

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

IMPERIAL'S SPLENDID WEEK-END BILL

The Imperial's week-end and holiday programme offers an international drama of intrigue and theft among Russian, Japanese and German government spies, under the title, "The Clue".

Saturday afternoon the Imperial will commence its shows at 1.45, so as to give its earlier patrons an opportunity of seeing the big military parade as it passes the theatre between 8.30 and 4 o'clock.

THEATRE TONIGHT AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Ruth Roland in the splendid "Girl Detective" series will again appear at Star Theatre tonight and at two sessions on the holiday in the mystifying story of "Jared Fairfax's Millions".

TONIGHT AND NEW YEAR'S AT OPERA HOUSE

The W. S. Harkins Players will present at the Opera House tonight "Baby Mine", one of the funniest comedies ever written.

FINE HOLIDAY SHOW AT GEM

A fine holiday programme has been arranged for the Theatre for the week-end, the New Year's bill. A glance on the amusement page of this issue will show the good things in store for patrons.

WHAT YOUR BIRTHDAY MEANS TO SCIENCE

St. John People Will Have a Daily Horoscope of Their Lives—Today's Reading

Readers of the Times will do well to take particular note of the Imperial Theatre's programme commencing on the New Year. Arrangements have been made with an American bureau for a daily series of fortune telling and character reading horoscopes.

WE HAVE YOUR NUMBER

All sizes ladies' Merchant, best quality rubbers. Regular value, 80c, reduced to 48c.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The intimation that the operation of the Valley Railway will be continued during the winter is contained in a despatch from Ottawa.

A New Discovery

Father Morley's Remedy for Rheumatism and all Kidney troubles, purely vegetable. No Cure—No Pay. All drug stores. Price 60c.

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Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 31.—W. W. Herring, aged fifty-five, a farmer of Murray Harbor, while hauling seaweed from the shore yesterday, fell from his cart dead.

LOCAL NEWS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, Jan. 2, feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, will be the quarterly Communion Sunday for the Holy Name Society. The men will attend the 7 o'clock mass in the Cathedral.

WILL WED TOMORROW

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Beatrice M. Smye, only daughter of Conductor A. E. Smye, of Alma, N.B., to Clarence C. Carson of St. Martins, at the home of the bride's father on Saturday evening, January 1, at eight o'clock.

HERE'S VALUE FOR YOU

Men's Merchant rubbers, best quality. Worth 81c, 78c only, at the True Fit Shoe Store, 383 Main street.

MEETING SUNDAY

January 2, 1916, Brass Band hall, Main street, 2.30 p.m.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Vernon Pitt, a machinist in Cornwall cotton mill who was caught in a shaft yesterday and badly shaken up, is reported to be resting comfortably in the hospital today.

EDITOR PAISLEY TO WED

The marriage of Miss Beatrice E. Magurn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnott J. Magurn, to Herbert F. S. Paisley of the Amherst Guardian, will take place in Ottawa next month.

INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP

Notice has been given of the formation of a partnership by Frank R. Fairweather, Leland W. Nickerson and Ella L. Fairweather, to do business under the name of F. R. Fairweather & Co., St. John.

Band tonight in Carleton rink; also New Year's afternoon and evening.

February Pictorial Review patterns and publications now on sale at Daniel's pattern counter, showing the new draped afternoon gowns as well as the newest neck accessories. See also new embroidery book with hundreds of new designs.

Daniel's store will be open this evening until 10 p.m.

There will be a smoker at the St. John Power Boat Club tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are invited.

Monthly meeting St. Monica's Society

Monday afternoon, January 3, 8.30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall.

Send your washing to Ungar's Laundry and get satisfaction.

St. Luke's church Watch Night service tonight 11 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

MORNING AND EVENING SERVICE NOW FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS

Commencing January 2, and continuing each week, the Christian Scientists church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, will hold two services on Sunday in their hall at 15 Germain street.

MAKES THEM HAPPY

R. J. Armstrong, following a time honored custom, again this year has presented to each boy in the W. M. O. a season ticket for the Queen's rink.

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PURE BLOOD MAKES HEALTHY PEOPLE

Hood's Sarsaparilla removes scrofula sores, boils and other eruptions, because it drives out of the blood the humors that cause them. Eruptions cannot be successfully treated with external applications, because these cannot purify the blood.

SIGNALS OF DISTRESS FROM THE THESSALONKI

New York, Dec. 31.—The crippled steamer Thessalonki, which has been slowly nearing this port since last Wednesday, was burning signals of distress early today, and the steamer Frontal was searching for her in the harbor of the Thessalonki. She was then in doubt, but one message had reported her 100 miles east of Sandy Hook.

PERSONALS

Sir Robert Borden's attack of influenza became complicated today with lungbug. His condition is not serious, but he is confined to his bed.

MORE OFFICERS FOR CANADA'S DENTAL SERVICE

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The policy of having dentists appointed for each unit at the front in place of being at field headquarters is receiving attention.

To Seek New Trial

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Mathew A. Schmidt, convicted of murder in the first degree, as an accomplice of James B. McManara, in the murder of the Los Angeles Times building, here in 1910, will appear in court next Monday for a new trial.

FOR THE SAILORS

A lady deeply interested in the welfare of sailors said to the Times this morning that she was desirous of doing something to assist them.

NOTICES OF Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

MULLIN—To Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Mullin, 26 Charles street, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

STEPHENS-CANTY—At St. John, N. B., Dec. 30, by Rev. W. G. Lane, Garfield Hayes Stephens to Elizabeth J. Canty, both of St. John.

DEATHS

ROBERTSON—In Boston on 30th inst., after a short illness, John B. Robertson, eldest son of the late Henry and Elizabeth Robertson, of this city.

BROWN—In this city on the 30th inst., Burpee E. Brown, leaving mother, brother and two sisters to mourn.

HAMMOND—At 14 Germain street on December 29, 1915, Henry S. Hammond, aged 78 years, leaving one son and two daughters to mourn.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS FUNERAL

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30, 1915. The officers and members of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, Union Lodge No. 2, and Saint John's Lodge No. 30, Knights of Pythias, are requested to assemble at 60 Mecklenburg street on Saturday, Jan. 1, at 8.15 o'clock sharp for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Burpee E. Brown, of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1.

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LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL 273 I. L. A.

Regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2, 1916 at their hall, 35 Water street, 2.30 p.m. All members requested to be present. By order of the president.

NEW YEAR MORN MAJ OUT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Tomorrow, New Year's morning, the Sunday schools of the city, West End, East End, Falls, Brookville and Silver Falls of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches will start the new year without rallies.

RE-UNION OF ST. JOHN CATHOLIC GIRLS' GUILD

The second annual reunion of the St. John Catholic Girls' Guild was held in the rooms in Cliff street, last evening. Some fifty members with the officers of the guild enjoyed a programme of music and interesting games.

FOR THE ORPHANS

The following subscriptions for the St. John Protestant Orphans' Home are gratefully acknowledged: Friend, \$5; C. W. Hope Grant, \$15; Dr. Thos. and Mrs. Walker, \$10; Rev. Gilbert Earle, \$5; "Lavande", \$2.

ZEMACURA Cures Piles. We are certain that it cures every case, or such as require the surgeon's knife, but we have such evidence in its efficacy that we willingly refund the price to dissatisfied purchaser. 50c a Box. THE ROYAL PHARMACY 7 King Street

News of Maritime Province Men in the War. Transferred to 104th. Private Spencer Everett who enlisted at Victoria, B. C., with the 6th Battalion, Western Scouts, has been taken on the strength of C Company of the 104th Battalion. Private Everett is a U. N. B. graduate and a son of Mrs. Edgerton Everett, of Fredericton.

Buy a Diamond With Your Christmas Money. Ring a Diamond at Sharpe's is a real investment, for we do only in the better grade stones, for which there is always a ready market and prices are constantly increasing—the average for the past years being about 17 1/2% per cent. a year.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians. 2 KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N.B. ESTABLISHED 1894.

THE TIME to save your eyes, is before you lose them. We are here to help you save them.

D. BOYANER TWO STORES 38 Dock Street, 151 Charlotte Street.

Porvincial Convention OF THE Local Opposition Party

A convention of those opposed to the local government of New Brunswick will be held Monday and Tuesday, January 10 and 11, 1916, at 101-107 Germain street, St. John.

We wish to thank our many friends for the most successful business year in our history and wish you all A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR J. Marcus

PATRIOTIC FUND. Single—Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., \$1,000; Ladies' Aid Society, St. Andrew's church, \$80; H. O. Peters, \$5; Monthly—Benj. Mirry, \$2; W. J. Steen, \$5; J. Nelson (2 mos.), \$1; Mrs. Julia Carmichael, \$5; D. McClellan, \$5; C. F. Wade, \$1; Dr. A. E. Logic, \$5; I. B. Daly, \$5; W. H. White, \$5; L. H. Arundell, \$8; Scovell Bros., Ltd., \$25.

SEVEN NEGROES DIE IN FIGHT WITH WHITES. Blakely, Ga., Dec. 31.—In clashes between white men and negroes near here last night seven negroes were killed and two whites seriously hurt.

CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT IN ST. JOHN CHURCH GREAT SUCCESS. An exceptionally enjoyable programme was carried out in the school-room of St. John Presbyterian church last evening when the members of the Sabbath School and their friends gathered for their annual Christmas tree celebration.

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THE WHEAT MARKET. Chicago, Dec. 31.—Opening prices, which ranged from 1-2 to 1-1-1/2, advanced with May at 128 to 128 1/2 and July at 119 1/2 to 119 1-1/2, and were followed by further gains and then a moderate reaction.

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Magic Baking Powder costs no more than the ordinary kinds. For economy, buy the one pound tins.

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ARE YOU USING

British Green Cooking Ware?

IT HOLDS THE FLAVOR

We carry Caseroles, Teapots, Baking Dishes, Coffee Filters, etc., etc.

W. H. Hayward Co., Ltd., 85-93 Princess St.

NOW IN STOCK

Mill Remnants of American Circular Pillow Cotton, White and Unbleached, 42 and 44 inch; Mill Remnants of English Cambrics; Mill Remnants of Fancy Dress Gingham and Gingham.

You will save "TWENTY-FIVE" cents on every dollar invested in the above.

CARLETON'S

Winter Candy Specialties

Molasses Cream Cheering Bar, Turkish Delight, Chickens Bones, Cocoa Comfits, Horehound Twist, Fruit Drops and many others now in stock. Just the right goods to brighten a dull season.

EMERY BROS. - 82 Germain St.

A Happy New Year To All

H. N. DeMille & Co.

199 to 201 Union St. Opera House Block

We wish our numerous customers and friends

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

AMLAND BROS., LTD.

19 Waterloo Street

FLOUR

Another carload of Blue Banner Flour has arrived. We are continuing the sale of this Best Grade of Manitoba Flour a few days longer at the old price.

Only \$7.00 Per Bbl.

Ivory Manitoba Flour.....\$6.70 bbl.
Victor, Best Blend.....\$6.40 bbl.

Also Five Roses, Purity and Royal Household at Lowest Prices.

Fresh Fruit

Fancy California Lemons.....25c. doz.
Seedless Navels.....30c. and 35c. doz.
Sweet Floridas.....28c., 30c. and 35c. doz.
Florida Grapefruit.....4c. for 30c.
Apples.....\$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25 bbl.

Good Prunes.....9c. lb., 3 lbs. for 25c.
Largest Prunes.....15c., 2 lbs. for 25c.
Evaporated Peaches.....10c., 3 lbs. for 25c.
New Apricots.....14c., 2 lbs. for 25c.

Yerxa Grocery Co.

443 Main St. Phone Main 2913

FLOUR!

The price of all grades of Flour has advanced, but we are still selling much less than wholesale prices.

STRATHCONA - Best Manitoba Blend Flour.....Only \$6.40 bbl. (7% less than wholesale).

FIVE SHAMROCKS - Best Manitoba Hard Winter Wheat, Only \$7.00 bbl. (6% less than wholesale).

Buy Now Before Price Advances.

With every purchase of one or more pounds Peaches Blend Tea at 39c. per pound, we give 15 pounds Best Granulated Sugar for \$1.00.

Canned Goods

Peas.....8c. can; 95c. dozen
String Beans.....8c. can; 95c. dozen
Corn.....9c. can; \$1.00 dozen
Tomatoes.....10c. can; \$1.10 dozen
Pumpkin.....9c. can; 95c. dozen

3 cans Clams.....25c.
Peaches.....Only 14c. tin
15 lbs. Onions.....Only 25c.
75 lb. bag Onions.....Only \$1.00
3 bottles Lemon or Vanilla.....25c.
3 bottles Pickles.....25c.
Royal Baking Powder.....9c., 12c., 18c., 4c. tin

1 lb. tin English Baking Powder, Only 25c.
Grapefruit.....4 for 25c.
Oranges.....From 19c. dozen up
Sound Large Cranberries.....12c. qt.
Apples.....From 15c. peck up

THE 2 BARKERS LIMITED

100 Princess : 111 Brussels

BRITISH WAR CYCLISTS LEAVE SALONIKA IN SNOWSTORM



Photo shows the conditions in Salonika, where the theatre of war holds most attention, at the present time. The weather is so severe that the cycle squad have been compelled to dismount and push their wheels.

IN UNIFORM AT HOME AND ABROAD

Sergeant of 26th Makes Some Comparisons - Western Soldier Dies in Hospital Here - Presentation to Hotel Clerk

An interesting letter has been received by Mrs. J. F. Gregory from Sgt. A. G. Gunn, 26th battalion, describing life at the front, and contrasting the opinions and expressions of St. John people today with what they said of the unit a year ago.

I will draw you two pictures. The first: We stand at the corner of King square and along marches a khaki-clad soldier. Smart in personal appearance, uniform brightly polished, swagger-stick under the arm, head well back, looking very brave and having a neat soldierly appearance. In fact, every inch a soldier and a man. As the lid goes by we overhear a lady in conversation say: "Oh, that's one of the 26th; will they never get out of here? We could always get a seat in the Imperial before the soldiers came." Then she throws a disdainful look in the direction of the young soldier.

The second picture: Out in Belgium in the trenches, a well known battle-front. A man peers at regular intervals over the parapet of a trench. He is the soldier on one of the "bags." On looking a little closer we are surprised at his general appearance and wonder if that can really be a British soldier. He is dressed in a torn, dirty, battered uniform that had been at one time khaki-colored. His uniform and equipment show traces of dark stains, a reminder that on the previous day he had assisted with others in bringing in wounded comrades amid a perfect hell on earth of German machine guns and shell fire. There is a six days' growth of beard on a dirty but cheerful face and his grasp of his rifle and again looks over the parapet. He looks indeed a formidable antagonist. Although covered from head to foot in mud, wet through and cold, he smiles and his thoughts wander back to the rather disdainful remarks of the lady on the day he passed her King square and compares it with the "Well done, 26th" of the general.

Casualties

Donald D. McPherson, Glen William, P. E. L. 17th battalion, has been reported wounded.

Pte. Adam Low, of the 79th battalion, who came here some days ago from Winnipeg while his unit was passing through to take steamer for the old country, died yesterday morning in the discharging hospital, West side. He was seized with epileptic convulsions while aboard the train coming here, and died despite medical efforts to save him. He was forty-five years old.

For the Siege Battery

Miss Vera Pike and Helen Brittain last night were committee in charge of an "at home" in Carleton Oddfellows' Hall for some forty-five members of the siege battery. Mrs. E. A. Young and Mrs. D. Brittain were chaperones.

In the Dufferin Hotel last evening, A. K. Munde in behalf of several traveling and local friends of Geo. Winfield, formerly clerk there, presented to him a purse containing twenty dollars in gold and several other remembrances including a gold signet ring, fountain pen, etc.

EVERY PALE, TIRED GIRL CAN QUICKLY GAIN STRENGTH

She is in society, in business, at home, everywhere you see her, but always worn and fatigued. She hasn't heard of Ferronone or she would be perfectly well. How quickly it strengthens-what an appetite it gives-what a glow it brings to pallid cheeks. The nutriment contained in Ferronone puts strength into anybody. Laughing eyes, rosy lips, bright quick movements all tell of the vitality Ferronone produces. Thousands of attractive happy women use Ferronone. Why not you? A box of fifty chocolate coated tablets costs 50c. at any drug store.

PRICE OF BEER WILL NOT BE RAISED IN MUNICH

Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 31.-Residents of the Bavarian capital will be permitted to enjoy their beer without a further increase in price.

The municipality recently authorized breweries and beer halls to raise the wholesale and retail prices of beer for the second time during the war.

An appeal was taken to the provincial authorities, who have disallowed the increase.

A feature of present day London weddings where the bridegroom happens to be a fighter, is cake decoration symbolic of his branch of the service. Toy cannons done in sugar, aeroplanes or battle-ships of minute proportions are used, as the case may be.

LOCAL NEWS

Chalet beginners' class opens Wednesday, 5th.

Men's hip rubber boots, Storm King. Regular \$2.50 value, cut price, \$2.15. Men's knee, rolled edge sole rubber boots. Worth \$4, cut price, \$2.99. The True Fit Shoe Store, 508 Main street.

Chalet assembly tonight, five-piece orchestra.

Why not wear rubbers when they afford so great protection at such a little cost? Men's rubbers 80c. and 95c.; women's rubbers, 65c., 85c., and 75c. Wiesel's Cash Store, 248-247 Union street.

Before buying sweeping compound, phone West 871 for factory prices on No-Dust.

THE SEIGE BATTERY

The field studio will be open for sittings on New Year's Day. This will be a good opportunity to have your picture taken.

This week a large assortment of fine black melton overcoats at cost prices. Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main.

DON'T GET COLD FEET

Come and buy a pair of overcoats. Men's three-button overcoats. Worth \$27.50, now selling at \$17.75. Ladies' 22 overcoats for \$18.50. Misses' two-button overcoats. Worth \$14.50, selling for \$9. The True Fit Shoe Store, 508 Main street.

GREAT WINDOW DISPLAY OF KNITTING YARNS

AT M. R. A.'S

All who intend answering the appeal during next week of the Soldiers' Comfort Association for socks for the boys now in the trenches will be interested in the great display of knitting yarns in M. R. A.'s King street windows; various kinds, exactly suitable for "sock week" purposes and offered in grey, khaki and natural shades.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 31

A.M. High Tide.....P.M. Low Tide.....
Sun Rises.....8:11 Sun Sets.....4:45
Time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN

Sailed Yesterday

Sch. Elma, loaded with laths from Aima, in for harbor yesterday, and proceeded to New York.

CANADIAN PORTS

Parrboro, Dec. 29.-Ard, schs Murray B. Carey, Wolfville; Maple Leaf, Beard, Digby; Hoffs, Rowe, Five Islands, etc.

Clid-Sch Murray B. Wolfville, with coal; Maple Leaf, Digby, with coal; Rolfe, Wolfville, with coal.

BRITISH PORTS

Liverpool, Dec. 30.-Ard, str Cymric, New York.

Belfast, Dec. 28.-Ard, str Durango, Chambers, Liverpool for Halifax (boiler trouble).

Glasgow, Dec. 29.-Ard, strs Cabotia, Mitchell, Baltimore-Kastalia, Teifer, Newport News.

London, Dec. 27.-Ard, str Alconda, Watts, Botwood (Nfld).

FOREIGN PORTS

Boston, Dec. 30.-Ard, str Canopic, Genoa.

New York, Dec. 29.-Ard, str Rochambeau, Bordeaux.

Bordeaux, Dec. 29.-Ard, str Espagne, New York.

Portland, Dec. 28.-Ard, str Tredegar Hunt, New York, for repairs.

Boston, Dec. 28.-Ard, strs Boyne, Liverpool; Colorado, Hull.

New York, Dec. 28.-Ard, sch J Frank Seavy, Port Reading for Calais.

Rockland, Dec. 27.-Ard, sch Ralph M Hayward, Bridgewater (N.S.) for New York.

ANOTHER BOX SENT BY THE SOLDIERS' COMFORT ASSOCIATION REACHES DESTINATION SAFELY

The following letter received from the Canadian War Contingent Association by Mrs. John LeLachur is self-explanatory:

Westminster Palace Hotel, Victoria St., London, Dec. 15, 1915.

The Secretary the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Association, St. John, N.B.

Dear Madam:-I am directed by the association to convey to your society most grateful thanks for a splendid contribution just received by us and unpacked here.

The contents arrived in the best possible condition and were excellently packed, and I have no words in which to express my admiration for the magnificent quality of the gifts in this connection, which it was really a great pleasure to register and check.

You will understand that with nearly 70,000 men at the front requisitions on our supplies are constant and very heavy and it is the very great generosity of the Canadian people which enables us to meet them.

The demand for socks is once more increasing very rapidly, after dropping to a comparatively low figure during the summer months. In November we sent out no less than 29,000 pairs, and I suppose the call next month will be equally heavy. This month we are asked for a great many mufflers and wristlets, and we have, of course, been extremely busy sending out the puddings, cakes, confectionery, etc., which have been entrusted to us to deliver to the various regiments.

With most grateful thanks for your splendid contribution and with every good wish for the prosperity of your society.

Sincerely yours,
ELEANOR McLAREN BROWN,
Hon. Sec. Ladies' Committee C. W. C. A.

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This is your chance - Don't you miss it if you want to save some money!

You can NOW buy your clothing at your own price!

Just think of it - a good

OVERCOAT for the small sum of

\$4.69 and a strong pair of

PANTS as low as

98 Cts.

Many Other Bargains Too Numerous To Mention!

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PRIMECREST ICE CREAM 25c and 50c Bricks

CHOCOLATES in Fancy Boxes 30c and up

SPECIALS TODAY

FREE Calendars With Purchases

Handkerchiefs Free With Vanity Fair Preparations

WASSON'S DRUG STORE

Cut Rate Drug Store 711 Main St., Phone 110.

SOLDIERS' COMFORT ASSOCIATION IN SPECIAL APPEAL

Owing to the urgent and constant appeal from our overseas contingent now in the trenches for socks the above association has decided to hold a "special sock week" commencing January 3, 1916, when it is hoped that every town and village throughout the province will make special efforts to assist by donating socks or money to buy same.

Our hearts are so much in sympathy with those who have gone to fight in our behalf that this effort seems a worthy and fitting way to enter on the new year. Please all do your best as by this special effort we hope to have a pair of socks for every man in the battalions from the maritime provinces. Please address all parcels and money to Soldiers' Comforts Association, C. F. B. building, Conroy King and Germain St., St. John, N. B.

Given Away Free of Charge!

1 LB. OF TEA TO ALL PURCHASERS OF \$4 WORTH OF GOODS

Note Our Prices - Test the Quality of Our Goods:

Granulated Sugar, 15 lb. for.....\$1.00
Icing Sugar.....9c. 3 for 25c
Prunes.....10c. 3 for 25c
Peaches.....10c. 3 for 25c
Choice Grape Fruit.....7c. 4 for 25c
Lemon and Orange Peel.....15c. lb.
Dates.....12c. per lb.
Mixed Nuts.....20c. lb.
Tahle Raisins.....20c. a box
Choice Pure Ground Coffee.....35c. lb.
Choice Orange Pekoe Tea.....35c. lb.
Eggs, new.....14c. per lb.
Currants, new.....11c. per lb.
Salmon, large.....10c. can
Salmon, flat.....12c. can
Choice Butter.....25c. per lb.
Cooking Butter.....25c. per lb.
Choice Lard.....15c. per lb.
20 lb. pails.....\$2.95
Worcester Sauce.....9c. per bottle
Lemon and Vanilla Essence, 9c. 3 for 25c
Lemons.....25c. per dozen
Apples.....20, 25, 30c. peck
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THE YEAR 1915.

Reviewing the year 1915 in relation to St. John and the province of New Brunswick, the first thing to be noted is that the people responded well to the call of patriotism...

THE WAR NEWS

Austria has decided not to break with the United States, and apparently will make the reparation for the Ancona murders. Last night's cables brought rumors of coming co-operation by Roumania with Russia...

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

The Times prints today the appeal made by His Royal Highness the Governor-General in behalf of the Patriotic Fund. This is a fund that must be made adequate to meet all demands.

The people could well afford to make contributions in money, for the province has been very prosperous. Business has not declined to any appreciable extent.

A happy new year to all who deserve it.

A good New Year resolution for a young man—to join the 116th Battalion.

Perhaps the new year will bring us the winter weather the lovers of sleighing have been looking for.

Be sure to see the great military parade tomorrow afternoon and go with it to hear the speeches at the Armory.

Socks sent forward by the Soldiers' Comforts Association reach the soldiers in the trenches. The proof is found in a letter in this issue of the Times.

Rev. John E. Burke, of Toronto, who may speak at the Armory tomorrow afternoon, and will be chief speaker at the Imperial on Sunday evening, is one of the most eloquent clergymen of the Roman Catholic church in Canada, and is, moreover, a native of St. John.

The dinner for Major W. R. Brown of the 26th Battalion was a deserved compliment to a gallant officer and a recognition also of the splendid courage and the fighting qualities of the New Brunswick battalion which so distinguished itself in the famous crater affair.

The Ottawa Journal says:—"Christmas, 1915, may seem on the surface a blank negation of the existence of good will on earth; it may not be a merry Christmas but nevertheless it is a noble and great Christmas that under our British flag sees five million men in arms, not for greed or malevolence or self-interest or pride, but at the behest of any kaiser or bureaucracy, not for any will of war, but of our own free wills for the sake of at least a considerable extent of right and pity, and the maintenance of that spirit which in the English-speaking races has led the world for individual liberty without license, and for generous public ideals."

MISS CANNON INDICTED

Woman Charged With Killing Little Thomas Girl With Drugs Nov. 11 Last at Russell.

Springfield, Dec. 31.—Elizabeth B. Cannon was indicted by the Grand Jury charged with the murder of her 5-year-old ward, Lucie M. Thomas, on Nov. 11.

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Letter from Rev. C. K. Harrington on Hearing of Death of Poet

Writing from No. 29 Sanui, Ushigome, Tokyo, Japan, on Nov. 29, Rev. C. K. Harrington, acknowledging receipt of copies of the Evening Times, telling of the death and burial of the late H. L. Spencer, writes:—

"I am very glad that Mr. Spencer, during his declining years had about him friends who could appreciate him, and to whom it was a pleasure to do what friends might do for his comfort. I am glad that Mr. Spencer published a volume of his verses and in such an attractive form as 'The Fugitives.' This must have given much satisfaction to the author as well as made permanent his contribution to Canadian poetry. I consider myself fortunate in having a copy of my shelves, along with the poems of Lamman and of Wilfrid Scott & Boyce, Toronto, Ont. 15-24

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The Doughty was engaged in the Newfoundland salted herring business. Capt. Digging, a native of Nova Scotia, had followed the fisheries from Gloucester from boyhood. He was known as an intrepid mariner.

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To England

By C. K. HARRINGTON

Many friends in the maritime provinces will read with interest and pleasure the following noble poem by Rev. C. K. Harrington, now of Tokyo, Japan. It is included in a book of verse which comes with Christmas greetings from Mr. Harrington, who each year at this season sends a poetic reminder across the Pacific and across Canada to old friends in the provinces by the sea, where he once preached, and where he was born.

TO ENGLAND. If thou hadst failed! In that hour supreme, That ending and beginning of a world, That day of fate when Heaven cried down on thee And bade thee choose twixt truth and falsehood, Twixt ease and travail, thou hadst said farewell farwell, To duty and to honor! If thine hand, Which God made strong for deeds of righteousness, Had sped a Judas palm to meet the bribe, Which Satan's guile had wrought to palmy thee!

If thou hadst failed! Oh, age-long leader of men, Up Freedom's shining heights, all freedom's friends, And savior of the shackled and oppressed; Who, taught of old the song of the free, That fenced thee from the tyrant, hast achieved Ever some new and fairer liberty, Wherewith to light the world! If thou hadst failed!

If thou hadst failed! Grey Mistress of the realm, That girds the globe! Mother revered and Queen, By our hearts' choice, to all thy daughter states, The free young nations of the west and south, Which yearn to thee across the severing That yet do bind us to thee, Mother-Land,— With loving hearts and loyal, proud to wear Thy name upon us!

For a palmy peace Hadst thou forsworn thyself, hadst made a mock Of truth and honor, hadst betrayed thy trust, And them that trusted thee; hadst left thy friend In peril's hour unaided; hadst put shame On all on whom thy once proud name was called; Hadst to all earth been false, and hadst denied That Heaven which for this time had strengthened thee To smile or succor!

In a baleful hour Hadst thou thy birthright bartered for O' the devil's pottage; with a craven heart, Hadst thou debating by the water-brooks, Far from the conflict; hadst unheeding ears, When to allured the summons through the farthest east, And farthest west, Up! to Jehovah's help, Against the mighty! and hadst disobeyed The heavenly vision! Ah, if thou hadst failed!

If thou hadst failed! What words might paint thy fall! What tears beseech thee! to the shame of it, What crimson blush be equal! Thou hadst been The scorn unwasting of all noble souls Within the circuit of the Seven Seas. The very Megasthenes who lived Thee to thy ruin had mocked thee. Thou wouldst lie Victim of thine own sin, unloved, un-sung, Thy brightness vanished, thy white glory stained, Thy name obscured, thy kingdom reft from thee, Thy scepter given to thy neighbor's hand. The future ages would account thy place With Babylon and Tyre. Their scribes would write the story of an ancient world; Then England rose, and God was good to her, And dowered her with beauty and with strength, And wide dominion passing Caesar's dream, But when her day of visitation came, She loved herself too well, and lost herself, And fell to the dead nations.

Hadst thou failed, Then had thy fall been ours, thy shame our shame. We had been worse than orphaned, With such grief And horror as a mother's children know When she whom they have crowned with filial love, Dreaming her holier than a haloed saint, Stoops to dishonor, had we witnessed thee, Thine infinite disgrace, had shrunk from thee, Had loathed thee, had disowned and spurned thee, Who in thy falshood hadst been false to us, And soiled us with thy foulness, dragging down

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The unspelled beauty of our happy realm Into thy mire. Our souls had cursed the day That gave us such a mother.

Hadst thou failed, Then on the glory of thy thousand years Had Ichabod been writ. The plan of God Had found another leader for the world 'T the great white day that's breaking. Satan's power Had not prevailed against Him. From the east had His anointed risen. To bring the nations to the Golden Age For which creation groans. But in that age, Its joy, its triumph, thine nor part nor lot, Who knewest not for such a time as this Thou camest to thy kingdom. Hadst thou failed!

Thou didst not fail, thank God! Thou couldst not fail! Thy great past called. The prophets of thy land Who wrought for truth and freedom The voices of thy future called to thee, Thine unborn sons and daughters, heirs Of all thy greatness. Duty called to thee, The Angel of Jehovah stern and strong Which spelt before thee. Wrote thy poet not, Thy poet and ours, In our brave island story duty's path Hath been the way to glory? Yes, the voice, Crying and spurring not of thine own soul

Called as the Voice of God. Thou couldst not fail! Thou didst not fail, thank God! Thou holdest yet Thy name and thy truth. Thy name hath still Its fragrant beauty. Thou dost wear undimmed The crown which God had set upon thy brow. Thy every enemy that seeks thy life, Chanting her fierce unholy hymn of hate, Deep in her bitter heart doth honor thee, By thy just deed-condemned. Some happier day Her nobler bards in love shall make thy place

With the world's saviors, who from her Didst save thy foe, even when thou smotest her, Thy hand the hand of God to bring her back To God and greatness.

By thy happy choice, Brave, righteous, noble, hast thou made us thine In new, glad fealty. Henceforth do we love And honor thee beyond the scope of In passion of joy and pride our souls leapt forth To render him by about 100 of his friends, Which duty sets thee, way of tears and blood.

To whatsoever God wills for thee, Our tears with thine, with thine our blood commit, Shall be God's chime on awful fields of war, To blossom to strange splendors by and by, See! all our eager hearts lean forth to thee, The seas are foam beneath a thousand Of far-sailed fleets that bring our sons to share Thy grief and glory. From the Austral Land, The veil of Africa, India's ancient shores, Canadian prairies, the uncounted isles And coasts remote which thy great name defends, Our flags stream forth to battle.

We had loved White, smiling, beautiful Peace. With us watched while thou adventuredst thy soul Into the almost verge of what man may To follow her fair feet. Now God for Peace Gaiest them that would her, sends us To suffer on a thousand gory fields, For thy sake, and the world's, and His High Name, That war through war may perish, nay, through Love, The love that leads us up this Golgotha; That war may cease from out the heart of man, The hand had order pass, a new world shine, The age of earth-wide brotherhood, Hailed from the dawn of time, and poets sang Leap'd across the future. Such our faith! The morning breaks! Thank God, thou didst not fail! KANAWA, July 31st, 1915.

SECRETARY OF BOARD OF TRADE POINTS WAY AT START OF NEW YEAR

In a New Year greetings to the members of the St. John Board of Trade, Secretary R. E. Armstrong writes:—"Another year is drawing to a close—a year never to be forgotten in the world's history. It has been a year of stress and strife and sacrifice. Old ideals and old methods have been swept off their feet. New ideals and new methods are taking their place. Never has the British Empire been so firmly impressed with the necessity of a thorough organization of its economic forces, both at home and in its overseas possessions. In Canada we do much towards strengthening the arms of Britain in the mighty struggle which is before her—a struggle that will only have begun when the war is ended.

To St. John particularly the appeal is most urgent. Its situation as a world port and as a supply depot for the United Kingdom and Europe has thrust upon the business men and the citizens of St. John a great responsibility as well as a great opportunity. St. John must be developed as an efficient ally to the empire, alike with respect to its port equipment, its railway and ocean connections and its industrial forces. As the commercial capital of the province it is the duty of its citizens to lead the way in all matters of provincial development.

Can assure you that your young boys are the men who have done something. They have proved that they are made of the stuff which no German army can ever conquer. Before I went across to Flanders I read a great deal about Canadians and their work. I thought it was very much exaggerated. I will admit that. But I had not been in the trenches forty-eight hours with the Canadians, the boys of the 26th, when I realized that if Canada could continue to turn out such men as there were representing her at the front there was no fear of the old flag ever falling.

Many of you remember that when the 26th were in St. John they were not at times too popular. Some of them even used to drink whiskey. But I can assure you that these men can fight just as well as some of them can drink whiskey, and a good deal better. I hold no brief for drunken soldiers, but it used to get my goat to hear people who did not know a soldier from a piece of chewing gum, criticizing the boys of the 26th. On one occasion in Charlotte street a photographer had a picture out of the 26th. I was passing one day and a civilian was standing there and he said to me: "I will be a good thing for St. John when McAvity's bunch get away." That man did not know that he was spelling the truth at the time. It was a good thing for St. John when McAvity's bunch got out. It was a good thing for the Empire when McAvity's bunch got out.

A Soldier's Letter. "I want to say that the spirit of your boys is wonderful. To demonstrate their spirit this is a letter from a boy of the 26th to his mother. 'Dear Mother,—I am trying to write a letter, I will write a longer one tomorrow. It is hell out here but I am enjoying myself immensely.' That's the spirit that animates the boys of the 26th Battalion. 'He then told of a man of the 26th whom he had seen under fire in the crater light who was very much disappointed when the retreat was ordered. 'He cried, 'Look, look we are going back. Why is it?' I replied, 'Go back man, it would be folly to stay here,' and do you know that although that man went back, he went into his trench sorry that he had not stayed, when he would be almost certain to have been killed.' 'I thank you for the way you have received me and whenever I am called upon to carry out my little part I will do my utmost to bring honor and credit to the city of St. John.' Lieutenant A. D. Carter, another 26th man present, was called upon and he stated that although Major Brown had belittled his own efforts that he was very much of a hero and so recognized by all the men of the 26th and those who had seen him under fire. Lieutenant Adams of H. M. S. Seagull were present and said a few words assuring the audience that the navy was always ready to do what they could and would be proud of the opportunity, should the

German fleet come out and only "give them a try." Colonel Gunning of the 104th proposed the toast to the "City of St. John," which was responded to by Major Feink. He reviewed the days when the older regiments were in St. John and said that the city was sympathetic to soldiers and was not unused to military manoeuvres and tactics and they always welcomed the boys in khaki. He said that the city was willing to do its utmost to assist the empire in this time of stress and trial. The mayor then proposed the toast to the ladies which was responded to in a very able manner by Dr. T. D. Walker. During the course of the evening songs were rendered by A. C. Skelton, Mr. Guy, Dr. Hogan, Walter Pidgeon, DeWitt Cairns, and R. G. Carson. Next followed a toast to Lieut. Carter, 26th battalion, home on sick leave, after which DeWitt Cairns sang "Heroes and Gentlemen." Lieutenants Gardner and Adams replied to toasts in their honor, and Thomas Guy sang a solo. Col. Gunning proposed "The City," to which the mayor replied, R. G. Carson sang and then Dr. T. D. Walker proposed "The Ladies," coupling with it Mr. Guy's name. A. C. Skelton sang, and then followed the National Anthem. The dinner was a particularly enjoyable occasion and was appreciated by those present as one means to show the 26th overseas that the thoughts of those at home were in sympathy with them by honoring one of their officers.

Peer in Overall England's most musical peer, Lord Howard de Walden, is now filling a role in a striking contrast to that of the "angel" of productions of Joseph Holbrooke operas, for which he supplies the librettos. "The Children of Don," produced by Oscar Hammerstein at the London Opera House and "Dylan" staged by the Beechams at Drury Lane last year were both the result of his collaboration with Holbrooke. A message received in London from a recent arrival at Galopoli contained this sentence: "The first person I met on landing—a man in a dirty shirt and trousers, no coat filthy and begrimed, heading sacks of corn about—was Lord Howard de Walden."

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RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Margaret T., wife of Captain C. Olson, died suddenly in Brooklyn (N. Y.), Thursday, Dec. 23. The deceased was a native of St. John but removed to the States several years ago. Mrs. Olson was a sister of the late J. Sullivan, who died a few months ago. She is survived by her husband, one daughter and four sons, all of New York; one brother, Richard Sullivan; and two sisters, Mrs. L. Olson, of Halifax, and Mrs. M. Shaw, of this city.

TWO LITTLE ONES SUFFOCATED

Taunton, Dec. 31—Left alone in their home at 22 Wales street, while their parents were attending a wake, James and Hilda Murphy, six and four years old, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Murphy, in some way set fire to the bed in which they were lying and were suffocated by the smoke. Mrs. Murphy returned home about two a. m. and found the house full of smoke, coming from the room in which the children lay. With the aid of neighbors the bodies of the children were taken from the room and fire headquarters was notified by telephone. The body of the little girl was scorched by the heat from the fire and the boy's face was slightly burned. Drs. Hayward and Crandall found that the children had been dead about two hours and that death was probably caused by suffocation from the smoke.

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BY ORDER of the Council of the Municipality of the City and County of Saint John, a bill will be presented for enactment at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, entitled: "An Act to provide for a bond issue to pay for a Morgue erected on Saint John Street in the City of Saint John. Amount of bonds; interest and term to be fixed by Council."

Dated December 1st, 1915.

JAMES KING KELLY, County Secretary.

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RECENT WEDDINGS
Peter Cairns Murray and Angelina N. Steves were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Victoria Street Baptist church by Rev. B. H. Nobles last evening.

RACING IN ENGLAND WILL BE CONTINUED
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The time-honored Watch Night service will be held in Centenary Methodist church, corner Princess and Wentworth streets on Dec. 31, 1915.

THE CHANDLER INQUIRY
Bathurst Northern Light—We devote a large amount of space today to a portion of the text of Commissioner Chandler's report in reference to matters of large interest to the people of this county.

SEA POWER'S GERMANY'S DOOM

British Fleet Dominant Factor in Defeat

HAS MADE THIS A LAND WAR

Nothing Germany Can Gain Can Make up For Loss of Use of the Sea—Navy Can Dictate Peace Terms

In entering the war Germany hoped and expected to defeat France and Russia with ease. Her statement counted not perhaps upon permanent British neutrality, but upon a temporary paralysis of British statesmanship which would permit her generals to repeat the success of 1870 and enable her to confront Great Britain with a stupendous accomplishment. The prompt entrance of Great Britain into the war wholly transformed the situation, says the New York Tribune, and, despite the military failure of the British to the present moment, has been the dominant factor in the defeat of Germany that is, in the falling and thwarting of what were the main purposes of German statesmanship at the beginning. In losing control of the sea, or rather in losing the ability to use the sea, Germany lost a decisive battle far more serious than that at the Marne. The final suppression of the submarine campaign, which survives now only as sporadic raids, is a sinking of an occasional ship of relatively small importance, ended the naval phase of the war and brought what is, so far, the only decision in any campaign that has been opened. The German Disaster.

Here one strikes at the heart of the real disaster that this war has already foreshadowed for Germany. Before the war Germany dominated Russia and France. She was able, through the terms of the Treaty of Commerce, to sell advantageously in France. But both Russia and France have taken back their economic freedom and both have strongly indicated their purpose to decimate hereafter against German manufactures. Unquestionably British products, and those of the United States conceivably, will receive more favorable tariff treatment than German when the war is over. Again, up to the present moment Great Britain has competed with Germany on a party in her home markets and those of her colonies. Nothing is more certain than that after the war there will be imperial preference and probably international preference between France and Great Britain and their respective colonies.

What Germany Has Lost. Now, taking the war as a contest between France and Great Britain on the one hand and Germany on the other, what has happened? First of all, Germany has occupied some 8,400 square miles of French territory and she has had a population of some 2,500,000 more in the war, but all the men were cleared out before Germany came, by the military operations. It contained the richest coal and iron mines. The possession of both has been of great advantage to Germany, and France has suffered severely by the loss of them. But, on the other hand, Germany has lost all her colonies; most of them have been actually conquered, only German East Africa is still practically intact, and even here the British have occupied the coast. All German colonial investments have been swept away. This is, however, only a relatively minor loss compared with the loss of the use of the sea. Germany is above all else a country highly industrialized, which lives by exporting its products of German efficiency to all parts of the world. She is not self-supporting in the sense that France is, like Great Britain, she is primarily a factory, her national income depends on the return she gets for her manufactures, plus the freight her great merchant marine earns in transporting these products and bringing back raw materials and food.

The right to use the sea Germany can only retain in two ways—by compelling Great Britain to relinquish command of the sea or by complying with the terms fixed by Great Britain as the price of the use of the sea. One would be the consequence of victory, the other of defeat. But up to the present moment Germany has not been able in the smallest way to exert any force upon Great Britain to compel her to give up the mastery of the sea. Every effort made by the Germans has ended in decisive defeat. If you set against the German occupation of 8,400 square miles of French territory the British control of the sea, you have measured the exact condition between the contending powers of the west. It is plain that no hand of Germany, because France, thanks to British sea power, is able to get coal and iron from abroad. She has now been able to reorganize her industrial establishments in such fashion that what used to be made at Lille and at Roubaix, at St. Quentin and Tourcoing—that is, the things essential to national life and comfort—are made elsewhere.

After the War. Now, if peace were to be considered today, it is plain that Germany would have to evacuate France, and Belgium as well. In no other way could she permit the British to permit her ships to suffer from head colds and catarrh.

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all the sea, and she has no present means of compelling such British consent. But this would be to restore things to their exact status before the war. It would mean that for her tremendous sacrifices Germany had gained nothing from France or from Great Britain. It would mean that the British would have to continue in a condition which meant paralysis of her industrial establishments. She might as well have France, with Russia, with all her continental enemies, but she would not be one step nearer the freedom of the sea than was Napoleon after he had conquered the Continent. She could, to be sure, send her manufactures to France and to France, if they were prepared to resume friendly relations, but would they be?

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TOMMIES LIKE BETHUNE

Most Popular Town in France For British

Boulogne, France, Dec. 10—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The most popular town in France, so far as the opinion of the British soldier goes, is Bethune. Located not far behind the lines, it has become the great pleasure resort for officers and soldiers who get only a day or two of leave. Bethune escaped the horrors of actual warfare in the early days of the fighting across France, although a small body of German troops actually entered the town on one occasion. In the months that followed, the sound of the guns was frequently heard, and occasionally shells fell within the municipal limits, but never with serious results. The town centres around a hill and a square, from which radiate a few narrow streets and boulevards. At the foot of the hill runs the now famous La Bassée Canal. Around the square there are bright shops, cheerful cafes, picturesque restaurants, and amiable rustic population—all of which will be remembered with tender feelings by thousands of British soldiers who have spent days of comparative ease and luxury there. The needs of the soldier are few and his pleasures simple. Bethune supplies all he wants. He has good lodging places, capable barbers, and warm baths, for which the man from the trenches especially longs. There is a fair theatre and there is a band-stand in the square where frequently a long street of British soldiers who have spent days of comparative ease and luxury there. The needs of the soldier are few and his pleasures simple. Bethune supplies all he wants. He has good lodging places, capable barbers, and warm baths, for which the man from the trenches especially longs. There is a fair theatre and there is a band-stand in the square where frequently a long street of British soldiers who have spent days of comparative ease and luxury there.

Before the war, Bethune was a dull little place, center of a farming and trading community and strangers were uncommon, and automobiles were rare enough to be regarded as a curiosity. The town was as quiet as a churchyard except on weekly market days, and occasional church fetes days. Now, however, every day must seem a superlative fete day to the old inhabitants. Automobiles of all varieties crowd the narrow streets and overflow onto the sidewalks; the square is a mass of military men, horses, and motor lorries; at the street corners khaki-clad policemen stand directing the traffic; the pavements are crowded with soldiers of every rank and variety.

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TRENCH ATTACKS IN MODERN WAR

Bloody Beyond Comparison With Former Days

MACHINE GUNS DOMINANT

An Attack Which Fails Will Leave Eighty Per Cent of the Attackers on the Ground

What is a modern trench attack really like? It is a question asked and answered by the Paris correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle. How does it differ from the old-time battles that have been painted by the great masters? It is bloody beyond comparison with the encounters of former days. The machine guns used as the principal weapon of defense now men down like grass. These machine guns are hidden in underground pits, which show only a narrow slit towards the enemy, a slit through which the slender barrel swings from side to side as the bullets make a fan in front that cuts like a scythe. A rifle is helpless against a machine gun, and the longest bombardment will not destroy all the pits. "When you read in a magazine that an attack has failed," said Lieut. Secretary of the Foreign Legion, while recovering from wounds received in the Champagne battle, "you must always estimate that 80 per cent of the attacking force are left on the ground."

A Notable Attack. The German attack against the Franco-British lines on October 9, which was renewed with less violence on the 9th, was one of the most important operations that had ever taken place in this region. Field Marshal French has mentioned in his recent report that the French troops had, at this request, occupied the front between what had been the left wing of the French army to the south and Loos to the north. The German attack of October 9 was made with the intention of reoccupying the ground that had been won by the British army, which extended from the Hohenzollern redoubt to the town of, and including Loos. It appears from the interrogation of the German prisoners that while the primary object of the attack was the recovery of the lost ground everything had been prepared in order to follow up the anticipated success, and take the French in the rear, thus imperiling their gains of last May and September.

The Artillery Prelude. This attack differed somewhat from the preceding, and indeed was a feature that it is interesting to note. A fairly violent bombardment had been carried out by the enemy for some days. This bombardment, although intermittent, had continued without any very long period of inactivity, and was principally directed against the trenches and the batteries. The latter, especially, were the object of violent volleys of shrapnel fire. This bombardment, which was a demoralizing effect. Our batteries on the contrary received a very small amount of shrapnel fire. On October 9, the attack was relatively calm morning, extremely violent firing suddenly broke out at midday. This firing comprised shells of unusual calibre. Loos itself received 12 shells of 380 mm. (15 ins.) and 87 of 305 mm. (12 ins.). The death toll of these projectiles was enormous. The smaller calibre shells, as 210 mm., were considerably less than the enemy had hoped for, but of Loos all that remained was a mass of calcinated ruins.

The Gas Shells Used. Towards 3 3/4 o'clock in the afternoon the bombardment assumed a really extraordinary intensity. No better example could be applied to it than "trombe-fuzee" or "drum-roll fire" by which the Germans themselves refer to it. Meanwhile our second line, our batteries, and those villages situated nearest to the firing line were subjected to a hail of calcinated shells in order to prevent the artillery from returning their fire, and to keep reinforcements from reaching the trenches. Indeed, so furious was this bombardment that the effects were felt five and one-half miles behind the point where the German shells fell and the suffering endured persisted for more than 88 hours.

The Germans Destroyed. At 4.10 the first German attacking line appeared above the trenches specially constructed by the enemy during the preceding night. It was the digging of these trenches and the opening of passages through the barbed wire entanglements that had warned the defenders of Loos of a probable attack. A somewhat hasty and nervous rifle-fire broke out from the French and English trenches and until the men had been calmed by their officers, the first wave

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GERMAN SPIES INFEST STATES

Revelations Have Aroused Country to Realize Danger

MANY ARE IN THE ARMY

Probably Germany Knew All About Inner Workings Long Ago—Berlin's System Started in 1850

Revelations of the activities of German secret agents in the United States have aroused that country to a realization of a grave danger which she has done nothing to avert and to the inadequacy of the existing machinery whereby foreign spies may be detected. The United States secret service is the smallest and weakest maintained by any great power, although it is supposed that within the last year it has been greatly increased. However the sentiment of American people has been opposed to it, and a few years ago when it was charged that President Roosevelt had been using the secret service to discover discreditable facts about some of the congressmen and senators who opposed him a law was passed strictly limiting the activities of the secret service. Indeed, there were some representatives who wanted to do away with altogether.

Helped By British Agents. It is safe to say that the present congress will not hesitate to vote any additional money asked by the president for the secret service. Since the beginning of the war it has been greatly assisted by private investigators employed by such newspapers as the Providence Journal and the New York World, which have gone up by the thousands to the German and Austrian machinations in the United States. Its work has been aided, too, by the numerous British and other secret service men who have been carrying on a work of counter espionage against the Germans. Left to the United States secret service as it was at the beginning of the war would have been absolutely helpless to discover the trail that has led to the offices of the German and Austrian ambassadors, and could have given no substantial protection to the manufacturers of munitions.

Army Infested With Spies. But the greatest danger to the United States through the inadequacy of its secret service, is not the plotting on American soil against foreign governments, but the plotting against the United States. An army officer interviewed a few days ago by the New York Sun asserted that the American army was infested with foreign spies. The majority of these men are in the coast artillery, where they are necessary to bring into close contact with the armament of coast forts which would be expected to give aid to foreign ships of war or to invading armies. Any foreigner who has served in the army or navy of his native land and who can speak and write English, is welcomed into the American army or navy. Once enlisted he is free from observation, and can serve his foreign master to the best of his ability.

Foreign Military Spies. He can make plans of fortifications, give secrets of guns and munition tests, and draw maps of any part of the country in the plotting against the United States. The German general staff knows as much about military affairs in the United States as about German military affairs. In the event of war the Germans would have not only this important advantage, but they would have stationed in the United States coast fort agents who, at the proper moment, might interfere with the complicated mechanism of the great guns, and perhaps paralyze American resistance temporarily.

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This official has unlimited funds at his command. For years before the war he spent \$5,000,000 a year in his work, probably more, though this amount is official. Since Great Britain spent only \$100,000, and nearly all in counter espionage, it will be seen how formidable Germany outranks Great Britain in this matter. In fact, Germany has probably spent more on spies in the last decade than all the rest of the world put together. After this war she will have other uses for her money, and the menace to civilization from her secret agents will be abated.

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GERMANY HAS SHOT HER BOLT; WAR TO END IN 1916, SAYS REED

War Correspondent Says That The Kaiser Must Lose Because The Allies Have an Overwhelming Superiority in Ships, in Men and in Money

(By John Reed in New York World.)
John Reed, recently returned to New York, after a sojourn with the Russian army on the eastern war front, and a tour through the Balkan States. Earlier in 1915 he had been with the German army in the west and was convinced of their invincibility. He was correspondent of The World during the Mexican revolution. Otherwise Mr. Reed's war correspondence has been done for the Metropolitan Magazine.

Observations made during a year of travel in Europe, where I visited England, France, Germany, Belgium, Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Russia, and Italy—all the belligerents except Austria—have convinced me that Germany is already beaten and that the war will be ended by next autumn with the withdrawal of the German armies from the conquered lands.

I don't see how there was ever a possibility of Germany's winning the war, unless she managed somehow to smash one of the three great allies—France, Russia or England. Any one of these three out of it she could easily have triumphed. Italy I don't consider one of the vital factors in the struggle; she would have been vital only if she had thrown her lot with the central powers, and hung like a snapping dog on the flanks of France. Had she remained neutral, the ultimate result must have been the same—victory for the Triple Entente.

To my mind it is a question of ships, men and money. Almost all the bulletin board strategists at the outbreak of the war calculated on that basis. But the great German drive on Paris and the first few desperate weeks of the fighting on the Aisne—when on the map which hung against the wall of my room in Paris I followed the official communiqué and watched the apparently inevitable Teuton advance—then the monstrous crumbling of the Russian front and finally the annihilation of Serbia, made us feel that perhaps superior organization, speed and mobility of forces were the determining factors.

By a miracle of organization the French and British got themselves together in the west so that German superiority in that regard was cancelled. On the eastern front the Russians were pressed as far as Russians can be pressed, and the line reached beyond which an invading army becomes too heavy, and every mile of conquest costs a tremendous fighting-power; on account of the difficulties of provisioning in a vast and terrible plain where everything has been destroyed by the retreating host, the necessity of constructing mighty lines of communication, where every step is hard and road impossible and the attitude of the civilian population, who become wild beasts the moment the foreigner puts foot on the soil of Holy Russia.

Finally, down in the Balkans, where every day registers a new German victory, the armies of the central powers, Bulgaria and Turkey, have an overwhelming preponderance of force. As long as they have their feet on the ground, their numbers are offset by the numbers of the enemy, they will lose, no matter what their strategic superiority. However, I shall speak of the Near Eastern situation in another paragraph. What I want to indicate here is that the bulletin-board strategists were right. It is a question of ships, men and money—and the greatest of these is men.

The allies have the financial advantage, but that makes little difference in the actual fighting. A bankrupt country can go right on—the south did it in the Civil War, and Napoleon also. And while it is generally known that the allies can get all the food, clothing and ammunition they need—through the holding of the seas—there is a huge misconception in the public mind about Germany's resources in these matters.

Just because copper telephone wires and copper kettles and copper pennies were requisitioned, it doesn't mean that Germany's supplies of that metal have run out, but when it was in Berlin I witnessed the arrival of some millions of bars from America, which had been shipped to Savona, Italy, and transported north in carloads of "dried vegetables." That copper paraded in carts down the Unter den Linden behind a military band, and the Americans in charge a night of it in the Adlon bar. Since then Germany has seized the great Serbian copper mine—one of the largest in the world—and for some months has been working inexhaustible deposits in Asia Minor.

As for food, the newspaper tales of bread tickets, bread riots, starving women and children, soldiers on the front surrendering to get a square meal, etc., have given an entirely wrong idea of conditions in Germany. All the conquered lands were under the plough and the sowers, the railway embankments

were growing vegetables, ponds and swamps had been drained and filled up to make gardens and the Bulgarian grain crop and the Roumanian grain crop were bought by Germany.

Germany can feed herself for seven years with a normal increase of population. It is not so easy now as it will be in two years—when the fields are bearing and the reclaimed land is worked. Germany must economize now, but the time between harvest, that is all. And I may add that when I was in Berlin last February food cost less than it did in London.

So it is not an immediate question of food, money, munitions or even ships. The war will be definitely won on land and won with the preponderance of fighting men. The question is, will the allies, all conditions on both sides being equal, be able to dominate in sheer numbers of men? I think they will. And I don't believe that there is a doubt of it in the minds of anyone who knows the relative populations of the belligerents, and the percentage of useful men in such population.

But can they shoot equally well? In my opinion all the soldiers now are trained to obey orders implicitly, and in a tight place they will act like a machine without thought or will, and the French and English are allowed a liberty of thought and action which sometimes results in costly blunders, and sometimes in impossible victories, and Russians are dogged, terrible fighters under good leadership, and stupid under bad officers but taken as a whole in training and in military equipment both sides are equal.

But you will insist that since this is a question of mere numbers of men, the Germans will take the defensive as soon as they are pressed, and that the cost of the numerical superiority of the allies. That would indeed be true if the character of defensive warfare had not materially changed.

Many officers in active service in every one of the countries I visited told me of this change. In the first six months of the war the proportion of casualties in the attacking force was about 70 per cent to 80 in the defending ranks. This has now modified, they said, on account of trench mortar and other new factors, so that 85 per cent on the attacking side were lost to 45 per cent on the defensive. Then, too, such is now the nature of things that at the present time any side can take a trench by superior concentration of artillery and infantry at a given point and the enemy's counter-attack can regain the trench by the same means—both sides now counter-attacking with the same force, that one side is approximately what the other side loses. Of course, if these things are true, the numbers of fighting men, and not their quality, are the important thing, and we shall not see the Germans impregnably entrenched beyond the Rhine when the day comes that they withdraw from conquered lands.

I think it will be generally admitted that that first great German army which poured down over Belgium and France like a grey avalanche is gone. The best possible army that the colors and are some eight millions and the official German lists of dead, disabled and prisoners total almost four millions.

Grant that the allies have lost an equal number of fighting men, still the many men as the Central Empire, still Russia and England have untouched resources in cannon, food.

A German military attaché in a neutral country informed me that the Central Powers' losses in the drive against Russia were 20 per cent permanent losses of 2,000,000 men, and I know of cases where men past military age who were exempt on account of physical infirmities have been called to the colors and are already dead in the front trenches. Germany is certainly getting short of men.

Last Night's War Cables

London, Dec. 30.—Two new landings by the Allies in the near east are reported today. The British have transferred some troops from Saloniki to Orfano, a small Greek port sixty miles east of Saloniki, with the intention of checking any possibility of a hostile advance from this quarter. The second landing was made by the French on the Greek island of Castellorizo, off the southeast coast of Asia Minor, not far from the important seaport of Adalia. An Athens despatch says that the occupation of Adalia is the object of the landing. A railway runs north of Adalia, and the presence there of a strong Allied force would menace the communications of any hostile force operating against Egypt or the Lower Tigris region.

These movements indicate that the Allies' positions around Saloniki are now considered secure, and indicate that the campaign around Saloniki will develop into a long drawn out warfare, as on other fronts.

Rome reports that the Central Powers have begun a general withdrawal from the entire Macedonian front, owing to the serious Russian campaign in Bessarabia, but this lacks confirmation. In the Entente capitals, however, there is a general opinion that the Russian campaign in Bessarabia, which has been undertaken in the face of unfavorable weather conditions, is likely to have an important bearing on the forerunner of the impending Roumanian entry into the war on the side of the Entente.

The Pall Mall's Russian correspondent writes: "Russian joint operations with Roumanians are on the point of beginning. Roumanians will fight with us, although not for us. Her siding with the Entente is not the result of French or English sympathies, but an endeavor to realize the Roumanian dream of sovereignty over Bukovina and Transylvania. As preparation for Roumanian's entry into the war, Russia's aim is to reconquer Bukovina for the benefit of her new ally. This task can be accomplished in a few weeks."

The Roumanians will then fortify the new province, and march with the Russians through Bulgaria and Transylvania, while simultaneously the Italians, French, British and Serbians will deal blows on other fronts."

Successful British Air Raid

London, Dec. 30.—The British official statement on the campaign in the western zone, issued tonight, reads as follows: "Yesterday sixteen of our aeroplanes bombed the Comines station and hit the station, lines and sheds in the vicinity. Ten of our aeroplanes attacked heavily the aerodrome and did considerable damage. In both cases all the machines returned safely."

"During the day there were twelve encounters with hostile aeroplanes, four of the enemy, one of which is believed to have been brought down. Another was damaged, and all our machines returned safely. One of our aeroplanes was brought down as the result of a combat with two machines."

"During the night the enemy heavily shelled our trenches south of Fricourt."

Austria's Reply To United States

London, Dec. 31.—The reply of the Austrian government to the second American note on the sinking of the steamer Ancona, with the loss of American lives, is forwarded to Reuters' Telegram Company from Vienna by way of Amsterdam. The note says: "In reply to the second American Ancona note, the Austro-Hungarian government fully agrees with the Washington cabinet that the sacred laws of humanity should be taken into account in war, and emphasizes that it, in the course of this war, has given numerous proofs of the most humane feelings."

"The Austro-Hungarian government, too, can positively assure the principle that no enemy private vessels, so far as they do not lie on their own resistance, shall be destroyed before the persons aboard are secured."

"The assurance that the United States government attaches value to the maintenance of the existing friendly relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is warmly reciprocated by the Austro-Hungarian government, which now, as heretofore, is anxious to render these relations still more cordial."

"The Austro-Hungarian government commends to the memory of the sponsor of the sinking of the Ancona, which was recently captured, the dropping several boats filled with people, which at once capsized."

"The commander of the submarine, the note continues, allowed the steamer more time than was necessary for the passengers to take to the boats and then torpedoed the vessel in such a manner that it would remain afloat as long as possible, in order to enable the passengers to disembark—an object which would have been obtained if the passengers had not been rescued."

"The Austrian note, while announcing the willingness of the Austro-Hungarian government to pay an indemnity to the American victims of the Ancona, declares that the government cannot admit responsibility for damage caused by the justifiable firing on the fleeing vessel, or by the capsizing of the boats before the torpedo was fired."

"The Austrian reply further expresses the hope that Washington will be able to supply the particulars of how the American citizens were affected, but in the event of such evidence being lacking the Austro-Hungarian government is ready to state how the American citizens came to their death, the Austro-Hungarian government is ready to pass lightly over this deficiency, and indemnify for damages, whose proximate cause cannot be faced, and hopes thereby that the incident will be regarded as ended."

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CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY NOT HAPPY

Christmas Feast of The Landstrum

CORRESPONDENT TELLS THE STORY

Mingled Tears With Songs and Gospel Message With Draughts of Beer—A Scene in Belgium

With the Crown Prince of Bavaria's army in Belgium, Dec. 25.—(By Courier to Berlin)—Correspondent of the New York Times.—Last night when I passed through the rain, chill and cheerlessness of the out-of-doors, smelling of death and war, in the cosy, warm, light-flooded hall where a large Landstrum family was gathered about its Christmas tree trying hard to feel merry away from home in the enemy's land, and most

honestly failing, I thought that my long journey to take part in a German soldier's Christmas was to be—as it was—well rewarded. The Germans had tried to take away the French atmosphere of the place and make it feel like Germany by screening the clean white-washed walls with evergreen bows, by draping rainbow colored paper garlands from pillar to pillar, by hanging up choruses of Hindenburg and the Kaiser in the proportion of two to one, but the star attraction a big twelve-foot, 100 candle-power Christmas tree dressed in Teuton tinsel.

On a raised stage in a corner of the room was posted a little eight-piece German band, recruited from the Landstrum ranks. The company, 250 strong, sat at sixteen long, bare pine tables in military order, one squad at a table, with their officers and American guests at the head of the tables. The tables were burdened with "Liebesgaben" (love gifts) from home, each table labelled with the name of the recipient and arranged according to squads.

But one's neutral interest in the proceedings was whetted chiefly by the thought that the festival of the Landstrum company ready instantly to respond to an alarm was typical. The German soldier's Christmas in the field that the same songs were being sung, the same trees were shining—a hundred thousand of them—from the Swiss border to the Belgian coast, from the North Sea to the Baltic across the wasted Russian plains to Galicia and along the Polish border.

A programme of fifteen numbers opened with a military march. Then a private who in peace times is a professor at Göttingen, read a Christmas message from the gospel, while the Landstrum men with heads bowed over large beakers of their favorite brew. Then a full grey choir of twenty voices sang an anthem after which the stage was cleared for their captain, who made a short address in peace time this grey-haired reserve officer is a book-seller and publisher.

His only son having just fallen in battle his voice quivered a bit as he led off with "My dear brave Landstrum company." But his audience was with him and he had the happy faculty of expressing the thoughts in every man's mind there.

"If anyone had told us a year ago," he said, "that we should spend our second Christmas in the enemy's lands we should have thought him mad."

The Landstrum nodded in solemn assent. The captain then painted a picture of their families about the home Christmas trees and the bearded veterans brushed away futile tears with their heavy hands. The tears ceased to be futile when the captain spoke of dead comrades and of fatherless and husbandless ones where this Christmas was one of heavy hearts. The Landstrum men swallowed hard, particularly the huskiest of them all a six foot five musketer built proportionately. He was the right wing man and the pride of the company, rejoicing in the nickname of "Chicken," because of his prowess in

DISPOSING OF POULTRY

He too, sat with his face buried in his hands, for the German is not only intensely sentimental, but unlikes no attempt to hide his feelings.

But the "Chicken" and his comrades straightened out rigidly and their relaxed features hardened grimly as their captain, having worked the vox humana to the limit, sounded the stern call for duty.

"Germany is fighting for her existence against a world of enemies," he said, "against four continents—some say five (this being a veiled reference to American ammunition which courtesy to the people prevented being put more specifically and pugnatly)."

Then the captain snapping his words like a flash, pictured the war ravaged countryside, mentioning the neighboring

village where they have fought and bled in the past year.

"Thank God," he says, "that German homes, and German women have been spared this fate. Continue to do your duty and hold out no matter how long this terrible useless bloodshed may last."

His peroration is greeted with hearty "bravos," which ring to the rafters.

NEARLY 500,000 NEW YEAR PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS
Paris, Dec. 31.—The Central Military Postoffice handled 460,000 parcels containing New Year's gifts for soldiers. One hundred and eighty thousand of the parcels were carried free. This is believed to be a record.

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Belgian Relief Fund

is provided almost entirely by the British Empire and the United States, and administered by a neutral "Commission for Relief in Belgium", co-operating with the "Belgian Public Food Supply Society".

This Commission has for months been the sole means of providing food for the Belgian people—for the Germans positively refuse to feed their victims. Some 5,000,000 are still able to pay for the food, while nearly 2,000,000, absolutely destitute, must be fed free.

For money to buy food for these Belgians, the Commission appeals to us all. If we do not furnish it—if we sit back in plenty and let our heroic Allies starve their sacrifices with this time—we shall be eternally disgraced!

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FOUND FROZEN AT THEIR POSTS

Troops at Dardanelles Suffered More From Cold Than the Enemy—All Trenches Flooded

London, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of the Standard at the Dardanelles, writing under date of December 8, records an increase in the quality and quantity of the Turkish artillery since the opening of the supply route from Germany.

"Nevertheless," he says, "the damage hitherto has been only slightly increased, and is not in proportion to the dimensions of the weapons it is believed the Turks are receiving."

"The beaches at Cape Helles are regularly bombarded every day at six miles range with high explosive shells from a battery on the Asiatic side between Erenkuei village and Kum Kale point, and in addition by guns which fire black powder, in the same neighborhood. Yet when one considers how for a mile the long, stark, open plateau that we hold between Krithia and the toe of the peninsula can be bombarded from three sides with absolute precision, it is surprising how little damage is done. Ninety per cent of the shells merely raise harmless dust clouds."

"With the men in dug-outs solidly built to resist anything but a direct hit, there seems to be no reason to fear the effect of the new German guns and gunners."

"The troops have suffered more from the weather than the enemy. The terrible cold rains at the end of November flooded the trenches thigh high, and it was impossible to light fires. There was nothing to eat, but cold, bulky and damp clothing. Then came a piercing east wind, and snow and water froze around the feet, and overcoats and converted them into boards. Sentries were frozen dead at their posts. It probably was the worst winter that British troops have faced since the Crimea. The officers were astonished at the uncomplaining endurance of the men."



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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

CURLING New Year's Day Matches If weather conditions remain favorable the local "knights of the broom" will have an opportunity tomorrow to indulge in their favorite pastime—curling. Members of the Thistle club will carry on the following schedule of games: Morning. Dr. Sawaya, A. G. Green, L. B. Thayer, L. Ledingham, F. F. Burpee, T. W. Holly, G. S. Bishop, skip, R. S. Orchard, skip, J. B. Dawson, R. McKendrick, R. S. Ritchie, L. P. D. Tilley, E. S. H. Murray, H. C. Olive, skip, D. H. Willet, skip, H. Warwick, A. W. Ester, Rev. W. O. Raymond, A. W. Sharpe, J. C. Chesley, skip, J. S. Malcolm, skip, J. S. Malcolm, skip.

Afternoon. D. Currie, J. A. Likely, E. P. Howard, L. Lingley, G. B. McPherson, W. J. Currie, W. A. Shaw, skip, T. A. Linton, D. E. Cameron, F. J. Likely, J. A. Sinclair, D. McElliand, skip, A. S. Malcolm, skip, H. G. Younglaus, Dr. Warwick, W. B. Robertson, D. F. Archibald, H. McAlpine, Roy E. Crawford, S. W. Palmer, skip, F. A. McAndrews, skip.

Evening. W. Demings, Dr. Bonnell, J. M. Barnes, Dr. Bonnell, F. Shaw, A. W. Paterson, W. H. Cameron, skip, W. J. Shaw, skip, Geo. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, Dr. Malcolm, T. Armour, Dr. Langstroth, W. J. S. Myles, skip.

BOWLING City League The Tigers won three points from the Specials in the City League fixture on Black's Alley last evening. The first string was exceptionally high for both teams and the point was in doubt until the last pin had been bowled. The second string was also quite contested but the third was won easily handily by the Tigers. The individual scores follow: Tigers—111 91 100 302, Lanney 112 99 89 300, Belyea 92 88 106 286, Howard 118 87 81 286, Couglan 85 108 107 310, Bailey 828 483 488 1494. Specials—114 88 108 310, Dever 100 84 78 267, O'Connor 114 80 91 285, Dunham 94 109 91 294, Wilson 88 124 85 297, Total 510 485 448 1449.

Kelly's New Records. On the Victoria alley's Thursday Vincent Kelly added more fame to reputation as being one of the best bowlers in this city when he hung up new five, ten and fifteen string records. Kelly was in great form and received much praise for his good consistent bowling. He put up a score of 286 for five strings. The former record was 269, made by Steen. For ten strings he bowled 1,103, defeating 1,087 made by Riley, and for fifteen strings he hung up 1,604. On Christmas day he won the turkey offered for competition with a score of 134. Kelly's fifteen strings as he made them follow: 120, 106, 130, 106, 182, 96, 111, 97, 98, 120, 95, 100, 91, 111, 104.

BASEBALL Cubs' Owner After Magee Charley Weeghman says he will be a bidder for Lee Magee. He wants him to play second base for the Cubs. He also says he would use Pitcher Packard of the Kansas City team, and admits that John McGraw is after the same southpaw.

Training for Umpires. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Spring training for umpires will be advocated at the meeting of the National League Club owners in Cincinnati next week. Charles H. Weeghman, purchaser of the Chicago Nationals, and Charles Williams, secretary of the club, said they would urge the adoption of the plan. It is proposed

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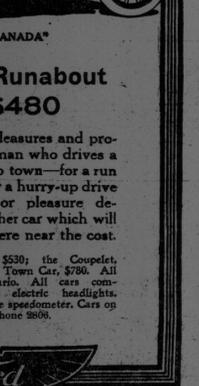
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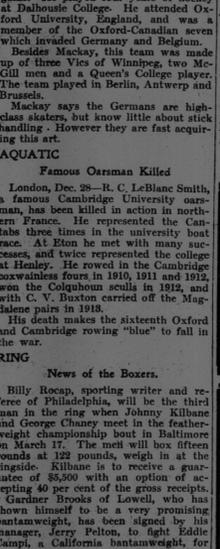
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OHNNY SCHIFF American boy, who has enlisted in the N.C.O. has with the 148th, and expects to come, a sergeant.

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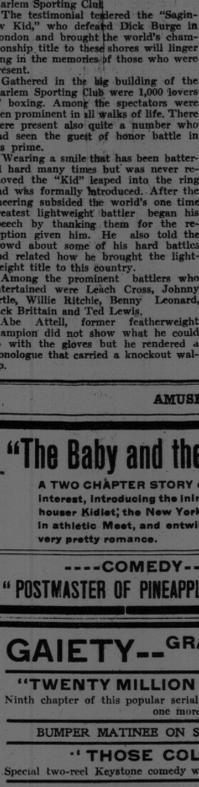
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WINNER OR SINGLAR MAY PURCHASE NAPS Despite the fact that American League magnates, assembled in Cleveland, in special session offered to advance \$100,000 to help finance the Cleveland American Baseball Club through next season for owner C. V. Somers, the bankers' committee in charge of the latter's affairs, announced that the club must be sold.

NEW YORK FIGHT FANS HONOR "KID" LAVIGNE New York, Dec. 28.—New York is ever ready to pay tribute to any honest and worthy idol of athletic endeavor. This was made evident by the reception accorded George "Kid" Lavigne, the former world champion lightweight, at the Harlem Sporting Club.

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No, we have nothing to say at present about New Year's resolutions that is too painful a subject to contemplate on the eve of a holiday.

But we venture the prediction that the man who received three boxes of cigars and a handsome case of pipes at Christmas time is not swearing off smoking this year.

Evidently Santa Claus does not belong to a union; just think of the way he has been overworked at the Christmas time and the strenuous time on Christmas eve.

Those who criticized the soldiers last year are hearing the other side of the story these days.

Well, if they are properly repentant, there is opportunity to make it up to the men who are here this winter.

If doing without a grain elevator at St. John is the government's idea of saving money, why don't they stop hauling grain at all and save a whole lot more? St. John does not want an elevator for a Christmas tree ornament; it wants one because the business of the empire needs shipping facilities.

"Keep away from those who cough and sneeze," the advice in an article on how to avoid a gripe, may be perfectly good advice, but it should be accompanied by a diagram showing how about ten per cent. of the population can successfully dodge the other ninety per cent.

Apparently that announcement that the Valley Railway would cease operations at the end of the year was just someone's idea of a little joke.

The methods of the Tory governments in building and operating that road may be amusing, but the lack of a service for those now depending on the road would not be their idea of a really good joke.

No, Dear Reader, we have no inside information regarding the date when those members of the legislature, who received prominent, but not honorable, mention in the Chandler report, will present their resignations.

Morning papers tell of a "boom" for Fairbanks as a presidential candidate. Sounds, more like the pop of a blank cartridge.

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER TODAY TO DR. J. D. MAHER

Eighth in List of Successful Ones in Staff Examinations of Massachusetts Board — Of 127 Who Tried Only 39 Passed

Dr. J. D. Maher is today receiving congratulations on having successfully passed the Massachusetts Dental State Board examinations during the month of November.

The results were made public in Boston only on Wednesday. It appears that out of 127 applicants for registration, eighty-eight were rejected after examination by the state board, and only thirty-nine able to pass the requirements.

The standard of these examinations has recently been made very high, making the honor all the more. Eighth on the list of successful ones mentioned is the name of Dr. J. D. Maher of this city. The examinations were held at Harvard college.

CHEERY LETTER FROM PTE. LARIN OF THE 26TH

A letter received recently by John Caney, chief engineer with the St. John Railway Company, from Pte. Edward Larin, 26th Battalion, France, told of his being well and asked that he be remembered to his friends. The weather, he said, was not very cold, but there was continual rain. The boys were well equipped, however, with clothing, and had nothing to complain of on this score. Besides other "toys" they were supplied with long-legged rubber boots. Their food was substantial and plentiful, and they were well provided with warm baths, clean underclothing and socks on their return from the trenches. Socks were issued with their underwear and towels every four or six days.

Pte. Larin spoke with regret of the illness of Pte. "Bob" Turner of the C. A. S. C. who, he said, was in hospital in England.

THE RIFLE RANGE

While the city rifle range in the Schofield building in Chipman Hill has been open informally this month the season has hardly started and the formal opening is announced for the first of the year. Already some of the patrons have been putting on good scores and showing the result of their practice. It has been suggested that the range offers an excellent opportunity to the many soldiers now stationed here to learn marksmanship under favorable conditions.

Last winter the 26th used the range quite extensively and found the work of great value in training the eye and hand for shooting.

ST. ANDREW'S CURLERS

While the members of St. Andrew's Curling Club anticipate an opportunity of enjoying their favorite sport tomorrow, no set programme of matches has been arranged. Members will form sides and indulge in private contests which will undoubtedly afford good entertainment during the day.

UNPRECEDENTED CONDITIONS

A well known shipping man this morning said that deal chartering for next season was at a standstill owing to no tonnage offering even at 165 shillings for sailing vessels and 175 shillings for steamers.

THROUGH CARS OVER BRIDGE TOMORROW

Announcement of the Schedule Made by Manager

CAR EVERY TEN MINUTES

Eight and Half Miles Fr Foot of King Street to Carleton Ferry and Back and Will be in in About an Hour

The through service of the set railway line connecting the central west side by way of the new bridge will be in operation tomorrow. This announcement, which will be led with joy by a great number of citizens, was made this morning by H. Hopper, manager of the company.

The first direct car from the city to West St. John will leave the foot of King street at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and will be followed by one car at intervals of ten minutes throughout the day. These cars will run to Douglas avenue, across the bridge, through Lancaster Heights and West St. John to the ferry terminals, making no connections at that end, with each of the ferry boats. A new car of has been adapted for the new service and the cars will bear the legend "West St. John."

Under the new service a Fairville schedule will be extended to the cars leaving Fairville will cross the bridge and run through to the foot of Douglas avenue and Main street and return. The first car will leave Fairville at 6:05 a.m. and others will follow each ten minutes.

All other sections of the street car service will continue under present arrangements without change.

The round trip from foot of King street to the West St. John ferry landing will take a run of eight and a half miles, and it is estimated that it will be made in one hour.

The new service will be of great benefit to the constantly increasing number of people who make their homes on the west side and work in the city, and will do away with the cold alk across the bridge and the consequent delays which have made winter trips unattractive in the past.

Under the new service a continuous trip, interrupted only by a couple of transfers, almost anywhere in length can be made for the price of one ticket, the modest sum of four cents when purchased in quantities.

SECOND APPEAL FOR CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Duke of Connaught, Governor-General, Asks for Further Generous Contributions

Somewhat over a year ago, as president of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, I made an appeal to the people of the Dominion for funds to assist the families of the gallant men who were going to the front. Through participating in a generous response, I was hardly prepared for the magnificent sum in which the call was met. More have poured into the treasury of the fund until the total contributions have reached and exceeded six million dollars.

Largely, however, if this sum appears, it has not greatly exceeded current demands and, if peace were declared in the immediate future, the entire surplus on hand would be required before all the men of the expeditionary force could again return home.

Today there are 25,000 families, comprising, it is estimated, 90,000 individuals dependent upon the Patriotic Fund. With further recruiting the demands upon the fund will, with each succeeding month, continue to grow, so that it is estimated that should the war be continued during 1916, a sum amounting to some \$8,000,000, and probably more, will be required. This would, however, mean \$1 per head of the population for the people of Canada, and it is little indeed to ask of those who remain at home in comparison with the sacrifice in life and limb of those who are fighting in defense of the nation.

In spite of all the various calls that have been made for funds to aid our soldiers and sailors, and the magnificent response that has been made in each and every case, I still feel assured that the warm hearts of all Canadians will respond to this further appeal to enable the Patriotic Fund to continue its splendid work during 1916, and take care of the families of those who are fighting for their sovereignty, the empire, and the dominion, on the battlefields of Europe and on the high seas.

(Signed) ARTHUR, President Canadian Patriotic Fund, Government House, Ottawa, January 1, 1916.

Old 1915

One of the most significant things about the latter part of 1915 has been the trend of general advertising towards the newspapers. As one keen observer recently put it:

"Manufacturers are beginning to realize that they must have the loyal support of the local dealers if their advertising campaigns are to win."

"They are learning that dealers are keenly alive to the advantages of newspaper advertising and they support newspaper advertised goods."

"It is logical that the advertising should follow the line of greatest return."

Watch 1916 for larger developments in the same direction.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.

Saturdays Our Stores Will be Open Until 10 p.m.; Open at 8 a.m.; Close 9 p.m., Excepting Saturday 10 p.m.

Men, Be on Hand Monday FOR THE GREATEST REDUCTION SALE OF SHIRTS EVER MADE IN ST. JOHN

Sale Commences Monday, Jan. 3rd

When we shall place on sale Fine Outing Shirts, Lounge Shirts, etc., \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.25 to \$2.60 each, regular value, at \$1.00 for choice of every one of this lot. They are best English make of Fine Ceylon Flannels, Criman Flannels, Zipper Shirts and High-class Cambric; all sizes, 14 to 17 1/2 inch neck; soft collars, soft cuffs; others without collars. No shirt in this lot worth less than \$1.85, and many at \$2.60 value; all now \$1.00 each.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

Here is Your Chance to Buy a DAISY OAK at a Sacrifice Price

The DAISY OAK is one of the most popular Oak Heaters on the market, it is neat and attractive in appearance, light on fuel and an excellent heater.

For the next ten days we are giving a SPECIAL 10 p.c. DISCOUNT. If you need a new heater, this is your opportunity to buy.

We also have a full line of Secondhand Heaters in good condition AT LOWEST PRICES.

Glenwood Ranges, Heaters and Furnaces, Kitchen Furnishings
D. J. BARRETT 155 Union Street, Phone 1545, St. John, N. B.

How Are You Going to Be Dressed for the New Year Reception?

Is January 1 going to be for you simply a date on the calendar—or will it be New Year's Day—and would you rather go into the New Year with all the Old Year's shabby old ideas—or with something new—and with the old year's clothes—or a new suit and overcoat—with dusty hat and a stubby beard, with a hang-back bearing and a drooping mouth—or will you turn your joyous face to the morning, stepping out with clothes correct, with shoulders squared, with a flower in your button-hole and "the corners of your mouth turned up?"

There were never better stocks of clothing than we have now. Every good kind of suit for the winter—every good kind of overcoat.

MEN'S SUITS, \$10.00 to \$30.00
MEN'S OVERCOATS - \$10.00 to 35.00

KING STREET COR. GERMAIN SCOVIL BROS., LIMITED, St. John, N. B.

HERE'S A CHANCE TO SAVE BIG MONEY GREAT NEW YEAR'S SALE Of Men's Winter Overcoatings and Suitings

This is just the time of year when you welcome every chance to "Save a Dollar," and our Big New Year's Sale gives you a rare opportunity to secure a Snappy Winter Suit and Stylish, Comfortable Overcoat at Prices so Low that you wonder how we do it. Yet every Sale is backed by our unchanging guarantee, SATISFACTION OR YOUR MONEY BACK. WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?

Starting, then, on January 3, 1916, we will sell our select line of worthy overcoatings for winter wear at 20 PER CENT. BELOW REGULAR PRICES.

Our Splendid line of Suitings, composed of Fuzzy Tweeds and Worsted, will be made up at our regular popular value prices, but, with every suit made to measure during this sale, we will give A PAIR OF TROUSERS ABSOLUTELY FREE in addition to those belonging to the suit, the extra pants being "Taken from Stock" and worth anywhere from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

REMEMBER, SALE STARTS JANUARY 3, 1916. DON'T MISS THIS GREAT DOLLAR-SAVING EVENT

PIDGEON'S

In The Low Rent District
PIDGEON'S Cor. Main & Bridge St.

OUR YEAR-END CLEARING

Fur Coats, Fur Sets, Scarfs, Ties, Muffs, Children's Sets
20 to 50 per cent. Discounts and some specials

Grey Fox Set was \$75.00, now \$40.00.
Pointed Fox Set, was \$85.00, now \$40.00.
Beautiful Persian Lamb Coat, was \$275.00, now \$190.00
Sable Set, was \$70.00, now \$36.00

These Are All Exceptional Bargains

Hats Furs **D. MAGEE'S SONS, LIMITED** 63 King Street