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## GERMANS MAY DELAY BIG DRIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

### The Expected Great Struggle in France Likely Postponed

Germany Said to Fear Further Russian Peace Negotiations Will Fail and That Russia Will Resume Hostilities—In That Event the Teutonic Troops Will Have to Be Returned to the Eastern Front.

NO NEWS OF IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey Are Asserted to Have Disagreed with Germany—German Socialists Also Troublesome Factor—Comparative Calm Prevails on All Battlefronts—U. S. War Plans.

The projected big supreme drive by the German army on the western front may be delayed because of the complicated Russian situation. Germany has been constantly moving troops from the eastern front during the Russian armistice, but she may decide to send many of them back, now that there is a prospect of Russia taking the field again should peace negotiations finally be dropped.

Although the peace conference between representatives of the Bolshevik government and the Central Powers was due to reconvene Friday, no news has come through indicating whether the meeting took place. Neither have there been any advances as to whether the difficulties in the way of reaching an agreement have been surmounted or if concessions by either side, making possible further negotiations, are intended. Disatisfaction with the proposals of the Central Powers does not obtain solely on the side of the Bolsheviks, but also among the delegates of the Central Powers, as well.

#### Central Allies Disagree.

Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are asserted to have disagreed with the dominating attitude of the Germans at the Brest-Litovsk conference, where they posed as conquerors. The attitude of the German Socialists against the demands of the Central Powers, especially those providing for the retention of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other occupied territory, has forced the imperial chancery to refer to the situation before the main committee of the Reichstag. The chancellor's statement, however, was merely a platitude and gave no inkling as to what

The American army in France is to be reinforced by the American aviators who became famous as pilots in French escadrilles. Thirty-two men, mostly members of the Lafayette Escadrille, will be the first to be sworn into the American army. Others will follow them as rapidly as possible. The transfer of the aviators from the French to the American colors was brought about through negotiations between the French and American army authorities.

To the band of experienced men shortly will be added the first group of young American pilots and observers to take instructions near the battlefront.

### BRITISH MAKE GAIN OF MILE

General Allenby Advances Further North of Jerusalem.

London, Jan. 4.—An official communication issued by the war office tonight says General Allenby reports a further advance by a part of his line north of Jerusalem over a distance of a mile.

British Statement. London, Jan. 4.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "As the result of local fighting in the neighborhood of the Canal Du Nord reported this morning, four of our advanced posts were pressed back a short distance. A few of our men are missing.

"Beyond the usual artillery activity by both sides there is nothing further to report."

### FLOODS IN SIAM

Washington, Jan. 4.—Floods in Siam, the worst since 1831, are devastating the country. Despatches today from the American legation at Bangkok, says the water has risen to the roofs of houses on which peasants are living. Great crop losses have been caused and cattle are dying by drowning and starvation. A relief committee has been appointed.

### WILL CLEAR UP TRAFFIC IN CANADA

Railway War Board Makes a Number of Far-Reaching Decisions.

TRAFFIC EXPERT GIVEN CHARGE

Coal and All Other Much Needed Freight Will Be Rushed.

TO GET 22,000 CARS IN U. S.

That Country Holds Many Freight Cars Belonging to Dominion.

WILL INSIST ON BETTER COAL

Idle Railroad Men Will Not Be Able to Escape Militia Draft.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The Canadian railway war board met this afternoon and made a number of far-reaching decisions affecting traffic conditions in Canada. The board ordered one of the best known traffic experts in Canada to leave at once for the Niagara frontier. He is to supervise and expedite the movement of coal and other traffic, so that the freight each day is divided up among all the Canadian railways, irrespective of how the cars may have been routed. It was explained that this is a precautionary step to make absolutely certain that the full capacity of the Canadian roads is used so as to prevent any possible congestion on their part. Another order was made by which all the railway ferries plying between Detroit and Windsor will be pooled. This is with a view to cutting down fuel consumption.

#### Backs Up Railways.

The prestige of the government of Canada is to be requested to back up the Canadian railways, represented by the Canadian railway war board in their effort to get back from the United States the 22,000 freight cars now overdue from the American roads. While the efforts of the board have been successful in increasing the daily returns of Canadian freight cars, the numbers held in the United States continue to increase. The influence of the minister of railways is to be asked, so that direct pressure may be brought to bear upon Secretary McAdoo, in his new capacity, as director-general of the seven hundred and fifty American railways.

#### Fuel Situation.

The co-operation of the government is to be further requested in regard to the fuel situation as it affects the railway. The railway war board this afternoon addressed the Dominion fuel controller, C. A. Magarsh, requesting that the American mines be required, through the United States fuel controller, to furnish a better quality of coal to Canada. Not only have the prices for coal for Canadian railways risen enormously, but the number of heat units per ton has dropped.

#### After Idle Men.

There will be no escape from conscription on the part of Canadian railway men who were exempted on the application of the railways, but who may be taking advantage of the situation, to stay at home, instead of turning out to help move trains in the winter weather. At the meeting this afternoon an order was made by which all the railways in Canada are required to report the number of days worked by each man who secured exemption on the application of the railways. The names of such men will be sent to the exemption tribunal with notification that the request for their exemption has been withdrawn.

### SIX SOLDIERS MEET DEATH IN A WRECK

Canadian-Pacific Trains Collide Near Dorval Station.

SEVENTH MAN IS MISSING

Twenty Others Injured, But Majority Only Slightly Hurt.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Six soldiers are known to be dead and a seventh is missing and believed to have been killed as a result of a local train on the Canadian Pacific Railway from Montreal to Pointe Fortune, running into the rear of a Canadian Pacific train bound for Vancouver with a number of soldiers aboard about 6.40 this evening, near Dorval Station. The killed are—Privates Thomas Kelly, Hunter, Arthur, Mackie, Clarke and Lalonde. The name of the missing soldier has not been ascertained. About twenty-four people were injured in the accident, the majority of them but slightly. Amongst them are Bugler Coates, Privates Irwin, Dickson and A. R. Kelley, who were brought to the Royal Victoria hospital this day. According to Bugler Coates there were 350 men on the train bound for Vancouver. The C.P.R. official statement, said the Pointe Fortune train ran past a signal set against it and struck the rear part of the westbound train containing a number of colonist cars. In the impact the middle cars of the military train telescoped. Several men were pinned beneath the wreck and it was some time before they could be liberated. Ambulances and doctors were rushed to Westmount station and the killed and injured were brought there on C.P.R. trains. Coroner McMahon will open an inquest tomorrow morning.

### RETAIN HUGHES

Melbourne, Jan. 4.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.)—Nationalist party to two to retain Premier Hughes in the leadership.

### QUEBEC FIRE

Knowlton, Que., Jan. 4.—One of the finest summer residences in the Eastern Townships and which belonged to Mr. John Baillie of Montreal, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The damage is estimated at \$15,000.

### PARLIAMENT MAY MEET MARCH 6

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—During the absence of Hon. C. J. Doherty from the capital, Hon. A. L. Sifton, minister of customs, will be the acting minister of justice; Hon. A. K. McLean, minister without portfolio, Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, has arrived at the capital. Hon. J. A. Calder and Hon. T. A. Crerar will be here tomorrow it is expected.

Subsequent to the arrival of Sir Robert Borden next week an important series of cabinet meetings will be held to deal with matters of pressing urgency and to outline legislation to be dealt with at the parliamentary session which will commence about the middle of March. It being a new parliament the House will re-assemble on a Wednesday, instead of the customary Thursday to elect a Speaker. Wednesday, March 13, or Wednesday, March 20, are regarded as the most likely dates, although it is possible that arrangements might be made in time for the opening on March 6.

### NEW ENGLAND INDUSTRIES MAY CLOSE

Fuel and Water Power Situation in Textile Centres Serious.

FROZEN HARBORS ONE DIFFICULTY

Many Cotton and Woolen Mills May Have to Shut Down.

SHARP DECLINE IN COTTON MARKET

Pennsylvania, the Great Coal State, Makes Protest to Government.

NEEDS MUCH COAL BEING SENT AWAY

Coal Mine Centres with Plenty of Coal Face Coal Famine.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The fuel situation in New England manufacturing centres is so serious that many of the textile mills may have to shut down. The fear that the closing of mills would seriously curtail the consumption of cotton effected the cotton markets today and a general selling movement resulted. The ice-bound harbors prevents the unloading of many barges. The water power is also low.

#### Pennsylvania Protests.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Pennsylvania, which produces forty-seven per cent of the coal output of the United States today appealed through its federal fuel administrator, William Potter, to the government to save it further suffering due to the scarcity of coal to the consumers. The appeal contained what amounted to a protest against alleged discrimination and a protest against the federal government sending anthracite coal to the south and southwest where it can be had from local fields.

#### Desperate in New York.

New York, Jan. 4.—Refusal of New Jersey administrators late today to permit truckloads of coal to be brought across the Hudson River to New York on ferry boats, thereby cutting off about seventeen per cent of the city's supply, added another complication to a fuel shortage semi-officially characterized as desperate. Despite concentrated efforts to relieve the situation, the city today experienced its worst distress since the extreme cold weather began a week ago. Aside from continued widespread suffering in the homes of rich and poor alike so serious was the coal shortage that many large office buildings will close tomorrow, according to Reeve Schley, county fuel administrator, unless supplies reach the city during the night.

### FINLAND RECOGNIZED

London, Jan. 4.—The Swedish council of ministers at a session presided over by King Gustaf, has decided to recognize the independence of Finland, according to a Reuter despatch from Stockholm today.

### Canadians Slackers Who Fled to States Must Serve in Army

Highly Important Agreement Being Arranged by Great Britain and the United States Concerning British Subjects in the Republic and United States Citizens in All British Lands Will Affect Many Thousands in Both Jurisdictions.

SIR F. E. SMITH, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, NOW IN UNITED STATES

Canadians of Age and Fitness in United States Who Decline to Serve in Canadian Contingent Must Serve with Uncle Sam and Americans on British Soil Who Refuse to Join Their Own Army Must Become British Soldiers.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Canadian slackers in the United States and United States slackers in Canada cannot much longer hope to escape the drag-net of compulsory military service. A convention is to be entered into between the governments of the two countries by which Canada will be given authority to conscript Americans in Canada for the Canadian army, the United States in return being given the right to conscript Canadians of military age who are living under the Stars and Stripes.

The convention, it is understood, is being negotiated by Sir F. E. Smith, Attorney-General of Great Britain, and its terms will include all British subjects. Sir F. E. Smith (raised to the peerage in the New Year's honors) has been in the United States for some time. In a statement which he authorized he emphasized that the British government would find a way to reach British slackers in the United States.

The number of American subjects of military age in the Dominion is not known, but is not believed to be large. Subsequent to the inauguration of the national service campaign in Canada quite a number of young men, fearing conscription, crossed the border into the United States. They are now liable to be conscripted for service with the United States forces.

A Live Question. Have Many Names. The British and Canadian recruiting missions have the names of all Britishers and Canadians of American draft age, but still lacks the names of those between eighteen and twenty-one, and between thirty and forty-one. If the act of Congress empowering the president to draft Britishers between those ages be passed there will be no immediate way of reaching them except by public notice in the press. However, the mission has considerable information on this subject not possessed by the federal government. This information has been secured from various states which have a war census under which registrants between the ages of eighteen and fifty have been compelled to give complete information concerning themselves. Furthermore, the mission, through its numerous branch recruiting offices in the various parts of the United States, has been able to secure many local lists of Britishers between eighteen and forty-five. A well known Britisher who has spent many years in the United States, and who requested that his name be withheld, said that he did not believe Congress would send to Great Britain of Canada, Britishers or Canadians who would decline to volunteer for military service. However, if they are of American draft age, they will be compelled to go into the American army, if they do not enter the army of Great Britain.

They Must Serve. "No doubt, some people will think it unjust that Britishers between eighteen and twenty-one and thirty and forty-one should be drafted into the American army when there is no compulsion for Americans of those ages, but it must be remembered that in England every man between eighteen and forty-one is conscripted and only exempted for physical unfitness or because he is required for an essential industry. Therefore the Britishers in this country will certainly be no worse off than the Britishers in England."

A separate convention will be made probably by Canada, because the conscription age is different in Canada and only runs from twenty to thirty-four. The draft of Britishers between eighteen and forty-one only applies to Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen.

# U.S. GOV'T TO TREAT RAILROADS AND PUBLIC FAIRLY

## WILSON DECLARES RAILROADS WILL NOT BE THE LOSERS

### Addresses Congress in Support of Plan to Finance and Operate Rail Lines Efficiently—Will Be No Discrimination Against Lines and Stockholders Will Not Suffer.

Washington, Jan. 4.—In explaining to congress today his action in taking possession of the railway system of the country, President Wilson said it had become unmistakably plain that only under government administration could the entire equipment of the several systems of transportation be fully and unreservedly thrown into a common service without injurious discrimination against particular properties.

Only under government administration can absolutely unrestricted and unembarrassed common use be made of all tracks, terminals, terminal facilities and equipments of every kind the president continued.

### COLD AFFECTED QUEBEC BRIDGE

Structure Contracted Only Four and a Half Inches, However.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—During the extremely cold weather between December 18 and 30, when the temperature fell from 15 degrees above to below zero, the Quebec bridge contracted four and a half inches. Col. Montserrat, chairman of the bridge commission, issued this statement today to correct an announcement published in Quebec that the very cold snap at the beginning of this week had effected a contraction of nine feet in the structure. Colonel Montserrat said the contraction of four and a half inches was negligible as the bridge had been built to withstand the strain of a variation of temperature of 150 degrees.

### THE COLDEST SPOT

St. Leonard's, Jan. 4.—St. Leonard's was probably the coldest place in New Brunswick this week. The thermometer here and across the St. John river in Van Buren records a temperature of which the lowest was forty-two below.

### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears Signature of *Dr. H. H. Kane*

### BORN.

ROWE—In this city on Jan. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Rowe, 135 Elm St. a son.

### DIED.

BRUNDAGE—At Greenwich, on December 30, Thos. C. Brundage, aged 89 years, leaving three sons to mourn.

### IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of Annie E. wife of George H. Worden, who departed this life January 5, 1917. Until the day break and the shadows see away. —Family.

### WILL SOON SELECT C.N.R. ARBITRATION

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—It is expected that the third member of the board to determine the value of the Mackenzie & Mann stock in the Canadian Northern railway system will be named in a few days. Sir William Meredith, representative of the government and William Smith, K. C., the Mackenzie & Mann interests. These arbitrators will name a third member and it is understood they have practically agreed upon a prominent member of the maritime judiciary. No decision as to the value of the stock is expected before June or July, as the arbitrators must await the disappearance of snow to make a physical examination and valuation of the road.

## GEORGE TYLER GOES TO CHICAGO CLUB

Larry Doyle and Catcher Wilson and Bunch of Money Go to Boston in Exchange.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—George Tyler of the Boston Nationals, rated as one of the most effective pitchers in the National League, was traded to the Chicago Nationals tonight for Larry Doyle, the veteran second baseman and Arthur Wilson, catcher. In addition, President Weegman of the Chicago club, is reported to have added a cheque for \$15,000.

This is the second big deal President Weegman has made to strengthen the club. He first bought Alexander and Killifer, the star Philadelphia battery, for Chicago for \$50,000. Another deal may be closed at the National Commission meeting in Cincinnati next Monday, Weegman said.

### PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Cleared Friday, January 4th. Strs: Connors Bros., Chance Harbor; Empress, Digby.

## HON. MR. CARVELL TO SPEAK IN GOTHAM

Will Be Guest of Honor of the Canadian Club Jan. 14—Hon. A. K. MacLean of Halifax Will Also Speak.

New York, Jan. 4.—Hon. Frank B. Carvell, Canadian minister of public works, will be the guest of honor of the Canadian Club here on Monday evening, January 14th, according to announcement today. The list of speakers include Hon. A. K. MacLean, M. P. of Halifax, also a member of the Canadian cabinet; Sir James Alkern, lieutenant-governor of the province of Manitoba, and Major Hugh Nesvin, who has just returned from the front.

Mr. MacLean will express the thanks of the people of Halifax for the aid given them by New York at the time of the recent disaster.

Mr. George Leger, a well known Montreal business man, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Leger is a nephew of the late Sir Pierre Landry.

## RUSSIAN OVERCOAT SALE

These are broken lines of Ulsters, Slip-ons, Chesterfields, Raglans, Double Breasteds, mostly one and two of a kind. At today's woolen prices they are worth more, very much more, than regular prices, but we would rather clean up our stock than carry them over.

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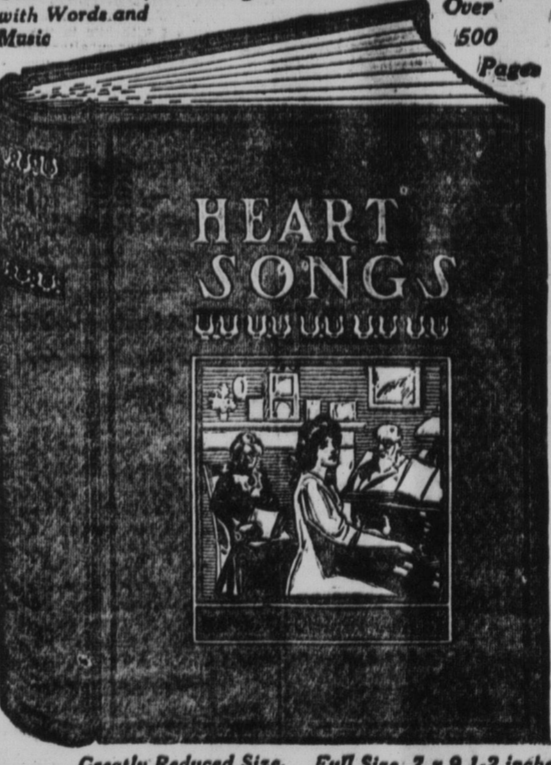
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### 2,500 LOST LIVES

San Salvador, Jan. 3.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2,500 people lost their lives in the Guatemalan earthquake.

### Physicians Warn Public Against Taking Substitutes for Nuxated Iron

Say That Ordinary Metallic Iron Preparations Cannot Possibly Give the Same STRENGTH, POWER AND ENDURANCE

Besides, they may upset the digestion, disturb the secretions and thereby do far more harm than good, and that Health Officials and Physicians everywhere should caution the public against accepting these inferior products

Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital, Out-Door Department, New York, and the Westchester County Hospital; Former Health Commissioner Wm. R. Kerr; Dr. H. B. Vall, formerly Physician in the Baltimore Hospital and a Medical Examiner, New York; and others give valuable advice and information on the use of organic iron as a tonic, strength and blood builder.

Dr. Ferdinand King says: "Doctors should prescribe which is the value of Nuxated Iron, Dr. Sullivan says: 'In my talks to physicians I have strongly emphasized the great necessity of their making blood examinations of their weak, anemic, run-down patients. Thousands of persons go on suffering year after year, doctoring themselves for all kinds of ailments, when the real and true cause underlying their condition is simply a lack of sufficient iron in the red blood corpuscles to enable nature to transform the food they eat into brain muscle tissue and brain. Without iron in your blood, your food merely passes through the body, something like corn through an old mill with rollers so wide apart that the mill can't grind.'

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### LOST HIS THUMB.

T. D. Vincent, 138 Carmarthen street, met with an accident yesterday morning which resulted in the loss of his right thumb. While working at one of the plants in Italy Bros. factory the thumb in some manner slipped and was caught in a drive. Mr. Vincent was given first aid and then removed to his home where he had the wound dressed.

### IT'S YOUR LIVER YOU'RE BUILT UPON

Don't stay constant breath bad, stomach or a colic

### Enjoy life! Livers and bowels tonics feel fine

TONIGHT SURE! Remember how you feel when you have a head dizzy, your tongue offensive and stomach aching. Get a box of Cascarets and you will know the difference. You will want to enjoy life to the fullest. Get a box of Cascarets and you will know the difference. You will want to enjoy life to the fullest. Get a box of Cascarets and you will know the difference.

### MINAR LINIMENT

"KING OF PAIN RELIEVERS"

Extract from a letter from a soldier in France. To Mrs. R. D. Bamberg. The Rectory, York. Dear Mother:— I am keeping well and well pleased with the weather, but have a keeping uninvited visiting me. Have you any pills that would give me a gift over—know something that everything? I do—Liniment. Your affectionate son, Minar's Liniment. Manufactured by the Minar's Liniment, Yarmouth, N.S.

# RUSSIANS MAKE COUNTER PROPOSALS TO GERMANS

## ENTENTE ALLIES LIKELY TO RECOGNIZE BOLSHEVIKI GOV'T

### Germans and Russians Still Considering Peace Terms and Latter Said to Have Made New Proposals—Germany Aims to Extend Turkish Influence in Russia—Canadians Advance Near Lens.

Unless there is a change in original plans, the emissaries of Russia and the Central Powers will continue their discussion of peace terms which the Bolsheviks have declared are unacceptable. Russia's delegates have proposed that the conference meet in Stockholm, which, if agreed to by the Germans, will make for delay.

A news despatch received in London says the Russians have made counter-proposals to the Germans. It is added that they will be discussed at the next meeting at Brest-Litovsk on Saturday, which would indicate that the Russians have not persisted in their demand that future meetings be held on neutral soil.

The new Russian proposals call for complete evacuation of occupied territory pending a referendum in self-determination.

Count Hertling ill. Reports that the German and Austrian Emperors and their military and political advisors are much perturbed over the Russian attitude are followed by one that Count Von Hertling, the German chancellor, is ill. Berlin political circles have a rumor that Von Hertling, who is seventy-four years old, is to be ousted in favor of Prince Von Buelow, former chancellor, who is very close to the German Crown Prince.

Recognition of the Lenin-Trotsky regime in Russia as a de facto government.

British Statement. London, Jan. 4.—"Local fighting took place yesterday afternoon on the Cambrai front, in the neighborhood of the Canal Du Nord, without producing any material change in the situation."

The year office so reports. "We advanced our line slightly during the night south of Lens. There was some hostile artillery activity during the night in the Bullecourt sector, and also in the Ypres sector."

It has been announced that the Canadians are at Lens.

## TWO SCHOONERS FROZEN IN

### Mona from St. John and E. H. Worden Davis from Parraboro in Trouble.

Woods Hole, Mass., Jan. 4.—Capt. Dayton and two men from the three-masted schooner Mona, ice-bound in Buxar Bay, walked four miles over the ice today to Paquet Island, seeking assistance. The skipper reported that the vessel had only one day's provisions for her five men and that her fuel was exhausted.

The Mona, bound from St. John, N. B., for Saunderson, R. I., was caught on last Saturday midway between Paquet Island and New Bedford, and although three anchors were let down, Captain Dayton said the vessel was gradually working toward the island and probably would be a total wreck unless there was an immediate improvement in weather conditions. He said that two other schooners, apparently in the same predicament, could be seen from the Mona.

Schooner Davis Frozen In. New York, Jan. 4.—Frozen solid in the ice of Long Island Sound, the new three-masted schooner E. H. Worden Davis, bound from Parraboro, N. S., for New York, was visited yesterday by a rescue party, which made a perilous journey across icefields that held all the terrors of the Arctic.

Both the patrol boat and a police launch were unable to break through the ice, and they communicated with police headquarters. Then started the mission of rescue which ended when the stricken seaman, Captain John Morrison, was rescued.

Loss by Fire and Water Will Reach Well on to \$30,000.

F. E. Williams Carried \$43,000 Insurance on Residence and Furniture—Mrs. Harding Has \$1,500 on Furniture—Hard Work for Fire Fighters.

The damage by fire and water to the beautiful residence of F. E. Williams on German street, will easily reach \$30,000, while the insurance on the building and contents amount to a grand total of \$43,000.

Insurance on Residence and Furniture—Mrs. Harding Has \$1,500 on Furniture—Hard Work for Fire Fighters.

## TABLET UNVEILED IN THE STONE CHURCH IN SOLDIER'S MEMORY

### Feeling Address Honoring Lieut. George Morrisey, One of the First to Volunteer in St. John and Who Gave His Life at Ypres, By the Rector Capt. the Rev. Gustav Kuhring.

At the usual Friday evening service of intercession held in St. John's (Stone) church, a brass tablet was unveiled to the memory of Lieutenant George Morrisey, a devoted member of the congregation of that church, and a brave soldier who gave his life for his King and country.

Mr. Morrisey attended the service in the Union Jack which covered the tablet on the western wall, but many friends of the family were among the congregation. The ceremony was simple and impressive. After the opening prayers Rev. G. A. Kuhring descended from the chancel and standing opposite the tablet dedicated it in these words:

"Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there."

Later in life his daily duties called him often to meet the lonely emigrants as they arrived upon our shores. He undertook these hard hardships, dangers and duties with the same words of inspiration: "Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there."

It is because of the very call of duty answered, and because he was not wanting, that we are gathered here to perform this act of remembrance.

I know him, not only for many years of his work among the "boys," but for six months in active service it was my privilege to be near him as chaplain of the 6th C. M. R. I have valued the mural brass this night, it houses with other stalwarts of the same regiment, and to notice his example which speaks to us

## High Heels Put Corns on Toes

Who cares? Corns or calluses lift off without any pain.

Because style decrees that women crowd and buckle up their tender toes in high heeled footwear, they suffer from corns, then they cut and trim at these painful pests which merely make the corn grow hard.

Freezone dries in a moment and simply shrivels up the corn or callus without even irritating the surrounding skin.

Women: Keep a bottle of Freezone handy on the dresser and never let a corn ache twice.

## FATAL BLAZE NEAR QUEBEC

### \$10,000 Fire on Dairy Farm and Another Fire Near Levis

Quebec, Jan. 4.—A seven-dwelling block at Lauzon, near Levis, this morning was destroyed by fire. Thirty men, women and children had to escape into the cold night in their undergarments.

The blaze was started by an overheated stove. Ivan Sullendzie, a Roumanian, lost his life in a fire last night in the employes' residence at the Brookside dairy farm, five miles from this city. The loss is about \$10,000.

## OBITUARY

### Sister Mary Ida.


At an early hour yesterday morning Sister Mary Ida departed this life at the St. John Infirmary. Sister Mary Ida, who entered the Community of the Sisters of Charity thirty years ago, was the only daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Melanson, of Memramcook. She is survived by her mother, who is a member of the Holy Family of Sherbrook. Sister Mary Ida has been ill for some time, and her death, though not unexpected, is keenly felt by those to whom she has endeavored herself by her goodness, fidelity and the perfect spirit of a religious.

### IT'S YOUR LIVER!

YOU'RE BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK!

Don't stay constipated with breath bad, stomach sour or a cold.

Enjoy life! Live your liver and bowels tonight and feel fine.



WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

### MINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT

Extract from a letter of a Canadian soldier in France.

To Mrs. R. D. BAMBURCK:

The Rectory, Yarmouth, N.S.

Dear Mother:—

I am keeping well, have good food and well protected from the weather, but have some difficulty keeping uninvited guests from visiting me.

Have you any patriotic druggists that would give something for a gift overseas—if so do you know something that is good for everything? I do—Old MINARD'S Liniment.

Your affectionate son,

Rob.

Manufactured by the

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Yarmouth, N.S.

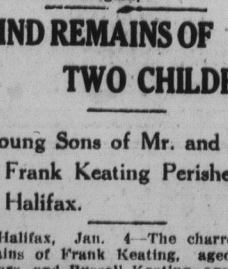
### TRAFFIC BADLY BLOCKED BY STORM

Car Service Demoralized from Thursday Afternoon Until Yesterday Morning—City Street Department Had Plenty of Work to Perform.

Street Superintendent Price was on the job bright and early yesterday morning looking after the removal of the surplus snow from the streets. The streets which are the narrowest and most congested such as Union, Hill and Dock, received attention first, and all teams available were used to get them fully open to traffic.

### WHOOPING COUGH

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Halifax, Jan. 4.—The charred remains of Frank Keating, aged four years, and Russell Keating, aged two years, were found today in house No. 24 Union street. They were children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keating, and the father also lost his life in the disaster of Dec. 6. The mother escaped with her baby.

### REV. DR. CAMPBELL PASSES AWAY

Was Well Known Poet and Novelist—Once Anglican Rector at St. Stephen.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Rev. Dr. Wilfred Campbell, the noted Canadian poet and novelist, is dead. Dr. Campbell was a son of Rev. T. Swanston Campbell, an Anglican clergyman, and was born at Kitchener, (Berlin), Ont., in 1861. He was ordained priest in the Anglican church in 1886 and for a time was rector of a church at St. Stephen, N. B. On account of his health he retired from the church in 1891. He was called "the poet of the lakes."

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# Less Talk—More Guns

## U. S. Army's Need

THE LITERARY DIGEST for January 5th commences the year 1918 (the twenty-eighth year of its existence) overflowing with vital news-articles of immediate interest. In fact, there are several topics so important that in enumerating them it is difficult to say which should come first.

WHY U. S. WENT TO WAR WITHOUT GUNS covers from every angle the U. S. Congressional investigation of the War Department. It presents the criticisms leveled at the Administration and also the evidence adduced in its favor, with comments from the press of the United States.

UNCLE SAM TAKES OVER THE RAILROADS—Is this the first step toward Government ownership? Will the situation continue after the war? To get an answer to such questions THE DIGEST telegraphed to leading editors throughout the country asking for an expression of opinion upon this latest and most radical war-measure, and this article gives illuminating replies from them.

CENTRAL POWERS ANXIOUS TO QUIT deals with a subject of vital human interest, being a resume of public opinion upon Germany's latest peace proposal.

THE TRUTH AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SUGAR-BARREL concludes the story in last week's DIGEST of the investigation of Mr. Hoover and the U. S. Food Administration.

Other interesting and instructive topics in this number of THE DIGEST (dated January 5th) are:

- Short-Lived Victory at Cambrai
- Prussian "Democratic" Franchise
- To Win the War with American Coal
- The Fuel Value of Wood
- Keeping the Workers Well
- Saving Wheat by Saving Meat
- New York School House-Cleaning
- A Catholic Admonishes Catholics
- News of Finance and Industry
- How Quebec Takes Her Defeat
- Saving Food and Winning the War (Prepared by the U. S. Food Administration)
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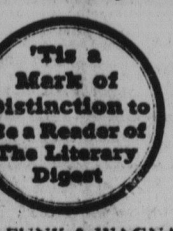
### Women of Canada, You Have Done Gloriously!

On December 15th, hundreds of thousands of women in Canada cast their vote for the first time. They did not do so lightly, nor without thought and a careful weighing of all the facts of the situation.

This event opens up a new era for Canadian womanhood. It places a responsibility upon the women that they will accept proudly. The suffrage is a challenge to their intelligence, and now that they have a voice in the Government of their country, they will desire to obtain a true perspective on all world events. They will want to know the facts and have them clearly and correctly stated and they will turn each week to THE LITERARY DIGEST for this information, because in no other magazine will they be able to get such a wealth of exact information free from partisan bias upon the great subjects that agitate humanity everywhere.

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"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.

## CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

Despite the direful predictions and unfair insinuations of the Daily Telegraph nothing that has developed at the enquiry into Valley Railway matters, now being conducted by Commissioner Stevens, and, it is but just to say, conducted in a very fair manner, can be shown to reflect in any way upon any member of the former Government of New Brunswick or upon any member of the Provincial Legislature.

Yesterday's session, in brief, showed that from the proceeds of a note, signed by Mr. George B. Jones and endorsed by Mr. W. B. Tennant, and which is still being paid in installments, the sum of \$20,000 was handed over to Mr. Thomas Bell. The money was intended for campaign purposes and was so used, and Mr. Bell, in his evidence, and without the slightest attempt at evasion or reservation, told where it had been employed.

There is nothing criminal, nothing discreditable, in that. The use of campaign funds may in any election be deplored, but as long as no public provision is made for the payment of the legitimate expenses of candidates such funds will continue to be an important factor in all elections.

The present New Brunswick government party had a campaign fund in the election of 1917, and it is stated to be believed, need at least \$8,000 to \$8,000 of it in St. John city alone. For that expenditure they were successful in electing one man, Hon. Dr. Roberts, and probably before this has asked themselves whether the result was worth the cost.

When the Telegraph supported the Laurier party in Dominion politics that party had a campaign fund no small portion of which was provided by men very close to the direction of our Canterbury street contemporary. Consequently it is, to say the least, highly inconsistent for the Telegraph, above all newspapers, to rail at the "iniquity" which provides funds for the conduct of elections.

As the public knows, the legitimate expenses of every election are heavy. Halls must be hired, printing and advertising must be paid for, teams must be provided, men must be paid to work in the wards and all these things require money.

The provincial Government party of 1917, the provincial government party of today, the Conservative party, the Liberal party and the Unionist party all know and realize this and the Telegraph also knows and realizes it. What is the use, therefore, in our contemporary continuing to be hypocritical in the hope of deceiving the public? The day for that sort of thing has long passed, and, no matter how widely the "Telegraph" may rave, the practice of raising and using campaign funds will go on until some legislative provision is made for the payment of all election expenses.

It is a safe assumption that Premier Foster was helped into power in 1917 by the use of a campaign fund and, judging from the amount of money employed in St. John, it must have been many times greater than the fund the provincial Government party had, and of which Mr. Bell told yesterday.

We suggest to our contemporary that it vary the tone of its editorial denunciations long enough to tell its readers what it knows of campaign funds raised and used in the interests of what it has humorously termed "The Business Man's Government." Such a confession would be decidedly a advertisement and, if truthful, a Telegraph production of most entertaining novelty.

## AMERICA'S LABOR LEADER.

American labor has a splendid war leader in Samuel Gompers. In his various utterances since his country entered the war Mr. Gompers has displayed a realization of the vital importance of the issues at stake as comprehensive as that of any American leader. His advice to labor, his educational work through his messages to the workers of the United States, place him in the rank of a statesman—a statesman of outstanding character and ability.

Mr. Gompers finds no occasion for friction between the position of organized labor and the demands of the nation. Rather are the national interest and the rights of labor bound up together in the common issue. He is able to place his country first, without following the great ranks of labor which follow him second. Not every leader has a capacity great enough to do that.

In so far as organized labor in the United States exerts itself to the

most to assist the country in the winning of the war will it strengthen its own position. Mr. Gompers, in statements to his followers such as his New Year's message is causing the workers to see this. And so he is a statesman giving incalculable service to his country and a labor leader giving the best and wisest leadership to his followers.

Samuel Gompers makes us proud that the great mass of organized labor in Canada is affiliated with organized labor in the United States and that most of our labor unions are "international."

## SUGGESTED INVESTIGATIONS.

The esteemed Telegraph seems to have the investigation fever. With much facility it suggests that certain matters, more or less related to provincial politics, should be the subject of a deep and searching probe. The idea is not a bad one provided our contemporary is serious and willing to enlarge the scope of such enquiries into the immediate past.

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## NO PEACE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT STOCKHOLM

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Berlin, Jan. 4, via Amsterdam.—Addressing the Reichstag main committee yesterday, Chancellor Von Hertling said in regard to the Russian rejection of the peace proposals dealing with disposition of the occupied Russian territory: "We can cheerfully await the further course of this incident. We rely upon our strong position, our loyal intentions and our just rights."

The chancellor announced that Dr. Von Kuehlmann has been instructed to reject the Russian proposal to transfer the peace negotiations to Stockholm. The government would take advantage of this opportunity, the chancellor said, to make the communications on the course of the peace negotiations so far had taken and he said he detests the attitude of the German representatives at the peace negotiations.

The Negotiations. Baron Von Dembasse-Haddenhausen gave to the main committee the history of events leading to the peace negotiations. He said the armistice negotiations had taken rapid and smooth course and had reached a general satisfactory conclusion on December 15. Parallel to the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, the foreign under-secretary said, ran the negotiations at Fohobanad, an armistice on the southeastern front at which conference Roumania was represented.

The peace negotiations which followed, the baron declared, naturally were very difficult as they had to be conducted between the coalition on one hand and a single power on the other hand. As to the course of the negotiations the public had been informed to a greater extent than usual by the case. This has made the negotiations more difficult as the Entente Powers were "enabled to impede the negotiations by circulating false news."

During the debate a member of the Central party expressed approval on the whole of the attitude of the German representatives at Brest-Litovsk, and said: "Our aim must be not only to arrive at an understanding with the Bolshevik government, but to reach a lasting peace with the Russian people and prevent war in future."

The speaker asserted that the constitutional bodies now existing in Poland, Lithuania, and Courland, established on valid laws, express the will of the peoples of those territories.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE Y. M. C. A. ARE COMPLETED

Two Meets Held Yesterday—Many Interesting Contests—The Inter-Church Meet Brought Out Forty Boys—Representing Six of the City Churches—The Winners of Events.

The two athletic meets at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday completed the holiday events in the physical department. These with the Boys' Club reception this evening will wind up the Christmas program.

The Junior "B" meet yesterday morning was won by the Algonquins, who won 24 1/2 points. The Tigers came second and the Mohawks third. The running high jump was won by G. Wilson with first second, distance three feet, eleven and one-half inches.

A Bowman won the standing broad jump with Rockwell second, distance, seven feet, six inches. In the track relay, the Algonquins came first and the Monarchs second. The standing hop, step and jump, was won by Cushing with Rolston second, distance, twenty feet, two and one-half inches.

Bowman got the plunge for distance with Curran second, distance 30 feet, nine inches. The Algonquins came first in the water relay, and the Tigers second. Great enthusiasm was shown in the inter-church meet held last evening under the auspices of the St. John Local Advisory Committee. Forty boys took part, representing teams from six of the city churches and the C. S. E. T. Club, of Hampton. Stone church won the meet scoring thirteen points, while Hampton and St. David's tied for second place.

The track relay was won by Stone church with Trinity second. The St. Luke's team stood a good chance at the 100 yard race, but they were several points owing to one of their boys, who evidently fond of comfort, attempted to run in carpet slippers which naturally resulted in his being tripped.

McGraw won the three lap potato race, with Pattison of Trinity second, time sixteen seconds. In the standing broad jump, Malcolm (St. David's) came first, and Wilkes (Trinity) second, distance, eight feet, nine and three-quarter inches.

The running high jump was won by Humphrey (Hampton), with Wetmore (Stone) second, distance, four feet, ten inches. In the water relay St. David's came first, Hampton second and Trinity third.

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Berlin, Jan. 4, via Amsterdam.—Addressing the Reichstag main committee yesterday, Chancellor Von Hertling said in regard to the Russian rejection of the peace proposals dealing with disposition of the occupied Russian territory: "We can cheerfully await the further course of this incident. We rely upon our strong position, our loyal intentions and our just rights."

The chancellor announced that Dr. Von Kuehlmann has been instructed to reject the Russian proposal to transfer the peace negotiations to Stockholm. The government would take advantage of this opportunity, the chancellor said, to make the communications on the course of the peace negotiations so far had taken and he said he detests the attitude of the German representatives at the peace negotiations.

The Negotiations. Baron Von Dembasse-Haddenhausen gave to the main committee the history of events leading to the peace negotiations. He said the armistice negotiations had taken rapid and smooth course and had reached a general satisfactory conclusion on December 15. Parallel to the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, the foreign under-secretary said, ran the negotiations at Fohobanad, an armistice on the southeastern front at which conference Roumania was represented.

The peace negotiations which followed, the baron declared, naturally were very difficult as they had to be conducted between the coalition on one hand and a single power on the other hand. As to the course of the negotiations the public had been informed to a greater extent than usual by the case. This has made the negotiations more difficult as the Entente Powers were "enabled to impede the negotiations by circulating false news."

During the debate a member of the Central party expressed approval on the whole of the attitude of the German representatives at Brest-Litovsk, and said: "Our aim must be not only to arrive at an understanding with the Bolshevik government, but to reach a lasting peace with the Russian people and prevent war in future."

The speaker asserted that the constitutional bodies now existing in Poland, Lithuania, and Courland, established on valid laws, express the will of the peoples of those territories.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE Y. M. C. A. ARE COMPLETED

Two Meets Held Yesterday—Many Interesting Contests—The Inter-Church Meet Brought Out Forty Boys—Representing Six of the City Churches—The Winners of Events.

The two athletic meets at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday completed the holiday events in the physical department. These with the Boys' Club reception this evening will wind up the Christmas program.

The Junior "B" meet yesterday morning was won by the Algonquins, who won 24 1/2 points. The Tigers came second and the Mohawks third. The running high jump was won by G. Wilson with first second, distance three feet, eleven and one-half inches.

A Bowman won the standing broad jump with Rockwell second, distance, seven feet, six inches. In the track relay, the Algonquins came first and the Monarchs second. The standing hop, step and jump, was won by Cushing with Rolston second, distance, twenty feet, two and one-half inches.

Bowman got the plunge for distance with Curran second, distance 30 feet, nine inches. The Algonquins came first in the water relay, and the Tigers second. Great enthusiasm was shown in the inter-church meet held last evening under the auspices of the St. John Local Advisory Committee. Forty boys took part, representing teams from six of the city churches and the C. S. E. T. Club, of Hampton. Stone church won the meet scoring thirteen points, while Hampton and St. David's tied for second place.

The track relay was won by Stone church with Trinity second. The St. Luke's team stood a good chance at the 100 yard race, but they were several points owing to one of their boys, who evidently fond of comfort, attempted to run in carpet slippers which naturally resulted in his being tripped.

McGraw won the three lap potato race, with Pattison of Trinity second, time sixteen seconds. In the standing broad jump, Malcolm (St. David's) came first, and Wilkes (Trinity) second, distance, eight feet, nine and three-quarter inches.

The running high jump was won by Humphrey (Hampton), with Wetmore (Stone) second, distance, four feet, ten inches. In the water relay St. David's came first, Hampton second and Trinity third.

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# HEADLINE SESSIONS IN THE VALLEY

Nothing Sensational Developed at Yesterday's Hearing Before Commissioner Stevens — Mr. Thomas Bell Tells of Campaign Funds—Other Witnesses Were W. B. Tennant, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and J. Allan Leblanc.

The enquiry into the Valley Railway matter was resumed yesterday after morning and afternoon sessions, at which four witnesses were examined, was adjourned for one week. Mr. W. B. Jones, K.C., and Mr. Peter J. Hughes appeared for the Foster government and Mr. H. A. Powell, K.C., was present for Mr. Thomas Bell. Nothing sensational developed during the day. Mr. Bell, treasurer of the provincial government party, gave evidence concerning campaign funds and told freely and frankly of amounts used for legitimate campaign expenses in the various counties.

### The Morning Session.

At the morning session there was but one witness, George B. Jones, M. P., of Apohaqui. He said he knew nothing of Valley Railway contracts except what he had read in the newspapers. He remembers that a package containing \$20,000 from W. B. Tennant before the last general provincial election. The money was to be delivered to Thomas Bell. He went to Mr. Bell's office with it but as Mr. Bell was not in look it to the office of J. B. M. Baxter and on the suggestion of Mr. Baxter's clerk, Mr. Peter J. Hughes, later he told Mr. Bell there was a parcel for him in Mr. Baxter's office. Some time before that Mr. Tennant told him \$20,000 would be necessary to float a note. Witness signed the note and several others were to go on the back of it. He did not know whether they had gone on the note or not. Part of the note had been paid and it now was for \$10,000. The \$10,000 paid on it he believes paid by W. B. Tennant but under protest. Mr. Tennant "squaled like a stug pig," said witness.

### Afternoon Session.

After the adjournment J. Allan Leblanc, law student in the office of J. B. M. Baxter, was called by Mr. Leblanc. He did not recall that George B. Jones had left a parcel in that office for Mr. Bell, but if Mr. Jones said so he probably did. He said that Mr. Bell might have sent for the package and witness might have delivered it to him but he could not recall the incident.

### Mr. Bell Recalled.

Thomas Bell recalled said he had received a package containing money as described by Mr. Jones. He did not know until later that he had any connection with it. He thought he went to Mr. Baxter's office in person but could not remember exactly. He could not say from whom he got the package in Mr. Baxter's office but did not think it was Mr. Baxter, nor did he recall the exact date of the transaction. He knew that he got it during the election campaign of February, 1917, and that the money was for campaign purposes. He was treasurer of the provincial government party at the time and it was in that capacity he received the money. He had no knowledge that any part of it had come from Mr. Tennant as Mr. Jones was the only man from whom he had received an intimation about it.

### He was not interested in Valley Railway contracts or tenders in any way, either directly or indirectly. Prior to the awarding of the contract he had entertained some idea of going into railway construction but had not followed out that intention as he felt the magnitude of the operation was too big for him. He knew nothing directly of Mr. Tennant's negotiations in connection with any contract.

Every dollar of the money he had received went into a general campaign fund but he had no personal connection with how it was disbursed. Nothing had come through his books and he had no bank records. Distribution of the money was largely in his own hands and he conferred with no member of the government, no member of the legislature, no candidate, or no member or official of the Valley Railway Company in connection with it. The money was placed wherever it was required and while he had a local committee to confer with if necessary, he was responsible for it and had to account to no one. He had been treasurer of the provincial government party for some time. He received no contribution from any contractor or sub-contractor on the Valley Railway.

### Mr. Tennant's First Contribution.

He had had no previous connection with Mr. Tennant and this was the first contribution directly or indirectly that Mr. Tennant had put into his hands. He had had no transactions with Mr. Lindsey bearing on this business. Thomas Nagle had made no contribution. Witness said he had nothing to do with the Westmorland or Carleton county by-elections.

### He had done some collecting for funds in the provincial general election but the suggestion had never been made to him by any member of the government or any candidate that the Nova Scotia Construction Company might contribute.

### Pressed for details as to the disposition of the money Mr. Bell said if he attempted to give details it would be very largely guess work as he had no records and his memory was not sufficiently clear to speak with certainty.

### To Commissioner Stevens he said he had no recollections from whom he received the money in Mr. Baxter's office, but he did not think Mr. Baxter gave it to him. He did not recall getting Mr. Tennant \$2,000 for St. John county although he might have done so.

### Commissioner Stevens told the witness that the new commission under which the enquiry was held directed him to trace that \$20,000 to its ultimate destination and asked Mr. Bell to state the counties to which money was sent.

### Campaign Allotments.

Mr. Bell said whatever he might say would be purely speculation as he did not remember the transactions and could not speak with certainty of them. The \$20,000 went to the general fund and from that fund he thought \$5,000 was sent to the committee in Charlotte county. Then he lost control of it. He thought \$5,000 went to the county but was not sure. It was not possible for him to give the names of all the men to whom the money went, but he thought that in York county it was J. D. Palmer. In Carleton county a stranger came to him for the money. He thought his name was Wallace Gibson. He thought Mr. Gibson had a vote for him.

### He did not think any was sent to Victoria county but to Madawaska came was sent Mr. J. S. Eagles. He could not say as to Restigouche; he thought some went to Gloucester but could not remember the amount or the man to whom it was sent. Some was sent to Northumberland and, perhaps, \$5,000 had gone to Kent. He could not remember as to Westmorland. To Moncton city \$1,000 was sent but he could not remember who got it. Two thousand dollars was sent to Albert. In St. John county \$2,000 was put. He might have paid it to Mr. Tennant but could not recall it. St. John city he took care of himself. To Kings he thought \$6,000 was sent but was not sure whether it had been paid to Mr. Jones. R. E. Hanson got money for Queens county and also did the business for Sunbury. It was witness' belief that the \$20,000 was divided between the two counties but of this he was not certain. The amount sent in St. John city would probably exceed \$5,000. All the money was disbursed between February 12th and 24th, 1917.

### Asked as to the local committee Mr. Bell said R. B. Emerson and M. E. A. were members of it. He himself was the third member. On the general committee for the whole province he acted alone.

### To Mr. Powell Mr. Bell said he had made as full a statement concerning all matters in question as his memory would allow. He had had no transaction with Mr. Tennant in connection with the Valley Railway. He desired to make it absolutely certain that he had no connection with Mr. Tennant's contract and did not get one cent out of it.

### Mr. Tennant Recalled.

Mr. Tennant recalled, was asked concerning the note discounted on February 12th last. He said the note was made by George B. Jones and endorsed by witness. It had been received several times and was being paid gradually. It now stood at \$10,000. There were no names on the original note or renewable except his own. Mr. Jones had made no payments on it as yet but witness expected he would do so.

### Mr. Tennant said he kept two bank accounts of the \$20,000.

### Note were deposited in his savings account. He thought that was the result of a mistake in the bank. The proceeds from the note furnished the money that went to Mr. Jones for campaign purposes and eventually found its way to Mr. Bell.

### Mr. Tennant then asked leave to make a public statement as to the mislaid cheques and permission being given said the cheques were really mislaid. The evidence was read and it was found that Mr. Tennant had said that he "did not care a snap of his fingers for public opinion." This he claimed was incomplete, what he had said was that he "did not care a snap of his fingers what the public thought so long as he was right."

### Asked in regard to drafts made by him on the Nova Scotia Construction Company Mr. Tennant said they were on account of salary and expenses. He kept no account of them.

### Hon. Mr. Baxter.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter arrived at this juncture and asked to be sworn. He said he had received no money from George B. Jones, and until after the opening of the enquiry did not know a parcel had been left in his office. He recalled that he saw Mr. Bell on one occasion in his middle office and thought he saw Mr. Leblanc handing him something. It might have been the parcel referred to. Mr. Bell did not receive the parcel from him and at that time he had no knowledge that such a parcel had been in his office. He was positive that he neither received it nor handed it over.

### To Mr. Stevens he said that Mr. Leblanc had never reported to him that he had received money. He did not think Mr. Leblanc knew the parcel contained money and he himself had not heard of it either from Mr. Jones or Mr. Bell until after the opening of the enquiry. Mr. Jones was a frequent visitor to his office and often left parcels there until he could later call for them.

### The Government and the Railway.

No member of the government except Mr. Clarke had anything to do with the Valley Railway business. Mr. Clarke, then premier, had handled that matter almost exclusively. It had been discussed from time to time in council and about the latter part of 1915 or early in January, 1916, he had had a discussion with Mr. Clarke about it. At that time he thought the safest way to call for tenders was on the mileage basis but subsequently had changed



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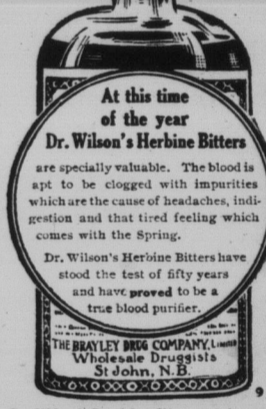
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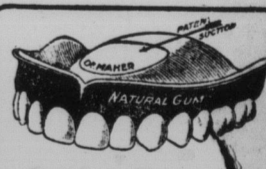
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Mr. A. Watson Carter of St. John was in town last week, guest of his father, Mr. Watson Carter. Mr. Herbert Goodwin and family are spending some time with relatives in Point de Dieu.

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Norman Bull who has been overseas for some time, returned home last week on Tuesday. Mr. William Fisher and son Carleton Fisher spent Christmas with relatives at Monticello, Me.

Baker's Cocoa advertisement with image of a woman and text: 'HE food value of cocoa has been proven by centuries of use, and dietitians and physicians the world over are enthusiastic in their endorsements of it.'

LUX soap advertisement with image of a woman and text: 'For Dainty Chiffons—LUX. For things you wouldn't think of washing in the ordinary way you can safely use LUX.'

Wheat Flour advertisement with image of a flour sack and text: 'WOODSTOCK PURETY FLOUR. Establishes the highest standard of quality ever attained in the manufacture of flour.'

Vertical text on the far right edge of the page, including 'FREDERICKSON' and other names.

WEST ONE THE FAMILY

Dropsey And Kidney Treatment "FRUIT-A-TIVES"

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Old Times of the Week

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OH! THE CHARM OF BEAUTY

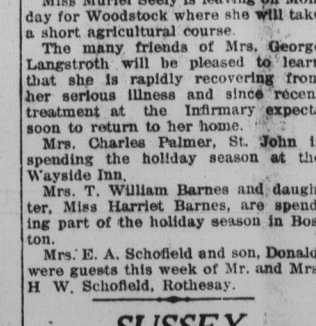
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Any Sickness Leaves Weakness Even a simple cold strips and reduces your resistive powers to allow other sickness. Only food—not opiates or drugs—creates the rich blood which distributes strength to the body...

SCOTT'S EMULSION makes the blood rich and stimulates its circulation while its tonic virtue enlivens the appetite and aids nutrition to reestablish your strength quickly and permanently...

TEETH FREE Examinations, Advice and Exact Estimates of the Cost of Putting Your Teeth in Perfect Condition.

MARITIME DENTAL PARLORS 38 Charlotte Street, St. John.

OUR Establishes the highest standard of quality ever attained in the manufacture of flour. It contains an extraordinary amount of nourishment which makes its use a real economy.

"77" To get the very best results take "Seventy-seven" at the first onset of a cold. "Seventy-seven" breaks up Colds that hang on—Grip. All Drug Stores.

Around the City CLEARING AND COLDER.

SAVINGS BANK RETURNS. The deposits in the Government Savings Bank, Princess street, for the month of December, amounted to \$33,914.77. The withdrawals for the period were \$18,332.77.

PLEASED WITH PROGRESS. A. S. McAllister, Maritime Y.M.C.A. secretary at Halifax, was in the city yesterday conferring with the local staff. He expressed himself as being much pleased with the progress of Y.M.C.A. work in that city.

THE POLICE COURT. Five soldiers were before the Police Magistrate yesterday morning charged with being absent from military duty without leave. Lieut. McKendrick spoke favorably for the men and they were honorably discharged.

TOMORROW EPIPHANY. Tomorrow will be the feast of the Epiphany, or of the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The day is called by some Old Christmas or Twelfth Day.

ELECTION POSTPONED. The election of officers which was to have been held last night by the Trades and Labor Council in the Odd Fellows' Building, has been postponed until the first meeting in February. Routine business only was discussed.

TYPOS ELECT TONIGHT. The annual meeting of the St. John Typographical Union will be held tonight and it is expected there will be an unusually large attendance. A candidate for president is A. D. Colwell of Barnes & Co. Mr. Colwell was formerly a resident of Harland.

A CURE FOR TRENCH FEET ARE NICE DRY SOCKS. But to have "dry socks" we must have wool, and to have wool, we must have money. Owing to the fact that yarn is more than double the original price, the S. C. A. must call on the public for assistance. Cash donations will be gratefully acknowledged and sent to the treasurer, Mrs. J. Walter Holly, No. 184 Germain St. A generous response is hoped for.

ST. JOHN MAN MISSING. Mrs. John Breen, 833 Main street, has received word that her son, Pte. Leonard Breen, is reported wounded and missing on Nov. 6. Previous to his enlistment Pte. Breen was employed by Mr. C. H. Jackson, King Square. When the 104th was formed he signed on with that unit, but was later transferred to another N. B. unit. His brother, Pte. Albert Breen, of the original 26th, made the supreme sacrifice in the battle of the Somme, October 2nd, 1916.

THREE HORSES LOST. Three horses which were being sent to Halifax to help in the relief work there, escaped from the cattle pen at Gilbert's Lane last night about ten o'clock and it is supposed are somewhere in Rockwood Park. The horses which were being forwarded by the Dominion Express Company, arrived in the city on Thursday and were placed in the cattle pen to be shipped out last night at 11:30. It is not known by what means they got out of the pen and any person seeing them will please notify Mr. McLaughlin at the Gilbert's Lane crossing.

HALIFAX RELIEF. A meeting of the Halifax relief committee and the executive of the Victory Loan was held yesterday morning in the office of Mayor Hayes. He reported that contributions to date totalled roughly \$40,000. The committee expressed the opinion that the city's contribution should be at least \$20,000 and suggested a city grant to make up the difference between the voluntary subscriptions and that amount, about \$20,000. It was decided to pay the bills for the goods shipped the first week of the disaster and send the balance forward in cash.

THE COUNTRY MARKET. The country market is well supplied with meats and produce this week, though the cold weather has curtailed the supply to some extent. Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 50 cents a peck; parsnips, carrots and cooking apples, 40 cents a peck; cabbage, 15 cents each; colary, \$1.50 a dozen; eating apples, 60 cents a peck; pork, 30 cents to 35 cents; mutton and lamb, 25 cents to 30 cents; beef, 30 cents to 35 cents; turkey, 45 cents; geese, 25 to 40 cents; rabbits, 50 cents a pair; chickens, 40 to 45 cents; butter, 40 to 45 cents; cow eggs, 60 cents; fresh eggs, 70 cents.

PRIVATE WM. V. OWEN. Any lingering hope that their son, Private William V. Owen, might still be alive was dispelled yesterday morning by an official despatch to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Owens, 272 Tower street, West Side. The message stated that Private Owen, previously reported missing, was now officially announced to have been killed in action on August 13th, 1917.

PRIVATE CAMPBELL WOUNDED. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, Hawthorne avenue, received word today that their son, Private Frederick Campbell, was reported wounded and missing since November 6. Private Campbell enlisted with the 115th Battalion and was drafted later into the Fighting 24th. He is 25 years of age and had been previously employed with Messrs. T. McAVITY & Sons, Ltd., Water street. He has five brothers, Roy, Gordon, Guy, Archie and Walter, of Boston, who joined the U. S. army about a year ago, and one sister, Mrs. Fred Powers. The latest letter received by Mrs. Campbell from her son was dated October 27.

CLOSE ON SATURDAY AT SIX. The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. will close Saturdays at six p.m. during January, February and March.

FRANK HIGGINS, MURDERER, OBJECTS TO TAKING THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT AND FILES EXEMPTION PAPERS

Is Now Serving Life Sentence in Dorchester for Killing Doherty—Says His Appeal is Based on Articles of Faith in His Religious Denomination—Other Exemption Cases of Interest.

"Because I belong to a religious denomination, the articles of faith of which will not permit in the taking of human blood." Such was the reason advanced by Frank Higgins, the murderer of young Doherty, in his exemption claim filed with the registrar for the province. Higgins is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for the crime, and along with the other prisoners was given the papers provided under the Military Service Act to be filled out. This is without a doubt the most unique and apparently illogical reason for exemption thus far advanced in the Dominion of Canada.

Higgins was a member of the Tan-y-draig Gang. This was a party of boys whose activities were mostly of a criminal nature. They had a record of thefts charged against them, and for years the gang was a nuisance to the community in which they lived and carried on their nefarious work. The murder of young Doherty, one of the party, was a murder of a rather large one, having filled out service cards. This means that they are ready and willing to go overseas. It is not for one moment doubted that many of them would much rather take a chance on the firing line than serve their time in prison. It is thought that the Minister of Justice will rule in the case where men are confined on petty charges, and it may be that he will grant them their freedom should they be called to the colors.

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Of all the subjects to be dealt with in the province, the Indian is probably the most interesting. They are for the most part unable to read or write in English. They have been notified to register for service or file papers for exemption before the last of the month, but not one case has yet been reported where this has been done. Apparently they are of the opinion that they are not to be classified as soldiers, and they are going to make up the population in this province. It may be that a special bill will be introduced to make the Indians realize that they too have to follow the same procedure as their white brethren.

PLAYGROUNDS EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD. Many Important Matters Discussed—Reports Received—Mothers' Meetings to be Held—The Grant for Playgrounds Work.

Many important matters were discussed at the executive meeting of the Playground Association held last evening at 22 Princess street. A good deal of business was transacted and several suggestions made in regard to the grant for the playgrounds. The matter was left in the hands of a committee who were appointed to look after this and report at the next meeting. Information was asked by the City Council as to a grant for the playgrounds and this information will be supplied at once.

An excellent report was given from the Boys' Club. This work is flourishing there being more than the usual number of members at this time of year. A most successful New Year's trial was arranged for the boys and was greatly enjoyed by them. A lively discussion took place regarding the necessity of those in the work taking a deeper personal interest in the boys and it was decided to hold mothers' meetings on certain afternoons and also to invite the parents on certain occasions, to attend the entertainments given for the boys. Social service and community work was also discussed.

A committee was appointed to look up the members who joined last year and try to renew their interest in the Playgrounds Association so that they may take their share both in the responsibility and pleasure of this splendid work.

A. M. Belding presided at this meeting.

ARRESTED FOR BROACHING. A freeman employed on one of the steamers to recently dock at this port was arrested by the C. P. R. officials yesterday, charged with broaching the cargo. His name is Alfred Armstrong, and he is a native of England.

GIVEN IN CHARGE. James Howard of Toronto was yesterday afternoon given in charge of the police by a non-commissioned officer of the C. A. M. C. of Halifax.

DR. D. S. CHOWN IN CITY. Dr. D. S. Chown, superintendent of the Methodist church in Toronto, passed through the city yesterday en route to Halifax. He was registered at the Royal Hotel.

WHY SHE WEPT. The local pawnbroker's shop was on fire, and among the crowd of spectators was an old woman who attracted much attention by her sobs and cries of despair, according to the San Francisco Argonaut. "What is the matter with you?" a freeman asked. "You don't own the shop, do you?" "No," she wailed, "but my old man's suit is pawned there, and he don't know it."

STANLEY REID, A LONGSHOREMAN, BROKE HIS NECK

Fell Into Hold of Steamship at West St. John Last Night—Was About 25 Years of Age and Resided on Princess Street—Body Viewed by Coroner Kenney.

A sad and fatal accident occurred last night at West St. John, about 9 o'clock. Stanley Reid, a longshoreman, in leaving the hold of a steamer slipped on one of the steel rungs of the ladder and fell on the cargo in the bottom of the steamer breaking his neck. It is thought that the frost coming out of the steel made them exceptionally slippery.

According to facts learned by The Standard last night the young man was engaged in the hold along with other longshoremen in discharging the cargo from the steamer which is unloading at No. 16 shed. They had completed the assembling of some cargo and had covered it with tarpaulin. When the party were leaving the hold, the unfortunate young man was the last on the ladder, the other men going up ahead of him. On reaching the deck they discovered that he was not with them and on making a search they discovered his body lying at the foot of the ladder. The city ambulance was immediately summoned but it was found on reaching the scene that his neck had been broken.

Dr. Kenney was sent for and after ordering the body removed to Chamberlain's undertaking rooms on Mill St. it is likely that an inquest will be held.

Stanley Reid was a young man of about twenty-five years of age. He resided with his sister at the foot of Princess street, who will receive the deep sympathy of friends.

CORPORAL'S GUARD MAY BRING A MAN FROM CHARLOTTE

Wrote Military Authorities He Would Not Report for Duty—Claimed He Should be Exempted—Should Have Been First Day Draftee.

The military authorities it was learned yesterday, are in receipt of a letter from a young man in Charlotte, N. C., who states that he will not report for duty. It is understood that the reason advanced is that he should be exempted. His case, however, does not warrant the granting of exemption. He should have reported in St. John at the first day of the call, January 3, but he failed to do so. No time will be lost in apprehending the young man and bringing him to the city.

Yesterday there were but a few of the number called who failed to report, and it may be that some of the men who did not respond have been granted exemption by the appeal process. The same number of men will be called today and each day succeeding until the total this province is called upon to provide has been made up. It is not the intention of the military authorities to make public the exact number of men from New Brunswick or any of the provinces who will be obliged to contribute.

Leathery men were in barracks, and all have taken up their new life with interest. It is thought that the officer commanding the unit to hold the first drill on Monday morning.

The Deputy will transfer from their quarters on the West Side to the Exhibition building this morning. Official reports received at Ottawa by the Military Service Council from all parts of the Dominion indicate that men called up in the first draft are readily responding to the call. The reports include the military districts of Montreal and Quebec, and nowhere, it is stated, has there been any serious hitch in the arrangements.

It is understood that further drafts of men in classes one will be called up as their cases are disposed of by the tribunals, and as military requirements necessitate. The men will in each case be notified by registered mail when and where he is to report for active service.

The first Saturday of 1918. The first big Saturday Special at Dykeman's! Seventy-five Women's smart, new model Tweed, Velour and Milton Coats, to be disposed of on Saturday. Prices in some instances are cut in half, and even less, and we feel sure that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to procure. They are tailored and finished in the best possible style, some with contrasting collars and cuffs of Fur and Collinsy Cloth, large and small collars in many different novelty shades. This bargain represents an investment which seldom presents itself.

The regular prices range from \$10.00 to \$35.00. At this special Saturday sale you will find them greatly reduced for one-day clearance sale. You will find all sizes in this assortment. Only one of each style, no two Coats alike. Saturday prices, \$4.95, \$7.95, \$9.95, \$11.95, \$13.95, \$14.95, \$17.95, and so on up. See our special window display today and remember this store is usually open until ten p.m. each Saturday.

Band at Victoria Rink tonight and every night this week.

As previously advertised all the furs of Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd. will close on Saturday evenings at six o'clock for the months of January, February and March.

Come in and HEAR The NEW EDISON Music's Re-Creation Snow Shovels. You need not be caught without a Snow Shovel when these big storms come around; we can furnish you with a Good Reliable Snow Shovel—either in Enamelled Steel with Wood Handle or the All Wood Variety,—well made and durable. CALL AND SEE THEM. FIRST FLOOR MARKET SQUARE STORE. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. KING STREET.

Trimmed Hats Feather Hats At Very Special Prices Today Untrimmed Hats Velour Hats Marr Millinery Co., Limited

AUTOMOBILE SKATES. Choosing the right skates has much to do with one's comfort, grace and general success in skating. Made in Canada. Ounces Lighter and Stronger. AUTOMOBILE SKATES, (Ladies' and Gent's) \$1.75 to \$7.00. HOCKEY SKATES, (All Standard Makes) 50 cts to \$3.50. WHELPEY'S LONG REACH SKATES, (Men's and Boys') \$1.50 and \$2.75. Roller Skates, Salyers' Hockey Sticks, Hockey Pucks, Hockey Gloves, Shin Guards. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited. OUR STORES OPEN AT 9 A. M. CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK DAILY. Free Hemming Sale of Household Linens and Cottons Starts Monday, Jan. 7th. ANNUAL MID-SEASON SALE OF MEN'S AND BOYS' WINTER OVERCOATS. Commencing today, January 5th, offering an unusual Money-Saving opportunity for the man who has not yet purchased his winter Overcoat. This Sale includes the balance of our regular Stock of Fashionable Overcoats. Considering Style, Quality, and Workmanship they are extra values at the Bargain Prices quoted. FOR MEN. The styles are various. Three-quarter and full length models with belted or plain backs. Then there are the loose fitting Slip-ons or semi or form fitting coats. Also the Chesterfield—always a standard style. Convertible, Shawl, Velvet or Self Collars in fancy Tweeds, Cheviots, Naps and White-neys, in all the leading shades. \$10.00 Coats. Sale Price... \$7.95. \$15.00 Coats. Sale Price... 9.95. \$20.00 Coats. Sale Price... 14.00. \$25.00 Coats. 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