

GERMANS LEAVE DIXMUDE; Middelkerke NOT TAKEN BY ALLES; BATTLE FOR WARSAW BEGUN

HATRED HAS CLOUDED THE GERMAN VISION, LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY SAYS

English Navy Awaits Opportunity which Will Surely Come, to Avenge German Raid — Their Hate a Measure of Their Fear — Stigma of "Baby Killers of Scarborough" Will Brand Officers and Men of Enemy's Navy as Long as They Sail the Seas.

London, Dec. 20.—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a letter to the Mayor of Scarborough in which he expresses sympathy of himself and of the navy at the losses sustained through the German bombardment of Scarborough, and disappointment over the escape of the German warships, says: "We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come. But viewed in its larger aspect, the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging that has happened in the war. Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of the British naval pressure, than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breasts of the enemy. "This hatred has already passed the frontiers of reason. It clouds their vision, it darkens their counsel and it convulses their movements. We see a nation of military calculators showing calculation to the winds; of strategists who have lost their sense of proportion, of schemers who have ceased to balance loss and gain. "Practically the whole of the fast cruiser force of the German navy, including some great ships that are vital to their fleet and utterly irreplaceable, have been risked for the passing pleasure of killing as many English people as possible, irrespective of sex, age or condition, in the limited time available. "To this act of military and political folly they were impelled not by other outlet. This is very satisfactory and should confirm us in our course. Their hate is a measure of their fear, its senseless expression is proof of their impotence and the seal of their dishonor. "Whatever feats of arms the German navy may hereafter perform, the stigma of baby-killers of Scarborough will brand its officers and men while all sailors sail the seas."

DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF PREMIER CLARKE AT ST. STEPHEN

Congratulation by fellow citizens in his honor on his arrival from capital—Reception and Procession.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Dec. 20.—Hon. George J. Clarke, the new premier of the province was accorded an enthusiastic reception on his return to his home town last evening. A large delegation of citizens met him at the depot, and as the train drew into the station the Milltown Band rendered music. Friends of Premier Clarke on both sides of politics met him as he alighted from the train, and when three cheers for the premier were called for, they were given with a will. He was escorted to an awaiting auto, and with the band at the head a procession was formed and moved to the home of the premier on Union street, where Hon. Mr. Clarke briefly addressed his friends and neighbors and thanked them for the kindly welcome home and their expressions of good will. The demonstration was entirely unexpected by Mr. Clarke, and would have been even more largely participated in had it not been that rain was falling heavily when the train arrived. Samuel McConkey, one of our best and most worthy citizens, passed away at his home on Union street at an early hour this morning, after a protracted illness from heart trouble, though he had only been confined to his home for a few days. Mr. McConkey was sixty-two years of age and came here from St. John's, Quebec, over thirty years ago, but was a native of England. He conducted a large tailoring business and was known in many parts of the province. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Orange Order and a vestryman in Trinity church. A widow, who was Miss Helen Dinamore, of this town, survive him with two young sons. A sacred concert given in the Bijou Theatre this afternoon, under the auspices of the Milltown Cornet Band, drew an audience that completely filled the theatre and netted a very nice sum for the Belgian relief fund. Many pleasing solos, duets, and quartets with inspiring selections by the band, a cello solo and an impressive address by Rev. B. B. Wylie, the esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian church, formed a programme that was both pleasing and inspiring.

CIVIL SERVANTS NOT TO ACT AS MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS OR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AFTER THIS YEAR

All those connected with inside and outside service earning over \$500 a year affected by order which will be passed by Government.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—According to the present intentions of the government this will be the last year during which civil servants will be allowed to take part in local politics as members of school boards or municipal councils. Politics in the civil service has become such an abuse that many government employees use their positions simply as a means of revenue to carry on their political work, and heads of departments who are responsible for these men and their work have appealed to the government to take drastic action to compel them to attend strictly to their duties. The question has been before the cabinet officially and it was thought that action might be taken in time to prevent civil servants taking part in the forthcoming elections. However, the elections are so near that it was considered advisable to let the matter stand until the January elections are over and serve notice early next year. The order will apply to both the inside service and the outside service. The abuses have been very noticeable at Ottawa and other large cities but there are instances of it from coast to coast. The reason why civil servants who earn less than \$500 are to be allowed to take a place on municipal councils or school boards is that these are not regarded as civil servants proper, that they are not dependent upon their government positions for their livelihood. It is understood that the government in taking this action will have the support of the opposition. The method of procedure in laying down the new regulations will probably be by order in council.

Von Hindenburg's Army Reaches Russians' New Positions and New Battle for Warsaw Begun — Czar's Army in Strong Positions Ready to Drive Back Enemy — Two German Detachments Almost Annihilated — Russian Campaign Against East Prussia Goes On — Siege Warfare in Western Theatre with Allies Making Some Gains— Servians and Montenegrins Join Hands Against Austrians.

London, Dec. 21.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam, says: "The Germans have evacuated Dixmude, but the report that the Allies have taken Middelkerke is untrue."

THE BATTLE FOR WARSAW.

London, Dec. 20.—Field Marsall Von Hindenburg's army, which is advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilica rivers and which on Friday occupied Lowicz, reached on Saturday the new Russian positions along the Bzura river and southward to Rawa, with the result that another big battle is in progress. The Russians retired across the Bzura river, destroying the bridges behind them, and two German detachments which followed over a partly burned bridge were attacked and are said to have been annihilated, fifty survivors being taken prisoners.

This is only the beginning of the great battle for Warsaw, from which the Germans are now only thirty miles or less. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, however, expects a stern resistance, which the strongly reinforced Russian army is certain to offer to his further advance, protected by the Vistula river, which the Germans have been unable to cross. The general opinion of military men here is that the Germans expect to make any marked progress. Besides being in fortified positions, which could only be taken after having been thoroughly searched out by the artillery, the Germans still have more machine guns than the Allies, and as has been proven in previous battles, these, so long as they can be successfully operated, make infantry attacks too costly to be attempted. The Servians and Montenegrin armies have again joined hands after the defeat of the Austrians, who invaded Serbia, and are now making their second advance towards Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia. The two armies, the supplies of which have been replenished by captures from the Austrians, have formed a junction near Visegrad, which the Montenegrins have occupied. They expect to be before Sarajevo within three or four days. The first Boer rebel to meet the extreme penalty was Captain Fourie, a former officer in the Union Defence Force, who was executed at Pretoria this morning. This was seen to indicate that any of the officers of the Union Defence Force who joined the rebellion, especially the leaders, will be there with a strong sentence in the country for life.

SIEGE WARFARE IN WESTERN THEATRE.

The offensive operations of the Allies in the west are being carried out under conditions of siege warfare and are being stubbornly opposed by the Germans, who, in their entrenchments and surrounded by wire entanglements, make an advance of even a few yards a costly matter for the attacking force. In Flanders a little ground has been gained at considerable cost, despite the fact that along the coast the Allies have the assistance of warships which continually bombard the German positions. The advance has been more marked from the Belgium border south to the River Oise, where the ground is not so wet as in the flooded regions of and the Champagne district the French artillery which is now probably stronger than the German, has been busy keeping the Germans on the move, but in the Argonne region it is the Germans who are on the offensive, and they claim to have made a slight advance. The general opinion of military men here is that the Germans expect to make any marked progress. Besides being in fortified positions, which could only be taken after having been thoroughly searched out by the artillery, the Germans still have more machine guns than the Allies, and as has been proven in previous battles, these, so long as they can be successfully operated, make infantry attacks too costly to be attempted. The Servians and Montenegrin armies have again joined hands after the defeat of the Austrians, who invaded Serbia, and are now making their second advance towards Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia. The two armies, the supplies of which have been replenished by captures from the Austrians, have formed a junction near Visegrad, which the Montenegrins have occupied. They expect to be before Sarajevo within three or four days. The first Boer rebel to meet the extreme penalty was Captain Fourie, a former officer in the Union Defence Force, who was executed at Pretoria this morning. This was seen to indicate that any of the officers of the Union Defence Force who joined the rebellion, especially the leaders, will be there with a strong sentence in the country for life.

SEA FIGHT OFF FALKLAND ISLANDS DESCRIBED BY BRITISH SAILORS

Montevideo, Dec. 20.—Several interesting descriptions of the recent naval battle off the Falkland Islands in which a British squadron sank the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nürnberg, became known here today when Admiral Stuedde, the British commander, and his staff came ashore to attend a reception given by the British and French ministers. The naval officers were warmly received. It is said that the cruiser Invincible, which led in the attack on the Scharnhorst, Admiral Von Spee's flagship, and, after that vessel had been sunk was in at the death of the Gneisenau, was struck twenty times by projectiles but sustained no serious damage. The vessel's casualties were light, considering the number of times she was hit, only fourteen members of her crew having been wounded. When the battle began and while the Germans were firing at long range, it is said, the British commanders reserved their fire and permitted their men to have breakfast before answering the attack. When the British did come into action, however, little signalling was done, as each vessel's commander already knew what his task was to be. When the Gneisenau sank she was without ammunition but had refused to surrender. Her officers and men stood on the deck singing patriotic songs, as she took her plunge beneath the waves. A large number of her crew, including several officers, were rescued. Some of these men died later from wounds or from shock sustained by submergence in the cold water. The Scharnhorst was blown when she sank with all hands, including Admiral Von Spee. Two sons of the admiral, one aboard the Gneisenau and one aboard the Leipzig, also were lost. The commander of the British flagship was slightly hurt on the foot by being struck by a flying splinter. He ordered his six-inch guns manned there doubtless would have been fatalities aboard, as one of these guns was smashed by a German shell. The Germans saved from the disaster have been sent to England.

PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATE FOR NONE BUT CANADIAN FLOUR

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 20.—As a result of the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the West Indies and British Guiana, Canada shipped to the latter colony in the first nine months of this year 113,000 barrels of flour, worth \$494,282 as compared with 61,000 barrels, worth \$275,492 for the same period of the year before. The customs department of British Guiana, however, has decided that Canadian flour shipped via New York must be bonded through and not re-shipped at that port. Other West Indian colonies are likely to make the same regulations in order to ensure that all flour getting the preferential tariff rate shall be Canadian flour.

FIFTY-FIVE OFFICERS BACK FROM ENGLAND

Went With First Contingent — Preferred to Return Instead of Joining Kitchener's New Army.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Fifty-five surplus officers from the first Canadian expeditionary force at Salisbury Plain arrived at Halifax today by the Allan liner Granplan from Liverpool. These officers are from many different regiments of the first contingent, it being more officers in a number of these regiments than the British establishment permitted. A large number of the returning officers are from the 24th Battalion. This battalion was formed at Valcartier from a number of cavalry regiments, including the Eighteenth Mounted Rifles, the Fort Garry Horse, the 24th Border Horse, the 32nd Manitoba Horse and others. Though an infantry regiment requires far less officers comparatively than does a cavalry regiment, the surplus officers accompanied the contingent to England. There it was decided to reduce the number of officers of the battalion to the proper establishment. Not one officer of the Eighteenth Mounted remained with the battalion and there is hardly a non-commissioned officer of that regiment still with the battalion. All the surplus officers of whom there were twenty, were offered positions in Lord Kitchener's new army, but the majority preferred to return to Canada in the hope of being appointed to the next Canadian contingent. As the list of officers for the second contingent has practically been made up, the majority of the returning officers will in all probability have to wait until mobilization of the third contingent commences. Among those who arrived by the Granplan were Lt. Col. C. A. Andrew of Mahone, of the 75th Regiment, Lunenburg; Major J. H. Creighton, also of the 75th; Lt. Col. Kirkpatrick, of Woodstock, N. B.; Major A. Havard, Altamont, Man.; Major J. J. Bull, of the same town; Major J. T. N. L'Heure, Ottawa; Lt. Col. G. A. S. Hamilton, of Montreal; Major Dekam, of Ottawa; Lt. Col. Bols, Ottawa; Lt. Col. MacPherson, of Portage La Prairie, Man.; and Major Wallbridge, of Belleville, Ont.

ONLY WAR LEGISLATION NEXT SESSION

Next Session of Parliament Essentially War Session — Second War Loan of \$100,000,000 at Least.

SEVENTY-FIVE SYDNEY WILL BE CENTRE FOR MOBILIZATION

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—It is stated definitely that the forthcoming session of the war will be essentially a war session. Only matters relating to the war will be introduced by the government. The chief legislation will be, of course, the authorization of a second war loan. The first loan which was authorized at the emergency session of parliament last August was for \$50,000,000; the second, it is expected, will be for \$100,000,000 although this might be increased largely if there is any expectation that a great length of time will elapse before the summing up of the war. The war is costing the country at the present time about \$250,000 per day or about \$100,000,000 per annum. The cost will increase considerably as more troops are recruited and sent to Europe. Ammunition alone will be a tremendous item.

GUNS OF BRITISH FLEET PLAYING HAVOC WITH GERMAN LAND FORCES

Trainloads of Enemy's Wounded Arriving at Bruges Evidence of Damage Britain's Naval Guns Are Causing — German Positions Heavily Shelled and Big Guns No Match for British — Mine Sweeper Blown Up in North Sea.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 20.—The Sluis, Netherlands, correspondent of the Telegraaf sends the following: "A despatch says that violent fighting continues on the Yser. The British fleet's guns are playing havoc in the German ranks. Trains filled with wounded are entering Bruges; most of these trains proceed eastward. The allies have not occupied Roulers, but the fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude."

GERMAN GUNS NO MATCH FOR BRITISH.

Dover, via London, Dec. 20.—Between Nieuport and Middelkerke, the German positions were heavily shelled by the British warships between Friday midnight and seven o'clock Saturday morning. It is said that the Germans replied at one point with 12-inch naval guns.

During the earlier stage of the action the German fire was heavy, but apparently the guns were destroyed or withdrawn, as the reply early in the morning was very slack.

MINE SWEEPER BLOWN UP.

London, Dec. 19.—Lloyd agent at Scarborough sends word that a mine sweeper which, with several others was engaged in sweeping for mines five miles southeast of Scarborough, was blown up Saturday. One man was rescued but the rest of the crew are missing. It is reported that two other vessels have been blown up in the region visited by the German squadron which raided the eastern coast.

TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN STELLARTON, N. S. MINE

Deputy Inspector and Superintendent Overcome by Black Damp—Explosion Due to Fire—All Horses in Mine Lost

Stellarton, N. S., Dec. 20.—At 9.30 this morning an explosion took place in Allan's Shaft No. 1 as a result of which Deputy Inspector of Mines Thomas Blackwood and Mine Superintendent Jas. Brown lost their lives. A pumpman and a boy were in the mine at the time of the explosion but were rescued alive. Four men, Thomas Blackwood, Jas. Ryan, Alex. Sutherland and Overman Nell McLean went down the shaft to investigate. Sutherland came back alone and reported that his companions were overcome by gas. Immediately a small force of draughtmen went down these found Blackwood, McLean and Brown overcome by black damp and sent them to the surface where folk doctors worked over them but were only able to resuscitate McLean. A slight fire had been in progress and though walled off, it is thought that it broke through elsewhere causing the explosion. The mine has been closed down and some time will elapse before conditions can be ascertained. All the horses in the mine are lost. The fatalities, connected with this latest mine catastrophe have cast a deep gloom over the town and county.

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Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Considerable quantities of Canadian eggs are being sold in England but the demand is so far in excess of the supply that new laid eggs are selling in Birmingham for seventy-five cents a dozen according to latest trade reports. Last year Russia shipped \$23,000,000 worth of eggs to Britain, and Denmark shipped over \$10,000,000. These sources of supply have been very largely cut off by the war and there is a great market for all the eggs Canada can supply. In all probability the scarcity will become still more acute in the near future.

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Sydney, N. S., Dec. 20.—Major-General Hughes and party reached Sydney at nine o'clock Saturday morning and after a very active day left on his return to Ottawa the same evening. While here the minister visited all the points of interest from a military standpoint, including the Marconi station at Glace Bay and the cable stations at North Sydney and Sydney Mines. He was tendered a banquet at Sydney, by the Cape Breton Canadian Club at which he stated among other things that Sydney would be a mobilization point for the next contingent and Sydney was to have a city regiment. He also complimented Cape Breton on the large number of men it has contributed to the second contingent.

UNION BASIS FOR APPROVAL

Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists have session in Toronto - Basis approved by Committee.

Rev. George Steel has returned from Toronto where he attended a meeting of representatives of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches...

On Tuesday each denomination met separately and talked over the plans of union. The delegates at a body met in Bond street church under the chairmanship of Dr. Hugh Podley.

The general council will be held every two years and will be the assembly of the whole church. The conference will be held annually and will correspond to the same body in the Methodist church and the Presbyterian synods.

With the Methodist church the matter rests with the General Conference either to ask for a vote from the official boards, if deemed necessary, or to call together a general conference.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CITY CHURCHES

Special Musical programmes delighted large congregations at yesterday's services.

There was special Christmas music in many of the churches yesterday. In St. David's Presbyterian church special music was provided both in the morning and evening.

In Centenary the musical numbers were as follows: morning, duet, Love Divine, (Stainer), Mrs. A. P. Crockett and C. W. Skelton; anthem, Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, (Garrett); evening, anthem, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, (Sullivan), obligato, Mrs. Crockett; anthem, Blessed Be the Lord God, (Barby); Special music was also provided in the First Presbyterian church, West Side; Lefevre street Baptist church, by the choir; German street Baptist, both morning and evening; Main street Baptist, Calvin Presbyterian; Carlton street and other churches. Special music will be provided in most of the Anglican churches next Sunday.

Presentations. Captain P. F. May, Lieutenants Woods and Sherron of the 26th Battalion were summoned to the local office of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Saturday at noon and were each presented with handsome wrist watches suitably engraved. These three men were formerly employed with the Bank of Nova Scotia here and their fellow employees took this opportunity of showing their appreciation of their work.

WESTERN QUEEN LIVERPOOL TORY

Telegram from H. & A. Allan disposes of startling rumors regarding big liner.

The anxious persons who during Thursday and Friday were hearing rumors that the Allan Line steamship Hesperian had been called back to port, that she was sent into Newfoundland and, finally, that she was sunk in the Atlantic, will be glad to learn that the ship is safe and will arrive in Liverpool with her valuable cargo and 1,290 passengers this evening.

As quickly as these rumors circulated about the country The Standard stated there was no truth in them and the agents of the Line felt that such reports being circulated was the work of unwise persons. On board the ship are a great number of people returning to England to spend Christmas and also a number of local people enroute to join their friends at Salisbury Plains.

The following despatch was received by The Standard yesterday and is self explanatory. "R. M. S. Hesperian from your port December thirteenth, thirty first, two hundred and thirteen second, ten-fifty-third class passengers reported by name received from Liverpool this morning, due Liverpool seven p.m. Monday."

HONOR VOLUNTEERS FROM LOYALIST CLUB OF CENTENARY CHURCH

An interesting function took place in the parlor of Centenary Methodist church last evening when members of the Loyalist Club of the church gave a farewell supper to six members of the club who are going to the front with the second contingent. The president of the club, W. G. Smith, officiated as chairman and about thirty members of the club sat down to a turkey supper. The members of the club who are going with the contingent are M. Sinclair, R. McKee, C. Finkins, C. Yorke, N. Pettis and H. H. Speer.

Speeches were made by the chairman and by Rev. W. H. Barraclough, Morton L. Harrison, J. E. Arturs and others, while each of the volunteers made fitting responses. Young ladies connected with the church acted as waitresses.

SHOES MADE IN AMHERST FOR SOLDIERS GAVE GREAT SATISFACTION

The following is a copy of an unsolicited letter from Lt. Col. Murray, Springfield, N. S., to James McLeod, representative Amherst Boot and Shoe Co., Ltd.: "17th Battalion, Bustard Camp, November 28, James McLeod, Esq., Amherst, N. B. Dear Sir:— Do you remember some remarks you made in our place at Springfield, with regard to the wear and water-proof qualities of the boot your company so kindly and generously presented to the first contingent for overseas from Cumberland? I thought at the time, that you were a little boastful but experience has proved that you were right; the boots were good, solid and serviceable and as near water-proof as could be expected of leather. Wishing you and the members of your company the compliments of the season, I am, Yours truly, (Sgd.) D. MURRAY."

DIED.

STONE—At Penobscus, N. B., on the 19th inst., Titus M. Stone, aged 75 years. Funeral, Tuesday, 2.30 p. m.

CULLINAN—At Fairville, on the 29th inst., Catherine Cullinan leaving one brother and one sister to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence, Main street, Fairville, on Tuesday morning, at eight o'clock, to St. Rose's church for high mass of requiem. Friends are invited to attend. Boston and Portland, Maine, papers please copy.

KANE—In this city, on 19th inst., Stephen Kane, leaving his wife, three sons and one daughter, two brothers and a sister to mourn.

Funeral from the residence of his brother, Mr. Frank Kane, 235 Thorne Avenue, on Monday, at 2.30. Friends invited to attend.

COLLINS—In this city, on 19th inst., Stephen E. Collins, leaving two sisters to mourn.

Funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. John V. Holland, 42 Clarence street, on Monday morning, at 8.30, to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem.

GENERAL CHURCH MAKES COLLECTION OF GIFTS FOR POOR

Great profusion of Gifts on view yesterday - Young People's contributions will bring cheer to poor.

Baskets of fruits, barrels of potatoes, packages of groceries, piles of toys, bundles of all shapes, sizes and descriptions, were heaped about the platform of the lecture hall of Centenary church yesterday afternoon. Also there were tall Christmas trees, loaded with bundles of candles, toys, and everything calculated to delight the heart of childhood. The great collection represented the Christmas offerings of the children of the Sunday school to the poor of the church.

Annually on the Sunday before Christmas the children of the Sunday school send into the church gifts of provisions, fruits and toys of all sorts, to be distributed later to the poor. This feature of the work of the church has in the past brought joy and gladness into many homes in which otherwise there would be little Christmas cheer, and the contributions made this year will bring plenty and cheer throughout the whole Christmas season to many homes. In spite of the many demands which have been made upon the people of St. John in connection with the war, the gifts of provisions, Belgium, the young people of Centenary have been able this year to make as large and varied contributions for the poor as in previous years.

The primary department of the school filled a barrel with parcels containing wearing apparel and toys to be given to poor families.

The intermediate department brought a white ship "Good Cheer" laden with silver to support a child in India for one year.

The girls' guild brought a parcel containing money to support a native preacher in India for a year, and a child in one of the mission schools for a year.

The boys' junior class presented a cash gift for one of the missions in this city.

The Philathea class of young ladies presented a substantial amount to be used for home mission work.

The Young Men's Association gave a Christmas dinner for a poor family. The Junior Endeavor Society gave a cash gift for hospital work.

The superintendent, secretary and treasurer of the school presented a turkey as their gift to be given to one of the worthy families of the church. The Home Department of the school had a small organ repaired and tuned and placed in the parlor of the church for general use in connection with the church.

The Brotherhood presented as their white gift the sum of \$600 to be given to the Free Kindergarten in this city.

Besides the above mentioned, there were a number of personal gifts from members of the school and church. The total amount of money presented at this White Gift Service was over \$725.

After the presentation of the gifts the honorary superintendent of the school, W. C. Cross, told the children a very interesting Christmas story. The pastor spoke on "The Supreme White Gift."

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BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

B. W. Steeves, 5.00 Red Cross Society, Centerville, 50.00 Mrs. E. C. Hickson, 10.00 Sale of barrels, .82 P. N. Perkins, .30 Miss Perkins, 1.00 Old B. Gray, 1.00 Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Scammell, 2.00 Henry Town, Halfway River, 3.00 N. S., 2.00 Mrs. E. B. Sheppard, N. B., 6.00 George W. Jewett, Sheffield, N. B., 5.00 B., 5.00 Social, Muniac, N. B., per Wilham Paul, 42.00 Bristol N. B., per Belle DeLong, 20.00 Lockhart, 20.00 "Who De" Sunday School, Bristol, 10.00 Fielding Car. Co., Bristol, 11.50 Total, \$167.32

VITAL STATISTICS.

T. M. Burns, Secretary of the Board of Health, reports twelve deaths for the week. The causes of death were: Phthisis, 2 Burns, 2 Meningitis, 1 Anaemia, 1 Insanition, 1 Diphtheria, 1 Pristitis, 1 Chronic nephritis, 1 Cerebral hemorrhage, 1 Central nerve lesion, 1 Thirst, 1

Thirty-three have been registered in the city this week, nineteen being female and fourteen male. Four marriages have been recorded.

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BLACK & WHITE SCOTLAND'S BEST

SCOTCH WHISKY BLACK & WHITE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS PURE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLED BY ROBERT BURNS

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

Sabbath School of Germain Street Baptist Church have exercises.

The Germain Street Baptist Sunday School gave a very interesting Christmas exercise yesterday morning in the body of the church, which was pronounced to be one of the best ever given by the school. This exercise took the place of the regular preaching service, and was entitled "White Gifts for the King."

In rendering the music, the school was assisted by the choir of the church. At the commencement of the service the pastor, Rev. F. S. Porter, told of the legend of Cathay, and how, on the birthday of the ruler, the people presented their white gifts to him, so as a school all the departments, in love to their King Jesus, bring at this time their white gifts.

The first gift to be presented was from the cradle roll department of the school. It was a white cradle, containing baby stockings enclosed in which was money to be given to help sick babies.

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DISPOSING ENTICING THE GERMAN INTO TRAP?

Vienna Paper Publishes Comment of General Who Points Out that Rear Guard Engagements of Russians May be Part of Game to Give Reinforcements Time to Come up - Getting Nearer Base of Supplies While Germans are Getting Farther from Theirs in Difficult Section of the Country.

Posen, Army Headquarters of the East, Dec. 16 (Via Berlin and London, Dec. 20)—Delayed in transmission.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's army took Lodz, Russian Poland, today, defeating the Russian right wing after heavy fighting for several days. The capture of the city compelled the further retirement of the Russian line, which was now about 21 miles (21 miles) since the evacuation of Lodz. The lines are now scarcely forty kilometers from Warsaw.

The German pursuit is proceeding successfully along the whole front but the Russians are offering a firm resistance in positions which were previously fortified in preparation for defeat. The resistance of the Russians has by no means been fully broken, but their losses in the most recent battles have been enormous.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, in whose headquarters the Associated Press correspondent arrived today for the purpose of observing further operations, says that the Russian losses since November 13, including about 100,000 prisoners, have been enormous. Even the commander of the Russian army, East Prussia, says Gen. Von Hindenburg, cannot be compared with the losses of the Russians in the present battle. Great masses were killed and wounded at Tannenberg but by no means so many were killed and wounded as in the present battle, according to the general's estimates of the operations.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff, his chief of staff, do not share the optimistic views expressed in certain Berlin newspapers which regard the Russians now as finally disposed of. The opinion expressly held by the general is that the Russian offensive operations, but that they still form a powerful army and that there is yet much to be done before the Russian army can establish winter quarters at Warsaw.

Lodz suffered comparatively little from the battle, but Lodz was considerably damaged by a bombardment from both sides. The Field Marshal gave a brief survey of the recent operations causing the evacuation of Lodz. He drove a wedge into the Russian line, he said, later was compelled to retreat, but no breach has been made in it yet, as the Russian commander is steadily reorganizing the situation at the right moment.

London, Dec. 20.—According to a Berlin wireless despatch, advice from Vienna to main headquarters say that in the battle of Limanowa the Austrian troops completely routed the Russians, who were evacuating the town clear. The Austro-Hungarian army made 26,000 prisoners and took a large quantity of war material.

"The Russian loss was enormous," the despatches say, "and the pursuit is everywhere being followed up."

Although certain observers still affect the belief that the German victory in the east will insure against danger of a Russian invasion "for all time" as one commentator put it, it is

beginning to be realized that a victory, as complete as it was, is not synonymous with utter destruction of the Russian hosts and that much remains to be done. There still are no details regarding the action available.

"The Vienna Neue Presse publishes the comment of an unnamed general, who points out that the rear-guard engagements of the retreating enemy may not only be designed to save the Russian train, but also to give reinforcements time to come up. Upon whether they will be able to bring enough fresh troops, he says, will depend whether the success already achieved will be of lasting value."

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

RUSSIA

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued Saturday night from General Headquarters: "On the right bank of the Vistula (North Poland), there has been no change. An attempt by the enemy to proceed from the right bank of the Vistula, near Dobrzyn, was repulsed by artillery fire. The enemy has been compelled to evacuate quickly an island in the Vistula, which he had occupied. We seized at this point several pontoon bridges.

"The fighting on the Buzra river has begun to develop. We have repulsed several German attacks in other regions. On the left bank of the Vistula there have been engagements only by advance guards.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1914.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE WAR SITUATION.

In the light of conflicting reports coming from the eastern war front it is difficult to obtain a clear idea of the position of the contending forces there. It is not apparent, however, that the Germans have met with as much success as reports from Berlin indicate. Evidently they are advancing in great force toward Warsaw, and seem to have made appreciable progress, but, at the same time, the Russian advance into East Prussia is being prosecuted as vigorously as ever. Russian advances regarding the Polish campaign claim that the retreat was for strategic reasons, and that while the Germans have advanced, the fact that they occupy ground which, a week or so ago, was in the possession of the Czar's troops, will be of little or no material benefit to them, as the retirement was undertaken solely for the purpose of straightening the Russian lines and placing them in more effective fighting position.

It is likely that while the slaughter on both sides has been terrible, the decisive stage of the eastern campaign is yet far off. Both Russia and Germany are pouring troops into the field, a report from a Russian expert being that 1,000,000 Germans and Austrians are opposing the Russian armies, which are also being steadily reinforced. Consequently it is evident that the terrible fighting there must continue for some time before either side scores a big victory.

In the west the Allies appear to be maintaining their slow but steady advance. A report early this morning indicates that the Germans have evacuated Dixmude and this, if true, means that the Allies have made appreciable progress. The fighting, however, is not spectacular as in the east, being confined largely to siege-like operations, where heavily entrenched bodies of troops are slowly forced from their positions by searching artillery fire. Under such conditions progress cannot be slow, as the driving of the enemy from a series of entrenchments merely means a retirement upon other positions equally strong.

Since the raid on the English coast towns there have been no naval developments, although it was expected the Germans might follow it with a spectacular dash from shelter at Kiel in the hope that some of their heaviest and fastest vessels might succeed in questioned naval superiority of British commerce and British ports until disposed of by the British navy. It is believed that some such movement will be undertaken, as the German authorities must recognize the unquestioned naval superiority of Britain and realize that a main engagement would be disastrous. Consequently it is not unlikely that they will endeavor to do all the damage they can before such an engagement is forced upon them.

The position of Italy has not changed during the week. The Italian premier has stated that Italy's course in this war will eventually redound to her great benefit, and this is construed by some to mean that she will participate on the side of the Allies in the hope that she may be invited to take part in the redrawing of the map of Europe, which must follow the campaign. Any idea that she will be found on the side of Germany has been well disposed of, so, at least, the Allies will not have to count on her as an enemy. Her participation just now would be of immense advantage to Britain, as an Italian army marching through Austria, and into the heart of Germany, would tend to draw forces from both frontiers and would make the task confronting the Allies just that much easier of accomplishment.

FROM THE GERMAN VIEW

An eminent German scientist, Professor Ernest Haeckel, of the University of Jena, has been telling American newspaper correspondents just what the government of "the fatherland" will do with the territory they acquire as the result of this war. The learned professor does not admit of doubt that the territory to which he refers will be captured by Germany, but, if he is sincere, his statements are worth publishing as possibly illustrating the opinion held by men who have previously given the world cause to believe them quite sane.

Professor Haeckel has become more or less famed as a disciple of the Darwinian theory of the origin of man and, his arguments in elucidating that theory, possess more logic than his predictions regarding the life and death struggle in which his country is now engaged. In the first place he

declares that Germany, to insure her future, will find it necessary to free herself from "the tyranny of England." This freedom she will acquire through "the invasion of the British practical state by the German army and navy and the occupation of London." England thus disposed of, Professor Haeckel turns his attention to the Overseas Dominions, and here he exhibits surprising and unexpected moderation of spirit. He merely states that Germany is "to obtain a great part of the British colonies and the Congo Free State." Just why he has not elected that the Kaiser shall control the entire Empire when the opportunity presents itself, or which of the colonies will be honored by his preference, the German savant does not tell us.

Belgium is to be partitioned, "the western portion as far as Ostend and Antwerp to become German federal states; the northern portion to fall to Holland, while the southeastern portion will be added to Luxemburg, which will also become a German federal state." "France," he tells us, "must give up a portion of her northern-eastern provinces," while "Russia must be reduced to impotency by the re-establishment of the Kingdom of Poland, which must be united with Austria-Hungary." "The Baltic provinces of Russia" are "to be restored to Germany" and Finland is "to become an independent kingdom and to be united with Sweden."

Apparently Professor Haeckel has it all provided for but, unfortunately for his reputation as a prophet, he has overlooked a few minor obstacles in the way of the fulfillment of his prophecy. In the first place the "invasion of England" can hardly be effected until after a certain gentleman named Jellicoe, with a rosy number of first class warships, has been accounted for, and, so far, the Germans have shown no disposition to start the accounting process. The conquest of the British colonies is also likely to prove less easy than Prof. Haeckel expects. Canada might not be in a position to avoid capture, if compelled alone to fight Germany, but in sporting parlance, we might "make it interesting" for a little while until the "shattered and dismembered" Empire could get rested up a bit.

The other predictions by Professor Haeckel are equally ridiculous. Before Germany can serve the bird she must first kill it and when it is considered that she is facing an array of enemies, immensely superior in men, money and resources, it may be imagined that the killing will not be so easy as expected. Despite Professor Haeckel's eminence as an educationalist and scientist there will be very many Canadians who, in all humility, will disagree with his forecast and will help to prove him wrong if need be. Meanwhile he might be excused on the plea that "too much learning hath made him mad."

EGYPT A PROTECTORATE.

If Great Britain had desired to disturb the delicate balance between the European nations prior to this war, and the relation they bore to the Ottoman Empire, she might, years ago, have done what she did last week and officially proclaimed Egypt a British protectorate. This proclamation merely made public to the world a condition which for years had existed. With Turkish participation in Germany's quarrel disappeared whatever reasons existed for the policy of reserve Britain had maintained toward Egypt, and now the land of the Pharaohs blossoms forth as a full fledged protectorate of the British Empire.

Under the new arrangement Egypt does not become an integral part of the British Empire, but it will emerge from the antiquated and abused Turkish suzerainty Abbas Hilmi, the Egyptian khedive foolishly threw his lot in with the Turks in their alleged "holy war." He has been displaced and in his stead appears Hussein Kema. It is expected the new official will "know his place."

This khedive, as a matter of form, will be "advised" by a British high commissioner, just as his predecessors were by Lord Cromer, Sir Eldon Gorst and Lord Kitchener. But to all intents and purposes, Egypt will be henceforth as much a part of the British empire as India, where there are still a number of shadowy protectorates, or British East Africa.

With Egypt and the Sudan in the north, British East Africa in the east, the Union of South Africa (along with what is now German Southwest Africa) in the south, and whatever she chooses to take in the west, Great Britain will soon have as much of the

great African continent as she would care to undertake to administer.

RELENTLESS GERMANY

If evidence were needed in support of the claim that Germany is relentless even to a devastated and impoverished enemy it is found in the despatch from Amsterdam which says that the German government has decreed that the kingdom of Belgium must pay \$7,000,000 per month for the maintenance of German troops and raise, as well, a war indemnity of \$75,000,000 as a penalty for alleged violations of neutrality and losses caused thereby to the German forces.

It is interesting to note that while Germany is said to be taking this action, the other nations, which do not claim to have a monopoly of the world's civilization or culture, are straining every effort to raise money with which to feed and succor the people of broken and ravaged Belgium. But the action of the relentless Prussian power will react.

When this war is over there should be imposed upon the German nation such a stupendous burden of debt and war tax, that never again will it be numbered as among the great ones of the earth. Even in the season of peace and good-will those who follow the golden rule and the doctrine of forgiveness will find it difficult to be charitable in their judgment of a nation which would permit the imposition of such an unfair tax upon shoulders so unequal to the burden.

WONDERFUL RECORD OF ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

In exceptional year Bank makes new high record For Cash on Hand—Business Well Maintained.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—In a year when the statements of the principal banks of Canada are being closely scrutinized in all the leading banking centers of the world, there is reason for congratulation that they should show, in some instances, exceptional strength and solidity.

To a very marked degree is this the case with the showing made by the Royal Bank of Canada, which is today sending out to shareholders its forty-fifth annual statement. For a number of years past the Royal Bank has been making such steady progress that shareholders have become somewhat accustomed to satisfactory statements, but what should be especially gratifying to them this year is that under the very unusual conditions that prevailed throughout the financial world the bank should have been able to make a record showing in the departments that make for strength, namely, in Cash on Hand and Liquid Assets.

It is, perhaps, owing to the peculiar conditions that prevail in this country, as a result of the European war, that the banks have found it advisable to keep themselves in a position that would enable them to help in any contingency that might arise, and in this way secure the real interests of the country at large. To what extent the Royal Bank has followed such a policy can be best appreciated from the general statement which shows that at the close of its fiscal year, November 30, 1914, the amount of cash on hand reached the high level of \$27,683,855, equivalent to such a large percentage as 17.93 per cent. of liabilities to the public. At the end of the previous year the cash on hand was equivalent to 13.83 per cent., so that for the year an increase of over \$6,000,000 is shown. The liquid assets, in which the cash on hand is also included, amount to \$71,244,677, equivalent to as much as 46.16 per cent. of liabilities to the public. The principal accounts included under this heading are:—Railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value, \$13,557,741; Canadian, Dominion, securities and public securities other than Canadian, \$2,185,062; cheques on other banks, \$5,752,485; balances due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada, \$3,144,592. In its valuation of its investments the bank has evidently followed its usual conservative policy, as this year an allowance for depreciation is made of a half million dollars. It would seem as though this allowance was only one of precaution, as in time the securities should more than make up the depreciation now being allowed.

Notwithstanding the general contraction which has occurred in business throughout Canada, more particularly in manufacturing, the volume of business done by the bank has been well maintained, the current loans amounting to \$34,585,972, as compared with \$36,989,390 at the end of the previous year, while other current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada show a very slight change, amounting to \$15,002,488, as compared with \$15,551,594.

PEJABSCOT LUMBER COMPANY WILL MAKE BIG CUT THIS YEAR

"Conditions at present are very favorable for lumbering operations on the Bay Shore," said Robert Connolly of Salmon River, who arrived in the city on Saturday, accompanied by J. A. B. Cowles, president of the Pejabscot Lumber Company, of which Mr. Connolly is manager. "Everything is frozen solid and we do not need snow yet a while," he added. "The weather has been very suitable for cutting, and we have been making excellent progress with our work."

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE. Us fellows was seeing which wun cood jump the ferthest awn a stand this afternoon, and Mrs. Winkle cam out to her front door saying, Boys, Mrs. Winkle being stinjer than any t'uther ladys awn the block put togethr.

She wants sumboddy to go a errind, lets pertend we ain't lissenin, sed Sam Krawas. And we kep on seeing which cood jump the ferthest awn a stand, wich skinny Martin cood awn akount of his legs, and Mrs. Winkle kep awn calling for a wife and then she cam down to ware we was jumpin, saying, Boys, my littel canary has escaped from his cage and hes awn the shed roof and I dont no how to get him and Im afrayed Ill lose him and hes 3 years old, O deer, wont you of you boys climb up and get him for me Id give anything rathr than lose my littel Willie. Id give anything, anything.

Ill get him, we awl sed. And we awl ran around to the back street and by the time we got there Mrs. Winkle was looking out of her settins room window, saying, Ony wun of you, now, ony wun of you, Willie has a very nervus temperment and I dont want him frined eny moar than necessary, enny Potts, sippose you climb up.

Wich I startid to do, the fellas awl saying, Haft awn watervir she gives you, haft awn watervir she gives you, and I climbed ovr the fence and up the rane apout, and the ferst thing I did awn the shed roof was to tare a big hole in my pants awn a nail, and the canary was settin awn the roof rite undr the window looking eround as if he didnt no how he got there, looking pritty dum for anything 3 years old, and Mrs. Winkle leened out of the window saying, Willie, Willie, isum frined, and I crawled along the roof and pickid him rite up in my hand and handid him to Mrs. Winkle and she startid to kiss him diskusting as anything.

Wate a minit and Ill reward you for rescuing my Willie, sed Mrs. Winkle. I toar my pants, to I sed. And I wated on the shed roof and Mrs. Winkle cam back with 3 marblis and handed them to me, saying, Heers sum nice marblis for you, my littel newfawm wud of left them her. Wich I took them, saying, Did you no I toar my pants.

Yes, I sed. And Mrs. Winkle, but maybe Ill find 2 or 3 moar marblis and if I do Ill save them for you. And I climbed down agen and the fellas was still wating out in the alleys, saying, Wate did she give you, wate did you get.

Three comins, I sed. And I showed the mibe marblis and they startid to go eround holdin there hands up to there heds and saying, Good nite, good nite. And Puds Sinkins had a pece of chawk and he rote awn Mrs. Winkles fets. She sed she wud give anything and she gave 3 comins. And then we awl went eround frunt agen, me with a big hole in my pants.

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NEWSY ITEMS FROM CARLETON COUNTY

Hartland, Dec. 18.—The farmers of this section should certainly enjoy a merry Christmas and stimulate the enjoyment of the feast by others, for the prices of all that the farm produces are far in advance of previous years. Loose hay in the barn at \$10, oats 50c, butter, eggs, pork, beef and poultry of all kinds at paying figures is the farmer's Christmas gift to those who have worked it intelligently during the past season. Potatoes is the only crop that at present is not yielding the return expected of it in the spring. A much larger acreage was planted than ever before, the farmers looking for a heavy demand and high prices. Today 60c per barrel is the highest figure offered for this product and the dealers rather scarce about buying even at that price. There has been an immense crop and the market at

ROYAL YEAST
IS BEST YEAST IN THE WORLD

ST. JOHN'S PASTOR CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Rev. L. Carney 30 years in Priesthood — Preparing for arrival of Artillery Column today.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, Dec. 20.—Rev. F. L. Carney, pastor of St. Dunstan's Catholic church here for the past fourteen years today celebrated his 30th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. Large congregations attended the various services.

He is a native of Loch Lomond, St. John county, where he was born Jan. 21st, 1859, and is a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Memramcook. Before coming to Fredericton he was stationed at the cathedral, St. John, Woodstock and Debec. His appointment to Fredericton pastorate was first made by the present Archbishop Casey of Vancouver, when he became bishop of St. John.

Christmas services were held in a number of churches today, but some of them will not have their Christmas services until next Sunday.

A light snow storm last evening was followed by a heavy downpour of rain during the night and cold weather today. The streets being covered with ice and making it very dangerous for pedestrians.

An advance party consisting of Q. M. Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Stevens arrived here on Saturday from St. John to assist Lieut. N. P. McLeod in arranging quarters for the divisional ammunition column from St. John on Monday.

The barracks at Infantry street is now about ready to accommodate the entire body of men composing the ammunition column and furniture is being placed in the officers' quarters for the accommodation of the officers of ammunition column of the 23rd and 24th batteries.

Col. T. M. Sealey, officer commanding 23rd field battery, received five large boxes from the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire in Moncton and Red Cross Society of Truro, N. S. on Saturday containing Christmas presents for men from these towns who are members of the battery. Artillerymen have another pay day before Christmas.

Col. Ingraham, officer commanding 24th battery, says that in all probability the transfer of men from 23rd to 24th battery would be made on Monday. He has not yet appointed any non-commissioned officers, but will do so this week. He expects a number of men will arrive here from different points in Nova Scotia on Monday to join the battery.

The net receipts of recent production of Plinatore by Fredericton Patriotic Club amounted to \$366.02 of which \$150 will be given to the patriotic fund in the Belgian relief fund and the balance to the central committee of the Daughters of the Empire. Expenses were unusually heavy, royalty, music, costumes, carpenter work, printing, duty on music and costumes amounting to over \$200.

The Fredericton Brass Band have a sacred concert at the Opera House tonight.

FINAL CHAPTER OF THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY AT UNIQUE TODAY

Answer to the Puzzle to be shown in three or four weeks time.

"The Documents in the Treasure Box," the twenty-third episode of The Million Dollar Mystery will mark the closing of the serial at the Unique Monday. It will be remembered that at the beginning of the story a prize offer of ten thousand dollars was offered for the best solution of the mystery. These have been coming in thick and fast the last few days to the Thanhouser Co. and the clearing up of the entire puzzle will be selected from the best answer at hand. Already the judges are hard at work deciding. As soon as the selection is made, the film will be produced and those who have been following the Million Dollar Mystery may expect to see just what happened to the fortune, the unmasking of Norton, the knowing butler, and the finding of Harroves, the missing millionaire, in three or four weeks' time when the Unique Theatre will present the solution. Today's episode is decidedly worth while.

Want Liquor Licenses.
So far thirty applications for liquor licenses have been received by the Inspector, J. B. Jones. The last day on which applications for licenses for the coming year will be received is December 28th.

Word has been received here of the untimely death of Mr. Thos. L. Stetson at the home of a relative in the Western States. He was shockingly burned by the explosion of a gas stove which wrecked the house he was in and death resulted. He once lived here and leaves a wife, a daughter of the late Rev. E. M. Siprell.

Mr. Wm. T. Gerald of the Bank of Commerce at Bath was recently dined at Day's Hotel, Bath, from whence he goes to Guelph, Ont., as manager of the bank at that place. A good program was carried out and the citizens presented him with a large cut glass pitcher in token of their esteem.

On a Visit to St. John.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy G. Hall are on a visit to Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. L. Jarvis. Mr. Hall, who has been manager of the Royal Bank branch at Bridgewater, N.S., has been appointed manager of the branch at Sydney, and will assume his duties there after the Christmas holidays.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY MARITIME FORWARD MOVEMENT

At an adjourned meeting of the "Maritime Forward" Movement, was held in the Town Hall, Amherst, Nova Scotia, December 18th, at 10 a. m., on motion D. A. Morrison appointed secretary.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. Walker, of Truro, seconded by F. W. McCulloch, of Truro:

Whereas, Efficiency of living can only be possible when the laws of hygiene and sanitation are fully observed.

Therefore Resolved, That this organization, having for its object a forward movement in the industrial life of these Maritime Provinces, would advocate these measures in the interest of public health which will lessen disease and increase the living efficiency of the people who are to be called upon to perform the labor required in utilizing and developing our resources;

Further Resolved, That the hearty cooperation of the Provincial and Federal Governments in public health work is desirable, and the establishment of a Federal Department of public health necessary to the success of this movement.

After some discussion this resolution was referred to a new executive.

A resolution moved by J. D. Armstrong, of Fredericton, N. B., seconded by A. H. Watmore, of St. John, N. B., was read by H. J. Logan as follows:

Resolved: That this convention urge the Governments of the Maritime Provinces to meet in convention with a committee of this convention and consider the propriety of appointing a technical commission, supplying them with adequate funds.

First—To obtain and tabulate information in regard to opportunities for export trade, and as far as possible, to facilitate trade by indicating to, and inducing financial institutions to supply the needed means of exchange and favorable traffic arrangements.

Second—To accumulate and render accessible to the public all sorts of manufacturing information including mining, mineral treatment, chemistry, and in fact, industrial research, and the encouragement of enterprise and co-operation.

Third—To see as far as possible that the Public Libraries include all sorts of technical literature.

Fourth—To make translations of technical information that may promise to be valuable.

Fifth—Under special authorization for the individual governments in their jurisdiction to test the possibilities of new resources and show how they may be exploited.

Sixth—That the publications should be in separate bulletin forms and distributed by the commission on condition of their donation, or on order by the governments.

That the idea of this resolution be approved by this convention and referred to the incoming executive for elaboration and amendment.

NEWCASTLE MAN THROWN FROM CARRIAGE AND BADLY INJURED

Newcastle, Dec. 19.—Contractor Peter A. Forsythe, of Whiteville, who was thrown out of his carriage, stunned and seriously injured internally, while returning from Whiteville Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoon about five o'clock, is very seriously ill, it being feared that his internal hurt is more serious than at first supposed. When he was turning in at his own gate his horse suddenly bolted, the wagon seat gave way and he and Mrs. Forsythe and their daughter were thrown out over the wheel. The two ladies were thrown on the ground and escaped with a bad shaking up, but Mr. Forsythe struck his left side just over the heart on a post and was rendered unconscious. Dr. Bestrom was hastily summoned and treated the injured man, but it was about 10 o'clock that night before the patient regained consciousness. He has suffered greatly ever since. Mr. Forsythe is well known throughout the county. He served in the county council as councillor for North Esk Parish.

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MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE HAS NARROW ESCAPE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Newcastle, Dec. 18.—Mayor C. J. Morrison is being heartily congratulated upon his narrow escape from death in an automobile accident yesterday. Going down Morrison Cove hill, near the Rossing mill on the outskirts of Chatham yesterday his auto skidded on the ice turned sideways and ran into a high bank almost upsetting. The Mayor, however, retained control of the machine, shut down the brakes and managed to get the auto turned round and back on the road. He was running only about ten miles an hour which helped to prevent a tragedy.



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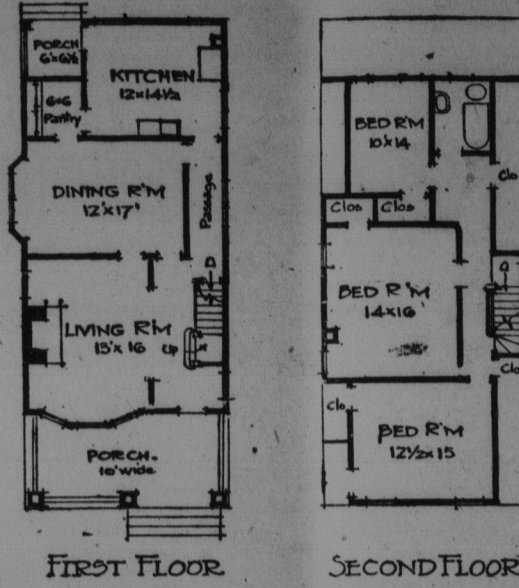
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FACES HEAVY PENALTY.

Charles Dickens, aged 34, was given in charge to Deputy Chief Jenkins Saturday morning by Lt. J. A. Legere. He is charged with "supplying liquor to a soldier on duty in the Armory, to wit, a square face of gin." The offence is

said to have taken place about 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The prisoner hails from Chatham and was honorably discharged from the service a few weeks ago, as his wife objected to his going to war. The penalty is a very heavy one, \$5,000 or imprisonment for not less than five years, or both penalties may be enforced.

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Millwork	40
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Plumbing, etc.	200
Carpenter work	350
Painting and Glazing	250
Hardware	60
Brickwork	175
Lumber	600
Hot air heating	111
Total	\$2,371

Clyde Smith Adams, Architect

Study these plans and read the announcements of business houses appearing on this page. Then act.

HAMPTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CLOSING

Hampton, Dec. 17.—Although the Hampton Consolidated School will not close for the Christmas and New Year vacation until tomorrow the public closing exercises were brought off this afternoon in the exhibition hall, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion, as were the blackboards in the several departments. A large number of the officials, clergy, parents and friends of the pupils were present, and greatly enjoyed the laudatory programme provided. This after the marching and singing of the children opened with a chorus "O, King of Kings," and was followed by the presentation of High School entrance certificates by Mr. S. H. Fiewelling to the pupils who had passed the necessary examinations, namely: Helen Hill, Annie Gallagher, Joseph Lawrence, Lois Evans, William Sharp, Gordon Mundie, Kelly Kennedy, Frank Seely, and Roy Chipman. A carol "Christmas Bells," was sung by High School pupils, and a recitation "Why Santa Claus is Troubled," by Lorimer Kierstead of Grade IV, and a pretty drill "Snow Flakes and Fairies," by children of the first four grades, followed.
The Rev. J. C. Mortimer presented highest standing certificates to the following pupils in the respective grades:
Grade XI.—1, Edward Harrington; 2, Ruth Humphrey and Edith Baxter, (tie).
Grade X.—1, Olive Seely; 2, Grace Frazer and Pearl Frazer, (tie).
Grade IX.—1, Annie Gallagher; 2,

GENERAL RUZSKY A DANDY AND A BRAVE MAN

General Ruzsky, who commanded the Russian army that overran Galicia, and became in consequence, the hero of the day in Russia, was conspicuous, as a young lieutenant, for the daintiness and elegance of his dress, says Youth's Companion. There is a story about him that shows that all famous soldiers do not have the same objection to foppishness in an officer ascribed to Lord Kitchener.
In the Russo-Turkish War of 1877, Ruzsky, then a young lieutenant, served as aide-de-camp on the staff of one of the Russian generals. In the heat of the Battle of Plevna he was ordered to take a despatch to the commander-in-chief, the famous Skobelief. He found Skobelief standing in a rather exposed position, surrounded by his staff. As young Ruzsky delivered his despatch, a shell from a Turkish battery struck the ground near by, and, exploding, flung a shower of dust and dirt over the party. Most of the officers involuntarily ducked their heads; but young Ruzsky stood firm and erect. Then, as calmly as if he were in a ballroom, he drew from his pocket a spotless linen handkerchief and flicked the dust from his immaculate uniform.
A smile of derision passed across the face of the staff officers; but Skobelief looked at the young lieutenant with sudden interest, and asked his name. "You will remain with me as a member of my staff," he said to the astonished young officer. "I'm in need of such men as you."
"When a soldier has such a keen regard before his fellow men that no danger can make him unconcerned

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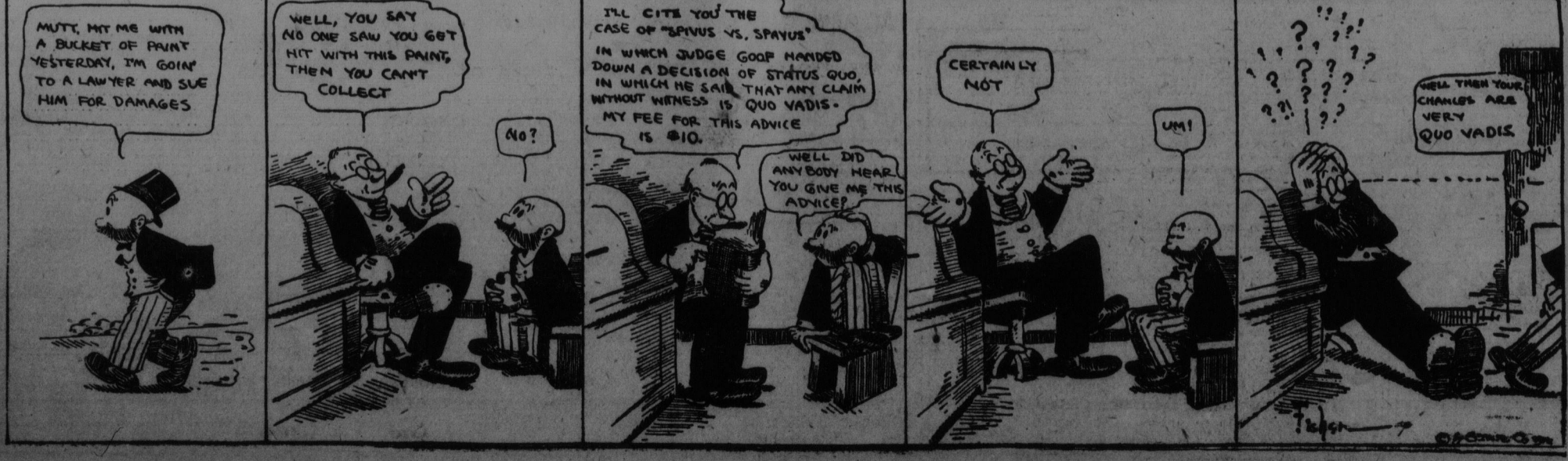
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Last Quarter, 10th
New Moon, 16th
First Quarter, 24th

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Financial And Commercial News And Notes

TRADING LIGHTEST SINCE REOPENING

Some of most important issues not Quoted at all - Opinion divided over Freight Rates decision.

New York, Dec. 19.—Trading in securities today was relatively lighter than at any other session since the recent resumption of business on the Stock Exchange. Some of the more important issues were not quoted at all and the speculative favorites changed hands in very small lots. The tone was steady at the outset, from which it became irregular, with nominal losses at the close.

The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission granting partial increases to railroads in the eastern territory was again the main topic of discussion, with considerable diversity of opinion as to its real significance. The fact that the roads had been denied the right to increase the rate in commodities which form the bulk of their tonnage caused disappointment. Apart from this, however, Wall street was disposed to view the outlook as a further indication of the Federal government's recognition of the needs of "big business."

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

(McDougal & Cowans.)	Open	High	Low	Close
Amal Cop	54 1/2	55	55 1/2	54
Am Beet Sug	31	31 1/2	31	31 1/2
Am Smelt	59	59	59	59
Anacostia	25 1/2	26	25 1/2	26
Atchafalaya	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Am Can	25 1/2	26	25 1/2	26
Brook Rap Tr	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Can Pac	157 1/2	158	157 1/2	157 1/2
Erie Com	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
Gr Nor Pfd	115	115	115	115
Lehigh Val	135	135 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
Miss Pac	104	104 1/2	104	104 1/2
NH and H	59	59	58 1/2	58 1/2
N Y Cent	88 1/2	89	88 1/2	88 1/2
Nor Pac	101 1/2	101 1/2	101	101
Press Ste	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
Reading Com	147 1/2	147 1/2	146 1/2	147
Sou Pac	84	84 1/2	84	84 1/2
Un Pac Com	117 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
U S Steel Com	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	105	105	105	105
U S Rub Com	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Westing Elec	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 19.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 75 to 74. OATS—Canadian western No. 2, 60 to 60 1/2; No. 3, 58 1/2 to 59; extra No. 1 feed, 59 1/2.

FLOUR—Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, \$6.70; seconds, \$6.20; strong bakers, \$4.00; winter patents, straight rollers, \$5.50 to \$5.60; straight rollers, bags, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

MILLFEED—Bran, 25; shorts, 27; middlings, 30; moulins, 32 to 33. HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, 13 to 12.

POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, 60.

N. Y. COTTON.

	High	Low	Close
Jan.	7.25	7.25	7.25
Mar.	7.57	7.48	7.54
May	7.74	7.63	7.70
July	7.88	7.79	7.87
Dec.	7.15	7.08	7.13

Spot 200, up ten points.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT of The Royal Bank of Canada

GENERAL STATEMENT 30TH NOVEMBER, 1914

LIABILITIES

Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 13,505,255.49
Notes not bearing interest	\$ 31,224,129.54
Deposits not bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	104,827,078.59
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	256,072.53
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	2,289,629.08
Bills Payable	744,389.55
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	1,481,717.92
	\$154,319,272.80
Capital Stock Paid in	11,560,000.00
Reserve Fund	12,560,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	13,174,062.25
Dividend No. 109 (at 12 per cent. per annum), payable Dec. 1st, 1914	346,800.00
Dividends Unclaimed	3,919.31
	\$179,404,054.36

ASSETS

Current Coin	\$12,995,483.75
Dominion Notes	12,688,371.25
	\$25,683,855.00
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves, for the purposes of the Circulation	578,000.00
Notes of other Banks	2,525,205.73
Cheques on other Banks	5,752,485.25
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	4,351.82
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	3,144,502.41
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	1,158,568.75
Canadian Municipal Securities and British and Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	2,185,052.60
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	13,557,741.12
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	8,574,058.06
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada	6,080,847.19
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$84,585,972.95
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	15,002,488.08
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	568,198.87
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	600,000.00
Bank Premises at more than cost, less amounts written off	5,861,180.37
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contract	1,481,717.92
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	59,818.18
	\$179,404,054.36

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, General Manager.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE. WE REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA: That we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us.

That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank. That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 30th November, 1914, as well as at another time, as required by Section 56 of the Bank Act, and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto.

That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

JAMES MARWICK, C. A. Auditors. S. ROGER MITCHELL, C. A. Members of the Firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co. Montreal, Canada, December 18th, 1914.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 29th November, 1913	\$ 1,015,119.58
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of Management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	1,886,142.67
	\$2,901,262.25
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:	
Dividend Nos. 106, 107, 108 and 109, at 12 per cent. per annum	1,387,200.00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account	250,000.00
Contribution to Patriotic Funds	50,000.00
Depreciation in Investments	500,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	614,062.25
	\$2,901,262.25

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, General Manager. Montreal, 18th December, 1914.

John Myrtle Leaf, and Kennebec, New York; Abbie Keast, Salm; Bluenose, Vineyard Haven.

HOTEL ARRIVALS Royal O W Nordin and wife, Nordin, N. B.; Mrs. Donahue, Mrs. McCarthy, River Glade; Lieut. Gov. Wood, Sackville; W A Brennan, P. E. I.; P B Hart, F Nicoll, A C Orr, Montreal; G G Byrnes, F E Pitts and wife, L P Burgess, Boston; F R Sumner, Mon-

ton; J A Fish, Toronto; T B Flint and wife, Ottawa; E N Perry and wife, Winnipeg; J Girvan, J A B Cowles, New York; R Connelly and wife, St. Salmon River; G F Drew, Brunswick; Me; J J Tompkins, Antigonish; A P Fletcher, Toronto; H M Wyde; Hal-

fax; F C Miller, London; J A Copp, Chicago; W C Bryce, Montreal; H Wall, Yarmouth; F F Tilden, Moncton; D Hinckley, Boston; F B Black and wife, Sackville; D Townsend, River Glade; H J Knight, Halifax; J Fish, Toronto.

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As the amount of \$225,000 of this issue has already been subscribed for, intending investors should make immediate application to the Provincial Secretary - Treasurer, Fredericton, or any branch of the Bank of Montreal in Canada. Investors would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain a safe investment paying a good rate of interest for high class securities.

Any further information can be obtained on application to the Office of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, at Fredericton.

D. V. LANDRY, Prov.-Secretary Treasurer, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer's Office, Fredericton, 4th Dec., 1914.



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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December Phases of the Moon Full Moon, 2nd 2h. 21m. p.m. Last Quarter, 10th 7h. 32m. a.m. New Moon, 18th 10h. 35m. p.m. First Quarter, 24th 4h. 25m. a.m.

Date	of W.	of S.	of N.	of E.	of W.	of S.	of N.	of E.
21 Mon	8.07	4.28	2.27	14.46	8.46	21.15		
22 Tue	8.08	4.40	3.20	15.39	9.37	22.06		
23 Wed	8.08	4.41	4.14	16.23	10.29	22.56		
24 Thu	8.09	4.41	5.08	17.28	11.23	23.47		
25 Fri	8.09	4.42	6.01	18.24		24.31		

The steamship Charterhouse, Captain Murchie, arrived in port about 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a long voyage from London. The ship is in ballast and left London on November 12th for Montreal. On account of heavy head winds and seas it took the ship ten days to make the trip from London to Liverpool, then came a tough voyage across the Atlantic with on head gale after another being encountered and this caused the progress of the steamer very slow. When the steamer arrived up the St. Lawrence river as far as the Sagunay about a week ago Captain Murchie received orders to proceed to St. John. The ship docked at the I. C. R. pier and will load hay and oats for Havre.

SHIP SAILS.

The large Norwegian ship Superior, which had been anchored in the harbor for some days, with a cargo of lumber, was towed to sea yesterday afternoon.

STEAMERS SAIL.

The Furness liner Sagamore, Capt. Penton, sailed yesterday morning for London via Halifax. The steamer Ellerslie, Capt. Whitefield, with a cargo of hay and oats, sailed for France Saturday.

The Royal Mail Packet Line Str. Chaudiere, Capt. Partridge, sailed Saturday for Demerara, West Indies, via Halifax, with mails, passengers and general cargo.

Line Str. Carthaginian, Capt. Ogilvie, reached St. John's, Nfld., on Tuesday, 15th, from Liverpool. She had a stormy passage out.

A St. Thomas, D. W. I., despatch of the 17th states that the Str. Kelvindale from Montevideo for New York, is ashore on Anegada Reef, on the island of Tortola. She is leaking badly and her cargo is being jettisoned. Tortola is the largest island of the British group.

A change has been made in the sailing date of the White Star-Dominion liner Zealand, which had been scheduled to leave Liverpool Saturday for Portland, but will not get away until Dec. 23, while her sailing from Portland has been changed from Jan. 2 to the 6th.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Saturday, Dec. 19th, 1914. Str. Ellerslie, Whitefield France. Wm. Thomson and Co. Str. Sagamore, Penton, London via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co. Str. Chaudiere, Partridge, Demerara, West Indies, via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co.

Arrived Sunday, Dec. 20. Str. Charterhouse, 1938, Muehle, London, bal, Wm Thomson and Co. Sailed. Str. Sagamore, Penton, London, via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co. Ship Superior, Great Britain.

FOREIGN PORTS

New York, Dec 17—Sid: Str. Ausonia, Glasgow. Ard Dec 17: Sch Brigadier, St. John. Saunderstown, Dec 17—Sid: Sch Earl of Aberdeen, Baltimore. Boston, Dec 17—Sid: Schs Fleetly, Bridgewater, N. S.; Mercedes, Clementsport, N. S. Portland, Dec 17—Ard: Str Eastling, Parraboro and sid. Sid Dec 17: Str Waal, Glasgow.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the light on the Brazil Rock gas and whistling buoy has been reported not burning. Will be relighted as soon as possible. CHAS. H. HARVEY, Agent Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that South West Ledge, Cape Sable, automatic gas and whistling buoy has been reported some distance out of position. Will be replaced as soon as practicable. CHAS. H. HARVEY, Agent Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Peases Island bell buoy is reported afloat. Will be replaced soon as possible. J. C. CHEESLEY, Agent Marine & Fisheries Dept. St. John, N. B., Dec. 16, 1914.

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BIG BALL LEAGUE GOSSIP

New York, Dec. 18.—Roger Bresnahan, the new manager of the Chicago Cubs, and President Charles Zimmerman would be the new third baseman of the Giants next season to assist Manager McGraw in his fight to win back the National League pennant from the Boston Braves.

There is nothing to the story that Zimmerman is to be traded to the Giants, said Bresnahan. "I consider that a great player, and you can bet that he will be with the Cubs next season."

President Thomas took up where Manager Bresnahan left off and declared that he would not part with Zimmerman for a whole team. "I think Zimmerman too valuable a player to trade," stated President Thomas, "and if any trade is made that involves the Chicago Cubs, Zimmerman will not be one of the players to figure in the deal."

But while Bresnahan and Thomas deny this trade there will be many arranged before the baseball magnates leave for their homes. Both the Highlanders and the Giants are to figure in deals, but what players are to be traded in them are not known.

CANNOT AGREE ON RACE DATE

New York, Dec. 18.—The triangular New York eight-oared shell race for the Childs Cup, which was arranged between Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Columbia as an annual affair, is off for the coming spring because of a disagreement as to the date. This will be a great disappointment to many rowing followers, as these three crews nearly always put up a good exhibition of oarsmanship. Columbia won the last race.

Pennsylvania was willing to row on any date, but Princeton insisted on either May 1 or May 22. The former date was early for the New Yorkers, as the Hudson in early spring is too rough for satisfactory practice, and they felt that they could not get in form to do themselves justice. Lake Carnegie and the Schuylkill both allow of very early spring shell rowing.

The later date was out of the question for the Blue and White, as the men will be in the midst of the final examination of the year. Columbia, named May 8, but the Tigers objected to this because it is a week before their race with Cornell and Yale, and the authorities thought that there was not sufficient time between. At the general meeting of the crew managers in Philadelphia, recently, the matter could not be straggled out, and it ended in a deadlock which has proved unbreakable since then. Columbia men are disappointed with the stand taken by Princeton.

FED. HURLERS CAN STILL USE THE EMERY BALL

New York, Dec. 18.—The now famous emery ball may be the answer to the great pitching which the Federal League produced last summer. The records show that taken as a whole, there was better twirling among the new league than in the older organizations. It is significant that many of the moundmen who pitched the best were "comebacks" who had suffered harsh handling by American and National League batsmen before they forsook the old love for the new. Cy Falkenberg's case is one in point. The lanky Cy is highly flattered by having it said of him that he pitched every mediocre ball for Washington some years back. He did fairly well for Cleveland later, but not well enough so he was sent to the American Association. Then Cleveland took him back. His return to the big leagues and to winning form was noteworthy.

Folks who know Falkenberg personally claim that it was he who invented the emery ball, and that his victorious campaign after a time in the minors was due to tossing a sandpapered sphere to the batters. Then Cy jumped to the Feds. His winning greatly outnumbered the defeats, and there was little effort to conceal the fact that Cy worked the emery ball overtime.

The Federal League has not declared against this scraping of a baseball by a piece of emery to afford the pitcher a better grasp which permits in turn better control, and there are Fed. players a-plenty who know positively of the emery ball having been used by their pitchers throughout the season.

THE THISTLE RINK
There will be a meeting of the Thistle curlers in the club house this evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of making arrangements for the curling on Christmas Day when the President will curl a match against the Vice-President. This match is always looked forward to with interest by the members. A great amount of repairs have been made to the rink this year especially to the sills and owing to the repairs the advantage of the recent cold snap could not be taken, but there is at present an excellent foundation laid and there will be excellent sheets of ice ready for the members on Christmas Day.

THE FIRST HOCKEY GAMES OF THE SEASON

Argos 8; Varsity 5
Toronto, Dec. 20.—Varsity and Argonauts took to the ice yesterday afternoon in an exhibition game in the first hockey fixture of the year. Both teams were in good shape, as they have been working out for the last two weeks. Argos pulled out ahead by a score of eight to five.

A Tie Game
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Although the match went ten minutes beyond the usual time, a tie score of two to two was the result of the hockey game here Saturday night between the Cleveland Athletic Club and the Riverdies of Toronto.

Wanderers Victorious
Montreal, Dec. 20.—Ushering in the local professional hockey season and incidentally marking the first game played on artificial ice in Montreal, the Wanderers earned their first victory when they defeated a team of all-stars at the Arena on Saturday night in an uninteresting game by a score of ten to three.

Bellevue was the only newcomer to the N. H. A. ranks tried by the all-star team. He played last season with the Crescents of Halifax and gives every promise of making good with the Flying Frenchmen. He played his wing well and has plenty of speed.

ONLY WHITE PUGILISTS CAN FIGHT

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 18.—The Wisconsin Boxing Commission today ruled against granting a permit to a local boxing club for a bout between Sam Langford and Sam McVey, negro feightweights, early in January. Permits for contests in Wisconsin, it is announced will be confined to white boxers.

BOBBY M'LEAN THE CHAMPION IS SUSPENDED

New York, Dec. 18. Allan I. Blanchard, President of the International Skating Association, explained today the action of that body in suspending Bobby McLean, Chicago, champion speed skater, pending investigation of charges that he had been receiving money for giving skating exhibitions at Chicago.

"The Western Skating Association repudiated the action of the parent body," said Mr. Blanchard, "but it probably did not understand the circumstances. It was really decided to refer the matter to the Western Skating Association for investigation, as McLean is a member of the Illinois A. C., which is under the jurisdiction of that body."

"Pending an investigation by the Western authorities, the International Skating Association decided to bar McLean from competing in any amateur event held under the auspices of the various clubs. From this it may be seen that the action of the Western Skating Association was a bit premature. If that body after investigation decided that McLean is not guilty of the charges, well and good. If they find that he is guilty they will turn in their report to the parent body and the skater will be promptly expelled."

W. A. HARRISON, Captain, Adjt. Divisional Ammunition Column.

JOHNSON RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington American League baseball club announced here Saturday that he had signed Walter Johnson, as pitcher for the Washington Americans with a three-year contract and that Johnson would play with Washington next season.

The manager and pitcher reached an agreement in an all-day conference. Johnson issued the following signed statement: "After a conference with Manager Griffith and legal authorities, I am convinced the option in my last year's contract with the Washington club was binding and I am going to return to the Washington ball club and fulfill my agreement and at the same time offer me by that club."

Griffith said Johnson's new contract called for a salary of \$12,500 a year for three years—an increase of \$500 over his last season's contract.

GOV. GENERAL INSPECTS TORONTO TROOPS

Toronto, Dec. 20.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught held a double inspection of battalion and brigade sections at Exhibition Park yesterday by special order issued by His Royal Highness as commander-in-chief, the review was cancelled, and an indoor inspection substituted. At 10.45 the Duke of Connaught arrived in two of Sir Henry Pellatt's touring cars. After holding a staff reception the Duke inspected the 19th and 20th Battalions successively in the Transportation Building. He lunched with the officers and made further inspection, expressing his satisfaction with the conditions at the camp.

BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, Dec. 20.—The football results for Saturday were as follows:
Scottish League.
Airdrie 0, Celtic 1.
Queens 0, Hearts 4.
Falkirk 2, Morton 0.
Rangers 5, Motherwell 0.
Clyde 1, Partick 3.
Hibernians 3, St. Mirren 2.
Ayr 2, Dumbarton 1.
Raith Rovers 1, Third Lanark 1.
Hamilton 0, Hibernian 0.
Aberdeen 3, Kilmarnock 0.

English League.
First Division—
Aston Villa 3, Manchester United 3.
Bradford City 5, West Bromwich 0.
Burnley 2, Sheffield Wednesday 3.
Chelsea 2, Everton 0.
Liverpool 1, Oldham 2.
Manchester City 2, Bradford 3.
Middlesbrough 1, Blackburn 4.
Newcastle 1, North County 1.
Sheffield United 3, Bolton 1.
Tottenham 8, Sunderland 6.

Second Division—
Barnsley 2, Leeds 1.
Blackpool 4, Fulham 2.
Bristol 2, Birmingham 3.
Hydresfield 3, Grimsby 1.
Preston 1, Derby 3.
Wolverhampton 4, Stockport 1.

Southern League.
Gillingham 0, Plymouth 0.
Cardiff 1, Dartmouth 0.
South End 0, Millwall 0.
Crystal Palace 2, Queens Park 2.
Exeter 1, Southampton 2.
Norwich 0, West Ham 0.

English Qualifying Cup.
Goal 2, Chesterfield 0.
Lincoln 4, Rotherham County 0.
Notts Forest 4, Shrewsbury 1.
Bristol Rovers 3, Boscombe 0.
North Shields 1, South Shields 2.
Glossop 2, Coventry 1.
Swansea 1, Leicestershire 0.
Rochdale 0, Watford 0.
Carlisle 0, Darlington 1.
Luton 5, Bromley 1.
Creighton 4, Barnet 0.
Merthyr 4, Beclas 0.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made only in the case of a homesteader who is absent from the district. Entry by proxy may be made only in the case of a homesteader who is absent from the district. Entry by proxy may be made only in the case of a homesteader who is absent from the district.

NOTICE

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the name of Cooper & Alexander has this day been mutually dissolved. Mr. E. Cooper has taken over the business and has become responsible for all the liabilities of the firm of Cooper & Alexander.

TIMBER LAND FOR SALE

Sailed tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received until December 24th, 1914, for the purchase of Timber Land comprising approximately eighty acres of heavy spruce timber on Gardner's Creek, St. John County, N. B., one half mile from wharf. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the East side of the Bay, River and Harbor, heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, and also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1915.

SEALED TENDERS

addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Renewal of Boiler of Dredge P. W. D. No. 3 'Restigouche'" will be received at this office until 4.00 P. M. on Tuesday, January 5, 1915, for the renewal of boiler of Dredge P. W. D. No. 3 'Restigouche'.

Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the offices of A. Kastella, Esq., Mechanical Superintendent, Birks Building, Ottawa, Ont.; J. K. Blenkinsop, Esq., Superintendent of Dredges, St. John, N. B.; C. E. W. Dedywell, Esq., District Engineer, Halifax, N. S.; and J. T. Nickerson, Esq., Insp. of Dredges, Liverpool, N. S.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence, in the case of firms, the actual signature of the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. The tender not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order, R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 12, 1914.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.—71467

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years, renewable at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton, plus one per cent of the net proceeds of the coal mined and sold on the premises. Royalty, five cents per ton, plus one per cent of the net proceeds of the coal mined and sold on the premises.

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W. W. COY, Deputy Minister of the Interior, N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—44585

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 29th January, 1915, for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails, on the proposed contract for four years, 3 times per week each way, between Belleisle Creek and No. 2 Rural Mail Route, from the pleasure Postmaster General.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Belleisle Creek and route offices, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

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WANTED—First Class Cook to serve with Second Contingent. Applicants report to room 33, Royal Bank Building after ten a. m.

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WANTED—A woman for one week to attend three children by day. Apply 49 North street.

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FISHING PRIVILEGE FOR SALE. Tenders will be received up to and including December 31st, 1914, for the lease of our weir fishing privilege, Strait Shore, from January 1st, 1915, to 1st December, 1915. Terms cash on acceptance of tender.

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"The Million Dollar" will run for twenty-two columns in this paper. By an order of the Publishers Film company made possible not only to in this paper but also to in the various news papers of the world. The selection of this \$10,000 will be given by Film corporation.

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The MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY

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"The Million Dollar Mystery" story will run for twenty-two consecutive weeks in this paper. By an arrangement with the *Thames* Film company it has been made possible not only to read the story in this paper but also to see it each week in the various motion picture theaters. For the solution of this mystery story \$10,000 will be given by the *Thames* Film corporation.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE CONTEST.

The prize of \$10,000 will be won by the man, woman, or child who writes the most acceptable solution of the mystery, from which the last two reels of motion picture drama will be made and the last two chapters of the story written by Harold MacGrath.

Solutions may be sent to the *Thames* Film corporation at 5 South Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill., or *Thames* Film corporation, 71 West Twenty-third street, New York City, N. Y., any time up to midnight, Jan. 24, 1916. This allows several weeks after the last chapter has been published.

A board of three judges will determine which of the many solutions received is the most acceptable. The judges are to be Harold MacGrath, Lloyd Lonergan, and Miss Mae Tince. The judgment of this board will be absolute and final. Nothing of a literary nature will be considered in the decision, nor given any preference in the selection of the winner of the \$10,000 prize. The last two reels, which will give the most acceptable solution to the mystery, will be presented in the theaters having this feature as soon as it is possible to produce the same. The story corresponding to these motion pictures will appear in the newspapers coincidentally, or as soon after the appearance of the pictures as practicable. With the last two reels will be shown the pictures of the winner, his or her home, and other interesting features. It is understood that the newspapers, so far as practicable, in printing the last two chapters of the story by Harold MacGrath, will also show a picture of the successful contestant.

Solutions to the mystery must not be more than 100 words long. Here are some questions to be kept in mind in connection with the mystery as an aid to a solution:

No. 1—What becomes of the millionaire?
No. 2—What becomes of the \$1,000,000?
No. 3—What does Florence marry?
No. 4—What becomes of the Russian countess?
Nobody connected either directly or indirectly with "The Million Dollar Mystery" will be considered as a contestant.

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Stanley Hargrave, millionaire, after a marvellous escape from the den of the gang of brilliant thieves known as the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for eighteen years. Hargrave accidentally meets Braine, leader of the Black Hundred. Knowing Braine will try to get him, he escapes from his own home by a balloon. Before escaping he writes a letter to the girl's school where eighteen years before he mysteriously left on the doorstep his baby daughter, Florence Gray. That day Hargrave also draws \$1,000,000 from the bank, but it is reported that this dropped into the sea when the balloon he escaped in was punctured.

Florence arrives from the girl's school. Countess Olga, Braine's companion, visits her and claims her as a relative. The Black Hundred then see a means of making Florence a target for their attacks. They are after the \$1,000,000, and Braine, their leader, sets traps for Florence.

The Black Hundred, after a number of attempts, fail, due to the wisdom of Jones, the Hargrave butler, and Norton, a newspaper man.

Convinced of the readiness of the Black Hundred, a man learns of the recovery of the box from the sea by a sailor and of its subsequent return to the bottom of the sea, and he quickly communicates the fact to Jones. A duplicate box is planted and later secured by the hand, but before its contents are examined the box mysteriously disappears.

Finding himself checkmated at every turn, Braine endeavors to crush the Hargrave household in the law in order to gain free access to the house. The timely discovery of the plot by Norton sets the police at the heels of the pack and results in a raid on the gang's rendezvous, which, however, proves to be barren of results.

The Black Hundred begin to fear Norton and plan to dispose of him. Again the unsuspecting butler shows his hand by revealing Norton and defeating Braine.

Florence secures a mysterious paper which is of vital importance to her father's safety. Braine loses hope of securing the \$1,000,000 and turns to revenge.

Henri Servan is given documentary evidence against the Black Hundred. They try to get it from him by a clever ruse, but again Jones beats them to it.

CHAPTER XXIII.

A NIGHT OF ADVENTURE.

THE federal government agreed to say nothing, to put no obstacles in the way of the Russian agent, provided he could subject his trio without seriously clashing with the New York police authorities. It was a recognized fact that the local police force wanted the newspaper glory which would attend the crushing of the Black Hundred. It would be an exploit. But their glory was nil; nor did Servan take his trio back with him to Russia.

Many strange things happened that night, the night of the final adventure.

Florence sat in her room reading. The book was "Oliver Twist," not the pleasant sort of book to read under the existing circumstances. Several times she had reached the place where Fagin overheard Nancy's confession—she fancied she heard doors closing softly, but credited it to her imagination. Poor Nancy, who wanted to be good but did not find time to be! Florence possessed a habit familiar to most of us: the need of apples or candy when we are reading. So she rang the bell for her maid, intending to ask her to bring up some apples. She turned to her reading, presently to break off and strike the bell again. Where was that maid? She waited perhaps five minutes, then laid down the book and began to investigate.

There was not a servant to be found in the entire house! What in the world could that mean? Used as she was to heartrending suspense, she was none the less terrified. Something had taken the servants from the house. From whence was the danger to come this time. Where was Jones? Why did he not return as he had promised? It was long past the hour when he said he would be back.

She went into the library and picked up the telephone. She was told that Mr. Norton was out on an assignment, but that he would be notified the moment he returned. She opened the automatic but did not take it up. She left the drawer open, however.

Earlier in the newspaper office that night, Jim went into the managing editor's office and laid a bulky manuscript on that gentleman's desk.

"Is this it?"

"It is," said Jim.

"You have captured them?"

"No; but there is a net about them from which not one shall escape. There's the story of my adventures, of the adventures of Miss Hargrave and the butler, Jones. You'll find it exciting reading. You might just as well send it up to the composing room. At midnight I'll telephone the introduction. It's a scoop. Don't worry about that."

The editor rifled the pages.

"A hundred and twelve pages, 300 words to the page; man, it's a novel!"

"It'll read like one."

"Sit down for a moment and let me skim through the first story."

At the end of ten minutes the editor laid

leasly, looking out of windows, imagining forms in the shadows. Her imagination had not deceived her; she had heard doors close softly.

"Susan, Susan!" she murmured; but Susan was in the hospital.

Oliver Twist! What had possessed her to start reading that old tale again? She should have read something of a light and joyous character. After half an hour's wandering about the lonely house she returned to the library, feeling that she would be safer where both telephone and revolver were.

And while she sat waiting for she knew not what, her swiftly beating heart sending the blood into her throat so that it almost suffocated her, a man turned into the street and walked resolutely toward the Hargrave place. He passed a man leaning against a lamp post, but he never turned to look at him.

"Don't you know me?" asked the stranger in a singularly pleasant voice.

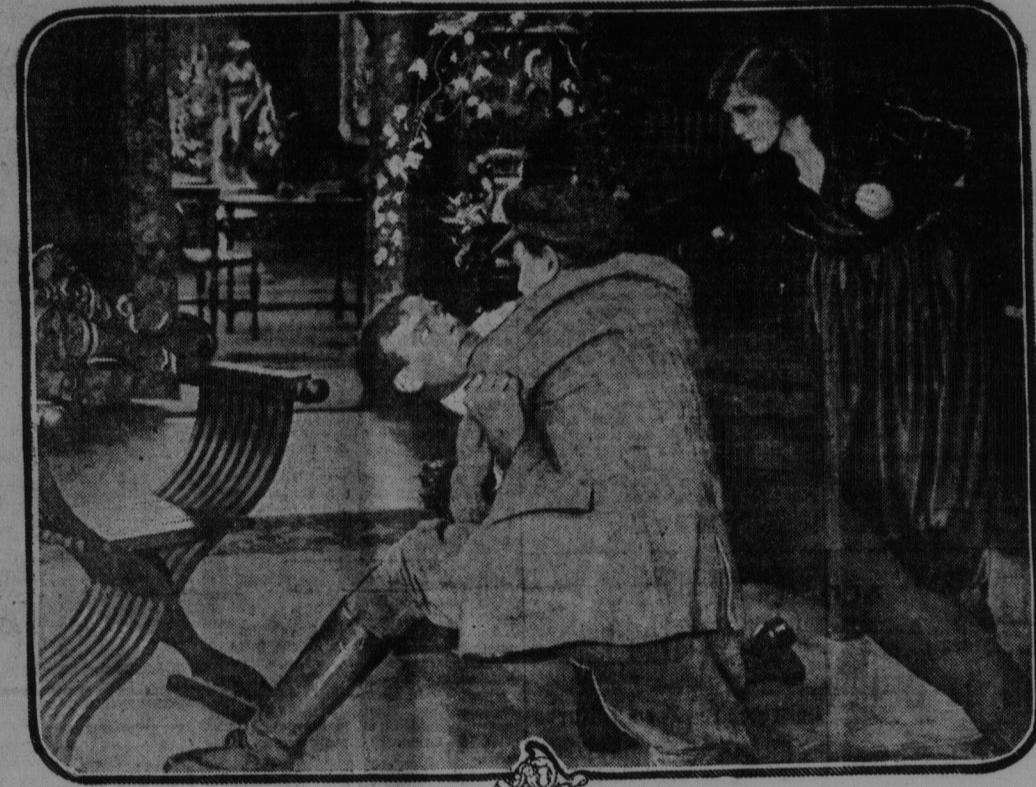
Florence had been imposed upon too many times. She shook her head defiantly, though her knees shook so that she was certain that the least touch would send her over.

"I am your father, child!"

Florence slipped unsteadily behind the desk and seized the revolver which lay in the drawer. The man by the curtains smiled sadly. It was a smile that caused Florence to waver a bit. Still, she extended her arm.

"You do not believe me?" said the man, advancing slowly.

"No, I have been deceived too many times, sir. Stay where you are. You will wait here till my butler returns. O, if I were only sure!" she burst out suddenly and passionately. "What proof have you that you are what you say?"



JIM MANAGED TO FLOO BRINE



THE ESCAPE OF COUNTESS OLGA.

Liverpool, together with innumerable continental tickets such as are issued to tourists.

"Why two?" asked Jim innocently.

"Forget it, my boy, forget it. You ought to know that in this office we don't employ blind men. The whole staff is on. There you are, a fat check and three months' vacation. Go and get married; and if you return before the three months are up I'll fire you myself on general principles."

Jim laughed happily and the two men shook hands. Then Jim went forth to complete the big assignment. Five minutes later Florence called him up to learn that he had gone.

What should she do? Jones had told her to stay in the house and not to leave it. But where was he? Why did he not come? What was the meaning of this desertion by the servants? She wandered about aim-

This man, however, threw away his cigar and hot footed it to the nearest pay station. He knew in his soul that he had just seen the man for whom they had been hunting all these weary but strenuous weeks—Stanley Hargrave in the flesh! Half an hour after his telephone message the chief of the Black Hundred and many lesser lights were on their way to the house of mystery. Had they but known!

Now, the man who had created this tremendous agitation went serenely on. He proceeded directly and fearlessly to the front door, produced a latch key and entered. He passed through the hall and reception room to the library and paused on the threshold, dramatically. Florence stepped back with a sharp cry of alarm. She had heard the hall door open and close and had taken it for granted that Jones had returned.

There was a tableau of short duration.

He came toward her, holding out his hands. "This, this you cannot shoot me. Ah, the damnable wretches! What have they done to you, my child, to make you suspicious of every one? How I have watched over you in secret! I will tell you what only Jones and the reporter know, that the aviator died, that I alone was rescued, that I gave Norton the five thousand, that I watched the windows of the Russian woman, and overheard nearly every plot that was hatched in the council chamber of the Black Hundred; that I was shot in the arm while crossing the lawn one night. And now we have the scoundrels just where we want them. They will be in this house for me within half an hour, and not one of them will leave it in freedom. I am your father, Florence; I am the lonely father who has spent the best years of his life away from you in order to secure your

safety. Can't you feel the truth of all this?"

"No, no! Please do not approach any nearer; stay where you are!"

At that moment the telephone rang. With the revolver still leveled she picked up the receiver.

"Hello, hello! Who is it? . . . O, Jim, Jim, come at once! I am holding a man here who says he is my father. Hold him where he is, you say? All right, I will. Come quick!"

"Jim!" murmured the man, still advancing. He must have that revolver. The poor child might spoil the whole affair. "So what Jones tells me is true: that you are going to marry this reporter chap?"

She did not answer.

"With or without my consent?"

"If only he would drop that fearless smile! She thought, "With or without anybody's consent," she said.

But the entrance of Jim, dragging Braine after him, shocked all the banter out of the countess. She turned and rushed madly for the stairs, without having the least idea how she was to manage an escape from the upper stories. She had thought Braine free. As she flew up the steps all the past returned, all her warnings to that stubborn man. This was the end . . . Russia! The horrors of the cold and the deadly damps of the mines . . . forever!

Jim, still holding the battered conspirator, watched her flight in amazement. He could not understand till he pushed Braine into the library and the revolting odor assailed his nostrils. What these fumes were he was never to know, but they proved to be transitory. Five minutes sufficed to bring all back to their senses. For the while they forgot Olga.

"This man is mine," said Servan, nodding toward Braine.

"He's yours without charge," said Jim. "I am an American citizen," said Braine, who, realizing what the future held, readily preferred a long prison term in America to the horrors of Russian exile.

"Your certificate has been destroyed," said Servan, "and the state department considers your papers void because you obtained them under false oaths. You are an undesirable citizen; and the republic is happy to learn that you will be taken off its hands."

"And because," added Norton, "you have laid too many mines in the blackmailing business, and the government does not propose to have them made known to the public through a long and useless trial. It was a long run, old top; but right is right. And by the way, I want you to meet Mr. Jeddson, formerly of Scotland Yard."

He indicated Jones, who started.

"Yes," went on the reporter, "I recognized him long ago."

"It is true," said Hargrave, taking Jones' hand in his own. "Fifteen years ago I employed him to watch my affairs, and very well has he done so. And to you, you wretch, turning upon the haggard Braine, 'listen: there is a million, and you have been within a foot of it a dozen times. It has been under your very nose. Do you remember Poe's 'Purloined Letter'? Ha! Under your very nose, within touch of your hand! Now, take him away, Mr. Servan. The police will be satisfied with the prisoners they have."

So, presently, Hargrave, Jones, Florence, and Jim were alone. That smile which had revealed to Florence her father's identity stole over his face again. He put his hand on Jim's shoulder and beckoned to Florence.

"Are you really anxious to marry this young man?"

Florence nodded.

"Well, then, do so. And go to Europe with him on your honeymoon; and as a wedding present to you both, for every dollar that he has I will add a hundred; and when you get tired of travel you will both come back here to live. The Black Hundred has ceased to exist."

"And now," said Jones, shaking his shoulders.

"Well?" said Hargrave.

"My business is done. Still—" Jones paused.

"Go on," said Hargrave soberly.

"Well, the truth is, sir, I've grown used to you. And if you'll let me play the butler till the end I shall be most happy."

"I was going to suggest it."

Norton took Florence by the hand and drew her away.

"Where are you taking me?" she asked.

"I'm going to take this pretty hand of yours and put it fat upon \$1,000,000. And if you don't believe it, follow me."

She followed.

"What in the world can I say to you to convince you?" he cried. "The trap is set; but if Braine and his men come and find us like this, good heaven, child, we are both lost! Come, come!"

"Stay where you are!"

At that moment she heard a sound at the door. Her gaze roved; and it was enough for the man. He reached out and caught her arm. She tried to tear herself loose.

"My child, in God's name, listen to reason! They are entering the hall and they will have us both."

Suddenly Florence knew. She could not have told you why; but there was an appeal in the man's voice that went to her heart.

"You are my father!"

"Yes, yes! But you're found it out just a trifle too late, my dear. Quick; this side of the desk!"

Braine and his men dashed into the library. Olga entered leisurely.

"Both of them!" yelled Braine exultantly. "Both of them together, what luck!"

There was a sharp, fierce struggle; and when it came to an end Hargrave was trussed to a chair.

"Ah, so we meet again, Hargrave!" said Braine.

Hargrave shrugged. What he wanted was time.

"A million! We have you. Where is it, or I'll twist your heart before your eyes."

"Father, forgive me!"

"I understand, my child."

"Where is it?" Braine seized Florence by the wrist and swung her toward him.

"Don't tell him, father; don't mind me," said the girl bravely.

Braine, smiling his old evil smile, drew the girl close. It was the last time he ever touched her.

"Look!" screamed Olga.

Every one turned, to see Jones' face peering between the curtains. There was an ironic smile on the butler's lips. The face vanished.

"After him!" cried Braine, releasing Florence.

"After him!" mimicked a voice from the hall.

The curtains were thrown back suddenly. Jones appeared, and Jim and the Russian agent and a dozen policemen. Tabloul!

Braine was the only man who kept his head. He forced Norton, smashed a window, and leaped out. The blow dazed Norton, but he was on his feet almost instantly and followed Braine through the window. Across the lawn the two sped, with an exchange of shots which emptied both auto-

matics but did no damage. Braine headed for his auto. He jumped in, only to be hauled out again by the furious reporter. A hand to hand fight followed; and the clean life of the reporter told.

"There, my angelic friend, I believe that the game is up. There is one shot left in this automatic. If you make any attempt to escape, I'll let you have it; not to kill but to disable. You and your precious countess will sail tomorrow morning for the Baltic, and from there you will go to the lead mines." He dragged his prisoner toward the house.

"Your troubles are over, my child," said Hargrave, as he pressed Florence to his heart.

"And mine have begun," murmured the countess. "But I have still one shot."

The police stood encircling her. Calmly she opened her handbag and took out her handkerchief. It was a thick and heavy silk one. Swiftly she unscrewed the top of her walking stick (it will be seen that the carrying of it was not an affectation), extracted a vial and . . . violently to the floor. An overpowering sweet odor filled the room. Jones, knowing how deeply versed Braine was in oriental poisons and narcotics, made a desperate but futile effort to tear down a curtain to throw over the liquid; but even in the effort he felt his senses going. The last he was conscious of was a mocking laugh.

But the entrance of Jim, dragging Braine after him, shocked all the banter out of the countess. She turned and rushed madly for the stairs, without having the least idea how she was to manage an escape from the upper stories. She had thought Braine free. As she flew up the steps all the past returned, all her warnings to that stubborn man. This was the end . . . Russia! The horrors of the cold and the deadly damps of the mines . . . forever!

Jim, still holding the battered conspirator, watched her flight in amazement. He could not understand till he pushed Braine into the library and the revolting odor assailed his nostrils. What these fumes were he was never to know, but they proved to be transitory. Five minutes sufficed to bring all back to their senses. For the while they forgot Olga.

"This man is mine," said Servan, nodding toward Braine.

"He's yours without charge," said Jim. "I am an American citizen," said Braine, who, realizing what the future held, readily preferred a long prison term in America to the horrors of Russian exile.

"Your certificate has been destroyed," said Servan, "and the state department considers your papers void because you obtained them under false oaths. You are an undesirable citizen; and the republic is happy to learn that you will be taken off its hands."

"And because," added Norton, "you have laid too many mines in the blackmailing business, and the government does not propose to have them made known to the public through a long and useless trial. It was a long run, old top; but right is right. And by the way, I want you to meet Mr. Jeddson, formerly of Scotland Yard."

He indicated Jones, who started.

"Yes," went on the reporter, "I recognized him long ago."

"It is true," said Hargrave, taking Jones' hand in his own. "Fifteen years ago I employed him to watch my affairs, and very well has he done so. And to you, you wretch, turning upon the haggard Braine, 'listen: there is a million, and you have been within a foot of it a dozen times. It has been under your very nose. Do you remember Poe's 'Purloined Letter'? Ha! Under your very nose, within touch of your hand! Now, take him away, Mr. Servan. The police will be satisfied with the prisoners they have."

So, presently, Hargrave, Jones, Florence, and Jim were alone. That smile which had revealed to Florence her father's identity stole over his face again. He put his hand on Jim's shoulder and beckoned to Florence.

"Are you really anxious to marry this young man?"

Florence nodded.

"Well, then, do so. And go to Europe with him on your honeymoon; and as a wedding present to you both, for every dollar that he has I will add a hundred; and when you get tired of travel you will both come back here to live. The Black Hundred has ceased to exist."

"And now," said Jones, shaking his shoulders.

"Well?" said Hargrave.

"My business is done. Still—" Jones paused.

"Go on," said Hargrave soberly.

"Well, the truth is, sir, I've grown used to you. And if you'll let me play the butler till the end I shall be most happy."

"I was going to suggest it."

Norton took Florence by the hand and drew her away.

"Where are you taking me?" she asked.

"I'm going to take this pretty hand of yours and put it fat upon \$1,000,000. And if you don't believe it, follow me."

She followed.

[This is the last chapter of "The Million Dollar Mystery" that will appear until after the \$10,000 prize has been awarded, when the concluding chapters, written by Mr. MacGrath from the best solution offered, will be published.]

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Winds becoming variable, fair and moderately cold. Washington, Dec. 20.—Forecast: Northern New England—Show and somewhat warmer Monday. Tuesday clearing; fresh west winds. Toronto, Dec. 20.—The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion and for the most part cold.

Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION

W. B. Tennant, Chairman. Phone Main 484. C. Earle Logan, Secretary. Phone Main 1300.

Fire Alarm Glass Broken

The police report that the glass in fire alarm box 63 on Erin street is broken. This is the second time that some person has broken the glass in this box.

A Family "Jar"

Last night Policeman Armstrong was called to a house on Pond street to quell a disturbance. When the officer arrived on the scene he found that the trouble was caused by an uncle chastising some of his sister's young children, when two of the older boys, aged about fifteen and sixteen years, took the part of the younger ones. Peace was restored and the officer left the home.

Buried Yesterday

The funeral of the late James McAllister took place at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from his residence, 341 City Road. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. McVicker and Rev. J. J. McCaskill. A quartette from St. Andrew's church was present and sang two hymns. The members of St. Andrew's Society attended the funeral in a body. The interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

For the North Sea Sailors.

H. C. Wetmore, Commodore of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, has issued a call for the members to meet tonight to consider the matter of assisting the sailors of the fleets in northern waters. Admiral Jellicoe has made an urgent appeal for rubber boots, oilskins, etc., for these men. A member of the club has offered an automobile to be disposed of by lottery under the auspices of the club. The proceeds to be devoted to these men. The matter will be brought up tonight.

PEOPLE OF COUNTY ENDORSE HON. MR. BAXTER

Beaconsfield and Lorneville voters united in support of new Attorney General.

The rooms of the Conservative Club at Dufferin Row were crowded Saturday night and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, who has been recently made a member of the new government of New Brunswick, was promised the support of the wide-awake electors of that district. The people of Beaconsfield have endorsed Hon. Mr. Baxter and his selection as a member of the provincial cabinet. The feeling of the meeting was that Hon. Mr. Baxter would have few opposing ballots should an opposition candidate be put in the field.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter was in Lorneville Saturday evening and was given a hearty reception.

Liberals as well as Conservatives congratulated him on his new honors and promised support should an election be made necessary by opposition. The voters of Lorneville as well as the other voters in the county, realize that Hon. Mr. Baxter has their interests at heart and that as a member of the government he will more than ever be able to advance the interests of his constituents.

All Support Mr. Baxter

The Standard on Friday published an account of a meeting of the electors of Simonds No. 3 at Mayall's on Thursday night when it was shown that the people of the district almost to a man were behind Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and that they would endorse him at the polls, should there be an election on January 7.

At the meeting the organization of Simonds No. 3 was completed and J. W. Willis elected secretary.

Through a mistake in transcribing his notes the Standard reporter used the name of Mr. Willis as seconder of a resolution. W. J. Johnston seconded the resolution in question which was moved by Thomas P. Jordan.

Mr. J. H. Drummond arrived in the city on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays after which he will return to his duties as instructor in Harkins' Academy, Newcastle.

TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Hon. Mr. Baxter, John A. Barry and others will address the electors of Beaconsfield in the Conservative Club rooms, 19 Dufferin Row, tonight at 7.30 o'clock. At eight o'clock they will speak in the Temperance Hall, Main street, Fairville, and at 8.45 in Peck's Hall, East St. John.

THREE CHURCH PARADES BY SOLDIERS YESTERDAY; RECEPTION IN THE ARMORY

Men of Second Contingent made fine appearance—Many visitors to the Armory—Divisional Ammunition Column leaves today—A busy Saturday.

Sunday was marked by three parades of soldiers to church, each parade representing a different arm of the service. Officers and members of the 26th Battalion paraded to Centenary church to attend morning service, while those of the Roman Catholic faith proceeded to the Cathedral. Members of the Divisional Ammunition Column from Reid's Point to St. Mary's church, and the members of the Army Service Corps stationed on the West Side paraded to the Carlton Methodist church, the Roman Catholic unit going to the Church of the Assumption.

The 26th Battalion was accompanied by the 62nd Band and City Cornet Band, and made an imposing turn out. The main auditorium of Centenary church was reserved for the soldiers, pewholders taking seats in the gallery. Special music was a feature of the service for the soldiers. In addition to anthems by a large choir there was a duet by Mrs. A. F. Crockett and C. W. Skelton, "Love Divine" (Stainer), which was rendered with great effect. Rev. W. H. Barraclough conducted the service, and Rev. W. G. Lane, a chaplain to His Majesty's forces, preached the sermon, which was forceful and appropriate.

The Divisional Ammunition Column was accompanied to St. Mary's church by St. Mary's Band. The services they attended was conducted by Archdeacon Raymond, chaplain of the 3rd Regiment, who also preached the sermon.

The church parade of the Army Service Corps was taken part in by the Carlton Cornet Band. There were over one hundred men in line, and the parade attracted a lot of attention from the people of the West Side. At the Carlton Methodist church, to which the main body of Corps went, Rev. H. B. Thomas conducted the service and preached the sermon, taking his text from Ephesians 6:17: "The sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." He spoke of the high place which the Bible had occupied in our national life, and said it was a necessary part of the equipment of a Christian soldier. In connection with the service there was special music by the choir and a solo by Mrs. Murray Long.

Band Concert at Armory.

Yesterday afternoon the 62nd Band gave a band concert at the Armory, and while the officers entertained their relatives and friends the Armory

SHIP BOUND TO THIS PORT STRUCK MINE

Donaldson liner Tritonic supposed to have foundered off North of Ireland—Crew saved.

A despatch from London dated December 20, at 9.10 p. m. is as follows: "The British steamer Tritonic, of the Donaldson line, struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland Saturday morning and is believed to have foundered according to an announcement made today by the Admiralty. The crew of the steamer was saved."

The Tritonic was bound from Partington for St. John, N. B. The Tritonic is one of the Donaldson line steamships and is well known in this port, having been plying between St. John and Glasgow for a number of seasons during the winter, and from Montreal in the summer. She is a ship of 2700 tons, and has been commanded by Captain Murray, but it could not be learned last night if Captain Murray was in command yesterday when she met with disaster. This is the second ship that is well known in this port that has met disaster by colliding with a mine in the ocean off the North of Ireland. On the first occasion the doomed ship was the Manchester liner, Manchester Commerce. A despatch from Belfast stated that on midnight October 26, the Manchester Commerce struck the mine and sunk so quickly that Captain Payne and thirteen members of his crew were drowned. About thirty members of the crew were saved. It was stated on that occasion that Germans had succeeded in planting mines off the North of Ireland, and the Admiralty had warned ship owners not to pass within sixty miles of Tory Island.

Another Soldier Remembered

Among the soldier boys who are soon to leave for the front is Fred Gosline, son of Policeman James Gosline. On Saturday evening the soldier with his wife and family were invited to spend the evening with his parents at 35 King street, West End, and when they arrived at the house they were given a great surprise to find about forty friends present. The soldier was presented with a wrist watch which he received with a brief yet appropriate address of thanks. The gathering then made merry until midnight with songs and games and a number of the gentlemen present made addresses. The gathering broke up with the singing of the national anthem.

LIBERAL CHAIRMAN SUPPORTS MR. BAXTER.

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Among those who are actively supporting the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter in the approaching by-election in St. John County is J. A. Gregory, a prominent Liberal of Beauséjour.

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The growing tendency of making gifts of something to wear is, each year, becoming more pronounced. "What shall I give for Christmas, that is practical?" is answered by our wonderful stock of things to wear. You will find, in the items listed below and the many more on display at our store, gifts suitable for the most casual acquaintances as well as those appropriate for every male member of the family. Neckwear, Brace-sets, Collar-Bags, Shaving Sets, Smoking Sets, Umbrellas, Cuff Links, Studs, Sweaters, House Coats, Bath Robes, Overcoats, Suits, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Caps, etc., etc.

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On Saturday night next at eight o'clock the members of the Gardner Creek Conservative Club will tender Hon. Mr. Baxter a complimentary smoker in Wallace's Hall, Gardner's Creek. W. B. Tennant, M. P., Garsden, M. P., and others will speak.

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Local government supporters of Fairville and Milford will meet in the Temperance Hall, Main street, Fairville, tonight. The committee room will be open each evening until the close of the campaign. Friends and supporters of the Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited. William Golding, Chairman.

ARTILLERY AWAY AT NOON

Mayor asks citizens to assist in send-off—The officers.

The Artillery Contingent from St. John for mobilization at Fredericton will leave the city about noon today. The members of the force will parade at the Armory at 11.30 a. m. and will then go to the station via Carmarthen, Hochberg and Sydney streets, King Square, King and Mill streets.

MR. WILLIS REPUDIATES EVENING TIMES' STORY

James W. Willis, of Golden Grove, is a strong supporter of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter.

NON-POLITICAL SMOKER.

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Presentation to Soldiers.

The employees of the St. John Street Railway Company gave a surprise on Saturday night to three of their former colleagues who had resigned their positions with the company to go to the front. At a meeting held in the general offices of the company the treasurer, G. M. Peters, called forward Quartermaster-Sergeant William Pitt, Gordon Kenny and Robert Turner, and in a pleasing speech presented each, on behalf of the employees, with a wrist watch. Suitable replies were made by the recipients. The presentation was followed by a few neat and appropriate speeches and songs, the meeting breaking up at 9.30 with the singing of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

For Belgium Relief.

Offerings taken in the Sunday schools of the Carlton Methodist church yesterday will be presented to the Belgium Relief Committee.

SIMONDS NO. 1

Local government supporters of the Parish of Simonds No. 1 will meet in Peck's Hall, East St. John, tonight for organization purposes. Frank Joselyn, Chairman.

PRENTICE BOYS ATTEND CHURCH

Service in Zion church yesterday afternoon largely attended by Prentice Boys and Organismen.

About 300 members of Prentice Boys' lodges and Orange lodges paraded to Zion church yesterday afternoon where an impressive sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Champion. Most of them assembled at the Orange Hall, Germain street, at 2.15 several joining the ranks along the line of route which was, in going, along Germain, King, Charlotte, Union and Brussels streets, City Road and Wall street; returning, Garden, Coburg, Charlotte, King and Germain streets.

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SLATER SHOE STORE to be closed up. The directors of the Slater Shoe Company have decided on closing up their retail stores and our instruction are to close out the stock immediately. With that end in view we are offering stirring bargains in new, clean, up-to-date Slater Shoes. Holiday season is not generally selected as a time for a sale, but so that people may save some money on their Christmas shopping we are now giving them a chance to obtain gifts at bargain prices. BIG SALE NOW ON Slater Shoe Store, King St.

Christmas Gifts of Brass. For the next few days we are offering Big Bargains in Brass Candle Sticks Superior quality—English and American make. Regular prices, \$1.75, 2.00, 2.25 a pair—Your Choice \$1.50 a pair. Bargains in Clipper Sleds. Only a limited number. Regular prices 50c to \$3.50. Your Choice 30c to \$2.50. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

M. R. A. STORES OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK. ORIENTAL RUGS FOR CHRISTMAS. We offer a few beautiful Kazak Rugs, fine and soft in quality with a lustre like silk and just the thing for Christmas Gifts. Sizes 2 feet 10 inches by 4 feet 6 inches, 3 feet 6 inches by 6 feet. Prices each from \$24.00 to \$38.50. Ask to See Them. Display on Second Floor. CARPET DEPARTMENT—GERMAIN STREET.

Furniture Gfts Will Be Popular This Christmas. Here are some Suggestions—Hundreds more for your inspection at Market Sq. Store. Shirt Waist Boxes—Covered in grass cloth, large sizes at \$6.00, \$7.25, \$8.25, \$11.25. Cedar Chests for furs, etc., at \$9.00 and \$11.25. Morris Chair—Spanish leather cushion, frame in fumed or early English finish. Price, \$25.00. Others \$30.00 to \$30. Parlor Table—In mahogany veneer or golden oak, finely polished. Price, \$7.00. Others, \$3.00 to \$45.00. Parlor Cabinet—Mahogany finish, polished, \$17.75. Others \$14 to \$32. Music Cabinet—Mahogany finish. \$10.50. Others from \$7.00 to \$28.00. House Desk—Fumed oak or early English finish, \$25.00. Others \$15.00 to \$40.00. Den Rocker—Early English or fumed finish, spring seat in Spanish leather. \$13.50. Others from \$7.75 to \$30.00. FURNITURE DEPARTMENT—MARKET SQUARE.

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