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## WASHINGTON DISCLAIMS INTENTION OF ENTERING WAR—LANSING'S BAD BREAK; VIOLENT BATTLE IN NORTHERN DOBRUDJA

### UNITED STATES SAYS NO THREAT MADE

President Wilson and His Secretary of State Confer Regarding Latter's Alleged Statement That Republic Might be Neutral No Longer—Lansing's Bad Break Causes Consternation Throughout the World.

President Wilson's "Peace" Note Declared by Washington to be a "Hit Around the Whole Circle," Without Intention of Favoring or Condemning Either Entente Allies or Central Powers, "To Prejudice of the Other."

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's note to the belligerents, urging discussion of peace, was officially interpreted today as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war because of the continued invasion of its rights by the warring powers on both sides.

This interpretation was made late today by Secretary of State Lansing, in a formal statement made to overtake what were characterized as widespread misconstructions placed on one given out earlier in the day, saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the United States as a neutral, it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future. Secretary Lansing's final statement, formally prepared and issued after he had been called to the White House for a conference with President Wilson, declared that he had not intended to intimate that the United States was considering any change in its policy of neutrality, and that the whole tone and language of the note were sufficient to indicate its purpose without further comment on his part.

Lansing Misunderstood? Mr. Lansing's first statement, made orally, and of which no official copy was distributed, led to exaggerations of its language and purpose throughout official Washington. Its most striking phrases, on which the widest speculation was based, were that the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war," and that the sending of the note "will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war," and that neither he nor President Wilson regarded the note "as a peace note."

Secretary Lansing in his first statement said:

"The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the president nor myself regard this note as a peace note. It is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which they are fighting."

### FIFTY-NINE PERSONS LOST

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 21.—The Russian steamer Skiffa has been sunk by striking a mine near Abo, Finland, according to a despatch received here. Fifty-nine persons were killed in the disaster. Only one person aboard the steamer was saved.

KAISER WILL SUMMON AMBASSADOR GERARD. London, Dec. 21.—In Berlin diplomatic circles, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam, it is understood that the German Emperor will, at an early date, summon to headquarters the American ambassador, James W. Gerard, with a view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action.

### GOVERNMENT SILENT AS TO WILSON NOTE

Entente Allies Stand Firm as Gibraltar Itself Regarding Reply which will be Made to Kaiser William.

London, Dec. 21.—In government circles official silence is observed regarding President Wilson's note suggesting an exchange of views among the belligerents, which will be given out for publication in Friday morning's newspapers. It is explained that this delay in publication is due, in part, to the absolute surprise caused by the receipt of the note, which was altogether unexpected, and in part to a desire to admit of its simultaneous publication in all the Allied countries.

No Resentment. While it cannot be said that the note was received with anything resembling a feeling of resentment, the Associated Press can say that its sudden and unexpected receipt puzzled officialdom, which was unprepared for it is close on the heels of the German peace proposals. It is therefore believed the note will not interfere with the plans of the Allies for sending a joint reply to the German proposals, which will probably be done before Christmas.

It is understood that opinion in official circles is that the speeches delivered within the last fortnight by the spokesmen of all the Allied governments, the latest by Premier Lloyd George, form the most effective replies to the proposals of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, and really state the position of all the Allies regarding any peace movement from any quarter.

### WILL RELEASE THE IRISH PRISONERS

London, Dec. 21.—The government has decided to release the Irish prisoners, who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland. Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in House of Commons today. "The time has come when the advantages of the releasing these men far outweigh the risk, and I have so advised the government. Steps therefore were taken today to proceed, with the least possible delay, to return the interned prisoners to their homes."

According to the statement of the secretary of home affairs in the House of Commons last October, there were 576 Irishmen interned in connection with the recent rebellion.

### VIOLENT BATTLE RAGING IN DOBRUDJA, ROUMANIA

Teutonic Allies Driven from Heights in Regions of Balabanica and Dachkoi—Russians and Roumanians, Opposing Peace, Make Fierce Drive Against Von Makensen.

In the Dobrudja region of Roumania, where the Russo-Roumanian forces have turned upon the invaders, the Teutonic Allies have been driven from heights in the region of Balabanica and Dachkoi, and the Russians and Roumanians are now disputing with them, in a violent battle, the possession of other positions along this line. In Roumania proper the Teutons are advancing along both sides of the Insu-Racovitzer road, but are meeting with steady resistance from the Russians and Roumanians. Along the Perlitza-Stankuca front the Teutonic Allies have pushed back the advancing guard of the defenders.

Except for the battles in Roumania, in the Carpathians south of the Kimpolung-Jacobeni railway, where the Russians have captured several heights and at various points on the Russian front where attacks by the Germans have been repulsed by the Germans, little infantry activity is being displayed.

Little Doing in France. The artillery duels have been spruced at various points along the French front. Berlin reports a raid by Germans on British trenches and the capture of four officers and 26 men. In another raid British troops entered German trenches near Arras, but later were ejected. On the Verdun sector, where the French made a notable advance last week, the Germans have violently bombarded the Louvemont-Vaux front.

In Mesopotamia the British report successful bombardments of Turkish river craft and land positions in the region of Kut-el-Amara.

Attack Kut-el-Amara. London, Dec. 21.—The following communication concerning the operations in Mesopotamia was issued to-night:

"During the night of Sunday British airplanes successfully bombed the enemy's river craft west of Kut-el-Amara. Monday and Wednesday strong reconnaissances were made to the west of the Shumran bend of the Tigris.

"During the last few days the enemy's positions about Sannayyat and Kut, and his shipping west of the latter place, were heavily bombarded with satisfactory results. The bridge over the Hal river, near its junction with the Tigris, was destroyed by our fire."

Great Battle in Dobrudja. Petrograd, Dec. 21, via London, 5.30 p. m.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—A violent battle is in progress in Northern Dobrudja, where the offensive was assumed by the forces of the Central Powers, which at first carried several heights but later were driven from a position of the captured ground, the war office announced today. Russian attacks in efforts to gain control of the remaining heights are going on.

On the left bank of the Danube, north of Buzen, engagements took place with our advanced detachments. Between the Buzen-Rimnik and the Insu-Racovitzer high-roads firing between advanced infantry detachments and artillery duels are proceeding. The enemy about a regiment strong in infantry and cavalry, is advancing on both sides of the Insu-Racovitzer high-road, but is being held by our fire.

"On the Perlitza-Stankuca front the enemy has pressed back our advanced guard. "In Dobrudja the enemy assumed the offensive on the front from the Danube to Bachkoi, in the neighborhood of Balabanica and Dachkoi and he succeeded in occupying a series of heights. "The enemy was dislodged from several heights by our counter-attack, and for the domination of the rest the battle is continuing. "On the Black Sea one of our submarines sank, near the Bosphorus a steamer and twelve sailing vessels."

### GREAT BRITAIN SURPRISED BY NOTE OF WILSON

Declaration of Premier Lloyd-George in Reply to Von Bethmann-Hollweg Widely Endorsed in England—Sir John Simon Backs Up Premier.

LOYD GEORGE "HAS NOT SLAMMED DOOR ON PEACE, BUT HAS POINTED OUT THAT ANY DISCUSSION WITHOUT SOME PREVIOUS SUGGESTION OF TERMS MUST NECESSARILY BE DELUSION AND SHAM."

London, Dec. 21.—Absolute and startling surprise was the first feeling in Great Britain aroused by President Wilson's note. The government was surprised, and frankly admitted so. The members of parliament were equally surprised, when the news spread through both houses during the afternoon session.

The newspaper offices were surprised, and undoubtedly the public will be equally surprised when they read Ambassador Page's statement to the foreign office in the morning papers. All information from America in the past few days, both in despatches from the usually best-informed Washington correspondents and in advices to the banking and business firms, has said that the president had no intention of taking any steps toward peace or making any move in European affairs. When he transmitted Germany's note to Great Britain without comment it was assumed that this action represented his general attitude towards the European situation.

The Allies Firm. Most of the newspapers commented upon this course with satisfaction. The tenor of their comments tomorrow will be that Premier Lloyd George's speech, and the speeches of the Russian, French and Italian statesmen have affirmed the Allies' position, and that until the German government gives notice of the nature of the proposals which it would bring to a conference the Allies cannot accept the invitation to sit around an European council table for a discussion of its terms.

### SIR ROBERT WILL RETURN SATURDAY

Understood New Conservative Whip will be Appointed—Col. Stanfield to Retain Seat in House.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Sir Robert Borden returns to Ottawa on Saturday from his western national service tour and there are some important matters awaiting his consideration. Chief among these is the situation created by the threatened resignation of Chief Whip Col. John Stanfield, M. P. for Colchester. Col. Stanfield has not actively resigned, he has simply written out his resignation and handed it to the political executive of his county, but that body has not forwarded it to Ottawa, and it is regarded here as doubtful if it will ever reach here. Therefore Mr. Stanfield will remain a member of parliament.

But the consensus of opinion here is that a new whip will be named at the first caucus when parliament opens. It is believed that either Richard Blain, of Peel, or W. S. Middlebro, of North Grey, will be appointed. They are strong party men, thoroughly seasoned.

Another matter for the Premier to decide will be the date of the opening of parliament. The probable date is Thursday, January 25.

The question of the imperial conference announced by Premier Lloyd George will also have to be considered. The Dominions are all being consulted regarding the date of that important event and the likelihood so far as Ottawa is concerned in the decision, is that it will take place next spring, although there are those who believe that it cannot take place next year at all owing to the demands upon the time of the leading men of the far-flung dominions being so largely taken up with matters concerning the actual carrying on of the war.

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS ELIZABETH ASQUITH. (N. Y. Evening Sun.) Dublin, Dec. 21.—The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Asquith, youngest daughter of the former premier, to Hugh Gibson, first secretary of the American embassy in London, will be announced soon, is the report here.

### STEAMER FROM MONTREAL SUNK

Washington, Dec. 21.—An official report to the state department today from the American consul at Malta said that the British horse ship St. Ursula, bound from Saloniki to Montreal, in ballast with six Americans in the crew, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on December 13. The survivors, including the six Americans, were landed at Malta. Four men are still missing. The state department has ordered further investigation.

### NOTE OF ENTENTE ALLIES TO GREECE

London, Dec. 21.—The new note of the Entente Allies to Greece, which, according to the understanding here, was presented today, includes, says Reuter's Telegram Company, the following principal demands: "The control of telegraphs, posts and railways; the release of all Venizelist prisoners; the prohibition of meetings of reservists, and an inquiry by a mixed commission into the disturbance of Dec. 12."

### STMR. KANSAS HITS MINE

Nantes, France, Dec. 21, via London, 1.55 p. m.—The American steamship Kansas, has been damaged by striking a mine. An effort is being made to remove part of her cargo and take her to dock.

The Kansas sailed from Boston, Dec. 6, for St. Nazaire. She is owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company of New York. She was built at Camden, N. J., in 1903. Her gross tonnage is 7,912.

Danish Ships Sunk. London, Dec. 21.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Danish steamers Chasle Mærsk, 1,037 tons gross, and Gerda, 755 tons gross.

### STOCK MARKET PANIC AGAIN ON IN FULL FORCE YESTERDAY

Total of 3,176,000 Shares Sold, Various "War" Stocks Declining From 5 to 33 Points—Scotia Steel Tumbles 20 in General Cataclysm—Many Investors Wiped Out.

New York, Dec. 21.—On transactions aggregating 3,176,000 shares, a record almost without precedent, stocks today experienced another serious reversal of quoted values, the most thorough, in fact, since the inception of the decline in the early part of last week. The market's action was again ascribed to the developments in the peace situation.

The opening, at which prices were depressed two to seven points, was but a prelude to the increasing weakness of the later hours. The spectacular feature at the outset was an offering of 50,000 shares of United States Steel at 104½ to 105½, a maximum decline of 3½ points. This was not only the largest individual operation of the day, but, so far as is known, without parallel in the history of the exchange.

U. S. Steel Loses Seven. Steel later fell to 100½, and closed at 101, a net loss of seven points. Other industrials, including those of the so-called peace class, registered extreme losses of three to five points, while those popularly regarded as "war brides" receded ten to thirty-three points. Bethlehem Steel common losing eleven points, with ten for the preferred, while Nova Scotia Steel lost twenty points, with thirty-three for Gulf States Steel common, and twenty-five for the second preferred. In the group of prominent equipments, American Locomotive lost over seven points, Baldwin Locomotive almost twelve, and New York Air Brake 15½. Among the less distinctive munitions and related issues, Lackawanna Steel fell nine points and Crucible Steel ten and a half.

Heavy Losses. Issues of a more remote war class, such as Central Leather, American Hide and Leather, Industrial Alcohol, International Nickel and the metals as a whole forfeited five to fourteen



# UNITED STATES SAYS NO THREAT MADE

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 Spread Consonant.

When word of what the secretary of state had said spread throughout the capital, it created the greatest consternation in official circles and among foreign diplomats, many of whom were calling at the state department to receive their copies of the note despatched to their capitals.

It became apparent that the secretary's statement was not fully approved at the White House, and that there was question as to the wisdom of making any comment that might be regarded as an addition to the note. The White House was concerned lest any word reach the foreign capitals to be construed as indicating that the note was anything but what it indicated on its face. So, after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, the second statement was formally prepared and distributed at the state department.

It was a statement amplifying and qualifying the one he made this morning regarding the president's notes to the belligerents because, he said, he feared some incorrect inferences were being drawn from his first utterance.

Mr. Lansing said, his purpose in making the second statement was to make it clear, beyond question, that there was no change in the policy of neutrality of the United States. He also said his purpose in amplifying his statement was to make it plain that the notes to the belligerents should in no sense be construed as a threat to any of the governments.

Secretary Lansing's statement follows:

"I have learned from several quarters that a wrong impression was made by the statement which I made this morning, and I wish to correct that impression.

"My intention was to suggest the very direct and necessary interest which this country, as one of the neutral nations, has in possible terms which the belligerents may have in mind, and I did not intend to intimate that the government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality which it has consistently pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties.

"I regret that my words were open to any other construction, and I now realize that they were. I think that the whole tone and language of the note to the belligerents show the purpose without further comment on my part. It is needless to say that I am unreservedly in support of that purpose, and hope to see it accepted."

White House Silent.

At the White House no comment whatever was made on the note itself, nor on the two statements by Secretary Lansing. The German embassy gave no outward evidence of concern over the sudden developments.

Entente diplomats, at first at an utter loss how to handle the unexpected situation, were convinced that a clearer understanding of the necessities and purposes of the United States proved that their fear of a move favorable to Germany was not contemplated, and that this country would not try to force peace on Europe. Their view grew that the United States feared that unless the peace proposals go through now, a period of ruthlessness and retaliation may set in on both sides which will inevitably force this country into action.

It is indicated, therefore, that the Allied diplomats will advise their governments to view the note in a friendly spirit, and go as far as possible toward meeting the wishes of the United States. No indication was vouchsafed, however, as to whether the replies will be identical or individual in form, or general or specific in nature.

U. S. A. Clearing House.

Secretary Lansing, in calling in the diplomatic representatives of the belligerents, is understood to have made it clear to them individually that the United States expected the replies of the governments to be absolutely frank in all details. The idea was authorized that the United States was looking forward to forming itself into a clearing house, at least for views, and probably for terms.

The general understanding was that the purpose of this explanation was to enable the envoys to communicate to their own governments the

# THREE RECRUITS HERE YESTERDAY

Pay Day for Siege Battery—St. John Officers Have Close Call at Front.

Three men were secured in the city yesterday: Fred A. Brown for the Machine Gun Draft; George W. Jenkins, for the 23rd Kilties, and M. Carter, of Fredericton, for the 9th Siege Battery.

About \$4,500 was paid out to the members of the 16th Siege Battery yesterday. The boys were quite cheered in receiving their money before Christmas, as many of them had made up their minds to go home for the holiday. Several of the men will leave today and the remainder tomorrow. Altogether about 90 men will spend Christmas at their homes.

As early as 10.30 last night there was a khaki line in front of the ticket wicket at the depot. For the most part it was made up of members of the 16th Battalion, who have been granted leave for a few days. The boys were all well supplied with money. Practically half of the battalion will spend the day at home. Those remaining in the city will be granted a holiday at New Year's.

Lieut.-Col. D'Almeida, officer of the 16th Battalion, left yesterday for Moncton, where he will hold several recruiting meetings in the interest of the French-Canadian Battalion before he returns to the city.

Lieut. McBeath, of the Canadian Engineers, will leave today for Moncton where he will spend Christmas.

Lieut. Ernest Reynolds, who was recently killed at the front, has been awarded the D. S. O. and the Military Cross for conspicuous and gallant service at the front.

Writing to his father, R. A. Christie, of 132 Victoria street, his son, Private Lewis Christie, who went overseas with the 104th Battalion, states that he is now in France, having been a member of the draft recently sent to France from England.

In a letter to a friend in Fredericton, Lieut. Bruce McFarlane, who went overseas with the 104th Battalion, states that Lieut. William McGinley and he escaped almost certain death. Both officers had left a dugout only a few hours when the explosion of a shell completely demolished the hole which a short time previously had been their home. Lieut. McGinley was since in hospital suffering from a cold.

# THROUGH GERMAN SPECTACLES

Gentle Huns and Rude Rough Britons.—Barefaced Mendacity in Berlin.

Toutonic insensitivity is once more being employed, in such newspapers as will lend themselves to so forlorn a hope, in a final effort to persuade the neutral peoples that England bears the war, and that therefore no punishment "which, it is within Germany's power to inflict" can be too severe for this "false-hearted disturber of the peace."

The Cologne "Volkszeitung" is among the journals engaged in this thankless task. It paints a pathetic picture of Germany as the "smile craftsman, ministering meekly to the needs of the world at large, desiring nothing but the privilege of pursuing peacefully its beneficent, if unambitious, work. Then the "wild beast England" was let loose, and Germany's beautiful dream was harshly broken.

Germany's Broken Dream

How the neutral peoples, who are by no means the simpletons Germany still claims them to be, will laugh over this teaching picture.

Germany, not possessing the impetus of a clearly defined political world ambition, was content for many decades to be the worker, the craftsman, for the rest of humanity, and to reap as her reward an occasional hazy congratulatory or flatteringly worded testimonial to her sweetness and industry from her English and other rivals.

This system would certainly have continued to all eternity had not the impatience and the envy of the noble Britons grown to such proportions that they were unable any longer to curb their hatred.

Thus it was that the world-war came about and instantly made an end alike of our task as "heavers of wood and drawers of water" and of the pipricks to which we had been subjected for so long by our rivals and traders.

The German people, was plunged suddenly in the centre of the world-stage, and as suddenly that "furore toutonicus," of which Bismarck once spoke so prophetically as a weapon against which no foe would dare to measure himself, blazed up from every German home to go forth on its mission of destruction.

No Longer the Gentleman

One reason why this punishment is so well deserved is to be found in the fact, brought to light by the Hamburg "Nachrichten," that the Englishman is "no longer the gentleman"—in times long past it was generally held that even during war certain laws of humanity were to be observed, and that the most elemental of them should be respected so that the war should be against a civilized adversary should at least be an honorable one.

In those remote days it was customary to speak with bated breath of that famous "fair play" towards an enemy that the traditional English gentleman supposed to adore above all else in the world, and it was under the spell of that tradition that honors were heapd on the "English gentleman's" head in every part of the world, and not the least in Hamburg.

The Englishman has now thrown overboard the whole of the "gentlemen's" rubbish, together with bucketsful of "fair play," and baskets heaped high with "humanity" and "decency."

In place of the "English gentleman" there now stands revealed a grinning John Bull with vampire features with a rapacious maw stretched to its widest and more flesh to turn into English gold and bank-notes.

A Truly Terrible Tale

A typical example of the vampire's work is cited in "Der Tag."

A diplomat from Latin South America, who was travelling from New York to Berlin, has related to us the shameful humiliations he was subjected to by the Britons.

He held up his ship, and, notwithstanding his protestations that he was not a German, took him to Kirkwall, where one of the escorting officers showed him an immense minefield, and shouted in his ears: "You see the mines here; go and tell it to your vendammite Kaiser."

"I told them I was a neutral, and no spy," said our visitor, "but they only laughed and jeered at me. I was conveyed to a munition depot, and on the road I was assailed with mud and stones by the mob, amid the cries: 'Down with the German spy!' From Kirkwall I was transported under the escort of two officers to London, where I was flung into the Scotland Yard jail, the most horrible prison in England. Rats, cockroaches, and other vermin swarmed all around me, and the only air that penetrated into this dungeon came through a grating in the stone flooring built over a dark cellar.

"For three days I was detained in this vile place. I wrote telegram after telegram addressed to my Government, but none of the messages was despatched, and the money I paid for

# APQAQUI

Apohaqui, Dec. 19.—The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute of Lower Millstream took place at the home of Mrs. Robert Robinson on Friday, December 1st. Mrs. Benjamin Lester presided at the opening of the meeting until the arrival of the president, Mrs. Fred T. Fenwick, who was unavoidably late. The usual business and roll call occupied considerable time, after which sincere expressions of sympathy were heard from those present for one of the members, Mrs. Isaac D. Pearson, who recently has been bereaved of her elder son, Corporal Harold Gordon Pearson, of the 104th Battalion, C. E. F., who passed away in London. A resolution was proposed that a letter of condolence be written and forwarded to Mrs. Pearson, expressing the feelings of sympathy of the members, which resolution was seconded and adopted. A demonstration in making pastry was given by Mrs. Howard Patterson, which was very interesting and instructive. A paper written and read by Mrs. Robert Robinson on "The Comforts We May Add to our Homes in the Winter" was very suggestive and appreciated. The subject assigned to Mrs. L. J. Tinsley was "The True Meaning of Christmas," but much to the regret of the society Mrs. Tinsley was not present at the meeting, and consequently the subject was generally discussed by the ladies present. The paper next on the programme was "The Conventions and Arrangements of a Desirable Bedroom," written by Miss Beulah Hicks, which called forth much favorable comment. One new member, Mrs. Joseph Alexander, was added to the society at the meeting. At the close of the programme afternoon tea was served and incidentally the ladies were given the pleasure of testing the result of Mrs. Patterson's demonstration in pastry. Needless to say, each lady after having been served with a portion of mince pie

# LOCAL BOWLING

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Ramblers captured three points from the Whites. The score follows:

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				440	469 488 1890

Whites.

Walsh	85	90	87	262	87 1-3
Kerr	88	91	91	270	90
Thurston	89	82	78	250	83 1-3
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# POPULAR TEACHER AT CHANCE HARB. SURPRISED

Special to The Standard.

Chance Harbor, Dec. 21.—A very pleasant event occurred here this evening when a number of the friends of Miss N. B. McDowell of Black's Harbor, who has been the efficient and popular school teacher of this place for some time, but is retiring at the end of this term, assembled at the home of Robert Belding, and tendered a surprise party to her. During the course of the evening Rev. E. R. McWilliam on behalf of the gathering presented Miss McDowell with a handsome toilet case, and in a graceful speech expressed the regret of the citizens of this place at the severance of the ties which had so pleasantly existed.

Miss McDowell was taken by surprise but made a suitable reply, thanking the friends for the remembrance.

Refreshments were served by the ladies and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Miss M. Evans and Miss A. Herron of McAdam Junction, are in the city, the guests of their brother, J. Clinton, corner of Douglas avenue and Bentley street.

# DIED.

FARNHAM—In this city, on the 21st instant, at his residence, 194 Charlotte street, Charles E. Farnham, aged 64 years, leaving a loving wife, four sons and three daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday, the 23rd instant, 2.30 o'clock.

# GREAT BRITAIN SURPRISED BY NOTE OF WILSON

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Replies to Central Powers.

London, Dec. 21.—While the replies of the various Allied governments to Germany will be made simultaneously and probably before Christmas, as indicated last night, yet these replies will not be textually identical, and will not take the form of a joint reply. The reason for this is that while all the Entente Allies are agreed on the general principles of the reply, each came into the war under different conditions, calling for a somewhat different statement. For example, the defense of small nationalities was one of the main causes bringing England into the war. In defense of Belgium, whereas Belgium and Serbia did not enter for that reason, but because their territory was invaded. Similar differences in the conditions exist as regards France, Roumania and other countries, so that while all the replies will agree on the essential points of reparation and security, they will not be identical.

Sir John A. Simon, the former secretary for home affairs, rose in the House of Commons today to endorse, in behalf of himself and his followers, Premier Lloyd George's speech on peace.

"It may be desirable, in view of past events," he said, "to make quite plain, in a few sentences, how universal and widespread is the acceptance, in all sections of opinion, in all parts of the country, of the premier's declaration in reply to the German message. The premier told us plainly that in no proper sense of the word was the communication received from Germany a peace proposal at all.

"Proposals involve propositions, and it is a misuse of language to talk about a message containing no suggestion of terms as a proposal.

"If, indeed, the message had contained terms, even unacceptable or impossible terms, it would receive a clear and specific answer.

To Testify Sincerity.

"If, in times like these, any belligerent comes forward with the profession of a desire for peace and puts forward reasonable terms, everything is to be gained from every point of view by testing the sincerity of his declaration. But the only declaration received from Germany was a mere paraphrase of Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag, without even an outline of the terms it is obvious that the chancellor was then addressing to the German people. A communication of that sort is not a peace proposal at all.

Has Not Slammed Door.

"The premier has not slammed the door on peace; he has pointed out that any discussion without some previous suggestion of terms must necessarily be a delusion and a sham. I believe that nobody in this country could seriously expect any other reply than that which the premier has given.

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NEW BRUNSWICK'S HUT FOR HOSPITALITY AT FRONT NOW

Col. MacLaren Acknowledged Kindness of Brunswick Chapter D. V.

The regent of Brunswick has received the following congratulations from Colonel MacLaren referring to the admission charge but, which is his early addition to the splendid ward of his glowing accounts have been nurses and soldiers. This the gift of New Brunswick through the efforts of Chapter I, O. D. E.:

From Colonel W. No. 1 Canadian General, Sept. 10, 1916. To Colonel Murray MacLaren, Chambers, Stranmillis, Dear Colonel MacLaren, sending you herewith a correspondence concerning over of the new ad discharge but which I would like to have for the of the people of New Brunswick has been so kind in providing funds for this hut. I have also sent a copy of correspondence to D. M. S. C. H. G. Yours faithfully, C. F. W. L. Completed.

No. 1 Canadian General, Aug. 29, 1916. From O. C. No. 1 Canadian to the commandant, E. Sir—I have the honor to that the new admission a hut for the use of this has been erected at a cost out of funds supplied by New Brunswick, Canada, completed. I beg to request that you this building on behalf of government as a gift from New Brunswick. I have the honor to be Your obedient servant, (Signed) C. F. W. L. O. C. No. 1 Can. Gen. Commandant.

To D. D. M. S. Chaplain: Please convey to the Manning No. 1 Canadian the appreciation of general for communication of the people of which in providing a new discharge hut for that the Inspector-general wishes him to that the gift is accepted the imperial government's dial thanks. (Signed) WILLIAM COLONEL, D. D. M. S. O. S. No. 1 Canadian General: I have much pleasure in this communication. (Signed) D. D. M. S. The admission and discharge ninety-nine feet by ninety inches. Inside it has been up to the windows and wall space and ceilings the outside over the roof of arms of the province, Brunswick, and an Inspector D. Hut, presented by New Brunswick." Inside the names of the donors VISITORS IN LO

The following visitors to the office of the agent for Brunswick, London: Capt. A. Crichton, 115th ton, N. B. Nov. 30th—Capt. H. G. Batt.; C. McN. Steeves, Nov. 27th—F. Connell; B. Sergt. H. H. Pickar; N. B. Corp. W. P. Phil; Lieut. D. V. White, St. J. B. Winslow, Fredericton Nov. 28th—Corp. G. C. Batt., St. John, N. B. Nov. 28th—Capt. D. S. and P. F. C. L. I. depot, for T. B. Young, R. C. I. I. depot, St. John; M. Crocker, 25th Battery, C. ton, N. B. Nov. 30th—Pte. R. M. S. C. Sackville, N. B. Dec. 1—Major L. C. I. Dec. 2—J. W. MacKay. Dec. 4—Lieut. G. H. F. C. D. A. C., St. John; Mrs. Peake, St. John; Mrs. F. Couper, B. C. Miss Kail Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 5—Col. Murray M. C., St. John; B. Ensign; Lieut. Theodor C. A. Fredericton, Dec. 6—Pte. F. L. Batt.; Pte. G. Arsenault; Pte. L. Miller, 26th B. Gale, 5th Can. T. M. H. G. Palmer, 140th B. Dec. 7—Miss A. M. M. nursing sister; Miss R. Pettiford, N. B. nurse; A. B. Stover, Ontario, Lieut. E. H. Turnbull, John; Lieut. Vassie, 1. tery C. F. A., St. John; St. John; Lieut. M. 15th Batt., St. John; combe, 14th Batt., Mas



### NEW BRUNSWICK'S HUT FOR HOSPITAL AT FRONT NOW READY

#### Col. MacLaren Acknowledged Kindness of Ladies of Brunswick Chapter I. O. D. V.

The regent of Brunswick Chapter has received the following communications from Colonel MacLaren, referring to the admission and discharge but, which is the latest necessary addition to the splendid New Brunswick ward of which so many glowing accounts have been given by nurses and soldiers. This ward was the gift of New Brunswick people through the efforts of Brunswick Chapter, I. O. D. E.:

From Colonel Wyde.  
No. 1 Canadian General Hospital, Sept. 10, 1916.  
To Colonel Murray MacLaren, Cecil Chambers, Strand, London, W. C.  
Dear Colonel MacLaren—I am sending you herewith a copy of the correspondence concerning the handing over of the new admission and discharge hut which I thought you would like to have for the notification of the people of New Brunswick, who have been so kind in providing the funds for this hut.

I have also sent a copy of the correspondence to D. M. S. Canadian contingents.  
Yours faithfully,  
C. F. WYLDE,  
Lieut.-Colonel.  
Completed.  
No. 1 Canadian General Hospital, Aug. 29, 1916.  
From O. C. No. 1 Can. Gen. Hospital to the Commandant, Etaples, A. D. Sir—I have the honor to inform you that the new admission and discharge hut for the use of this hospital has been erected at a cost of \$472.10 out of funds supplied by the people of New Brunswick, Canada, and is now completed.

I beg to request that you will accept this building on behalf of the Imperial government as a gift from the people of New Brunswick.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) C. F. WYLDE,  
Lieut.-Colonel.  
O. C. No. 1 Can. Gen. Hospital.  
Thankful,  
Commandant, Etaples, 7-9-16.

To D. D. M. S. Etaples: Please convey to the officer commanding No. 1 Canadian General Hospital the appreciation of the Inspector-general for communication of the generosity of the people of New Brunswick in providing a new admission and discharge hut for that hospital. The Inspector-general of communications wishes him to be informed that the gift is accepted on behalf of the Imperial government with his cordial thanks.  
(Signed) WILLIAM PLOMER,  
Colonel, A. A. Q. M. G.  
D. D. M. S., Etaples, 8-9-16.  
O. S. No. 1 Canadian General Hospital: I have much pleasure in forwarding this communication.  
(Signed) H. CARR, Colonel.  
D. D. M. S., Etaples.  
The admission and discharge hut is ninety-nine feet by nineteen feet seven inches. Inside it has brown solignum up to the windows and the rest of the wall space and ceilings are white. On the outside over the main door is the coat of arms of the province of New Brunswick, and an inscription: "A. & D. Hut, presented by the people of New Brunswick." Inside the hut are the names of the donors.

#### VISITORS IN LONDON.

- The following visitors registered at the office of the agent general for New Brunswick, London:
- Capt. A. Crichton, 115th Batt., Moncton, N. B.
  - Nov. 30th—Capt. H. Goodliffe, 115th Batt.; C. McE. Steeves, 115th Batt.
  - Nov. 27th—F. Connell, St. John, N. B.; Sgt. H. H. Pickett, Fredericton, N. B.; Corp. W. P. Phillips, St. John; Lieut. D. V. White, St. John; Lieut. D. B. Winslow, Fredericton.
  - Nov. 28th—Corp. G. C. Pinney, 26th Batt., St. John, N. B.
  - Nov. 29th—Capt. D. S. Bell, R. C. R. and P. P. C. L. I. depot, St. John; Major F. B. Young, C. R. and P. P. C. L. I. depot, St. John; Major Randolph Crocker, 28th Battery, C. F. A., Millerton, N. B.
  - Nov. 30th—Pte. R. M. Fawcett, C. A. S. C., Sackville, N. B.
  - Dec. 1—Major L. C. Harris.
  - Dec. 2—J. W. MacKay, Baddeck, N. B.
  - Dec. 4—Lieut. G. H. Edgcombe, 3rd C. D. A. C., St. John; Corp. E. S. McPeake, St. John; Mrs. Fred Ryan, Vancouver, B. C.; Miss Katherine S. Ryan, Vancouver, B. C.
  - Dec. 5—Col. Murray MacLaren, C. F. A. M. C. St. John; Pte. W. Nicker, St. John; Lieut. Theodore C. Barker, R. F. A., Fredericton.
  - Dec. 6—Pte. F. L. Howard, 26th Batt.; Pte. G. Arsenault, Moncton; Pte. L. Miller, 26th Batt.; Capt. John Gale, 6th Can. T. M. Battery; Lieut. H. J. Palmer, 14th Batt., Dorchester.
  - Dec. 7—Miss A. M. McAnn, Moncton, nursing sister; Miss Ira L. Lockhart, Petticoat, N. B., nursing sister; Miss A. B. Stover, Ontario, nursing sister; Lieut. E. H. Turnbull, C. G. A., St. John; Lieut. Vassie, 1st Heavy Battery, C. F. A., St. John; Mrs. W. Vassie, St. John; Lieut. A. C. Gilmore, 115th Batt., St. John; Major C. G. Pincombe, 104th Batt., Marysville, N. B.

### DEATH COMES SUDDENLY TO JABEZ P. WRY

#### Head of Wry Packing Co. and Father of Frank C. Wry of St. John — Born in Westmorland County.

Special to The Standard.  
St. Stephen, Dec. 21.—Death came very suddenly to a prominent and respected citizen here this evening, Jabez P. Wry, head of the Wry Packing Co., was attending the Bijou moving picture house and was taken ill during the performance. He started towards the entrance but fell in the aisle. He was assisted to his feet and taken into the office where he passed away within a very few minutes.

Death was due to heart disease from which he had suffered for some years. Just before entering the Bijou Mr. Wry had been talking with friends and had told them that he was feeling particularly well.

Announcement of his sudden death has caused sincere sorrow in the community. He was a man of great industry and had applied himself closely to his business during a number of years, when many other men in like condition of health would have retired from the activities of life.

Mr. Wry is survived by his wife, two daughters, Misses Lois and Bessie, both at home, and three sons, Herman and Haddon, who were associated with him in business, and Frank C., employed in the C.P.R. telegraph office in St. John. He was an active member of Frontier Lodge, K. of P.

Mr. Wry was a native of Joliette, Saskatchewan, and was well known in that section.

Government takes control at Cardiff.  
London, Dec. 21.—The Board of Trade has decided to establish a branch office at Cardiff. Control of the railways, docks and collieries will be taken over in order to end the present chaos.

### FAREWELL TO LT. BIGGAR

#### Officers and Men Remember Officer Who Left Last Night to Join Overseas Engineers

There was a large gathering of officers and men of the Army Service Corps last evening at the Union Depot to bid farewell to Lieut. A. L. Biggar, where he will join the Canadian Engineer Overseas forces. Lieut. Biggar has been the officer in charge of supply and transport in this section for the past eight months.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Biggar was the guest of honor at a dinner in Bond's restaurant. Lieut. Russell, his successor here, was also in attendance and was warmly welcomed by the officers and men. The gathering numbered about twenty-five and was presided over by Lieut. Fred Barbour, the officer commanding the local company. After a substantial repast Lieut. Barbour presented the retiring officer on behalf of those assembled with a handsome travelling bag suitably fitted.

Mr. Biggar made a pleasing reply, thanking the officers and men for their kindness and referring to the pleasure it had afforded him to have had their co-operation in his work in this city. Addresses, appreciative of the retiring officer, were made by the chairman, Lieuts. Smith, Russell and Key; Staff Sergeants Vandenberg and Henderson; Corp. Godwin, C. Q. M. Johnson, Sergt. Devonne, Corp. Porter and others. Mr. Johnson is a returned soldier, and his remarks concerning the battle of Ypres and life at the front generally were listened to with attention. Sergts. Devonne and Ross accompanied Lieut. Russell from Sussex and will be attached to the local company.

Give the Kiddies Lots of Fun by purchasing one of the Jumping Jacks displayed in T. McAvity's window, and thus aid one of our returned soldiers at the Parks Convalescent Home.

### ROUTINE BUSINESS AT COUNCIL YESTERDAY

The city council met in committee yesterday at 1:30 and discussed at some length the matter of a new lighting contract. Engineer McInnes was re-engaged for two months, Commissioner Wigmore was given authority to build a garage and it was decided to pay \$300 of the cost of the recent survey by the experts of the fire underwriters. It was suggested that each commissioner submit the estimates for 1917 before January 15 and the mayor made a plea for economy in the public service.

Commissioner Wigmore recommended that he be given authority to build a garage containing the cars in his department, at an estimated cost of \$600; that Engineer McInnes be re-engaged for the months of January and February. These recommendations were adopted.

The fire underwriters asked that the city pay a portion of the cost of the recent survey which had cost \$1,100. They asked the city to pay about \$300. Commissioner Wigmore moved that the request be complied with and this was supported by Commissioner McLellan. Commissioner Fisher did not feel that he could vote for the motion but on the vote being taken the motion carried.

Commissioner Fisher brought up the matter of the lighting contract and wanted to know if the new contract had been signed as yet. He wanted to know about the six nitrogen filled lamps which are now being used and claimed that the expenditure in connection with these had not been authorized.

Commissioner McLellan said that the experiments were being made in the hope of saving money on the new contract. He explained that, under the new contract which he expects to make with the company, the city would have the privilege of securing any new and improved type of lamp they may wish at any time. The lamps and fixtures would be the property of the city, but would be supplied by the company, the city paying for them in annual instalments to be added to the usual bill. A more economic type might warrant the discarding of even new lamps. The new contract had not been entered into because they could not get the lamps. He hoped to be able to sign a contract in January. The lamps might not be made in the United States, but might be foreign lamps.

They would be guaranteed for 1,000 hours, which would mean that four lamps would be required in a year for each fixture. The fixtures would average \$20 and the lamps from \$4 to \$5.80.

Commissioner Fisher claimed that the cost of current was of more importance than the cost of lamps, and wanted to know if the city could do anything to cheapen it.

Commissioner McLellan said that engineers had estimated that the Mipec falls could supply current to light from 500 to 600 lamps but this would involve an investment of \$350,000 to \$400,000 in plant and even then the plant would not be large enough. The city now used 469 lamps but could use 650 to advantage. The situation in the North End, the old town of Portland, where the city owned all the poles, might be a help in arranging the new contracts.

Commissioner McLellan gave notice that he would move that the sum of \$385 due to Dr. W. H. Simon and not taken out of last year's unexpended balance be placed to the credit of the doctor.

### BILLY SUNDAY SAYS HE IS A GOOD LOSER

Boston, Dec. 21.—Billy Sunday says he is a good loser. When he referred to the heavy majority for license in Boston, he said to his audience: "You never looked on a better loser, boys!" Sunday smiled at the reporters in the tabernacle. To the audience he said: "I learned how to lose in baseball and I haven't forgotten. I feel like John Paul Jones when he made his memorable reply, 'I haven't begun to fight yet!' We'll soon have that bunch where they can't wiggle. They see the handwriting on the wall: 'Nation wide!' They've just delayed the day of execution a little longer."

North Adams and Fitzburg, which have been on the license list will be "dry" January 1.

### TURKEYS REPORTED SCARCE UP NORTH.

Moncton, Dec. 21.—Turkeys are reported very scarce in all parts of New Brunswick, and few are offering in the Moncton market. The scarceness is due to the fact that nearly all the birds were bought up in advance for the U. S. market. One shipper in Buctouche sent forward about three tons, which cleaned up nearly everything in that district.

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Notice is hereby given that the Split Rock automatic whistling buoy is gone from position. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

J. C. CHESLEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. St. John, December 19th, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that the light on Hen and Chickens gas and bell buoy is not burning. Will be relighted as soon as possible.

J. C. CHESLEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. St. John, December 19th, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that the light on automatic gas and whistling buoy, anchored off Point Lepreau, is out. Will be relighted as soon as possible.

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From Halifax to St. John, Direct  
Glasgow 5 p.m. Dec. 30  
SATURNIA Jan. 20  
For information apply local Agents or The Robert Bedford Co., Limited, General Agents, 162 Prince William St., St. John, N. B.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the light on Petticoat Gas Bell Buoy is not burning. Will be relighted as soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1916.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that Louisburg Bell Buoy has gone adrift. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1916.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that South-west Bell Buoy, off Whitehead, has gone adrift. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1916.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that Liscomb Bell Buoy has gone adrift. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1916.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that Sheet Harbor Gas and Whistling Buoy has gone adrift. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1916.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Neverfail Gas Buoy, Halifax, has gone adrift. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,  
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1916.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the South West Ledge, Brier Island, gas and whistling buoy is out of position. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

J. C. CHESLEY,  
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## WILSON ASKED TO SAVE THE BELGIANS

Notable Petition Sent to President by Prominent Americans in Protesting Belgian "Slavery."

New York, Dec. 20.—A petition, signed by persons prominent in all walks of life throughout the country, calling on the president of the United States "to throw the whole influence of his office against the deportations of the Belgians by the German government," will be forwarded to Washington tomorrow. It was announced here tonight by Edwin Root. The petition in part follows:

"Inasmuch as the chief magistrate of a country is entitled to know the

definite sentiments of the people, we hereby petition the president of the United States to throw the whole influence of his office against the deportations of the Belgians by the German government.

"And we especially desire that in whatever manner seems best to him steps may be taken to join this country with the other neutral states of the American continent in a determined protest against this reversion to barbarism in warfare, not to be witnessed by a civilized world without indignation."

**Customs Parcel Post.**  
The Customs Parcel Post will be open tonight and tomorrow night until 6 o'clock; Saturday night till 10 o'clock, and from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Christmas day to accommodate persons wishing to get parcels through the customs.

**High School Closing.**  
Formal closing exercises of the High School will take place this morning in the assembly hall of the school, commencing at 10.45 o'clock. A good programme of literary and musical numbers will be carried out and prizes won by the students will be presented. W. J. S. Myles, principal of the school, will preside during the exercises and the chairman of the school board, R. B. Emerson, will occupy the chair during the presentation of prizes.

## REFUGEES POUR INTO RUSSIA

Petrograd, Dec. 19, via London, Dec. 20.—The passage across the Russian frontier of thousands of Roumanians, who have abandoned their houses and property in the face of the invading Germans and Bulgarians, has cast the shadow of a new refugee problem in the Russian empire. These refugees have been pouring into Odessa, Kiev and other Southern Russian cities in a destitute and helpless condition and present a problem which threatens to be more difficult than any which has confronted a belligerent power since the invasion of Belgium.

The magnitude of Russia's economic burden is appreciable when it is considered that the country has received already since the beginning of the war a refugee population far exceeding the combined citizenship of the Scandinavian countries, while the resources of the country have been taxed to the utmost to provide for the wandering peoples whose homes have fallen within enemy lines.

United States, and afterwards reside in Halifax. The bride is a sister of Mrs. P. J. Smith, 264 King street East.

**MOORE-HARNED.**

On the 20th of December a quiet but pretty wedding took place at the Fairville Baptist parsonage, when Miss Willa Mina Harned of West St. John became the bride of Mr. H. Levi Moore of Black River. The Rev. Mr. Haysward officiated.

**THE POLICE COURT.**

In the police court yesterday Nick O'Neal, an Austrian, was fined \$150.00 for four months in jail for selling liquor to a soldier in uniform.

Alex. Joinet, charged with supplying liquor to a soldier pleaded guilty guilty and was discharged after investigation.

Henry Duffy, on a charge of supplying liquor to soldiers, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50.00.

Leo Walsh, charged with drunkenness, obscene language, resisting the police and obstructing pedestrians on Main street, was remanded after pleading guilty to being drunk.

Patrick Mulally, charged with supplying liquor to a soldier in uniform, entered a plea of not guilty. He was fined \$50.

John Hall, arrested on Pond street on a charge of fighting, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$20.

**OBITUARY.**

Mrs. E. McCarlin.  
Yesterday morning Mrs. Elizabeth

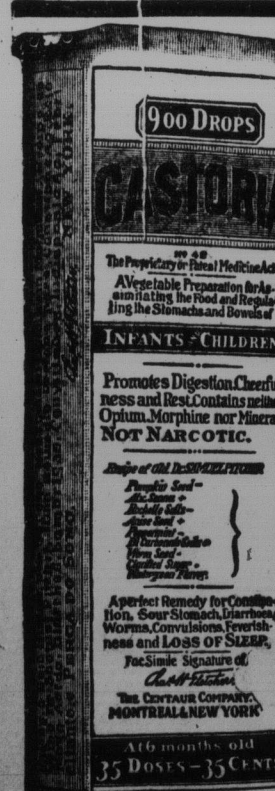
McCarlin passed away at her home in Woodstock, aged 75 years. Deceased is survived by her husband, one daughter, Miss Elizabeth, and one son, John, all of Woodstock.

**CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.**

Monthly—Walter Newman (2 mos.), \$2.00; Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin, (3 mos.), \$2.00; W. L. Doherty, \$2.00; G. I. Higgins, \$1.00; J. S. Cooper, \$1.00; A. Scott Hurder, (3 mos.), \$3.00; Geo. R. Ewing, (2 mos.), \$10.00; Philip Grosset, \$2.00; S. D. and Mrs. Crawford, \$5.00; A. B. McIntosh (2 mos.), \$2.00.

Single—Rev. W. B. Armstrong, \$5.00; Mrs. G. L. Barbour, \$10.00; friend from New York, per J. Twiss, \$10.00; Hart, \$40.00; Miss R. M. Ritchie, Hampton, \$5.00.

William Cruikshank, of Fredericton, deputy provincial treasurer, was in the city yesterday.



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**AMERICAN BURNED AT STAKE BY VILLA'S MEN**

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—O. M. Northap, an aged American, has been burned at the stake in Jimenez, Chihuahua, by Villa bandits, who have recaptured the town from the de facto government forces, according to a letter received by an American refugee here from a friend living near Jimenez. The writer did not fix the date of the tragedy, stating merely that Northap, who had lived many years in Torreón, was on his way toward the American border when he was seized by the bandits, unaware they had captured Jimenez.

The letter said Northap was taken before one of the Villa chiefs and asked if he was an American.

"I am, and proud of it," he is said to have replied.

His execution by burning at the stake followed.

Northap was a wealthy American rancher.

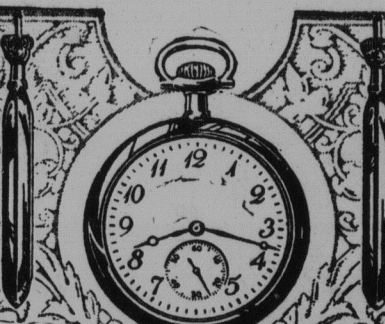
## MARRIAGES

**Joseph-Hector.**

Roosevelt Joseph, of Granville Ferry, N. S., and Miss Myrtle Mary Hector were married on Wednesday evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph will reside in St. John.

**Monaghan-Fader.**

On Wednesday afternoon the marriage was solemnized in Trinity church of Miss Florence Fader, of Halifax, and C. V. Monaghan, secretary of Moir's Limited, Halifax. Rev. L. Ralph Sherman officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan will spend the honeymoon in the



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## STEEL FIRMS IN STRONG POSITION

Present Heavy Liquidity in Shares Largely Due to Over-Speculation of Officials.

Special to The Standard.  
Montreal, Dec. 21.—The singling out of steel stocks for the collapse of the market is by leading men in the trade to no weakness in the position of companies concerned, but the extraordinary speculation was attracted to those issues other quarter of the market weakness developed as the peace talk. No matter what the war may end, declare the officials the activity at the steel will go on uninterrupted for a year.

Good Business Assurance.

This is assured on the basis of circumstances and there is a general tendency to believe that the perity of the steel trade will long after the present business contracted for has been attended to. So far as these companies are concerned which are now producing production of munitions is not out that all contracts now would be filled no matter what is declared. They are generally on that basis and it is understood that as stocks of steel in Europe will be exhausted countries will see that their replenished before the work.

Shell Plants Discussed.

All the companies which making shells and other have long since written off which were specially installed purpose so that in that there will be no loss as machinery will be scrapped financial loss to the company. The advent of per steel trade, if it means anything suggests a more early of normal conditions in it is not expected that in high prices, can be maintained but the trade can maintain and give value to the share.

All Canadian Steel companies in an exceptionally strong position financially, the best in the world ever in and in the provinces from the of the shareholders. When the tors are through values according to the general feeling.

## PRESENTATION TO MICHAUD AND

At the dinner of the 16th at the armory last evening, Mr. Legere on behalf of the battalion, presented Michaelud with a substantial and Mrs. Michaelud with a beautiful diamond necklace. Lieutenant Michaelud joined the battalion about three weeks before the arrival of the 16th. Since coming to St. John, Mrs. Michaelud has made many friends.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary E. Shaw.

Bath, Dec. 21.—This community was shocked on Saturday evening by the death of Mrs. Mary Shaw here which took place at 10.15 o'clock on the 16th inst.

Mrs. Shaw was in her 70th year and was born in Bath, N. S., on the 18th of August, 1846. She was the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Shaw, a prominent member of the Baptist church of this place and an active member of the United Church of Christ. She was a devoted and anxious to do her part in the work of the church. She was the sister of the late Rev. Dr. Shaw, well known in New Brunswick as a Baptist minister. She had no family of her own, but one brother, Elisha S. P. Thomas, Ont., and a large number of relatives and friends.

## DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY TO INCREASE

Special to The Standard.  
New York, Dec. 21.—The meeting of the shareholders of the United Railway will be held on February 6. At the shareholders will be presented a resolution authorizing an increase in the capital stock from \$12,500,000 to \$15,000,000.

The reasons given by the directors for the increase in capital will be necessary to incur and expend considerable money in the acquisition of additional lines of as well as in betterments of the cost of which properly chargeable to the shareholders. The directors ask that the new stock from time referred.



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Special to The Standard.  
Montreal, Dec. 21.—The apparent singling out of steel stocks for sale in the collapse of the market is claimed by leading men in the trade to be due to no weakness in the position of the companies concerned, but rather to the extraordinary speculation which was attracted to those issues and rendered them more vulnerable than any other quarter of the market when the weakness developed as the result of peace talk. No matter what moment the war may end, declare these authorities the activity at the steel mills will go on uninterrupted for more than a year.

### Good Business Assured.

This is assured on the basis of present circumstances and there is a general tendency to believe that the prosperity of the steel trade will continue long after the present business contracted for has been attended to. So far as these companies are concerned which are now prominent in the production of munitions it is pointed out that all contracts now in hand would be filled no matter when peace is declared. They are being accepted on that basis and it is generally understood that as stocks of ammunition in Europe will be exhausted all the countries will see that their stocks are replenished before the work stops.

### Shell Plants Discounted.

All the companies which have been making shells and other materials have long since written off the plants which were specially installed for the purpose so that in that connection there will be no loss as much of the machinery will be scrapped without financial loss to the companies concerned. The advent of peace to the steel trade, if it means anything, specially suggests a more early restoration of normal conditions in the trade. It is not expected that the present high prices can be maintained indefinitely but the trade can make money and give value to the shares.

All Canadian Steel companies are now in an exceptionally strong position financially, the best unquestionably they were ever in and the outlook is most promising from the standpoint of the shareholders. When the speculators are through values will rally according to the general feeling of the street.

## PRESENTATION TO LT. MICHAUD AND BRIDE

At the dinner of the 165th officers at the armory last evening, Major Arthur Legere on behalf of the officers of the battalion, presented Lieut. Michaud with a substantial cheque, and Mrs. Michaud with a silver purse. Lieut. Michaud joined the ranks of the benedictines about three weeks before the battalion's arrival in this city. Since coming to St. John both he and Mrs. Michaud have made many local friends.

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary E. Shaw.

Bath, Dec. 21.—This community was shocked on Saturday evening to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary E. Shaw at her home here which took place the evening of the 16th inst. Mrs. Shaw was in her usual health up to within a few hours of her death, which was due to apoplexy. The deceased was born at Somerville, opposite Hartland, and was in her sixty-eighth year, and had been married to her surviving husband, Elijah P. Shaw, stipendiary magistrate here, for forty-six years. She was an active member of the United Baptist church of this place and was always anxious to do her part in any Christian work. She was the only surviving sister of the late Rev. Dr. C. T. Phillips, well known in New Brunswick as a Baptist minister. The deceased had no family of her own, and leaves one brother, Elisha S. Phillips of St. Thomas, Ont., and a large number of near relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

### DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY TO INCREASE CAPITAL.

Special to The Standard.  
New York, Dec. 21.—(The annual meeting of the shareholders of Detroit United Railway will be held at Detroit on February 6. At this meeting the shareholders will be asked to approve a resolution authorizing an increase in the capital stock of the company from \$12,500,000 to \$25,000,000. The reasons given by the directors for the increase in capital are that it will be necessary to incur obligations and expend considerable amounts of money in the acquisition and construction of additional lines of railway, etc., as well as in betterments and improvements, the cost of which would be properly chargeable to capital account. The directors ask authority to issue the new stock from time to time as referred.

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WILL INVADE THE INSTITUTIONS

Every Effort Being Made to Provide Christmas Cheer for  
Inmates of Various Homes—Charitable Work Among  
the Poor—With the Soldiers in Barracks—Salvation  
Army Plans Busy Time.

In many of the public institutions the usual Christmas fare will prevail, notwithstanding the fact of the many extra calls made on the resources of the benevolently inclined brought about by the war. Some of the institutions will observe the holiday season on or about New Year, special festivities being promised as an addition to the regular activities of the day. To many people snow covered ground is one of the prime requisites of Christmas and it is likely they will have their wish realized. Also those indispensable adjuncts of the Christmas season, the Christmas tree, holly and other evergreens are much in evidence. The men from the woods have been busy the last few days bringing the greenery to the city and the result of their efforts is now shown in the old burying ground. The dealers state that though Christmas trees are very scarce this year, the prices for them will be the same as formerly.

In talking with a Standard man Miss Robertson of the Associated Charities said that a wonderful response in the way of clothing, food, etc., had been given to their appeal for aid. She said that people this year were much more generous than for many years past and she felt that everyone in the city would be adequately provided for.

There will be a very quiet celebration of the day at the Old Ladies' Home, on account of several cases of sickness though they will enjoy a nice dinner and receive visitors.

The employees of the St. John Street Railway will be handsomely remembered by the company though Christmas turkeys cannot be distributed this year.

The Home for Incurables on Wentworth street will have a Christmas tree and dinner and Wiggins' Male Orphan Institution will provide a dinner with a tree later in the week.

Those in charge of the Christmas activities at the Seamen's Mission are planning to give every sailor in port a rousing good time. Tonight two hundred men will be entertained and sent away with a Christmas gift. On Wednesday night it is planned to entertain five hundred men at an elaborate supper, after which a concert will be given by some of the city's best talent. It is hoped that Hon. J. D. Hazen, Mayor Hayes and Rev. S. S. Poole will be present and speak a few words of cheer to the sailors. Each man will be presented with a Christmas box, containing both luxuries and necessities.

The officers of the Salvation Army are busy with their usual effort to supply not only Christmas cheer to the needy and deserving citizens, but during the opening months of the year will follow the same effort by assisting with fuel and provisions. The baskets this year will contain the usual roast of beef, vegetables, tea, sugar, bread, cake and fruit. In addition to the distributing of baskets, Christmas dinners will be given at the women's and men's social institutions and Christmas cheer to the prisoners in the jail. The response this year has been quite as liberal as usual and Major Barr is more than grateful to the citizens for their kindness and thought. On Christmas and New Year's Day the band of the Life Saving Boy Scouts of the Salvation Army will supply music at a number of institutions around the city with a view to cheering the sick and lonely. This band, which is composed of boys, has been heard more than once on the streets and is a very creditable musical organization. There will be the usual Christmas features at the different corps and altogether Christmas-time is a very busy one for the Sal-

vation Army officers throughout the city.

At the various military barracks in the city the chief feature will be the Christmas dinner. A large majority of the soldiers are going home for the holidays, but those who remain in barracks are assured of a pleasant time. The hotel managers are all planning to remember their employes, usually in a monetary way. At the Dufferin a turkey is to be given to each married employe which, considering the present high prices prevailing, will be much appreciated.

The kiddies in the children's ward at the General Public Hospital are to have a Christmas tree this evening and will also be remembered in other ways.

## FRENCHMEN MUST ENROLL WITH CONSULAR AGENT

W. F. Hatheway, French consular agent, received a communication yesterday from the consul general at Montreal as follows:

"The French government asks all Frenchmen born in 1898, and those omitted from other classes, to demand without delay the inscription of their names in the lists for class 1918. Blank forms necessary will be furnished them at the consular agent's office, No. 16 Ward street, St. John, N. B. These must be returned to the consul general for France before February 17, 1917. Those persons who may feel that they are exempt must appear before a medical officer and get a certificate from him giving precise details upon the state of their health and their aptitude for military service. Mention must be made of the height, weight and condition of eyesight."

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Men's Lined Mocha Gloves...  
... \$1.00 to \$1.75 pr  
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... \$1.00 to \$1.75 pr  
Men's Nobby Silk Ties...  
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... 75c. and \$1 set  
Braces and Garters... 75c. set  
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*"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.

**"NATIONAL SERVICE"**  
 Under this, and similar headlines the Evening Times, during the past few days, has devoted considerable editorial space to unjust, absurd and, at times, violent attacks upon the Premier and the Borden Government. That newspaper contends that there should be no national service unless there is a "national government" at the head of affairs in this country. What the Times means by a "national government" is not clearly stated in any of the columns of editorial vapourings in which it indulges, but from the general tone of its articles there is room for the suspicion that it does not approve the present administration.

When one considers certain facts in connection with the ownership, management and record of the Times, its course is not surprising. But it is fair at this time when the united effort of the whole country is required to successfully prosecute the greatest struggle in the world's history, when thousands of Canadians have surrendered their civil life and donned the King's uniform to face hardship, discomfort and possibly death, when hundreds of Canadian homes are mourning a loved one whose chair is vacant this Christmas—and may never be filled again—and when the sole thought of every patriotic loyal man in the country should be "what can I do to aid solve this problem?"

It is true that the people of Canada have placed the Conservative party in control of the affairs of this country, and that party held control when the war broke out and up to the present time. It is believed, and in the interests of Canada earnestly hoped, that it will continue to rule for many years to come. But suppose the condition had been reversed, suppose Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Pugsley, and Mr. Graham and the other front benches of the Liberal party had occupied the treasury benches and had labored as hard and as earnestly as Premier Borden and every one of his associates have done to see to it that Canada should do her duty in the full prosecution of war measures. Would any Conservative paper, for political purposes only, be justified, day after day, in devoting its sole effort to criticism and condemnation of that Liberal government especially when such criticism was based on absolutely false premises or ignorance of the real facts of the situation? Every fair-minded Conservative in the country will be the first to answer "no."

The South African war was but a Sunday school picnic compared to the struggle in which the world is now engaged. In that war Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates made a greater number of mistakes than can ever be charged up to the present administration in the prosecution of a conflict that has shattered all precedents, abolished all standards and set a new record for ferocity, bloodshed and loss. Yet during the South African campaign the Conservative papers were not filled every day with such material as the Times provides. There was criticism, legitimate criticism, but through it all there was a disposition and a tendency to fair play. And that at a time when the Empire's existence was not at stake, when Canada was represented in the fighting lines in Africa by a comparative handful of men and when none of the perplexing social and economic problems of the present day required solution.

If this was the tendency of the Conservative newspapers at that day, and the editor of the Times knows it to be so, for in those days he was a Conservative writer, how much more should there today be a spirit of broad-mindedness, a disposition to help rather than hinder, to applaud the best, the praiseworthy achievements of the Government rather than attempt to hamper and destroy the work by bitter and exaggerated criticism of minor mistakes and shortcomings.

Of course there have been mistakes. No government is infallible and the Borden Government does not claim to be. But it is a collection of earnest, honest, patriotic Canadians, every one of whom is bringing to bear on the problems of the day his very best tal-

ents and unceasing labor. Are they not in all fairness entitled to some credit?  
 The editor of the Chatham World, after reading the Telegraph a few days ago, expressed the opinion that if no ghost of John Livingstone could again occupy the editorial chair of that paper he would bring about some changes. That is as it may be, but one thing is certain, if the ghost of Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Elder, Dr. James Hannay or any of the other worthy journalists who in years past directed the activities of that newspaper, could today revisit the scene of their labors, they would be heartily ashamed of the miserable spirit of petty, dirty, cheap, political mud-slinging that seems to be the sole end and purpose of the Telegraph and its evening counterpart, the Times.

In other parts of Canada newspapers, quite as effective in the heat of an election as our contemporaries can possibly be, have risen above the limits of political fault finding and attempted to aid to the best of their ability in the great work that the Canadian Government is doing. Is it too much to expect that on the birth of the New Year even our friends of the Telegraph and Times will come to see the light and devote their recognized abilities to real patriotic effort in the interests of the country, the effort that is expected at this time of all reputable Canadian journals.

There will probably be a general election in due season and the Telegraph and Times then will be able to indulge to the fullest degree their proclivities for insinuation and misstatement. In the meantime there are so many more important things to think about and consider that in their picaresque effort to arouse suspicion and resentment against the Government, to create the idea that Ministers at Ottawa are not "doing their bit" according to the needs of the hour, they at least are painfully out of joint with the public and with public sentiment.

**CONTRASTED METHODS.**  
 On December 1st the retail milk dealers doing business in this city advanced the price of their product to ten cents per quart.  
 On December 6th the City Council got around to an expression of opinion that the price was too high and that, under the provisions of the Dominion Government's order-in-council regulating such cases, it would be advisable to ask dealers for an explanation of the reasons for the increase.  
 For two or three days the Commissioners cogitated in their own minds as to what questions to ask, and finally on December 8th the Common Clerk sent out the required notices.  
 The dealers, taking advantage of an increase which milk producers had put into effect (after the retail advance had been decided upon), claimed that conditions had arisen which made it necessary to ask for an extension of time in which to supply their answers. Of course the council granted it. This period of grace expired on Tuesday of this week but circumstances arose which prevented the replies then received from being brought to the attention of the city fathers.

Yesterday the Commissioners met again but there was no mention of the milk question and one council member, when asked why, said he forgot all about it and he presumed that the others did the same.  
 Today the council will meet and possibly the replies will at least be heard and passed on to a committee to consider and report back. That may take another week or possibly less, according to the disposition there is to handle the matter promptly, but as a matter of fact nothing effective has yet been done at City Hall to remedy the situation.

Chatham is a much smaller town than St. John and it might be expected that the Town Council of that enterprising place would be slower than the Commissioners of the City of St. John to grapple with a matter of this sort. Chatham, however, wasted no time. The council met, decided that the price of milk was too high and sent a printed list of questions to each of the milk vendors requiring them to make replies under oath or affirmation and to have their replies filed with

**Little Benny's Note Book**  
 I was wawking along with my cuzin Artie yestiday, and I sed to him, Lets pertend we are the 2 most pullite people in the world.  
 All rite, sed Artie. Wich jest then we started to go around a corner, and Artie stopped, saying, After you, my dear Benny, you go first, I beseech you. And he started to bow and wave his hand, and I started to bow and wave mine, saying, Par be it from such, my dear Artie, you go first, I implore you.  
 No sutch of a thing, my dear Benny, I woodent think of terming around a corner before you, sed Artie.  
 My dear Artie, you pane me exceedingly by not leaving me let you go first, I sed.  
 And we both stood there bowing and being as pullite as the dickins, and I sed, My dear Artie, I know wat, lets us both go around together.  
 Wich we did, taking ahold of each others arm and wawking around the corner, and as soon as we got around there wat did we see laying on the pavement rite in frunt of us but a seat, and we each made a grab for it as if we dident know anything about pullitenas, and our heads banged together with a farsee crack on the way down and I got my foot on the seat and Artie started to kick it off, and I grabbed ahold of his hair and he grabbe ahold of mine, and I sed, Lets compermise.  
 All rite, lets go wacky on it, sed Artie.  
 Wich we did, buying 34 jelly beans with it and wawking up 17 apeece.  
 Proving the pullitest people are libel to get ruff if they wunt sumthing.

**To Help Recruiting.**  
 Toronto—At a meeting called by Mrs. Ambrose Small plans for an elaborate moving picture to be called "What a Woman Can Do," were discussed. This picture, which it is proposed will be under the auspices of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, will include all the women's organizations in Canada, showing their work and what they are doing for the war, including the women ammunition workers and the girl guides.  
 The film will be shown all through Canada for the purpose of raising the 100,000 recruits asked for by the Dominion government, as it has been found that the only way to reach the right men is through the women. The film is also to show the women what they must do to keep the wheels turning by preventing closing down of factories for the want of helpers.  
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**For That Boy of Yours**  
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 Billie Ritchie of the Pathe Lehrman comedies, has a new leading lady in the charming person of Dot Farley.

**LOCAL STUDENTS ASSIST IN KING'S FORWARD MOVEMENT**  
 The members of the Law Students' Society of the St. John Law School, affiliated with King's College at Windsor, are taking steps to assist in the raising of the \$100,000 which the board of governors of the university have decided to raise to improve the financial standing of Kings. Yesterday J. A. LeBlanc, the president of the students' society, wrote the authorities at Windsor, extending congratulations on the decision to inaugurate the forward movement, and expressing the desire of the local students to do their share to make the movement a complete success.  
 There are a large number of practicing barristers in the province who are graduates of the institution who will no doubt be prepared to co-operate with the present students in raising funds.

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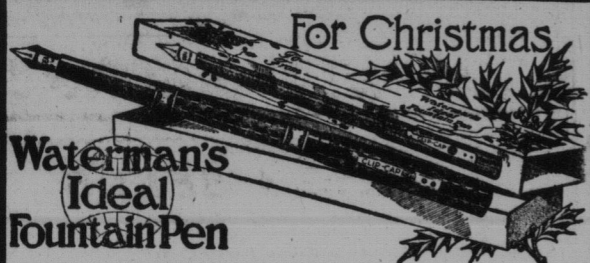
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ANGLICANS APPEAL TO YOUNG MEN

Clergy Urged to Point Out Desirability of Young Men, Who Can Do So, Entering Sacred Ministry.

An appeal was issued yesterday, the Feast of St. Thomas, and also an Ember Day, by the Ordination Candidates' Council, of the Anglican Church, for candidates for the priesthood.

The communication follows: At the last meeting of the Ordination Candidates' Council, we were directed to place before you the following facts:

(1) The need of maintaining the supply of candidates for the sacred ministry. In consequence of the heavy drain upon the young manhood of our church during the war, this becomes a question of more than usual urgency.

(2) The urgent need of the clergy bringing before their people, especially during the Ember seasons, by means of sermons or in other ways, the claims of the sacred ministry.

In view of these facts it is suggested that at Ember-tide, special efforts should be made in this direction. Much too might be accomplished during the period of preparation for confirmation, by the clergy holding up before the growing boys the joy of service in the ministry; and a strong appeal might be made at the same time to enlist the sympathy of the parents in the church's efforts to secure men for her ministry.

Financial Assistance.

Information has reached the council that several who were desirous of offering themselves for the ministry have been prevented in the past by the apparent impossibility of maintaining themselves during the period of study and preparation necessary for such work. The clergy are therefore urged to point out to their congregations that no earnest and godly young man need ever be prevented from realizing his vocation as a minister of Jesus Christ for lack of necessary assistance, as adequate provision can be always made, either through divinity scholarships, or through the Ember-tide offerings, which are designed for this very purpose.

The reverend clergy are therefore earnestly requested by the council to make use of the coming Ember season to preach sermons on the sacred ministry, and in other ways to bring prominently before their people, this matter which is of vital importance to the life and growth of Christ's church.

BLAME HINDENBURG FOR BELGIAN DEPORTATION

The Hague, Dec. 21—The official Belgian publication office in The Hague today issued the following communication regarding the deportation of Belgians by the Germans: "No sophism, no Wolf Bureau despatch and no circular by General Von Bissing can explain away the fact that Philipp Scheidemann (Socialist member of the Reichstag), when in The Hague, freely admitted that the deportations were ordered by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and not by Emperor William. Therefore they are undeniably of a military character."

HARVARD UNIVERSITY WILL GET \$22,000,000

Boston, Dec. 21—Harvard will receive approximately \$22,000,000 on the death of the late lieutenant under the will of Gordon McKay to carry on the work of applied science provided for by the testator, according to an estimate made by the surviving trustees in an answer filed in the Supreme Court in a suit by the president and fellows of Harvard for leave to transfer the McKay millions to the Institute of Technology.

The McKay trusts were accepted in 1904 by Harvard. Since then, however, Harvard has felt that the Institute of Technology is better equipped to carry on the work and better results may be obtained, not only by reason of the improved facilities but by assembling a large body of students pursuing the same lines of study.

The trustees oppose any transfer of the fund, declaring that the testator was prompted by a purpose to build a strong and efficient department of engineering education and research at Harvard University under charge of a Harvard faculty and under the exclusive jurisdiction of the university.

The validity of a transfer by Harvard to Technology under the terms of the will will be determined soon by the full bench of the Supreme Court.

Taken Suddenly Ill.

Yesterday morning Charles Hayes of Brookville was taken suddenly ill in Brussels street. He had been suffering from paint poison. After being carried to the Park drug store he was taken to the General Public Hospital for treatment.

C. P. R. MAN GETS A BIG PROMOTION

Edward Marshall Becomes Locomotive Foreman at McAdam - A. E. Palmer Coming Here.

The many friends of Edward Marshall, locomotive foreman for the Canadian Pacific Railway at Bay Shore are extending congratulations on his well-merited promotion to the position of locomotive foreman for the company at McAdam Jct. The importance of Mr. Marshall's new position will be appreciated by all who are familiar with the large volume of traffic at McAdam.

It was stated yesterday that A. E. Palmer, a well known St. John man, who has been with the company at McAdam, would succeed Mr. Marshall in the position he is vacating.

THE KINDERGARTENS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

Children Enjoy Well Planned Programmes of Entertainment—Some of Their Good Work on Exhibition.

The four free kindergartens closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation and were provided with various forms of entertainment that were evidently greatly appreciated by the young people. In turn they gave much pleasure to the visitors by reason of the excellent work they have done during the year, samples of which were placed on exhibition. The exercises, too, showed that great care had been taken by the teachers in training them.

About fifty children attended the Brussels street kindergarten. They included colored and Jewish youngsters. Songs, dances, drills and the presentation of gifts from the Christmas tree formed part of a particularly pleasing programme. Similar features characterized the closing of the Marsh Bridge, Portland street and South End kindergartens. In each case the work of the little boys and girls excited the greatest interest amongst the visitors. This work consisted of toys and useful articles made for the express purpose of presentation to their parents and other adults who one and all expressed delight at receiving them.

Mrs. Matthew was assisted by Miss Greeny and Miss Helen Camp.

MANY GERMAN NOBLES HAVE DIED IN WAR

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COUNCIL DID NOT HEAR THE MILK REPLIES

Information Was in Hand Yesterday But Commissioners Did Not Deal With It - Many Come Up Today.

Another meeting of the common council has been held and the answers of the milk dealers in regard to the reasons for the recent increase in the price of that staple diet and necessity for children have not been dealt with. This matter was to have come up at the committee meeting yesterday but for some unexplained reason it was passed over and several minor matters dealt with. It is understood that about a dozen of the dealers have sent in answers, some of them sworn to and others couched in general terms. One of the commissioners when asked why the replies were not dealt with said that he had forgotten all about the matter, and he supposed the others had done the same, and expressed the opinion that the proper person to bring the question before the common council was the common clerk.

The adjourned meeting of the council will be held today and from the expressions of opinion heard around city hall if the matter is brought up at all, it will only be to refer it to a committee to go over the replies and report to the council.

Miss Mae Sharpe, of Waterboro, Queens county, is visiting in the city.

CRUISER IN COLLISION

Paris, Dec. 21—The sinking of an Italian steamship in a collision with the French armored cruiser Ernest Renan, is reported in a despatch from Marseilles.

The steamship, which was taking Italian soldiers home on leave, was out in two. Several persons, most of them passengers, were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

What to Buy "Him" for Christmas

What to buy—and where to buy it answered to some extent by a visit to our Men's store.

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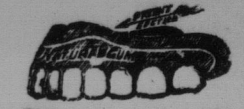
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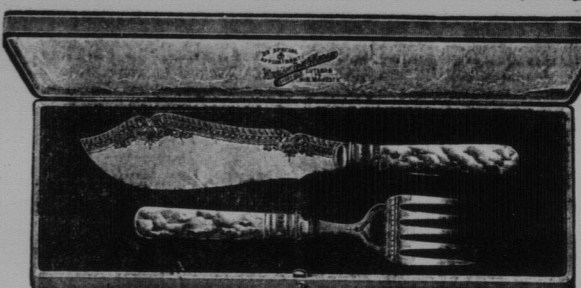
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Our Table Cutlery exhibit embraces Richly Case'd Carving Sets of three and five pieces, with handles of pearl, silver and celluloid. Also Fish Servers with silver, pearl or celluloid handles, suitable for presentation.

Dessert Sets in Cases are also featured, these being shown with pearl and silver handles. Also Dessert Knives and Dessert Forks in both Sterling and Plated Ware.

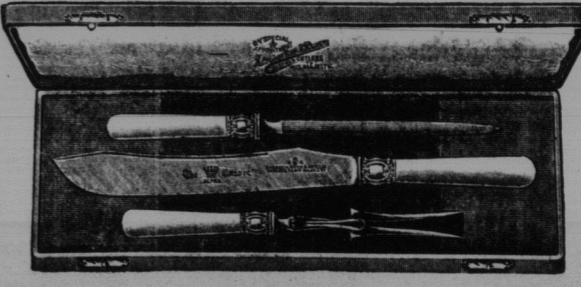
Pocket Knives, with pearl, celluloid and stag-horn handles; also Hunting Knives in leather cases.

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CORRESPONDENT DECLARES HUNGER IS BASIS OF GERMANY'S PEACE PLEA

Neutral in Berne Writes that Injunction to "Hold On, Hold Out, Hold Your Tongue," is No Longer Possible To Obey - Tells Instances O. Want.

(London Cable in New York Herald.) "Attentive readers can now learn from the perusal of the German and Austrian papers, rather more about conditions in the Central empire than was the case during the first two years of the war," writes a neutral correspondent in Berne.

nor near it and that she had soldiers enough for a long time to come. "Now, however, there is no doubt that the scarcity of food is beginning to be serious, and a difficult matter to provide sufficient food for the troops in the trenches. Many German deserters who contrived to cross the frontier into Switzerland testify to the truth of this. Four German brothers of whom I know, in which place in Switzerland I will not say, were of course no food hardly able to be quite weak and one of them was on the Somme front, he and eleven others having been the only survivors of their regiment. He declared that at times they were so short of rations as to move—a statement the accuracy of which is borne out by his own appearance. He and many of his comrades watched for every opportunity of surrendering, especially to the English, as they knew that in England German prisoners of war are well treated and well fed. Their officers impressed upon them that they must not surrender, because the English gave no quarter.

CAPTAIN SHAW GIVEN WARM GREETING

Stock Subscribers For New Conservative Paper Meet Tonight to Form Company.

Special to The Standard. Hartland, Dec. 21.—Capt. Wendell B. Shaw arrived here today to spend a time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Shaw. He looked rather worn and haggard and made his way up the station platform with the aid of crutches. His parents met him at McAdam, and the party received a warm greeting from many friends as they came from the train. Capt. Shaw says he feels well, and will return for a time, but is going to the front as soon as his wounds will permit.

At the United Baptist church Sunday evening there is to be special music by a trained choir. The pastor will deliver a special Christmas sermon, and at the close of the service the ordinance of baptism will be administered. Mill Closed. The crew of the J. K. Flemming mill at Juniper were obliged to quit work yesterday on account of a break in the machinery, which it will take some days to repair. There are 25 men employed in the mill, which is lighted by electricity, and the living arrangements are highly praised by the men.

Was Troubled With Shortness of Breath

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WINE AND LIQUORS. RICHARD SULLIVAN & COMPANY. Established 1878. Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants. Agents for MACKIE'S WHITE HORSE CELLAR SCOTCH WHISKEY, LAWSON'S LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKEY, SIMPSON'S HOUSE OF LORDS SCOTCH WHISKEY, KING GEORGE IV. SCOTCH WHISKEY, AUK'S HEAD BASS ALE, PABST MILWAUKEE LAGER BEER, GEORGE SAYER COGNAC BRANDIES. Bonded Stores, 44-45 Dock Street. Phone 839.

WHOLESALE LIQUORS. WILLIAM L. WILLIAMS successors to M. A. Finn, Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchants, 110 and 112 Prince William St. Established 1870. Write for family price list.

M. & T. MCGUIRE. Direct Importers and dealers in all the leading brands of Wines and Liquors; we also carry in stock from the best houses in Canada, very Old Rye, Vines, Ales and Stout, Imported and domestic Cigars. 11 and 15 WATER STREET. Telephone 578.

CHRISTMAS JEWELRY. A full assortment suitable for Christmas Gifts. Call early. ERNEST LAW, 3 Coburg Street. Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

DRINK HABIT CURE. Phone Main 1655, Galin Institute, 46 Crown St.—Will stop your drinking in 24 hours. Permanent guaranteed cure in three days. Treatment confidential. Terms cash. Address Galin Institute, 46 Crown St., for particulars.

MISCELLANEOUS. RUBBER GOODS MENDED—Hot water bottles, syringes, invalid rings, etc., patched and mended at Wesson's Cut-Rate Dry Store, 711 Main Street. Telephone 1557.

VIOLINS, MANDOLINS and all string instruments and Bows repaired. SYDNEY GIBBS, 81 Sydney Street.

HORSES OF ALL CLASSES FOR SALE, guaranteed as represented. Terms to suit purchasers. Edward Hogan, Union St.

F. C. WESLEY & CO. Artists, Engravers and Electrotypers, 59 Water Street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 982.

"PATENTS and Trade-marks procured. Featherstonhaugh and Co., Palmer Building, St. John."

W. Batley, the English, American and Swiss watch repairer, 138 Mill Street. Work guaranteed. Sheriff.

SHIPPING NEWS

Table with columns: Date, D. of W., Sun rises, Sun sets, H. water a.m., H. water p.m., L. water a.m., L. water p.m.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B. Arrived Thursday, Dec. 21. Stmr Pretorian, transatlantic port. Coastwise—Sch'r E. Mayfield, St. Martins; sch'r Mary Blanche, Apple River.

FOREIGN PORTS. Boothbay Harbor—Ard Dec 19, sch'r Mary Langdon, Rockland for Boston; Eagle, Stockton for do; Abenaki, do for New York.

Boston—Ard Dec 19, str Sardinian, Glasgow; sch's Catawamuck, Bangor; Mary B. Wellington, West Sullivan; Myra, Turks Island; Oakley C. Curtis, Brunswick.

Sid Dec 19, sch's Bertha L. Downs, Aarhus; Abbie C. Stubbs, Hampton Roads; Lydia Middleton, Virginia; E. Starr Jones, Newport News.

Rockland, Dec 19—Sid sch's Arthur M. Gibson, New York; St. Maurice, do.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 19—Ard sch's Andrew Nebinger, Port Reading for Bar Harbor; Roger Drury, New York for St. John, N. B.; Emma S. Briggs, South Gardner for New York; 18th sch's Daniel McLoud, Port Johnson for Boothbay; F. C. Pendleton, Perth Amboy for Portland; Nellie Eaton, Port Liberty for Calais; Charles H. Kinck, Port Reading for Camden; Abbie S. Walker, Ellsworthport for Vinalhaven; L. A. Plummer, Baltimore for St. John, N. B.; Harry W. Haynes, Guttenburg.

Eastport, Dec 18—Ard sch's Charles L. Jefferys, St. George, N. B., for Norwalk; Lizzie Lane, New York for Calais.

HER LAST TRIP. On her last trip for Pickford & Black, her time charter about expiring, the steamer Bann, Captain Amundsen, left Halifax yesterday for Santiago and Jamaica. Pickford & Black have chartered the Norwegian steamer Amanda, 734 tons register, and two hundred tons smaller than the Bann, for their Jamaica service.

DREDGE BREAKING UP. The 1,400-ton dredge McMartin, which broke away from her mooring at Eastport, Me., during Saturday's

THE KING JOSIAH.

The schooner King Josiah is loading fertilizer at Bonson for Halifax by the Colonial Fertilizer Company, Windsor. The port of Windsor is not yet closed to navigation, but it is so late in the season that sailing vessels will take no chances now for the head waters of the Bay of Fundy and particularly the ports in Minas Basin.

Connecting Sprinkler System. The men of the water and sewerage department were busy yesterday making an opening in Prince William street in front of W. H. Thorne's for the purpose of connecting up with the new sprinkler system installed by that firm. The system will be fed by a three-inch pipe connected directly to the main in Prince William street which will give them a good supply of water at all times. Pipe cleaning operations are still being carried on in City Road between Wall street and the foot bridge at the foot of Dorchester street. The contractors have experienced a lot of difficulty in this section and it is just possible the work may be stopped until the spring.

Business Change. Announcement has been made of a business change by dissolution of partnership in the firm of John Hopkins. The change involves the retirement from the firm of G. A. Stanley Hopkins. His two brothers, Aquila D. and Frank B. D. Hopkins, will continue the business under the firm name of John Hopkins.

Have You Been Sick? Then you must know that sickness leaves weakness and you should commence taking SCOTT'S EMULSION

SCOTT'S EMULSION. To put an edge on your appetite, put power in your blood, induce restful sleep and restore your nerve force, Scott's is a true tonic-free from the drug peril.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Assembly Hall in the High School Building, on Tuesday evening, the 26th day of December, instant, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the report of the Civic Assessment Commission. Professor Keirstead, M.A., Ph.D., and other members of the Commission will be present. All persons interested are invited to attend.

WHEAT DROPS TEN POINTS IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of ten cents was registered in the wheat market today on President Wilson's peace note.

GOOD HEALTH. With good health at your back you can do anything. Dr. WILSON'S HERBINE BITTERS.

TUBES FOR STEAM BOILERS. Makers are without stocks and those in dealers hands are very few, but we are still able to fill orders quickly from our stocks in New Glasgow. It is most satisfactory to submit your exact specifications of requirements and have us quote.

I. MATHESON & CO. Ltd. Boiler Makers New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF. HOTEL CHELSEA. West Twenty-third St., at 7th Ave., NEW YORK CITY. EUROPEAN PLAN. 500 ROOMS 400 BATHS.

NOTICE. Dissolution of Partnership. NOTICE is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned as manufacturers of Meat Products, and dealers in Meat and Provision, under the firm name of John Hopkins, 186 Union street, St. John, N. B., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. St. John, N. B., 1916.

AQUILA D. HOPKINS. G. A. STANLEY HOPKINS. FRANK B. D. HOPKINS. Co-Partnership Notice.

The business will hereafter be carried on under the firm name John Hopkins at the old stand. We, the undersigned, desire to thank our customers for their past liberal patronage and solicit a like continuance for the future.

All debts of the old firm will be paid and to whom all outstanding accounts due the old firm are to be paid.

AQUILA D. HOPKINS. FRANK B. D. HOPKINS. St. John, N. B., November 16th, 1916.

MAIL CONTRACT.

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

N. R. COLTER, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Inspector's Office, St. John, N. B., Dec. 13, 1916.

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Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within one mile of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after carrying a masted patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain sections. Price \$10.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$200.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough scrubby or stony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. W. W. CORY, M. G. Deputy of the Minister of Interior, N. B.—Discontinued publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—5488.

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Here are Active Home

W. C. T. U. The St. John W. C. T. U. Orange Hall on Tuesday Mrs. Hipwell presiding.

The secretary reported the union Corresponding Secretary W. C. T. U. had been the Imperial War Office in response to the protest by the union against the run rationed soldiers, that they will continue except by order of mandating officer and that recommendation of a medical was resolved that we continue to fund being raised to 10

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Gold Dust as Strike Breaker

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Another "Return Movement"

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A Contest CASH PRIZ

The following interested Children's Corner, in the In St. John only.

There are now near boys and girls on that m is anxious to commence die's names added to the He is therefore going to members of the Children's Corner of other children December 31, 1916, the

1st Prize ..... 2nd Prize ..... All entries must reach together with the coupon How To

1. Show your school page. 2. Tell them about nice stories, Uncle Dick host of other attractions. 3. There are only 100 names to be drawn. 4. The drawing and the coupon must be in the Children's Corner. 5. Among the prizes are gold necklaces, beautiful illustrated stories, and other toys. 6. The Children's recreation and amusement are laid aside. 7. The Red Cross (Children's Corner Branches). 8. All intending members pressing their desire to roll promising to keep name of the member who to join.

whose decision must be

Name ..... Address ..... School ..... Age ..... Birthdate ..... Name of Teacher .....







# NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

## QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKET

There have not been many changes in the prices of commodities during the week, the most noticeable being reductions in the prices of sugar and flour. Late prices with jobbers and wholesalers are here given:

Groceries.	
Sugar, standard	\$7.75 @ 7.80
Rice	5.25 @ 5.50
Tapoca	0.11 @ 0.12
Beans—	
Yellow-eyed	7.00 @ 7.10
White	7.00 @ 7.10
Cornmeal, gran.	0.00 @ 0.50
Cream of Tartar	0.42 @ 0.43
Currants, cleaned	0.60 @ 0.61
Molasses	0.02 @ 0.23
Peas, split, bags	6.75 @ 7.00
Barley, pot, bags	5.50 @ 5.60
Haisins—	
Choice, seeded	0.11 1/4 @ 0.11 1/2
Fancy, seeded	0.11 1/4 @ 0.11 1/2
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	1.25 @ 1.30
Soda, bicarb.	3.20 @ 3.25
Flour.	
Manitoba	0.00 @ 10.20
Ontario	0.00 @ 9.55
Oatmeal, standard	0.00 @ 3.50
Oatmeal, rolled	0.00 @ 3.50
Cornmeal, bag	2.50 @ 2.55
Canned Goods.	
Beef—	
Corned 1st	3.00 @ 3.50
Corned 2d	0.00 @ 7.50
Beans—	
Baked	2.40 @ 2.50
String	1.32 1/2 @ 1.35
Clams	5.00 @ 5.25
Corn	1.70 @ 1.75
Herring, kippered	0.90 @ 0.80
Oysters—	
1st	1.70 @ 1.75
2d	2.50 @ 2.55
Pineapple—	
Sliced	2.40 @ 2.45
Grated	2.30 @ 2.35
Pear	1.30 @ 1.40
Peas, 2s.	2.00 @ 2.05
Peaches, 3s.	2.45 @ 2.50
Plums, Lombard	1.50 @ 1.35
Raspberries	2.70 @ 2.75
Salmon—	
Pinks	0.00 @ 6.00
Cohoes	0.00 @ 9.00
Red Spring	10.00 @ 10.25
Tomatoes	2.35 @ 2.40
Strawberries	2.50 @ 2.55
Provisions.	
Pork, Can. mess	38.00 @ 39.00
Pork, Am. clear	40.50 @ 41.50
Beef, Am. plate	32.75 @ 33.50
Lard, pure	0.25 @ 0.25 1/2
Lard, comp., tubs	0.18 @ 0.18 1/4
Meats, Etc.	
Beef—	
Country	0.08 @ 0.10
Butchers	0.11 @ 0.14
Western	0.14 @ 0.20
Eggs, case	0.40 @ 0.45
Eggs, fresh	0.45 @ 0.56
Cheese, Can.	0.25 @ 0.25 1/2
Turkey, per lb.	0.15 @ 0.18
Lamb	0.15 @ 0.16
Pork	0.10 @ 0.12
Veal	0.08 @ 0.12
Mutton	0.08 @ 0.12
Butter—	
Tub	0.28 @ 0.34
Roll	0.32 @ 0.40
Chickens, per lb.	0.00 @ 0.25
Potatoes, dbl.	0.00 @ 2.50
Fish.	
Bloaters, boxes	0.75 @ 0.95
Cod—	
Medium	0.00 @ 7.50
Small	5.00 @ 5.75
Finnan haddies	0.00 @ 0.10
Herring—	
Gr. Manan, bbla.	6.00 @ 6.75
Kippered, boxes	0.00 @ 0.90
Haddock	0.00 @ 0.08
Halibut	0.16 @ 0.20
Fruits, Etc.	
Almonds	0.21 @ 0.22
Bananas	2.00 @ 3.00
Walnuts	0.00 @ 0.12
Dates, new	0.15 @ 0.18
Pineapples	0.07 @ 0.12
Lemons	0.00 @ 5.00
Calif. Oranges	3.50 @ 5.00
Canadian Oranges	3.00 @ 3.25
American Oranges	0.00 @ 0.10
Peanuts, roasted	0.10 @ 0.15
Oats, Feed, Etc.	
Oats, per bushel	0.74 @ 0.76
Oats, car lots, bush.	0.74 @ 0.74
Bran, car lots, bags	24.00 @ 25.00
Hay, car lots, ton	14.00 @ 14.50
Hay, per ton, sm. lots	16.00 @ 17.00
Middlings, sm. lots	39.00 @ 39.00
Lard Oil	0.00 @ 0.00
*Royalite	0.00 @ 0.13 1/2
*Premier motor gaso-	
line	0.00 @ 0.30 1/2
*Palatine	0.00 @ 0.16
*Turpentine	0.00 @ 0.75
*By barrel, \$2 charged.	
Hides, Skins, Etc.	
Hides	0.21 @ 0.22
Califskins	0.32 @ 0.35
Lambskins	1.25 @ 1.75
Wool, washed	0.47 @ 0.50
Wool, unwashed	0.32 @ 0.34
Tallow	0.06 1/2 @ 0.07

## LONDON STOCK MARKET HAS CHEERFUL TONE

Money and Exchange Rates Firm, Although Petrograd Exchange Easier.— Allied Stocks Better.

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 21.—Money and exchange rates were firm today. Petrograd exchange was easier. Although presenting a holiday appearance the tone of the stock market was remarkably cheerful with a large business in the war loan at 3/4 advance, due to investments of the year end funds and other reasons.

## MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Morning. Montreal, Thursday, Dec. 21.—Can. Loco.—160 @ 55. Steamships Com.—125 @ 33, 10 @ 33 1/2, 25 @ 33 1/2.

## OVER SPECULATION FACTOR IN SLUMP

Brokerage Restrictions Becoming Stringent Regarding Industrial Stocks—Large Gold Shipments Expected.

New York, Dec. 21.—Brokerage restrictions are becoming so stringent with regard to the industrial stocks, especially those which have had sensational rises on war profits that the tendency is to reduce accounts during rallies which are checked by this liquidation and professional short selling.

## U. S. AFRAID COUNTRY ON VERGE OF WAR

Political Conditions Largely Responsible For Terrific Sump in Stock Markets.

Special to The Standard. New York, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's note calling on the belligerents for their peace terms, and Secretary Lansing's explanation that it was sent because we were on the verge of war, caused the greatest liquidation and break in prices that our market has probably ever experienced.

## DOMINION BRIDGE CO. IN PROSPEROUS CONDITION

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 21.—The annual statement of the Dominion Bridge Company, presented at the annual meeting of the shareholders this afternoon, showed net profit for the year, including interest and dividends on investments after deducting depreciation on plant, machinery, etc., amounting to \$2,776,390 which added to the balance at credit of profit and loss on Nov. 1, 1915, of \$949,100 makes a total of \$3,525,491.

## SMITH AND TYRER'S WOOD CIRCULAR

Liverpool, Dec. 4.—An improvement has taken place in the demand for softwoods, and, owing to the restricted supplies available, values have advanced. The position generally is better.

Pitch pine is in more demand particularly for special sizes. Hewn is inquired for. Sawn timber has been active and prices are improving. Prices and other descriptions have moved up. Hardwoods are unchanged. Spruce deals are wanted and the quantity available is small. Very few cargoes are offering and current lumber shipments are only a small matter.

## FRANCIS S. WALKER Sanitary and Heating Engineer

84 Germain Street - St. John, N. B. Phone: Office 1741 Residence 1330

## G. ERNEST FAIRWEATHER Architect

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## "Hipress" Rubber Boots

These are the boots that have been tested and tried. Users who know will not buy any other. Wholesale and Retail. ESTEY & CO., 49 Deck Street.

## EXTENSION LADDERS

All Sizes. H. L. & J. T. McGowan, Ltd., 139 Princess St. St. John.

## ELEVATORS

We manufacture Electric Freight, Passenger, Hand Power, Dumb Waiters, etc. E. S. STEPHENSON & CO., St. John, N. B.

## J. FRED WILLIAMSON MACHINISTS AND ENGINEERS

Steamboat, Mill and General Repair Work. INDIANTOWN, ST. JOHN, N. B. Phone, M-229; Residence M-1724-11.

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Building and All Structures of Steel and Concrete. Designs, Estimates and Investigations. T. CUSHING, M. Sc. (M. I. T. Boston) Civil Engineer. Creighton Ave., Crofton, Pa., U.S.A. Work in Maritime Provinces Specially Solicited.

## DOMINION COAL COMPANY

General Sales Office 112 ST. JAMES ST. MONTREAL. R. P. & W. F. STARR, LTD., Agents at St. John.

## COAL LYKENS VALLEY EGGS FOR FURNACES

An Excellent Substitute For Scotch Anthracite. All sizes of AMERICAN HARD COAL and best grades of SOFT COAL always in stock. R. P. & W. F. STARR, LTD., 49 Smythe St., 159 Union St.

## SCOTCH ANTHRACITE

NOW LANDING. The first Scotch Anthracite coal since the war began. JAMES H. MCGIVERN, Telephone Main 42. 5 Mill Street.

## L HIGH HARD COAL

Egg, Nut and Chestnut Size. Geo. Dick, 48 Bridge St. Phone M. 1115.

## MANILLA CORDAGE

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## NEW YORK COTTON

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## NEWS SUMMARY.

Peace movement being considered by Norway, Denmark and Switzerland in which Holland will be asked to join.

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Ambassador Bernstorff says peace conference is now assured.

Despatches to Reuters Telegraph Company from Zurich says Bettmann-Hollweg has been given full power to conduct peace negotiations without further consultation.

Reading dropped below 100, off about 7 points, and declines of 3 points and more were common among other standard rails.

There was a good buying in evidence in the market at times, steel being taken up in quantities fractionally above par. The extent of the decline that has taken place in the past month can be measured by steel common, which at its low price of 100 1-8 today was over 20 points below its record high established November 27th, less than a month ago.

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## JAPAN CONCERNED

Chief Sphere of Influence and Act to Lie in That Permanent Market for Japan's Industrial Goods.

## Special Correspondence

Yokohama, Dec. 20.—The Japanese are mainly concerned with what is to happen in the future. This is Japan to be so intensely China, for there lies the sphere of influence and, therefore, moreover, is what to meet rival Western war, while bringing to Japan wealth, has also opportunity of consolidating in China, but not yet to



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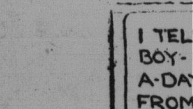
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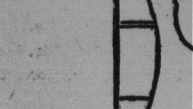
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### JAPAN CONCERNED FOR MARKETS AFTER WAR

Chief Sphere of Japanese Influence and Activity Seem to Lie in That Quarter—Permanent Markets Sought for Japan's Industrial Output.

Special Correspondence of The New York Evening Post.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—The public mind in Japan now is mainly concerned with what is to happen in the Far East after the war. This is what causes Japan to be so intensely interested in China, for there lies Japan's chief sphere of influence and activity, and there, moreover, is where she expects to meet rival Western aggression. The war, while bringing to Japan unprecedented wealth, has also given her an opportunity of consolidating her interests in China, but not yet to her satisfaction.

Indeed, the success of her policy depends to some extent on how long the war will still continue. Constantly experiencing an inflow of gold and an abnormal expansion of trade, there are many Japanese who do not hesitate to say that they would like the sale of munitions to go on; but, of course, in time it must cease and then what is to happen to Japan's inflated industries and the new markets she has been capturing and endeavoring to retain for her wares? Japan is not without prophets who are somewhat pessimistic as to the future. Although the nation's specie reserve has swollen from some 330,000,000 yen to 680,000,000 since the war began, the pessimists hold that post-bellum conditions will entail a reversal of trade as well as of specie movement. With a diminishing balance of trade and a constant outflow of specie to meet the interest on her foreign debt, and the demand for capital in the financially exhausted countries of Europe, Japan expects to suffer from a depression similar to that following the close of the war with Russia. The enormous outlay caused by that war left the country with a surplus of capital that lent itself to rash speculation and reckless enterprise, which resulted in numerous bankruptcies after the war and a general depression in finance and trade. The same thing is going on now as a result of the accumulation of gold from sale of war supplies. Consequently, there is increasing apprehension lest the close of the war see financial disasters.

Hoping for Permanent Markets. Japan feels, therefore, that her main hope lies in securing permanent markets for her industrial output, so as to keep up, if possible, a favorable balance of trade, and give her increasing population something to do besides awaiting for immigration privileges in America and Australia. To take precautions against adverse contingencies of trade, the Japanese Government is now carrying on investigations in the countries promising the most likely markets for her exports. This is essential if she is to continue the numerous new industries created by the war. Her commissioners are devoting their attention mostly to China and Russia, and to some extent to South America and the South Sea regions; and their reports are expected to have much influence in moulding Japan's future trade policy.

The Chinese market must be secured and held at all costs, as that country is Japan's most promising field of exploitation. While China buys Japan's industrial output, she must supply Japan with raw materials in the way of cotton and iron ore. Without an adequate supply of these materials Japan's fast developing mills and foundries would soon be crippled. Hitherto Japan has been depending on America and Egypt for cotton, and on various countries, but chiefly England and Belgium, for iron; but she is not content to be thus dependent on distant strangers for raw materials so vital to her existence, whether in war or peace. The vast iron deposits of China form one of Japan's most important objectives. It is this fact that renders Japan's interest in her big neighbor as permanent as it is persistent.

After the war, however, Japan anticipates a renewal of British and American commercial activity in China, when competition with Japan's interests will probably be keener than ever. Now, therefore, is the time to make bold and effective plans for obtaining and holding a first place in the markets of China. Everything possible is being done in this direction. A movement is on foot to organize a Sino-Japanese bank to facilitate the progress of Japanese trade on the Continent, and the opening of Fuzhou is establishing numerous new branches throughout China. A Japanese school in Shanghai is training Japanese young men as clerks and commercial agents for the nation's firms doing business in China, so that men equipped with the language and customs of China are always available. And these experts are as adept in political as in

commercial knowledge and influence. The Imperial Government is also able to accommodate Japanese traders on the Continent in various ways, affording them advantages superior to those in the way of foreign rivals.

Attitude of New Cabinet. It is expected that the attitude of the new Japanese Cabinet will be in line with this policy of securing first place in the markets of China for Japanese goods. The only fly in the ointment is what the vernacular papers, and apparently the commercial circles of the country generally, regard as the menace of British and American competition. The suspicion that the enormous wealth America has accumulated through expansion of trade during the war will be utilized largely to extend trade in China, as well as to finance that country, and so secure political influence, seems to be also worrying the Japanese mind. Hence the present agitation that American investments in China should be under the auspices of Japan or in co-operation with Japanese financiers. To meet such emergency some Japanese financiers are advocating the investment of Japan's increasing specie reserve in China, instead of devoting it to reduction of foreign indebtedness. If China had better be with Japan rather than with Western nations. The Anglo-Japanese Alliance is expected to do something toward reconciling British and Japanese interests in China; but the worst seems to be feared through expansion of trade during the war will be utilized largely to extend trade in China, as well as to finance that country, and so secure political influence, seems to be also worrying the Japanese mind. Hence the present agitation that American investments in China should be under the auspices of Japan or in co-operation with Japanese financiers. To meet such emergency some Japanese financiers are advocating the investment of Japan's increasing specie reserve in China, instead of devoting it to reduction of foreign indebtedness. If China had better be with Japan rather than with Western nations.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Increasing easterly winds with some snow or rain.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Forecast: Northern New England—Cloudy Friday and Saturday; probably snow, moderate north and northwest winds.

Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max.
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Prince Rupert 26 30
Victoria 38 40
Vancouver 34 38
Kamloops 18 24
Regina 30 38
Battleford 22 34
Prince Albert 22 34
Moose Jaw 22 34
Winnipeg 14 28
Port Arthur 20 30
Patty Sound 12 24
London 25 30
Toronto 28 32
Kingston 18 24
Ottawa 18 24
Montreal 10 20
St. John 22 28
Halifax 32 38

Around the City

Congratulations to Mr. Berrie. Rev. J. C. Berrie will enter his 77th year on Christmas Day. His friends will be glad to know he is recovering from a recent illness.

A Queer Combination. A small boy was taken into custody yesterday on the charge of breaking into a Brunswick street building and stealing a pair of rubber boots and a rooster.

Police Headquarters Decorated. The officers in police headquarters were busy yesterday decorating the guard room for the holiday season. The decorations are most artistic and reflect credit on the artists.

The Assessment Report. Rev. Dr. Kierstead and Dr. J. Roy Campbell of the Assessment Commission will discuss their report and the proposed changes in the law at a public meeting in the High School building on Tuesday evening next.

Enemy Samples Away to Halifax. The enemy sample exhibit was sent to Halifax last night and will be shown there from December 29 until January 2. Mr. Kershaw left for Halifax on Tuesday night last and Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Musson left with the exhibit last night. When the exhibition closes in Halifax the goods will be shipped back to England.

Safety First Work. The current issue of the Canadian Government. Railway Magazine contains an excellent article by Edward P. McDade, formerly of this city, now assistant to the safety first engineer of the Intercolonial system. The article deals with the advantages of safety on all railway work and makes a strong plea for the exercise of safety methods on the part of all employees.

The Minto Labor Difficulty. Major L. P. D. Tilley, director of the National Service, returned yesterday from Minto, where he went to investigate the labor situation in an endeavor to regulate the enlistment of the miners. He told the reporter that he went carefully into the matter with the mine owner and would make recommendations immediately to the director general, R. B. Bennett, K. C., M. P.

A December Record. The month of December promises to be a record one for shipping from this port. The berths have been fully occupied all the month and last night one vessel was lying in the stream. One unusual shipment which passed through the port this week was a cargo of raw sugar from the West Indies for Montreal. As a usual thing the refineries at Montreal import enough of the raw material while the St. Lawrence is open to last them until navigation opens again in the spring but evidently they did not do so this fall. There was between three and four thousand tons in the shipment.

St. Vincent's School Closing. The following is the programme for the closing exercises this morning at 10 o'clock to be carried out in the music room of the St. Vincent school: Infants' March; Christmas chorus; presentation of the St. Vincent Alumnae gold medal to Miss Mary M. Chaisson by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc; solo, G. O'Neill; presentation of the Corporation gold medal to Miss Chaisson by His Worship the Mayor; Christmas essay, presentation of Mrs. James Dever's gold medal by the donor, and of the Ellis gold medal, to Miss Chaisson; National Anthem. Friends are invited to be present at the closing.

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Another big mining concern from Upper Canada has become interested in the development of the mining areas of New Brunswick. The Messrs. Timmins, millionaire mining men of Montreal, Toronto and Timmins, Ontario, have entered the New Brunswick field and are now busily engaged in carrying out exploration work at the tungsten mines at Burnt Hill, a short distance from Maple Grove on the Miramichi.

Freeze Property. This is the mining property that was discovered by the late Mr. Freeze of Doaktown, Northumberland county, father of Walter Freeze of the Doaktown planing mill. It was not until Matthew Lodge of Moncton became interested in the proposition that very much was done in a practical way toward the development of the mine.

Mr. Porteous said that there was tungsten in the Burnt Hill mine. He would not like to say that it was there in paying quantities but he had no hesitancy in saying from what he had seen that he was very hopeful of the future of the mine. The product of the mine has been commandeered for the British government, the intention being that the output shall be used in connection with steel and other war supplies.

NEW BRUNSWICK OFFERS GREAT VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO MEN WILLING TO TILL HER LAND

Secretary James Gilchrist of Farm Settlement Board is Thoroughly Alive to Possibilities—Beans, Onions, Poultry, etc., Hold Great Chances for Profitable Effort

After a pleasant half hour's chat with James Gilchrist, the secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, a Standard reporter came away yesterday afternoon more firmly convinced than ever that the general secretary is one of the biggest optimists the province possesses.

Mr. Gilchrist is thoroughly alive to the great possibilities of New Brunswick and expressed the intention of the board and himself to inaugurate a still more vigorous campaign to place before the outside world our many advantages.

Planning for Active Year. The Farm Settlement Board is already planning an active year for 1917. Independently of the act, it is the intention to introduce illustration settlements, showing to the new settler what can be done along that line. It is hoped to build up typical New Brunswick farms, which will serve as

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Feast of St. Thomas. Yesterday the feast of St. Thomas was observed as a holy day in the Anglican churches.

AFTERMATH OF RECENT STORM ON THE COAST

Marine Agent Chesley Receives Word of Schooner Sunk in St. Mary's Bay and Another on Irish Led

J. C. Chesley, agent of marine and fisheries, received a telegram yesterday from the signalling agent at Westport, stating that he sighted a three-masted schooner sunk in St. Mary's Bay. With the government lifeboat Grace L he visited the wreck and found her lying in twenty fathoms of water and four miles southeast of Dartmouth buoy.

DEATH OF CHAS. E. FARNHAM

Well Known Citizen Passed Away Yesterday — Had For Many Years Been Engaged in Printing Business.

A large number of friends will hear with much regret of the death of Charles E. Farnham, of 194 Charlotte street. The deceased had not enjoyed good health for some time, but immediate demise was not expected. He had been confined to the house during the past fortnight and hopes had been entertained that he would soon be able to resume work in The Standard composing room, where for a long period he had been engaged in typesetting, a branch of the printer's business to which he had few equals.

Mr. Farnham, who was sixty-four years of age, was born in Digby, N. S., and was for a time proprietor of the Digby Courier. He came to St. John about twenty-four years ago and was identified with several newspapers here including the Gazette job room, of which he was foreman, the Sun and later The Standard. He had been a member of the Masonic order and of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

He leaves his widow, four sons and three daughters; J. Utley and Charles E., of this city; W. Scott, of Jamaica Plains, and W. E., of Chicago, are the sons, and Mrs. J. A. Brooks, of this city; Mrs. O. F. Vaughan, of Moncton; Miss Lettie, at home, are the daughters. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, service beginning at 2.30 o'clock.

Last night at a meeting of The Standard chapel a resolution of condolence was passed and ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased.

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