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Russian Terms Are Submitted; Teutons Now Considering Them

Peace Without Annexations and Without Indemnities Keynote of Bolshevik Proposals; If Negotiations Succeed Kaiser May Try to Assemble All European Rulers in Peace Conference

Peace without annexations and without indemnities, the formula adopted by the German Reichstag in its peace resolution last July, is the keynote of the Russian peace terms now being discussed at Brest-Litovsk.

The Russian terms have been submitted to the representatives of the Central Powers, who have them under consideration. No compulsory annexation of territory seized during the war, and immediate evacuation of it and no contributions to be required from belligerent countries are proposed by Russia. This is similar to the Reichstag resolution which, however, was not accepted by Dr. Michaelis, who was then German imperial chancellor. Russia also suggests that countries deprived of their independence during the war be reinstated, and that national groups not independent before the war shall decide their status by a referendum.

Germany scored a point in the selecting of Dr. Von Kutschermann, her foreign secretary, as permanent chairman of the conference. Emperor William, read officially, refers to go to Brest-Litovsk if the diplomats now there arrive at an agreement, to attempt to assemble all European rulers in a peace conference. The German ruler is said to have declared that everybody wants peace.

LOWER LIMIT OF AGE FOR MEN IN HIGH COMMANDS

New French Regulations Announced by Premier—System of Promotions Also Revised

Paris, Dec. 23.—Premier Clemenceau has sent a letter to General Petain in which he says that the time has come when the army chiefs pointing to the fact that the age limit of 25 years of age was too high and that with a few rare exceptions commands are not effectively exercised at over fifty-six years for a regiment, fifty-eight for a brigadier, sixty for a division, and seventy for an army corps. Under these conditions, all general and field officers over these ages hereafter must be given commands in the rear or placed at the disposal of the minister of war.

The only exception will be general officers recommended to retain their commands on the personal responsibility of generals commanding armies.

In the future, the premier declares, the promotions will be made to the rank of general of officers who have served only a short time in the army, and only a short time in the army at the head of the fighting troops, he hopes, chiefs who knew them well, and in whom the soldiers can have full confidence from having seen them at work. The same principle will be used in promoting and subordinate officers.

CONSCRIPTION BEATEN; GOVERNMENT CHANGE MAY BE RESULT

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 24.—Further returns have increased the vote against compulsory military service, and the defeat of the plan is now beyond doubt. The political situation is most uncertain.

Premier Hughes has said that while most men are in favour of conscription, in certain quarters there is evidence of opposition to his leadership of the nationalists, the dominant party. It is not improbable that Frank G. Tudor, a former cabinet member, will be promoted to the premiership. He has been offered the position by the government from the labor party giving this party an opportunity to put into effect its plans for raising troops without conscription.

London, Dec. 23, via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—An Australian correspondent writing in the Times says it is impossible to say that the issue of conscription would not be misunderstood. It is, he believes, a clash of opinion regarding procedure.

The anti-conscriptionists consider that voluntary enlisting is not sufficient, and they fear that conscription would interfere with agriculture and mining which are essential to the prosecution of the war. All recognized political parties in Australia agree that the war must be continued until victory is achieved.

GROW WHEAT ON LAND WON BACK FROM THE GERMANS IN FRANCE

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PROPOSED INCREASE IN FARES

Correspondent Dissects President Ross' Statements Regarding St. Railway

THE SEVEN CENT FARE

A Matter Which Affects All The Citizens — A Suggestion That The City Take Over The Whole Service—What a Working Man Said

To the Editor of the Times-Star:
Sir—I beg to offer for publication a simple statement of the street car fare question as I view it.
For years the street car service, the electric light and power, also the supply of gas, were in the hands of the St. John Railway Company. Under an able directorate and a skilful and judicious superintendent, they brought the service of the department to a high degree of efficiency, giving the public every satisfaction. Their shares were a good investment, and yearly they were able to show a surplus, and that even in the latter years of their ownership, when readjustments of all manner of rates were being made. The company was in such a strong condition financially and its properties in such good condition that it attracted the attention of a set of capitalists, seeking a good paying investment for their money.

Under the name of the New Brunswick Power Company, they bought out all the rights and assumed all the liabilities for public service as in the charter of the original company. Since taking hold, they have given every evidence of their satisfaction with the paying ability of the city. They have increased the price, but they have put shares of their stock on the market for sale to the public and the public have bought—some because they thought if the promoters had their hands forced into it they would be compelled to live like us, others because the vendors of the stock told them that it was a safe investment, a sure seven and a half per cent, the best in the market; and I know shrewd, hardened men who bought stock, men who would take no man's word for anything, but closely examined it and when they felt assured it was a good paying proposition.

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Trotzky Threatens

Petrograd, Dec. 21—Detailed reports from the special session of the central executive committee of soldiers and workers' delegates, the Petrograd delegates and the peasant congress, called to consider the peace negotiations, show Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, suggesting a plan by which military operations could be opened if there were an attack by the Central Powers to force objectionable peace terms upon Russia.

The commissioner of military affairs has ordered the immediate cessation of all the army chiefs pointing to the fact that the army is not yet ready to fight.

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SMALLPOX IN THE PROVINCE IS SPREADING

Northumberland and Kent Now Reported Badly Infected—Situation in Maine Serious

Frenchman Dies

Death Complied With

London, Dec. 23.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that the members of the Ukraine revolutionary staff have been liberated in accord with the demands of the Ukraine government.

Many Deaths in Orgy.

Petrograd, Dec. 22—Returns received from the hospitals show that 250 persons were killed or wounded in the fighting that resulted from the sacking of wine stores and private cellars.

Alleged Trotzky Statement

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CHRISTMAS GREETING



—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Same to You, and Many of Them.

Governor-General Sends Greetings To Our Troops

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The following message has been sent by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire to the general officer commanding the Canadian forces in France:

"Please convey to the gallant troops under your command my most cordial good wishes for Christmas and congratulations on the ever increasing lustre which they continue to add to the glorious annals of the Canadian army. We at home are deeply sensible of their splendid devotion and patriotism, and our heartfelt prayer is that the year about to open will see the conclusion of a victorious peace and the complete and final triumph of those principles which the empire and her brave Allies are so worthily maintaining."

"DEVONSHIRE."

BOLSHEVIK AT PACIFIC PORT IN STATES; FRATERNIZING WITH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF WORLD

DREYFUS' COUNSEL TO DEFEND CAILLAUX

Paris, Dec. 24—General Dubail yesterday signed the order for the prosecution of Deputies Caillaux and Loutrelot and M. Comby. It is alleged that M. Comby was present at a lunch at which former Premier Caillaux met Cavallini, and is said to have accompanied Loutrelot to Switzerland, where he saw the former chief of Egypt.

M. Demange, who defended Dreyfus at Rennes, has been chosen by M. Caillaux as his counsel.

PHILIPPE AND PHERDINAND

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Author-ity of Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturz, part, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A fairly pronounced disturbance accompanied by light rain is moving eastward across the great lakes, while a severe cold wave has spread into the western provinces from the northwest.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Cloudy and with local rains. Tuesday, very cold, northeasterly winds and decidedly colder with local snow flurries.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys—Local falls of snow or rain today. Tuesday, strong northwest winds and decided cold. Lower St. Lawrence—Rising temperature with snow. Tuesday, strong westerly winds and becoming decidedly colder again.

Gulf and North Shore—Local snowfalls tonight and Tuesday with strong winds or gales from southwest; colder Tuesday night.

Snow or Rain for Christmas.

Martine—Fair today. Tuesday strong winds or moderate from the west, with some snowfall.

Lake Superior—Northwest gales and becoming decidedly colder with local snowfalls. Tuesday, fair and very cold.

Western Provinces—Fair and very cold today and on Tuesday.

New England—Light local rains and warmer tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy, colder in the afternoon; fresh south winds becoming northwest.

WITH THE AIRMEN

London, Dec. 24.—The admiralty issued the following statement on aerial activities tonight:

"Naval aircraft Saturday night successfully bombed enemy airfields at St. Denis, Marne, Marlairecourt and Octeville, dropping six tons of bombs with considerable results.

"Tuesday night an aeroplane attempted to send out word of the mutiny and the sailors prepared to shoot him, but changed their minds. It is said that before the real identity of the ship was learned members of the crew attended I. W. W. meetings.

"The immigration authorities probably will take charge of the ship.

CARRYING ON," SAYS BAKER

Washington, Dec. 24.—"Germany's newest peace propaganda, viewed as a forewarning to an offensive in the west unless a German-made peace is accepted by the Allies and the United States, should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war," says Secretary of War Baker in his weekly review of the military situation.

The review points out that the fighting morale of Italy may be relied upon no matter how intensive the German peace campaign becomes.

THE SAVIOUR'S BIRTHPLACE IS NOW IN BRITISH HANDS

Mount of Olives Is An Observation Post; Showing the Garden and the Dead Sea, Advance on the Plain of Sharon

London, Dec. 24.—Since the Turks were driven out of Jerusalem they have been conducting guerrilla warfare to the north of the city. The British have numerous small bodies to attack British outposts, to snipe patrols, and generally to make themselves unpleasant, says Reuter's correspondent at Jerusalem telegraphing under date of Dec. 15.

"Such tactics are most effective, but the capture of Bethlehem. The Turks had strong fortifications here with numerous field guns on the outskirts of the town. The British advanced and captured the town, but the Turks counter-attacked to take the town deployed by night far to the left, threatening the Turkish line of retreat and compelling the Turks to withdraw.

"Welsh troops then entered Bethlehem at daylight."

More Gains.

London, Dec. 24.—General Allenby's troops in Palestine continue their advance on the plain of Sharon, north of Jaffa, and have occupied a fourth town.

"The official statement on the operations issued last night reads:

"A remarkable opportunity to view this fighting is afforded by the Mount of Olives, which makes what is probably the most wonderful observation post in the world. From the clearings on the plateau objects up to 6,000 yards away look as if they were within pistol shot.

"Pushing eastward and south of the river we occupied Feja and Muheibis. This was followed by the capture of Bantish, four miles southeast of Bantish. Effective aerial work was carried out on enemy transports and infantry."

Keirstead, Prisoner In Murder Case, Escapes

Makes Break For Woods as Constable Is Taking Him to Gagetown; Sheriff Starts After Him

Robert Keirstead, who is accused of brutally murdering his wife in their home in Salmon Creek, on Saturday night, escaped from custody this morning, and up to the time of going to press he was still at large. A constable and a mounted constable started to take the prisoner to Gagetown, and while en route he got away. It is said that the constable was going to handcuff him, but upon the prisoner's request and promise to quietly lie down he made so. When near Long Creek he made a break for the woods and escaped.

Coroner S. C. Perry went to Salmon Creek this morning to hold an inquest, but as there are no telephone connections there, it was impossible to learn of the escape.

The children of the unfortunate woman are being cared for by neighbors until arrangements can be made for their disposition.

Sheriff Reid, of Gagetown, was informed that Keirstead had started for the scene to endeavor to apprehend him. He arrived at Cody's about two o'clock this afternoon, but up to that time had not succeeded in capturing Keirstead or learning where he was.

Coroner O'Keeffe pleaded not guilty to the charge of having liquor in his barn in Elliott row. Inspectors Crawford and Barrett said they had gone to the prisoner's house, and as they were waiting up the stairs O'Keeffe came out of the door and gave them a bottle of liquor, saying, "There, take that and get out. You've caught me. I'll be in court Monday morning."

His Honor remarked that the bottle was corked. "If there is any good in it, it will be lost without a cork," said he. Thereupon the matter was adjourned.

O'Keeffe said the stains inside his barn and outside were from the late autumn. The magistrate ordered him to jail until further witnesses could be got.

"No," said O'Keeffe, "I'm not just sure what I charged with, but I'll plead guilty because I don't want to be in jail tomorrow."

He was sentenced to 30 days. \$25 was struck against him and he was released for satisfactory results.

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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE IMPERIAL

Starting with a bumper matinee at 2 o'clock and repeating the show starting at 7 p.m., the bright and cosy Imperial will hold high carnival of holiday entertainment tomorrow. The night shows will commence at 7 and 8.45. A specially selected Famous Players production of the program will include the motion picture "Sarah Marie Dix's," "The Ghost House," with Jack Pickford and Louise Huff in the leading roles. This is a series of thrills and laughs that will create a veritable hurricane of fun. Then to cap the climax of Christmas day, there will come the first ever in a two-reel farce entitled "His Wife's Mistake"—one of those roaring burlesques. Pathé British Gazette for serious pictures. Signor Guarino will commence his farewell week by singing "For You a Rose" and "Caroline." The play will be act, Eva Gabor will play their very pretty programme of accordion and violin numbers with the orchestra. In the ensembles, Christmas decorations, Christmas music, Christmas spirit and good cheer.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

IN FRONT OF GEN.

The Gem has a fine Christmas programme. June Caprice in "Fatty's" Crowley and Burns, a charming musical comedy sketch and Fred Norman's a very fine comedy juggler. This bill runs tonight. Three shows tomorrow, 2.30, 7.15 and 8.45; same price as usual. Norman is a very clever juggler. Charlie Chaplin's new sketches and at the Christmas shows will do his juggling act after Chaplin style. For an hour before the afternoon performance he will be outside the Gem doing Chaplin stunts. Come along. Kiddies and grown-ups.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WEEK ATTRACTIONS AT LYRIC

The startling problem play, "Idle Wives," will be the special attraction at the Lyric during Christmas week. Usual matinée and evening programmes on Christmas Day.

"Idle Wives" is a subject entirely different from any other and is well worth seeing.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Walter J. Lamb took place this afternoon from her late residence, 107 St. James street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Cody, and interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Anderson took place this afternoon from her late residence, 292 Millidge avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Green and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take 10 AXAVATE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 30c.

WILL TAKE OVER STREET RAILWAY IN TORONTO.

(Toronto Globe.)

The qualified electors of Toronto will be asked New Year's Day to authorize the city council to take over and operate the street railway as a public enterprise when the franchise expires in September, 1921. The question to be submitted to the citizens does not raise in any form the issue as to whether the rates should be under the direct control of council or that of an appointive commission of citizens. That will be considered later.

That the electors will authorize the taking over of the railway is as certain as anything can be made. The franchise through the Canadian periodical is reported to have been given to the company to last the franchise period as to the way in which the company has carried out the agreement under which it entered upon the franchise in 1891.

A STAR WITNESS

At a temperature act case in Amherst last week, the News says, the defending lawyer extricated from this star witness that he was a twice convicted forger for whom he had a long time in the penitentiary. Also a former partner for whom he received a jail sentence, had failed to support his wife who was obliged to toll hard in a laundry to support herself and was now brought in to court while he was under arrest in Amherst for desertion from the Royal Canadian Engineers.

An air raid was attempted on the Kentish coast on Saturday evening. One raider was forced to descend and the crew was captured. A second attack was attempted and a few bombs were dropped in Thanet. No damage was done.

BIRTHS

McGRATTAN—At St. George, on December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. McGrattan, a son.

HATFIELD—On the 19th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatfield of 153 Water street, West St. John, a daughter, Marjorie Constance.

DEATHS

GREENY—In this city on December 22, Catherine, widow of Edward F. Greeny, aged seventy-two years.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock from her late residence, 46 Pitt street.

MC CAVOUR—In this city on December 23, 1917, after a lingering illness, Stephen McCavour, aged fifty-six years, leaving one sister and five brothers to mourn.

SMITH—Suddenly at Martinton, on December 23, Wallace B. Smith, aged sixty-four years, leaving, besides his wife, six children and three sisters to mourn.

(Boston papers please copy.)

Funeral from his late residence tomorrow at 2.30; service at three o'clock.

BYERS—At General Hospital on the 24th inst., Harry Byers, aged thirty-seven years, leaving, besides his wife, nine children to mourn.

Funeral notice later.

NICHOL—On the 23rd instant at her late residence, 3 St. David street, Reuben Nichol, beloved wife of John Nichol, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn.

Funeral Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock to the Cathedral for requiem high mass.

PLUM PUDDING FOR OUR LADS ON FIRING LINE

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 25

With snow and mud alternating with bright sunshine, the Canadians are enduring all the rigors of winter in splendid spirits, for the trenches on which they are quiet at the moment.

Details of the election have been curiously slow in reaching the firing line. It is expected that it will be held before the result of the soldiers' vote is known, but it is known that 99 per cent of the available vote was polled.

Almost all ranks preparations were ready for Christmas festivities.

The Red Cross are supplying cigarettes, cigars, raisins, dates, fruit preserves and toys to every field ambulance.

Messes of all kinds are viene friendly rivalry to make their celebration the best. Turkey and plum pudding are at a premium, and where there are no messes being made, instead, arrangements are being made to buy them.

At headquarters, for example, 300 men of an employment company will sit down to the mid-day dinner, for which 200 pounds of turkey will be supplied by the chaplain services. Afternoons there will be a special meal provided by the Y.M.C.A. which some 500 men will be entertained. Plum pudding and other delicacies will be sent up with ration parties to men in the firing line.

RECEPTION HERE FOR HON. MR. CARVELL

An informal reception will be tendered Hon. Frank B. Carvell, minister of public works, in this city on Thursday evening, Dec. 27. The reception will afford an opportunity to express appreciation in the campaign, as well as other friends, to the meet the federal minister and also enjoy an evening of entertainment.

CONDENSED NEWS

At a British and Canadian recruiting meeting in Rochester, N. Y., yesterday seventeen men enlisted and great enthusiasm was aroused by the speech of a British officer.

Pastor Victor Monod of Paris, a Protestant chaplain in the French navy, preached in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Montreal, yesterday.

A great Christmas eve celebration in New York was held yesterday. All preparations had been made to that end.

The Finns demand that Russian troops be withdrawn from Finland.

It is denied that Japan intends to move troops to Harbin or Vladivostok. Italy has 29,000,000 quintals of wheat stored.

The last German paper in Costa Rica has seized. It libeled Lloyd George and President Wilson.

The Chinese have given Bolshevik sympathizers forty-eight hours to get out of Harbin.

English Painter Dead.

London, Dec. 24—Felix Moschale, painter, died at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday. He was born in London on Feb. 8, 1888.

STOCKS BRIGHTER IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 24 (Wall Street)—

Stocks advanced one to two points over last week's final quotations in the first half hour of today's stock market, some specimens notably oils, securing greatest gains. News of great interest in the week-end was more favorably regarded. United States Steel was especially active, advancing two points to 85 1/2 on steady absorption. There was a fairly broad inquiry for investment rails. Liberty bonds were steady, with further strength in foreign issues.

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BOTH FROM THE EAST

T. Mitchell Tweedie, one of the successful union candidates in Calgary, Alberta, is a nephew of C. R. Smith, K.C., of Amherst. Mr. Tweedie is a son of the late Rev. Mr. Tweedie, a well known clergyman, at one time connected with the New Scotland Methodist Conference, in Amherst, and a brother of Mrs. C. A. Irwin, widow of the late Dr. George Irwin, who is at present residing in Calgary. Mr. Tweedie in his younger days studied law in the office of Charles R. Smith, K.C., and went west to become prominent as a lawyer and a force in the political life of the west. One of his opponents in the present contest was John Irwin, a prominent real estate broker of Calgary, formerly belonging to Grenville, Annapolis county, later residing in Halifax, where he was known to Y. M. C. A. workers all over the provinces. Mr. Irwin, like Mr. Tweedie, has relatives in Amherst.

A ST. JOHN MAN?

Aberhart Never—Mrs. Irene Legere residing at No. 17 Mill street, this morning had a warrant issued for the apprehension of one Stanley Moore, who is said to be the man.

Mr. Moore was but little known to the public, and while he was a lumber surveyor, he leaves his wife, six children and three sisters, Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Wade of West St. John, and Mrs. Hamilton Love of Boston.

D. A. DRY ELECTION

Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector of New Brunswick, spoke to the press on Friday evening. Speaking of the elections last week, he said that all through the province things were about as dry as in Northumberland some trouble was expected, but there was nothing particularly noteworthy. On the occasion of inspection, he turned down to station to seize ten cases of liquor which were reputed to be about to arrive. On reaching the spot, however, the inspector ascertained that the whole affair was a political trick and that there was no trial in the report. Queen county, he said, was the only place where there was the least trouble, and even there nothing was actually seen.

HOMME FROM THE WEST

Robert T. Fowler, son of Mrs. James D. Fowler, of Fredericton, arrived home Thursday after several years absence in western states. He lately has been at Faith, South Dakota. It is eleven years since Mr. Fowler left Fredericton. He has been engaged in ranching. While in Fredericton he is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George H. Clark.

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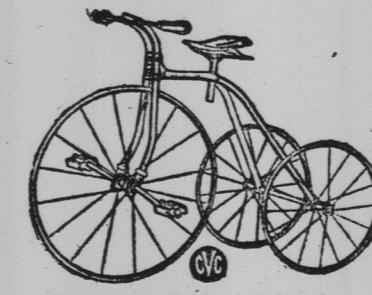
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A WAR-TIME CHRISTMAS

The birth of the Prince of Peace is to be celebrated for the fourth time in a world that lies under the shadow of a great war. That war has reached out even unto the little town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born; and to Jerusalem, the holy city alike of the Jew and the Christian. The Judean hills, where shepherds watched their flocks by night, have echoed back the thunder of the guns, and the desert over which the journey to Egypt was made has been spanned by a military railway. The hope of a Jewish restoration has been quickened by the conquest of Jerusalem and a great part of Palestine by a Christian nation. Never again it is now believed, will the cradle of the Christian faith be permitted to pass into the hands of the Turk; and this assurance is one cause of rejoicing at the Christmas festival.

But the world is still at war, and there may not even be a Christmas truce. After nearly two thousand years the world is engaged in a colossal struggle, in which the death toll surpasses that of any former war, and which has been marked on one side by a barbarity unsurpassed in any of the wars of Christian or pre-Christian times. The amazing part of it is that each side invokes the aid of God and asserts that His name it will conquer.

It is inevitable in such a world crisis that men who are able to detach themselves from the passions of the moment should re-examine the grounds of their faith and ask themselves what it is in their religion that has not been shaken to its foundations. Has the teaching of Jesus failed? Have the principles of sacrifice and service failed to grasp the hearts of men? Is the world growing worse? Does this war differ in any essential from the wars of the past? Why are the nations fighting, and what will be the outcome? It had been fondly hoped that wars had ceased, or would never again assume large proportions—that barbarism had made its last stand against the onward march of Christian civilization.

The mistake the world made was that it regarded as Christian a civilization which rejected entirely the doctrine of Jesus. Nominally Christian, its religion was really materialistic. Instead of the golden rule, it applied brute force, and exalted the doctrine that might makes right. Not only so, but with every device of cunning and artifice it made ready to impose its system of religion and philosophy upon the world. Thus far it has failed. That it will fail completely no one doubts—however long the war may last.

When we turn to the other side of the picture and ask ourselves why the enemies of Prussia entered the war, and take note of the manner in which it has been conducted by them, we see at once the influence of real Christianity and the teachings of the Man of Nazareth. For while there has been much to criticize and condemn, there shines out in brilliant contrast the spirit of devotion to ideals of honor and of righteousness, and of high regard for the rights of the oppressed. That spirit will conquer. To believe otherwise would be to doubt that God reigns. Even if another Christmas must come and go before the power of Prussian militarism is crushed, and rivers of blood must flow, there can be but one end. The flag of freedom floats today over Bethlehem and Jerusalem. It is an omen of happier times to come, when humanity, purged of its grossness will draw closer, man to man and nation to nation in the bonds of a peace-loving brotherhood. In a world in which the assertion that might makes right has given place to the message of the Prince of Peace.

THE WAR AND BUSINESS

That part of the British Empire has not suffered in a material sense beyond the loss or maiming of a portion of its manhood has been amply shown in St. John during the past week. Never were the Christmas shops more attractive. Never have they contained larger crowds of purchasers. There was a quieter tone, and a more sober atmosphere, because so many are thinking of loved ones far away; but there was the usual Christmas buying, and the usual planning for the happiness of the children. Possibly the exchange of gifts did not represent as large an average expenditure; and undoubtedly some regarded this as a time for economy; but khaki in St. John will be left to feel that there was no indication of a general dis-

position to depart from the yearly custom.

Nor was there any shortage of good Christmas cheer. Whether in poultry, meats or vegetables the market and stores presented a truly Christmas appearance; and despite the high prices a large business was done. Money is plentiful and the war is still a long way off. With regard to trade generally, the wholesale merchants, whether in groceries and provisions, dry goods, hardware or footwear report that 1917 has been an excellent year. If in any department less goods were sold, the increased price made the volume of business appear large, and there has been no complaint about payments. There have been few failures in the province this year, and on the whole it has been a profitable year for both farmers and merchants. No one would have believed three years ago that after three years of world-war the conditions in this city and province would be so prosperous; or that anything like the amount of money devoted to patriotic purposes could have been raised. We have just reason to be thankful for the invincibility of the British fleet and of the lines of khaki on the western front; and should with all our hearts comply with whatever new demands the government may make to ensure the fullest co-operation by Canada in the great imperial task of supplying men, munitions and food to carry on the war to a successful issue. Upon those to whom the war has brought increased profits the heaviest financial burden should fall, and to that end the government should now bend its energies in real earnest.

A SOBER CANADA.

The provisions of the prohibition measure decided on by the union government are such as to prove that the union government means business and is not afraid to act. It has presented the country with a Christmas gift of inestimable value. There was universal rejoicing in Canada yesterday, in all circles except that which finds in the liquor traffic a source of profit, and among the few who still believe a man should be permitted to drink liquor whenever he desires to do so. The country will be the better able to do its duty in a righteous cause if it is now putting an end to an unrighteous traffic within its own borders. The next blow should fall, and fall heavily, on the profiteers in every line of business. The new government has begun well, and has justified the confidence of its supporters. If it continues as it has begun, the country and the cause of the Allies will greatly gain thereby. A sober Canada has long been the dream of reformers, but none dreamed the change would come so soon.

Russia, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are considering peace negotiations. There is a rumor that the Kaiser will offer Christmas proposals for a general peace. We are reminded of the temptation of Jesus, when He was offered the kingdoms of the earth if He would worship the arch-tempter.

Halifax will experience the saddest Christmas in its history, and yet the catastrophe which brought death and destruction has brought also a continental manifestation of Christian sympathy which cannot, but cheer and hearten the sufferers.

To all its young readers the Times extends wishes for a happy Christmas, and to all the older folk the wish that the spirit of the season may enter into their lives, and lessen for a time the burdens they must bear.

Australia may have gone against conscience, but its spokesmen are careful to assert that it will still find the men. There is no one province in Australia solidly opposed to conscription.

The series of exemption tribunals before which a young man may go to appeal his case is a reasonable guarantee that in practically all cases justice will eventually be done.

The man at the front will have a happier Christmas because of the assurance that the electors of Canada have been doing their bit, and that the stream of exemptions will steadily continue.

The horrible murder in Queens county, leaving five young children motherless on the eve of Christmas, arouses feelings of horror, and of deepest pity for the little ones.

The assurance of Hon. Mr. Calder that things will be done in a big, aggressive way by the union government has been hailed with satisfaction throughout the country.

Sir George Garneau says Quebec will conform to the will of the majority of the people of Canada.

It may be hoped that no man in

Khaki in St. John will be left to feel that he is overlooked on Christmas Day.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Fortunate Fellow.
"Sir, I have no home," began the seedy-looking man, "and—
"No taxes to pay, no rent, no coal bills, no worry over the rise in milk prices! Permit me to congratulate you!"

"Lady chap! No danger of being fired!"

"But I am serious. I have no money, and—

"No temptation to spend it foolishly on able-bodied beggars. Why, you're a veritable child of fortune. Good-day!"

London Tit-Bits.

Common Occurrence.

"You look tired."

"No wonder. I've just been gassed for 45 minutes."

"I can't say so! Who did it?"

"A politician." Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Reason Why.

Lawyer—Who was that seedy-looking party in black who winked at you?

The Doctor—Confounded undertaker! He buried one of my patients last week.—Passing Show.

Sure Way.

"How are you coming on with your literary work?"

"All right, but I can't get anything published."

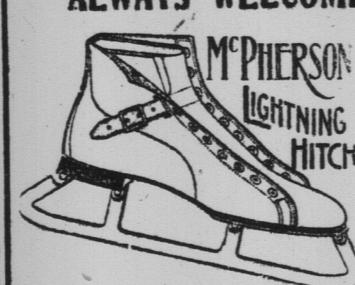
"Try writing some mushy love letters to a girl and have her sue you for breach of promise. The papers will publish them."—Exchange.

Looking Into Things.

"As I look into your eyes," he murmured, "I see much happiness in store for us."

"I fear there's nothing to do, Oswald," she replied, not unkindly. "Papa has been looking into your rating."—Kansas City Journal.

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Children's and Misses' Woolen Slippers, 65c. to \$1.00.

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COST OF ILLNESS INCREASED MANY TIMES SINCE WAR BEGAN

Baldheaded and Nervous People Hit by Advances in Drugs—Interesting Comparison of Prices of Articles in Common Use—Many Used to Come From Germany

A Washington despatch to the New National Geographic Society, a part of Folk Publishing, said the article in which it was printed showed that the effect of the war had been felt more keenly in the drug markets of civilization. In a communication to the

prices per pound quoted in wholesale drug trade bulletins in July, 1914, and then a year later. Bleaching powder, or chloride of lime, used in the arts of paper-making, from \$1.00 to \$1.86 cents to nine cents per pound; sal-soda, or washing soda, from sixty cents to eighty-five cents; nitrite of soda, valuable both as a medicine and for its manufacture, from \$0.90 to \$3.25; chlorate of potash, from fifteen cents to forty-five cents; oxalic acid, from thirteen cents to fifty cents per pound; quinine, from sixteen cents to fifty cents an ounce; caffeine from \$4.25 to \$11.20 an ounce; Epsom salts, from twenty cents to \$1.40 a pound; oil of wintergreen (artificial), from fifty-five cents to \$8.60 a pound; permanganate of potash, a disinfectant, from twenty-four cents to \$1.60 a pound; sodium carbonate, used in rheumatism, from twenty cents to 94 cents a pound; thymol, a specific for hookworms, from thirty cents to \$8 an ounce; antipyrine, from \$1.20 to \$6.50 an ounce; phenothiazine, used both as a chemical reagent and as a laxative medicine, eighty cents to \$46 a pound.

Many Come from Germany.

"These are chemicals many of which came from Germany, and their advance was usually a direct result of the law of supply and demand and of speculative handling."

"Aspirin is a compound of salicylic acid almost universally used for all kinds of aches and pains, and until recently the patent on the drug was held by a German firm. Since after the outbreak of war it began to rise sporadically until, under its unpatented title, it reached from thirty-two cents a pound to \$1.25 a pound. For be it known, aspirin is a linseed oil-like derivative.

German articles sometimes travelled incognito as acetylsalicylic acid, and was identical in everything save name and price.

"Carbolic acid is really the current substitute for asphalt and asphaltic preparations, and everybody knows it is also an excellent and much used surgical antiseptic—two good reasons why the price should gyrate when war broke out, and gyrate it did. From twenty-five cents a pound to the present unascertained. Now it is cheaper once more at about seventy-five cents a pound—not more than 200 per cent higher than in 1914."

"The war bore heavily on baldheadedness, and this is probably the reason why tonics nowadays cost so much. A coal tar product we have always allowed Germany to make for us, and another cousin to carbolic acid. From \$2 to \$8 rose the price of a pound of resorcin, putting it suddenly at the head of the list of intensive scalp culturists. And the bald found it costly to be nervous over the advance, since bromide of potassium, long used to calm excited nerves, advanced from five cents to one dollar a pound. These excessively high prices were speculative phenomena, and did not hold at the maximum level, though bromides are still \$1.20 a pound and resorcin \$24 a pound."

Chap at Quadruple Price.

"Practically all remedies for the round worms of children contain santonin. Santonin ballooned to dizzy heights in the early months—from \$18 to \$37 a pound. It is now relatively cheap at about \$80 a pound. But at a price would supply about 11,000 doses, we do not need this drug in carload lots."

"Some of the most remarkable advances in price and value in the case of hyoscyamine, or scopolamine, an ingredient in the much exploited 'twilight sleep' preparation, and this drug jumped from eight cents a pound in 1914 to \$8 a pound in 1916."

"Belladonna, from which atropine is made—atropine the handmaiden of the eye specialist—was cultivated for commercial purposes in Germany and England. The cutting away of the German supply caused the price to jump from 47 cents to \$1.75 a pound within the first year of the war. Now England is making efforts in intensive cultivation of belladonna and other botanical drugs, and the Arlington drug gardens, located near Washington, D. C., conducted by the U. S. Botanical Commission. At present, the future for the experimental cultivation of medicinal plants, have been more than a successful experiment, and it did not require the war to make their utility apparent."

"It will be noted in scanning the quotations that products to which England has direct sea access have had a definite but not spectacular increase in price. Opium increased in price very gradually from \$3.00 in July, 1914, to \$4.50 in July, 1916. In the case of opium adequate production and well organized distribution came into play to stabilize the market. But storerooms stocks for medicinal purposes were

gradually exhausted, and the war shifted to opium producing countries, depleted their manpower and finally threatened the trade routes.

Japan Controls Camphor.

Camphor, which is important not only in medicine, but in the arts and manufacture, was an example of efficient production and control of output. After the Japanese-Chinese war Japan obtained control of the Formosa campaign, and the forests of the Formosa forests are practically inexhaustible, forestry measures were instituted for replanting and care of trees; 2,000 police were furnished to protect workers and large infesting plants from being cut down were given the sum. The distribution of the entire product was let by contract and the right of sale awarded an English firm, the latter contracting to conduct the sale of camphor in New York, London, Hamburg, and Berlin, and to accept from time to time a definite amount of camphor each year. The closing of the port of Hamburg has not, however, demoralized the trade. In July, 1914, American refined camphor sold at 44 cents a pound, and later in 1916 it had advanced to ninety cents.

"Triglycerin, used in making mucilage and toilet creams, advanced from \$1.20 to \$2.25; sesame oil, from Alexandria, from thirty-eight cents a gallon in 1914 to sixty cents a gallon in 1916. The price of Norwegian codliver oil is an index of submarine efficiency. In 1914 the oil sold for sixty cents a gallon; in 1916 for \$3.50. Perhaps the German scarcity of animal fat has also influenced the oil in this increase. The rise in price and scarcity of the much-used mineral oil in the first year of the war will be remembered. Here again, America has been able to utilize native products to supply the deficiency."

Armistice negotiations were begun in France must be included in the armistice.

Not Much Amiss.

"Well, my dear sir, and how are you today?" "Oh, doctor, I have terrible pains all over my body, and it seems almost impossible to breathe! Of course I can't sleep at all, and I haven't a particle of appetite." "But otherwise you feel all right, don't you?"—Exchange.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK TO VISIT UNITED STATES

The Right Honorable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon Lang, archbishop of York, will visit the United States in 1918 to preach during Lent at Trinity church in New York city. He will probably speak in other parts of the country in an effort to further the friendly feeling between the United States and Great Britain.

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RUSSIANS MAY FIGHT FOR U. S. IN FRANCE

Volunteer as Body to Give Services to America, Despite Armistice Pact

The officers of the Russian army in France are desirous of continuing to give services to the United States.

The officers are desirous of continuing the battle against the Germans, notwithstanding the Russo-German peace negotiations, and declare they will welcome an opportunity to fight to the finish for Russia, Poland, the Baltic and Siberia.

A ranking Russian officer, who made the request that he and his subordinates be taken into the American service, guaranteed to vouch for every one accepted. All grades are included in the request, from second class to general.

There have been suggestions that it might be possible to form for the Russians an organization similar to the French Foreign Legion or the Lafayette Flying Squadron. There is a general feeling that the action of the Russian officers will have a moral effect in their country.



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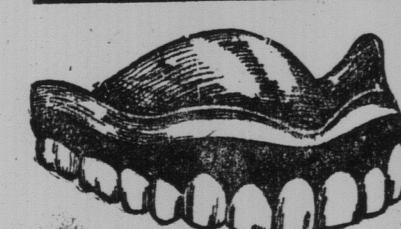
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URGES ATTACK FROM AIR ON GERMAN FLEET

American Rear Admiral Says Enemy Eggs All in One Basket and Can be Smashed

New York, Dec. 24.—Use of aeroplanes in attacks on Germany's navy was recommended in a letter made public here yesterday from Rear Admiral Frank A. Fiske, to Allen Dulles, president of the American Association. The idea, the writer says, is not a "foolish notion of fanatics in aeronautics," but is a sound idea based on the principles of strategy.

"All Germany's naval eggs are in one basket," Rear Admiral Fiske declares, "and these eggs are vitally essential to her existence as a nation. It is my profound conviction that we can smash these eggs by torpedo plane, aerial bombs, attacks on ships, and prepare and defend the coast a sea sufficiently great."

"Whether or not the submarine has been beaten," Admiral Fiske adds, "let us realize that the submarine is only one of many naval weapons, and that naval strategists recognize the fact that the long and elusive fleet exists as a fighting force, so long as it remains what we call a 'fleet in being.' It constitutes a continuing menace, from which an attack of some kind may be expected at any time. For that reason, we must be considerate of the submarine activities, which blind us to a desirability of sinking or dislodging the German fleet."

"The only way to win this war is to fight a long, successful campaign, but it does not mean that there is no alternative method less bloody but equally decisive can be devised."

LEWIS' HEAD HOLD AGAIN INSUPERABLE

Draak Yields to Southerner's Tactics in Furious Bout on Mat

New York, Dec. 22.—Ed ("Strangler") Lewis, the Lexington (Ky.) grappler, whose head lock had been the cause of much comment, adverse and otherwise, added another victim to his list with this hold last night at the international wrestling tournament at the Lexington Theatre, when he beat John Draak, of the Southern, in thirteen minutes eleven seconds. The match was the roughest of the tournament.

This was due to Draak, who was a strenuous objector to the use of Lewis' dangerous hold because of its injurious effect which may result from it, and same as a climax to an agitation which for a time threatened the disbarment of Lewis from further matches in the tournament. This move was given to the wrestlers in the tournament, to the effect that they would refuse to compete against the Southerner because of his head lock, and the management agreed to dispense with this hold in future matches.

Starting the match, Draak, infuriated by Lewis' hold, refused to comply with his request that the head lock be barred, rushed at the Southerner, and before Lewis was aware of his opponent's intention both wrestlers were grappling in the wings of the stage, Draak

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LOST—A BOY'S NEW SKATING boot, between 81 Erin street and 28 St. Patrick street. Finder please leave at 23 St. Patrick. Reward. 70609-12-26

FOUND—POCKETBOOK CONTAINING sum of money. Owner please have same by paying for this ad. Apply Prudential Insurance Co., Royal Bank Bldg. 70598-12-26

LOST—SUNDAY AFTERNOON, BETWEEN Paradise Road and Marsh Road via City Road, large hairpin set with four rows small brilliants. Finder leave at this office. 70578-12-27

LOST—A GREY KITTEN RETURN TO 81 Leinster street. 70586-12-26

LOST—FROM 20 HORSHFIELD, THOROUGHbred cocker spaniel puppy. Please return to E. Manning, 29 Horshfield. 70578-12-26

LOST—BETWEEN 782 MAIN ST. and 55 Wright St. via Paradise and Winter, large bag containing eight dollars and silver. Finder will be rewarded by returning 722 Main St. 70665-12-31

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CARRYING LEWIS before him in an attack which took place on the stage, chess and the scenery.

Referee George Bothner pried the contestants apart and hostilities were resumed again on the mat. The wrestlers did not stay there long, however, for Draak again turned on Lewis and almost forced Lewis over the footlights before the audience. The Hollander continued this style up to the time he was thrown, alternately his mode of attack with a number of holds, and Lewis always swang when he was held in the wrestling ring.

Once Draak rushed infuriated at Lewis, and, missing his objective, plunged headlong into the footlights, breaking several of them.

When Lewis thought his rival had gained an advantage, he applied his first head lock. This was about eight minutes after the men started and Draak successfully wriggled free of the hold.

The Hollander was rather groggy, however, and Lewis, lunging at him, quickly slipped on another head hold, which also was broken. This left Draak staggering, the Southerner found it easy to apply his third and most effective lock.

Dr. J. R. Holler, the Seattle, Wash., man, scored the quickest victory of the tournament in one of the elimination matches, throwing Peire Leegie of Belgium in thirteen seconds with a body blow. Wladex Zbyzko was another winner, scoring over Demetrios Tofalos.

Good as New.

During his stay a lawyer met an old friend in the village and their conversation drifted to a discussion of the natives. A young farmer came under their notice.

"He's a fine looking young fellow," said the lawyer.

"Y-e-e-s," assented his friend.

"Well, anyway, he has a mighty good head," he said.

"It ought to be good," was the reply.

"That man's head is brand new—he's never used it any."—Minneapolis Tribune.

Starting the match, Draak, infuriated by Lewis' hold, refused to comply with his request that the head lock be barred, rushed at the Southerner, and before Lewis was aware of his opponent's intention both wrestlers were grappling in the wings of the stage, Draak

ARE YOU GOING TO MOVE; OR HAVE YOU A HOUSE OR FLAT TO RENT?

This page of the TIMES is the city directory for the home seeker; and for the landlord who wants a tenant.

FLATS TO LET

ROOMS TO LET—THREE ROOMS electric lights. Apply 288 or 162 Carmarthen street. 70449-12-27

UPPER FLAT TO LET, 11 SUMMER street. 70898-12-26

TO LET—BRIGHT MODERN FLAT, six rooms, electric. Lansdowne Avenue west. Phone Mrs. C. W. Neve, Main 2248-41. 70406-12-26

TO LET—FLAT, COLORED PEOPLE wanted, 8 St. Paul street. 69965-1-10

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SELF-CONTAINED HOUSE, PARTLY furnished, to let. Phone 2718-11. 70432-12-27

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A PLEASANT SELF-CONTAINED house to let or for sale, near East St. John Post Office. Apply W. Parkinson, 147 Victoria street. T.F.

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FURNISHED FLAT, BATH, ELECTRIC. Union street. Inquire 226 Waterloo, City. 70581-12-30

FURNISHED FLAT, SMALL, CENTRAL. Address I 28, Times. 70523-12-29

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Flat 43 Elm, \$10.00.

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Phone M. 3443-23

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FURNISHED ROOMS—KITCHEN and bedroom. Apply 191 Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B. 70618-12-26

FURNISHED ROOM FOR GENTLEMEN. Phone 218-31. 70456-12-26

FURNISHED ROOMS, 14 GERMAIN street. 12-28

ROOMS WITH BOARD, 7 DORCHESTER street. 70407-12-26

ONE ROOM TO RENT, 40 LEINSTER. 70402-12-26

LARGE FURNISHED ROOM FOR housekeeping. Small room, \$12.50. 9 Elliot Row. 70403-12-26

LARGE HEATED ROOM, 1 Elliot Row. 12-26.

HEATED ROOMS, 25 PADDOCK. 70240-12-28

FURNISHED ROOMS, 42 PETERS. 70188-1-14

FURNISHED, HIT-SUITE ROOMS, central. Phone M 3417-11. 12-31

FURNISHED BEDROOM, GENTLEMEN, 72 Mecklenburg. 69490-12-29

TWO LARGE FURNISHED AND heated rooms. 580 Main street. 69812-12-26

SPECIALS IN FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Black Wolf Sets (large) From \$11.98

Others up to \$25.00

Natural Wolf From \$25.00 up

We have Red Fox, Muskrat, Taupe and other Fur Sets too numerous to mention.

See My \$17.98 Plush Coats for This Week and Next Only.

Ladies' Waists, One-Half Regular Price.

We Have Received a Shipment of Salts Esquimalt Plush Coats

Alex. Lesser's Cash & Credit Store

(Formerly The People's Cash & Credit Co.)

553-555 Main St.

Phone Main 2909

Store Open Evenings

STORES, BUILDINGS

TO LEASE—AFTER MAY 1, 1918, three-story brick building, offices on ground floor, 58 Canterbury street. For particulars apply The New Freeman, P. O. Box 849. 70591-1-1-1

SHOP TO LET, 135 BRUSSELS, APPROX. 145 Brussels street. 70406-12-29

FLATS WANTED

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THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1917

SHOPS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Designed to Place Before Our Readers The Merchandise, Craftsmanship and Service Offered By Shops and Specialty Stores

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ELECTRIC LIGHT FIXTURES RE-finished in all colors. Brass beds re-finished and made as good as new. Ornamental goods repaired. Refinished in their original colors at Grondines the Plater.

BARGAINS

UMBRELLAS AT LOWEST PRICES J. Skokosky, 625 Main street. 70880-12-26

BIG RUSH FOR CHRISTMAS GOODS at Wetmore's, Garden street. See our window display.

TOYS! TOYS! WE HAVE THE toys to delight their hearts, dolls, trains, teddy bears. We have a line of shell novelties, as boxes, bureaus, J. Skokosky, 625 Main street. 70889-12-26

FULL RANGE OF THE FOLLOW- ing winter lines: Men's and boys' sweaters; Stanfield, Penang; fleece lined and Merino underwear; heavy wool and medium socks; shaker and wool blankets, etc.—J. Morgan & Co., 629-388 Main street.

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NOW LANDING FRESH MINED Reserve, Sydney Coal, Tel. 42. James S. McGowan, 6 Mill street.

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LADIES' VELOUR BEAVER AND Belt Hats blocked over in latest styles. Mrs. T. R. James, 280 Main street, opposite Adelaide.

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MISS MCGRAH, N. Y. PARLORS, Imperial Theatre Building. Orders now for new hair, colorings, hair wigs, etc. Gent's manuring. Floor 2. Phone M 2695-81. New York graduate.

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UNION FOUNDRY AND MACHINE Works, Limited. George H. Waring, manager, West St. John, N. B. Engineers and machinists, iron and brass foundry.

MEN'S CLOTHING

Men's CLOTHING—WE HAVE A few Boys' Ulster that we will sell at a reduced price to clear. W. J. Higgins & Co., Custom Tailors. Ready-to-Wear Clothing, 182 Union street.

JOW SHOWING A BIG RANGE of men's overcoats, from \$12 to \$24, also a large assortment of raincoats, all guaranteed. Call early and make your election. Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main street.

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IONEY TO LOAN ON CITY FREE- hold or leasehold. Apply Leonard A. Conlon, Solicitor, Ritchie Building.

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UTOMOBILE PARTS RE-NICK-elled made to look like new. Bicycle parts, sewing machine parts, stove fittings, bath-room fittings, etc., re-nickelled at Grondines the Plater.

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THE STREET RAILWAY AND POWER SITUATION IN ST. JOHN

A Statement of - What We Hoped To Do - What We Have Done - What We Intend Doing -

New Brunswick Power Company became the owners of the St. John Street Railway, Lighting, Gas and Power situation on the first day of March, 1917. Prior to that time, and covering a period of many months, expert auditors had investigated the earnings of the old company; expert operating men and engineers had examined and appraised its physical assets. The offer made to the old owners and the plans for future developments made by the new owners were based upon the thorough examination made by qualified experts, the best in America, and were and are not the casual throwing into a situation of several millions of dollars, which this company was instrumental in bringing to St. John.

The new owners planned an extensive programme of water power development, which would give cheaper lighting and power rates; they planned a rehabilitation of the street railway system, which would give better tracks, better cars, better service throughout; they planned an improvement of the gas plant, which would give a better quality of gas and better service. To do all these things would require an expenditure of money amounting in all to about \$1,750,000. It will be remembered that just at the time we purchased this property, the United States entered the great European war. As a result of this condition, we found the financial markets there, from which we anticipated securing the greater part of our capital, suddenly closed to us. In spite of this fact, however, we made a reduction in electric rates and an exhaustive study of the new property and new situation which we had taken over, and we arrived at some very definite figures.

THE STREET RAILWAY

We brought here an expert, Mr. John A. Beeler, one of the best known street railway operating engineers in the United States, who made a detailed study of our property. He told us in a report dated July, 1917, that it would be necessary for us, in order to put the business in a satisfactory, physical and financial position, to spend \$489,000. This would give us new rails from the head of King street by way of Dock and Mill to Main street, on Main street between Portland street and the Indiantown loop; also double track Charlotte street from head of King street to north side of King square. It would mean the putting down on Douglas Avenue of better rails, on one tract east of the bridge and two tracks west of the bridge. It would mean new rails on the entire West St. John system between Fairview Junction and Rodney and Union streets, West Side. In addition to this, it would provide a sufficient number of new cars to permit us to do away with some of our rolling stock, which has become more or less obsolete. Following out this plan, which, as above stated, was delivered to us in July, we endeavored to secure the necessary material to carry on this work. We found, however, that the rails which, under normal conditions, could be bought for prompt delivery at about \$45 per ton would, under war condition, cost us \$105 per ton; that the cars which normally could be bought for \$4,000, would now cost us between \$11,000 and \$12,000 each. On top of this, that we could not get deliveries inside of six months and no guarantee even then; but the greatest difficulty we experienced was in the securing of the necessary money to make these improvements.

WATER POWER AND LIGHTING

In connection with the water power situation, the services of Mr. John F. Vaughan, formerly a member of the staff of Stone & Webster, the well-known street railway operating people of Boston, were engaged. In view of the fact that the reduced light and power rates, put into effect when we took over the property, were based upon generating current from water power, the necessity of carrying out that part of our programme was very urgent. He advised that we could develop sufficient power to be used, with our present steam station as a stand-by, from the rivers which we control at a cost of about \$850,000. This report was received by us in May. Acting upon his advice and suggestions, we immediately laid our plans to go on with this work, which was a supplement of reports and plans which we had perfected before

acquiring the street railway situation. When we went out into the money markets to borrow this amount, it was absolutely impossible to secure it. We were unable to sell securities against the property until it had been constructed, and in an endeavor to borrow the money, we approached practically all the larger banks in Canada, but were unable to do anything, owing to the war situation. As a result of this, we have had to forego this very important part of our programme, until the financial situation clears up.

THE GAS SITUATION

In connection with the gas situation, we early realized that the plant here required a very thorough overhauling, and in order to find out what we should actually do, we engaged the services of Mr. W. E. Barrett, one of the best gas engineers in America, who had charge of the rebuilding of the gas plant in Halifax. Mr. Barrett, after making a most exhaustive report on this situation, advised us that it would be necessary to spend about \$450,000 to build a new gas plant, or \$176,000 to re-condition for a while the old one. A new plant would be at a new location, and would be entirely new and modern so far as the manufacturing part of the plant is concerned, and would mean the extension of our gas mains to parts of the city not now covered, particularly to the West Side. He pointed out that a large increase in our output of gas was necessary in order to make a profit even at the low cost of coal then prevailing. Here again we were met by the financial situation which made it impossible to secure the money.

THE GENERAL SITUATION

On top of the difficulty of securing financial aid to carry out our plans, we found that the prices of every commodity, which enters into the rehabilitation of the Street Railway and gas properties and into the construction of our water power, had increased to an enormous extent, so that it was evident the \$1,750,000, in round figures, which the three reports above referred to called for, would not go any further than a considerably smaller amount would go in normal times.

We ask, in all fairness, those of our critics who have stated that our performances are not up to our promises to pause and consider the difficulties which we have encountered. The entry of the United States in the war and the general demand for money for Victory Loans and Liberty Loans, which has increased the price of money and dried up the source of supply, were matters over which we had no control, but which have placed us in the unfortunate position of having a property on our hands which requires large expenditures of money in order to keep pace with the requirements, and to put the public utilities of this city on a par with other places. Our application for increased rates is due to the war and is an endeavor on our part to keep our financial heads above water, and to keep our securities in the list of interest and dividend payers. We ask every good citizen of St. John to stop and consider whether it is not more in the interest of this community for us to be placed in a position where we can sell our securities rather than to refuse us the very necessary aid, and thereby render it impossible in coming years for us to secure the necessary cash to carry out the programme above outlined. It requires only a moment's thought to realize that if the present condition continues, and we get no relief, our securities must pass their dividends, and, if that unfortunate condition arises, it will be years before we will be back to the point where we can go out into the money markets and command a financial support on any basis which will permit us to carry on our work. We have endeavored, as far as is in our power, and with the limited financial support we could get after the war situation developed, to carry out all of our programme possible. We feel that in laying out this programme, we are acting as good citizens and genuinely endeavoring to make St. John a better city to live in. We should not be blamed because our honest endeavors and our progressive plans have been upset by conditions over which we have no control.

L. R. ROSS,
President New Brunswick Power Co.

May You Have
the Health to Enjoy,
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to and the Power to
give to Others

A Merry Christmas

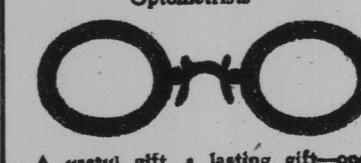
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193 UNION STREET

On the day the first Ross letter came out, I met a working man whom I knew, had a large family. I told him that he and his family needed to increase fares. I asked him how many car tickets he and his family used. He said about thirty each week day and about twenty on Sundays. I told him Mr. Ross called it a small increase. He said, "Well, if I can afford it, I can stand it." He took his pencil and figured out the increased cost to him, and when he figured out an increased cost to him of about \$6 a week—well, he first swore then said: "Never will I stand for that; never will I stand for that; never will I stand for that." Then I think it over—an added cost of \$6 a week in one family, and that is not all or half.

Note how Mr. Ross gently says one cent for each transfer. There is nothing to hinder him or any passenger to transfer tickets when a passenger enters the car, and at the next transfer point, the passenger needing to go farther, will just have to pay another six cents or walk. It has been done on many lines in the United States. Through lines have been discontinued at some points, but by a shuttle service to former transfers so here in St. John, by making Douglas avenue line a shuttle line from Main street to the Provincial Hospital corner, and the other cars connecting there to go north and south, the passengers can get on to the shuttle service to Carlton Park or Carlton could be made to cost seventeen cents. To find a plausible defence for such action would be no trouble for the brain that discovered a reason for a big advance in car fares in the fact that there was a big increase in the price of steam coal and in the price of labor. In my talk, I have endeavored not to confuse the mind of the public with statistics. What a pity. Perhaps he had none. Likely they are confined only to the legal and financial heads of the company. Figures would not confuse him, and he would not then need to judge their worth. Our lawyer has wisely and promptly put a statistic and figure buyer on the job. May his scent and forcefulness be as keen as a Carvel. He is working for the people. The body of trade is a committee at work, but in whose interest I do not know. Many of the members are bond or stock holders. Perhaps in view of the bad showing of the financial state of the company, as evidenced in the Ross letters, they are minded to try to get them to stand for that. After all, what the new company paid may never be found out, nor has it much to do with the case. The real value is the test. If the state of the old company was at the time of purchase as the Ross letters disclose, and the buyers knew it, then the new company, too, may own it. But the old owners glad to get it off their hands at any price. On the other hand, if the old owners succeeded in convincing the buyers that it was of great value, good as gold, and got a big price for it, much more than it was worth, and that it was a short-term gain, then the 30th day of November found out that they had bought a gold brick, then they ought not to squeal, but pocket the loss and not ask the public to make it up to them. "There's many a banana in life's pavilion and up in the fall of the year, the true man gets up and tries to forget it in spite of the loss. A wage-earner gets his notice: 'Your services are no longer required.' Sad as it is, he bravely looks for other work, does not go along the street begging for help. If he did, he would be despised, therefore the magistrate, charged with mendacity.

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Now that the election is over, all citizens and organizations should take this matter up. It is a serious one, if the same proportion of advance in prices is to be put on electric light and power companies. Study what extra you will have to pay over your last bills for the same service. I hope when the meeting is held, there will be room; for, as the legal notices reads, "all parties interested may attend and speak." The public of St. John are interested and it will take a big building to hold them.

If the city of St. John wants to own the public service of its cars, electricity and gas, now is the time. With President Ross' letters as evidence, it ought to be bought very cheap. A. L. KERR.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET
Quotations furnished by private wire of
J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N. B.
New York, Dec. 22.

United Fruit 110
Utah Copper 78 1/2 74 1/2 75 1/2
Western Union 79 75 1/2
West Electric 96 86 1/2 86 1/2 86 1/2
Willys Overland 17 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2
Montreal closed today.

PACKERS REFUSE RECORDS

TQ TRADE COMMISSION

Swift and Company of Chicago Withhold Information Desired in Probe of Stock Yards Industry

Washington, Dec. 24—Swift & Co. of Chicago have refused to deliver to the federal trade commission records desired by the commission in its investigation of the packing industry, and drastic action will be taken in court to force their production, so Francis J. Heney announced.

It was said that while the commissioners had been unable to get the records from Swift & Co. and that direct demand for the records had been refused. To obtain the papers which related to the ownership of the Chicago Stock Yards and other packing concerns, the commission will go to a federal court and ask an order compelling the company to produce them.

Mr. Heney also announced receipt of a telegram saying that C. C. Chase of Chicago, auditor of the U. S. Stock Yards and Packing Company, was dead and could not answer the commission's subpoena.

The telegram, Mr. Heney added, says "Mr. Chase has been ordered south for an indefinite time."

"I desire to inform the commission," Mr. Heney continued, "that we have a difference without Mr. Chase's testimony to make a prima facie case and then the packers can do what explaining they think necessary."

It's the last chapter.

POOR DOCUMENT

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THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1912

LOCAL NEWS

Your chance to get Xmas ties in boxes at 25c., 30c., and 75c. at Corbet's, 194 Union street. 12-26

Give your boy a suit for Christmas. You'll get the best at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

For dainty boudoir slippers in soft kid and cosy felt go to McRobbie's, 50 King street.

See the Christmas table at McRobbie's for pretty plaids and other dainty felt house slippers. t.f.

Commencing Tuesday, the 18th, the McRobbie Shoe Company's store will be open every evening until Christmas. t.f.

You can get genuine English plaid felt slippers at McRobbie's, 50 King street. t.f.

A pair of good overalls make a nice Christmas gift and you can get the best at McRobbie's, 50 King street. t.f.

200 five-pound caddies English Breakfast Tea \$2.25 while they last. Elmore & Mullin, 21 South Wharf. 12-26

An overcoat or raincoat make a good Christmas gift. A large assortment of Turners, out of the high rent district. 440 Main. T.F.

We are now selling to our Xmas trade goods suitable for girls such as sweaters, umbrellas, hand sets, braces, gloves and shirts, all in fancy boxes at Corbet's, 194 Union street. 12-26

Slight damage was done by a fire which broke out in one of the furnaces in Fleming's foundry early yesterday morning.

The latest estimate of the loss of life in the Halifax disaster of December 6 is placed at 1,800.

Talented Cow. Advertisement in a rural New England weekly—Wanted—A steady respectable young man to look after a garden and care for a cow who has a good voice and is accustomed to sing in the choir—Christian Register.

Xmas Greetings

Cut Price Fruit Shop

ORANGES
LEMONS
GRAPEFRUIT
FANCY APPLES
NEW NUTS
DATES
FIGS

RIBBON CANDY
BARLEY TOYS
CRACKERS
TOYS

I am the man who a year ago broke the high prices of fruit in St. John.

HERMON A. SIVOVLOS
HERMAN'S
CUT PRICE FRUIT SHOP
9 Sydney Street

12-26.

For Your Friend Who Smokes

Choice Cigars in Gift Boxes, Ash Tray, Cigar Holders, Pipes in Sets, Cigarette and Cigar Cases, Tobacco Pouches, Tobacco, Walking Sticks.

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Really Sir,
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Sunlight Soap

You pay for the garments it cleanses so well and so carefully. You like your wife to have leisure and to be free from the drudgery of wash-day work. You, as a business man, can appreciate what the \$5,000 Sunlight guarantee of purity must mean.

Suggest to her that Sunlight Soap must be worth a trial—for it is.

Sunlight Soap is sold by all grocers.
It is made in Canada by Lever Brothers, Limited, Toronto.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rev. W. R. Robinson was last night honored with a presentation by the Young People's Society of Ludlow street Baptist church.

Box 127 was rung in last night when a chimney fire started in the residence of A. J. Brown, 238 Douglas Avenue. The damage amounted to \$100 and is covered by insurance.

A roll of bills to the amount of \$995 was found on the person of Michael Nyhan, longshoreman, who died in the General Public Hospital last week.

The Christmas collection in Exmouth Street Methodist church Sunday school yesterday realized \$114. It will be donated to a fund for Sunday school scholars in Halifax.

Albert L. Nice, 20 King street, West St. John, lost his horse, valued at \$800, on Saturday afternoon. He was backing a load of garbage to the edge of No. 5 berth.

In practically every Sunday school in the city yesterday the spirit of Christmas found expression in gifts for the poor. A feature in the Central Baptist Sunday school was the offering from the Chinese class. Rev. Dr. J. McPherson received from the school a sum of \$100, which will be given to the Chinese scholars and congregation in the name of gold.

The funeral of Michael Nyhan was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at St. Patrick's undertaking rooms to the south of the cathedral, where the service was conducted by Rev. Father Francis Watkinson. Interment was made in the Old Catholic cemetery. The funeral was attended by several members of the Ship Laborers' Union.

Grades VII and VIII, of the Beaconsfield school, taught by Truman K. Copp, have in point of attendance, made a showing which it is doubtful if it can be equalled in the city. Out of a total enrollment of twenty-two there was a daily average present of 21.42, or a percentage of 97.88. There were five pupils, who made perfect attendance, and only three who made tardy marks for the entire term.

On Jan. 1, 1913, there were 185 children in the institutions—80 girls and 105 boys. There have been admitted during the year 27 girls and 29 boys. Placed in homes and taken by relatives 21 girls and 84 boys, leaving in the orphanage 86 girls and 100 boys.

Cathedral parish 75
St. Peter's 30
St. John the Baptist 10
Holy Trinity 10

Assumption	5
St. Rose	7
Other parishes	49
	186
Christmas collections—	
Cathedral	\$ 781.05
St. Peters	310.00
St. John the Baptist	302.00
Holy Trinity	215.09
St. Patrick's Day collections—	
Cathedral	299.19
Holy Trinity	47.08
St. John the Baptist	66.85
St. Peter's	375.00
St. Patrick's Day entertainment—	
Immaculate Conception Soc. (Y.M.C.A.)	500.00
St. Patrick's Dramatic Club (Church of Assumption)	100.00
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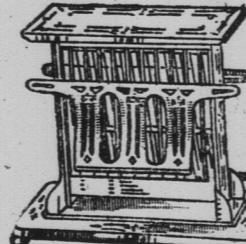
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To the Housewife, a piece of Nickel and Copper Tableware comes, always, as a delight on Christmas morning. In our large, select showing you will find a wide range of the latest improved appliances in prevailing patterns.

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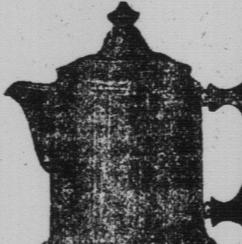
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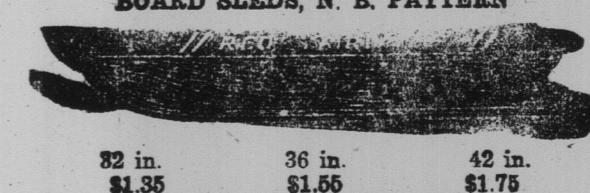


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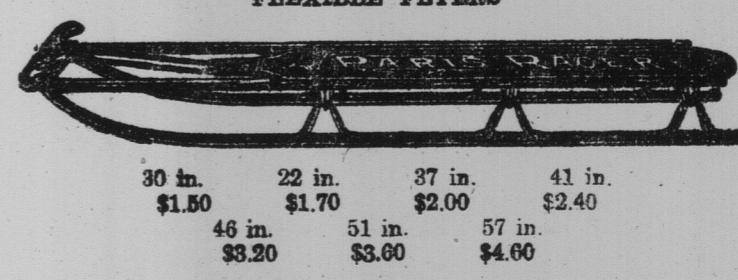
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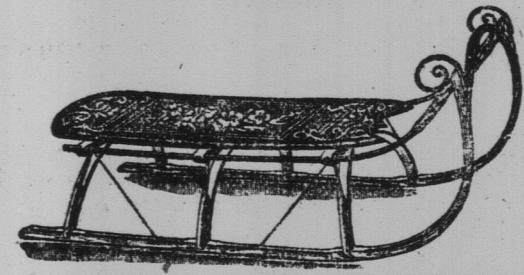


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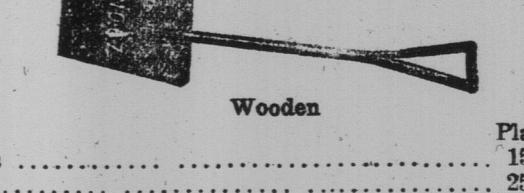
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Whittier and Best Man for the March Stakes at Newmarket first Spring, and then won the Payne Stakes at the second Spring. He was third to Keelson and Bestworth in an Ascot Biennial, but was not again beaten that season, winning the Levese Handicap, a Triennial at the first October meeting, the Cambridgeshire (beating Best Man, Count Schomberg and others), and the Freston Handicap for three-year-olds.

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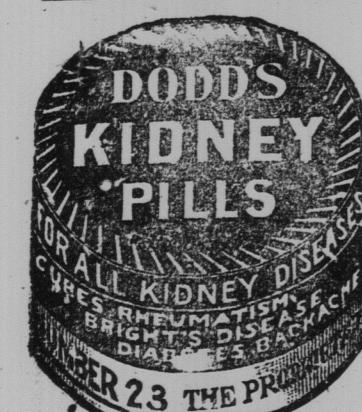
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New York, Dec. 21—Eddie Cicotte, who did so much to help the Chicago White Sox win the American League pennant, and then the world's championship, headed the list of winning pitchers in the American League this year.

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