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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.

BRITAIN'S LIQUOR PROBLEM.

English newspapers forecast that the new government will take pronounced action in the matter of the liquor problem, either by buying the traffic or enforcing important restrictive measures concerning the sale of liquor. In his recent statement to the British Commons the premier made no announcement of his policy but there is no doubt that drastic action will speedily come.

In the recent parliamentary agitation for the elimination of the larger evils of the liquor traffic Mr. Lloyd George took a prominent part, and the world clearly remembers his striking declaration that liquor was a greater curse to Great Britain than the armies of the Teutonic forces. Already the Board of Liquor Control has enforced, in munition areas, no-treating, limited hours of sale and no credit. In some munition areas and dockyard centres all the licenses have been taken over and the bars are now operated under government control. So far as the communities affected are concerned these restrictive measures have made a great improvement but the general license situation in Britain is still far from satisfactory.

For instance, as an exchange point, the breweries required for the year ending last September 1,224,000 tons of barley, 306,000 tons of other grains, 65,000 tons of rice, maize and by-products; 119,000 tons of sugar, and 47,000 tons of molasses. That is a total of 1,708,000. When foodstuffs are scarce and high in Britain, and labor is short, and economy by every one absolutely imperative, the spending of \$800,000,000 a year on drink naturally is singled out for attack. The grain used by the breweries is mostly home grown, but if it were available for other purposes the country would need to import so much less. Official figures put the saving in tonnage from the diversion of this grain and other materials to proper uses at 1,000,000 tons net of shipping. This represents about one-thirteenth of the net tonnage of the marine.

The newspapers are forecasting strong action by the new Lloyd George government, and conditions in all respects are such that there will be the least possible opposition to a prohibitory enactment, or something closely approaching to it.

THE DUTY OF THE NEW YEAR.

Today a new page is turned in the book of life. What will be written on it during the year of 1917?

The dawn of the year finds the Empire still at war, but with the prospect of victorious peace growing daily more certain. How long the struggle will continue is a question beyond the power of ordinary men to answer. A year ago it was thought it would have finished before today, but the ferocity of the fighting has not abated, and while the Allied armies, numerically and in point of ability, are believed to be superior to the enemy, the struggle has not reached a point where the defeat of Germany can be said to have been accomplished. For the men in the trenches, therefore, the new year holds hard work, hardship and danger, but they will meet it as they have met the difficulties and perils of the past twelve months.

What does it hold for those at home?

It should hold remembrance and recognition; grateful, proud remembrance of the sacrifices made in our behalf by the men who have donned the khaki and gone overseas to fight our battles; recognition of the duty we owe to them, to their dependents, and to our country. For those who have been bereaved there should be loving kindness and tender condolences; for those to whom the days bring burden of anxiety and longing, anxiety for loved ones absent from the family circle, longing for a cessation of hostilities and the return of the soldier boys to the home, there should be sympathy and tangible appreciation.

To every heart and mind the duty of the new year should appeal with compelling force. We should so live as to be worthy of those who are facing our dangers for us, who are bearing the burden in the heat of battle that our homes shall continue invio-

late, our security unimpaired. This is the message of duty the new year brings to each one of us.

THE ENTENTE REPLY.

There can be no mistaking the tenor of the reply of the Entente Powers to the peace suggestions of President Wilson. Great Britain and her allies will end hostilities against Germany just as soon as the enemy announces her willingness to pay the penalty for her misdeeds and provides guarantees for the faithful performance of her pledges. On any other basis peace proposals from Germany or from any neutral, no matter how well intentioned they may be, represent simply a wasted effort.

The whole record of the Teuton powers from and before the outbreak of war has been one of broken pledges and violated agreements. The Teutons were the first to break the peace and it is not for them to say how or when it shall be restored. As the Allied note states "It is not upon the word of Germany after violation of her agreements that the peace, broken by her, may be based." And in conclusion, referring to the German peace proposal, the Allied note puts it thus: "The Allied governments, closely united to one another and in perfect sympathy with their peoples, refuse to consider proposals so empty and insincere."

"Empty and insincere," if no other words could the German story be so well told. It is altogether natural that the Entente reply should be just that it is.

This war must and will go on until it can be ended on terms and conditions that make it certain that never again shall it be necessary to repeat the experiences of the past two and one-half years.

1916-1917.

Old year good-bye
No doubt ye did yer best,
We're a bit fraid.

A braw chiel's comin' tak
Yer time and rest,
To him—all hail!

THE DURHAM RAIDERS' DOOM

Spectacle Witnessed by Many Thousands.

(Manchester Guardian.) A Town in Durham, Nov. 29.—Last night, just before midnight, a Zeppelin ventured to pass over this dark and sleeping town. It was returning from an inland journey to the sea on its way home, and as it passed across the country it dropped bombs promiscuously, as if it was getting rid of a troublesome freight.

When the airship arrived over here it was discovered by our defensive searchlights, which held it and would not let it go. It turned, it wriggled this way and that, convulsively endeavoring to escape their stabbing light, and its manoeuvres made it appear rather like a rising fish speared by silver prongs. There were guns ready, and they opened fire on the monster thousands of feet up in the clear sky. Invisible aeroplanes, patrolling the air, were also directed to their quarry by the broad, steady beams which were thrust towards the stars.

In a last panicky effort to lift itself clear of the encompassing dangers, the airship let fall all its remaining explosives, and they dropped upon this town. Guns were firing and the bombs were being wrecked, and the noise was nearly as terrifying as a naval bombardment, though, fortunately, not as destructive as the bombardment which the Durham coast once suffered.

Red Glow Reveals the Aeroplane Shells were seen to burst like deadly fireworks about the Zeppelin, and the expectantly anxious watchers grew increasingly keen. Suddenly, as if at a given signal, the firing ceased. The now wretched inhabitants, if they were not already in the streets, looked from their windows and doors, and saw on the long grey body overhead a spot of red near the stern. The spot widened into a glow, the glow grew to a flare, the flare ran from end to end of the Zeppelin, and the whole earth and sky were lit up with an intensely brilliant light.

In that light far away a solitary aeroplane was seen circling down to earth again. It was seen but for a moment and then almost forgotten, and afterwards it came to be wondered

whether the guns or the aeroplanes had brought about the night raider's destruction. We know now that it was that little machine that had done the Goliath to death.

But at that moment the appalling spectacle of the giant airship falling headlong in flames engrossed every eye. It fell faster and faster, and the blazing gas streamed in ribbons far behind and above it. Tremulous tongues of flame broke out and gleamed in weird detachment for a moment before the darkness blotted them out. The town grew bright in every part, and light was reflected from innumerable windows. People who have come into the town tell of how they saw that light from twenty miles away.

Swallowed Up By the Sea

In its fall the Zeppelin broke in two, the larger part dropping the smaller quickly and blazing until it disappeared into the sea, following immediately by the lesser part. For half an hour after it fell, I have been told, flames were seen lifting and falling in the gentle sea. When an examination boat arrived at the spot, not a trace of the airship remained. The sea had swallowed it up, minute to fall, others say three minutes. The fact is that no one was so unconcerned as to mark the time. One man who was in the street went to the house for a pair of glasses and was back in the street in time to watch the greater part of the fall. Another aroused his wife that she might share the thrilling spectacle, and they also were in time to see the fall, so probably the estimate of three minutes is the more correct. But from first to last, from the sound of the earliest bomb to the plunging of the Zeppelin into the sea, there was a space of not more than five minutes.

Damage in the Town

The damage in the town is considerable, but much less than might have been expected. The structural damage is almost entirely confined to houses, in a working-class residential district. The wreckage of windows has spread in a curious way to quite distant streets. Eighteen bombs have been accounted for. Six of them fell in the neighborhood of a village five miles from the town, four fell between that village and the town; two fell in a public park, and six in the town itself.

A woman has died of shock and thirteen persons have reported injuries, but only seven have been detained, and of these seven only two are in a serious condition. The greatest damage has been caused by a bomb which fell in a back street between two rows of houses. The force of the explosion was more to one side than the other, and all the houses of a village five miles from the town, were shaken and broken, windows being blown out, slates lifted, and doors burst open. Houses on the opposite side of the street were by this same explosion stripped of all their glass, and from one house the roof of bricks was kicked out, leaving the inner row standing.

Off Norfolk Coast

The East Coast, Nov. 29.—I am writing this from a port on the east coast which has had a good many alarms during the war. Today, however, it finds ample compensation for all its troubles. Early last night there were indications in the town that something unusual was happening and that naval and military men were unusually busy. Many people spent the night watching for something to happen, but nothing occurred until about six o'clock.

Many were awakened at that hour by hearing explosions. One of my informants said that as soon as she heard the explosion she thought there was a bombardment, and hurriedly got up. She was afraid to light the room lest it should be seen from outside, but the flashes in the sky were so brilliant that the room was as light as day. By the time she got into the street the whole of the place seemed to be out watching in intense silence. Every available searchlight was now in action, and very soon they were holding the airship firmly, while a

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number of guns from various directions seemed to be making excellent work. The morning was fine, but there was some mist over the sea, and there was great excitement as it was seen that the Zeppelin was trying to hide in the mist and get away to sea. Mean- while the land defenses were making excellent practice, and it was thought that at least one hit was scored, but the Zeppelin was getting further and further away, and it was soon impossible from the shore to make out what exactly was happening.

After an interval of a few minutes the sky was suddenly lit up with a huge crimson glow, familiar to those who have seen Zeppelins brought down before. The spectacle was a very curious one owing to the fact that the flames were seen through a mist. The Zeppelin came down zig-zag fashion, cutting a path through the mist till it touched the sea, but for some time later there was a curious corkscrew line of smoke reaching right down to the sea from the point where it was hit, about 8,000 feet up.

Official reports describe the attack by aeroplanes, but few people on shore even with glasses, could see anything of these. Nor was it possible to see any sign of wreckage. The Zeppelin disappeared completely.

In the town the excitement was prodigious. One sober citizen said to me that the entire population seemed suddenly to have gone mad. People were dancing in the streets like children, and the cheering was tremendous. They turned out in all sorts of costumes, quite regardless of the bitter cold. The slight, they said, was quite enough to keep them warm.

A Flight in the Air

An east coast correspondent states that as the Zeppelin slowly sank in flames the crowd on shore cheered with might and main, while the sirens of steamers hooted out in triumph. Four aeroplanes were seen making their way northwards, and as they came in sight well out to sea the crowd gave another mighty cheer, and then went home to breakfast, well satisfied.

It was afterwards learned that before the Zeppelin was destroyed there was a regular duel in the air between the Zeppelin and the aeroplane men. Those on the airship fired again and again, and our aeroplanes replied with interest. This went on for quite fifteen minutes, and then the finishing stroke was given.

Steamers were sent out to search for the wreckage, but nothing was found except black scum and floating oil. The Zeppelin is described as one of the latest type, very long, with two iron crosses painted upon her. Another correspondent says that after the Zeppelin fell into the water a British warship flew in from the sea, and descended on the coast. He was given a tremendous ovation. Townspeople carried him shoulder-high through streets crowded with cheering people, while the sirens of the shipping shrieked triumphantly.

At a Yorkshire Town An Inland Yorkshire Town, Nov. 29.—A warm welcome was given two Zeppelins which appeared over an outskirts of this inland Yorkshire town last

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The first Zeppelin sent out two bombs, but, evidently alarmed, it sheered off in three minutes towards the coast. Later its fellow appeared nearer the town, and was at once held by the lights. The anti-aircraft guns speedily got into action, and shot after shot was fired. The night was clear, bright, and starry, and every motion of the enemy could be seen. An ample warning had been given, there were thousands of people in the streets, who cheered every shot, crying "Go on, go on," as the gunners got nearer to their mark, and it was the general opinion that the two last shots got home. Zeppelin dipped, and then recovering rose rapidly and disappeared after a visit of five minutes.

One bomb dropped at the junction of two thoroughfares in an outlying district, demolishing a dwelling-house, which had been vacated just in time, and making a large hole in the road. Two incendiary bombs fell into a small lock-up grocer's shop, but caused little damage. Others went into some gardens and a football field.

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Edward A. Merritt, C. S. B., Heard Yesterday Afternoon at the Imperial Theatre. Large Number in Attendance.

A large number of people gathered at the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon to hear Edward A. Merritt, C. S. B., deliver a lecture on "Christian Science. The lecturer was listened to with interest by the audience and his discourse followed very closely. He has a pleasing personality and a good grip on his subject.

Ralph Watts presided and introduced the speaker, who said in part: "The application of science to religion is no doubt the most vital accomplishment in the progress of mankind. Materialism had kept humanity for many centuries groping in the darkness through false concepts of Christianity. Under the influence and control of Emperor Constantine the power to heal the sick by spiritual means, which had been present in the primitive church for three hundred years, was lost.

"Consider the simplicity of the teachings of Jesus. He makes two all important demands upon His followers, namely, to preach and to heal. "The demand of this age is proof of the practical availability of every product of human effort. That it may be uplifted, the race needs the knowledge of that science which Jesus demonstrated when He cleansed the lepers, healed the sick, raised the dead, and gave His promise that those who seek and find 'the Father' He came to unfold to human understanding, shall do the works which He did, and even greater works.

"Christian Science in its operation is always constructive. Its warfare is waged against false systems, but never against persons.

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"Because God is the only source, man could not originate elsewhere; therefore man is the offspring of Spirit. Because God is the only presence, He is present to the universe, including man, as its source of all truth, wisdom, intelligence, and life. He is present to man as the only power that is available to release and redeem him from evil.

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A Prisoner in Germany.

A letter received by G. B. Nevins of Lower Jemseg from his son, Sergt. R. K. Nevins, prisoner of war at Soltan Z, Baracke No. 4, (Province Hanover), Deutschland, states he is in good health and doing well, receiving a number of parcels from different sources in good condition, etc.

ANGLICAN CHURCHES THROUGHOUT WORLD HAVE "WAR DAY"

"Special Day" of Prayer and Thanksgiving and Resolve. —Bishop Richardson's Pastoral Letter to Priests.

Yesterday was observed in the Anglican churches throughout the world as a special day "of prayer and thanksgiving, and resolve" in connection with the war. In St. John special prayers were offered in all the Anglican churches.

In this diocese Bishop Richardson sent the following pastoral letter to all the rectors:

"My Dear Brothers—in accordance



HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP RICHARDSON.

with the action taken by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York with regard to the cathedrals and parish churches of the motherland, the Primate asks the Church of England in Canada to observe Sunday, December 31st next, as a special day of prayer, of thanksgiving, and of resolve, in connection with the war. I hope, therefore, that this will be done in every parish of the diocese, keeping in mind the three suggested purposes to which I have referred above. Prayer is needed—prayer for ourselves as a nation, and as individuals—prayer for the sailors and soldiers who have gone forth to fight—and prayer on behalf of all those to whom the war has brought suffering and sorrow. Thanksgiving, too, is needed—thanksgiving for the protection that has been afforded us, and for the devotion that has been shown by so many men and women in the cause of truth and honor. And, resolve, too, is needed—resolve that in the face of every difficulty and discouragement we shall not fail to do our duty. Let us, then, make these three thoughts the keynote of our services on the last Sunday of the year.

"It is not necessary, I think, to issue any further forms of service. You are at liberty to make wise use of such forms as are already in your hands, and which have been set forth by authority either in Canada or in the motherland.

"Affectionately yours,
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ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWS.

Christmas day as usual was well observed in our various churches. The services were well attended, and the King's College Plans Progressive Move—Will Put on a Campaign to Raise \$100,000 for the University.

The governors of King's College, Windsor, are planning a special effort to improve the financial standing of the University and to increase its usefulness after the war. A determined effort is to be made to keep the College thoroughly abreast of the times and to meet the general expansion that is looked for throughout the provinces. A meeting of the Board of Governors was held on the 19th inst., at which representatives were present from both provinces. His Grace the Archbishop of Nova Scotia presiding. Arrangements were made for a new campaign for increased endowment. It was pointed out by the president that such a campaign is absolutely necessary to enable the college to carry on its work efficiently and to provide for the needed expansion. With this in view it was decided to inaugurate a vigorous campaign in the three provinces.

A special committee was appointed to make the preliminary arrangements. Mr. R. A. Cassidy, who is already well-known to the public in connection with college and philanthropic movements, has been engaged to assist. The amount required, and which there is every expectation of obtaining, is \$100,000.

Plans are being formed to bring the college before the public. Lectures will be delivered in various centres descriptive of King's historic associations and the part played by distinguished King's men—past and present. The next meeting of the Board will take place at St. John early in January.

A Forward Movement

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The musical part of the evening consisted of songs by Dr. Percy Bonnell, Miss Minnie Myles and Miss Penion. Light refreshments were served and the singing of the National Anthem brought the entertainment to a close.

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Soldier's Club.

There will be an "at home" at the Soldiers' Club today. The members of the Y.W.P.A. have arranged for a reception for soldiers and sailors during the afternoon and evening. An informal tea to which all soldiers and sailors who may be in the city are invited, and a short entertainment in the evening will be provided.

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Executive Meeting of the Women's Canadian Club.

Many and varied are the activities of the Women's Canadian Club and at a meeting of the executive held on Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Powell's residence, reports of committees were heard and further work planned.

Captain H. A. Pearson who is to speak on Y. M. C. A. work at the front. Captain Pearson has been with the Canadians from the first battle of Ypres and has many years of experience to relate.

Another subject settled at this meeting was the diet kitchen at the military hospital. The present one is very small and entirely too crowded for the V. A. D. workers to use conveniently.

Mrs. Beatty, convenor of the Individual Prisoners of War Fund, gave a detailed account of her work. There are 40 New Brunswick men held prisoners in Germany.

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Members of the Grand Harbor Institute are greatly interested in a membership contest. The losing side has to entertain the winning side.

Hammond and Markhamville Institute was "at home" to the Poodiac and Jeffrey's Corner Institute in October and the large attendance felt much benefited by the papers on "Friendship and Sociability" and "Socializing the Common Places."

Very practical papers were given at a meeting of the Havelock Institute. "Home Influence on a Child's Behavior" was the subject.

Three schools are represented in the Hillsboro Institute and at the November meeting committees were appointed to visit these schools.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE

What an Oyster is "Now," asked the teacher, "who can tell me what an oyster is?" Silence for a moment, while small brows were knit in strained effort at remembrance.

UNCLE DICK'S DAILY CHAT

My Dear Kiddies:—What a pleasure it is to be found in seeing others being made happy, particularly if they happen to be poor little kiddies.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MAIL BAG

Dear Uncle Dick:—Gertrude Hemphill wanted me to join the Corner, so I think I will, as I have read the Corner since August and like it very much.

Who Hides His Time

Who hides his time, and day by day Faces defeat full patiently, And lifts a mournful roundelay.

Nice Little Letter

Dear Uncle Dick:—I thought I would like to join the Corner, because I heard so much about it, and papa just began to take the Standard about a month ago.

Often Noticed Contest

I thought I would try this contest, and perhaps I might stand a chance of winning the prize. I go to school and am in grade five.

Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage--Favorites and What They Say and Do.



Edna Goodrich

New Print of "Neptune's Daughter" in Canada. Clair Hague, general manager of the Universal Film Company of Canada, has announced that he is bringing out a print of Annette Kellermann in "Neptune's Daughter" for his territory.

Speech Delivered in New York

Mr. Edward Arden of the Actors Equity Association, Nov. 29, 1916. Mr. Lovenberg, Your Honor, Ladies and Gentlemen:—I esteem it a privilege to be asked to speak a few words on this occasion in the name of an organization of which I am one of the governing members.

the cases of Mr. Keith and Mr. Albee, they have not allowed this commercialism to banish sentiment. Not sentimentality but big honest sentiment. This is too personal a subject to go into details, but it is enough to say that their sentiment in business matters completely overshadows their regard for the pocketbook.

stamped "Success" in the fullest meaning of the word. "Truant Soul" is Welcomed by the Trade. "The Truant Soul," Henry B. Walthall's latest feature, was shown to the trade. The exhibition was given by George K. Spor, president of Essanay, at the Studebaker theatre, Chicago.

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Corre SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 29—Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett returned Friday from a trip to Montreal. Mr. Kenneth Dawson of the Standard is spending a few days in town, friends.

Miss Bess Poole, who is spending some time in town, D. S. Campbell, leaves Friday, where she will visit friends. Miss Violet Knapp, teacher at Stanstead, Que., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner fly spent Christmas in Truro of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedley N. daughter, Miss Marjorie N. spending the holiday season in St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. family are guests of Mrs. son, during the holiday season.

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Mr. Kenneth Dawson of Halifax, is spending a few days in town, guest of friends.

Mrs. S. Taylor and family spent Christmas in Moncton, guests of relatives.

Mrs. Fred A. Estey and Miss Grace Estey of St. John, spent Christmas in town with Mrs. Estey's sister, Mrs. C. W. Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Cooper and family of St. John, spent Christmas in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chapman and Miss Nan Chapman of Moncton, spent Christmas in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fawcett.

Miss Jennie King and Miss May Carter, members of the teaching staff of the Fisher Memorial School, Woodstock, are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Mrs. H. Dixon and family spent Christmas in Moncton, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Messrs. Herbert Fawcett and Stewart Fawcett spent a couple of days in St. John last week.

Mrs. A. B. Copp left Wednesday for Newcastle, N. B., where she will spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

Mr. Reginald Dobson, accountant in the Royal Bank at Pictou, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Read and family of Stonehaven, are spending the Christmas holidays here, guests of Mr. Read's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Read.

Miss Bess Poole, who has been spending some time in town with Mrs. D. E. Campbell, leaves Friday for Boston, where she will visit friends.

Miss Violet Knapp, teacher of Household Science at Stanstead College, Que., is spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner and family spent Christmas in Truro, guests of relatives.

Miss L. B. VanBuskirk, head milliner for Geo. E. Ford & Sons, left Saturday for her home in Kentville.

Mrs. Herbert Goodwin and family are spending the Christmas holidays at Point de Bute, guests of relatives.

Mrs. Calhoun was hostess at a very enjoyable tea on Saturday afternoon from 4.30 to 6 in honor of her Miss Elsie Tait of St. John's, who is attending Mount Allison Conservatory of Music. The invited guests were Miss Helen Pickard, Miss Mabel Pickard, Miss Vera Cronin, Miss Marie DesBarres, Miss Edith Hinton, Miss Nellie Turner, Miss Jean Raine, Miss Carrie Cahill, Miss Ada Ford, Miss Helen Ford, Miss Elaine Borden, Miss Gladys Borden, Miss Constance Smith, Miss Sibyl Calkin, Miss Kathleen Mackenzie, Miss Amy Hickey, Miss Kathleen Fawcett, Mrs. Fritz Read, Mrs. Herbert Read, Mrs. R. Warren Cole and Mrs. C. J. Mersereau.

Miss Isabel Legevre, who has been teaching in Maine, reached Sackville early in the week. She will spend the holidays with her parents at Middle Sackville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedley N. Sharpe and daughter, Miss Marjorie Sharpe are spending the holiday season with relatives in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Melanson and family are guests of Mrs. Alice Atkinson during the holiday season.

Mrs. A. H. McAlary has returned from a visit to St. John friends.

Miss Annie Eilman left Thursday for a visit to Boston and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mitchell of Moncton, spent Christmas in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham Miller.

Miss Kathleen Fawcett entertained a number of friends very pleasantly last Friday evening in honor of Miss Clem Pickard, whose marriage took place yesterday. During the evening Miss Pickard was presented with a beautiful sterling silver purse by those present. The presentation was made by Mrs. Raleigh Triggs. Those present were Mrs. C. W. Fawcett, Mrs. R. Jones, Miss Clem Pickard, Miss Mabel Pickard, Miss Helen Wiggin, Miss Mabel Carter, Miss Nell Turner, Miss Helen Mackenzie, Miss Vera Cronin, Miss Dorothy Hinton, Miss Edith Hinton, Miss Marie DesBarres, Miss Lydia Ford, Miss Gretchen Allison, Miss Ada Ford, Miss Helen Ford, Miss Elsie Tait, Miss Kennedy, Miss Margaret Pickard, Miss Jean Raine, Miss Carrie Cahill, Miss Marjorie Taylor and Miss Muriel Taylor.

Miss Annie Ford, soloist and choir leader in the Presbyterian church at

Campbellton, is spending this week in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ford.

Two Mount Allison weddings took place yesterday. The wedding of Captain Geoffrey and Miss Clementina Pickard, both graduates from the University in 1914, took place yesterday, December 27th, at the home of the bride, Sackville. On the same day, Dr. Charles R. T. Fuller, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Fuller of Yarmouth, was married to Miss Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville McKean of North Sydney. "Charlie" Fuller graduated from Mount Allison in 1912, and later took his medical degree from McGill. He and his bride will reside in Yarmouth for the winter. Miss McKean attended the ladies' college in 1909.

Mr. Robert Duncan leaves Friday for Chipman, where he will spend New Year's.

Miss Elsie Tait left Wednesday for Charlottetown, P. E. I., where she will spend a few days, guest of Miss Fannie Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pickard, who spent Christmas in town, with Mr. Pickard's mother, Mrs. Charles Pickard, left Tuesday for Ottawa.

Miss Lillian Hart leaves Saturday on a trip to Montreal and Saranack, N. Y., where she will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Port Elgin, spent Christmas in town with Mrs. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wry.

Lieut.-Col. W. E. Forbes, O. C. the old 145th (Westmorland-Kent), is now residing at Folkestone, England, with his wife and family. Maj. Ernest E. Wood of the Argoxy, who was second in command at St. Martin's Plain, Maj. P. Roy Sumner and Maj. C. M. Rideout are also at St. Martin's Plain. Captain M. G. Siddall the old uoarmaster, is still at Shorncliffe.

Among the recent visitors at the office of the Agent-General for New Brunswick are the following: Nov. 30, Dec. 4, Mrs. Fred Ryan, Vancouver, B. C.; Dec. 4, Miss Katherine Ryan, Vancouver, B. C.

Only one student remained in the residence at the university during the holiday season this year. Mr. L. P. Curtis, editor of the Argoxy, remained to attend to duties connected with the publication of the Christmas issue of that magazine.

Mr. George Lund left last week for a brief trip to Boston, Waltham and other New England cities. He was a former resident of the United States, and this is the first visit after an absence of over twenty years.

Miss M. L. Smith and Miss Fydel of Mount Allison Conservatory of Music, joined the Christmas vacation in Bedford, N. S., with Mrs. E. G. Smith and Mrs. Crowell.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey P. Pickard was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, December 27th, at 10.30 a. m., when their eldest daughter, Miss Clementina Moore, was united in marriage to Captain the Rev. William S. Godfrey of the 256th New Brunswick Kilties Battalion, Fredericton. The house was artistically decorated for the occasion with evergreen, ferns and pink carnations, and presented a very pretty appearance. The bride who was given away by her father, was beautifully gowned in white satin with overdrift of white net, bridal veil and orange blossoms, (the latter being grown by the bride herself which blossomed the first time for her wedding), carrying a shower bouquet of cream roses and lilies of the valley. Rev. H. Thomas, pastor of the Sackville Methodist church, performed the ceremony, assisted by Prof. DesBarres, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The wedding march was played by Miss Margaret Pickard, cousin of the bride. At the conclusion of the ceremony, solos were rendered by Miss Vega Gronlund, Miss Annie Ford and Major Cecil Mersereau.

After a dainty luncheon was served the happy couple were conveyed by auto to the station, where they left on the C. P. R. for a trip to Montreal and Ottawa. On their return they will reside in Fredericton. The bride's trousseau was all in green cloth, with trimming of black lynx and she also wore black lynx furs. The esteem in which the bride is held was evidenced by the large number of beautiful gifts she received, including chique-cut glass, silver, etc. Those from out of town attending the wedding were Mrs. Godfrey and Miss Greta Godfrey of Chatham, mother and sister of the groom, and Major Cecil Mersereau of the 256th N. B. Kilties, Fredericton.

The versatile president of the Nova Scotia Conference, Rev. H. Wigle B. A., principal elect of Mount Allison Ladies' College, has recently published through the Book Room, Halifax, a very attractive booklet of poems, entitled Leaves, containing bright verses written in moments of leisure and suitable for souvenirs of Mr. Wigle's presidential year.

Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Knapp and Master Frank leave today for Boston, where they will spend a couple of weeks visiting relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Goodwin of Moncton, spent Christmas in town, guests of Rev. and Mrs. Stobbing.

Mr. Guy Dalling spent Christmas at his home in Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Mrs. Aubrey Lamy and children of Amherst, spent Wednesday in town, guests of Mrs. Percy Gillis.

mas with her parents in Sydney, N. S. Harold and Everest Dolan of Newson, and Vincent McEvoy and Gerald Foley of Newcastle, are home from their Christmas at the residence of Mr. Dolan from Kingston, Ont., Medical College.

Osborne N. Brown of New Glasgow, N. S., spent the holiday with his mother, Mrs. George Brown.

Miss Olive Williamson returned last week from a six week's visit to friends in Moncton. Miss Williamson is much improved in health.

Miss Gertrude Clarke, teacher in Moncton, is visiting her parents, ex-Alderman and Mrs. Thomas A. Clarke, the latter's son, Sapper Arthur Clarke of the Royal Canadian Engineers, Halifax, spent Christmas, Edward Sobey, a former resident of Maple Glen, but absent from the Miramichi for twenty years, is visiting his daughter, Miss Hazel Sobey of Newcastle.

Misses Muriel Atcheson of Newcastle and Kathleen Benn and Myrtle Kirkpatrick of Douglastown, are home from Normal School for the Christmas holidays.

Principal Keane of Harkins Academy is spending his vacation at his home in Nordin, and J. H. Dunning, teacher of the latter's son, Sapper Arthur Clarke of the Royal Canadian Engineers, Halifax, spent Christmas, Miss Gertrude Vickers of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Vickers.

Pte. Henderson Johnston of the Signal Corps, Ottawa, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnston.

Miss Mary McCarthy spent Christmas with Blackville friends.

Russell McCurdy, student at Acadia Collegiate Academy, Wolfville, N. S., is spending his vacation with his parents at the Manse, Redbank.

Pte. Henderson Johnston of the Signal Corps, Ottawa, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnston.

Miss Grace McCort of the Public Works Department, Fredericton, spent the past week with her parents, Chief Dispatcher and Mrs. Matthew McCorr.

Hector and Miss Rennie McQuarrie of Moncton, spent Sunday and Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McQuarrie.

F. E. Ives, travelling passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal, and Mrs. Ives spent Christmas and the past week with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. Freeman Copp.

Miss Elolse LeBlanc of Campbellton, spent Christmas with her parents here.

Miss Althea Kelly spent Christmas at her home in Fredericton.

Chief Dispatcher and Mrs. Thomas V. Tozer of Campbellton, spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Cate.

The marriage of Miss Sadie Elizabeth Sherrard of Nelson, and Mr. George Matchett of Sunny Corner, was solemnized in the manse, Redbank, the pastor, Rev. J. F. McCurdy, officiating, on Thursday evening, 21st inst. Mr. and Mrs. Matchett will live in Redbank.

The marriage of Miss Gurnetta Macdonald of Sunny Corner, and Irving James Matchett of Boom Road, was solemnized at the manse, Redbank, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. F. McCurdy tying the nuptial knot. The couple were unattended. They will live at Sunny Corner.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. MacMillan spent Christmas with the former's parents at New Mills.

Miss Dora Flett of Millerton, has been appointed night supervisor in the Somerville Hospital, Somerville, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Williams and family of Nelson, have removed to Oconto, Wisconsin.

Mr. H. H. Stuart returned home from the Miramichi Hospital, Wednesday, where she has been undergoing treatment the past three weeks. She is much improved in health.

ill in an English hospital for some weeks, stating that he is recovering his health.

Mr. Frank Woolverton of Tufts College, Boston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Woolverton.

A Red Cross tea was given on Thursday afternoon at the residence of Sheriff and Mrs. J. R. Tompkins. The house was beautifully trimmed with Christmas decorations for the occasion. The hostesses were Mrs. J. R. Tompkins, Mrs. I. B. Merriman and Miss Gallagher.

Dr. Stanley G. Neales of Lawrence, Mass., and daughter are the guests of Mrs. Thomas Neales.

Rev. Francis Bradley of Florenceville, was a recent guest of Rev. J. J. Ryan.

Mr. Arthur Kelly of the Royal Bank, Moncton, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly.

Mr. Heresford Connell of Northern Ontario, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Connell.

Mr. Richard Dumphy of Plaster Rock, spent Christmas in town.

Dr. Arthur M. Fisher, who has been in active service for some time, is now in Malta, a cable having been received from him this week. Only recently he has been at Saloniki.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Belyea left on Monday morning to visit relatives in St. Stephen.

Miss Sarah Brown, student nurse at the Lewiston Hospital, and W. J. Brown, railway operator in the Canadian West, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown.

Miss Mary Cogger and Miss Miriam Dunphy are home from the Normal School for Christmas.

Roy McClement of Fredericton, spent Christmas at home.

Twenty-seven Moncton boys of the 65th Battery spent Christmas at home.

Miss Gertrude Courtney trained nurse, left on Saturday evening to accept a position in the Hartford, Conn. hospital.

Charles Grant of the 65th Battery, spent a few days in Moncton this week.

Mrs. James Gallagher, who has been ill is recovering to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Williamson Fisher and Carleton Fisher spent Christmas with relatives at Monticello.

Mrs. Charlton Berrie, who has been here with her husband, Captain J. C. Berrie, for some weeks, left for her home on Saturday to spend the holidays.

Mr. Charles L. Smith, who has been spending some weeks in the Canadian North West, has returned home.

Major W. W. Melville, in charge of the Engineers' Training Camp at Ottawa, has been undergoing treatment at the Fisher Hospital here for the past fortnight.

A successful concert and sale was given by the pupils of the Broadway School in the school hall, on Tuesday evening. The accompanists were Mrs. G. W. Slipp, Miss Slipp and Miss Polley.

Miss Millmore had charge of the candy table and Miss Mulherin of the fancy table. The sum of one hundred and ten dollars was raised.

Mrs. Howard Jacques is visiting her son, F. Parker Jacques, and her daughter, Mrs. Howard Smith of Presque Isle.

Miss Mollie Coyle of Centreville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gibson.

Mr. C. Wilbur of Chatham, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thompson, Christmas.

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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

MONTREAL HAD REMARKABLE STOCK YEAR

Millions of Dollars Won and Lost in Speculation in "War Brides."

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The most remarkable year in the history of the Montreal Stock Exchange was brought to a close yesterday when the doors were closed for the New Year holidays, the governing committee having decided to remain closed on Saturday as well as Monday in order that brokers may catch up with their work and start out on the new year with a clean slate.

Unlike 1915 the year just closed was wrought with considerable hardship to traders and brokers alike. In 1915 there was a straight away bull market with setbacks of only a minor character and it was practically impossible for anyone in the market during that period to lose money.

During 1916 much higher prices were reached but the course was not nearly so smooth for the speculator, and thousands, even millions of dollars were won on the "war brides" during 1916 were lost in the "breaks" which have occurred at fairly regular intervals during the year just closed.

Practically the only cloud to mar the horizon from the standpoint of the bull in 1915 was the sinking of the Lusitania, which was followed by the worst market break of that year. During 1916 the President has been busy despatching notes to Germany while German submarines were busy shelling with American citizens aboard have been sunk and with each of these the market was subjected to a bear drive. Then the U.S. made its appearance of the United States coast, sunk a half dozen steamers and the market received the hardest shaking of the year up to that time.

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CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Monthly—Allan Gundry (\$3 mos.), \$20; Mrs. Jas. Leithan, 50c.; Mrs. C. Price, 50c.; Mrs. W. H. Mabee, 25c.; Mrs. Norman McLeod, \$1; Mrs. A. C. Smith, \$1; Miss J. T. Olive, \$1; Harold Mayes, \$5; King & McDonald, \$3; B. F. DeBow, \$3; R. W. Wigmore, \$10; Royal Bank staff, T. B. Blair (6 mos.), \$15; Mrs. G. C. Forbes (6 mos.), \$25; J. R. Carlin (6 mos.), \$5; G. W. Parker (7 mos.), \$3.50; R. C. Stammers, \$20; M. E. Nixon (5 mos.), \$5; W. W. Currie (6 mos.), \$3; W. M. Morrison (4 mos.), \$4; G. Gregory (6 mos.), \$3; J. G. Hastings (6 mos.), \$6; Mr. McNeil (3 mos.), \$3; Mr. Maccauley, \$1; S. H. Hawker (6 mos.), \$12; T. C. Cochrane, \$1; J. B. Manson, \$20; A. G. Burnham, Jr., \$1; Linsley, \$1; A. G. Burnham, Sr., \$1; A. Morrison, \$2; P. J. Lynch, \$1; J. S. Marnie, \$1; A. E. Raymond, \$1; J. A. Johnston, 50c.; H. E. Darling, \$1; G. R. Andrews, \$1; S. C. Hunter, 50c.; Miss G. M. Hunter, 25c.; A. G. Burnham, Sr., \$2; T. Likely, \$2; Z. G. Alwood, 50c.; G. A. Smith, \$2; W. E. Darling, 50c.; R. P. Church, \$2; Edgar H. Fairweather, \$5; Taylor & Sweeney, \$2; E. L. Jarvis, \$2; R. C. Etkin, \$20; W. J. MoShane (2 mos.), \$1.00.

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STOCKS AGAIN MAKE BREAK IN WALL ST.

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New York, Dec. 31.—The final week of the most remarkable year in the stock exchange was attended by a further revision, partly downward, of prices, due mainly to continued uncertainties in the international situation with Mexico as an added irritant.

Additional elimination of the extensive bull account was effected, together with more liquidation by investors who seemed to deem it advisable to reduce their holdings. Munitions, equipments, motors and metals were most inclined to yield in consequence of trade reports which indicated some abatement of demand.

Industrialists of the more seasoned class held the greater part of their recoveries. United States Steel, however, being under steady pressure, probably for market purposes. Estimates of the steel corporation earnings for the last quarter range from \$95,000,000 to \$100,000,000 with usual rumors of an increase in the rate of "extra" dividend on the common stock. Demand for rails was hardly more than nominal, but recent quotations were mostly maintained despite some reduction of net earnings as compared with the high records of the fall months. The statement of the Interstate Commerce Commission, showing net income of over a billion dollars by the leading transportation systems, was something of a factor in that quarter.

Thus far the usual pre-holiday investment demand for high grade securities has been relatively slight, despite the fact that January interest and dividend disbursements will exceed all previous records. This hesitation is generally ascribed to events of the past few weeks, which have caused no little readjustment of future values from the viewpoint of the investor.

Money is likely to be in increased demand soon after the beginning of the new year, but surface conditions point to a continuance of prevailing easy rates.

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SUGAR EXPECTED TO BE LOWER

Sugar is easier in tone and further declines would not come as a surprise when the new Cuban crop of raws begins to reach the market in volume in the first month of the year. Prospects for a record crop of raw sugar in Cuba continue good. Live and dressed hogs held steady with an anticipation of light supplies which is expected to make firmer prices before the week is over. Butter is easier in tone and a downward tendency is not improbable. Eggs are also easier in price. Consumption has been curtailed and new lots are coming in little better numbers, with the prospect of better supplies in January. Cheese is holding firm, due to the export demand. Poultry received a setback in Ontario due to wholesaler and retailers after the Christmas trade. This will have the tendency to make prices easier for some little time.

Canned tomatoes are easier, owing to the decreased demand. Corn and peas, however, hold firm. There is still some inquiry for United States canned goods. Dried fruits were well cleaned out of wholesaler's hands for the holiday trade. Some California fruit now on the way is being held up through freight embargoes on the American railways.

Four advanced during the week and recovered some of its former strength. This week business is quiet, owing to most travellers being in off the road, and on account of stock-taking, which is now under way in most wholesale and retail businesses.

HOLLINGER GOLD MINES PAY BIG DIVIDEND.

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(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat—No. 3 red, nominal; No. 3 hard, nominal; No. 2 yellow, 92 5/8 to 93; No. 4 yellow, 90 1/2 to 91; No. 4 white, 90 to 90 1/2.
Oats—No. 3 white, 52 1/2 to 53; standard, 52 1/2 to 53.
Rye—No. 2, nominal.
Barley—80 to 124.
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Timothy—12.00 to 17.00.
Pork—25.50.
Lard—15.35.
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Montreal, Dec. 30.—OATS—Canadian Western, No. 2, 69 to 70; No. 3, 67 to 67; extra No. 1 feed, 66 to 67.
BARLEY—Manitoba feed, 96; malting, 1.50.
FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, 8.50; seconds, 8.00; strong bakers, 8.50; winter patents, choice, 9.25; straight rollers, 8.50 to 8.80; bags, 4.10 to 4.25.
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PRICE CHANGES IN METAL TRADE UPWARD.

Hardware and Metal says: The closing week of 1916 has exceeded the usual heavy weekly budget of price changes, all in an upward direction. All thoughts are now turned toward the New Year. Prices of many hardware lines are now at levels which were undreamed of a year ago. Buyers are becoming even more cautious since peace rumors have become more insistent. Among many price changes during the past week are advances on brass valves, tools, furnace registers, miter boxes, mechanics' tools, saws, skates, wrapping paper, fork and shovel handles, iron handles. Higher prices are expected on snow shovels, cut nails, fishing tackle, rakes, tapes, oil stoves and heaters, lubricating oils, engine locks. Owing to higher costs of blue, whitening, tinting colors, etc., higher prices on calcimines are almost inevitable. A new shoe findings list has been issued and quotations are net list. Despite peace rumors, iron and steel products are decidedly firm and further advances have been scored on some steel products. There is a great scarcity of many iron and steel products and prices are quoted only on application. During the next two weeks stock-taking will be general throughout the retail hardware trade of Canada. Wholesalers usually take stock between Christmas and New

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LETTER RECALLS OLD SHOOTING AFFRAY AT AMHERST YEARS AGO

Convict Who Claims He Was Unjustly Accused Writes From Dorchester Pen.

Some years ago considerable excitement was created in this part of the country by a shooting at Amherst C. O. R. station, where a railway policeman named Jones was fired at and wounded by a couple of alleged desperadoes who made their escape in the

confusion following the shots. Many Monctonians who remember this affair will be interested in the following item recently clipped from an Ontario newspaper, which printed it to show, among other things, the hard proposition the criminal who tries to reform is up against.

Even for those who do not recall the circumstances of the Jones shooting, the article reproduced above will be interesting on account of its references to the McMahon-Belyea shooting in this city, only a comparatively short time ago.

The Toronto paper's article is as follows: Once a man is sentenced to a term in a Canadian penitentiary, as a general rule, he is condemned to a life of crime and successive periods of incarceration. Once the mark of the penitentiary is stamped upon him, it is made almost impossible for him to live an honest life and keep clear of the clutches of the law. We have seen

this state of affairs exemplified time and again, and that is why we are inclined to place some credence in the following statement sent to us by a convict in Dorchester Penitentiary, N. B.:

"I send you this statement," writes the convict, "in the hope that you will publish it with a desire to see fair play and justice meted out to the unfortunate poor and in the hope that it might secure for me a reduction of sentence. I have no friends or money left in April, 1900, I was arrested by Detective Powers, of the Halifax Police, for theft, and sentenced to two and a half years in Dorchester Pen. While lying in Halifax jail, an I. C. B. policeman named Jones, from Amherst, N. S., came to the station to identify me as one of two men who shot at him some months previously in the I. C. B. station waiting room at Amherst. Jones had me brought out to the jail office. He said nothing to me, but later on gave it out that I was the man Jones was accompanied by another constable named 'Belyea,' who did not figure in the case against me. He is here now serving ten years for shooting and is aware that Jones did me foul.

"After I arrived at Dorchester Pen. Jones returned with two men to identify me, but these two, seeing I was not the man, kept out of Jones' game. Jones got the authorities here to leave my hair and mustache. I have three fingers off my right hand. No mention of that fact was made either by Jones or his pal, Stewart, before the trial, but at the trial Jones swore to my maimed hand, and the conductor who saw the two men on the eve of the shooting, beating their way on his freight train, came here to see if I was one of the men, and he told the Deputy Warden that he had never seen me before. The authorities here did not believe I was to be tried, but suddenly, without warning, Deputy Chief Stimpson, of the Amherst police, came and took me to Amherst Court. I protested my innocence, explained how I was situated, and asked for time to procure counsel and witnesses to prove I was not the man. But this legal right was refused. The judge appointed a young lawyer, Hewson, to defend me. This young man did not stand up for his legal rights, and he let me be sacrificed. The judge gave me only five minutes to consult with counsel privately. I was put through a mockery of a trial, found guilty in a few minutes and sentenced to ten years.

"Jones swore that a youth named Wilson, sixteen years old, was in the waiting room at the time and saw the man who shot at him. My counsel asked for Wilson, only to be informed that Wilson was out of town.

"The conductor, too, was away, as were also the two men who came to identify me with Jones. A doctor who extracted a 32 calibre bullet out of Jones was absent. He had the bullet with him in case anyone in court would try to make it fit into my 38 revolver. A 38 revolver was got in my room when Powers arrested me. I called the attention of the judge to this fact, but neither he nor the jury would examine the gun.

"After I got back from Amherst I made two attempts to escape from the Pen and received two and a half more years. I saw Inspector Dawson when he visited the Dorchester Pen in 1901, and as a result of my protest I was transferred to Kingston Pen in February, 1902, and confined in the isolation cell. I was kept working on a tread mill for the first six months, then placed in the carpenter's sweat shop. When in Kingston I made many applications to the Commissioners to have my case looked into, and for clemency.

"I was released from Kingston, 1910, and being sore in heart against society for the punishment I had suffered, I fell again into the hands of my enemies. This time I was arrested by the Halifax police in the act of breaking into a saloon where I had been drinking after closing hours. For this I was sentenced by Judge Townsend to seven years. I had no lawyer in this case, but one was appointed by the Judge to fill the court form. It was his first brief and he knew better than to buck against the police, who were bent on putting me away. When I fell this time, the latter told my counsel before me that ex-Detective Powers said he had learned that I was innocent of the Jones shooting, and that he (Powers) would tell the truth if called upon. Lawyer O'Hearn promised to act on my behalf on account of the long unjust sentences that I had received. The Warden here would not allow me to write to Powers, but I wrote to Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, for permission. He, in turn, asked for a statement. I wrote one and he refused to grant my request. Is this Canadian justice?"

SHIPPING NEWS

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—Ard stirs Durango. Liverpool; Snetoppen (Nor), Wernberg, New York for Havre (re-pairs); 27th, in port, sailing Algier, Pures; Banan (Nor., Emanuel Nobel, (Belg.), Kanawha; Manchester Inventor; Matasua, dry dock.

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, Dec. 28.—Ard scha Annie B. Mitchell, Roberts Harbor; Emma S. Briggs, South Gardner; B. H. Warford, Nanucket; M. D. Creasy, Bath; Samuel Hart, Stockholm. Sid Dec. 28, schr Emily F. Northam, South Amboy for Rockland. Boston, Dec. 28.—Ard schrs Eagle, Stockton; Mary Langdon, Rockland. City Island, Dec. 27.—Sid Flora Condon, Boston for Norfolk.

SCHOONER LABELLED.

As the result of a collision which occurred in Rockland harbor on Dec. 19 last between the British schooner St. Maurice and the barge Shickshinny, owned by the Potter Transportation Co. of New York, a libel has just been placed on the schooner which was anchored in Boothbay Harbor on Wednesday, damages being claimed in the sum of \$3,000. The schooner has been bonded, and she will proceed to New York.

SCHOONER CHARTERED.

Schr, 1,448 tons, Gulf port to west coast Italy, lumber, \$60, February-March.

DAMAGE IN BAY PORTS.

The recent big westerly gale which prevailed in the Bay of Fundy caused a lot of damage to fishing craft along the Bay Shore. Trout Cove, Centres, was one of the places to be hit, and at least four gasoline fishing vessels were so damaged as to become a total loss. The new breakwater was considerably injured and the schooner Lila G. Boutiller slightly damaged. The injuries to boats alone is estimated at \$2,000.

LOST HER HEADGEAR.

The Lorain B. Snow, when riding anchor in the channel at Yarmouth was fouled by the steamer Prince George recently. She lost some of her head gear and the jibboom, and was forced aground, but has since been refloated and is apparently not much the worse.

MAN LOST OVERBOARD.

The fishing schooner Commonwealth, of Gloucester, reports losing a man off Liscomb—Joseph Daley, of Newfoundland, aged 25 years. He was thrown out of a dory on December 25th.

BELGIUM'S KING AND THE SLAVE RAIDS.

No event since war began has caused King Albert of Belgium such extreme distress as the recent slave raids by which his people in hundreds of thousands are being shipped to bondage in Germany.

If the ruin of Belgium stands out in pathetic relief from the general tragedy of the war, the figure of King Albert stands equally apart from among those who have been thrown into prominence by the catastrophe. Long before his coming to the throne, there was not a man in Belgium more in sympathy with the people who work and who suffer than this King, who has toiled in coal mines, spent days with engine drivers on their engines, and interested himself in every feature of his country's labors.

From the first day of war, he has been at the head of his troops. Everywhere and always he has really been chief in command, first in the line of fire where shot and shell fell alike on the great or humble. When the field forces were in central Belgium between Louvain and Namur, he went from point to point talking familiarly with the officers, and examining everything. Later when the Belgian army left the entrenched camp of Antwerp, to reconquer Malines, and advance to what had been Louvain, King Albert marched at the head of his troops, and went down into the trenches beside his soldiers. When Antwerp fell, it is said that the last shot of that heroic defense was fired by King Albert. He has long since seen his country under the iron heel of the invader, its people, rich and poor, kept alive by bread and soup kitchens, its liberties gone, its people hardly daring to breathe lest the "brightness" that has laid waste Louvain, Termonde, Dinant, and a score of other thriving towns, should become universal.

Today he has to witness a greater horror still, his people rounded into gangs at the point of the bayonet, families torn asunder, and shipped away like cattle to German labor camps.

Even to faintly conceive the situation, we must think of Belgium in the terms of our own land, swept from Quebec to Vancouver by a tidal wave of destruction, towns in ashes, industry paralyzed, the country a waste, the population dead, or starving, subject every day to slave raids, every large city in the hands of the enemy, and out of from the world, telephones everywhere inoperative, mails undelivered.

But through it all, and in spite of it all, the work of the Belgian Relief Fund will go on, as long as there is a starving population to feed and compassionate people to help them. Tens and twenties of thousands of Belgians have been deported. But millions will continue to line up

every day for three slices of bread and a bowl of soup. Will you help to keep them fed, and fend off starvation. Send your contribution to the nearest committee in your town or district, or direct to the Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

Harcourt

The secretary of the Harcourt Institute reports a splendid paper on "Tact" at the November meeting. Suggestions were given by several members as to nick-nacks for the home.

RACES TODAY.

Several prominent horses will figure in the races to be held this afternoon at Clifton on the Kennebec/Annis river. Among the entries will be a well known Hampton speedster and a Norton horse, both running at even money. The last two or three days frost has provided an excellent speedway for fast travelling. A large number of horse followers are planning to be present at the races which start this afternoon about 4:30 o'clock.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Fresh southwest and west winds, mostly fair and milder.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Northern New England—Fair, warmer Monday, Tuesday snow. Moderate southwest winds.

Temperatures.

Table with columns for location, Min., and Max. Includes locations like Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Winnipeg, Fort Arthur, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Halifax.

Around the City

Births and Marriages.

Nine births and twenty-four marriages in the city were recorded during the past week. Of the births five were of boys.

The Old Police Blotter.

The last page on the police blotter at headquarters for the year 1916 contains the names of four men, and each is charged with drunkenness.

An Escaped Prisoner.

Detective Duncan and Deslemann Hopkins yesterday arrested Malcolm McIvor, who is being held on a warrant charging him with escaping from the custody of the with escaping from county.

Will Inspect Buildings.

Captain J. W. Symonds, engineer of the Military Hospital Commission, will arrive in the city this morning at 6.10. While in the city he will inspect the Convalescent Home and Discharge Depot. Other buildings which have been under consideration by the Hospital Commission for hospital work will also be inspected.

Seven Days Without a Drunk.

From Sunday to Sunday without a charge on the book is something any police station might well be proud of. Such is the record established in the North End police station. And this, notwithstanding the fact that the week intervening between Christmas and New Year is generally the occasion of much celebrating.

Salvationists Farewelled.

A farewell service was held last night at the Salvation Army hall on Brindley street to bid Godspeed to Adjutant and Mrs. Bury, who have been in charge of No. 3 corps. Addresses were delivered by members of No. 3 corps expressing their regret at losing two such valuable officers and also expressing their appreciation of the good work that Adjutant and Mrs. Bury have done while they have been stationed in this city.

PERSONALS

Miss Mona Robinson, daughter of Charles Robinson, secretary of the returned soldiers' aid committee, who is attending school at Newcastle, is spending the Christmas holidays at her father's home, 84 Sydney street.

D. Leo Dolan, city editor of the Fredericton Gleaner is in the city, a guest at the Royal Hotel.

George Ferguson, Albert McAvaney and Walter Kitchin, of Fredericton, are in the city, guests at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walsh, of Fredericton, are spending the holiday season in the city.

Miss Dorothy Doohan, of Fredericton, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss L. O'Brien, Miss D. Dover and Miss J. O'Brien, of Fredericton, are visiting friends in the city.

GOLD WEATHER AND WIND HIT SAINT JOHN

Thermometer Drops and Wind Blows a Hurricane. December 1916 Windiest in City's History.

St. John has been in the grip of a cold snap accompanied by an unusually high wind for the last three days. While the thermometer has on more than one occasion registered a lower temperature than it did for this snap, on account of the biting wind which accompanied it, the cold has seldom been more keenly felt.

December, 1916, will go down in the history of St. John as one of the windiest if not the windiest up to this time both as to the number of days on which it was blowing and the velocity with which it blew.

WEEK OF PRAYER BEGAN YESTERDAY

Meetings Will be Held Every Night This Week. Topic for the Services "The Practical Lessons of the Present Struggle."

Yesterday began the annual week of prayer which will end Sunday, January 7. Following the custom of the last few years the city has been divided into four groups as follows:

- Group 1. Brunswick street, Exmouth street, St. Mary's, Tabernacle, Waterloo street, St. Stephen, Zion, Calvin, Coburg street, Congregational. Chairman Rev. F. H. Wentworth.
Group 2. Centenary, Leinster street, St. David's, St. John Presby. Germain street, Germain street, St. Andrew's, Queen's Square. Chairman Rev. J. A. MacKeigan.
Group 3. Carleton Methodist, Presbyterian, Ludlow street Baptist and Charlotte street Baptist. Chairman Rev. J. H. Jenner.
Group 4. Main street, Victoria street, St. Luke's, St. Matthew's, Douglas Avenue Christian, Portland street. Chairman Rev. J. Chas. B. Appel.

The subject of the services this year is "The Practical Lessons of the Present Struggle." Tonight's meetings will be held as follows:
Topic "Faith and the Present Struggle."
Group 1. Calvin, Rev. Thomas Hall.
Group 2. Central Baptist, Rev. Thomas Hicks.
Group 3. Ludlow street, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson.
Group 4. St. Matthew's, Rev. F. P. Dennison.
The Bible Society meetings will be held in the different groups as follows:
Group 1 and 2. Thursday, January 4, Germain street Baptist; speaker, Rev. John Hardwick.
Group 3. Wednesday, January 3, Methodist church, Carleton.
Group 4. Friday, January 5, Portland Methodist church; speaker, Rev. E. A. Westmorland.
On Wednesday afternoon the United Women's Missionary Societies will meet in the Germain street Institute at three o'clock and will be addressed by Rev. A. E. Fleming, locum tenens of St. John's church on "Missions Among the Eskimo," and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith on "Child Welfare."

UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND FAMILY DETAINED

The United States immigration officials on Saturday morning held up Watford Doucette of Waltham, Mass., his mother and three of her young children. Mr. Doucette is an American citizen, having been born in Waltham, where his father is employed in the Waltham watch factory.

The family are French and originally belonged to Chateaufort, Cape Breton. The five came here on the Halifax express and expected to be allowed to proceed the same morning. All were well dressed and had sufficient funds to get to Waltham.

Three big sessions, Queens Rink today. Band afternoon and evening.

F. C. COLBORNE GOES TO A BIG HALIFAX POST

Popular C. P. R. Telegraph Company Man Becomes Manager There.—Presentation on Saturday.

Friends of Fred C. Colborne, night superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company, will be delighted in the announcement of his promotion to the position of manager of the company's branch at Halifax. Mr. Colborne has been one of the most popular and obliging officials of the company in this city and has given excellent service both to the company and the general public.

He is a son of the late Robert E. and Mrs. Catherine Colborne, formerly Miss Walsh of this city and learned the operating business in Dorchester. After handling the telegrams at the House of Assembly during the session of 1902, Mr. Colborne came to the local office and has remained continuously in the service since that time. He has been in the position of night chief operator for the past several years.

Mr. Colborne expects to leave for Halifax this week to take over the duties of his new position. He will be in complete charge of the Halifax office, which has a staff of about forty. He succeeds H. D. Godace who has been transferred to another branch.

Mr. Colborne was pleasantly surprised on Saturday, when he was called to the local office and found the staff of the company assembled. He was made the recipient of an address and handsome electric table lamp. D. Lorr, Hancherry road, the address, which spoke of the good qualities of Mr. Colborne and congratulated him on his big promotion. Mr. Colborne replied with a few appropriate remarks.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE LUDLOW STREET S. S.

Miss M. E. Mullin, Treasurer of the School Presented With Purse of Gold, R. H. Parsons With Silk Umbrella

HEAVY TRAVEL DURING 1916, SAY HOTEL MEN

Tourist Travel Best for Years While Winter Business Has Been Good.

The past year was a most satisfactory one from the standpoint of local travel. Proprietors of the hotels report a heavy year. The tourist season was particularly brisk. In fact one of the proprietors of the Royal Hotel said yesterday that the tourist travel had exceeded that for several years past.

With respect to the winter travel, the hotel men say that it was about the equal of 1915. The large increase in the tourist trade is accounted for by the fact that the American tourist comes to Canada instead of going to Europe. The war has served to prevent many of the tourists making the trip to the countries of Europe, and has operated to increase the traffic to the provinces of Canada.

Deaths Last Week.

There were thirteen deaths in the city during the past week, the causes being as follows: Pneumonia two, cancer, senility, inanition, convulsions, heart failure, arterio sclerosis, cerebral softening, marasmus, multiple abscesses, broncho pneumonia and congestion of brain, each one.

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TELEGRAPH FOUND TO BE WRONG AGAIN

Hon. Mr. Clarke Says Interview re-Colonization Scheme "Distorted and Wholly Unauthorized."

Under the caption, "Premier Clarke Thinks Mr. Murray's Scheme Impractical," the Telegraph on Saturday printed what purported to be an interview with Hon. Mr. Clarke, in which the premier was misrepresented. Premier Clarke did not say that Mr. Murray's scheme was "impractical." On the contrary the premier states that it has the full approval of himself and the other members of the government.

In order that the false impression which the Telegraph's article might create, may be corrected, Hon. Mr. Clarke has sent a letter to the editor of that newspaper, accompanied with the request that it be published. He has sent The Standard a copy of the letter, which serves to show that the interview was printed in a form distorted and wholly unauthorized.

The letter is as follows: St. John, N. B., Dec. 30th, 1916. Editor of The Telegraph, St. John, N. B. Dear Sir,—From what purports to be a statement by me and published in your paper on Saturday, Dec. 30th, with its accompanying headlines, the average reader is apt to acquire a very wrong impression. One familiar with procedures in the relations, which exist between members of Government under the British system, could never have written what appeared, and no journal with elementary knowledge, which is open to anyone who may desire it, would have published it.

GIFTS FOR THE GALLANT BOYS OF 26TH BATTALION

Mrs. John Keeffe's Efforts Result in the Sending of Remembrances to Boys in Trenches.

Friends of the 26th Battalion throughout the city and province did not forget the members of the gallant battalion during the Christmas season. Through the efforts of Mrs. John Keeffe, mother of Captain George Keeffe, a returned hero of the 26th, no less than seven large soldiers' packing cases containing gifts for the members of the battalion were forwarded to France. The Standard learns that the gifts reached the boys just in time for Christmas and were most gratefully received.

Street Cars Stalled. On Saturday night the street cars were stalled for about twenty minutes all over the city, on account of something happening to the line. The passengers waited in the dark cars for that time without complaint until the power was resumed.

Band at Victoria Rink this afternoon and evening. THE HOLIDAY AT THE OPERA HOUSE. A splendid holiday programme will be offered at the Opera House today by the Western Musical Comedy Company in the presentation of the well known comedy success, The Three Twins, with a lot of new musical numbers and dances.

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