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BRITISH AND CANADIANS CONTINUE THEIR TRIUMPHANT DRIVE TO POINT NEAR ARRAS

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT DECLARES COUNTRY IN DANGER FROM HUNS

Proclamation Issued Pointing to Grave Peril from Drive by Germans.

Necessary to Employ all Efforts to Save Country from Threatened Disaster.

Petrograd, via London, April 10.—The provisional government has issued a lengthy proclamation directing attention to the grave danger of a German effort to deliver a decisive blow at Russia, and the necessity of immediately concentrating all of Russia's forces for the defeat of the enemy.

"The provisional government," says the proclamation, "feels that it has no right to hide the truth. The state is in danger, and it is necessary to employ all our powers to save it. The old regime led Russia in a sadly disorganized condition, especially in the matter of finances, food supply, transportation and munitions."

The proclamation says further: "Wants No Conquest."

"The government deems it to be its right duty to declare now that free Russia does not aim at the domination of other nations at depriving them of their national patrimony or at occupying by force foreign territories, but that its object is to establish a durable peace on the rights of nations to decide their own destiny."

"The Russian nation does not just after the strengthening of its power abroad at the expense of other nations."

AUSTRIA HANDS PASSPORTS TO U. S. CHARGE

Ambassador Penfield who Left Vienna Last Saturday Has Arrived in Switzerland.

Basel, Switzerland, April 10, via Paris.—The Austro-Hungarian government handed passports to Joseph C. Grew, the charge d'affaires of the American embassy to the dual monarchy, according to a despatch received here today.

Fredrick C. Penfield, the American ambassador to Austria-Hungary left Vienna last Saturday on his way to Washington, and already has arrived at Zurich, Switzerland.

Austria's Note.
Washington, April 10.—Austria's note to American Charge Grew at Vienna severing diplomatic relations with the United States because of this country's declaration of war with Germany and offering every facility for the return of American officials, was made public at the state department today.

The Note Follows:
"Since the United States of America has declared a state of war exists between it and the Imperial German government, Austria-Hungary, as an ally of the German empire, has decided to break off the diplomatic relations with the United States and the Imperial and royal embassy at Washington has been instructed to inform the department of state to that effect. While regretting under these circumstances to see a termination of the personal relations which he has had the honor to hold with the charge d'affaires of the United States of America the undersigned does not fail to place at the former's disposal here with the passport for the departure from Austria-Hungary of himself and the other members of the embassy."

"At the same time the undersigned avails himself of the opportunity to return to the charge d'affaires the expression of his most perfect consideration."
(Signed) CZERNIN.

Zwiedinek Quits.
Washington, April 10.—Baron Erick Zwiedinek, formerly Austrian charge here, said good-bye to Secretary of State Lansing today. Arrangements now are under way for the recalled Austrian diplomatic and consular officials.

BRITISH PUSH LINES AS FAR AS MONCHY-LE-PAIX, FIVE MILES EAST OF ARRAS, IN FACE OF BIG STORM

Important Gains on Vimy Ridge, Where Hard Fighting Occurred Again Yesterday.

Up to Last Night Eleven Thousand Prisoners, Including 235 Officers Had Been Captured—French Do Effective Work with Artillery.

London, April 10.—In the face of heavy snowstorms and, in places, strong resistance by the Germans, the British have pushed their lines as far as Monchy-Le-Paix, five miles east of Arras, and made further important gains on Vimy Ridge.

The official statement from British headquarters describing the operations now in progress on the Arras-Lens line reports the capture, up to this evening of 11,000 prisoners, including 235 officers more than 100 guns, including heavy guns up to eight inches, sixty trench mortars, and 163 machine guns. The text reads:

"Our operations have been continued energetically today, in spite of heavy snowstorms and generally unfavorable weather. We have reached the outskirts of Monchy-Le-Paix, five miles east of Arras, and have cleared Farbus and Farbus wood."

HARD FIGHTING.
"Hard fighting took place again this afternoon on the northern end of Vimy Ridge, in which we gained further important positions and took a number of prisoners and machine guns."

"In the direction of Cambrai we advanced our line north of the village of Louverval. Such counter-attacks as the enemy attempted at different points along our front met with no success."

11,000 Prisoners.
"The number of prisoners taken since the opening of our attack yesterday morning now exceeds 11,000 including 235 officers. We also captured over 100 guns, among them a number of heavy guns up to eight inches calibre, sixty trench mortars and 163 machine guns."

"Our airplanes performed valuable work yesterday in co-operation with our infantry, and in a number of cases inflicted casualties with machine gun fire on hostile reinforcements. Bombing expeditions were also carried out, in which a number of hits were obtained upon a large railway station utilized by the enemy."

French Statement.
Paris, April 10.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:
"North of the Oise the artillery on both sides was active. South of the Oise our batteries destructively shelled German organizations east of Coucy. South of the Ailette river the enemy violently bombarded our positions in the sector of Neuville-Sur-Margival."

MANY U-BOATS DESTROYED BY THE BRITISH

Germany Losing from Seven to Fifteen Each Week — One Week they Lost 23.

New York, April 10.—The New York Times publishes the following: The British have been destroying U-boats at the average rate of one a day since February 1, and latterly at an even higher rate, according to information brought to New York yesterday by persons returning from Europe, who said they had the authority of naval officers and officials high in the admiralty, for the figures.
In the month following the declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare, British ships sank thirty-two submarines. Since then, it is said, the average number destroyed a week has been between seven and fifteen, with the number running as high as twenty-three in the week.

HUN COMMANDER TAKEN.
London, April 11.—Among the incidents reported of the Lens-Arras battle is the capture of the commander of the German 17th Division.

is to join with the party of German officials dismissed from China and who are due at San Francisco the last part of the week. The two parties will meet in New York and go over the route followed by Count Bernstorff, stopping for examination at Halifax and landing in Denmark.

FIRST SHOTS FIRED BY THE U. S.

Ammunition Schooner Bounded for Mexican Port Captured.

TWO TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS IN ACTION

Several Thousand Rounds of Ammunition Taken.

Bulletin—San Diego, Calif., April 10.—An ammunition carrying schooner, bound for a Mexican west coast port, was fired upon and captured by two United States torpedo boat destroyers, it was learned tonight from authoritative sources.

Five shots were fired at the vessel when it attempted to escape, and the ship was then beached. Several thousand rounds of rifle and machine gun ammunition were taken aboard the destroyers, and landed at a Pacific coast port.

TURK ARMY PREPARING FOR FIGHT

British Capture Balad Station and Town of Herbe, in Further Advance North of Baghdad.

London, April 10.—The British have made a further advance north of Baghdad, the war office announces. They have captured the Balad station on the Baghdad-Samarah Railway and the town of Herbe.

It also announced that the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia apparently are preparing a converging movement against the British between the Abbein and Diale rivers, while attempting to hold the Russians on the upper reaches of the Diale.

The Statement.
The statement follows: "The Turkish forces which in the communication issued on April 6th were reported retreating in the direction of Kifri are now apparently contemplating a converging movement in conjunction with the Turkish troops on the left bank of the Tigris against our forces in the area between the Abbein and Diale rivers, while containing the Russian detachments on the upper reaches of the latter river. Our troops on April 5 were reported to be in contact with advanced Turkish detachments on the line Garra-Dely Abbas and to be in possession of the left bank of the Abbein."

"On the same day we captured the Balad station on the Baghdad-Samarah Railway about fifty miles north northwest of Baghdad, and Herbe, four miles north of Balad, was occupied on the morning of April 9. During the operations on April 9 nine officers and 200 men of other ranks, two machine guns and railway materials were captured."

Russian Statement.
Petrograd, via London, April 10.—Russian troops of the northern army in Persia are again on the march into Mesopotamia from Baneh, just south of the latitude of Mosul. The Turks have been driven out of the defenses they have been holding there for some time, and the Russian offensive is being continued.

Southwest of Khanikan the southern column of Russians which recently effected a junction with the British from Baghdad, has occupied Kizil Robat, eighty miles northeast of Baghdad. The text of the statement reads:

"Caucasus front: In the direction of Baniyir our troops, having dislodged the Turks from their positions in the region of Nirban, 13 miles southwest of Baneh, are continuing their offensive."

"In the direction of Khanikan we have occupied Kizil Robat, 26 miles southwest of Khanikan."

"The official statement for the other fronts reads: Western front: There were patrol encounters and reciprocal firing."
"Romanian front: There have been scouting reconnaissances and rifle firing."

MORE PRAISE FOR BOYS FROM CANADA.
London, April 10, (Montreal Gazette Cable).—Anglo-Canadians are rejoicing at the good news of the capture of Vimy Ridge, and Sir Robert Borden has sent a congratulatory message to General Byng, who commands the Canadian forces. The entire press strings with the exploits of the Canadians as they did at the battle of Ypres, but with more jubilation.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE PERSONS, MOST OF THEM WOMEN AND GIRLS, PERISH IN TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS

One Hundred and Twenty-One Others Injured, Many Mortally—Death List May Reach 150.

Eddystone Ammunition Corporation's Shrapnel Building Near Chester, Pa., Destroyed, Probably Accidentally—Rumors of Plots.

Chester, Penna., April 10.—One hundred and twelve persons, most of them women and girls, are known to have lost their lives, and 121 were injured by a series of terrific explosions today in the shrapnel building of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation at Eddystone, one mile from this city. Many of the injured were mortally hurt, and it is feared the final death list will reach 150, while others probably will be named for life.

How many of the 300 or more employees in the building, in which was stored approximately 30,000 shells, escaped is almost beyond conception, as there was scarcely a fragment of the structure left intact. Fire added to the horror, and most of the bodies were so badly charred that identification was impossible.

In the absence of any official statement many theories as to the cause of the disaster, one of the worst ever experienced in this section, were advanced. Rumors of plots and arrests of persons both inside and outside of the plant were numerous, but all lacked confirmation.

Twenty Philadelphia detectives were sent to Eddystone soon after the explosion, on a rumor that it was the result of a plot. After spending several hours investigating, they reported that they had learned from officials of the corporation, who had made an investigation, that a quantity of shrapnel had been placed near a radiator and the heat might easily have exploded it. Their opinion is that the explosion was purely accidental, and they accept the suggestion that it was the result of a plot.

A canvass of the police stations in the vicinity and inquiries among officials of the company failed to reveal that any arrests had been made.

FELT FIFTEEN MILES.
The explosion, which was felt in Philadelphia, a distance of fifteen miles, occurred about ten o'clock in what is known as the "10-F" building, a two-story structure, 75 by 300 feet. In this building time fuses were prepared, more than eighty per cent. of the workers being women and girls. Probably fifty men and boys were employed in the building at the time of the blast, and the majority of them escaped.

Great excitement followed the explosion. A heavy pall of smoke darkened the entire town, which has a population of about 5,000. This was soon lightened by the flames from the burning building. Rescue squads composed of other employees at the plant were quickly formed, and a call for assistance was sent to Philadelphia and other nearby points. The entire Chester fire department responded and ambulances from Philadelphia and Chester were soon at the scene.

BRAZIL, GUATEMALA AND PERU WILL PROBABLY JOIN ALLIES

Chile and Mexico will Remain Neutral, as will Also Argentina, Probably—Mexican Government Seizes British Owned Railway.

Washington, April 10.—Much of the uncertainty as to Latin-American attitude in the war between the United States and Germany was cleared away today by definite advices that Chile and Mexico will remain neutral, and increasing indications that Brazil, Guatemala and Peru will join Cuba and Panama on the side of the United States and her allies.

Chile a Surprise.
The decision of Chile, the first of the American republics to announce her neutrality, caused some surprise among officials here. In many quarters it had been expected that she eventually would break with the Berlin government, but would postpone her decision until advised definitely of the course of Argentina and Brazil, the other members of the influential A. B. C. group in South America. There are indications that Argentina

also will take a place among the neutrals.
Mexico's decision, on the other hand, caused no surprise.
A proclamation of Mexican neutrality is expected after the Mexican congress meets April 15.

Official confirmation of Brazil's break with the Berlin government still was lacking tonight at the state department and the Brazilian embassy, but officials believe there is no doubt that the authorities at Rio have definitely decided for war.

Official advices from Guatemala left little doubt that the proclamation of martial law there was a preliminary to a break with Germany.
An incident that has caused curiosity and some anxiety at the state department was the taking over by the Mexican government, two weeks ago, of the British-owned Mexican railway between Vera Cruz and Mexico city.

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HUN BOMBER CONVICTED

Jersey City, N. J., April 10.—The jury which tried Fritz Kolb, a German, on the charge of having made bombs in his room in a Hoboken hotel, brought in a verdict of guilty today. Kolb was remanded for sentence.

The jurors reported they were unable to agree in the case of Hans Schwartz, a German, who was tried with Kolb on the same charge. It was announced that Schwartz would be tried again. The two men admitted during their trial that they had explosives in their possession. It was alleged by the state that they planned to cause a second explosion on Black Tom.

HON. RICHARD OLNEY, ONCE WORLD FAMOUS, IS DEAD AT BOSTON

Wrote Celebrated Venezuela Note to Great Britain Years Ago.

Was Secretary of State and Noted Student of International Affairs.

The death is announced in Boston of Hon. Richard Olney, statesman, formerly secretary of state at Washington, noted student of international affairs, and one of the most eminent men in America. During the administration of President Grover Cleveland Mr. Olney's reputation became world-wide, for it was he that wrote the diplomatic notes to Great Britain concerning the celebrated Venezuela question which almost precipitated war.

Generally Reticent.
It was rarely that Mr. Olney would speak for publication. His most recent expression made only a few days ago was made in reply to the query whether he thought the United States ought to make a big loan to the Allies. Without hesitation he said that he would like to have such a loan made but he doubted the constitutionality of such action by Congress.

Five years ago, when Mr. Olney was rounding his 77th anniversary, he was operated upon for intestinal troubles which had begun to seriously affect the robust health that had been his for more than the usual life-time. Last October there was a recurrence of the trouble that had been temporarily relieved. He did not improve greatly and in January another operation was performed.

News of Death Delayed.
It was typical of Mr. Olney that little or nothing could have been published regarding his illness and the announcement of his passing was delayed for a day. From the time that he entered President Cleveland's cabinet as attorney-general, becoming secretary of state two years later, no man in New England had been sought out more consistently by newspapermen for his opinion on current events and none probably furnished the reporters with less copy. Always friendly in private, he was averse to newspaper notoriety and it was rarely he would permit himself to be quoted in the press.

Suggested for President.
When called to be told that the Democratic convention of 1904 had before it a proposition to nominate him for president the only comment elicited from the man who was being boomed as the one who had "twisted the lion's tail" in Venezuela was that "it was an extraordinarily early hour" at which to disturb a man's slumbers.

ST. JOHN MAN KILLED AT FRONT

Ottawa, April 10.—10.30 p. m. list.

Infantry.
Killed in Action—J. Chisholm, Antigonish, N. S. D. P. Praught, Earncliffe, N. E. I. W. M. Purdy, Bonny River, N. B. Died of Wounds—T. M. Donovan, Halifax, N. S.

Wounded—C. F. Kingston, Weymouth, N. B. E. McLean, Strathadam, N. B. G. H. Ring, Redbank, N. B. J. J. Furlong, Nash's Creek, N. S. J. E. Sterling, Sterling Brook, N. S. A. N. Sawler, Gold River, N. S. J. J. Hartley, St. John's, Nfld. C. L. Crowell, Lockport, N. S. J. W. Brooks, Avonport, N. S.

Mounted Rifles.
Killed in Action—D. J. Kane, Perkindale, N. B. M. W. Robinson, St. John, N. B. Died of Wounds—R. Lee, Bathurst, N. B. Wounded—F. H. Grandall, Moncton, N. B.

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They claimed that Jean Humbert instigated such a plot, but that they had no intention of carrying it through. Humbert, also a German, was indicted with them, and was granted a separate trial, which has not yet been held.

CANADIANS REPULSE GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS

TOOK NEARLY 100 GERMAN PRISONERS

British and Canadian Armies More Successful in Fighting Between Lens and St. Quentin Than Early Reports Indicated.

London, April 10.—The British offensive between Lens and St. Quentin, with which the spring operations have been opened and which is still in progress, has proved even more successful than the earlier accounts indicated.

General Sir Douglas Haig today reports that yesterday's captures exceeded 9,000 men, while forty guns fell into the hands of his troops.

On Vimy Ridge. The Canadians, who had one of the hardest bits of the front to contend with, are now in complete occupation of the famous Vimy Ridge, even the eastern slopes of the ridge having been cleared of Germans. The Canadians also have repulsed German counter-attacks.

These reactions by the Germans indicate the importance they attach to this position, whence the conquerors look down over the plain of Douai. With Vimy Ridge gone, the whole German line covering the French towns and industrial districts to the north becomes a wavering one, and any leisurely retreat the Germans may have planned is made uncertain and precarious.

With the capture of the famous ridge, the British made a considerable stride along the road to Douai. While the capture of the high ground northwest of St. Quentin tightens the chain which the Anglo-French forces are drawing around that town, a German diversion southwest of Ypres, according to General Haig's report, met with no success.

Toward La Bassée. Correspondents at the front report the fighting continuing keenly throughout last night with the British offensive gradually extending northward, there being fighting this morning in the direction of La Bassée.

Some 150 officers are among the prisoners already taken, these including five battalion commanders. Although forty guns captured in the official count thus far, the number is expected to reach three figures, while quantities of trench mortars, bomb throwers, machine guns and ammunition also have been captured.

The Germans destroyed great quantities of supplies at the last minute to prevent their capture. The weather continues bitterly cold with snow furries, but the British forces are clad in sheep skins and are being kept well fed.

Presentations to Mrs. W. C. Good. Boys' Club Show Appreciation of Her Efforts in Their Behalf.

Mrs. W. C. Good was a much surprised woman last night when A. M. Belding called her to the front of the hall at the Boys' Club and on behalf of the boys presented her with a handsome brooch set with pearls. Although taken entirely by surprise Mrs. Good thanked the boys for their gift in a neat little speech and told them while she appreciated the tangible expression what she most valued was the spirit behind the gift which prompted it.

The entertainment last night was provided by the Centenary church Epworth League and Rev. W. H. Barrough. Miss Freda Jenkins sang and Miss Hilda Britain gave a piano solo, and then Mrs. W. C. Good and Miss Jenkins led the boys in a song. This was followed by an illustrated travelogue by Rev. Mr. Barrough which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. At the close of the programme refreshments were served and the singing of the national anthem brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

WAR SAVINGS BONUS. Special to The Standard. Cobalt, April 10.—The Conlagas mine has posted a notice of a novel bonus plan as follows:

In addition to the 25 cents bonus per shift now in effect to the employees when the price of silver averages seventy cents per ounce or better for the month the Conlagas Mines will add 25 cents per shift to the credit of each employee on the national who loses not more than four working shifts per month, until he has put in 36 shifts from April 1, 1917. At the expiry of this time this amount \$21.50 will be used to purchase a war savings certificate for \$25 which will then be given him.

NO STOMACH PAIN, GAS, INDIGESTION IN FIVE MINUTES. "Pape's Diapepsin" is the only real stomach regulator known. "Really does" put bad stomachs in order—truly does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness in five minutes—that's just what makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments into stubborn lumps, you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food and acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with bile and indigestible waste, remember the moment "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous, and the joy is its harmlessness. A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin will give you a hundred dollars' worth of satisfaction or your money back. Druggists handle your money back. It's truly its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or at night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach regulator in the world.

Paper Mill Employes Get Advance. The employees of the St. Croix paper mills at Woodland, Me., have been without leave, and was this week they will be advanced from one to three cents per hour, according to the amount of pay received by the various classes in the mills. The advance is the second this year.



DER ADVANCE ON DER WESTERN REAR.

SENATOR DENNIS WAS IN THE CITY

Was in New York When Learned of His Son Being Killed at Front—Capt. Dennis, a Gallant Soldier.

When the Boston express arrived in the city yesterday morning it brought as a passenger Hon. William Dennis, of Halifax, who left on the afternoon train for his home in that city.

The senator said that it was while he was in New York, that he received the sad news that his eldest son, Captain Eric R. Dennis, M. C., had been killed in action at the front.

At the outbreak of the war Captain Dennis was a lieutenant in the 63rd Halifax Rifles, and went on duty with his regiment in the forts and outpost duty around Halifax. He was twenty years old and volunteered for overseas service in the first week of the war. He was directed to remain with the 63rd, and did not receive a chance to go overseas until the autumn of 1915, when he went with the second of the battalions to be recruited in Nova Scotia. He resigned his rank of Captain while in England, and by taking the rank of Lieutenant received a chance to cross the Atlantic and to the firing line, and since the early summer of 1916 he has been in the heavy fighting.

Three times within forty days he was recommended for the military cross, which he was awarded for heroic conduct. He was promoted on the field and given command of a company.

Captain Eric Dennis was a graduate of the Halifax county academy and had taken two years in the arts course at Acadia University. He was a valued member of the staff of the Halifax Herald.

The young officer is survived by one brother, and four sisters, one of whom, Miss Agnes, is in Red Cross work in England.

Last summer Senator Dennis visited the front with a Canadian parliamentary party, and in the trenches of the muddy, bloody Ypres salient celebrated the young soldier's advent to legal manhood and his achievement of twentyone years. A few weeks later the division was transferred to the Somme, and the battalion, the day after it arrived, was called up to nip of a little "meat ball" which projected toward the British line, and had to be taken as a preparation for the general shove.

Under Colonel Swift, the operation was most successful. In fifteen minutes, in the broad light of a sunny afternoon, the regiment took 400 yards of desired trench, inflicted 600 casualties on the Germans and gained for themselves 23 medals and crosses, one of which was a Victoria Cross.

Lieutenant Dennis was recommended for a military medal on that day, but so much glory had been gained there was not enough medals for all recommended. It remained for him to gain his emblem of efficient bravery on a later day. It was deferred only a week, but the details of

HEAR THE VIEWS OF INSURANCE MEN ON COMPENSATION ACT

Commissioners' at Session, Held Last Night, Discuss Ontario and Manitoba Laws.

The commission appointed by the late government to draft a Workmen's Compensation Act for the Province of New Brunswick met last night in the government rooms and heard evidence touching the weak and strong points of the Ontario and Manitoba acts from William Neill, advisor to the Manitoba commissioner and for two years auditor for the Ontario commissioners, and C. H. Neely, manager of the Ocean Accident Insurance Co. and P. J. Lightbourn, manager of the Maryland Casualty Co.

The hearing was attended by a number of the insurance men in the city who took a keen interest in the proceedings and followed carefully the statements made by the three gentlemen.

All of them agreed that one of the great weaknesses of the present acts was the weakness of wording and the exclusion of so many from the operation of the law. They advocated the inclusion of every workman in every plant, office clerks and all, as most of them had at one time or another in the discharge of their duties to visit the workshops or storerooms and consequently were in danger of accident.

Mr. Neely and Mr. Lightbourn agreed that the insurance companies could handle the business more cheaply than the government and would be more likely to charge adequate rates from the start. The rates should be based on capital cost, not on current cost and the temptation on the part of the government would be to base them on current cost as that would be cheaper at the outset.

Mr. Neill dealt with the act in Ontario as it had worked out in the two years it had been in operation and pointed out that it had been necessary already to raise the rates in several of the classes as they now stood.

The chairman raised the question of liability of those who were excluded and the protection to their employees in case of accident and it was shown that under the acts as they now stood the employee had only the common law redress.

The chairman extended the thanks of the commission to the gentlemen who had so kindly come before them and so fully explained the matters under discussion.

F. J. G. Knowlton, chairman, presided and Commissioners Cudlip, Scurie and Daley were present, with Roy A. Davidson secretary.

When you need another Typewriter—Remember the Remington. A Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr. 37 Dock St., St. John, N. B.

D. D. D. Prescription for Eczema. For 15 years the standard remedy for all skin diseases. A liquid used externally. Instant relief from itching. Your money back if the first bottle does not bring you relief. Ask also about D. D. D. Soap.

Hairs Will Vanish After This Treatment. (Toilet Helps) You can keep your skin free from hair by using this occasional use of plain delatone and in using it you need have no fear of marring or injuring the skin. A thick paste is made by mixing some of the powdered delatone with water. Then spread on the hairs and after 2 or 3 minutes rub off, wash the skin and all traces of hair have vanished. Be careful, however, to get real delatone.

PRaise FOR PROVINCIAL SOLDIER BOYS

Major Donald Speaks Highly of Lt.-Col. MacKenzie's Fighting 26th—Other Interesting News From Front

Major Cuthbert Donalds of Blackville, officer commanding the 55th Overseas Battalion, was among the officers who returned to the city recently. For the past several months Major Donalds has been carrying on with the famous 26th Regiment under command of Lt. Col. A. E. G. MacKenzie.

He speaks in the highest terms of the work of the New Brunswickers on the firing line and said that the boys from the 55th who had been drafted with other units had distinguished themselves on every occasion. There were only a few of the original 55th now remaining in England and these men with soldiers from the 40th and 112th Battalions from Nova Scotia, and the R. C. R. men formed the 26th Reserve Battalion at Bramshott.

Major Donalds crossed with the 55th Battalion as third in command but has risen to the command of that battalion. He informed The Standard that the proceeds of the caution fund had been placed in the hands of a committee composed of T. H. Estabrooks, Geo. E. Fisher of Chatham and William Baldwin of Woodstock, for the benefit of men of the 55th or their dependents. Each case must be deserving and it must have the recommendations of a clergyman.

Major Donalds is loud in his praises of Hon. J. A. Murray for the interest he showed in the welfare of the men from this province during his recent visit to the old country. He also spoke in the highest terms of the excellent work of Fred A. Sumner, the New Brunswick representative in England, for the admirable way in which the

latter looks after our New Brunswickers. Major Donalds left yesterday for his old home at Blackville, Northumberland county.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENING. New York, April 10.—Preceded by a forecast of generally fair weather but low temperature, the major league baseball season will be formally opened tomorrow in seven of the sixteen cities composing the National and American league circuits. In the National League, Pittsburg will play at Chicago; St. Louis at Cincinnati, and Philadelphia at Brooklyn. The opening game at Boston with New York has been declared off because the grounds are covered with snow. On the American circuit Chicago will open at St. Louis; Cleveland at Detroit; Washington at Philadelphia and Boston at New York.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON, THE EXPLORER, HONORED. New York, April 10.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, it was announced today has been elected to the honorary fellowship of the American Museum of Natural History, the highest scientific honor which the institution has to bestow.

University of Toronto. PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. [The Serbians are doing magnificently, but they are yet only on the borders of their home; the people are for the most part still in exile and in great need. We in Canada know how terribly but heroically they have suffered, and having heard England's appeal for assistance for them we will I am sure do the utmost to help this sorely stricken nation.]

R. A. Falmer

Serbian Relief Fund. Patrons: Her Majesty the Queen President: The Lord Bishop of London Hospital, St. George's, Paris. Honorary President: President R. A. Falmer, C.M.G., LL.D., University of Toronto. President: Dr. W. D. Sharpe, Late Commandant, British Naval Mission Hospital, St. George's, Paris. Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, 1st Vice-Pres. Mrs. J. E. Campbell, Esq. Please send your contribution today. The Canadian Serbian Relief Committee transmits funds to the British Serbian Relief Committee, through which they are distributed to the Serbs. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. A. H. Campbell, Sec. Treasurer, 4 Wellington St. E., Toronto, Ont., or to Any Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Fewer Eggs are required with ROYAL BAKING POWDER

In many recipes the number of eggs may be reduced with excellent results by using an additional quantity of Royal Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, for each egg omitted. The following recipe is a practical example:

Chocolate Sponge Roll. 3/4 cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 2 squares melted chocolate, 2 tablespoons melted shortening, 3/4 cup hot water, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon Royal Baking Powder.

The old method called for 4 eggs and no baking powder. DIRECTIONS—Sift flour, baking powder and salt together three times. Beat whole eggs. Add slowly sugar, then boiling water slowly; add next vanilla, melted chocolate and melted shortening, without beating. Sift in dry ingredients, and fold in as lightly as possible. Pour into large baking pan lined with oiled paper, and bake in slow oven twenty minutes. When done, turn out on a damp, hot cloth, spread with white icing and roll. Booklet of recipes which economize in eggs and other expensive ingredients mailed free. Address ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 6 St. Lawrence Boulevard, Montreal.

latter looks after our New Brunswickers. Major Donalds left yesterday for his old home at Blackville, Northumberland county.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENING. New York, April 10.—Preceded by a forecast of generally fair weather but low temperature, the major league baseball season will be formally opened tomorrow in seven of the sixteen cities composing the National and American league circuits. In the National League, Pittsburg will play at Chicago; St. Louis at Cincinnati, and Philadelphia at Brooklyn. The opening game at Boston with New York has been declared off because the grounds are covered with snow. On the American circuit Chicago will open at St. Louis; Cleveland at Detroit; Washington at Philadelphia and Boston at New York.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON, THE EXPLORER, HONORED. New York, April 10.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, it was announced today has been elected to the honorary fellowship of the American Museum of Natural History, the highest scientific honor which the institution has to bestow.

University of Toronto. PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. [The Serbians are doing magnificently, but they are yet only on the borders of their home; the people are for the most part still in exile and in great need. We in Canada know how terribly but heroically they have suffered, and having heard England's appeal for assistance for them we will I am sure do the utmost to help this sorely stricken nation.]

R. A. Falmer

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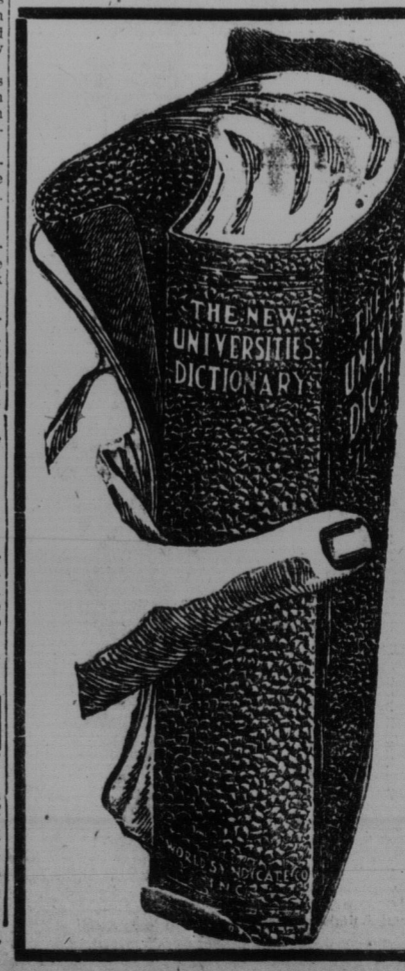
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BRITISH HONDURAS INVASION INCLUDED IN GERMAN PLOT

The German plot to carry the war into the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea provides for expeditions from Mexico against British Honduras and against Texas.

That was the statement made by High Latin-American authorities here yesterday. It was declared that information regarding the German scheme has been known to a few men here for more than a fortnight and that the full details had been transmitted to the State Department and to the British Admiralty.

Two of the most important American factors in Latin-American affairs here yesterday unveiled the German plot in Mexico and Central America and declared that it already was known to both the United States and Great Britain that Germany had a submarine base in Mexican waters.

Costa Rica to Act To what extent Germany has gone to make trouble for the States in Costa Rica was told by Washington S. Valentine, who for many years has been prominently identified with Central American affairs.

Mr. Valentine showed a Herald reporter a despatch from his nephew, Lincoln S. Valentine, in which was outlined the German plot against the United States and American business in Costa Rica.

From other Latin American sources equally important came the statement that the German plot in Central America provided for an expedition from Mexico against British Honduras.

At the same time Germany proposed to foment trouble along the Texas-American frontier. One of these men, who is the head of a large American concern in Mexico, told me he was satisfied that Germany had a submarine base on the coast of Yucatan and there were at least four undersea boats there, with a large quantity of supplies.

Mr. Valentine made public the despatch he had received from his nephew in Panama City.

Since President Wilson has gone before Congress to ask it to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and the German government, I feel morally obliged to make public certain information which I have concerning German intrigue against the United States in Costa Rica.

The Rasputin of Costa Rica. President Alfredo Gonzalez constantly was under German influence through a certain well known German, who is well known in Costa Rica and who generally is regarded as the official German agent there.

VISITING SOLDIERS WERE ENTERTAINED

Members of 177th and 217th Battalions, the Guests of Philathea Class, of German Street Baptist Sunday School.

The large number of men from the two visiting battalions, the 217th and 177th, who took advantage of the kind invitation of the Philathea class of the German street Baptist church Sunday school spent a most enjoyable few hours at the schoolhouse last evening.

Games and music were enjoyed and towards the close of the evening refreshments were served. The soldiers were loud in their appreciation of the kindness of the young ladies and pronounced the evening's programme a most successful one from every regard.

Last evening's entertainment was one of a series of functions which the ladies of the Philathea class have given to members of the expeditionary forces.

The ladies have done a great deal since the commencement of the war in assisting in making the stay of the soldiers in the city a pleasant one.

King Congratulates Canadian Troops London, April 10.—King George sent the following message today to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British armies on the western front.

"A month ago the attention of the State Department was called to this German plot. They were fully advised as to the scheme to send armed German reservists from Mexico on an expedition against British Honduras.

The colony there is a small one and could easily be reduced by a force of one thousand men. Germany has many times that number of reservists in Mexico.

Whether the plot will be carried out depends upon the watchfulness of the United States in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

He asserted that Germany was in direct communication with Mexico by wireless, and that from the Mexico City station dispatches were relayed to points in Central America and from there sent to the United States through the mails.

KING CONGRATULATES CANADIAN TROOPS

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"The whole Empire will be proud that the taking of the coveted Vimy Ridge has fallen to the lot of her troops. I heartily congratulate you and all who have taken part in this splendid achievement."

Naomi Childers Play Naomi Childers will make her debut on the Art Dramas programme in "The Auction of Virtue," made by the U. S. Amusement Corporation.

Leslie Austen, Wyndham Standing, Kickee Brown and Evelyn Dime are in support of the star in this picture, while Herbert Blachy was in charge of the direction.

A WOMAN wondered one day what she would have for lunch. On looking through her cook book she found a recipe for serving grated cheese with crackers.

She bought a box of McCormick's Jersey Cream Sodas, and the result was even better than she had expected.

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NEW BRUNSWICK POWER CO.

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The New Brunswick Power Co. has issued workingmen's tickets which may cut out the present ticket altogether according to a communication read at the City Council meeting yesterday afternoon.

The mayor called the meeting order at 3 o'clock and all the commissioners were present.

The commissioner of water at once reported that acting with the Mayor, under the authority of the committee on the 10th inst. it was decided to hold a special meeting on Friday at 11 o'clock to deal with the assessment report.

St. John Ice Co. Road. Communication was read from St. John Ice Co. asking the city to repair the road which leads from Sandy Point Road to Lily Lake.

No Workingmen's Tickets. A communication was read from the New Brunswick Power Co. asking the city to issue workingmen's tickets.

Union Street West Pavement. Commissioner Fisher advised that he had been in conference with the executive of the New Brunswick Power Co. regarding several questions discussed was the tracks on Union street West.

Commissioner McLellan advised that this was about the report which might have been expected from the corporation.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1917.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

FOUND COMFORT IN LIBERAL'S SPEECH.

From no less a source than Dr. Beland, who was Postmaster-General for a time in the Laurier government, and who, being in Belgium when the war broke out, enlisted and fought in the Belgian army, was taken prisoner by the Germans and has since been an inmate of a German military prison, comes the information that the German newspapers published the speeches made by Lucien Cannon, by-election in Dorchester, Quebec. Writing to his sister in Quebec, Dr. Beland says he was able to follow the Dorchester campaign by the reports in the Frankfurter Zeitung, a Berlin daily newspaper. These reports contained extracts from the speech of Lucien Cannon, the Laurier endorsed candidate, who made a special canvass of his opinion that Canada had already done enough in this war.

The Dorchester by-election campaign was not the first occasion, however, on which enemies of the Empire were able to derive comfort and consolation from the publicly expressed sentiments of Liberals—and Liberals standing much nearer than Mr. Cannon to the throne of leadership. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's eulogies of the Kaiser, his statement that, in time, Canada would be prepared to drop away from the motherland like "ripe fruit from the parent tree," and other more or less disloyal utterances could have been used by Empire enemies to create the impression that Canada was not one with the motherland, but, on the contrary, entertained very warm admiration for the German government and particularly for the murderer of Berlin—praised by Laurier as a powerful force for world's peace.

Dr. Beland's letter, however, furnishes fresh evidence that the vicious sort of campaign which has been carried on by Liberal politicians ever since the outbreak of this war probably resulted in disseminating a great mass of untrue information concerning this country and its aspirations, and cannot but have injured Canada in the eyes of the world.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Even though our neighbors in the United States resort to selective conscription to fill their armies they will have difficulty in approaching the record for enlistment made in Canada. Three weeks after the beginning of the war a Canadian army numbering 35,000 men was assembled on the Plains of Valcartier and in two months and ten days after the declaration of war 33,000 of these were in England. The population of the United States is approximately thirteen times as great as that of Canada. To do as well, proportionately, as this country did, our neighbors will require to place in uniform, assemble, train and transport overseas within three months 400,000 men.

Canada, in two and one half years of war has recruited approximately 400,000 men or at the rate of 160,000 per year. To equal this record the United States must raise, train and equip almost 3,000,000 men per year. Canada's war expenditures are estimated at \$1,000,000 per day. To do as well the United States, when fairly into war will require to expend \$13,000,000 per day and even then, like Canada, will not approach the figure of Great Britain which has raised an army equal to an enlistment of 12,000,000 men for the United States, and its spending money at a rate which would commit our neighbors to the expenditure of \$60,000,000 per day.

There is no question but that the entry of the United States will mean a great deal to the Entente Allies but, valuable though the assistance will be, it is not probable that that nation will do much more than equal Canada's record of enlistment or expenditure for the next six months at any rate.

CANADA'S LEADER.

An English newspaper reporter says about the eminent Canadian ministers now in England that Hon. Robert Rogers is "the power behind the throne." A Canadian Liberal newspaper writer takes up the English reporter's reference and works himself into a frenzy. He accepts the idea that Mr. Rogers is the "power behind the throne," and comments upon the Minister of Public Works as though he were a thug and a highwayman.

To be regarded as the moving spirit of the Canadian Government is a

compliment greater than Mr. Rogers merits, says an exchange. It is a compliment, notwithstanding. Mr. Rogers is a valued minister, whose handling of the public works department has been without criticism. He has a wide knowledge of public affairs, and though personally a most approachable and likeable man, he is also a fighter who speaks with great plainness. That the Prime Minister regards Mr. Rogers highly is fully shown in that he was one of two ministers to accompany him to Great Britain, Hon. J. D. Hazen being the other.

The master of the administration is not in doubt. His name is Borden. His rise to power was no mere accident. He came into office through the strength of his own character and the ability with which he gauged public opinion. He defeated Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the zenith of the Liberal leader's public career. Canada has no parallel for the successful attack by Robert Laird Borden against the ramparts of Liberalism in 1911. And it has no parallel for the statesman-like patriotic and high minded leadership that Canada has had from the moment that war with Germany appeared imminent.

BRAZIL GOING TO WAR.

Brazil is to sever relations with Germany and Austria and is likely to follow that step with a declaration of war. The effect of such action upon other South American states should be immediate. For their independence the "A. B. C." republics of South America depend upon the Monroe doctrine, and in a situation such as Germany has created they naturally take their cue from Washington.

Early in February Brazil notified Germany that if any of her vessels were sunk by German submarines it would be considered an "overt act." Since that warning the Brazilian ship Parana has been sent to the bottom and the latest information received in Rio Janeiro is to the effect that the sinking was a deliberate act. Consequently it is likely that the next few hours will see the Brazilian republic solidly lined up with the Entente Allies against the common enemy.

In the event of war the Brazilian navy should be of some assistance in keeping southern waters free from German U-boats, while the opening of Brazilian ports to vessels of Entente nations will also be of service. In the matter of military aid it is not to be expected that the Brazilians will attempt anything. In fact it will not be surprising if, upon their entry to war, they find considerable fighting to do on their own territory, for it has been one of the boasts of the German press that Germany has planted in Brazil a community so strong that it can muster an army bigger than that of Brazil itself. The army of Brazil has never comprised more than 100,000 men, but in war time, with the people a unit behind the government in declaring war, that army could speedily be increased to three or four times its normal size, large enough at any rate to take care of all the apostles of Kaiserism who saw fit to become bellicose.

Brazilian ports contain many thousands of tons of German shipping. This would be seized at once. It also has many excellent harbors and large resources of food, all of which, as stated, would be of value to the Entente cause.

The real value of Brazil as an ally, however, would be apparent after the war, as it would be commercial rather than military, and would mean the inclusion in the Entente group of a country whose trade possibilities are highly regarded by the Germans. In fact the acquisition of Brazil as a sphere of German colonization has long been one of Germany's hopes. Had Germany been victorious in Europe the Kaiser could have defied the Monroe doctrine and taken what share of Brazil he desired, and in this regard it is safe to say the "planting" of so many Germans in that country was not accidental. It was a policy of "peaceful penetration" to be followed when the opportunity served by a more direct penetration and, possibly, an overseas German empire.

If Brazil decides to act against Germany, as it is now practically certain she will do, the influence upon Mexico should be profound. The Mexicans must speedily see that they permit themselves to be used by the Germans in the face of an entire new world in arms the effect will be suicidal. Brazil is the largest and most

powerful of the South American republics and its alliance with the Allies is a development of more than passing importance.

QUARTER OF MILLION IN STUDEBAKER AUTOMOBILES

War conditions have forced many hardships upon the automobile dealers of the Dominion. Naturally enough, foodstuffs, munitions for overseas requirements and government needs are given preference by the railroads. Freight cars, for the shipment of motor cars, have been at a premium almost since the beginning of the war. The latest development to hamper the work of eastern dealers is the embargo on everything east of Toronto. "There is a car shortage and freight embargo—we can't give you the machines," is what J. E. Grady, sales manager of the Studebaker Corporation, Walkerville, Ontario, told the officials of the Dixon Motor Car Company, of Ottawa, and the Legare Automobile Company, Ltd., of Montreal. "Embargo or no embargo—we must have the cars. People are demanding delivery. It's a case of have to," was the response of the Quebec distributors. "Let us have them quick, they added, 'if there is any possible way of doing it.'"

Grady is a man who does things. He decided to get the cars to his eastern dealers—and do it quick. With the Quebec motor alliance for a shipment of seventy-four cars, it became necessary for Grady to back an entire freight train onto the Corporation's siding, at Walkerville, and load it with Studebaker cars exclusively for these dealers. With no stops en route, and running on fast freight schedule, the "Studebaker Special" received precedent over all local shipments and unloaded at Ottawa and Montreal after a record run.

It is declared to be the largest single shipment of motor cars ever sent to an eastern distributor. The seventy-four cars were valued at approximately \$250,000. All of the machines were of the latest models and the popular sizes—Series 18, as the new models are called. That the Quebec dealers will now be able to keep their customers supplied is unprecedented demand for Studebaker cars is the belief of sales manager Grady.

"OH, PEOPLE OF BAGDAD," SAID GENERAL MAUDE

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Stanley Maude, commander-in-chief of the British army in Mesopotamia, issued a striking proclamation to the population of Bagdad, when his army entered the "City of the Caliphs" on March 11. The complete text of it has just reached this country. It reads as follows: "The reference to 'the days of Halaka' apparently refers to the capture of the city and the overthrow of the Abbasid caliphs by the Mongols under the great Khan Hulagu in 1258. The proclamation follows: 'To the people of Bagdad vilayat. (1) In the name of my King and in the name of the peoples over whom he rules I address you as follows: (2) Our military operations have as their object the defeat of the enemy and the driving of him from these territories. In order to complete this task I am charred with absolute and supreme control of all regions in which British troops operate, but our armies do not come into your cities and lands as conquerors or enemies, but as liberators. Tyranny of Strangers (3) Since the days of Halaka your city and your lands have been subject to the tyranny of strangers, your palaces have fallen into ruin, your gardens have sunk in desolation, and your people have been driven into exile and in bondage. Your sons have been carried off to wars not of your seeking, your wealth has been stripped from you by unjust men and squandered in distant places. (4) Since the days of Midhat the Turks have talked of reforms. Yet do not the ruins and wastes of today testify the vanity of those promises? (5) It is the wish not only of my King and his peoples, but it is also the wish of the great nations with whom he is in alliance, that you should prosper even as in the past, when your hands were free, when your ancestors gave to the world literature, science, and art, and when Bagdad city was one of the wonders of the world. (6) Between you people and the dominions of my King there has been a close bond of interest. For two hundred years have the merchants of Bagdad and Great Britain traded together in mutual profit and friendship. On the other hand, the Germans and the Turks, who have despoiled you and yours, have for twenty years made

Bagdad a centre of power from which to assail the power of the British and the allies of the British in Persia and Arabia. Therefore, the British Government cannot remain indifferent as to what takes place in your country now or in the future, for in duty to the interests of the British people and their allies the British Government cannot risk that being done in Bagdad again which has been done by Turks and Germans during the war. Wishes of Government (7) That you people of Bagdad, whose commerce and prosperity and whose safety from oppression and invasion must ever be a matter of the closest concern to the British Government, are not to understand it is the wish of the British Government to impose upon you alien institutions. It is the hope of the British Government that the aspirations of your philopeters and writers shall be realized, and that the people of Bagdad shall flourish, enjoying their wealth and substance under institutions which are in conference with their sacred laws and their racial ideas. In honor the Arabs have expelled the Turks and Germans who oppressed them, and proclaimed the Sheriff Hussein as their King, and his Lordship is independence and freedom, and is the ally of the nations who are fighting against the powers of Turkey and Germany, so indeed are the noble Arabs the lords of Kowat, Nejd, and Arab. (8) Many noble Arabs have perished in the cause of Arab freedom at the hands of those alien rulers, the Turks, who oppressed them. It is the determination of the Government of Great Britain and the great Powers allied to Great Britain that these noble Arabs shall not have suffered in vain. It is the hope and desire of the British Government to see the Arab race in alliance with them that the Arab race may rise once more to greatness and renown among the peoples of the earth, and that it shall bind itself together to this end in unity and concord. (9) Oh people of Bagdad! Remember that for twenty-six generations you have suffered under strange tyrants, who have endeavored to set one Arab house against another in order that they might profit by your dissensions. That policy is abhorrent to Great Britain and the Allies, for here can be neither peace nor prosperity where there is enmity and misgovernment. Therefore, I am commanded to invite you through your nobles and elders and representatives to participate in the management of your civil affairs in collaboration with the political representatives of Great Britain who accompany the British army, so that you may be united with your kinsmen in north, south, east, and west in realizing the aspirations of your race."—N.

GERMAN AGENTS ACTIVE IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

San Diego, Cal., April 10—German agents, attired in the field gray uniform of the German army, are operating mobile radio stations in Lower California. A statement to this effect was made today by Lieutenant Commander Don Stewart, commanding the Third and Tenth companies, California Naval Reserves, who obtained his information from two German sailors who said they came to San Diego from Paris. The two Germans, both of whom claimed to be naturalized Americans, said that while walking up the peninsula to San Diego they encountered three distinct radio parties one near San Quentin one near Magdalena Bay and the third just south of Turlie Bay Stewart said: "These men told me that aerial wires for these stations were hoisted on collapsible towers and that officers attired in the field uniform of the German army composed the operating force. The boys also said that German outpost signs were posted at points near where the mobile radio

stations were operating. These two men evidently are thoroughly familiar with the terrain of Lower California, for they described accurately the various roads and trails leading from Los Angeles north to the boundary. The two Germans, according to Stewart, attempted to enlist in the local naval reserves. Stewart became suspicious because of their decidedly foreign bearing and conversation, and bluntly accused them of being officers from the German sailing fleet interned at Santa Rosalia. This the men denied, although one of them admitted that he had attended school in Germany. Stewart said the Germans both were well educated. The Germans applied for enlistment in the naval reserves here last Monday. They were told to report at the armory last night, but failed to put in an appearance. The story related by the two men has been communicated to Admiral William Caperton, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet now in port.

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Wich Artie looked up in the air and I quick stuck a jelly been in my mouth, and Artie sed, I dont see anything.
Is all the way shot now, I sed.
How cood there be a shooting star in the daytime, sed Artie.
Thats rite, maybe it was ony a comet, I sed. And we kepp on wawking, and all of a suddin I sed, look at the man on the top of the telegraph pole.
Wich Artie looked up agen and I quick stuck another jelly been in my mouth, and Artie sed, Wat man?
It was ony a berd, I gess, I sed.
You must be krazy, aint you? sed Artie.
Inten any krazy than anybody else, I sed. Wich I aint, and we kepp on wawking, and I sed, Wats that, a airoplane?
Ony insted of looking up in the air agen Artie looked at me jest wile I was quick sticking another jelly been in my mouth, saying, Wail ill be darned, you meen sook.
Wunt a jelly been? I sed.
And I gave him one and ate the last one and then left him serch me to prove there wasent any left.

Bagdad a centre of power from which to assail the power of the British and the allies of the British in Persia and Arabia. Therefore, the British Government cannot remain indifferent as to what takes place in your country now or in the future, for in duty to the interests of the British people and their allies the British Government cannot risk that being done in Bagdad again which has been done by Turks and Germans during the war.

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OBITUARY

Miss Alice M. Donohoe. The friends of Miss Alice M. Donohoe of this city will regret to hear of her death which occurred in Boston yesterday. Miss Donohoe went to that city less than a month ago. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Eliza Donohoe. She is survived by a sister, Florence E., and by two brothers, Thomas B. and W. W. Donohoe of this city.
C. H. Wilkinson. Word reached the city yesterday of the death of C. H. Wilkinson which occurred yesterday at Outremont, Montreal. The deceased was a native of Montreal and leaves one daughter to mourn. For some time he resided in St. John and about three years ago was superintendent of the Dominion Coal Company here. While in St. John he was a member of St. David's church and also a member of Hibernia Lodge A. F. and A. M.
Holman D. Waldron. Holman D. Waldron, general passenger agent of the Maine Central railroad, is dead at Portland, aged sixty years. He started on the railroad as the graph operator. His death is a severe loss to the railroad.

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COMMISSIONER WIGMORE PRESENTS HIS FIFTH ANNUAL WATER AND SEWERAGE REPORT

Reviews Work of Past Year—Recommends An Extensive Programme of Renewals As Soon As Possible—Pays Tribute to Loyalty of Employees.

In presenting to the council his fifth annual report as Commissioner of Water and Sewerage Commissioner Wigmore reviews the work of the past year and points out the many improvements made in the service. He recommends quite an extensive programme of renewals to be carried out as rapidly as possible. The report is as follows: To His Worship the Mayor, and Commissioners of the City of St. John, Gentlemen.—I hereby submit the Sixty-first Annual Report of the Water and Sewerage Department and my fifth report as commissioner, being for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

It is with both pride and regret that I report that our superintendent and engineer, R. Fraser Armstrong, C. E., resigned his position and following the path of duty donned the khaki and has gone forth to fight for King and Country. His decision placed extra duties on the other members of the staff which they have loyally borne.

During the fall we were fortunate in securing, for a time, the services of Frank A. McEneaney, C. E., as superintendent and engineer. He is a native of Fredericton but for many years has been chief engineer of the water and sewerage department of the city of Boston. At the time of writing he is still with us but we cannot expect to have him remain for any definite time. He has been of very valuable assistance to the department, especially in examining our system and pointing out its defects and also in completing the plans for several projects which we have in view.

Although no very extensive works have been carried out this year the department has had one of its busiest years. Further particulars will be shown later on under the different headings.

Water Construction.
The only works chargeable to bond issue were the completion of the extension in Portland Place in the North End and in Beaconfield Avenue. Bonds were sold for these extensions two years ago. No bonds were sold this year.

Particulars as to size, length and cost as follows:
Wellesley street, 320 ft. 6-inch pipe; Dufferin Avenue, 640 ft. 15-inch pipe, \$2,543.96.
Beaconfield Avenue, 500 ft. 8-inch pipe; Bay Shore Road, 500 ft. 8-inch pipe, \$1,661.57.

Water Reserve.
At the commencement of 1916 the credit balance of this account was \$23,906.11 of which \$2,118.50 was expended for cleaning the 12-inch leading main, and \$6,450.37 toward payment for cast iron pipe for the 24-inch renewal in Lancaster, leaving a balance of \$15,337.24, which will also be used for the same purpose. There was no addition to this account from the past year's operations.

Pipe Cleaning.
The cleaning of the 12-inch leading main, commenced last fall, was completed during the year. The work was so satisfactory that the contract was entered into with the National Pipe Cleaning Co. to clean the 12-inch and 15-inch mains in City Road, Paradise Row and Main street, and also the 15-inch main in Brussels street and the 12-inch main in Waterloo street. Work was commenced on November 6th, but owing to the cold weather was discontinued on December 25th after the 12-inch main in City Road.

PUT STOMACH IN FINE CONDITION
Says Indigestion Results from an Excess of Hydrochloric Acid.

Undigested food delayed in the stomach decays, or rather, ferments the same as food left in the open air, says a noted authority. He also tells us that indigestion is caused by hyperacidity, meaning, there is an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach which prevents complete digestion and starts food fermentation. Thus everything eaten sours in the stomach much like garbage sours in a can, forming acid fluids and gases which inflate the stomach like a toy balloon. Then we feel a heavy, lumpy misery in the chest, we belch up gas, we eructate sour food or have heartburn, flatulence, water-brash or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead, get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and drink while it is effervescing and furthermore to continue this for a week. While relief follows the first dose, it is important to neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

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was cleaned. This work will be continued during the summer.

Water Maintenance.

I submit the following comparative summary of the receipts and expenditures:

1916.		1917.	
Receipts	\$237,529.44	\$221,427.47	
Expenditures	232,663.24	180,996.65	
Unexpended	4,866.20	40,430.82	

This statement shows an increased revenue of \$16,101.97 and increased payments of \$51,666.59. The ordinary expenditure for repairs and expenses, including interest, sinking fund and taxes, was only \$39,032 greater than in 1916, notwithstanding that \$4,533.30 more was added to the sinking funds.

The extra payments are accounted for as follows: By resolution of common council the maintenance of sewers and fire hydrants was made a charge on the water revenue instead of being included in the city tax levy, this amounting to \$1,643.98. The cost of cast iron pipe for the new 36-inch main around "Dry Lake," so-called, was responsible for \$20,374.80. On account of the certainty of much higher prices and the necessity of having considerable material on hand for projected works, castings and valves to the amount of \$10,000 were purchased in addition to ordinary requirements. As the time of writing it would cost over \$10,000 more to purchase the cast iron pipe, castings and valves, showing that it was good business to buy when we did. These goods are also on hand, the pipe being delivered along the line of proposed main. The balance of extra payments, \$10,651.14, was on account of additions to plant and land.

Under the following headings will be found further and more detailed particulars of the work done by the several services:

Water Maintenance.

Expenditures, leading mains:	
Leak and repairs, east	\$2,124.92
Leak and repairs, west	197.46
Cleaning screens at Lake Latimer	288.62
Lake Robertson, caretaker	399.88
Little River reservoir, caretaker and repairs	492.48
Telephone line repairs	36.90
Spruce Lake, caretaker and repairs	441.90
Special inspection	3,048.75
Installing Venturi meter throats	749.73
New 12-inch main around Venturi vault	481.69
	\$8,262.28

The installing of the new Venturi meter throats and the diversion of the 12-inch main from its position through the Venturi vault to one outside were among the several improvements accomplished during the year.

Distribution Mains.

The renewal of the cast iron header at the Marsh bridge, from which four distribution mains started, was completed during last winter. Modern "Y" branches have been installed and the cause of much uneasiness to many water officials has been done away with.

The cost attributed to leaks and repairs was considerably in excess of last year. It was caused principally by the necessity of having every main renewed as opportunity occurred. As opportunity offered valves were examined and repaired where found faulty. Concrete vaults with cast iron covers were placed around many of them.

At least 100 valves occurred and were repaired when notified. In addition to works chargeable to construction account a number of extensions and renewals have been made from maintenance account.

General Expenses.

Commissioner's salary	\$ 3,000.00
Salaries and general labor	12,560.14
Office supplies	284.09
Barn supplies	1,719.19
Sundry expenses	2,267.61
Commission collecting meter accounts	412.56
Delivering water bills	200.00
Rental West Side shop	300.00
Proportion J. E. Toole's salary	1,000.00
Fire Underwriters' prop. cost of survey	180.00
Materials sold	1,559.87
Total	\$23,883.46

Plant Additions.

C. I. pipe for new 36-inch main	\$20,374.80
New meters	2,141.33
Castings and valves on hand	10,900.00
New auto	563.00
New motor truck	2,957.00
Land purchases	3,890.00
New garage	1,099.81
Total	\$41,035.94

In addition to the purchase of cast iron pipe and castings previously referred to, new meters and land purchases have added \$6,131.33 to our plant, while \$4,529.81 has been expended in a Ford car, a motor truck and a cement and brick garage. The old Ford car has been converted into a service car and is constantly in use by the service pipe inspector. The truck has already proved to be a valuable addition to our facilities for prompt service.

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Men's Khaki Overalls	\$1.00 per gar.
Men's Peters' Railroad Overalls and Jackets, in Stipple Blue Stripe, Black and Blue	\$1.75 per gar.
Men's Heavy All Wool Grey Oxford Homespun Trousers	\$3.50 pair
Men's Heavy Moncton Bannockburn Trousers	\$4 per pair
Men's Long Black Oil Coats	\$4.00, \$4.50, \$6.50
Men's Long Khaki Slickers	\$6.00
Carpenters Aprons	40c, 60c
Men's Warehouse Coats, tan	\$1.50, \$1.75
Men's Warehouse Coats, Dark Grey	\$2.00

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Miscellaneous.

Insurance	\$ 30.00
County taxes	951.84
Interest	76,238.46
Sinking funds	34,940.01
Total	\$114,160.31

Incomes.

The increase in the water assessment was \$2,206.33, but the receipts were \$7,000.35 greater than 1915. This was largely on account of the efforts of the chamberlain and his staff and the greater ability of the citizens. The receipts from meters and agreements show an increased revenue of \$4,737.68, while the revenue from supplying steamships increased \$1,861.00.

Sewerage Maintenance.

The expenditure on account of sewerage maintenance was:

Labor, catch basins	\$ 3,417.87
Labor, main sewers	2,159.89
Labor, general	1,813.53
Salaries	1,405.28
Material	2,341.79
Total	\$11,138.36

New main sewers were laid as follows: Newman street, Elgin street, Hazen Avenue, Marsh Road, Market Place.

The following sewers were renewed: Chapel street, Paddock street, Bridge street.

These sewers were timber sewers which were so badly decayed that their renewal was imperative.

In addition to above about \$2,000.00 was spent in repairs to sewers and manholes.

New catch basins: Corner Britain and Wentworth streets, North and South Market streets (8), Wellington Row, near Union street, corner Main and Elm streets.

Fifty catch basins were renewed at a cost of \$1,280.00. Repairs, other than renewals cost \$1,900.00. Cleaning, steaming and inspecting basins cost \$2,835.36.

Fire Hydrants.

Expenditure on account of fire hydrants was:

Labor, installing and repairs	\$2,188.54
Labor, inspection	1,133.32
New hydrants	2,750.00
Sundry material	873.85
Total	\$6,945.71

Recommendations.

In addition to the replacing of the defective concrete conduit across the Dry Lake, so-called, with 36-inch cast iron pipe, now on the ground, and the renewal of the old cement-lined 12-inch pipe between the Lancaster reservoir and Moore's Hill, we recommend that as soon as circumstances permit the following mains be renewed:

380 ft. 4-in. Drury Lane with 8-in. pipe.
530 ft. 4-in. North street with 8-in. pipe.
603 ft. 4-in. Long Wharf with 8-in. pipe.
150 ft. 4-in. Fireproof Alley with 16-in. pipe.
250 ft. 10-in. Market Square, north side with 12-in. pipe.
3,260 ft. 12-in. City Road with 16-in. pipe.
540 ft. 6-in. Germain street with 6-in. pipe.
500 ft. 6-in. Germain street with 10-in. pipe.
705 ft. 4-in. Wentworth street with 8-in. pipe.
460 ft. 6-in. St. James street with 8-in. pipe.
1,370 ft. 4-in. Queen street with 16-in. pipe.
920 ft. 4-in. St. James street with 8-in. pipe.
470 ft. 4-in. Sheffield street with 8-in. pipe.
280 ft. 4-in. Sydney street with 8-in. pipe.
950 ft. 6-in. Carmarthen street with 12-in. pipe.

This may seem quite an extensive programme but an examination of the report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters of their survey last year, and also the reports of our own engineers, will show that many improvements and renewals will need to be done before we claim to have a fairly satisfactory system. Many of our mains have been in use for over fifty years, while a very large proportion of our distributing mains are under six inches in diameter and are in many cases seriously tuberculated besides being too small for present conditions.

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My appreciation is due and is hereby tendered to His Worship the Mayor and my fellow commissioners for their co-operation with me in endeavoring to improve this branch of the city's service. I also desire to pay tribute to the loyal service of all employees, who were always on hand to perform their duties, regardless of time or state of the weather.
Respectfully submitted,
RUPERT W. WIGMORE,
Commissioner W. and S.

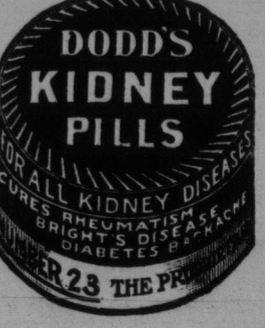
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PROVISIONS BREAK IN THE CHICAGO MARKET

Pork Drops \$1.55 and Grain Also Tumbles, but Wheat is Still Above \$2 a Bushel.

Chicago, April 10.—(Special) breaks in the value of provisions pulled down with a crash today the corn market and then almost instantly wheat and other grains. A general rush to sell found the different commodities without any aggressive support and there was soon a condition bordering on panic in the provision pits, where pork made an almost sheer descent of \$1.55. Other extreme losses were 5c. to 5 1/2c. in wheat and corn. More than half of the setback in cereals was afterward recorded, but provisions showed much less power to rally. Opening wheat prices, which ranged from 3/4 to 2 1/4c. lower, with May at 2.03 3/4 to 2.04 1/2, and July at 1.87 1/2 to 1.88 3/4 were followed by declines of 1/2c. to 1 1/2c. and 1.30 and then a partial recovery.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

April—Phases of the Moon.
Full moon... 7th—9h 49m a.m.
First quarter... 14th—4h 12m p.m.
New moon... 21st—11h 1m a.m.
First quarter... 29th—1h 22m a.m.

Date	Day	W.	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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15	S	5.44	7.04	5.32	18.12	11.46	12.54										

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Tuesday, April 10.
Steamer Bear River, Bear River; Chignecto, Port Greenville; Granville, Annapolis; Ruby L. Margaretville.
Cleared.
Schr Barkino, Alma; schr Happy Home, Beaver Harbor; stmr Grand Mann, Wilson's Beach; Chignecto, Port Greenville; Granville, Annapolis; Ruby L. Margaretville.

FOREIGN PORTS.

City Island—Passed south April 7, schs A J Sterling, Annotto Bay via Stamford, Conn. for New York; Chas H Trickey, Boothbay for do; Wesley Abbott, Vineyard Haven for do; Portland—Arr April 6, sch Major Pickands, Norfolk.
Boston—Arr April 6, sch Catawamteak, Rockport.
St. John—Arr April 7, sch John J Perry, Bellisville.
Norfolk—Arr April 6, schs Bayard Hopkins, New York; Republic, do (and anchored in lower bay).
New Bedford—Arr April 4, sch Jeremiah Smith.
New York—Arr April 7, schs Charles H Trickey, Boothbay; Wesley Abbott, Vineyard Haven.
Delaware Breakwater—Sld April 7, sch Frank Brainard, New Bedford.
Havana—Arr March 31, sch Flora Condon, Gulfport.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Portland, April 7.—Blue Hill Bay, York Narrows, Me.—Yard Rock Buoy, HS red and black, 2nd-class nun, was reported out of position April 5. Will be attended to as soon as permissible.
Entrance to Portland Harbor, Whitehead Passage, Me.—Mud scow sunk practically in middle of Whitehead Passage, easterly entrance to Portland harbor. Company's tug is lying near same to give warning to approaching vessels. Channel is not safe to navigate until same is removed. Owners will commence work on same at once.

RECENT CHARTERS.

Schs Lovina M Snow, 292 tons, Norfolk to San Domingo, coal, p.t.; P Davidson, 503 tons, Turks Island to Bridgewater, N S, salt, p.t.; four Danish steamers, New York and Gulf ports to West Coast Italy, general cargo, basis \$10s, from New York, and 238s, net from the Gulf; April-May sch, 525 tons, New York to Portland, N B, coal, \$5.

SCHOONER ASHORE.

Boston, April 10.—The three-masted schooner J Frank Seavey, bound for St. John and other eastern ports, is dangerously ashore at Shore's Cove, Scituate, Mass. Shore Acres is a stretch of the south Sound made famous by a play of that name. The shore is covered with ancient wrecks. The Seavey went ashore in yesterday's northeast blizzard, the worst April storm of years.

SCHR. CORA MAY LOST.

J. Willard Smith today received a telegram stating the schooner Cora May was ashore at Young's Cove, fifteen miles from Digby, and that the vessel and cargo were a total loss. She left St. John on Sunday morning for Passamaquoddy with general cargo. The schooner was 117 tons register and was formerly owned by N. C. Scott.

SCHR. ABENAKI ASHORE.

A report from Plymouth, Mass., says that the two-masted schooner Abenaki, bound from New York for Bath, Me., with coal, ran ashore between White Horse Beach and Manomet Point during the storm on Monday. The schooner registered 176 tons and was owned by J. W. Parker of Portland, Me.

CERTAINTY OF WAR CAUSES CHANGES IN BANKING HOUSES

New York, April 8.—With the knowledge that war between the United States and Germany had become inevitable, as the outcome of the President's message to Congress, several

important changes have been made in the membership of banking houses and of financial corporations in this city with German associations. Those to which the most interest was attached took place in the old established international banking firm of Speyer & Co. From that, it was announced yesterday, Messrs. Richard Schuster and Edward Beit von Speyer had retired, while James Speyer, head of the house, had retired from Messrs. Lasard-Speyer-Billien, in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, a firm founded by Mr. Speyer's ancestors more than one hundred years ago.

STRANGE DEVICES OF PRUSSIAN RAIDER

Rio Janeiro, April 9.—The crews landed by the Cambronne says the Prussian raider Soudier is equipped with stupendous devices to baffle the enemy. It has an unknown apparatus to indicate the presence of a vessel at a great distance. They saw bombs that when exploded envelop the vessel in thick fumes of smoke making her invisible. When aboard the men were fully informed of the great events in the world. Thus they knew details of the revolution in Russia.

The changes in the Speyer firm came as a surprise to the financial district generally, where Mr. Schuster has been a prominent figure for several years, not only a member of the house of Speyer and Company, but as a director of several large corporations. Mr. Schuster's retirement was deeply regretted and, while in some quarters it was deemed unnecessary, the motive for it was readily comprehended by all who were acquainted with him and were aware of his high sense of personal honor and of his deep conscientiousness. Promptness of the house in placing

itself, at what was believed to be considerable financial sacrifice, in a position where not the slightest doubt could be entertained of its loyalty to the United States, heightened the esteem in which it has been held in financial circles.

In announcing the retirement of his partners and the severance of his own connection with the Frankfurt house, Mr. Speyer told publicly what has long been known in banking quarters that all active relations between Speyer & Co. and its German associates had ceased several months ago.

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Results of First Aid Class. St. John ambulance class in first aid. The large class in first aid which had the advantage of the careful instruction of Capt. Barnes was lately examined by Capt. Curran with the assistance of Major Bishop. The following twenty-five young ladies presented themselves for examination and all succeeded in qualifying, a number making high marks. Miss Camp, in particular, sent in an admirable paper, which has been sent to headquarters on account of its excellence.

Y. W. P. A. To Hold Flag Day. An executive meeting of the Y. W. P. A. was held yesterday afternoon to make plans for the regular meeting on Thursday evening. Miss Fairweather presided. Arrangements for

the flag day to be held April 23rd, St. George's Day, for the Red Cross, were discussed and several interesting matters spoken of which will come up at the regular meeting. Invitations were received to be present at the League of Honor meeting on Friday and at the Housewives' League meeting on Friday afternoon.

V. A. D. MEETING. A V. A. D. meeting was called last evening by the commandant Mrs. Kuhring, and several important matters were decided. It was decided to become a brigade of the St. John's Ambulance Association and to wear the uniform which these nurses wear. This will not mean any change in the manner of conducting the V. A. D. as it is at present, but will be more convenient in several ways, and in line with the St. John's Ambulance Association all over the world. The uniforms of the V. A. D.'s at present will be in use till they require renewal, when uniforms of dark serge with the St. John's emblem, a white cross on a circle of black worn on the arm.

Mrs. Kuhring presided at the meeting which was held at Stone church. Reports were heard from the officers.

W. I. NOTES. Gibson and St. Mary Roll-call for the March meeting of the Gibson and St. Mary's Institute was answered with suggestions for supper dishes. The members are much

pleased over the fact that a class in first aid has been started. Plans for a Clean Up Day in the spring came up for much discussion at this meeting.

Tax Settlement. Mrs. McCrea demonstrated the making of a delicate cake at the February meeting of the Tax Settlement Institute. This was tested during the social half hour, when tea and sandwiches were also served.

Woodstock. During the course in home economics at Woodstock, the Woodstock Institute had a pantry sale and concert, realizing \$40.00 for soldiers' comforts.

THE CALL TO A SCOT (Ruth Guthrie Harding.) There came an ancient man and slow Who piped his way along our street— How could the neighbors' children know That to her ears 'twas passing sweet?

With smiles they spoke the raged kill. And jerrered the pipes in mirthful file; But strangely moved, she heard the ill That rallied Carriek and Argyle.

A stroller playing in the street, Half-hearted, weary, out of place— But his old measure stirred her feet, My baby with the Gaelic face.

She squared her shoulders as she stood To watch the piper round the turn— Nor dreamed what beat within her blood.

Was Robert Bruce and Bannockburn!

FOUNDER OF COLORED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune is the founder of the Industrial Training School for Girls in the States. She started five years ago with no money nor assistance, but by dint of hard work and never-swinging patience, she has established a prominent business in her project and today the school is an important factor in changing the conditions among her people.

The Color of Gold. Gold is not always the "golden yellow" of the poets, but, under certain conditions may appear orange, red, pink, green, or even purple. Addition of copper as an alloy to make the metal hard enough for commercial purposes gives the gold an orange or a pale yellow. Silver makes it a very light gold leaf, it transmits a green light. But if very finely divided gold is suspended in a liquid by precipitation from a solution, it appears to be purple. So you cannot always judge gold by its color.—The American Boy.

He was talking very loudly and boastfully in the railway carriage and compelling everyone to hear him, whether they wanted to or not. "Talking about Turkey," he bellowed, "why do you not consume some of the finest things here, the way the dogs are scavengers here, and eat everything in the streets. Awfully dangerous to touch 'em. They eat up every scrap of rubbish." A young woman in the corner said, thoughtfully, "I really wonder you got home alive!" And presently a blessed silence reigned in that carriage.—London Times.

LECTURE. By Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond Before the Natural History Society. Before the Round Table of the Natural History Society, last evening Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond gave a very interesting lecture on "Gems." Mr. James A. Estey presided and made a brief address, after which Mrs. John A. McAvity, president of the ladies of the N.H.S., spoke of the honor that had been conferred upon the society in the invitation extended to Mrs. Raymond to speak before them. She was an innovation having a lady lecturer.

Mrs. Raymond's paper showed deep research and much time spent upon it. It was listened to most attentively by the members present. She treated

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born in Urna, Sweden, "almost at the top of the world," he says. During his early life, he spent his leisure hours when there was a light in the far north, skiing over the snow-covered hills.

When he was ten years old, he was brought to America by his parents. His great ambition lurked in his mind. He aspired to become an opera singer, but his dream of picking up gold in the streets of New York was quickly dispelled. Instead of receiving the plaudits from the Horshoe Circle at the Metropolitan, he was riding around the ring at Madison Square Garden. In company with Frank Kramer, Eddie Hall, Lloyd McParlane, Harry Elkes, and other famous professional bicycle riders of the day. But all the time he was hammering the pathetic Italian aria "Addio" from "Traviata" and his dream of operatic life continued.

Finally, tired of bicycle riding, he went to Boston, landing there with nine dollars in his pocket, three of which he spent for a vocal lesson. For months he had a difficult time securing enough to eat, but finally got a position as a singer in the production of Hall Kane's "The Christian," which was to have its premier in Boston. From among the suppers, the stage manager wanted a young man who could sing Gounod's "Jesus of Nazareth." Oland jumped at the opportunity and because he could do the solo, he was granted the magnificent sum of eighteen dollars a week.

His success from this time was rapid. He appeared with Viola Allen in "The Christian" and "The Eternal City." "Twelfth Night," with Sothorn and Martore in "A Fool There Was." On the motion picture screen he made his first appearance with Fox, later with Metro in "The Eternal Question." His work attracted attention and he was chosen for the role in "Patria." Mr. Oland is a translator of Strindberg's plays, also a scenario writer and producer.

FOX REPRESENTATIVE HERE. J. J. Mooney, special representative of the William Fox Film Corporation, is in the city. Mr. Mooney will spend a month in the offices in Montreal and Toronto.

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Hillsboro, April 10. Mr. Paul Barnett, Geo. Barnett of Oxford on Saturday... The United Women met at the home of Mrs. E. F. Mills on Saturday... Mrs. George Walker from a visit to Br... Mrs. Kathleen Pro... Mrs. George Walker from a visit to Pict... NEWCA... Newcastle, April... self a veteran of th... war, had good success for his battalion. H... following recruits in a... Har features in th... brothers or other... front; Wm. McCol... whose sons, Robert... at the front; Mich... brother John... was killed in action;... two of whose brot... Samuel, are doing t... trenches; and Wm. ... Chatham Head—E... one of whose brot... North—Wm. G. F... lously tried in vain... Douglastown—Jam... of whose brothers... Legareville—Pte... Chatham—Pte. E... 73rd Home Defence... CAMPO... Campbell, April... age, Saturday, April... Currier officiating, M... and Mr. Manning Mill... island, were united... Miss Virginia Wil... was attending the... ness College, is a... stenographer in the... F. Calder, Inspector... Miss Margarette... home on Friday... Miss Anna Mitche... spent a few days... at her home here... NEWS SU... (McDUGALL... New York, April... of \$5,000,000,000... per cent. for war pu... 000 for loans to be... posed to congress... Moran, following... Secretary McAdoo... for government bo... lies plan comes at... for the investment... Strong opposition... feature of the arm... house. Copenhagen deep... many in negotiati... peace with Russia... erment that no ge... Russian front will... the time being... J. Ogden. Armo... States faces seri... and urges imme... steps to increas... supply. PROPERTY T... A. H. Likely to... property at Simond... J. R. McLean to... Ltd., 31,100, propr... J. E. Moore & C... Settlement Board... Martins. Ellen B. Rogers... E. wife of N. A. W... Lancaster.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales west and north-west, unsettled and cold, with light local snowfalls.

Washington, April 10.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday, fair; strong west winds diminishing.

Toronto, April 10.—The eastern storm has remained almost stationary since last night, and gales with snow and sleet continue in the maritime provinces. From the Great Lakes westward the weather has been fine with a tendency towards higher temperatures in Ontario and little change in west.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Another Bootlegger. Donaldson Park was arrested on Charlotte street last night and is charged with being drunk, also supplying liquor to soldiers in uniform. Eight other drunks were also arrested last night.

Two Deserters Arrested. Two deserters, who were arrested at a recruiting station yesterday, are being held at police headquarters to await the arrival of a guard from Halifax who will take them back to that city.

Kitties' Concert Company. The Kitties' Concert Company, composed of men who have been to the front, will give a most unique entertainment in the Imperial Theatre between four and six o'clock Tuesday afternoon, April 17th, under the auspices of the St. John Council of Women. Keep the date free.

Children's Aid Society. A little boy and girl will soon be placed in good country homes by the secretary of the Children's Aid Society. Two men are expected soon from the country to take back two boys, one aged twelve and the other thirteen years, and place them in good foster homes.

Win-the-War Convention. The convention called to consider how Canada can best take her part in matters pertaining to winning the war is called to meet in Montreal May 23. It is expected 1,000 delegates will be present, representing all sections of the country and all interests in the Dominion. The Province of New Brunswick is entitled to 55 delegates, and it is hoped to have a full representation.

St. David's Brotherhood. The Brotherhood of St. David's church held their annual meeting last night in the church vestry. The reports of the year's work were of a most encouraging nature and plans for the coming year were talked over and outlined. The election of officers resulted as follows: Lieut.-Col. G. Corbett, honorary president; E. E. Armstrong, president; H. L. McGowan, vice-president; D. W. H. Magee, secretary; C. M. McMullin, treasurer; Bruce S. Robb, Charles Robinson and G. R. Ewing, additional members of the executive.

Reception to Captain Kuhring. In honor of the return of their rector, Captain Kuhring, an informal reception was held last evening at St. John's (Stone) church schoolhouse. It was an opportunity for members of the congregation to meet Capt. Kuhring and express their pleasure at his safe return. J. A. Secord presided and made an address of welcome to the rector, voicing for the congregation the pride felt by them in the great work Capt. Kuhring had done for the soldiers to whom he had ministered so faithfully. Capt. Kuhring replied in an address, giving an intimate and personal account of some of his experiences at Lemnos and in France, telling of the St. John boys he had met and of the work he had been so glad to be permitted to do for the soldiers.

Three delightful solos were given by Mrs. Stanley Harrison, Miss Ermie Climo and Mr. Frank Hazel. D. A. Fox acted as accompanist. Mrs. George P. Smith and Mrs. James P. Robertson poured coffee. The wives of the church wardens and vestry were a committee for the reception. Rev. A. L. Fleming and Mrs. Fleming were present, as well as many of the city clergy.

More Rex Gundry's Auction Block. In introducing this system of moving goods, Gundry's assures the public that it is just what it is, a CUT PRICE BLOCK. Anything shown on it will be at a reduced price. Only one article will be shown at a time. A daily peep at the window will tell you as much as anything can.

New Violets Flannels. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have received another shipment of those famous Violets Flannels, and they can be had in the much wanted white, and in a white background with stripes in black or blue, in different weights. They also have a good assortment of Violets Flannels for Waists and for Summer suits in self colors and in stripes, on all the leading shades. They are selling these well known goods at from 70c. to \$1.46 per yard. These goods are guaranteed unshrinkable and are of special value for Children's Dresses.

MAGISTRATE DON'T MAKE STATEMENT

Dispenser of Police Court Justice Tells Imperial League Committee Times Misquoted Him Concerning Soldiers' Wives.

In the report of a case in the police court on Thursday, April 6th, when a soldier was being tried on the charge of wandering about King Street East, and not giving a satisfactory account of himself, the Evening Times quoted Magistrate Ritchie as saying in court: "That sixty-six per cent of the soldiers' wives in St. John were acting badly, this is the record this court holds of them."

On the evening of the day this alleged statement was made there was a meeting of the Canadian Imperial League in their rooms, Prince William street, and the statement credited to the magistrate was brought up and discussed. A committee was appointed to wait on the magistrate for the purpose of getting an explanation from him.

The committee called on the magistrate yesterday afternoon and put the matter before him, and in reply for an explanation His Honor said that he had often been misquoted by the newspapers. That he did not mention anything about sixty-six per cent, but what he did say was that there was a small minimum, and that was the type he referred to when before his court. He did not mean soldiers' wives in general, but only those who appeared in court before him.

In speaking to The Standard yesterday afternoon members of the Canadian Imperial League said the reason they took this matter up was that the article in the Times was a bad reflection in general on the wives of the soldiers who are at the front fighting the battles of Empire, and as many of those papers have been sent away to the boys at the front they did not wish such a statement to go abroad without challenge. "We at home," said one member, "feel it is our duty to protect those who are left at home by the soldier boys who have responded to the call of their country and have gone overseas."

DENTISTS HONOR DR. A. F. McAVENNEY

The annual meeting of the St. John Dental Society was held last night in the L. M. Club, situated on the heights overlooking the narrows near Indian town. An event of interest for the date in the year was that the members drove to the club house in a large sleigh. A pleasing feature of the meeting was a presentation of a silver tray with cut glass decanter and glasses to Dr. A. F. McAvenny on his 50th anniversary as a dentist. The tray was suitably inscribed as follows: "A token of esteem presented by the members of the Dental profession in New Brunswick to Andrew Francis McAvenny, D. D. S., on the 50th anniversary of his entering on the practice of dentistry, St. John, N. B., March 1st, 1867-1917."

Dr. McAvenny is the oldest dentist in New Brunswick, and the presentation was made by Dr. George O'Hannan, next in seniority. In his address Dr. Hannah spoke feelingly of the esteem and friendship held towards Dr. McAvenny by the dentists in New Brunswick. Dr. McAvenny was one of the founders of the New Brunswick Dental Society, and has the honor of being elected its first president. His efforts have always been towards the higher ideals in dentistry, and his courtesy and fraternal spirit has served as an inspiration to those associated with him. He has filled many important positions in the different societies with dignity and ability, and by the strict adherence to the ethics of his profession he has won for himself the respect and esteem of his fellow practitioners everywhere, and now at a time of life, when most men look forward to the sunset, Dr. McAvenny is not only active in his profession, but has gone ahead, and with untiring interests in at least two unting institutions intimately associated with the relief of suffering, rendering valuable service in the work of restoring to health many who are in need of special medical care.

In closing his address Dr. Hannah said that the dentists all wished their honored guest many more years of usefulness and happiness. Dr. McAvenny received the gift with an address of feeling, and also gave an interesting account of dentistry in the early days, showing that anaesthetics were first introduced by Dr. H. G. Wells, a dentist in 1844; in the following year Dr. James Morton, another dentist, introduced ether, and it was the following year that Dr. Simpson, a medical practitioner, introduced chloroform. The first two doctors were from Massachusetts, and the latter in Edinburgh Scotland.

A number of letters were read from dentists throughout the province stating that they were unable to be present. Addresses were also made by Dr. J. M. Magee, Dr. Goddard, of St. John, and Dr. Murray, of Moncton, charter members of the society. During the evening the following officers were elected for the St. John Dental Society for the ensuing term: Dr. J. H. Barton, president; Dr. J. Lee Day, vice-president; Dr. F. G. Sancton, secretary-treasurer; Dr. I. G. Leonard, Dr. A. H. Merrill and Dr. Percy Bonnell were chosen the executive committee.

HONOR ROLL INCREASED BY EIGHT NAMES

That Number of Recruits Found Fit and Ready to Don Khaki—General Military Notes.

- HONOR ROLL. Edward Cassidy, St. John, N. B. Thomas Allen, Norton, N. B. George L. Lowry, Campbellton, N. B. Stephen H. Fry, St. John, N. B. 136th Killers Battalion. Fred Ryder, Fawcett Hill, N. B. Frank Shannon, St. John, N. B. Army Service Corps. W. G. Murray, St. Stephen, N. B. 65th Battery, Woodstock. W. G. Shpiper, U. S. A. 62nd Regiment.

Yesterday saw another rush to the colors, but unfortunately several were unable to pass the doctor. Eight men, however, succeeded in joining Canada's army. The 136th Battalion again carried off honors, securing half of the number.

Sergeant O'Rourke, who is recruiting for the Bananas, did not have an application yesterday for that unit. Whether it was the depth of the snow that kept the short men away from the recruiting office or the spathy of the men of small stature regarding the need of their country was a matter which had the recruiting officer guessing last night. As this battalion is soon to leave for overseas about eighteen members quarantined at Amherst are in the city on their final furlough before sailing for the other side.

Many Applications For 62nd. Already Lieut.-Col. McAvenny of the 62nd Regiment has received many applications for the 62nd Regiment. Many of those making application were unfit to pass the medical examination for overseas service. Colonel McAvenny told The Standard that as soon as Major-General Nambura of Toronto arrived in the city he would be able to announce his plans. As it is necessary that a special enrollment form be printed it is not likely that he will be in a position to officially sign up recruits until April 16.

Upon the arrival of the officer from Toronto in the city on Monday night a special conference of the commanding officers of all the militia units in New Brunswick will be called to formulate plans for mobilising the units. Up to that time Colonel McAvenny will not be in a position to announce his staff.

Has Arrived Home. Bugler Wilnot C. Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Chase, 133rd Hawthorne Avenue, arrived home on Monday. He was unable to proceed to the front on account of the snow. He enlisted about two years ago and went overseas last summer in a provincial unit. His brother went overseas in the first contingent.

Left For Moncton. Lieut. McBeth of the Canadian Engineers left yesterday noon for Moncton and other points east in connection with recruiting for the Engineers.

BOY SCOUTS ATTENDED YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

Some 200 Numbers of City Troops Were at Special Service in Waterloo Street Church Last Evening.

To the sound of drum and bugle, some two hundred Boy Scouts, drawn from most of the troops in the city, paraded from Prince William street to the Waterloo Street Baptist church last evening, the occasion being a young people's rally held in connection with the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church.

Previous to Rev. F. H. Wentworth extending a welcome to the boys and members of various Young People's Societies, the Scout bugle sounded a short but informative address to what the Boy Scout movement really was. Among other things he pointed out that in spite of reports, the movement was non-militaristic and non-sectarian. He also related interesting facts as to the way in which the Scout organization was progressing. "There was much reason for regret," he said, "that so few of the clergymen and business men of the city were giving their assistance to what is recognized as the greatest movement among boys."

Rev. R. P. Hayward followed, taking as his subject "The Mastery of Youth," subdividing under the headings of "Mastery of Self," "The Mastery of Substance," "Mastery of Difficulties," and "The Mastery of the Future," and the audience showed its appreciation only as Boy Scouts are able to, it was a masterful address that few of those present will easily forget. R. T. McWhinney sang "Building Day"

EXPORTS FOR MARCH SHOW A DECREASE

But Total Shipments for Winter Port Season Will Establish New Record—No Developments Relative to Summer Trade.

According to a statement made yesterday by H. C. Groat, the general superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the export business through the port of St. John for the month of March fell behind the record established in March of last year. However, the total for the winter port season will be considerably in excess of last year, which was previously the banner season. The increase during the early months of the winter port season will more than make up for the decrease in the volume of export traffic during the past month.

Mr. Groat said yesterday that the complete statement for the past month would not be available for a few days. He was assured that owing to the smaller number of sailings during the month that the exports would fall off to some extent.

The winter port season is fast drawing to a close and steamship men and the public generally are discussing the prospects for the summer trade through this port. Just what is in store for St. John during the summer is yet problematical. The Montreal Harbor Commissioners have advised the steamship people that they will be unable to handle all the regular traffic through that port, which means that the prospects of some of this traffic coming to St. John are not exceedingly bright. On the other hand there is a feeling that the exports for the Russian government will assume very large proportions. The C. P. R. have expressed their willingness to handle this business, which will largely come from the United States via Vancouver and the port of St. John. No definite announcement, however, can be made at the present time as to the extent of this business, but the public generally hope that it will result in an active summer season at this port.

SNOW STORM MAKES TRAVELLING AROUND THE CITY VERY DIFFICULT

High Wind Caused Drifts—Street Railway Had Hard Time—Was General on Eastern Coast.

The heavy snow storm which set in on Monday was one of the most severe which visited this part of the city on account of the snow. About six inches of snow fell on the level and in some places where it got a chance to drift it piled up two or three feet high. The snow came early yesterday morning but the wind blew a gale all day and kept the "beautiful" around town very difficult.

The street railway operated the main line and Paradise row practically on time, but the Glen Falls, East St. John and West St. John cars were out completely during the greater part of the day.

The trains were not delayed to any great extent as the snow was light. The C. P. R. reported that the storm did not extend west of Modkam and the through trains were not very late. The public works department had all their men and teams busy and in the afternoon had five extra teams hired hauling snow off the streets. They are only hauling it away from the principal streets as it is felt that the sun will do the work of removing it for them in a few days. Bright and early yesterday morning the snow ploughs and scrapers were started out clearing the sidewalks and squares. In the afternoon the scrapers were kept busy clearing the streets. Last night the wind died down but the weather remained decidedly cold.

The probabilities are that the weather today will be unsettled. The following reports have been received from outside: Grand Falls—Blowing and drifting, wind from northwest; about two or three inches of snow. Woodstock—About four inches snow fell. Wind from west. Fredericton—Eight inches snow fell, still snowing lightly; cold, northwest wind. Newcastle—Snow was light, about eight inches fell.

Sydney, N. S.—No snow, wind south-west; rain throughout night. Still cloudy and threatening. Halifax—Has been raining and blowing quite hard from south up to 10 a. m.; now wet snow.

Boston, April 10.—Storm made nine inches of snow in this city.

Mysterious Disappearance. The relatives of John Killman, aged 19 years, of Milltown, are anxious for his safety. The young man disappeared from home April 2nd. He is subject to fits and had been in poor health for some time. He was last seen on "Day" in his usual fine style, after which Rev. H. A. Cody delivered his well known address, "The Yuletide," illustrated by lantern slides and slides. At the conclusion of the service the Scouts, led by the St. James' troop bugle and drum band, marched to the top of King street and dispersed.

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QUARTERLY MEETING OF ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of the members of St. George's Society at the regular quarterly meeting of the society, which was held last night in their rooms on Germain street. Besides the regular routine business of the society plans were completed for the celebration of St. George's day on April 23rd. After some discussion committees were appointed to arrange for the details of the Red Cross campaign which will be extensively carried out. The Young Women's Patriotic Association have kindly volunteered their services to the society, which have been accepted. The young ladies will offer for sale on the streets of St. John thousands of flags of St. George. Fully three hundred will be engaged in this work on that day. The Red Cross Society will receive the entire proceeds of the flag sale, which, considering the enthusiasm the project is receiving, will be a considerable amount. Further details of the campaign will be announced later. Arthur W. Hickson.

A school in Campbell and came to the High School, St. John, in 1914, he leaves his wife, who was formerly Miss Alice Taylor of Campbell, and four children, Arthur O., with the Canadian expeditionary forces overseas; Maud, Dorothy and John, at home. He also leaves three brothers, Kings county: Henry, in Maine; Thomas, in Pennsylvania; Mrs. Huggard, in Avonmore; Mrs. Garland, of California; Mrs. Ward, of New York, and Mrs. Price, of Carolina. The funeral will take place on Thursday at Avonmore, Kings county. Bullock Fire Inquiry. Owing to the fact that a witness did not appear in court yesterday afternoon the Bullock investigation was postponed until Friday at 2.15 o'clock.