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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.

The electric light and power, also the supply of gas, were in the hands of the St. John Railway Company. Under an intricate and a skilful and industrious superintendent, they brought the service of the departments 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 prices of all materials needed by them were high, 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.

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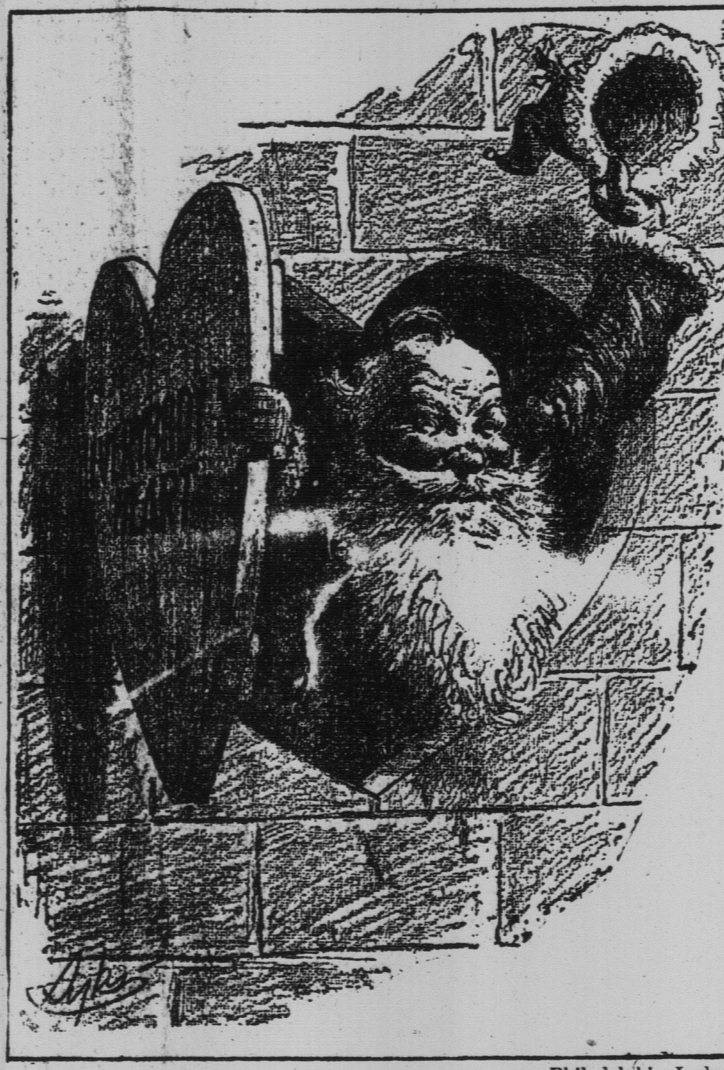
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CHRISTMAS GREETING



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 heroism, 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."

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

A Pacific Port, Dec. 24.—It became known today that the Russian freighter, Shilka, Captain Boris Dogal, which, unheralded, slipped into the harbor here late on Friday night direct from Vladivostok, is under Bolsheviki control. Some of the Shilka's sailors were fraternizing on the docks today with a party of alleged Industrial Workers of the World, twenty-one of whom were arrested by federal officials and held for investigation. Among those taken into custody were thirteen Russians. None of 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 here.

The immigration authorities probably will take charge of the ship.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturpatrick, 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 north-west.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Cloudy and mild with local rains. Tuesday, high northwesterly winds and decidedly colder with local snow flurries.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence valley—Local falls of snow or rain today, Tuesday, strong northwesterly winds and decidedly colder.

Lower St. Lawrence—Rising temperature today, 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. Maritime—Fair today. Tuesday strong winds or moderate from the west, with some snow or rain.

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.

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 and east of the city, splitting up into 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," the correspondent continues, "are greatly facilitated by the fact that the country is so hilly and intersected by so many ravines and small rivers. To improve the British position that taking of certain ridges has been ordered so that there may be a wider range of defense. All these moves have been successfully carried out."

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LOWER LIMIT OF AGE FOR MEN IN HIGH COMMANDS

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

Paris, Dec. 24.—Premier Clemenceau has sent a letter to General Petain and all the army chiefs pointing out that the experience of three years of war has shown that existing age limits are 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 brigade, sixty for a division and sixty-two for an army corps. Under these conditions, a 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 general 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 line. This policy will result in placing at the head of the fighting troops, he hopes, chiefs who know them well, and in whom the soldiers can have full confidence from having seen them at work. The same principle will be applied in promoting field 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 made no statement thus far, but 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 permitted by the nationalists to form a government from the labor party, giving this party an opportunity to put into effect its plans for raising troops without conscription.

London, Dec. 24.—An Australian correspondent writing in the Times says it is important that the issue of the referendum should not be misunderstood. It is, he says, a clash of opinion regarding procedure.

The anti-conscriptionists consider that voluntary enlistment will provide sufficient reinforcements, 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

Paris, Dec. 23.—The 825,000 acres of wheat land retaken from the enemy this year in Northern France may be made to produce enough wheat next year for one million men, according to the estimate of a mission appointed by the agricultural department which has been examining the liberated territory. Both men and money are required.

Americans Aid Kaledines?

Petrograd, Saturday, Dec. 22.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, at a meeting of the revolutionary organizations assembled in congress today, read documents and telegrams, which he declared contained evidence that Americans were helping General Kaledines, leader of the Don Cossacks.

Control of Railways. Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The commissioner of ways and communications has sent telegraphic instructions to the railwaymen's committees to take control of the railways in their own hands. The communication declares that all high posts, such as managers and heads of departments, have been abolished.

The commissioner of military affairs has ordered the immediate cessation of the creation of defensive works, bulletins, etc., on the Russian front on which military engineers and the field construction department and similar branches of the army have been engaged.

Trotsky's Threat. Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Detailed reports from the special session of the Central executive committee of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, the Petrograd delegates and the peasant congress, called to consider the peace negotiations, show Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, suggesting a plan by which military opposition might be offered if there were an attempt by the Central Powers to force objectionable terms upon Russia.

"We have called you here to ask your support," Trotsky said. "You must help us in our efforts to make peace with nations and not with German militarism. If our delegation will not see eye to eye with representatives of the German emperor without the people then peace will be impossible. If dead silence should continue in Europe, if the German emperor should be enabled to offer offensive terms of peace we would fight against it."

"I do not know whether we could fight because of economic conditions, utter exhaustion and the disorganized state of the army. But I think we would fight. We would release all elderly soldiers and call the youth of the country to fight to the last drop of their blood. The Allies must understand we did not overthrow Caesarism to be overthrown by the Kaiser. They know our game is not yet ended."

Demand Complicated With. London, Dec. 23.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that the members of the Ukrainian revolutionary staff have been liberated in accordance with the demand of the Ukrainian government.

Many Deaths in Oryz. 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 Trotsky Statement. Paris, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotsky, Bolsheviki foreign minister, according to a note issued by the Havas Agency, called on Joseph Noulens, the French ambassador to Russia, and explained that the Bolsheviki wished to keep to the principle of a "domestic peace," leaving to the peoples the right to dispose of themselves. The ambassador inquiring asked him what he would do if Germany refused such a peace, Trotsky answered that then the peace would not be signed, and the Maximilists might be led to "wage a revolutionary war."

Trotsky added that "if public opinion was opposed to such a war the question would be carried before the constituent assembly."

He concluded by saying that if the Bolsheviki succumbed to resistance they are meeting with in Russia the country would be given over to anarchy. The Havas note concludes—"This conversation, which is correct throughout, must be considered as creating no new relation between the Maximilist government and us."

Seeking Settlement. London, Dec. 24.—General Antonoff, military commandant of the Petrograd district, has gone to Kiev, says a Petrograd despatch to the Times, with instructions to negotiate with the Ukrainian rada in an effort to settle the difficulties between it and the Bolsheviki government.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The breach between the Ukraine Rada and the workmen's and soldiers' delegates has been widened by the arrest of forty members of the Ukraine revolutionary staff at Petrograd.

Supplies Shut Off. New York, Dec. 24.—Discontinuance of the manufacture of rifles for Russia by the Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Company has been ordered by the British government, who had supervision over the contract.

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DREYFUS' COUNSEL TO DEFEND CAILLAUX

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

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

SMALLPOX IN THE PROVINCE IS SPREADING

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

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—The cases of smallpox reported in the province of New Brunswick are more numerous than at any time since the outbreak. Fifty-four cases are reported by the provincial board of health. The major cases are secondary. The North Shore, which had very few cases early in the outbreak, is now badly infected, particularly in Northumberland and Kent.

The State of Maine is in a serious condition. It is reported that at Caribou three cases resulted fatally, but this is not confirmed. Thirteen cases occurred at Presque Isle and ten at Fort Fairfield since the health authorities made what was thought to be a successful effort to get control. Sixty-seven cases exist in Eastport. So far no cases have been reported from the islands of Charlotte county.

Victoria county is now reported to be practically clear of the disease. One case exists in York county at Bur's Corner.

CONTRACT AWARDED. The contract for the building of the nurses' and doctors' residence in connection with the East St. John County Hospital has been let to R. A. Corbet of this city, his figures being the lowest. The work was completed once. McGorriett's tender, it is said, was for about \$70,000.

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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 his 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 at Annapolis 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 go quietly, he did not do 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

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 8.45, the big, bright and cozy 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 graces the programme, no less a mystic-comedy than Beulah 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 merriment will come Fray's "The Wife's Mistake" - one of those roaring burlesques. Pathe-British Gazette for serious pictures. Singe Guardian will commence his farewell week by singing "For You a Rose" and "Caroline," and the new musical act, Eva & Adele, 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 GEM

The Gem has a fine Christmas programme. June Caprice, "The Merry Widow" and "The Merry Widow" comedy bit, and Fred Norman, a very fine comedy juggler. This bill also tonight. Three shows at 7.15, 8.15 and 8.45; same price as usual. Norman is a very clever imitator of Charlie Chaplin in dress and actions, 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 AT LYRIC

The startling problem play, "Idle Wives," will be the special attraction at the Lyric during Christmas week. Usual afternoon 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. B. Jones, 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. M. Green and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box. 50c.

WILL TAKE OVER STREET RAILWAY IN TORONTO

The qualified electors of Toronto will be asked on 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 railway shall 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 in mundane affairs. There has been more or less friction throughout the franchise period as to the way in which the company has carried out the agreement under which it entered upon the franchise in 1881.

A STAR WITNESS

At a temperance case in Amherst last week, the News says, the defending lawyer extracted from this star witness that he was a twice convicted forger for which he had served a long time in the penitentiary. Also a convicted perjurer for which he had served a long time in the penitentiary. He had also served a long time in the penitentiary for which he had served a long time in the penitentiary.

An air raid was attempted on the Kenish coast on Saturday evening. One raider was forced to descend and the crew was captured. A second attack was attempted from the home of his brother, James McCavour, Lorneville, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

BIRTHS

McGRATHAN - At St. George, on December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. McGrath - a son.

HATFIELD - On the 19th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatfield of 152 Water street, West St. John, a daughter, Marjorie Constance.

DEATHS

GREANY - In this city on December 23, Catherine, widow of Edward F. Greany, aged seventy-two years.

McCAVOUR - 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 Martinon, on December 23, Wallace B. Smith, aged sixty-four years, leaving besides his wife, six children and three sisters to mourn.

NICHOL - On the 23rd instant at her late residence, 31 St. David's street, Rose, beloved wife of John Nichol, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn.

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

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 this front 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 weeks before the result of the soldiers' vote is announced, but it is known that 99 per cent of the available vote was polled.

Amongst all ranks preparations were general today for Christmas festivities. The Red Cross are supplying cigarettes, cigars, raisins, dates, fruit, games and toys to every field ambulance.

Messes of all kinds are vying in friendly rivalry to make their celebration the best. Turkey and plum pudding are at a premium, and where there are no messes and no special unit, arrangements are being made to insure that no men will go without his Christmas dinner.

At one headquarters, for example, 300 men of an employment company will sit down to the mid-day dinner, for which 300 pounds of turkey will be supplied by the chaplain services.

There will be a special concert provided by the Y.M.C.A., at 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 those who took part in the recent campaign, as well as other friends, to 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, seven hundred men enlisted and great enthusiasm was aroused by the speech of a British officer.

Factor 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 is announced. All preparations have 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, but needs 87,000,000.

The last German paper in Costa Rica has been seized. It is labeled Lloyda and President Wilson.

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

George Rodick, former German consul at Honolulu, who pleaded guilty to conspiring to foment revolution against British rule in India, was fined \$10,000 Saturday by Judge Van Fleet of the United States district court in San Francisco.

A Caucassian army of 100,000 is reported advancing on the rear of the troops of General Kaulbars, the Cossack leader.

Washington officials declared today that the statement of Leon Trotsky that the American Red Cross in Russia was giving aid to the opponents of the Bolsheviks could be attributed only to his ignorance of the facts.

The Kraysers are said to have recently quadrupled their naval plant near Kiel.

FREDERICTON NEWS. Fredericton, Dec. 24 - At Sunday services in the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches here a message from the headquarters of the Dominion Alliance to Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief liquor inspector, was read from the pulpits in relation to the next dominion liquor legislation. Resolutions approving the action of the government were passed.

The first attempt to employ women in the manufacture of munitions in Fredericton will be made at the beginning of the new year.

BIG GAME ON MIRAMICHI

(Chatham World). Big game in the Miramichi region this fall has been as scarce as most persons suppose. In addition to the killing by New Brunswick hunters United States citizens shipped through the Dominion Express Company, according to its returns, the heads of one hundred wild animals. The game was shot by men from Uniontown, Pa.; Baltimore, Boston, Brownville, Me.; Hartford City, Ind.; Lafontaine, Ind.; Jersey City, Prospect, O.; Scranton, Pa.; New York, Leominster, Mass.; Lockhart, Pa.; Greenwich, Conn.; Dayton, O.; Putnam, Conn.; Central Village, Conn.; Palm Beach, Fla.; Warren, O.; Chicago and Brooklyn, N. Y.

The game included forty-nine deer, twenty-nine moose, fourteen bears and eight caribou.

Locally thirty deer, seven moose and three caribou were shot, a total of 140 wild animals.

And there must be added at least 100 out of season and by unlicensed shot hunters in season, as shown by the large number of hides in transit that have been seized.

RALPH NEIL RETURNS HOME Private Ralph Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Neil of Fredericton, has arrived home, having been invalided from England. He enlisted in the west with an engineering corps and saw much service in France.

HORLICK'S Malted Milk for the Home

A nourishing food-drink for All Ages. Anywhere at anytime. Delicious, sustaining, No cooking

STOCKS BRIGHTER IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 24 (Wall Street) - Ralls, equipments and shippings advanced one to two points over last week's final quotations in the first half hour of today's stock market, some specialties, notably oils, scoring greater gains. News and general advices over the week-end were more favorably regarded.

United States Steel was especially active, advancing two points to 89 1/2 on steady absorption. There was a fairly broad inquiry for investment rails. Liberty bonds were steady, with further strength in foreign issues.

Noon Report. Subject to occasional profit-taking, stocks increased their advantage with the progress of recessions. Canadian Pacific and Atchafon gained 2 1/2 points, Union Pacific and other transcontinentals and graniters 1 to 1 1/2. Coppers, Baldwin Locomotive, General Electric and New York Air Brake made additional advances with shippings and oils, but Texas Company reacted moderately with steel. International bonds continued to improve, substantially, except Anglo-French 9's, which eased slightly. Liberty 4's sold at 97.84 to 97 and the 8 1/2's at 96.88 to 96.24.

CORN AND OATS

Chicago, Dec. 24 - Forecasts of much colder weather than has been expected today on corn. Misgivings were felt that the prospective lower temperature would handicap the railroads and tend to further delay of the crop movement.

Besides there was but little selling pressure on the market, trade being of a holiday character. Opening prices, with January 1.25-1.26 and May 1.24 to 1.24 1/8, were followed by a slight additional upturn.

Oats showed sympathy with the advance in corn. Demand, however, was mostly for small lots.

DEATH AT GRAND BAY. The death of W. Wallace Smith, of Grand Bay, occurred this morning at his residence, after a very short illness. He was sixty-four years old and was a lumber surveyor. He leaves a wife, six children and three sisters, Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Wade, of West St. John, and Mrs. Hamilton Love of Boston.

A DRY ELECTION. Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector of New Brunswick under prohibition, was in the city today. Speaking of the elections last week, he said that all through the province things were absolutely dry. Northumberland some trouble was expected, but there was absolutely nothing to it. On one occasion an inspector was sent down to a station to seize ten cases of liquor which were reported 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 truth in the report. Queens county, he said, was the only place where there was the least taste, and even there nothing was actually seen.

English Painter Dead. London, Dec. 23 - Felix Moschales, painter, died at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday. He was born in London on Feb. 8, 1838.

For Christmas

QUALITY CHOCOLATES, 80c lb. TABLE RAISINS, 15c, 20c. and 30c. lb. MIXED NUTS, .25c. and 35c. lb. COSSAQUES OR CRACKERS, 35c. to \$2.00 a box

FILLED STOCKINGS For the Kiddies, 10c. to \$2.65 each. Corn for popping, .10c. pkg. Popcorn Balls, .20c. doz.

REELY-TROOLY DOLLS To cut out, six in box. . . . For 27c. BIG BARGAINS IN DOLLS Extra values at \$1.33 each. These Dolls are 15 inches high, nicely dressed, in large variety. Special Sale price until Xmas, \$1.05 each.

CANDLES FOR THE TREE, 10c. box. PLUM PUDDINGS In Sealed tins, extra quality, 45c, 60c, and \$1.00 each.

PROPER GLASSES Wearing a pair of properly fitted glasses is soothing to the nerves and a relief for anyone troubled with eye-strain.

We design, fit and make glasses that assure you full comfort, ease and efficient eyesight.

Our Service is Complete Service. Prompt, Accurate and Satisfying.

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It's too late now to shop much; you must make your choice quickly.

Diamond Rings - An excellent variety to select from and all good stones.

La Vallieres - There are still some dainty designs left in low priced patterns and many exquisite pieces in platinum and white gold set with diamonds.

Bracelet and Pocket Watches - always the appropriate gift - the one most longed for - "the best present."

Please your taste and your purse from our stock with the assurance that equal money cannot buy greater watch values.

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Bad blood - that is, blood that is impure or impoverished, thin and pale, is responsible for more ailments than anything else.

It affects every organ and function. In some cases it causes catarrh; in others, dyspepsia; in others, rheumatism; and in still others, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles.

It is responsible for run-down conditions, and is the most common cause of disease.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest purifier and enricher of the blood in the world. It has been wonderfully successful in removing scrofula and other humors, increasing the red-blood corpuscles, and building up the whole system. Get it today.

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 attached to the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference, and is a brother of Mrs. C. W. Hewson, widow of the late Dr. Hewson, 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 a number of years ago, where he became prominent as a lawyer and a politician in the life of the west. One of his appointments in the present contest was John Irwin, a prominent real estate broker of Calgary, formerly belonging to Greenville, Annapolis county, later residing in Halifax, where he was well known to Y.M.C.A. workers all over the province. Mr. Irwin, like Mr. Tweedie, has relatives in Amherst.

A ST. JOHN MAN? Amherst News - Mrs. Irene Legere residing at No. 17 Mill street, this morning had a warrant issued for the apprehension of one Stanley Moore, who it is said belonged to St. John. She charges Moore with stealing a hand bag, her own personal property, and eight dollars in cash from her husband. Chief Chapman was given the warrant and while in conversation with the News man, at the railway station, spotted Moore, lingering on the promenade. "Come along with me, I have a warrant for your arrest," said the chief, while Moore looked as if someone had hit him in the ear with a snowball. He said nothing, however, and accompanied the chief to police headquarters. His case is being tried this afternoon before Magistrate Casey as we go to press.

HOME FROM THE WEST Robert T. Fowler, son of Mrs. James D. Fowler, of Fredericton, arrived home Thursday after several months' absence in the western states. He lately has been at Faith, South Dakota. It is eleven years since Mr. Fowler left Fredericton. He has been engaged in a ranch in the West in Fredericton. He is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George H. Clark.

ORANGES If you want to buy good sweet juicy oranges, call at The 2 Barkers, Limited, 100 Princess street, 111 Brussels street.

N. B. Power Company page 7. You're interested. Ladies' grey felt slippers, all colors, red, brown, grey and black only, \$1.25, at Levine's, 96 Charlotte and 8 1/2 Brussels street.

English plaid slippers for men, \$1.10 to \$1.25 - Levine's, 96 Charlotte, 8 1/2 Brussels street. Prize waltz and dance at Tipperary Hall tonight. 7019-11-27

Great bargains in toys, dolls, books, games, military brushes, manicure sets, brush, comb and mirrors, at The 2 Barkers, 100 Princess street, tonight.

Shop, shop and shop your Christmas shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Your slippers are here at Levine's. English plaid slippers for men, \$1.10 to \$1.25 - Levine's, 96 Charlotte, 8 1/2 Brussels street.

The sum of \$104.09 has been received at headquarters of the Halifax Relief Fund since the last report. Included is a donation of \$25 from Mrs. J. A. Gregory.

Bargains in oranges, Christmas groceries and confectionery at The 2 Barkers, Limited, 100 Princess street, 111 Brussels street.

Useful and durable gifts for everyone. Shop at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. St. Mary's church, Waterloo street, Rev. R. T. McKim, rector. Services Christmas day 8 and 10.30. A. M. Communion both services. Collection for the poor.

While they last, Barkers, Limited, 100 Princess street, and 111 Brussels street, will sell barley toys, 20c. lb.; Christmas mixture, 16c. lb.; 50c. chocolate, 30c. lb.; 5 lb. box, \$1.25; mixed nuts, 25c. lb.

Men's black felt slippers, heavy felt soles, only 75 cents, at Levine's, 96 Charlotte street, 8 1/2 Brussels street.

Do all your shopping and all your buying at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

PRISONERS OF WAR Mrs. Richard O'Brien, for the Women's Canadian Club, acknowledges: Gage-Town Circle, per Mrs. T. Sherman Peters, \$8.85; Mac's Boy, S.C.A., per Miss Lotie Mawhinney, \$8; Miss Helen L. Barker, \$1.

OUR STORE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, "BOXING DAY." As is the custom in England, where the day after Christmas is considered as belonging to all employees, we will not resume business after tonight until Thursday morning, the 27th. This will give our staff a well earned rest after the Christmas rush.

We also take this opportunity to most heartily thank the people of St. John and our customers in particular for the generous share they have given us of their holiday business.

Respectfully yours, F. W. DANIEL & CO., LTD.

CASUALTIES In the list of casualties received from Ottawa today is one, Lieut. E. J. Hively, of Halifax, "killed in the explosion." Another is - Infantry, presumed to have died, Lieut. I. Graves, Jacksonville, N. B.

John A. Hetherington died at his home at Andover on Wednesday, December 19. He leaves his aged father, William Hetherington, and one sister, Mrs. W. Cuthbert of Montana.

Kiddies' Xmas Gifts. Strongly Built Tricycle - Leather saddle, adjustable, heavy rubber tires; three sizes. Xmas Special, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00. Doll's Perambulator - Heavy wood body, leatherette hood. Xmas Special, \$2.35. Others from \$1.00 to \$12.00. Rocking Horses, Hobby Horses, Swing Horses, Dolls' Carts, Kiddie Cars, Kindergarten Sets, Blackboards, Express Carts, Sleds, Framers, High Chairs, Morris Chairs, Rockers, Tricycles, etc. etc. Order Your Gift Now and We Will Deliver Xmas Eve. J. Marcus, 30 Dock St.

LOCAL NEWS. Band on Carleton rink Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 15c. Xmas shoppers should do all their shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches. Christmas wreaths; a limited quantity for sale tonight, 87c. each - Daniel, King street. Band at Carleton rink Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 15c. Band at Victoria rink Christmas afternoon and evening and every evening this week, except tonight. Men's black felt slippers, heavy felt soles, only 75 cents, at Levine's, 96 Charlotte street, 8 1/2 Brussels street. Band on Carleton rink Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 15c.

KAISER ON PEACE. J. M. Robinson & Sons received the following despatch on their wires this afternoon re the Kaiser's peace terms. A report from the Hague as follows: "The Kaiser has made his speech to the second German army, according to a despatch from Berlin, which says: 'We must bring peace by our iron fist and our sharp edged sword if the enemy shows he does not want it.'" CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM POPE BENEDICT. Rome, Dec. 24 - Pope Benedict has given to the Associated Press this Christmas message: "The Holy Father sends to the people of America his cordial greeting and prays that they may take to heart, in this time of strife and suffering, the true lesson of Christmas - the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind; the lesson of unflinching courage and sacrifice of self. 'More especially he calls upon the little children, to whom this day belongs, to pray with all their hearts to the Babe in the manger that he may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came to bring upon earth.'" FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH. 2 No. 2 Engine House, King street. 3 No. 2 Engine House, Union street. 4 Cor. Mill and Union streets. 5 Prince Wm. street, opposite M. R. A. alley. 6 Cor. York street and Union street. 7 Cor. Mill and Bond streets. 8 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 9 Waterloo street, opposite Foster street. 10 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 11 Cor. Brunswick and Richmond streets. 12 Cor. Brunswick and Union streets. 13 Cor. Union and Carleton streets. 14 Cor. Carleton and St. David streets. 15 St. A. street, opposite St. John street. 16 Cor. German and King streets. 17 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 18 No. 1 Engine House, Charlotte street. 19 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 20 McLeo's warehouse, water street. 21 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 22 Cor. Duke and Sydney streets. 23 Cor. Water and Prince streets. 24 Cor. German and Queen streets. 25 Cor. German and Carleton streets. 26 Cor. Queen and Carleton streets. 27 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 28 Carleton street, opposite entrance Gen. Felt Hospital. 29 Cor. Crown and Union streets. 30 Cor. James and Prince Wm. streets. 31 Cor. Duke and Water streets. 32 Cor. British and Charlotte streets. 33 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 34 Cor. Water and Prince streets. 35 Cor. Water and Prince streets. 36 Cor. Water and Prince streets. 37 Sydney street, near Military buildings. 38 Cor. Water and Prince streets. 39 City Road, opposite Christie's factory. 40 Cor. Dorchester and Lian streets. 41 Dorchester street. 42 Waterloo street, opposite entrance Gen. Felt Hospital. 43 No. 1 Engine House, King street. 44 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 45 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 46 Cor. Adelaide and Newman streets. 47 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets. 48 Douglas Ave., opposite L. C. Prince's. 49 Douglas Ave., Bradley street school. 50 Cor. Water and Prince streets. 51 Murray & Gregory's Mill, private. 52 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 53 Burnt Ash, opposite (Station's) Mill, private. 54 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 55 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 56 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 57 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 58 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 59 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 60 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 61 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 62 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 63 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 64 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 65 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 66 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 67 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 68 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 69 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 70 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 71 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 72 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 73 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 74 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 75 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 76 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 77 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 78 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 79 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 80 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 81 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 82 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 83 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 84 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 85 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 86 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 87 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 88 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 89 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 90 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 91 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 92 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 93 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 94 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 95 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 96 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 97 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 98 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 99 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 100 Cor. Main and Bridge streets.

KMAS FRUIT CAKE. Plum Pudding, Mince Pies, etc. Sale of Fancy Work. Woman's Exchange, 158 Union St. New Books in Our Library. Do Your Christmas Shopping At The New Store, 26 Wall street, where you will get New Goods at the old prices. Ladies', Men's and Children's Clothing, Furs, and a nice assortment of Dolls and other Xmas Goods. J. GOLDMAN, 26 Wall St. Opp. Winter St.

PERSONALS. Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith and family, of St. John, went to St. John's to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Read. Miss Anne L. Baisley is at home from Montreal for the holidays. Ed. J. MacNeil is home from St. Thomas' College for the vacation and is with his mother at their apartment in Queen street. Archie MacNeill of the C. P. R. stars in Montreal, is also at home for the winter months. Sir Robert Borden, accompanied by Lady Borden, has left for a fortnight's holiday in the north. Hon. N. W. Rowley is the acting premier. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Currie will spend Christmas in Fredericton, the guests of Mrs. Currie's sister, Mrs. Bedford Phillips. Friends of S. C. Hurley will be glad to learn that he has entirely recovered from his recent illness and is able to be out again.

FREDERICTON PERSONALS. (Mail, Saturday). Miss Edith Gregory left for St. John this morning to spend Christmas with relatives. Col. and Mrs. T. G. Loggie are to leave this evening for Montreal, where they will meet their son, Major G. P. Loggie, and spend Christmas with him. Miss Smith of Halifax is spending the holidays with her sister Mrs. G. A. Taylor. Miss Kathleen Taylor has returned from Halifax where she was nursing. Miss Goddard who is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Rupert Taylor, is going to St. John to spend Christmas at her home. Miss Stewart has been appointed matron of a hospital in Halifax. She is here for Christmas but will return to Halifax next week. Miss Marion Crockett has returned from Halifax for Christmas. Miss Nora Thompson has come home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson.

American Reported. Pekin, Dec. 25 - Gilbert Reid, an American, accused of being a pro-German propagandist and sympathizer, has been deported to Manila at the request of the Chinese government.

The death of Mrs. Anthony Steves occurred at her home in Hillsboro on Saturday, December 15. She was seventy-two years of age. One daughter, Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Selma, N. B., and two sons, Thomas, of South Bay, and Stevens, of Hillsboro, survive her.

DR. MILLAR IN ITALY. A letter received recently in Amherst from Capt. Ross Millar, M.D., conveys the intelligence that the hospital unit with which the doctor has been connected on the western front, has been transferred to Italy.

People Today. "So you are getting along nicely with your physiology, are you, dear?" said the lady caller. "How many bones are there in the human body?" "Two hundred," the child answered. "My teacher used to tell us 208." "Well, I guess people ain't so bony as they used to be when you went to school." - Boston Evening Transcript.

Right at Home. "Are you going to the debate at the club tonight?" "No. A debate is something I never have to leave the house to hear." "Wanted Him to Loosen Early. "Desire, I should like to see your Christmas shopping early." "Well, what of it?" "I was wondering if you'd co-operate with me to the extent of doing your Christmas loosing a little ahead of time?"

Not a Fan. "Is he fond of golf?" "Yes, but he's not a real fan. He's quit playing just because the weather is cold and the ground frozen."

His Way. "Is he successful?" "Very. He does all his theorizing after office hours."

WIFE MURDER IN QUEENS COUNTY

**Mrs. Robert Keirstead Slain and
Husband is Under Arrest—
Killed With Stick**

A shocking tragedy occurred at Salmon Creek, seven miles from Cody's, Queens County, on Saturday night. Doctor Kennedy of Cody's, who was summoned to the home of Robert Keirstead, to render him medical aid, was shocked to find upon his arrival at the home, Mrs. Keirstead lying dead in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor and her five children sitting about in the kitchen. The eldest child, a girl of eighteen, it is reported, said that her father struck her mother on the head with a large stick. The woman's head was battered. The youngest child is only nine months old.

Mr. Keirstead had left his home and gone to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Boyd, at Ansondale, about two miles distant, where he confessed, it is reported, committing the terrible crime. Keirstead, it is said, has been suffering mentally for some years and by many people his condition of mind is held responsible for his act. He is at present under arrest. An inquest into the death will be held at the scene of the tragedy. It is said that Keirstead had been ill and had been drinking lately.

Mrs. Keirstead was a daughter of Gabriel Warden of Salmon Creek, who resides about a mile down the road from the house in which the crime was committed. He was in St. John at the time of the tragedy, but has since been notified. She was considered a hard working woman and was respected by the neighbors and the people of Queens County in general. The murdered woman was about forty years of age, her husband is about forty-five. They were married in Queens County.

FINE BILL IS NEW ONE AT OPERA HOUSE

Picture Serial and an Excellent
List of Vaudeville Numbers

Despite the fact that Saturday night was an unusually busy one for the majority of citizens, it did not seem to lessen interest in the performance presented in the Opera House. Long before the curtain rose the building was filled to capacity and from the beginning of the motion picture serial until the programme was concluded, all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Following an interesting episode of the popular motion picture "The Gray Ghost," Nestor and Vincent appeared in a juggling and conjuring act. Some of their feats were exceptionally good and they were given a liberal amount of applause. They interspersed considerable comedy in their act and as a result won favor with all.

Ivanhoff and Varvara gave a pleasing act, which consisted of songs and a cleverly executed piano solo. The former is a good singer and his tenor voice was heard to advantage in a number of well chosen songs. The latter showed marked ability as a pianist and his solo with his hands was particularly good.

Captain Power, a ventriloquist, made a hit. He has a real good act and one which was enjoyed by all present. He could, however, eliminate some of his jokes, and not detract any interest from his performance. The scenic effects were exceptionally good and evoked well merited applause.

Louis London, with his smiles, songs and jokes, was a favorite. He was forced to respond to several encores and came back with something more catchy every time.

An aerial act by Verce and Verce was unique and won a good share of plaudits. Both are good acrobats in addition to being clever actors and their performance was one of the best on the programme. The audience in their haste to get out after the first performance again caused inconvenience. Before the last act was concluded many of those present made a rush for the door, while the performers were still singing, and as a result those who wanted to see the show to the finish were forced to rise and make room for them.

ANOTHER LARGE ELEVATOR IN WINNIPEG BURNED

Winnipeg, Dec. 23—Entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000, the large ten-story elevator of the Northern Elevator Company in St. Boniface, containing 50,000 bushels of grain, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night.

This is the second loss entailed by the company through fire during the present year, the first being that of the large elevator which was situated in Salter street, on March 10, with a loss of \$200,000.

GALLANT CONDUCT OF A STRETCHER BEARER.

The Military Cross was awarded to E. Michael James O'Rourke, Can. Inf., for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during prolonged operations.

For three days and nights Private O'Rourke, who is a stretcher-bearer, worked unceasingly in bringing the wounded into safety, dressing them, and getting them food and water.

During the whole of this period the area in which he worked was subjected to very severe shelling and swept by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. On several occasions he was knocked down

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He showed throughout an absolute disregard for his own safety, going wherever there were wounded to succor, and his magnificent courage and devotion in continuing his rescue work, in spite of exhaustion and the incessant heavy enemy fire of every description, inspired all ranks, and undoubtedly saved many lives.

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The statement adds:—"Even the convoy system with its progressive extension works in increasing measure in our favor, for it means, especially in consequence of inevitable keeping of shipping in ports and consequent delays, such big losses in the utilizable cargo space that it requires a very considerable total of sinkings to equal such losses of available shipping by the action of our U-boat ship destruction."

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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 to 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 so profligate, 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.

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 in 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 a civilization 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 energy 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 this 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 reported this as a time for economy; but there was no indication of a general disposition 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 incalculable 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 war because 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 continent-wide 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 conscription, 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 reinforcements 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.

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."
"I have no job, and—"
"Lucky 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.

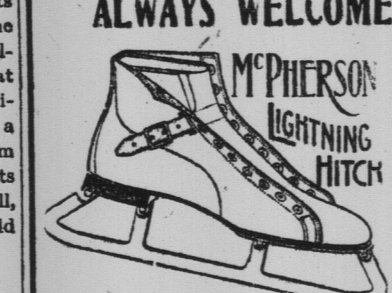
Common Occurrence.
"You look tired."
"No wonder. I've just been gassed for 45 minutes."
"You don't say so! Who did it?"
"A politician."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Reason Why.
The Lawyer—Who was that seedy-looking party in black who winked at you?
The Doctor—Confounded undertaker fellow! He buried one of my patients last week.—Passing Show.

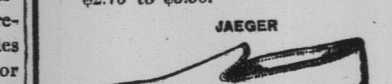
Sure Way.
"How are you coming on with your literary work?"
"All right, but I can't get anything published."
"Try writing some mushy love letters to a girl and have her sue you for breach of promise. The papers will publish them."—Exchange.

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 it, Oswald," he replied, not unkindly. "Papa has been looking into your rating."—Kansas City Journal.

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Ladies' Woolen Slippers, felt sole, \$1.00, \$1.05, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00.
Dr. Jaeger's Slippers, \$2.50.
Children's and Misses' Woolen Slippers, 65c to \$1.00.
Ladies' Felt, Fur Trimmed Juliet, in grey and black, \$1.85, \$2.25.
Laced, Jenny Lind style, \$1.95.
Ladies' Cosy Slippers, in red, navy, maroon, blue and brown, \$1.00, \$1.05, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00.
Ladies' Kid Boudoir Slippers to match the dressing gown, \$1.65, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.85.
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George A. Teed.

George A. Teed, manager of the Canadian Hide Company, passed away at his residence, 26 Pitt Street, soon before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an illness extending over some months which, however, became serious only a few weeks ago. Mr. Teed was originally of Carleton county, but had been a resident of St. John for many years, having for a time previous to the reorganization of the present company, been manager of the St. John Hide Company, with depot on North wharf. He was in his fifty-eighth year, and is survived by his wife, one son, G. Clayton Teed, now a member of the 29th Battalion in France, and two daughters, Amber G., of the Standard staff, and Jean, of the North End branch of the Royal Bank. Mr. Teed was a member of Centenary church, in which he always took an active interest. The funeral will be held from his late home on Wednesday afternoon, service commencing at 2 o'clock.

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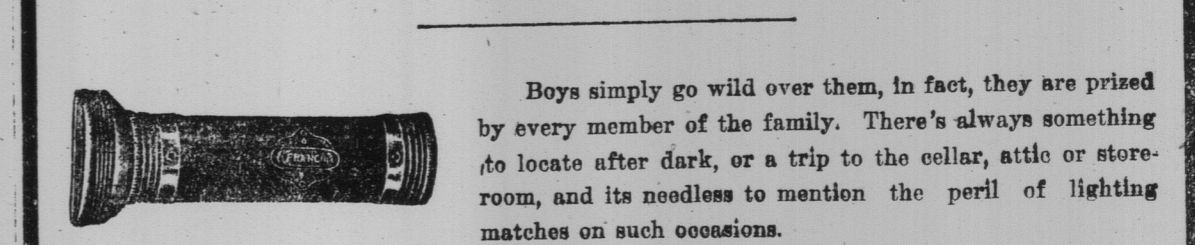
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Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

**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 York Tribune said the other day: In some of the avenues of commerce the effect of the world war has been felt more keenly than in the drug markets of civilization. In a communication to the National Geographic Society, a part of which has been issued as a war geography bulletin, Dr. John Foote recites some of the conspicuous examples of the high cost of being ill. He says: It is interesting to compare some of

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 and as a disinfectant, advanced from 12-8 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 nitrogen, from \$1.00 to \$3.50; chloride 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 \$11.00 an ounce; Epsom salts from 12-4 cents to 33-4 cents a pound; all of wintergreen (artificial), from fifty-five cents to \$3.60 a pound; permanganate of potash, a disinfectant, from twenty-four cents to \$1.50 a pound; sodium calceolate, used for rheumatism, from sixty-five cents to \$4 a pound; thymol, a specific for hookworm, from \$1.50 to \$6.00 an ounce; antipyrin, from thirty cents to \$3 an ounce; phenothalein, used both as a chemical reagent and as a laxative medicine, eighty cents to \$48 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 hoarding."

"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. Shortly after the outbreak of war it began to rise spasmodically until, under its unpatented title, it reached from thirty-two cents a pound to \$1.25 a pound. For, be it known, aspirin of a lineage slightly different from the German article sometimes traveled incognito as acetylsalicylic acid, and was identical in everything save name and price."

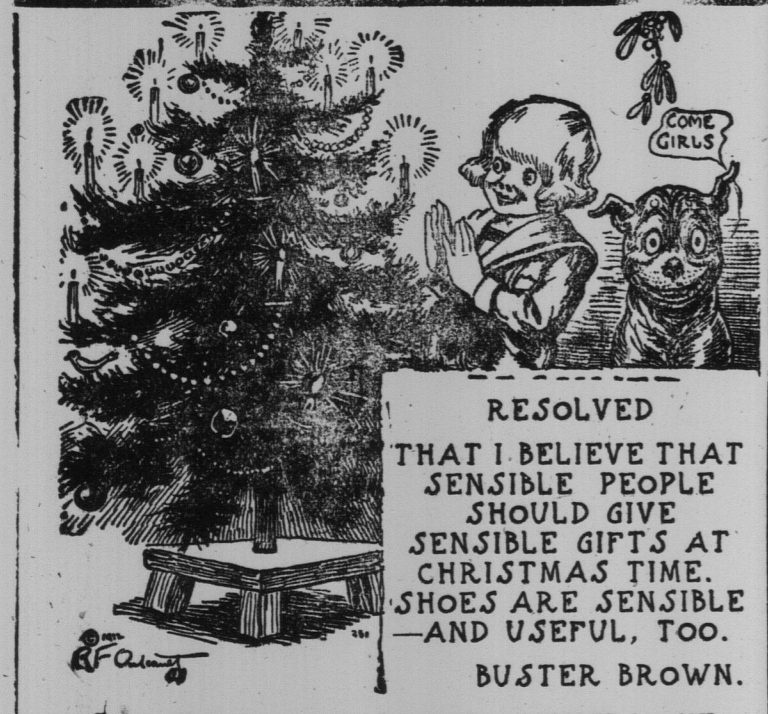
"Carbolic acid is really the parent substance of these aspirin and salicylate preparations, and, as everybody knows, it is also an excellent and much used surgical antiseptic—two good reasons why the price should gyrate when war broke out and gyrate it did. From twenty-five cents a pound to \$2 the pendulum oscillated. Now it is cheap once more at about seventy-five cents a pound—not more than 200 per cent higher than in 1914."

"The war bore heavily on baldheaded and nervous people. Practically all hair tonics nowadays contain resorcin—a coal tar product we have always allowed Germany to make for us, and another cousin to carbolic acid. From \$2 to \$80 rose the price of a pound of resorcin, putting a sudden damper on the enthusiasts of intensive scalp culture. And the bald found it costly to be nervous over the advance, since bromide of potassium, long used to calm excited nerves, advanced from fifty cents to several dollars, and at one time it touched \$12 a pound. These bromides of potassium were speculative phenomena, and did not hold at the maximum level, though bromides are still \$1.20 a pound and resorcin \$24 a pound."

Cheap at Quadruple Price.
"Practically all remedies for the round worm of children contain santonin. Santonin ballooned to dizzy heights in a few months—from \$18 to \$57 a pound. It is now relatively cheap at about \$50 a pound. But as a pound would supply about 11,000 doses, we do not need this drug in colossal lots."

"Some of the most remarkable advances in price are seen in vegetable drugs. Russian henbane is a source of hyoscyne, 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 rise from fifty cents to \$1.15 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 United States Department of Agriculture for the experimental cultivation of medicinal plants, have been keeping abreast of 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 \$9.05 in July, 1914, for crude gum to \$80 a pound today. In the case of opium adequate production and well organized distribution came into play to stabilize the market. But storehouse stocks for medicinal purposes were



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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 camphor industry. Although 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 refining plants were built. Workers were paid a fixed 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 Hong Kong, and to accept from Japan 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 44-2 cents a pound in barrel lots. In 1916 it had advanced to ninety cents.

"Yagacanth, used in making mullage and toilet creams, advanced from \$1.20 to \$2.25; sesame oil, from Alexandria, from thirty-eight cents a gallon in 1914 to sixty-five cents in 1916.
"The price of Norwegian cod liver oil is an index of submarine efficiency. In 1914 the oil sold for sixty cents a gallon; in 1916 for \$5.50. Perhaps the German scarcity of animal fats has also something to do with 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."

**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 have volunteered as a body 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 under the Stars and Stripes.

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 lieutenants up.

There also 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.

A correspondent who was authorized to make the announcement understands that the matter undoubtedly will be referred to Washington. It is considered not unlikely that many of the Russian soldiers now in France and virtually without a country may follow the lead of their officers. The laws of the United States prohibit the incorporation into the army of any but American citizens, but it is hoped a way may be found by

which these men can be of service to the United States and the Allies in general. The officers are some of the best in the Russian army. There are aviators among them, many of whom possess excellent military knowledge and speak French and English.

In April of last year five contingents of Russian troops were landed at Marseilles. The number of men in these contingents was estimated at something like 25,000, although no official figures were given. When the Russo-German

armistice negotiations were begun the Germans stipulated that the Russians in France must be included in the armistice.

Not Much Amis.
"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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As is the custom in England where the day after Christmas is considered as belonging to all employees we will not resume business after tonight until Thursday morning, the 27th. This will give our staff a well earned rest after the Christmas rush.

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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 Bradley A. Fiske, to Allan Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America.

"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 and air bomb attacks, if we can prepare and deliver them on a scale 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 strategy recognizes the fact that so long as the enemy's 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 this reason, no mere submergence of the submarine activities should blind us to a desirability of sinking or disabling the German fleet."

LEWIS' HEAD HOLD AGAIN INSUPERABLE

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

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

This was due to Drak, who has been a strenuous objector to the use of Lewis' dangerous hold, because of the injuries which may result from it, and came as a climax to an agitation which for a time threatened the disbandment of Lewis from further matches in the tournament. This move was hinted at in an ultimatum given by the majority of 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 discontinue this hold in future matches.

Starting the match, Drak, infuriated because Lewis had 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, Drak

FOR SALE-HOUSEHOLD

FOR SALE—NEW \$800 PIANO FOR \$200 cash. 29 Carleton street. 69820-1-6

STOVE PIPE, 35c. A JOINT, 12c Mill street. 69887-1-3

FOR SALE—3 SHOW CASES, \$4.50 each; 1 bed and spring, \$4; 1 wardrobe, \$5; 1 parlor set, \$20; 1 bureau, \$5; chairs, 25c up; 1 sofa, \$2.—McGrath's Furniture Store, 274 Union street, St. John, N.B. Phone 1846-21.

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—FACTORY OR OFFICE and warehouse or livery stable. I have property can be made suitable for same. Sell or convert for tenant or join a company to do business. H. G. Curry, First street; phone. 70402-12-29

AUCTIONS

WRECKED SCHOONER WANTED Together with one 12 and one 5 H. P. Gasoline Engines, as the now lies near Hillyard's Wharf BY AUCTION at Chubb's Corner on Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, at 12 o'clock noon. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Military Stock, Showcases and Equipment on Block BY AUCTION I am instructed to sell at store No. 267 King St., West End, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock, the entire contents of first-class millinery store, new and up-to-date stock, together with showcases and other equipment used in millinery store. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

AUTOS FOR SALE

FORD FOR SALE—1916 MODEL; bargain for quick sale. Apply Box 1 80, Times. 70586-12-31

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A LADY'S HANDBAG, Between Cliff street and the Cathedral, last Sunday forenoon. Finder please return to Mrs. Thos. Frostin, 151 Union street. 70600-12-27

LOST—A BOY'S NEW SKATING boot, between 81 Erin street and 23 St. Patrick street. Finder please leave at 23 St. Patrick. Reward. 70599-12-29

FOUND—POCKETBOOK CONTAINING sum of money. Owner may have same by paying for this ad. Apply Prudential Insurance Co., Royal Bank Bldg. 70598-12-29

LOST—SUNDAY AFTERNOON, BETWEEN Paradise Row and Marsh Road, via City Road, large hairpin set with four rows small brilliants. Finder leave at this office. 70595-12-27

LOST—A GREY KITTEN, RETURN to 81 Leinster street. 70586-12-29

LOST—FROM 39 HORSFIELD ST., thoroughbred cocker spaniel pup. Please return to E. Manning, 29 Horsfield. 70575-12-29

LOST—BETWEEN 782 MAIN ST. and 35 Wright St. in Paradise Row, a small paper bag containing eight dollars and silver. Finder will be rewarded by returning 782 Main St. 70585-12-31

carrying Lewis before him in an attack which upset spectators on the stage, chairs and the scenery.

Referee George Bothner pried the combatants apart and hostilities were resumed again on the mat. The wrestlers did not stay there long, however, for Drak again rushed recklessly and almost forced Lewis over the footlights into the audience. The Hollander continued this style up to the time he was thrown, alternating his mode of attack with number of hooks, jabs and swings which are not listed in the wrestling code. Once Drak rushed infuriated at Lewis, and missing his objective, breaking several of them.

When Lewis thought his rival had caused enough trouble he applied his first head lock. This was about eight minutes after the men started and Drak successfully wriggled free of the hold.

The Hollander was rather froggy, however, and as he came lunging back Lewis quickly slipped on another head lock, which also was broken. This left Drak staggering and the Southerner found it easy to apply his third and most effective lock.

Dr. E. F. Roller, the Seattle, Wash. veteran, scored the quickest victory of the tournament in one of the elimination matches, throwing Peire Leclaire of Belgium in thirteen seconds with a body hold. Wladex Zbyszko was another winner, scoring over Demetrius Tofalov.

Good as New. During his vacation 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 view.

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

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

"It ought to be good," was the reply. "That man's head is brand new—he's never used it any."—Minneapolis Tribune.

USE THE WANT AD. WAY

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 166 Carleton street. 70449-12-27

UPPER FLAT TO LET, 11 SUMMER street. 70585-12-29

TO LET—BRIGHT MODERN FLAT, six rooms, electric. Lancaster avenue, west. Phone Mrs. C. W. Nere, Main 2245-41. 70406-12-26

TO LET—FLAT, COLORED PEOPLE wanted, 8 St. Paul street. 69665-1-10

HOUSES TO LET

SELF-CONTAINED HOUSE, PARTLY furnished, to let. Phone 2718-11. 70492-12-27

TO LET—WEST END HOUSE, South Market wharf. Immediate possession. H. C. Schofield, 162 Prince Wm. street. Telephone Main 2728. 70512-12-29

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

FURNISHED FLATS

FURNISHED FLAT, BATH, ELECTRIC. Union street. Inquire 226 Waterloo, City. 70581-12-29

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Flat 43 Elm, \$10.00.
Store room, 74 Wall Street.
Flat 5 St. David, \$10.00.
J. W. MORRISON
99 Prince Wm. St.
Phone M 344-21

FURNISHED ROOMS

FURNISHED ROOMS—KITCHEN and bedroom. Apply 191 Charlotte street, St. John, N. B. 70618-12-28

FURNISHED ROOM FOR GENTLEMEN. Phone 1108-31. 70456-12-29

FURNISHED ROOMS, 14 GERMAIN street. 12-28

ROOMS WITH BOARD, 7 DORCHES-ter street. 70407-12-26

ONE ROOM TO RENT, 46 LEIN-ster. 70472-12-26

LARGE FURNISHED ROOM FOR housekeeping. Small room, \$1.25. 9 Elliot Row. 70403-12-26

LARGE HEATED ROOM, 1 Elliot Row. 70575-12-29

HEATED ROOMS, 25 PADDOCK. 70188-12-28

FURNISHED ROOMS, 42 PETERS. 70188-12-28

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

FURNISHED BEDROOM, GENTLE-ment, 72 Mecklenburg. 69409-12-29

TWO LARGE FURNISHED AND heated rooms. 580 Main street. 69312-12-26

TWO AND THREE FURNISHED rooms for light housekeeping with stores and water. Inquire 10 Waterloo street. T.F.

BOARDING

WANTED—BY TWO GIRLS, ROOM and board in private family. Address P. O. Box 182, Hampton Station. 70596-12-27

ROOM AND BOARD, 101 PARADISE row. T.F.

STORES, BUILDINGS

TO LEASE—AFTER MAY 1, 1918, three-story brick building, offices on ground floor, 35 Canterbury street. For particulars apply The New Freeman, P. O. Box 849. 70591-1-1

SHOP TO LET, 138 BRUSSELS. Apply 145 Brussels street. 70496-12-29

FLATS WANTED

FLAT WANTED AT MODERATE rent. Box 1 81, Times. 12-31

ROOMS TO LET

LARGE FRONT ROOM, SUITABLE for light housekeeping. 130 Orange street. 70588-12-31

HELP WANTED

WANTED—MALE HELP

WANTED—AT ONCE, TEAMSTER; right wages paid to right man. Apply 87 Marsh Road. Fred B. Hazen. 70602-12-28

SEXTON WANTED BY JAN. 1 FOR St. Mathew's church, Douglas avenue. Apply to John Thornton, 50 Smythe street. 70613-1-1

WANTED—SAWYER, APPLY CANADA Brush. 70597-1-1

WANTED — TEAMSTER. McBeath's Grocery. 70536-12-31

TWO MEN TO WORK AROUND machine works; steady work. Thompson Mfg. Co., Grand Bay. 70568-12-7

WANTED—CLERK FOR COUNTRY store. Apply to F. E. Sayre & Co., Ltd. 70507-12-29

WANTED — MAN. WATSON'S Stable. 70408-12-25

MAN WANTED—APPLY WATSON'S Stable, Duke street. 70495-12-29

LABORERS WANTED—30 CENTS per hour; board \$5.50 per week. Transportation free if party work 30 days. Apply Hamilton's Hotel 74 Mill street. 70512-12-29

WANTED—SMART STRONG BOY to learn automobile repair business. McLaughlin Carriage Co., Ltd., 144 Union street. 70587-12-26

WANTED

WANTED—IN EXCHANGE FOR real estate, used car, Ford preferred. Genuine proposition. Apply 1, 22, Times. 70496-12-27

WANTED—SINGERS, BASS AND tenor. Apply K. J. MacRae, chairman Knox church trustees, Fugatey Building. T.F.

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AMAZING "SELLER" TABLETS that wash clothes spotlessly clean without rubbing. Promise to solicit orders with ten cents will bring samples for four washings. Make dollar an hour. Washington Tablet Distributors, Brantford, Ont.

WANTED

Wanted at once, contractor to cut logs; good chance. Half million.—Wilson Box Co., Ltd., Fairville. 70614-12-28.

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"I'll burn longer than any other Soft Coal on the market. (Good Goods Promptly Delivered)"

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7-16 x 2 1-4 V Joint, or 7-16 x 5 1-4 V and Centre V. Clear and kiln dried. Makes beautiful ceiling and wainscot. Special Cash Price on quantities, \$36.00 per M. ft.

J. Roderick & Son

Britain Street Phone Main 864

Lines had been sunk on the previous Saturday. The statement gives no particulars, however, of the actual sinkings on that day.

Lloyd George, referring to the submarine menace, said:

"But now of the submarine I have no fear. We are on its track, and I am glad to tell the house that on Saturday we destroyed five of them—five of those pests of the sea."

"Here's an actor who advertises that he is suited for leads and general business."

"Well?"

"What does he mean by 'general business'?"

"Oh, a little of everything. I once knew an actor whose 'general business' included an imitation of wolves howling in a play called 'Davy Crockett.'"—Exchange.

COOKS AND MAIDS

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL MAID; references required. Apply 45 Douglas avenue. 70615-1-1.

WANTED—GIRL, 27 BRUSSELS, OF posite Union. 70517-12-2

WANTED AT ONCE—KITCHEN maid. Mrs. March, 95 Coburg. 70494-12-2

FEMALE COOK WANTED. APPL Hamilton's restaurant, 19 North street. 70613-12-2

ASSISTANT FEMALE COOK ANI chambermaid wanted at Victoria Hotel. 70509-12-2

WANTED—GIRL TO DO GENERAL housework. Apply 46 Crown or pho Main 1085. 70528-12-2

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. George Nixon 182 Queen street. 12-26.

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework, able to do plain cooking. Mrs. W. S. Fisher, 78 Orange street. 70490-12-2

PLACES FOR GENERAL GIRLS 15 Union.

WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—WOMAN DESIRING good home to act as housekeeper country, age 35 to 50. Must be well recommended. Address Box 1 33, ca Times. 70609-1-1

WANTED—YOUNG WOMEN T scrub (Thursday). Apply Duffer school, Elm street. 70620-12-2

WANTED—FOUR SMART GIRL flat work department. Apply American Globe Laundry, 100 Charlotte St. 70616-12-2

WANTED—DINING ROOM AN kitchen girls. Curry's restaurant, St. John street, west. 70498-12-2

WANTED—FIRST CLASS WAITress at Royal Hotel. 70611-1-1

WANTED—TWO GIRLS FOR DINING room, 54 Mill street. 70499-12-2

KITCHEN GIRL WANTED—APPL Canadian Government Railways dining room, Union Depot. 70599-12-2

GIRLS WANTED—APPLY GENERAL Public Hospital. 70499-12-2

WANTED—LADY ASSISTANT T office. APPL, stating qualifications and salary expected, Box 1 36, ca Times. 70611-1-1

GIRL TO ASSIST VEGETABLE cook. Apply Royal Hotel. 70423-12-2

WANTED — WOMAN FOR COUN try home, 105 Union street. T Hotel. 70611-1-1

WANTED—FIRST CLASS STENO grapher. Answer to Box C 78, ca Telegraph, stating wages and experience.

SITUATIONS WANTED

YOUNG MAN DESIRES POSITIO as traveler after first of year. Several years' business experience. Write, giving full particulars, etc., to Box 1 29, Tim office. 70497-12-2

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Attractive underwear for men, beautiful assortment from which select a useful and pleasing gift.

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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 hat novelties, as boxes, bureaus. J. Shekolaky, 625 Main street. 70880-13-20

FULL RANGE OF THE FOLLOW-ing winter lines: Men's and boys' sweaters; Stanfield, Penangle; fleece lined and Merino underwear; heavy wool and medium socks; shaker and wool slankets, etc. J. Morgan & Co., 625-58 Main street.

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NOW LANDING, FRESH MINED Reserve Sydney Coal. Tel. 42. James B. McGillegay, 5 Mill street.

JURN OLD MINE SYDNEY screened coal in grate and range. Jas. W. Carleton, corner Duck and Market Place. West 82.

F. M. WISTED & CO., 142 ST. PAT-rick street. American anthracite, all sizes; Springhill, Reserve Sydney soft coal also in stock. Phone 9146-11. Lashes removed promptly.

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ILMS DEVELOPED AND PRINTED by hand at Wasson's, Main street, or machine work. Enlargement 8 x 10 or 8c.

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TABLEWARE OF ALL KINDS RE-plated and plated. Knives, forks, spoons, silver baskets, castors, teapots, etc. Mesh bags repaired and plated. All jewelry repaired and plated. Gold or silver, at Grondines the Plater.

HATS BLOCKED

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

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ISS MCGRATH, N. Y. PARLORS, Imperial Theatre Building. Orders taken now for new hair, colorings, hair work a specialty. Clients' manicuring, floor 2. Phone M 2695-31. New York graduate.

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

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ONEY TO LOAN ON CITY PRE-hold or leasehold. Apply Leonard A. Oulton, Solicitor, Ritchie Building.

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UTOMOBILE PARTS RE-NICK-pled, made to look like new. Bicycle parts, sewing machine parts, stove irons, bath-room fittings, etc., re-nickled at Grondines the Plater. T.F.

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STENOGRAPHY

L. C. SMITH TYPEWRITER AND Multigraph Office. Letters typewritten or multigraphed on new machines. Addressing circulars, copy work, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed, 167 Prince, Wm. street, Tel. 121.

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SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold. Nyberg, 122 Mill street. 70192-1-13

WANTED TO PURCHASE—GENT-leman's cast off clothing, boots, musical instruments, jewelry, bicycles, guns, revolvers, tools, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Call or write L. Williams, 16 Dock street, St. John, N. B., Telephone 929-21.

SECOND HAND BAND SAW, Planer, Ship Gear, all kinds mill gear, lifting chains, etc. Small rails, pipe 1 in. to 5 in.; canvas and cork life belts. John McDougall, 65 Smythe street.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—GENT-leman's cast off clothing, fur coats, jewelry, diamonds, old gold and silver, musical instruments, bicycles, guns, revolvers, tools, etc. Best prices paid. Call or write H. Gilbert, 24 Mill street, Phone 2892-11.

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LADIES' AND GENTLE M E N ' S clothes made to any style at lowest prices by expert tailor; we also remodel, press, clean and repair. Phone Main 181-41 and have them called for. A. Morin, 52 Germain street, up-stairs. 69582-12-80

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FIRST CLASS, SECOND-HAND and rebuilt. Rental allowed on purchase price. South Typewriter Co., Ltd., 107 Prince Wm. street, Tel. 121.

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WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRING a specialty. Watches, rings and chains for sale. G. D. Perkins, 48 Princess street. T.F.

W. BAILEY, THE ENGLISH, AM-erican and Swiss expert watch repairer, 188 Mill street (next Hygienic Bakery.) For reliable and lasting repairs come to me with your watches and clocks. Prompt attention and reasonable charges. Watches demagnetized.

FOR RELIABLE CLOCK AND watch repairs go to Huggard, 67 Peter street. (Seven years in Waltham Watch factory.) T.F.

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FOR FREEDOM FROM DRAFTS, saving in fuel, and for comfort, cut A. E. Winston, M. 2479, 85 Princess street.

WALL PAPERS

GREAT BARGAINS IN WALL Paper at H. Baig's, 74 Brussels. 69865-12-22

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FOR SALE—FOR GOOD DRY CUT wood 'phone Main 2892-21. 70461-1-7

DRY SLAB WOOD, KINDLING AND deal ends in and surrounding Macy Island, and also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor will be sold at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1918.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1917. JAMES V. RUSSELL, ROBERT T. HAYES, RUPERT T. WIGMORE, G. FRED FISHER, HARRY R. McLELLAN.

NOTICE

The application filed this day with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities by the New Brunswick Power Company praying that the Board may approve of a new and revised toll charge and tariff for its street railway, electric light power and gas services—to go into effect on the first day of January next, will be heard on Thursday, the 27th day of December next, at the hour of 10:30 of the clock in the forenoon—in the Government Rooms, in the City of Saint John, when all parties interested may attend and be heard.

The proposed schedule of rates is on file at the office of the clerk, in the City of Fredericton, where the same may be inspected.

Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1917. By the Board, FRED P. ROBINSON, Clerk.

Only Talk.

"Getting up betimes and enjoying the early morning is delightful these days." "Yes, I often talk about it"—Kansas City Journal.

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 Indian town 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 track east of the bridge and two tracks west of the bridge. It would mean new rails on the entire West St. John system between Fairville 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. Barret, one of the best gas engineers in America, who has had charge of the rebuilding of the gas plant in Halifax. Mr. Barret, 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 \$178,000 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.

FINANCIAL

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

Table with columns: Opening, Closing, High, Low. Rows include: United Fruit, Utah Copper, Western Union, West Electric, Willys Overland, Sales—11 o'clock, Montreal closed today, Packers refuse records to 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 when the commission's investigators went to Chicago they received only evasive replies from the officers of 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 details of the meat industry the commission will go into 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 Union Stock Yards and Transit Company, was ill and could not answer the commission's subpoena. "Mr. Chase has been ordered south for an indefinite time." "I desire to inform the commission," Mr. Heney continued, "that we have enough evidence without Mr. Chase's testimony to make a prima facie case and then the packers can do what explaining they think necessary."

PROPOSED INCREASE IN FARES

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and, shortly afterwards, in all the St. John papers there appeared for many days statements under heading, "The People May Know," over the signature of L. R. Ross, as president of the company, giving some reasons for asking an advance in car fares, no mention being made of the electric light and power or gas increase, but wholly dealing with the car fare question. Neither does he state that as a whole, the New Brunswick Power Company is not in a good financial position, able to earn dividends and leave a surplus as under former management the same public service did. Neither does he state that when his company took over the property they were not in good condition and well stocked and in such state that under careful management, they could be operated for some years without much expense, just as a private owner would manage in a hard time such as now. Neither does he plead as a reason for the advance that he may be able to give his employees a war-time wage of \$4 a day, or that he is to use hard coal in his furnaces and thus abate a public nuisance. His whole appeal is a beguiling of the question. The gist of it is, shoe shiners and lemons and some other things are higher now than they were ten years ago, and the public stand for it, so they can and ought to stand for a big advance on what he has to sell. He gives a long list of things from milk to new cars, but none of these things he mentions his company may need while the war lasts. Among the many things the public will do without till the war ends is any extension of car routes or new cars, but they will not stand for extra car fares in these times, dividends or no dividends. Many persons would be glad to forfeit all profit and stand loss bravely these awful times. Self-sacrifice is the golden rule now, not self-seeking. Mr. Ross gives no list of things that are cheaper than they were ten years ago. I could give a list of such as long as his, but will mention only one, and that a Canadian Public Service Association, that has, while the war lasts, reduced its prices—the grand noble army of the young, 400,000 and more strong, giving time and labor that brought them in daily from \$2 to \$20 a day, for the reduced price of \$1.10, and their lives freely risked besides—no price boosting or profiteering in their make-up, and the loving auxiliary army of mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts, nursing, knitting, comforting and cheering without money and without price. Whoever places an additional burden on these, without just cause, for mere gain, incurs a great responsibility. Mr. Ross lays stress on the fact of street railroads in the United States having been permitted to raise the rates, but does not give the reason. In many cases the commissioners give consent to save innocent investors, in the interest of the local community. In other cases, it is because the companies have granted more or better public service, which the public considers an equivalent. In other cases, the desideratum is forced by political or other means for stock jobbing purposes, even to the extent of wrecking the company, freezing out the stockholders, all for the benefit of the bondholders. The prices are raised, the people walk, dividends are nil, the stock worthless for closure, the bondholders get it, the price is then lowered, the people ride as before, then all is well, except for the poor frozen out stockholders. Mr. Ross does not mention the many lines that are continually even in these times giving the public better and cheaper service. Now, as to the moderate and reasonable advance in the car fare, as Mr. Ross calls it, he states the present returns are four and one-third cents from each passenger, and asks that they be allowed to charge seven cents, an advance of two and two-thirds cents. They now give six tickets for twenty-five cents, and by the proposed rate, six tickets will cost thirty-six cents and add one transfer for each ticket at one cent each, six cents more, a total of forty-two cents, an increase of seventeen cents on each six tickets, almost three cents extra a trip. Mr. Ross says that is a small advance

May You Have
the Health to Enjoy,
the Heart to Enter In-
to and the Power to
give to Others

A Merry
Christmas

is the wish we extend
to our many friends
and patrons.

Gilmour's
68 King St.

A PLEASING CHRISTMAS GIFT

to father or mother would be a new pair of glasses, fitted by K. W. EPSTEIN & CO. Optometrists



A useful gift, a lasting gift—one that brings the giver to mind every day. 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 the street railway wanted to increase fares. I asked him how many car tickets he and his family used. He said about thirty each week and about twenty on Sundays. I told him Mr. Ross called it a small increase. He said, "Well, if it is small, we can stand it," but when I mentioned the proposed rate, 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, nor will the working men and women of St. John." Just think it over—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 ordering the conductors to collect the transfer tickets when the 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 convenient point by a shuttle service to force a transfer; 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 trip from Bethune Avenue to Seaside Park on Main street to the Provincial Hospital corner, and the other cars connecting there to go north and south the trip from Bethune Avenue to Seaside Park on Main street to the Provincial Hospital corner, could be made to cost seventeen cents. To find a profitable reason for such action would be no trouble for the brain that disposes of a reason for a big advance in car fares in the fact that there was a big increase in the price of shoeshines and lemons. Mr. Ross says: "In my talks, 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 technical hearing of the company. Figures would not confuse the public mind. They want them and can judge their worth. Our mayor has wisely and promptly put a statistic and figure hunter on the job. May his scent and forcefulness be as keen as a Carvel. He is working for the people. The board of trade has consulted its 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 their money back. After all, what the 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 they must have got it very cheap, and the old owners succeeded in getting 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 the buyers only a short time before 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 on life's pavement and many a fall there-by," but a true man gets up and tries to get it off the pavement. A wage earner gets his notice: "Your services are no longer required." So on it is, he bravely looks for other work, does not go along the street begging for help. If he did he would find himself before the magistrate, charged with mendacity. 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 price as to be put on electric light and power, also on gas. 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 note reads, full parties interested may attend and be heard." All the public of St. John are interested and it will take a big fighting to hold them. If the city of St. John wants to own the public service of its cars, electricly and gas, now is the time. With President Ross's letters as evidence, it ought to be bought very cheap. A. I. KERR.

LOCAL NEWS

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

Give your boy a suit for Christmas. You'll get the best at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main.

For dainty boudoir slippers in soft kid and cosy felt go to McRobbie's, 30 King street.

See the Christmas table at McRobbie's for pretty plaids and other dainty felt house slippers.

Commencing Tuesday, the 18th, the McRobbie Shoe Company's store will be open every evening until Christmas.

You can get genuine English plaid felt slippers at McRobbie's, 30 King street.

A pair of good overcoats make a nice Christmas gift and you can get the best qualities at McRobbie's, 30 King street.

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

An overcoat or raincoat make a good Christmas gift. A large assortment at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main.

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

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 1,500.

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.

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 \$993 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, and the team went over.

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. D. J. McPherson and Mrs. McPherson received from the scholars and congregation a purse of gold.

The funeral of Michael Nyhan was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Fitzpatrick's undertaking rooms to the Cathedral, where the service was conducted by Rev. Father Francis Walker. 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 Traceman K. Copp, have in point of attendance, made a showing which it is doubtful if it can be beaten in the province. Out of the total enrollment of twenty-two there was a daily average present of 21.42, or a percentage of 97.86. There were five pupils, who made perfect attendance, and only three who made tardy marks for the entire term.



Quality Counts

Quality alone is responsible for the tremendous increase in the quantities of Purity Flour used year by year. This tribute to the supremacy of

PURITY FLOUR

will, we hope, influence you to place a trial order, if you are not already using it.

More Bread and Better Bread—and Better Pastry, too.

CATHOLIC ORPHANS

Yearly Report in Connection With St. Vincent's and St. Patrick's

Yesterday morning in the Cathedral the yearly report of the St. Vincent's and St. Patrick's orphanages was read to the congregation. During the year more than \$10,000 was raised for the care of Catholic orphans in the two institutions. The number there at the present time is 186, an increase of one over the number at the beginning of the year.

Following is the report read:
On Jan. 1, 1917, 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 34 boys, leaving in the orphanage 86 girls and 100 boys.

Assumption	5
St. Rose	7
Other parishes	49
	186
Christmas collections—	
Cathedral	781.05
St. Peter's	310.00
St. John the Baptist	302.00
Holy Trinity	215.00
St. Patrick's Day collections—	
Cathedral	290.19
Holy Trinity	47.98
St. John the Baptist	66.85
St. Peter's	375.00
St. Patrick's Day entertainment—	
Immaculate Conception Society (Y.M.C.I.)	500.00
St. Patrick's Dramatic Club (Church of Assumption)	100.00
St. Rose's Dramatic Club	100.00
Cathedral S. S. picnic	100.00
St. Peter's and Holy Trinity picnic	1,919.00
Legacy of T. McMurray	100.00
McAdam House	50.00
Friends and relations	2,238.82
Poor boxes	823.05
	\$10,550.13

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.

Who Smokes

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

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45 Charlotte Street 110 Prince Wm. St.



Really Sir, you are vastly interested in

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.

Gifts Suggestions

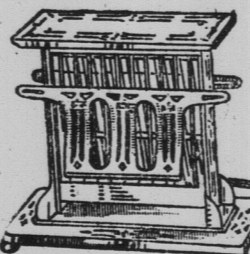
Nickel and Copper Table Ware



To the Housewife, a piece of Nickel or 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.

Prominent in our display are Nickel and Copper Coffee Machines, for alcohol and for electric heat; Percolators, for electric, alcohol, or stove heat; Nickel Tea and Coffee Pots, Nickel, Copper and Brass Hot Water Kettles for the table. Coffee Machine Sets, in Nickel and Copper for electric and alcohol heat respectively, the set consisting of Coffee Machine, Tray, Cream, Sugar, Coaster and Wind Shield.

Electric Table Ware



Electric Toasters, Toaster Stoves, Disc Stoves, Grills, Grill Stoves, Table Kettles, Immersion Heaters, etc.

Also Electric Heating Pads, Curling Irons, and "Majestic" Heaters.

Sterno Solid Alcohol Stoves in various styles, with and without trays, brass or nickel hot water Kettles, Chafing Dish Bolders. Each Sterno Stove is, however, provided with a boiler.

Serving Trays, Crumb Trays, Chafing Dishes in Nickel and in Copper Finishes.

Percolating Coffee Pots



Beautifully designed, handsomely Nickel, and made after the most approved scientific models. These come in a variety of sizes.

THE FAMOUS "RAYO" KEROSENE LAMP, beautifully nickel-plated, is among the most recent additions to our Household Department. The "Rayo" gives more and better light with a minimum consumption of oil. Ask to see it. Household Dept.—First Floor, Market Sq. Store.

OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL 10 o'clock Until Christmas Eve.

SEE SANTA CLAUS in Our King Street Window Every Afternoon, From 3.30 Till 5 o'clock.

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MARKET SQUARE KINGS TREET



Of Course the Kiddies Always Look for a SLED OR FRAMER For Christmas Don't Disappoint Them!

BOARD SLEDS, N. B. PATTERN



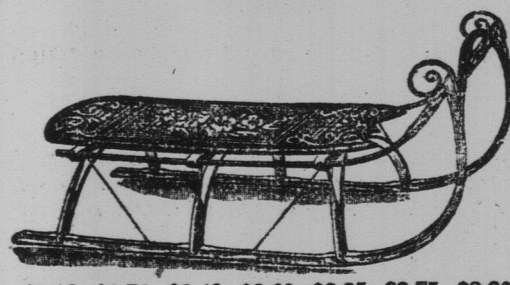
32 in. \$1.35 36 in. \$1.55 42 in. \$1.75

FLEXIBLE FLYERS



30 in. \$1.50 22 in. \$1.70 37 in. \$2.00 41 in. \$2.40 46 in. \$3.20 51 in. \$3.00 57 in. \$4.60

FRAMERS



\$1.10, \$1.70, \$2.40, \$2.60, \$3.35, \$3.75, \$3.80

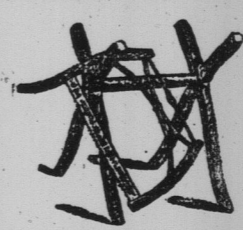
SNOW SHOVELS



Wooden Children's 15c Youths' 25c Plain 25c Red 35c



Japanned 50c Galvanized 80c Men's Steel Scoop Style, Long Handle 80c



BOYS' TOOL CHESTS—English Make

Set No. 1 2 3 4 5 Each \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00

BOYS' BUCK AND SAW

Small 60c Large \$1.00

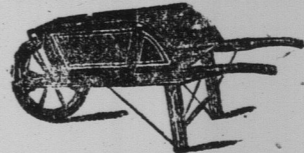
DAISY AIR RIFLES No. 20, 12, 11, 8. Each \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00

EXPRESS WAGONS

The Well-Known Paris Make



The prices run, 85c, \$1.35, \$2.00, \$2.30, \$2.60, \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$4.10, \$4.60, \$5.10 and \$5.25.



WHEELBARROWS \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50

TWO-WHEEL CARTS 55c, 70c and 85c.

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

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES

Here's Wishing You Have Seen the Worst of Your Days

EMPRESS

The West Side House Mon. and Tues.—Xmas Matinee



Baby Marie Osborne in "TEARS AND SMILES"

The strongest play the little star with the big charm has ever had.

This is a society drama with a punch and also with comedy and pathos. It will hold the grown-ups and children alike spell-bound.

Baby Marie Osborne proves her right to the title "The Baby Bernhardt."



Pathé Gold Rooster Plays Shorten the longest days

PEARL WHITE in "THE FATAL RING"

SPORTS NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

OCKEY. Toronto Wins. The Toronto professionals under Chakerric defeated Ottawa at the opening of the 1917-1918 hockey season with a score of 11 to 4.

Canadiens Victors. In Montreal the Canadiens defeated Wanderers to the tune of 11 to 2.

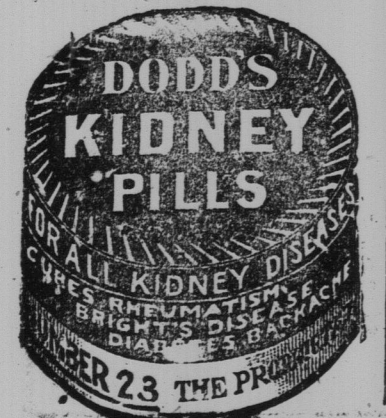
WRESTLING. Zbyzbo the Champion. In New York, Dec. 26—Walter Zbyzbo, of Poland, won the world's catch-can wrestling championship in an international tournament here last night by throwing Ed "Strangler" Lewington (Ky.), in one hour, 41 minutes and 47 seconds, with a body and scissor hold.

BASEBALL. Alexander Wants \$10,000. Chicago, Dec. 19—Grover Alexander, star pitcher purchased by the Chicago Nationals from Philadelphia, stated today that he thought \$10,000 would be a fair share of the purchase price paid Philadelphia, and he thought the latter should pay it.

THE RING. Ten Round No Decision Bout. Chicago, Dec. 20—Jess Willard today won the Willard-Johnson fight pictures, by the ring along with a championship for the Red Cross. He said if the government would raise its ban on these pictures he would donate his share to the Red Cross.

DEATH OF OMAR KHAYYAM DIES IN ENGLAND. London, Dec. 20—The London Sport-Life says: "We are informed that the Marquis, who has been infirm for some considerable time past, has been destroyed at the Tilgate Forest Stud Farm, Weymouth."

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 Kelso and Bentworth in an Ascot Biennial, but was not again beaten that season, winning the Lewes Handicap, a Triennial at the first October meeting, the Cambridge Handicap (beating Best Man, Count Schomberg and others), and the Free Handicap for three-year-olds.



Tonight and Xmas at GEM

Hours: 2.30, 7.15, 8.45; Same Prices as Always—Afternoons 5c, and 10c; Evenings—10c. Gallery and Part of Main Floor; Rest 15c.

JUNE CAPRICE in "PATSY"

Dainty tale of the Sunshine Maid. Thrills and adventures, as well as fun. A fine picture for the holiday. Five reels.

CROWLEY & BURKE

Man and Woman in Singing and Talking Skit, Entitled "Two Bits"—Twelve Minutes of Fun.

FRED NORMAN as Charlie Chaplin

A hummer of a wind-up to the programme. Norman is a dandy juggling comedian. Tomorrow he will do his act in dress and imitation of Charlie Chaplin. It will be a scream.

NOTE THIS!—For an hour before the afternoon show, Fred Norman will do Charlie Chaplin stunts in front of the Gem. Now, kiddies, and grown-ups, too, come and have some real fun in the open.

COMING WED.—Ethel Clayton in "THE BONDAGE OF FEAR."

GEM THEATRE - Waterloo St.

THE UNIQUE

Extends to One and All Hearty Wishes for A Christmas of Happiness and Good Cheer

STRAID FUNSTERS

THURS. FRI. SAT.: Continuation of "THE SEVEN PEARLS"—Other Features

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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.

To You and Yours—The Greetings of The Season

THE LYRIC

Dispenses Christmas Cheer and at the same time offers food for much thought to every element of the world's society.

ANNOUNCING FOR IDLE WIVES

Our Special Holiday Week Attraction, the Startling Truth Play of Uplift and Morals



INTRODUCING four types of humanity, setting forth in startling reality the reasons for many sins committed against society, and the solution for many of the complexing problems of life.

IT IS A PICTURE WITHIN A PICTURE CONSTRUCTED ALONG NOVEL LINES

Life's Mirror is Held Up to You in "IDLE WIVES"—Dare You Look In?

Matinee... At 3 O'Clock Evening Performances... 7 and 8.45

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COMING—"THE FALL OF THE ROMANOFFS"—The Story of Russia's Downfall

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TONIGHT 7.30 AND 9

NESTOR and VINCENT Comedy Variety Offering

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LOUIS LONDON English Character Comedian

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Eddie Polo in "THE GRAY GHOST"

ON CHRISTMAS DAY Two Performances—Afternoon at 2 and 3.30; Evening at 7.30 and 9

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

AT THE MONDAY GAIETY IN FAIRVILLE TUESDAY

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FEATURE "IRIS"

By Sir Arthur Wing Pinero

The greatest play by the greatest living playwright, acted by a distinguished cast including Henry Ainly and Stuart Rome.

"PATRIA" The Eleventh Chapter in Two Acts

MATINEE CHRISTMAS DAY

Wed. LITTLE ZOE RAE in "THE CRICKET"

THE STAR THEATRE

Extends to Its Many Patrons Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas

FANS WARN ONE MAGNATE

New York, Dec. 22—The methods of friendly finance which are being adopted by club owners in the major leagues are already causing much unrest among baseball fans which will have a serious effect on the game next summer.



TODAY AND CHRISTMAS IMPERIAL'S BIG SHOW

Jack Plakford and Louise Huff in "THE GHOST HOUSE"

A Great Big Laugh for Everybody

FATTY ARBUCKLE in "His Wife's Mischief"

Also British Gazette

Eva and Adele—Violin and Accordion Duo Signor Guarino—Italian Tenor



Enticing Programmes All This Week to Delight Our Holiday Crowds.

TONIGHT and CHRISTMAS DAY

At North End's Popular Picture House

STAR THEATRE

Just Think of it! The Serial That Has Mystified You for so Many Weeks Has Reached Its 14th Chapter.

"THE NEGLECTED WIFE" This Week's Episode Entitled "DESPERATION"

Does the Poor Wife's Untiring Struggle Become Fruitless? Only One More Week—Don't Miss It!

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