.

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THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 25.—The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes this morning is moving out to the Atlantic with increased intensity...

AROUND THE CITY

Until repairs to our building are completed, the business office of The Standard will be located on the top floor of the Merchants' Bank Building...

VERY HIGH TIDE. Yesterday at noon the tide overflowed the end of South Wharf and had there been a wind it would probably have flooded some of the stores there.

ROTARY CLUB. The feature of the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday was the presentation to Donaldson Hunt, the Secretary of a beautiful parlor lamp.

JUMPED THE RAILS. Last evening a street car, instead of taking the main line street, proceeded down King street east, and was not stopped until a length of the car was off the track.

LETTERS RUN. Commissioner Jones found out Saturday and Sunday that all the people have not given up the habit of letting the water run in their houses.

VITAL STATISTICS. Seventeen deaths were reported to the board of health during last week from the following causes:—Pneumonia, two; endocarditis, two; bronchopneumonia, two; chorea, senility, peritonitis, gastric ulcer, general paresis, Bright's disease, locomotor ataxia, arterio sclerosis, carcinoma of uterus, carcinoma of stomach, and mitral regurgitation, one each.

Officers of 26th Hold First Reunion

Fifty Present at Victoria Dining Room When Jolly Good Fellows Met. The dining room of the Victoria Hotel was the scene of a jolly evening last night when fifty good fellows, who organized the famous 26th Battalion on the battle lines of France, gathered for their first meeting since they were discharged from service.

The following were present:—J. L. McAvity, Geo. Keefe, Gordon Johnson, Montreal; Percy McAvity, C. F. Leonard, L. M. Ritchie, Gordon Holder, L. S. MacGowan, C. P. Granam, Jarvis Bull, Woodstock; R. McL. Keswick, Rexton; Geo. Hallett, Hampton; Wm. rown, W. J. Brooks, H. J. Ashford, W. C. Birchall, J. B. Dever, W. C. Lawson, A. McMillan, Jock MacKenzie, W. C. McQuade, River Glade; Wm. Patterson, P. M. Risins, Harry Simmons, Rolley Smith, Charles Knowlton, Vera Kesteven, Wm. Pitt, O. Reid, G. Mowat, Campbellton; James Fringia, Fredericton; J. W. Coles, Moncton; Guy Keenan, Sussex; J. A. Brooks, Sussex; Chas. E. Waite, St. Stephen; M. C. Buchanan, St. Stephen; Brig. Gen. A. H. McDowell, Rev. R. C. McGillivray, Glace Bay, N. S.; H. G. Wood, Halifax; E. A. Sturges, Albany, N. Y.; W. E. Armstrong, New Brunswick; A. W. Gregory, St. Stephen; G. G. Anglin, Montreal; E. J. White, Bathurst; Roy Maxwell, St. Stephen.

Obtained \$1,400. It is alleged that Watters, who was employed by the Colonial Hide Co., has secured from the company by fraud some \$1,400 since November 1st. It is set forth that during the noon hour when Fred H. Deering, manager of the Colonial Hide Co., situated at 57 Marsh street, went to his lunch, Mr. Watters worked his game. It is claimed he would take a number of hides, etc., already purchased and owned by the company from their storage spot in the building and place them on the floor where such goods were usually deposited by people bringing hides, etc., to sell to the company. Here they would be found by Manager Deering on his return from lunch. It is further alleged Watters told Mr. Deering the goods had been brought in by a Mr. King of Fairville. Mr. Deering would proceed to weigh up the hides, determine the amount due, issue a check in favor of Mr. King and give it to Watters for delivery.

Cashed the Checks. Watters, it is alleged, would take the check to the bank in Fairville and cash the same. It is also alleged there is no such a man by the name of King, and that in the resetting of the company's property, Watters has fraudulently obtained \$1,400 of the company's money. Watters was brought before the court yesterday and remanded over to the absence of Manager Deering who was confined to his home by sickness.

FIRST GOOD SNOW STORM OF SEASON. A snow fall, starting about 5 o'clock last night, developed into one of good proportions and by midnight six inches of snow had fallen. It was followed by sleet storm necessitating the ordering out by the Street Railway Co. of its combination fangs and sweeping cars to clear their rails of sleet and snow. If rain, which looked probable at 1:30 this morning, does not set in St. John will today have its first opportunity of the season to enjoy good sleighing.

City Goes To Mat With Telephone Co.

Ask for Statement of Company's Policy — Victoria Rink Matter Laid Over. The City Council yesterday had under consideration its contract with the New Brunswick Telephone Co. and the Victoria Rink matter. In the first it was decided to have the Common Clerk write the company and ask for a definite statement of their attitude to the contract made in 1919 to supply telephone service to the city at \$50 per phone, and the latter matter was let stand until the return to the city of the City Solicitor. The usual credits to the various departments until the 31st appropriations are approved, were passed. Mayor Schofield presided and Commissioner Thornton, James, Butler and Pritz were present.

On motion the Controller was authorized to issue the following credits for the month of January: Fire, \$8,000; police, \$8,000; streets, \$16,000; sewers, \$2,000; ferry, \$10,000; lights, \$11,000; hydrants, \$1,500; schools, 1-12 of the 1920 assessment; hospitals, 1-12 of ninety per cent of the 1920 assessment. Mayor Schofield read the letter of E. Williams re Victoria Rink and the accompanying letters from the men who had made the examination for Mr. Williams. Commissioner Thornton stated the matter was in the hands of the City Solicitor, who was out of the city, and a report would be submitted just as soon as he returned.

Uncertainties of Lumber Market. Henry C. Sharp Says Conditions Caused Suspension of Activities in Nova Scotia. Henry C. Sharp, Bangor, Supt. at Parraboro for the Draper Lumber interests, was in the city a short time yesterday on his way to Bangor from Parraboro. Mr. Sharp informed The Standard that the uncertainties of the lumber market had caused a suspension of his firm's activities in Nova Scotia, and they had "closed up shop." The Draper Company has secured considerable holdings around Parraboro, and deemed it unprofitable even to operate on their own lands.

Council Spends Only Fifty P.C. of Levy. Mayor Brings Down Statement Showing Who Spends the Money. Some little time ago Commissioner Prink asked the Mayor to prepare a statement showing just what proportion of the money collected in taxes the City Council had the actual spending of and yesterday His Worship brought down the return covering the years 1916 to 1920 inclusive. This shows that of the total levy assessed the Council only has the say about the spending of about fifty per cent, and when the amount paid in interest is taken out the amount would be considerably less than fifty per cent.

CANADIAN CLUB. This afternoon at 1:10 o'clock, the members of the Canadian Club will assemble at 250 St. John's street to hear an interesting address from Major Rev. Father R. C. MacGillivray, chaplain of the 26th Battalion, on the subject of "Around the Table Talk."

Annual Treat To The Sailors

Seamen Turned Out in Large Numbers to Receive Gifts and Enjoy Programme. One of the largest crowds yet seen at the Seamen's Institute assembly last evening for the annual treat. The storm did not keep one sailor away. Some could possibly get there, and genuine enjoyment was evident on every man's face. As well as a good bright programme, coffee and delicious cakes and doughnuts were served by the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Institute. Eleven hundred comfort bags were distributed.

KIND OF MEN THE WORLD NEEDS. Interesting Address Delivered by Rev. H. A. Good in St. David's Church. A very pleasant meeting of the Brotherhood of St. David's Church took place last evening. The president, W. A. Stewart presided and the attendance was large. A good amount of business was transacted connected with the work and improvement of the organization. A fine address was given by Rev. H. A. Good on "The Kind of Men the World Needs." This was attentively listened to and greatly appreciated. A solo was given by E. C. Girvan and impersonations by P. C. Johnston. Refreshments were served by the elders of the church who served good provisions. The evening was voted a great success.

Three New Ships Coming To Port. "Manola," the First, is Due to Leave Here on January 15. The inauguration of a new steam service during the winter season between the ports of St. John, N. B., and St. John's, Nfld., was announced today by the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, the first sailing to be that of the steamer Manola from St. John on January 15. The steamer, which will make the service a permanent one and put on as many sailings as may be required to take care of the traffic. The same freight rates will apply from St. John as those from Halifax.

CLASS SENDS TEACHER A HANDSOME CHAIR. Dr. I. W. N. Baker, of Waterloo street, was the recipient of a massive chair from his Baraca class of the Central Baptist Church on Christmas Eve. Dr. Baker is the teacher of the young men; the class has an enrollment of 65 members, with an average attendance of over 45 each Sunday. At the present time the course of study is on the Fundamentals of Faith. Next Sunday afternoon the class studies the Origin of Sin and Satan.

SPECIAL NOTICE. The F. A. Dykeman Co. are holding a Month-end Clearance Sale of Women's Cloth Coats, Suits and Dresses at prices that are in most cases from one-third to one-half less than regular. 75c coats for \$50; \$89 suits for \$65; \$60 dresses for \$49, are prices that give an idea of the saving to be expected. All the very newest and most stylish garments of the season. See big window display.

CANADIAN CLUB NOTICE. Please take notice: Today's luncheon is at 1:10, instead of 1:15, as announced on card.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c. NOTICE. All parties having accounts against General Public Hospital are requested to have them in not later than the 28th. H. Hodden, M.D., secretary.

VICTORIA RINK. Skating in afternoon. Skating and hand tonight. G. Grey Merritt, who has been spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Weismers Merritt, will leave this afternoon for Toronto.

Safety First for Your Horse. On icy city pavements, and treacherous spots on country roads, you can save your horse many an ugly fall, and perhaps a broken limb, by using Neverslip Horseshoes and Calks. The Calks, which take a sure, solid grip, are self-sharpening, being made of the highest grade of steel. Neverslip Calks not only save money, but save time, for with them, you can sharpen your horse in twenty minutes. And REMEMBER—Neverslip Calks have Red Tips, Neverslip Shoes have Red Heels. Otherwise they are not Neverslip. Call and see them, or write for particulars. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. Store Hours:—8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Open Saturdays till 10 p. m.

Westclox Big Ben. Big Ben will wake you with a cheery "Good Morning" every day in the year. He'll bring you out of bed with a silver-toned call that will make you feel like saying "Good Morning" to every one you meet. He's punctual, he's accurate—always signals at the proper time. An excellent companion for progressive men. Back of Big Ben stands a community of clock makers who build quality into every timepiece. Accurate, long-lived alarms that make satisfied customers everywhere. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd.

With the New Year Will Come Many Occasions Where A New Evening or Semi-Evening Frock Will Be a Necessity. The ever engrossing task of selecting the frock you want may begin now. For the winter's whirl of gaiety there are many lovely gowns, fashioned of beautiful fabrics and delightfully developed. Afternoon Frocks and semi-evening Gowns are decidedly interesting. Many are artfully simple, made of crepe-de-chine, taffetas, georgettes, and happy combinations of two or more of these lovely fabrics. You will find our collection an authoritative one of mostly everything that is new and charming. Evening Frocks are many times delightfully youthful. These are fashioned of colored tulle, metallic tissues, satins and other dainty materials, in unusual and rich colors and color blendings. Overskirts and draperies of different shapes and varieties are featured and little distinguishing touches are added by the placing of a bunch of vari-colored flowers or a narrow ribbon waist band, with or without streamers. Among the newest colors will be seen, Adriatic blue, pumpkin, orange, sun-kist and others light or dark or as desired. Party Frocks for girls up to fourteen years of age are showing in the very smartest styles you have seen. Some are long waisted; others in empire effects. You won't find it hard to select a becoming model, whether the girl's is for is slight or stout. An early inspection of these lovely frocks is invited. (Second Floor.)

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And Now— it's HOW to spend your Christmas gift money to best advantage. You notice we did not say "where" because naturally this is the logical shop. There are Furs, Hats, Gloves, Frocks and other things you'll need this winter. D. H. Kage's Sons, 100 St. John's St., Toronto.