

MYSTERY SURROUNDS A RECENT VICTORY IN THE EAST; ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE IN THE WEST

Berlin Celebrates "Decisive Defeat of Russians", but Reports of the Battle Throw Little Light on the Situation — Hope of Allies' Early Invasion of Germany Must be Dismissed for Present — Admiralty Denies Sinking of British Destroyer During German Raid on English Coast — "Avenge Scarborough" the Slogan in England.

London, Dec. 18.—Although there seems to be no doubt that the Russians are retreating and that for the present any anticipations the Allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive victory by the Germans which Berlin celebrated last night.

Vienna gives a few details of the fighting in the east. The claim is made that the Russians have been driven out of their positions north of the Carpathians from Krosno to Zaklozyn, which would indicate that part of the southern line of railway in Galicia again is in the hands of the Austrians, and that Piotrkow and another Central Poland town have been stormed, but silence is maintained as regards North Poland, where the German victory is said to have been achieved.

The German official report dismisses this battle with the statement that "in Poland we are still pursuing the enemy, who continues to give way."

Amsterdam despatches serve to heighten the confusion over the situation by quoting Berlin papers received there today as expressing disappointment at the fact that no names of battlefields are mentioned, that no tangible results of the fighting are disclosed and that no lists are given of the number of captured guns and prisoners. Some disappointment is expressed here at the silence of the Russians and advice from Petrograd are eagerly awaited.

The Allies' offensive in the west continues to progress very slowly, according to the Paris communication, although the gains claimed to have been made during the past week are taken together, a considerable advance is indicated in Flanders and in the vicinity of Arras, where the Allies seemingly are making their greatest efforts in the belief that penetration of the German lines

BERLIN FEELS SAFE FROM INVASION

Consider Russians Crushed in East and German Territory Freed of Possible Menace for Long Time.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The official news bureau today gave out the following report:

"The coincidence of the expedition to the English coast and the victory in the East continues to cause general rejoicing. Although the headquarters report is chary of details there is general expectation that the Russian defeat will prove to have been complete. From details already available, however, it seems safe to say that the victory has freed Germany from any possible menace of invasion from the east for a long period. The Austrians appear to have done their work quite as thoroughly. The political effect of the victory also is likely to be advantageous as regards certain powers whose attitude might depend on the course of the events of the war."

"While nearly the whole press is disposed to consider Field Marshal von Hindenburg's victory in the light of an utter crushing of the Russians, the military critic of the Vorwärts speaks in a more moderate tone."

"The talk of a destructive defeat of the Russians is for the present a senseless and misleading exaggeration," says this critic. "An army of a million men like the Russian army, which has, indeed, in the last four months suffered severe losses, but which always has been able to fill the gaps with recruits, does not let itself be destroyed under present conditions save at a cost of several hundred kilometres (a kilometre is about two-thirds of a mile)."

"Vienna's report indicates that the Russians still are maintaining the aggressive in the Carpathians, but declares that they are retreating elsewhere."

THE DIPLOMATIC PHASE OF AMERICAN RELIEF WORK AMONG THE BELGIANS

London, Dec. 18.—The members of the American commission for relief in Belgium were entertained today by American business men at the Luncheon Club. In introducing Herbert C. Hoover, the chairman, Ambassador Page, gave high praise to the work of the commission. He said it was the only existing link between the great belligerent nations and the farmer of the Mississippi Valley.

Mr. Hoover spoke of the organization and work of the commission and the plight of the Belgian people which called it into being. He said that close harmony existed between the commission and the Belgian government in Belgium. Mr. Hoover described the financial plan mapped out by the commission under which every cent collected in America is expended for the actual purchase of food without any deductions for the cost of delivery and distribution. The result is that there has already been provided food of an aggregate value of between \$7,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

The response of the American people to the appeal in behalf of the Belgians was even greater than their contributions for the sufferers from the San Francisco earthquake, Mr. Hoover continued. The commission now has on the way or under charter, thirty-two ships, which will provide an adequate supply of food until February 15, Mr. Hoover said.

"I wish to say a few words upon the diplomatic situation in connection with this work. I make this statement in view of the discussion which is now raging around these points. The first thing I wish to make clear, with emphasis, is that the Germans are not interfering with the distribution of this foodstuff. Not one mouthful has gone down a German throat as yet."

Placing the Legal and Moral Responsibility.

"When we were asked to undertake this work the first question which arose in our minds was, why don't the Germans provision the people of Belgium? We were told that under international law it was the duty of an occupying army to feed the civil population. We were told further by certain independent elements in England that in importing foodstuffs into Belgium we were relieving the Germans of their moral and legal duties, that we were performing unnecessary labor and that above all we were in effect supplying England's enemy with foodstuffs, by thus relaxing the demands which otherwise would have fallen upon the stores of the Germans."

Furthermore we were told that it would be necessary for the occupying

BRITISH CRUISER CAPTURES COLLIER WITH FORTY OF EMDEN'S CREW

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Ministry of Marine announced today that the British auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Oxford, having on board three officers and forty men from the German cruiser Emden sunk November 10, by the Australian cruiser Sydney. These are the forty men who escaped to Coxos Island and subsequently settled away in a commercial schooner.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Ministry of Marine already, in certain districts which we have not been able to penetrate. Attempts have been made by the starving populations to seize German military stores and the resultant loss of life has been serious.

"Another observation which I wish to make is that in this time of intense national hatreds, discussion of the right or wrong of a problem of this kind becomes, as time goes on, only the more acute. Each side aligns itself with greater obstinacy. In the meantime the Belgians starve. It is enough for America that seven millions of humanity are in the hope, passing between two gigantic millstones. The Belgians are not a people who dragged the world into war by the ambition of their soldiers or their sailors. They, like our own people, have sought to conquer only by the ways of peace, industry and intellect. They have fought a hard fight. I have not yet met a man in Belgium who regrets in the least having made the struggle. At this moment, surrounded by a ring of steel, 1,500,000 persons are in the bread line, and no household in Belgium has bread to eat except it comes through us. The natural philanthropy of our American people, our wealth and our abundance—these are the arguments which we put forward."

WASHINGTON WILL MAKE NO PROTEST TO GERMANY

Suggestion that United States Make Representations Concerning Raid on English Coast Meets With No Response in Official Circles at American Capital.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Determined that the United States shall continue uninvolved in the controversy which has arisen between the European belligerents over alleged violations of The Hague convention, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan will make no representations to Germany concerning the bombardment of the east coast of England by German warships.

Suggestions from the British press, that the United States should take the initiative in protesting to Germany for the alleged infraction of an article of The Hague convention which prohibits the bombardment of "undefended towns," has met with no response from the Washington government.

No formal communication on the subject has come from Great Britain, but the suggestions in the press developed an informal discussion among high officials here as to the course to be pursued by the Washington government, after which the President and Secretary Bryan renewed their determination not to interfere.

GR. BRITAIN WILL STAND BY FRANCO-MOROCCAN TREATY

Has Recognized French Protectorate and Declared Adhesion to Agreement Made in 1912.

London, Dec. 18.—Great Britain has recognized the French protectorate over Morocco and declared her adhesion to the Franco-Moroccan Treaty of March, 1912.

The Franco-Moroccan treaty of 1912 instituted a French protectorate over Morocco, with a French military general, who exercised civil and military powers under the sovereignty of the Sultan, at its head. The treaty proclaimed the religious freedom of the people and gave France the right for the maintenance of order to enter into military occupation of any points.

Previously, France and Germany had signed a convention whereby Germany's commercial and industrial interests were not to be impeded, and Germany undertook not to hinder the establishment of the protectorate.

PROTEST SENDING OF SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE VATICAN

London, Dec. 18.—The publication of the correspondence between the Alliance Alliance and the Foreign Office shows that the former body lodged a protest immediately upon the announcement of the appointment of Sir Henry Howard as special envoy to the Vatican. The Alliance, in a lengthy letter, apprehends a danger that the opening of an accredited channel of communication with the Papacy may involve this country in the entanglement of Papal politics and intrigues.

It quotes Cardinal Manning's remarkable statement, in which he held that the only solution of the question of the temporal power of the Pope would be found in a European war, when the Papacy would be re-instated as a sovereign power.

By this last act of compromise, the Alliance contends, the government has ignored all the wonderful teachings of England's past history.

In reply, the foreign office points out that before the appointment was made, the Italian government was made acquainted with Great Britain's intention, and also that such missions, either temporary or permanent, do not run counter to the Italian Law of Guarantees, which defines the rights and privileges of the Vatican.

IN THE COURTS

In Chambers

Mr. Justice McKeown yesterday appointed Messrs. T. H. Somerville, J. Roy Campbell and Paul Blanchet, permanent liquidators of the Quebec and St. John Construction Company, at the request of Attorney-General Baxter, who less than twenty-four hours after having been sworn in, thus appeared in court in his official capacity. It was agreed that all action regarding the winding up of the company will stand over until the 15th of January, to enable him to look into affairs.

M. G. Teed appeared for the petitioners and A. H. Hanington for the provisional liquidator, Mr. Somerville.

ENEMY'S ATTACKS ALL REPULSED, PETROGRAD OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS

Complete Lull Along Whole Front on Left Bank of Vistula Follows Unsuccessful Attacks of Austro-Germans — Rearrangement of Positions of Army to Meet Reinforced Enemy — Offensive Checked in West Galicia.

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army was made public tonight:

"On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull on nearly all of the front has replaced the attacks made by the enemy in the course of the past few days. All of these attacks were repulsed."

"In connection with the advance of part of our troops towards the Bzura river (Russiand Poland) and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to re-arrange the positions of some of our armies."

"We checked the offensive of the enemy yesterday in Western Galicia. On the front between Sanok and Lisko we have succeeded in our offensive. In this region we have captured three thousand prisoners, several guns and quick-firers."

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent says:

"Russian reinforcements are pouring to the front in Poland and the issue in the fighting west of Warsaw depends upon which side can fling the largest weight in numbers into the battle line."

PREMIER BORDEN BY-ELECTION IN CARLETON CO. AT HALIFAX

Addresses Canadian Club—Emphasized Splendid Response Canada is Making to Empire's Call.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—The part that Canada has played and is playing in the Empire's struggle was told at the School for the Blind tonight by Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister, who delivered an address under the auspices of the Canadian Club of Halifax.

Sir Robert reviewed the work which had been accomplished by the government since the outbreak of the war, emphasized the splendid response which had been made in the Dominion to the call to arms, and demonstrated the unity of spirit that actuated all Canadians and in fact the whole Empire. So far as we in Canada were concerned, we were peace-loving, travelling in the paths of peace.

With the German people, whose admirable qualities we acknowledged, and who had stood in the forefront of civilization, Canada's quarrel was not lasting. It was the military oligarchy of Prussia that must be crushed and until that end was accomplished Canada would not cease.

The Prime Minister said that he was in a position to give assurance that the success of the allied arms up to the present time was all and more than all that had been anticipated by Great Britain and France.

PROTEST AGAINST CENSORSHIP IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 18.—An energetic protest against the press censorship was made at a meeting today of deputies and senators who are journalists. The meeting drafted a formal statement of objections to the censorship, which is to be handed to the Minister of Justice, Aristide Briand, as president of the Council of State.

A committee of journalists was formed, headed by Georges Clemenceau, former premier. Associated with him are Stephen Pinchon, former minister of foreign affairs; Jean Duryu and Admiral Bienaimé.

BY-ELECTION IN CARLETON CO. AT HALIFAX

Grits Have Small Hope and No Move Yet to Find Victim to Oppose Conservative Candidate.

Special to The Standard

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 18.—The thirty-seventh annual session of the Teachers' Institute for the counties of Carleton and Victoria closed this afternoon. Much business of importance was transacted. The next year's session will be in Grand Falls.

The officers were elected as follows: P. C. Squires, president; Miss Bess Fraser, vice-president; Walter S. Daley, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. M. I. F. Carvell, assistant secretary; additional members of the executive, A. D. Jonah, Miss Mildred Wallace, Dow White.

The proclamation for the by-election in Carleton county reached here today. The date has been fixed for January 7th, 1915, with nomination day on December 31st next. The members of the government party have already held their nomination convention and have selected as a candidate B. F. Smith, whose nomination is equivalent to his election.

Up to tonight there has been no move made by the opposition party towards calling a convention for the nomination of a candidate and those who know their weakness in this county, which is not generally known throughout the province, expect Mr. Smith's election by acclamation.

LIMITED MORATORIUM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 18.—Announcement was made by Hon. W. J. Bowser at a large Conservative smoker last night that the government proposed at the coming session of the provincial legislature to pass legislation providing for a limited moratorium. It will apply only to over real estate payment for it is not the government's intention to interfere with ordinary contracts.

FELL THROUGH HOLE IN ICE AND DROWNED

Richibucto Young Man Has Tragic Ending — Leaves Bride of a Few Months.

Richibucto, N. B., Dec. 18.—Mrs. R. A. de Oloqui has gone to New York to spend the winter with her daughters, Misses Helena and Augusta. Another daughter, Dr. M. J. de Oloqui, of Rogersville, spent Sunday with her mother here. Miss Marie has gone to St. Louis convent. W. S. Gale of Newcastle was a visitor here last week. Mrs. John Murray of Moncton was a recent visitor to friends here and at South Branch. A business meeting of the Red Cross Society took place yesterday in the public hall and was largely attended. The sum of \$50 was sent to the head office at Toronto to buy hospital supplies for the soldiers. The society will not meet again until after Christmas when work will be resumed. A sad drowning accident occurred at Richibucto Village during Tuesday's gale. A young man named Alderic Leger while cutting a hole for smelt fishing fell in and was drowned. The body was recovered the following day. He leaves a bride of a few months.

RED MEN OF CANADA RICHER BY 7 MILLIONS

Real and personal property valued at 16 1-2 Millions — Raised 400,000 more bushels of grain this year.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The annual report of the Indian Department shows that although the Indians of the northern regions of Canada, who depend on hunting are suffering from the effect of the war on the fur market, and have to be aided by the government, the Indians of the Dominion on the whole have made considerable progress during the last year. They raised 400,000 bushels of grain more than the year before and their agricultural products were worth \$208,000 more, the total being \$1,856,000. The total value of real and personal property owned by the Indians is \$46,500,000, an increase of \$7,292,000 for the year. The Indian population is given as 100,000 or 2,716 less than last year though it is impossible to take an accurate census.

DISCUSS THE EFFECT OF SHELL FIRE ON LINER WHICH WAS NEARLY SUNK BY MINE

Medical Journals studying extraordinary manner in which modern explosives affect victims.

London, Dec. 6 (correspondence of the Associated Press)—The extraordinary effects of shell fire upon those who are forced to undergo it, are being discussed at length in the British medical journals. An English surgeon now attached to a Paris hospital reports the cases of four men who show absolutely no trace of bodily wounds, but who are now under his care. Two of them were struck dead and dumb by shell explosions; neither of them has anything wrong with his organs of speech or hearing, but is suffering simply from shock. A third cannot see, owing to a nervous shock. There is nothing the matter with his eyes and complete recovery is promised after a period of quiet and rest. Field surgeons contributed accounts of the manner in which death comes from shell fire. In some cases men are found stiff in death in life-like attitudes, so that the stiffness characteristic of a corpse must have come on at the very moment of death.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR TREASON ANNULLED BY APPEAL COURT

Quash conviction of Nicholas Ahlers, naturalized Englishman, charged with helping German reservists to get home.

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How to Get Pure Cream of Tartar at a Low Cost


Royal Baking Powder is made of pure cream of tartar. Its price has not been advanced. Its use will give better results and guard against the danger of improper substitutes.

Home for Burial. The body of Major George Dennison, R. E., whose death took place in Saskatchewan last Saturday, passed through the city yesterday morning en route for Dublin, Ireland, accompanied by Percival Dennison, also of Saskatchewan. The Druggists Are Agreed that the most reliable Corn and Wart remover, is Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, which has been used with universal satisfaction for more than thirty years. We recommend "Putnam's."

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Ladies' Hand Bags, Purses and Card Cases. Children's Purses and Hand Bags. Ladies' Leather and Elastic Belts. Apron Lengths. Fancy Hair Combs. Bandeaux and Hat Pins. Needle Cases. Silver Thimbles. Waist Lengths in Novelty Wash Fabrics, Bedroom Slippers and Moccasins. Slipper Soles. Lengths of Black and Colored Dress Goods. Blankets for Bath and Dressing Gowns, Embroidered Waist Patterns. Embroidered Corset Covers. Gilt, Silver and Beaded Bags. Ladies' Fitted Cases, Fans. Linen Centre Pieces. Lace Centre Pieces. Battenburg Centre Pieces. Children's Bibs and Feeders. Cutlery Baskets. Silled Linen Baskets. Ladies' and Children's Mufflers. Ladies' Motor Vests. Silk Hosiery. Corsage Bouquets. Silk Work Bags. Hat Pins. Barrettes. Side and Back Combs. Tortoise Shell Hair Pins. Bandeaux.

GIFTS IN CHRISTMAS SHOW ROOM

BRASSWARE in Umbrella Stands, Jardiniere, Serving Trays, Smokers Sets, Candelsticks, Trinket Boxes, Plate Stands, Vases, Writing Sets, etc. SILVER-PLATED WARE in Jewel Cases, Trinket Boxes, Pin Boxes. Hair Receivers, Puff Boxes, Sugar and Cream Sets, Bonbon Dishes, Cake Baskets, Salt and Pepper Sets, Sugar Sifters, Leaf Sugar Holders, Cracker Trays, Egg Holders, Spoon Trays, Syrup Jugs, Jelly Dishes, Vases, Candle sticks, Hotwater Jugs, Extra Dishes, Bean Jars, Casseroles, also a full assortment of Flatware.

SILVER DEPOSIT WARE in Sugar and Cream Sets, Candelsticks, Sand-tray with Plates, Tea Stands, Vases, Perfume, Bottles, Sherbet Glasses, etc. IMITATION TORTOISE SHELL NOVELTIES in Brushes, Manicure Trays, Brush and Comb Trays, Shoe Horns, Tooth Brush Holders, Soap Boxes, Perfume Bottle Holders, Collar Boxes, Pin Boxes, Mantel and Deck Clocks.

PARISIAN IVORY NOVELTIES in Trinket Boxes, Mirrors, Vanity Cases, Perfume Cabinets, Jewel Cases, Pin Boxes, Mantel and Deck Clocks, Sponge Boxes, etc.

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Mink Stoles and Muffs; Persian Lamb Stoles; Ties and Muffs; Persian Ties, Stoles and Muffs; Grey Squirrel Throws and Muffs; Black Fox Stoles and Muffs; Black Wolf Stoles and Muffs; Ermine Ties and Muffs; Black Marten Stoles and Muffs; Raccoon Stoles and Muffs; Children's White Thibet Sets; Children's White Coney Coats; Children's Blue Coney Coats; Children's White Goat Sleigh Robes; Ladies' Persian Lamb Coats; Hudson Seal Coats; Electric Seal Coats; Muskrat Coats.

Gifts in Clothing Department

FOR MEN	FOR BOYS
Overcoats \$10.00 to \$47.50	Boys' Two-Piece Suits 3.25 to 10.00
Suits 10.00 to 30.00	Boys' Three-Piece Suits 3.75 to 13.00
Reefers 5.50 to 9.00	Boys' Russian Suits . 3.25 to 9.00
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Mackinaw Coats 7.50 to 10.00	Boys' Fancy Overcoats 3.50 to 8.50
Smoking Jackets 5.50 to 15.00	Boys' Regular Overcoats 5.25 to 13.50
Dressing Gowns 6.00 to 19.00	Boys' Bath Robes 4.25 to 5.75
Bath Robes 4.50 to 5.75	Boys' Hockey Caps and Toques 35c. to 75c.
Fur Lined Coats 20.00 to 93.00	Boys' Grey Lamb Caps and Tams 3.00 to 4.50
Fur Coats 20.00 to 100.00	Children's Be-Feep Bath Robes 3.50
Fur Caps 1.50 to 27.00	Boys' Rubber Coats 3.65
Fur Collars 3.00 to 15.00	Boys' Waterproof Coats 5.75
Fur Gloves (Gauntlet) 6.75 to 21.00	Play Suits, Rough Rider, Cowboy and Indian in a variety of styles and prices.

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Music Cabinets; Tabourettes; Parlor Tables in oak and imitation Mahogany; Plate Racks; Adjustable Shaving Mirrors; Scrap Baskets; Umbrella Stands; Folding Card Tables; Writing Tables; Sectional Book Cases; Dinner Gongs; Fern Stands; Mahogany Serving Trays; Tea Tables in Rattan; Tea Tables in Mahogany; Desk Chairs; Smokers' Cabinets.

Ceilingettes; Hassocks; Men's Foot Rests; Christmas Tree Holders; Mahogany Stands; M. R. A. High Grade Sewing Machines; Kitchen Cabinets; Gramophone Cabinets; Bedroom Box Seats; Bathroom Mirrors; Mahogany and Rattan Curates; Duet Benches; Piano Stools; Piano Chairs; Sofa Beds; Dining Room Side Tables; Plant Stands; Dressing Tables; Dressing Table Stools; Wire Seat Divans; Leather Easy Chairs; Revolving Office Chairs; Students' Chairs.

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Satin Damask Dinner Cloths, all sizes, with Napkins to match; Irish Hand Embroidered Linens; Japanese Hand Drawn Work; Hemstitched and Embroidered Toilet Sets; Embroidered Linen Pillow Cases; Hemstitched Table Cloths with Napkins to match; Damask Embroidered and Fancy Towels; Damask Lunch Cloths; Lunch Cloths in Embroidered and Hand drawn work; Plain Hemstitched Linens in every suitable size, for home embroidering; Embroidered and Hand Drawn Bedspreads; Bedspreads in satin finish and honeycomb effect; Satin Damask Dinner Cloths in all sizes with Napkins to match.

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News Of The Churches

PRESBYTERIAN

The Presbyterian congregations of the city will unite in public worship on the morning of Christmas Day in St. Andrew's church. Dr. J. A. Morrison will be the preacher.

Progress is being made by the program committee in connection with the New Year's Day rally of the Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools of the city. The service is to be held in St. John Presbyterian church and will have many interesting features.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill of St. John expects to spend the Christmas season at Mrs. McCaskill's former home in Fort Kent, Me.

The induction of Rev. E. Mowatt to the pastoral charge of Chipman, N. B. will take place in the Presbyterian church there Dec. 29. Dr. W. H. Smith of Fredericton will preside and induct Rev. E. Mowatt, of St. John will be the minister and Rev. T. P. Drumm of Moncton the congregation.

Rev. L. A. MacLean, formerly of Calvin church, St. John, was on Dec. 1 elected moderator of the Presbyterian Association at their recent meeting in October. By virtue of his pastorate of the federated Presbyterian-Congregational church in Danville, P. Q., Mr. MacLean enjoys the unique distinction of being eligible for the moderator's chair in all the courts both of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches.

Rev. P. A. Robinson, associate secretary of Assembly's Board of Social Service and Evangelism, has written a book entitled "Trail Tales of Western Canada." It has just been issued from the press, and in the words of Ralph Connor who writes the introduction, "is made up of human documents of surpassing interest. It tells in simple and vivid style the story always fascinating and thrilling, of the triumph of the Gospel in thousands of men."

Rev. H. J. Fraser, formerly of Loggieville, N. B., now of Summerside, P. E. I., gave a special course of lectures to the students of Halifax Presbyterian College last week on "Evangelicalism, Past and Present."

Rev. A. MacMillan, late of Mimico, Ont., now of Toronto, secretary of Assembly's Committee on Church Praise, expects to devote the greater part of the month of January in Nova Scotia. He will give a course of lectures to the students in Pine Hill on Hymnology, and will also address several congregations in some of the provincial centres on one or other of the many aspects of Church Praise. He has already given a course of lectures to the students of Queen's College, Kingston. From Nova Scotia he will go to Montreal College, and then to Knox College, Toronto.

The late Rev. Edward Roberts, the death occurred in St. John, N. B., on Tuesday, Dec. 15, of Rev. Edward Roberts, for many years a retired minister of the Presbyterian church in Canada. He had attained the advanced age of ninety-two years. Born in Wales in 1822, he was educated in the schools and colleges of his native country. Ordained to the ministry, he gave several years of service in the Presbyterian church in Wales before coming to Canada about

BAPTIST

How thorough has been the blending of the two branches of the Baptist family of the Maritime Provinces, illustrated by one fact connected with the ministry. No less than twelve young ministers trained in Free Baptist homes and churches in New Brunswick are now, or have been serving former Baptist churches in Nova Scotia. These are Revs. M. H. MacMahon, of Hantsport; Merritt L. Gregg and George F. Bolster, Halifax; F. Clark Hartley, Truro; Douglas G. Milburn, Parrsboro; J. Clement Wilson, New Glasgow; F. G. Francis, Great Village; J. Harry Puddington, Pugwash. In addition to those three more have recently retired from pastoral service in Nova Scotia. Revs. Abner M. McNinch, George H. C. Kelstead and Clifford T. Clark. This is but a sample which shows how there is little or no thought in the churches of one antecedent in the calling of pastors.

Good progress is being made in many of the churches and mission fields in Western Canada. Broadway, Winnipeg, under Dr. A. T. Sowerby, has just dedicated a fine new edifice, the basement of which was built when Rev. J. W. Litch was pastor, six or seven years ago. The work at Emmanuel, under Rev. S. J. Arthur, and at the old First, under Rev. A. N. Marshall (another ubiquitous Blue nose) is also meeting with good success. Brandon First, led by Rev. E. Matthews, a son-in-law of the late Hon. John Dwyer of Ontario, is being most efficiently directed along lines calculated to realize the teaching and training function of the church. Dr. J. A. Gordon is the instructor of a large and flourishing adult class in the Bible school. In Edmonton First, Rev. F. W. Patterson recently concluded a series of special services as a result of which the life of the members has been greatly enriched and many others have been led to make the great decision. In Calgary

first, Rev. J. C. Sycamore is continuing to lead his people in activities marked by aggressiveness, sanity and strength. The same may be said of Dr. Parry's fine work at the First Church, Vancouver. Our own Litch and Waring are also rendering noble service at Fifth Avenue and Memorial in the great coast city. In many of the smaller centres as well as in rural communities, good progress is being recorded. Baptisms are reported in several cases and an every hand is being expressed a general deepening of interest in the serious things of life and especially in the Christian evangel.

On the dark clouds of war there are frequent gleams of light which bear testimony to the presence of the Prince of Peace. While He sees the progress of that work by which the destroyer shall at length be destroyed. He comes as the Saviour to those who seek Him. He gives joy to those who obey Him. An instance of this is given in a British exchange, which says: "On Sunday afternoon last, a unique service took place at one of the military camps, when three of the soldiers training for the front were baptized in a river adjoining. By coincidence, all the men baptized were Scotchmen, although each man came from a different town. There were a number of spectators, many of whom were soldiers. Several of them were bathing in the river; but as soon as they learned what was about to take place, they without any suggestion on the part of the chaplain, stepped into the water, and were baptized. After a short meeting, followed by a few words explanatory of the ordinance, the men were baptized."

Conscientious parents and pastors and professors often have experiences which show them the importance of knowing the facts before expressing their disapproval. What seems to be a dire perversion may be the effect of a sad calamity. Firmness and sternness may be the greatest cruelty to those whose condition requires kindness and sympathy. More than once has a noted preacher told of a "professor who called upon a student to stand up and 'confess.' Hold your book in the other hand, said the professor. The student went on reading, apparently paying no heed. 'Do you hear me, sir?' The student ceased reading, still holding the book as before, but now having his head cast down. 'Sir!' shouted the professor. Whereupon the student raised his right arm—from which the hand had been cut off! It is said that the professor did all that a man could do who has done an irreparable thing. He rushed from his desk, and going down on his knees before that maimed lad, in the sight of all the class, pleaded, 'Will you ever be able to forgive me?'

Recently we heard a niggardly and covetous man who possesses much of this world's goods bemoaning the fact that the churches are wasting too much money in beautifying the Lord's house. He lives in a palace, which his family forced him to purchase, but he begrudges the money that his church spends in making the house of worship attractive. In the world's history only one house of worship has been built under the direct superintendency of God, and that was a building of matchless splendor! No sensible man believes in waste, but surely the house in which we worship

CENTENARY CHURCH

Sunday, 20th, morning. Duet—"Love Divine"..... Stainer. Mrs. Crockett and Mr. Skilton. Anthem—"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"—Garrett. Chant 4. Evening "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Obligato, Mrs. Crockett). "Blessed Be the Lord God"—Barbary. Chant 5.

London, Ontario. Centennial Church, London, has been celebrating the completion of improvements in the church property to the extent of \$30,000. In the summer of 1874 the first religious service was held in this immediate neighborhood. It was an open-air meeting, held under the shelter of the spreading pines. Meetings of this nature were continued until the cool weather, when cottage prayer services took their place. It soon became evident that a place of worship was needed, and in 1875 a little frame Methodist church was dedicated to the worship of God. This building was altered and enlarged a number of times, and served the needs of this community until 1892, when it was replaced with a splendid brick structure and named the Centennial Methodist Church.

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Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa, until noon on Friday, 26th February, 1915, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 18 times per week each way between Tracey Station and C.P.R. Station, from the 1st April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Tracey Station and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

N. R. COLTER, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Inspector's Office, St. John, N. B., Dec. 17th, 1914.

PUBLIC NOTICE. THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, hereby give notice, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the East side of the Bay, River and Harbor, heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, and also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to run on the 15th day of December, 1915.

Dated the 17th day of December, 1914. JAMES V. RUSSELL, JAMES H. FRINK, HARRY R. McLELLAN, RUPERT W. WIGMORE, FRANK L. POTTS.

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN Orders By MAJOR W. H. HARRISON, Commanding. St. John, N. B., Dec. 17, 1914. 1. Special parades of Headquarters and No. 1 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column will be held at the Armoury Saturday morning, 19th instant, at 9.30 o'clock, and on the afternoon of that day at the same place at 3 o'clock. All officers, N. C. O.'s and men must be present.

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London, Dec. 16.—A from an authority here oportunities confronting B may not be out of place though the moment may for the launching of new the institution of forei etc., yet, in view of the in overcoming of Nat settling necessary and tails, this gentleman co it is desirable to be v beforehand. Of course, idea, underlying the big English banks is the of assisting home trade most extent and of conce on home business. But ment has been reached conditions restored, the again desire to secure a of the business further owing to the present e German and Austrian they will be in a much to accomplish. In additi the British finance and stock banks will undou from the present trial v prestige and standing, the important element to b viz, that we are allied a large number of Nat of which anything Bri ceive "favorably consid gum, where the opportu fish banks surely the work of reconstruct ries of the country, an the Balkans, where roma in prosperity is confide ed in view of the mor Government policies not and the vast undevelo possessed are instances.

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OPPORTUNITIES OF BRITISH BANKS

Elimination of German and Austrian competition abroad when normal conditions are restored will open new fields.

London, Dec. 18.—A few words from an authority here upon the opportunities confronting British banks may not be out of place just now. Although the moment may not be ripe for the launching of new schemes of the institution of foreign branches, etc., yet, in view of the time occupied in overcoming initial difficulties and settling necessary and important details, this gentleman considers that it is desirable to be well prepared beforehand. Of course, just now the idea underlying the coming of the big English banks is the patriotic one of assisting home traders to the utmost extent and of concentrating more on home business. But once a settlement has been reached and normal conditions restored, the banks will again desire to secure a larger share of the business further afield, which, owing to the present elimination of German and Austrian competition, will be in a much better position to accomplish. In addition to the fact that British finance and the big joint-stock banks will undoubtedly emerge from the present trial with increased prestige and standing, there is another important element to be considered, viz., that we are allied in this way to a large number of nations, with all of which anything British will receive favorably consideration. Belgium, where the opportunities for English banks should surely be great in the work of reconstructing the industries of the country, and Russia and the Balkans, where remarkable growth in prosperity is confidently anticipated in view of the more enlightened government policies now inaugurated, and the vast undeveloped resources possessed are instances in point.

Established itself in Brussels.

Further German banks were increasingly prominent in many of these countries before the war—e. g., the Deutsche Bank had established itself in Brussels through the purchase of a local bank, while the Direction des Disconto-Gesellschaft were the controlling interests of an important Antwerp banking institution, and even should these enemy banks decide upon continuing their foreign branches and retaining their holding in their many allied institutions, recovery will be slow and difficult. Thus, the opening which the near future should present to English banks should be extensive, and German losses in the foreign field of finance can certainly be turned to our advantage if we are prepared to take the necessary steps at the proper time to secure the business. There will consequently, says the authority your correspondent is quoting, be large scope for promising banking men, many of whom have of late years left home institutions in favor of colonial and foreign appointments, owing to greater rapidity of promotion, and this is an important factor for banking employes which will bear consideration when weighing future prospects.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

(McDougal & Cowans.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Amal Cop.	54 1/2	55	53 1/2	54 1/2
Am Beet Sug	31	31	31	31
Am Car Ry	45	45	45	45
Am Loco	23	23	23	23
Am Smelt	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Anacosta	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Atchafalaya	93	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2
Am Can	25 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
Balt and O Co	69 1/2	70 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Brook Rap Tr	85 1/2	86 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Ches and Ohio	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Cons Gas	116	116	116	116
Can Pac	157 1/2	157 1/2	155 1/2	157 1/2
Erie Com	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2
Gen Nor Pfd	114 1/2	115 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2
Ill Cent	110	110	110	110
Lehigh Val	134 1/2	135 1/2	133 1/2	134 1/2
Miss Pac	9 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2
NY NH and H	55 1/2	56 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2
NY Cent	82 1/2	84 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2
Nor and West	101 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
Nor Pac	101 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	101 1/2
Pen	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Press Stl Car	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
U S Steel Com	143 1/2	144 1/2	142 1/2	143 1/2
St Paul	88	89 1/2	87 1/2	88
Sou Pac	85 1/2	86 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Sou Ry Com	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Un Pac Com	118 1/2	118 1/2	116 1/2	118 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	50 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
U S Rub Com	55 1/2	55 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2
Westing Elec	67	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2

FIVE P. C. ADVANCE IN FREIGHT RATES OF EASTERN ROADS

New York, Dec. 18.—Prior to the announcement made shortly before mid-day that the Interstate Commerce Commission had granted a restricted five per cent. freight advance to the eastern railroads, the stock market was drooping at a pace which strongly suggested liquidation. In the brief period between the opening of the market and the publication of a summary of the decision prices crumbled two to three points and were four to six points under the high level reached on Tuesday, when open trading in the entire list was re-established.

Some shares were within a few points of the minimum prices and several issues were declining for lack of support. What made the movement more noteworthy was the fact that it took very little stock to effect the declines. The average transaction at that time was in 100 and 200 shares, with losses between sales extending to half a point or more.

Although early advices respecting the decision were somewhat misleading, they were of a nature to indicate that many of the more important demands of the railroads had been granted. This was sufficient to precipitate a hasty covering movement by the bears and induced some long buying, which not only obliterated all early losses but restored the average of prices well above the previous day. Realizing in the final hour caused another slating of values, with few net changes at the end.

By students of the railway situation, the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission was regarded as a victory for the roads, although its importance was nullified in large part, it was said, by the failure to include coal, coke and iron ore, in the list of commodities entitled to higher rates. Most of the eastern railroads derive a large part of their tonnage from these products, in some cases the percentage running almost up to seventy per cent.

Time money was easier, the rate for all rates being reduced to four per cent. Large amounts of call money were placed at three per cent. The local Federal Reserve Bank followed the lead of similar institutions elsewhere by lowering its discount rates.

Bonds were heavy at the outset, but recovered with stocks. Total sales, par value, \$1,392,000.

United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

DEMAND GREATLY ABOVE SUPPLY

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Sharp advances at Liverpool and the continuance of lively demand here from foreigners gave fresh strength today to wheat. Local receivers complained that inability to get cash wheat from the country was checking business. At Liverpool the demand was said to exceed the supply with Argentine offerings very small. Opening prices which ranged from 95 to 98 1/2 up, were followed by a slight reaction and then by a rise to a higher level than before.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Wheat, No. 2 red, 1.21 1/2 @ 1.21 3/4; No. 2 hard, 1.20 1/2 @ 1.21 1/2.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 65 @ 65 1/2; No. 3 yellow, 64 1/2 @ 65.

Oats—No. 3 white, 49 @ 49 1/2; standard, 49 1/2 @ 50.

Rye—No. 2, 1.10.

Barley—61 @ 70.

Timothy—4.75 @ 5.00.

Clover—12.50 @ 14.50.

Pork—16.50; lard, 10.12 1/2; ribs, 9.37 1/2 @ 10.12 1/2.

Wheat

Dec.	121 1/4	120	120 1/2
May	124 1/2	123 1/4	123 1/2
July	117 1/8	116 1/4	116 5/8

Corn

Dec.	64 1/2	64 1/8	64 1/8
May	70 1/4	70 1/2	69 7/8
July	71 1/4	71 1/4	70 3/4

Oats

Dec.	48 5/8	48 1/2	48 1/2
May	52 5/8	52 5/8	52 1/4

Pork

Dec.	18 5/8	18 5/8	18 5/8
Jan.	22	20	20

THE HEWSON PURE WOOL COMPANY

Resolution by shareholders that another Company be formed to take over present business.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 16.—A resolution has been adopted at a meeting of the shareholders of the Hewson Pure Wool Company that another company should be formed to take over the present business.

Capital would provide for the issue of \$350,000 debenture shares to take the place of the present bonds, and \$250,000 of preferred stock to take the place of the present preferred shares.

The old common is to be thrown out, but 6,000 shares of a par value of \$1 will be issued, one share of which will be granted as a bonus for each \$100 debenture or \$100 of preferred stock. In order to provide working capital a bond issue of \$150,000 will be made to take precedence over all other securities.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.



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CHAS. H. HARVEY
Agent Marine & Fisheries Dept.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the light on the Brazil Rock gas and whistling buoy has been reported not burning. Will be relighted soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,
Agent Marine & Fisheries,
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16, 1914

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice is hereby given that Peases Island bell buoy is reported adrift. Will be replaced soon as possible.

J. C. CHESLEY,
Agent Marine & Fisheries Dept.
St. John, N. B., Dec. 18, 1914

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New Moon, 16th 10h. 35m. p.m.
First Quarter, 24th 4h. 25m. a.m.

Rockland—Arr Dec. 16, schr Lavinia M. Snow, Boston; Evie B. Hall, do; 18, Dec. 16, schr Methewese, New York; John G. Walter, do; Charles C. Lister, do; B. B. Hardwick, Annapolis, N. S.; Silver Spray, Plymouth, Mass. Vineyard Haven—Sld Dec. 16, schr John D. Colwell, Boston; Wawenock, do; Daniel Bailey, do; Exilda, St. John N. B.; Harold B. Cousins, do; Willie L. Maxwell, Lubec; Jost, Halifax; James Williams, do; Jessie Ashley, Moncton, N. B.; Rebecca G. Whidden, Calais; Lewis K. Costingham, Rockland.

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The steamer Hocalaza arrived in port yesterday from — with coal and was quite badly coated with frozen sea water.

MADE GOOD RUN

The American schooner Harold B. Cousins, Capt. Gayton, arrived yesterday from New York, with coal. She made the run down in the quick time of fifty-two hours.

STEAMERS SAIL

The stmr. Sagmore of the Furness Line will sail for Halifax and London early this morning. She carries a large cargo of flour, grain, apples and breads. She will complete her consignment of apples at Halifax.

The steamer Elalie will sail for St. John today with a cargo of hay and oats.

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Sailed

Stmr. St. George, Cardiff, for Halifax.

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Barbadoes—Arr Nov. 29, schr Canada, Pernambuco.
Sld Nov. 28, schr Ida M. Zinck, Turk's Island.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1914.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The convention held in Amherst on Thursday will, it is hoped and believed, prove the inception of a movement of mighty possibilities. One could not but be impressed with the usefulness of co-operation manifested by every man contributing to the excellent programme of the day, as well as the earnestness with which all were prepared to grapple with the problems before them. While conditions, at present, may not be most auspicious for a notable trade development in these provinces or anywhere else, the very fact that such a convention was possible affords an excellent indication of the trend of men's minds. Had it been suggested ten years ago that representative business men, and, at this season of the year, busy men, should take more than a day of their time to journey to Amherst, and bear their own expenses, all for the purpose of participating in a convention, the purpose of which was to discuss what could be done to make these provinces more prosperous and which represented no immediate return to the individual for the time and money spent, the suggestion would have met with but a very indifferent response. Yet in Amherst on Thursday more than 200 men from all parts of the provinces assembled and gave their best attention to a consideration of such questions. And they profited by it. Their point of view was broadened; they were taken out of the groove of their own office or factory and given a chance to learn what the other fellow is doing, or hopes to do, and from the interchange of experiences and opinions comes the feeling that, after all, the Maritime Provinces are worthy of the faith and confidence of the men doing business in them.

Out of all the wealth of admirable ideas, crystallized into terse, interesting addresses, two main thoughts grew. One was that to have a prosperous community there must be co-operation one with another, and the other that the prime need of these provinces at present is the devising of ways and means to keep our potential "big men" with us. Instances were cited of Maritime Provinces men who had left their homes and gone to the larger cities of the United States or Canada and there made for themselves a fame and fortune which exceeded their most optimistic hopes. Naturally, in the consideration of such cases, the question arose as to whether expenditure of similar ability and application would not have produced equally good results in the home field, and there were few to say it would not.

It was felt that in the departure of bright young men from these provinces to other, possibly, brighter fields of endeavor, the provinces had sustained a distinct loss which could not easily be overcome, and it was tacitly agreed that the chief problem for the future would be not only to attract young men to our farm lands and our towns, but to keep with us the young men now here.

After all, the chief asset of a country is not found in its wealth of timber resources, nor its mines or manufactures, but in its men. Wealth of resource will count for little unless men are available to develop and exploit it. The best agricultural land will not produce until it has been cultivated and planted; the richest mines will not add to the store of the world's wealth unless human ingenuity is applied to bring to the surface and make of commercial value the treasure provided by nature.

At the present time these provinces are devoting considerable sums in the direction of educating young men and women for the places they must fill in after life. They are educated in the admirable schools and technical institutions already existing, and, after completing their education, depart to other fields to apply what they have learned here—and largely at the public expense. Thus to all intents and purposes, we lose the benefit of the training and ability of the young men whom we have helped to train.

Those who go away are not to be blamed, for it is the inalienable right of every man or woman to dispose of his or her labor in the market which offers the best return. The fault in the past has been with the provinces in not providing better and more plentiful opportunities for our young people. Of course it is impossible to prevent migration from one country to another, but as those who migrate usually do so in search of the larger chance, it is just as well to

take steps as far as possible in the direction of providing that chance at home. That it has not existed hitherto is largely due to the lack of faith on the part of the men of these provinces. Business men have been found willing to invest their money in unimproved western real estate of which they knew nothing, in mining or similar development propositions located in foreign countries, of which they were equally uninformed. They lacked knowledge but possessed faith, else the investments would not have been made. The same faith applied to industries or legitimate development plans located in the Maritime Provinces would not only have led to investments equally profitable, but would have increased the industries and the prosperity of these provinces and provided additional opportunities for the trained young men and women of whose departure we are inclined to complain. In that there is a lesson for the future which should compel attention, if the forward movement launched on Thursday has no other effect than to stimulate confidence of Maritime men in Maritime resources, it will have more than justified itself. There are many phases of the great Amherst gathering which will doubtless draw much discussion in the columns of the newspapers. For the present it is sufficient to say that our greatest need is faith in our country and ourselves. Given this all other things are possible; if the movement is pursued in that spirit there can be no doubt of its success.

THE WAR SITUATION.

The war news of the past forty-eight hours serves little purpose except to emphasize the stubbornness of the fighting being carried on on both the eastern and western battle fronts. It had been hoped that the Russian movements in the east would have resulted in decisive victory, but while Petrograd is silent on the developments of the past day or two, Berlin claims, even when largely discounted, as all such claims must be, leave much room for doubt that the Czar's armies are able to attempt an early invasion of Germany. Retirements on several points of the Russian line were, it is stated, for "strategic reasons." What these reasons may be, is, of course, not apparent to the lay mind, but even the veriest layman can see that the Russians are further from their goal now than a week ago, and from this it is evident that the decisive stage of that campaign has not been reached, and may not arrive for some weeks.

On the western front the Allies appear to be gaining ground. Yesterday's operations are reported to have resulted in a net gain of two miles and the fighting there seems to be as desperate as ever. Reinforcements have reached the French army, while German attacks at some points are declared to have lost much of their force.

There is keen interest in prospective naval developments, for it is the opinion of British experts that the recent German raid on east coast towns will not be permitted to remain long unavenged, and that a decisive move on the part of the great naval forces of the Allies is reasonably near at hand. There does not appear to be much foundation for the rumors that German war vessels have escaped into the Atlantic, and even if they were successful in getting past the British lines it is thought they could not do much damage before being disposed of. Such raids as that on Hartlepool and Scarborough, while causing loss of life and damage to property, cannot be regarded as having any effect upon the war except to arouse a spirit of angry resentment on the part of the British people, which is likely eventually to act to the grave disadvantage of Germany.

It is one thing to successfully conduct a desperate foray on a part of England's coast which, as far as can be learned, is not particularly strongly defended, and quite another to meet the might of the British navy in a decisive fight. Until Germany has done that and come out victorious, there is little or no cause for apprehension or alarm. This war will be carried to a conclusion along lines long ago laid down by the masters in charge of the operations of the Allies. Temporary successes by the enemy may tend to prolong it, to increase its horrors and its cost in blood and treasure, but that there can be any result save that of triumphant victory for Britain is not yet shown to be possible.

Robinson Redivivus.

The Dubious Dreams of the Doleful Dumps.

(4th Spasm.) The New Leader. Cease, chorus, cease, and let us quickly hear. What is the message that the master bears. Perchance his inspiration we can share And purge our souls of these disturbing fears.

With purpose high, oft have I sat alone Pondering what alchemy would serve our need. My anxious spirit in each mystic zone Has sought the spell I have but deemed—My need.

But though from many former scribbles freed, A guiding star within the gloom I seek—In vain I implore the powers—they will not heed—Perhaps it is because my faith's so weak.

The Master (Pugsley). But I have kept the vigil, brooded long, And inspiration coming to my aid, My mighty mind has reared a platform strong—The grandest platform that was ever made. Grieve not because our party's nearly dead, I have a magic mixture brewed at last, Soon will I raise it from its dying bed, Vigorous and bold as in its glorious past.

The New Leader. A strange unwonted hope within me glows, What is the magic that the Master knows? His viking visage with new ardor glows, My heart's thrill, He's gone—to blow his nose.

The Master. I've burned much oil at midnight to acquire That uncanny manner which has brought me fame, And learn those arts wherewith I do inspire. That confidence which from you all I claim.

Chorus. The Master claims our confidence, And surely he has need, For you'll observe our reticence When he claims it as his need.

The Master. A heavy task, but I with purpose stern, Onward in spite of troubles sore have pressed, Spurred by the hope that I at last would learn, Why our grand party has been so distressed, And find the magic formula to turn The tide of fortune. Well, I have been blest, And I can give you that for which you yearn. A sign with which to conquer My best. You must obey if you would hope to earn. A place among the flesh pots when we're blessed With power.

Chorus. And now my chieftains gathered here, Warriors renowned, who ne'er knew shame or fear, Who lean on me as on no broken reed, What say you is our party's greatest need?

The Organizer. A great big bag of boodles.

Chorus. Hear, hear, HEAR. (To be continued.)

A CHRISTMAS LITANY. From the man who stands with face a yard or so in length and sadly cries: "This Christmas Day will be as hard and soggy as stale cook-school pies;" from maiden aunts who send us socks when we would fain have cigarettes; from ninety-eight cent gilded clocks; from bargain-counter statuettes; from the lugubrious lubber who declares this war will silver us, and from the Christmas necktie, too.

Good Santa Claus deliver us! From photo albums made of plush; from Yuletide stuff that artists do; from the last-minute Christmas rush and from the Christmas poem, too; and from the man who sends cigars he saved from Christmas Nineteen-Four; and from the man who talks of Mars, and battle-fields, and nothing more—He does his best the day to mar; why should he shake and shiver thus?—and from the painted calendar! Good Santa Claus deliver us! From office boys as good as gold who tell us Christmas draweth nigh; from sticky candy, and from cold, and from cigars that women buy; from worsted slippers, and from jars, hand-painted in pale, sickly hues; from men who give their wives new cars, and brag of how they spent their kate—Why should the wealthy giver fume?—Oh, from his weary, ceaseless tale.

Good Santa Claus deliver us! From men who tell the younger brood that Santa, you are just a fake; from ginger ale when we're in mood some real old Yuletide cheer to take; from those who tell us Christmas time is just a worriment to man, and from the Christmas post-card crime, and from plum-pudding in a can; from men who eat until they see like unto beasts

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

Me and pop and ma and my sister Gladis was awl in the setting room last nite, me trying to stand awn my bed awn a cushion agenset the wall and pop smoking and reading and ma and Gladis just reading, an pop sed, Famerly, attenahin, the hed of the house is about to make an announcement.

Sounds as if you are thinking about saying something else, sed ma. Far from it, as the beginner sed about the noo massicks step, sed pop, I meerly wish to amounts that as times are hard owing to the war in Yewrup and the reverlocashin in Mexico and the situayshin heer at home, I wood be mutch obliged if the esteemed and valued membirs of this famerly wood go easy this year in thare suggestions for Krismasus presents.

O, is that awl, sed ma, well I for wun wasent going to ask for mutch this year. Well, thares mutch and thares mutch, sed pop, for instants, wats a meaz for a French poodle woodent be mutch for a elephant. Wich wun are you humparing me in, pref, sed ma.

Neethr, a meaz figure of speck, sed pop. I wasent going to ask for mutch, goodniss noz, sed Gladis, awl I was going to ask for was jest a set of otter furs. Thats the most expensive kind, I sent it, sed pop. Serteyn noz, sed Gladis, thares 2 or 3 kinds moaz expensive than that, sed Gladis.

Thats nice, sed pop, its awlways a consolation to no thares sumthing in the stoar moaz expensive than wat yure taking out. I was going to ask you for a sealskin coat, you woodent call that verry mutch, wood you, sed ma.

No, I can think of sevrril things that cost moaz than that, sed pop. Mersy, I shoog say so, sed ma. I was only going to ask for a set of eleashtick tranes and a pare of high boots and a dollie sled and sum ice skates, pop, I sed still trying to stand awn my bed awn the cushion.

My mind is mutch relieved, sed pop, I was awl prepared to haff to rits out checks for a grand piano, a 13 cylindr car, a cuppl of saddle horses and maybe a 2nd hand battilship for Benny, my mind is mutch relieved. Proberly meeting it wassent.

Club for the soldiers at the army, at Partridge Island, members of the Army Service Corps on the West Side and the company for home defence. More turkeys, however, will be needed, and also a good supply of cranberry sauce. Friends please send turkeys (dressed and stuffed if possible), puddings and all supplies to Mrs. Powell's residence, 29 Queen street, early on Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd.

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A Letter from Santa Claus to the Children of Saint John:

The North Pole, December 1, 1914.

To the Children of St. John,
Care of The St. John Standard.

My Dear Children:

Dear me, but this warm weather, is going to be hard on your old friend this year, but I am surely going to see you all anyway. I have decided that although I cannot get my faithful reindeers to pull all the good things that I will have for you on the dry ground, I will be there just the same and I will have to come on the train.

I will get into Saint John at about ten-forty Saturday morning and I want you all to be there to meet at the Union Depot. If your papa has an auto, please have him bring you in it, but meet me anyway.

If you can't meet me at the train be sure and see me at the Oak Hall Store at about Eleven o'clock, for I have a lot of Christmas buttons for you all.

Now, Dear Children, I can't write you any more now for I have to write lots of letters to the other children all over the world. So good bye until Saturday.

Yours,
Loving Santa.

P. S.—Be sure to meet me Saturday and get a button and I will tell you how to get your Christmas Money for just a little work and a lot of fun.

Santa.

CLOSING OF THE SCHOOLS

Usual exercises in Public Schools — Programmes of merit in all.

The annual closing exercises at the public schools for the Christmas holidays were marked by the usual ceremonies. At the High School Sir Frederic Barker addressed the scholars and their friends and the High School orchestra was in attendance to furnish music. R. B. Emerson, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, presided and the principal of the school, W. J. S. Myles introduced the participants in the programme. The first selection was by the High School orchestra, which was followed by a recitation, "The Tribute," by John Dunlop. The next number was an essay on "The Autobiography of a Mince Pie," by Miss Winifred Colwell.

A number of girls sang "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall" in chorus, and Miss Doris Corbett recited "The Searchlight," which was followed by a selection by the orchestra, and then an essay on Belgium by Edward Jennings. Charles O'Regan delivered a recitation on Earl Roberts and Miss Celia Amdur sang "Land of Hope and Glory."

The first prize to be presented, the Governor General's medal, was won by Bernard Haley, and the presentation was made by Mayor Frink. The alumnae medal was presented to Horace Wetmore by Dr. Donald C. Malcolm. The Portinghly Club prize was presented to Miss Mildred Wilson and Miss Muriel Seeley by Dr. H. C. Wetmore. A prize of books for the highest marks in Grade XI was presented to Miss Hilda Stevens by Mr. Emerson on behalf of the School Board. Rev. G. A. Kuhring presented the Ellis medal to Miss Marion Cruikshank. Sir Frederic Barker was next called upon and he spoke briefly. Dr. Thomas Walker presented the chairman's prize to Miss Lillian Peterson and Dr. Bridges presented the Lieutenant Governor's medal to Miss Frances Ryan.

At St. Vincent's school there were the usual exercises. The medals won by Miss Kathleen Stanton will be presented next July.

At St. Patrick's school C. B. Lockhart presented the G. S. Mayes medal to Miss Mary Kane. Those taking part in the programme were: Gerald Burns, Nigel Burns, L. Graham, P. Corymber, C. Murphy, C. Antille, James Tobin, John Tobin, James McLaughlin, Dan Keau, P. McNulty, J. McCausland, J. O'Brien, F. McManus, Vincent Haley.

At LaTour school the following took part in the programme: Gladys Treacartin, Mary Orr, Elsie Davis, Mary Green, Marion Williams, M. Spinney, B. Peer, Sophia Lee, Muriel Purdy, Emma Campbell, Una Wilson, Muriel Belyea, Pauline Lister, Marion Arlety.

The closing exercises of the Albert school yesterday morning took place in the assembly hall which was decorated with flags and bunting. The programme consisted of choruses, recitations and drills, were well executed by the pupils. A very happy and pleasing part of the programme was the presentation of the gold medal donated by G. S. Mayes to the pupil making the highest marks from the Albert school in the grade eight examinations. This year the prize was won by Miss Irene Taylor, and was presented by Mr. Mayes who complimented the young lady on her excellent showing and hoped the example would stimulate others to greater exertions.

Dr. Morison who was present expressed himself as greatly pleased with the exercises.

WILL SUPERVISE.
Ronald Edwards, one of the senior leaders of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium class, will supervise the classes in Leinster street Baptist church and also the work in the Bible group at the church during the coming winter. Regular class work, such as setting-up drills, group games and basketball will be in evidence. The young men are enthusiastic as to the prospects, and it is anticipated that Mr. Edwards will do good work.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Chosen at Board of Trade meeting yesterday morning — Code messages to West Indies.

The Council of the Board of Trade met at 11.30 o'clock yesterday, when the following chairmen of committees were chosen:

Industrial, Allan H. Wetmore.
Civic, W. F. Burditt.
Public utilities, J. Hunter White.
Trade and commerce, F. deL. Clements.
Traffic, Percy W. Thomson.
Ways and means, T. H. Estabrooks.
Legislation, J. M. Robinson.
Room, H. C. Schofield.

The Board of Trade recently took up with the Trade and Commerce Department a complaint that was made with respect to a discrimination against Canada in the matter of code messages to the British West Indies. The Deputy Minister has replied that organization was under way whereby code messages between Canada and the West Indies would be permitted.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

CITY LEAGUE.
The Sweeps took three points from the Braves on Black's alleys last night. The scores follow:

Sweeps.			
Ferguson	98	104	77
Jacilveen	84	106	107
Jenkins	85	76	105
Gambin	84	90	97
Sullivan	90	81	96
451 457 482 1390			

Braves.

McKeen	98	84	108
Logan	89	94	84
Black	77	85	98
Garvin	84	79	82
Ballie	110	100	107
458 442 473 1378			

R. McIlveen won the daily roll-off with a score of 118.

VICTORIA ALLEYS.
Yesterday afternoon the roll-off on the Victoria alleys was won by Roy McIlveen with a score of 132. Monday night teams Nos. 1 and 4 play in the five men league for first place.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING.
The senior bowling team met last night again for another match game. In this game Mr. Stevens and Mr. A. E. McGarity had a hot contest for the best of three games. Mr. Stevens' team appeared to be in very good trim and the result was a clean sweep for Mr. Stevens, taking the four points.

The other team was not without a hero. Mr. Richie captured the individual prize by bowling 98 in the second string. Following is the game:

Total Aver.	
B. Stevens	76 87 78 241 80-1-3
A. Estey	82 79 81 242 80-2-3
Peacock	77 86 91 254 82-3-3
A. G. Stevens	82 91 91 264 88
Ward	79 80 78 232 77-1-3
396 423 414 1233	
Total Aver.	
Richie	85 98 81 264 88
Stamers	79 70 73 222 74
McGarity	68 75 73 216 72
Callan	75 78 83 236 78-2-3
Folkins	68 69 91 228 76
375 390 401 1166	

Standing of League.

Won. Lost. P.C.	
A. G. Stevens	9 2 750
F. G. Bent	5 3 625
A. E. McGarity	4 4 500
G. Tapley	4 8 333
F. Parker	2 6 250

BASKET BALL.
The second game of the season in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Basketball League was played yesterday in the gym when Miss VanWart's team defeated Miss Harding's team by a score of 12 to 9. The following was the lineup:

R. F.	
Miss Love	Miss Leonard
L. F.	
Miss Shay	Miss VanWart
R. G.	
Miss Smith	Miss Wigmore
L. G.	
Miss Evans	Miss G. Stackhouse
Miss Harding	Miss McQuade

The standing of the league follows:

Won. Lost. P.C.	
Miss VanWart	1 0 1000
Miss Harding	1 1 500
Miss Fleming	0 1 000

Coming Events.
Next Monday's class eight of the best players in this league will be chosen to meet the ladies' team of Charlton on New Year's evening.
On New Year's Eve the St. John Y. M. C. A. basketball team will meet the team from the Halifax Technical College.
On the same date the High School team and the Y. M. C. A. intermediate team will meet for their annual game.

DIED.
McALLISTER—In this city, on December 17th, James McAllister, in the 75th year of his age, leaving a wife, seven sons and two daughters.
Funeral on Sunday the 20th inst., from his late residence, 341 City Road. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.
DRISCOLL—In this city, on 17th inst., Gertrude E. Driscoll, in the 30th year of her age.
Funeral from the residence of her uncle, Mr. John McGlinchey, 55 Sheffield street, on Saturday morning at 8.30, to St. John the Baptist Church for High Mass of Requiem. Friends are invited to attend.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY
Funeral Notice
The members of St. Andrew's Society are requested to meet at 97 Charlotte street on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock sharp for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late James McAllister.
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CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR SOLDIERS HERE

Women's Canadian Club will provide Christmas cheer for overseas men.

The Women's Canadian Club plan on providing 1,000 or more Christmas dinners for soldiers on duty here. The appeal for supplies has met with a very generous response, but more turkeys and cranberry sauce will be needed. Members of the 26th Battalion at the armory, the artillery at Partridge Island, the Army Service Corps on the West Side and the men of the Home Defence detachment will all be given Christmas dinners. To supply the men 200 quarts of pudding sauce will be needed, and 150 quarts of cranberry sauce.

The Women's Canadian Club offered not only to provide the materials for a Christmas dinner, but to do the cooking and serving. The cooks of the various arms of the service, however, have undertaken to do the cooking and serving.

Mrs. J. F. Robertson has offered to supply white coverings for the tables, and Hon. George J. Clark, of St. Stephen has undertaken to supply all the ginger ale which may be needed.

When the offer of the Women's Canadian Club was first made it was understood that no leave of absence would be granted for Christmas, but now it is said that quite a number of

Don't Forget THE CHILDREN

Though money is not so plentiful as it might be, and as it will be all in good time, there is always some of it put aside to be expended for the things that mean so much to children at Christmas, for their joy at such time is rightly regarded as a necessity to childhood, for happiness means health, and health is the great thing desired. Your money will buy more at our store. We have Dolls of all descriptions—i.e. 5c., 10c., 15c., 25c. to \$10 each. Everything in Toys—1c to \$10 each. Books, Games, Fancy Goods, Jewelry, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Etc. Our great stock is still quite complete, but will not last long.

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GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

M. E. Agar to Hospital Commission — Permanent Bridges to be constructed.

Fredericton, Dec. 18.—At the meeting of the Government today it was decided to proceed with the construction of needed permanent bridges in Gloucester, Westmorland and Northumberland counties, also bridges at Enniskillen and Merritt, in Queens county, and at Salmon River, St. John county. The plans for the St. John and Queens county bridges and for one bridge in Gloucester have been prepared and tenders will be called at once.

Bills in connection with the recent recruiting campaign were received and ordered paid.
It is understood that Hon. Mr. Murray will be appointed to succeed Hon. Mr. Flemming on the board of the Jordan Sanatorium, and that Miss E. Agar will succeed the late John McGoldrick as a St. John Hospital commissioner.

At this meeting there was some discussion of the St. John police matter, and it is believed the Government will pass the necessary legislation for the superannuation by the city of St. John of the present chief.

Shoulder Dislocated.
Mrs. W. S. Marr, of Quispamsis, who has been visiting Mrs. Joseph Stackhouse, Delhi street, met with a serious accident last evening. She was hastening down Delhi street on her way to catch the suburban train and fell, dislocating her shoulder. She was attended by Dr. Baxter.

men will be given passes to spend Christmas day at home. Still it is expected there will be fully 1,000 men who will want Christmas dinners. Friends from a number of outside towns have sent turkeys, puddings and gifts of money to enable the club to make the Christmas dinner a success.

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Micmacs, in Featherweight	\$3.50
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Regal, in Featherweight	\$4.25
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At the Kennedy House on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Foss, Miss Jean Foss, Miss West, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Longley of Prince Albert (Sask.), Master George Longley were guests of Mrs. Kennedy for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Bell and Mr. Moffet Bell were dinner guests of Mr. G. F. Triggs. Others at the hotel from St. John for the day were Dr. and Mrs. Gorham and son, Mr. and Mrs. Arscott and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Edwards and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Jones, son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank.

Miss Beattie Foster of St. John spent the week end here with Mrs. Fred Foster.

At Rohtesay College on Thursday evening Mrs. George F. Matthew gave one of her intensely interesting lectures and a delightful musical programme was provided by Mrs. K. Scott, Miss Olivia Murray, Miss Louise Knight, Miss Gillis. Beside the students and faculty a few invited friends were present.

A very pleasing event was the presentation by Rev. A. W. Daniel (rector of Rohtesay) to Mrs. John Kirkpatrick of the Imperial Service Bronze Medal for long and faithful service. Mr. Kirkpatrick has served the L. C. R. for about thirty-seven years and his many friends are glad to know of this well earned tribute. Beside Mr. Daniel there were present at his home Mr. & Mrs. Tyng Peters, station agent here, Mr. George Gallagher, section foreman, Mr. James Flemming, who is Mr. Kirkpatrick's successor, and Mr. Isaac Dobbins.

Miss Julia Peters left last week for Bathurst where she has taken up nursing duties at the Dunn Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Miss Ellison of Apohiqui are here for the winter, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Peters.

On Friday a very pleasant informal afternoon tea was given by Miss Puddington in honor of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Puddington's birthday. It was also the birthday anniversary of same year, and she too received congratulations from all present, included in these were Mrs. S. Allison, Mrs. H. C. Rankine, Miss Hooper, Mrs. Harry Puddington, Mrs. R. C. McIntyre, Mrs. J. H. Thomson, Miss Mabel Gilbert, Mrs. Brock, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Domville, Mrs. W. Vassie and little son, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Foss, Mrs. Longley, Miss Pitcher, Miss Gannon, Miss Taylor. Some very pretty and useful gifts were received. Best wishes for many more anniversaries.

At Netherwood last evening the annual Christmas supper was enjoyed by many of the school graduates being present, including Miss Nora Knight and Mrs. Alex. Fowler, class 1906, Misses Mary Barnhill and Jean Ketchum, 1907, Misses Lillie Raymond, Mrs. John Belyas, Miss M. B. East, Her, 1908, Misses Catherine McAvity and Emma Turnbull, 1911, Misses Irene McArthur, Mabel Fleming and Margaret Ryan, 1907, Miss Miriam Knowlton, 1913, Misses Isobel Jack, Marion Moore and Edith Muller, 1914. The dining room looked very bright and festive with generous trimmings of red and green, many candles and a most attractive tree, bearing a present for all present. Toasts were very cleverly presented and replied to and a very successful closing carried out. After supper dancing was enjoyed. Today the girls have all gone home for the holidays.

The college closes on Tuesday evening next.

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The Ladies' Bridge Club met for the first time this season, on Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Edwin Freeze was hostess. The souvenir of the same fell to Mrs. Jas. McQueen.

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Mrs. H. S. Bell, of Moncton, visited her sister, Mrs. D. S. Harper, during the week.

Mrs. H. B. Steeves spent part of the week in Moncton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lennox have returned to Moncton from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Livingstone.

Hon. A. D. Richard, has returned from Ontario, where he was a guest for a few days of his son, Mr. Leo Richard, who has joined the third contingent for the front.

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Miss Bertie Murray is convalescent from here recent illness.

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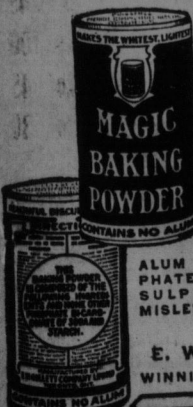
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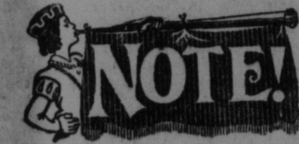
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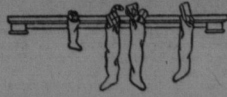
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in Sterling Silver, including Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets; Brush, Comb and Mirror; Jewel Boxes; Hair-pin Boxes; Single Manicure Pieces; Perfume Bottles; Cuff Boxes, etc.

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Tea sets, Coffee Sets, Fruit Dishes, Creams and Sugars, Sandwich Plates, Bon-Bon Dishes, Tea Caddies, Toast Rocks, Children's Mugs, Forks, Knives, Vases, Flower Baskets, and many another choice bit that would be pleasing and practical as a yuletide present.



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Dessert Sets with pearl or silver handles, Cased Carvers—set of three and five pieces—and Fish Servers with pearl, silver or celluloid handles, Table and Dessert Knives, Spoons and Forks; Cases of Scissors and Manicure Sets.



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In choice cuts and patterns, including Vases, Bon-Bon Dishes, Jellies, Bowls, Marmalade Jars, Creams and Sugars, Celery Dishes, Perfume Bottles, Spoon Trays; Oil and Water Bottles, Compotes, Finger Bowls, Flower Vases, Pitchers, Tumblers, Decanters, Wine Glasses, etc.

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Cut Glass is among the most acceptable and serviceable presents for Christmas-tide, and serves ever as a reminder of the one by whom it is bestowed.

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First Floor—King Street Store

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Coffee Machines (nickel) \$8.50, \$9.25, \$10.00 and \$14.75 each. Coffee Machines, (copper) \$7.40 and \$12.25.

Coffee Set, (copper, consisting of Tray, Coffee Machine, Wind Shields, Cream Pitcher, Sugar Bowl and Coaster, \$23.10.

Percolating Coffee Pots, (nickel) \$2.00, \$2.20 and \$2.50.



CHAFING DISHES.

Nickel Plated \$5.40, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50 and \$9.00.

Copper Chafing Dishes, \$9.50.
Chafing Dish Servers, Fork and Spoon \$7.00 the set.
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TABLE KETTLES with spirit lamps, brass \$2.65, \$4.80, \$5.00 and \$5.75; copper, \$5.75 and \$7.70.

SEPARATE KETTLES, (nickel) \$2.60, \$3.25 and \$3.40.

TEA POTS AND COFFEE POTS, (nickel), \$2.00, \$2.10, \$2.15, \$2.25, \$2.55, \$2.70, \$2.75 and \$2.85.

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HUNTING KNIVES, in leather cases, 55c, 80c, 90c, and \$1.25.

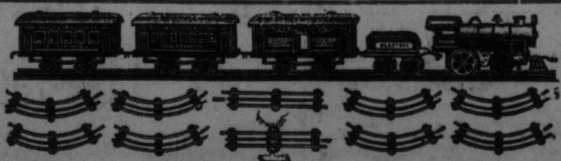
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King Street Store—Second Floor

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SKIS of the real Norwegian type, made from ash and hickory wood, \$1.50, \$3.00, \$4.75 and \$5.25 the pair.

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BRAVE FACE

Carries Milk to Wounded for Driving General With Bullet Leaving ground Revealed in

(Boston Globe.)

Incidents of the war are to letters of soldiers which make the acts of tenderness, heroically stand out in relief. The letters tell of the brave French girl in giving relief wounded on a battlefield; and that others be attended to by self.

BRAVERY OF A FRENCH From Corp S. Healy of Irish Regiment.)

It was after one of the fights along the Aisne, and the British wounded were out in the open after the battle of dead and wounded day. Most of the poor fellows nearly mad with thirst. M delirious, and others were b'e enough to keep murmuring.

Then we heard a gentle to looking up we saw a chain of about 16 picking her way the plain of dead and wounded had brought us goat's milk to relieve our thirst.

We learned that she was farm near by, just out of fire, and she had risked in coming there to give us so drink because she was frat British troops for helping to German invaders back. She to be without fear, and tip along in spite of the shell fire.

We were all stricken when she was carried in next day. She had been a way back. It was a nasty after an operation the doctor she would pry through. She who saw her prays for her.

TWO LONELY SOLD From Sergt. Maj. — of Engineers to Miss Hodgkin

There are two men here for whom I would ask a p is a French soldier, who continually an interpreter or) hears from any poor French soldiers hard even a letter, much less cigarettes, and I am sure I appreciate it very much.

The other is a very nice I have just promised to lance corporal. He has a relative in the world and left him and his mercy of the world. He h of his sister, and he has to write him a line or any way to

I am very interested in is a very keen soldier, on I know, and if he is spare offer him a home, or at die and let him and his can wait. Get the others much worse."

That was what he said ed. He got angry. "I'm port in rank, and if you die and let him and his can wait. Get the others much worse."

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When we have put put straw on the floor earth we have dug o entrance, and makes but not "coal box" pr would kill us or hurt that they would have hit, and it is a 100 to they can't do that.

BRAVE BELGIAN GIRL
FACES DEATH TO PROVE
GRATITUDE TO BRITISH

Carries Milk to Wounded Soldiers on Battlefield in Gratitude
for Driving German Invaders from Her Home — Struck
With Bullet Leaving Lines—Striking Incidents on Battle-
ground Revealed in Letters from Men on Fighting Line.

(Boston Globe.)
Incidents of the war are told in the letters of soldiers which make the little acts of tenderness, heroism and loyalty stand out in relief. One of the letters tells of the bravery of a French girl in giving relief to the wounded on a battlefield; another wounded on a battlefield; another that others be attended to before himself.

BRavery OF A FRENCH GIRL

From Corp S. Healy of the Royal Irish Regiment.
It was after one of the hardest fights along the Aisne, and dozens of the British wounded were lying out in the open after the battle with little prospect of relief until the next day. Most of the poor fellows were nearly mad with thirst. Many were delirious, and others were just sensible enough to keep murmuring for water.

Then we heard a gentle footfall, and looking up we saw a charming girl of about 16 picking her way through the piles of dead and wounded. She had brought us goat's milk and wine to relieve our thirst. We learned that she was from a farm near by, just out of the line of German invaders. She seemed to be without fear, and tipped briskly along in spite of the shells and rifle fire.

We were all stricken with grief when she was carried into hospital next day. She had been shot on the way back. It was a nasty wound, but after an operation the doctors hoped she would pull through. Every soldier who saw her prays for her every night.

TWO LONELY SOLDIERS.

From Sergt. Maj. — of the Royal Engineers to Miss Hodgkies, London.
There are two men here with me for whom I would ask a parcel. One is a French soldier, who is with us continuously as an interpreter. He seldom has any news from anybody. The poor French soldiers hardly ever get even a letter, much less tobacco and cigarettes, and I am sure he would appreciate it very much.

The other is a very nice boy whom I have just promised to the rank of lance corporal. He has no friend or relative in the world. His parents died and left him and his sister to the mercy of the world. He has lost sight of his sister, and he has no one even to write him a line or any one he can write to.

I am very interested in this lad. He is a very keen soldier, one of the best I know, and if he is spared, I hope to offer him a home, or at least a place to come to for a change or a holiday. I am sure if you send him a parcel out here he will get quite a scare, as he has never had a line or parcel from any one since we came out. Both these men are serving under me here, and their addresses will be the same.

"GET THE OTHERS FIRST."

(From Private D. F. Gilmour of the Seaforth Highlanders.)
It was on the Aisne. We had had a hard day. Our casualties were great, and I had to care to tell. I was with a fatigue party collecting the wounded and burying the dead. We came on a sergeant of artillery and one of the wounded men. The sergeant was nearest, and I signed to my mates to take him first. He waved us away. "I'm much worse."

That was what he said. We persisted. He got angry. "I'm your superior in rank, and if you disobey I'll report it, so we started on. We got the last away and came back for the sergeant. He was stone dead. Unknown to us he had been bleeding to death. He must have known when he made us attend to the others. Had he been taken at first his life would have been saved.

BRITISH "PAYING THE BILLS"

(From Bombardier — of the 7th Brigade, R.H.A., to a Friend in Pimlico.)
The "terrible" Uhlans are in an awful mess. Our cavalry seem to go miles out of their way to have a good go at them. They don't appreciate all these attentions, and nearly all the damage they have suffered has been in the back.

The German soldiers are a sorry pack, and if they worked out a little more evenly—say even 3 to 1—that would be good enough, but the odds at first were, I should say, 6 or 7 to 1. Just now we are on a slight rise with a river below, a small town on our left and the hills in front. I hope it won't get so badly disfigured as some places are, but take it from me, our troops on every opportunity are putting "paid" to the bill.

"COAL BOXES" OF THE GERMANS

(From Gunner Corfield, 13th Battery, R.H.A.)
If we go into a position where we think we shall stay for some time we dig a hole large enough for our detachment—that is, six men; when we have dug the hole we get some wood from the nearest farmhouse to make a roof.

When we have put up the roof we put straw on the floor, and then the earth we have dug out goes to the entrance, and makes it bulletproof, but not "coal box" proof.

Of course, if a "coal box" hits us it would kill us or bury us, but to do that they would have to get a direct hit, and it is a 100 to 1 chance that they can't do that.

The only things the Germans can hit are church steeples. A good many

U. S. ARMY OFFICERS
WHO WERE PROMOTED

In the opinion of Curtis Brown, the London correspondent for the Springfield Republican, the present war will establish among other records that of being freer from graft in the matter of army supplies than any other war in fifty years. He speaks, of course, with special reference to the British supplies, but gives one instance which shows that as far as Russia is concerned, too, it is a graftless war. Probably the same thing is true in France and in Germany, and for the same reason, chief of which is the fact that all the nations realize that this war is a very struggle for existence, and the man who would for his private profit supply an inferior article and thereby degrade the chances of success for his country would be branded in many cases, as the correspondent explains, the Government is paying more for supplies than it should pay, but it is doing it with its eyes open.

There is no suspicion of any connivance between Government agents and contractors, as has been the case in previous wars. Probably one reason for this is that there was a War Office house-cleaning only a few months before the war broke out, and several officers were punished for having grafted in supplies provided by the Lipton firm.

GRAFT IN OTHER WARS.

Probably there was grafting in the Napoleonic wars, and even farther back; whenever, in fact, there was an opportunity to make a dishonest dollar there would likely be an army contractor or an army official eager to make it. In the Crimean War, for example, a dramatic picture of which is given in Richard Dehlan's "Between Two Thieves." There was also the American Civil War, and the embezzled funds of the Spanish-American War are notorious. Nothing worse, however, was ever recorded than the Boer army that was unfit for sale to the army that was sent back to England, and in some cases was again forwarded to Africa.

Prices were unduly raised, and there can be little doubt that the British Government was swindled out of millions of dollars by dishonest army contractors, many of whom were able to retire shortly afterwards on the fortunes thus acquired.

INDIA'S LOYALTY DESCRIBED AT LONDON MEETING

Synd Hossain says Outburst is proof country has regained its faith in Britain.
London, Dec. 17.—Speaking at the weekly meeting of the new constitutional society for women suffrage, in London, recently, on the significance of India's attitude to the war, Synd Hossain said few who are not in personal touch with Indian affairs would be able to gauge the precise significance of India's outburst of loyalty at the present juncture.

Was it genuine, was it enduring, what was the precise relation to it of what was known to a section of the British press a few months ago as the "Indian peril"? In answering these questions, Mr. Hossain said that England's occupation of India was entirely different to the Prussian occupation of Belgium. Every step of British progress, made largely at the invitation of the Indians themselves, was marked by solemn pledges and treaties, which had, on the whole, been honorably kept.

A distinction ought to be drawn, Mr. Hossain insisted, between the unrest of India, which was a legitimate unrest—the whole of English history was one long unrest in search of freedom—and anarchy which prevailed during the years 1907 and 1908. That was the result of despair. The unrest was a sign of vigour, and it had prevailed over the despair. The present outburst of loyalty was a proof that India had regained its faith in the bona fides of Britain.

To Lord Morley, the greatest administrator who ever presided at the India Office, ably seconded by Lord Minto in India, this change was due. It was to be hoped, Mr. Hossain remarked in conclusion, that when the smoke

ALIVE AFTER FIVE BULLETS

(From a Private in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment to Lord Norton.)
I can hardly say how grateful I am to you for your kind and welcome letter. I rather think you are making too much of my doings at the front, although I did my little bit with the Maxim gun before I was wounded. I was dressing a comrade at the time of my accident. I got five bullets, one through the back which came out under my left arm; three through the left upper arm, and I have still one in my left hand with which I have to undergo an operation. I rather think I am one of the luckiest fellows alive to have had five bullets and none proved fatal.

CHILDREN IN MOURNING.

(From Private Knight of the 1st. Royal Dragons to his wife in Tettenham.)
The French are very kind. They bury the English and French soldiers side by side and the graves are most beautiful. My chum and I went last Sunday to see for ourselves. We found hundreds of people putting flowers on the graves, and little children picked flowers and gave them to us as we walked along. They were all dressed in mourning.

It would gadden many a heart to see the lonely graves of the soldiers who are buried here.

A New Apple Salad

Beat one-half a cup of double cream, a tablespoonful of lemon juice and one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt until firm throughout. Cook three apples, cored and pared, in a syrup of water, sugar and lemon juice. Chop fine with two or three cloves and an inch of stick cinnamon and set aside to become thoroughly chilled. Chop fine four Marachino or candied cherries and eight or ten pecan nut meats or blanched almonds. Wash three small heads of lettuce, remove the outer leaves and cut the stalks so that the heads will stand level. Place the lettuce on plates with an apple in the center of each. Mix the nuts and cherries through the cream and pour it over the apple.

Salad Dressing Made with Butter
Cream two tablespoonfuls of butter. To the beaten yolks of two eggs add one tablespoonful of cold water, three tablespoonfuls of tarragon vinegar, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, a dash of cayenne and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of mustard. Beat well and cook in a double boiler until very thick. Remove from the fire and stir in the creamed butter. When very cold add two-thirds of a cup of whipped cream.

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good quality to provide the regulars and the volunteers, so the Government was obliged to buy up great quantities of khaki that had been condemned as inferior some years ago. It paid top prices for this material, but the uniforms have been used only for troops drilling at home. By the time each new contingent is sent abroad a supply of first-class uniforms is available, so that the efficiency of the army is not reduced by the poor quality of the first uniforms to be made. Because the army standards for leather are so strict it was found that the supply on hand could not begin to meet the requirements. So in some cases, it is said, the leather has to be "doctored" in order to meet weight specifications. However, here again it is a choice of accepting inferior leather or going without leather.

Well Shod and Well Fed.
Mr. Brown says that the British soldiers are wearing the best boots in the world. There is an inexhaustible supply of them, and Russia and France are both buying immense quantities of boots from Great Britain, which is in turn importing shipments from the United States. Every one agrees, too, that the British soldier is the best fed of all fighting men. Even the "bully beef" that he eats in France was probably on the hoof only a fortnight before. The War Office is most strict with regard to inspection of all food supplies, and only the very best quality that money can buy is accepted. The slightest lapse from the standard set by the War Office contractor leads to his name being struck from the official list, few men, however unpatriotic they might be, would run the risk of detection.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Southwesterly to southerly winds, becoming fresh to strong; fair today with a little higher temperature; light local snow or sleet by Sunday.

Toronto, Dec. 18 - Light local snow has occurred today over Lake Superior and in Saskatchewan; otherwise the weather has been everywhere fair and for the most part milder.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Battleford, etc.

Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION

W. R. Tennant, Chairman. Phone Main 454. G. Earle Logan, Secretary. Phone Main 1300.

Liquor Licenses

Applications for liquor licenses in the county of St. John must be filed on or before the 25th inst with E. J. Lewis, Inspector for the county, 19 Dufferin Row.

Drunk and Disorderly

Last night about 8.30 o'clock Detective Lucas and Patrolman Storm arrested Gordon McKenzie on a charge of being drunk and interfering with pedestrians on the King Square.

Calendars

The Standard has received wall calendars from the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, Limited, of which W. M. Jarvis of 118 Prince William street is general agent for the Maritime Provinces, and from the Northern Life Assurance Company, the provincial manager of which is P. W. F. Brewster of St. John, both are attractively prepared.

A Soldier Married.

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of the officiating clergyman, when Joey James Allen of the 26th battalion was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Lobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Lobb, 183 Brussels street, by Rev. F. H. Wentworth. The bride was supported by her sister, Mary, and Walter Armstrong, also of the 26th, acted as groomsmen.

Elks' Social

Last night the members of the Elks gave a smoker and social evening to their friends. About 500 were present and the affair was one of the most pleasant ones ever held by the order. D. Arnold Fox presided at the piano, and there were a number of selections by Jones' Orchestra. Among those who took part in the programme were D. B. Pidgeon, F. C. McKean, Lyon Osborne, F. C. MacNeill, Edward Bonnell, L. R. Ross presided and an efficient committee who had the affair in charge had refreshments served during the evening.

Allies Aid Activities.

The Allies Aid have now \$25 in the bank and expect to raise \$1,000 by the New Year. Through the courtesy of John E. Moore they were able to give a successful ban supper at the Bungalow on Thursday evening, and on December 29th they will give a dance on the top floor of the C. R. R. building, the use of which has been donated by the company. At this dance the band of the 62nd Regiment will be present and furnish music, having volunteered its services free of charge. The Allies will only have two more nights at the tea room and express the hope that the public will give them generous patronage.

Presentation to Organist.

The choir of Lester St. Baptist church spent a pleasant evening at the house of Dr. E. M. Davis yesterday. After choir practice and refreshments had been served the pastor, Rev. W. Camp, on behalf of the choir, presented to Miss Beatrice Price, the organist of the church, and leader of the choir, with a beautifully framed picture of great musical composers, viz., Bach, Greg, Gluck and Gounod. This gift was an expression of appreciation of Miss Price's services during the past year. She has held together a large choir and has given great satisfaction. Dr. E. H. Davis presented Miss Price with a handsome and costly baton.

Retail Market Prices.

There was a good supply of provisions in the country market yesterday, especially of meats and poultry. Some of the prices are here given for the guidance of the housewife, and others: Beef, roasts, 12 to 25c. pound; mutton, 18 to 18c.; lamb, 13 to 22c.; veal, 12 to 18c.; pork, 18 to 20c.; chickens, 22 to 25c. pound; geese, 20 to 22c.; turkeys, 24 to 26c.; ducks, 25c. Butter, prints, brings 84c. pound; tub, 30c.; eggs, fresh, 40 to 45c. dozen; case, 35c. Vegetables remain at about last week's prices. There has been no scarcity of fish, and prices rule about the same, mackerel being obtainable at from 30 to 50c. each, halibut, 18c. pound, cod and haddock, 5c. The quality of the beef on sale is excellent, a large proportion being New Brunswick meat. Amongst others in the market having prize stock for sale is S. Z. Dickson, who has two first prize steers exhibited at the Amherst Fat Stock Show. They were bred by Rupert Ecker of Westmorland Point.

FAIRVILLE AND MILFORD ELECTIONS

Local government supporters of Fairville and Milford will meet in the Temperance Hall, Main street, Fairville, on Monday, the 21st inst, at eight p.m. The committee room will be open each evening until the close of the campaign. Friends and supporters of the Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited.

WILLIAM GOLDING, Chairman.

MR. HAZEN SECRETS IMPORTANT CONTRACTS FOR FIRMS IN THIS CITY

Saddles to the value of \$52,000 being made in St. John owing to active interest in this city of Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Through the efforts of Hon. Mr. Hazen a number of contracts have been awarded to St. John firms for military supplies for the Canadian militia and the British army. A couple of days ago Messrs. Horton & Son received their second contract. This came from the Militia Department at Ottawa, acting as agent for the British War Office. The first contract of the kind to come to St. John was for thirty-four thousand dollars worth of equipment. This second contract is for an additional eighteen thousand dollars worth and will consist wholly of universal saddlery. The time limit is fixed at about the middle of March, but Messrs. Horton will be able to ship the entire order a month earlier than that if necessary. Already some seventeen thousand dollars worth of goods have been sent including one shipment of nine thousand dollars worth this week.

HAD DAY'S MARITIME TRAINING FORWARD FOR 26th BATTALION

Battalion engaged in manoeuvres in Lancaster - Divisional Ammunition Column to Fredericton Monday.

The 26th Battalion put in the hardest day's work yesterday since it was mobilized here. The battalion left the army at 2 o'clock and marched out to Lancaster where they spent the day in field operations. The battalion was given a severe drilling in infantry attack. It was supposed that an enemy's force was being landed on Mahogany Beach, and that the enemy had occupied the ridge between Mahogany Beach and the Mahogany Road to cover the landing of their forces. The business of the battalion was to attack the heights, and drive off the enemy, and they were given a lot of practical work in storming an enemy's position. The field operations lasted from 2.30 to 8.30 o'clock, but the men in spite of the hard work returned to the city in good shape.

NO TRUTH IN RUMORS

Despite the fact that the newspapers yesterday announced there was no truth in the rumors that the steamers Hesperian, Missanab and other ships, which had recently left port, and that the German warships were in the Atlantic, new rumors started afresh yesterday afternoon from some wandering minds, to the effect that the Hesperian and Missanab had been sent into a port in Newfoundland for safety. There came the rumor that one of the ships had sunk. The telephones in the Standard office were working overtime last evening denying these rumors and assuring anxious persons that there were no grounds for such reports.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney-General Baxter visited Golden Grove and Loch Lomond yesterday afternoon and received hearty congratulations by the large number of his supporters in these portions of the county.

SIMONDS NO. 1

Local government supporters of the Parish of Simonds No. 1 will meet in Peck's Hall, East St. John on Monday, the 21st inst for organization purposes.

M. R. A. 9 TO 12 O'CLOCK SALES FOR THIS MORNING

In the House Furnishing Department will be offered a lot of brand new Sofa Cushions of French Cretonnes in beautiful floral patterns and filled with white silk floss at \$1.25 and \$1.50 each. In the Waist Section will be found several attractive styles in Voile and Lingerie Blouse Waists trimmed with lace and embroidery at 95c. each, and in the Silk Department Ladies' Umbrellas in good silk mixture, steel rod, stout frames and various handles, at 95c. each. Remember that these sales are for the morning only and will close promptly at noon.

BEACONSFIELD ORGANIZATION

The local government supporters of Beaconsfield met in the Conservative Club rooms 19 Dufferin Row last night and considerable work was accomplished in completing the organization of the district. H. Colby Smith is the chairman of the committee. Phone West 81 or 7-12. George M. Ballew is the secretary, phone West 27-21.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE. MUNICIPAL HOME.

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By order, W. M. WETMORE, Secretary. Saint John, N. B., Dec. 18th, 1914.

FOR BELGIANS NEW BRUNSWICK

Government of that country does not want its people scattered - J. B. Daggett writes.

The idea of bringing Belgian refugees to New Brunswick and settling them on the land has been abandoned for the present, as the Belgian government protested against the scattering of its people in other lands. Yes, the Government of Belgium, superintendent of immigration, received the following letter from the secretary of the N. B. Department of Agriculture, who has been in London:

"I have gone into this question thoroughly and find that the Belgians have no desire to go to Canada in any number. Only a small percentage have any interest in emigration at present; all those in England are looking forward to going to their own native land. Then I have been informed that the Belgian government has intimated to the British government that they do not look with favor upon the propositions of other countries to take their people, but are anxious that as many as possible should be retained here until the end of the war.

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SOLDIER ENDS SPENT ENJOYABLE EVENING AT GERMAIN ST. CHURCH

Sixty of them royally entertained last evening at Germain Street Baptist Church.

About sixty soldiers visited the Germain street Baptist church institute last evening, according to invitation, and it was evident that they were glad to be in the church. They seemed happy and there seemed no reason why they could not be. Music, games, refreshments and a general welcome were in evidence throughout. It was an evening marked by geniality and unconventionality. The billiard table, ping-pong table, checker board and other things with whose aid one meets the other follow for the express purpose of downing him were kept very busy.

No small credit is due for the large attendance to the Boy Scouts connected with the church. They rounded up the soldier men who are to fight for all that is worth while without ostentation. They lived up to their code of honor, which embraces, although not in these express terms: "Help the other fellow."

Refreshments of the kind that would meet with the approval of the most fastidious were cheerfully served during the evening, and both the soldiers and the casual visitors were glad, though not surprised, to hear that the young ladies of the Philanthia class had been on the job. That explained everything.

Contributions were received on behalf of the work being done for the fellow who go to the institute from the following: Dr. W. E. Rowley, reading matter; Barnes and Co., stationery and writing material; W. J. Wetmore, confectionery; Notarum and Co., chocolates; A. L. Goodwin, barrel of apples; T. S. Simms, games and magazines; E. L. Rising, games; J. H. Marr, games; Rev. F. S. Porter, games; Wentworth Lewis, magazines; Willet Fruit Co., case of oranges; other useful articles, Harold Harding and Mr. Parker, of Fairville.

The committee in charge, of which H. G. Marr is chairman, would be glad to receive further contributions of magazines and literature. Any contribution would be sent for, if necessary, if the chairman receive a ring. His number is Main 1072.

PRESENTS FOR LADIES.

The handsome silk waists being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s are attracting a lot of attention, and they are of such extremely low prices that any one can afford to buy one to give to a lady friend. The prices run from \$1.50 for a lap silk waist, up to \$8.00 for the finest silk waist. Their silk dresses and evening gowns which were made especially for the Christmas trade, are the daintiest that have been shown in St. John for a long time, prices run from \$7.50 to \$25.00.

SIMONDS NO. 2

Local government supporters of the Parish of Simonds No. 2 will meet in Wallace's Hall, Gardiner's Creek on Saturday, the 26th inst, at eight p.m. for organization purposes.

WILLIAM MAWHINNEY, Chairman.

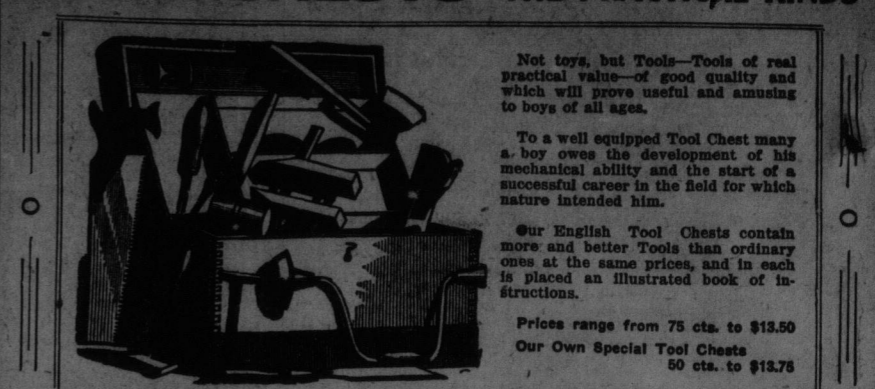
Other organization meetings will be announced later.

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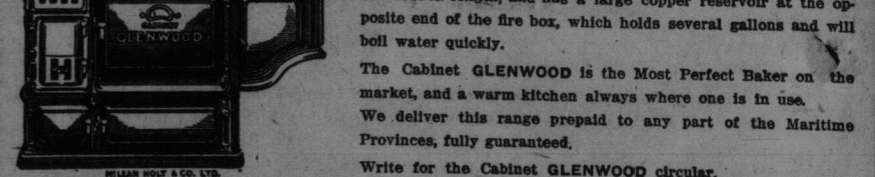
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9 TO 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Sofa Cushions

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9 TO 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Blouse Waists

New Waists, in Voile and Lingerie, embroidery and lace trimmed, low neck and long sleeves, several attractive styles to choose from. Sizes 34 to 42. Morning sale price, each 95c. BLOUSE DEPARTMENT--SECOND FLOOR.

9 TO 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Ladies' Umbrellas

Ladies' Umbrellas in good silk mixture, steel rod, reliable frames, handles in plain, mission wood, fancy horn, celluloid with silver plated mountings. Morning sale price, each 95c. SILK DEPARTMENT--SECOND FLOOR.

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