

NO ATTEMPT YET TO CROSS FRONTIER AND ATTACK ALLIES STRONGLY ENTRENCHING AT SALONIKI

BRITISH HARASS TURKS ON TIGRIS; ENEMY LOST 2,500 IN REAR GUARD ACTION

Paris, Dec. 20.—Fighting between small detachments of Greek and Bulgarian troops is reported in a despatch from Brindisi, Italy, to the Havas News Agency. It is said several Greek officers and soldiers were killed or wounded, and the Greek government is hastily forwarding reinforcements to the scene of the fighting.

British Lost 1,278 in Saloniki Expedition

London, Dec. 20.—The total of British casualties resulting from the Saloniki expedition into Serbia was given as 1,278. These figures were given in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary for war. Mr. Tennant said that of the total only one officer and 85 men of other ranks had been killed.

Westende Bombarde

Berlin, via London, Dec. 20.—Entente allied monitors yesterday shelled the German positions at Westende, on the Belgian coast, but were finally driven away by land batteries, says the official statement issued today by the army headquarters. The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Poperinghe, near Ypres, and numerous hostile troops being concentrated there. The text of the statement follows:

Bulgarians Halt at Border. Sofia, via London, Dec. 20.—The Echo de Bulgaria announces that the Bulgarian troops have halted on the Greek frontier for the present, in order to avoid embarrassing the Greek government, while the allied troops are gradually massing around Saloniki. It declares, however, that it may become necessary for the German and Bulgarian armies to invade Greece in pursuit.

The paper says that King Constantine recognizes that the Central Powers may be forced, by military expediency, to attempt to expel the Allies, and has cautioned the Allies that they cannot expect that Bulgaria's respect for Greek neutrality will last forever.

London, Dec. 21.—A fair degree of quiet has continued on the war fronts during the past twenty-four hours, and none of the oft-expected threats of Russia, Galicia, and the Balkans has yet actively materialized.

Persistent reports of a Greece-Bulgarian encounter, resulting from a Bulgarian surprise attack, have been cleared up by the Greek statement that the encounter took place in Albanian territory. No one was killed and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly, and an amicable inquiry is proceeding.

It is announced from Paris that no enemy detachment has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Meanwhile work on the defensive lines around Saloniki is being actively pushed, and the Greek villages in the neighborhood of the lines are being evacuated by the population.

Greek military circles declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the Allies will not attempt to cross the frontier, the Bulgarians, because they realize the danger of provoking Greece, the Germans because they are grateful for Greek neutrality, and because they realize the cost which the enterprise would entail.

French Interrupt Movement of Enemy Troops. Paris, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

In Artois rather violent artillery actions occurred in the region of Loos; they were less intense in the direction of Bully, the Givenchy and along the road from Lille. Between Solmes and Rheims our shells destroyed a bridge at Yelle. The fire of our artillery and of our trench cannon, directed on the German trenches at the Ville au Bois caused there powerful explosions.

On Champagne we bombarded and dispersed an enemy troops which was changing positions to the north of Auberville. To the north of Graucourt our heavy artillery damaged a railway, where great activity was reported, and interrupted the movement.

In the Argonne there was an effective bombardment of the German trenches at La Fille Morte, in the Courtes Chaussees; we exploded a munition depot.

The fire of our artillery on the enemy works in the Bois de La Marville, to the northeast of St. Mihiel, was very effective, the trenches vacated in several places, a blockhouse containing machine guns was destroyed.

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OPERATIONS ON A NEW FRONT AT DARDANELLES

Transfer from Suva and Anzac Not Indication Campaign to be Abandoned—Turks Were Completely in Dark Regarding Movements of Troops Which is One of Brightest Features of the War.

London, Dec. 20.—The announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the British public the abrupt war office statement marks the end of one of the great chapters of the war's history.

The shock of the news was hardly broken by the fact that rumors had been current in the street for some days, and the withdrawal of the forces had been a matter of widespread pro and con discussion ever since Lord Ribblesdale's famous speech in parliament, in which he declared that withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

The feelings of the man in the street, was generally one of relief, mixed with regret. A popular half penny paper sums up the British public's attitude as follows:

"Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built, and which, if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops, from first to last, were within a few miles of victory."

The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in some other quarter of the Near East, but the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the famous Straits, is apparently relinquished.

British troops continue to occupy the tip of the peninsula at Seddul Bahr, commanding the entrance to the Straits, where many British have declared a new Gibraltar will one day arise. The position here is protected by a double line of ships, and it is assumed that this will be held.

An Apparently Impossible Task. The withdrawal of the British troops from Suva Bay and the Anzac zone ends more successfully than most military men thought possible, the unfavorable chapter of the British arms in this war. Thousands of lives were sacrificed in gaining these positions and other thousands in holding them.

The question has been constantly discussed why the general commanding the Dardanelles expedition did not try to make a landing near the centre of the peninsula in the beginning, and out of the Turkish troops on the lower end. When the attempt was finally made to secure a foothold higher up the peninsula the Turks were fully prepared to meet it.

Moreover, the British arrangements lacked several essential features, particularly a supply of drinking water. On landing, the soldiers found barbed wire entanglements stretched clear out under the water when they jumped from their small boats. To add to their sufferings the supply of drinking water was very short.

John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, said in a speech in the House of Commons that the sufferings of the Irish troops on the Gallipoli were the worst known in the present war.

An official announcement was made recently that the general responsibility of the Suva Bay operations had been removed from his command, but his identity is not yet known to the British public. Gen. Sir Charles C. Monro reported in favor of withdrawing the troops when he took command at the Dardanelles, but the popular belief, shared by military men here, was that thousands of soldiers could not be taken aboard transports and effect complete withdrawal, from their trenches without calamitous losses.

The achievement must have been a difficult one, and the country is relieved that it has been done without disaster.

London, Dec. 20.—Operations in other sectors of the front on the Gallipoli peninsula than those from which signed positions had been sent here been withdrawn are to be continued.

NEW PHASES IN GERMAN PLOT ARE REVEALED

Blowing Up of Welland Canal Only an Incident in the Conspiracy.

SAMUEL GOMPERS ON WITNESS STAND.

Koenig Had Twenty-five Agents in New York Alone—Activities Extended to Quebec.

New York, Dec. 20.—Information obtained by the federal authorities today from witnesses appearing before the grand jury which is investigating the alleged plot of Paul Koenig, head of the detective bureau of the Hamburg-American line, to blow up the Welland Canal, have widely extended the scope of the inquiry. After the grand jury had adjourned for the day, federal officials stated that the Welland Canal plot might prove to be merely an incident in a conspiracy which extended throughout the country.

Indictments against Koenig and Richard Emil Leyendecker, the New York arts goods dealer, who was arrested with him, are expected to be returned on Wednesday. United States Attorney Marshall admitted, however, that these indictments would probably be merely the forerunner of others to be sought from subsequent grand juries, dealing with other activities of Koenig.

Gompers a Witness. While the Koenig case was occupying the attention of one federal grand jury, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was appearing before another, which is concluding its inquiry into the case of Franz Von Rintelen, charged with instigating strikes in munitions factories.

After leaving the grand jury room, Mr. Gompers declared that he knows of no instance in which any leader of organized labor had been corrupted by German agents. He intimated, however, that he had information in regard to attempts being made to bribe union heads. Mr. Gompers will give his testimony tomorrow when Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation of Labor, will also appear before the jury.

Had 25 Agents in New York Alone. Frederick Metzler, held with others in connection with alleged plots to embarrass the Allies by hindering the manufacture of or destroying munitions, made a full statement to the federal authorities today concerning the activities of Paul Koenig, of the Hamburg-American line. Koenig, he said, had twenty-five agents in New York alone, and reported the results of his investigation to Captain Von Rintelen, the German military attaché.

According to Metzler, Koenig's activities through agents extended to Quebec, Burlington, Vt., Boston and Portland, Maine. His activities in this city, Metzler charged further, brought into his possession, among other things, secret reports made by attaches of the Russian embassy on the results of test sped boats in Long Island Sound. These, said he, Koenig got through Frederick Scheinold, of the National City Bank, now under arrest. Metzler charged that it was Koenig who sent George Fuchs to destroy the Welland Canal, but Fuchs, he said, reported, after visiting the canal, that its destruction could not be accomplished at that time.

Ten authorities have evidence which they believe connects Koenig with the fire on the Atlantic transport liner Mianehaba, though through this evidence was obtained they did not state. After making his confession Metzler went before the grand jury. That body heard also witnesses from Buffalo, who testified concerning the Welland Canal plot.

It is believed that the grand jury will finish its work by Wednesday of this week, and at that time indictments are expected.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT INSTEAD OF DEATH FOR FORT JAMES WCMAN

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The death sentence on Mrs. Coward, who was convicted at Edmonton of murdering the man she had been living with near Fort James in Northern British Columbia, has been commuted to life imprisonment. The woman, whose name was not Coward, had come from Chicago with a man of that name and they had gone to live in the wilds of British Columbia. They quarrelled and she strangled the man, and she was gaoled to it by the man's cruel conduct and his threats of worse abuse.

The case had attracted widespread interest in the west and a largely signed petition had been sent here asking for clemency for the woman.

SUCCESS OF THE ALLIES DEPENDS ON ORGANIZED LABOR, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

80,000 Skilled Men Needed and Over 200,000 Unskilled Workmen to Speed Up Munitions Output—Remarkable Advance Since War Began Outlined—Forecasts Output of Guns of Largest Size and Declares Britain Shall be Able to Supply Allies With Explosives.

POSTBELLUM TAX ON WAR PROFITS IN GERMANY

Companies Must lay Aside 50 per cent. of Profits—People Informed they Must Expect to Pay Heavy Taxes After War.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 20.—The debate in the Reichstag on the government's measure to prepare the way for a post bellum tax on all war profits, by requiring companies and corporations to lay aside a special reserve of fifty per cent. of their wartime profits, commenced today in a discussion of methods to recover for the state undue or excessive profits on war contracts.

The reports that great profits are being gathered by contractors for army and navy supplies have resulted in the initiation in Germany, as in other belligerent countries, of a popular movement for special taxation on war profits, but the government, in introducing the preparatory bill, felt compelled, for technical reasons, to adopt the principle of general taxation on all increases of profits during the war years.

The Centre and National Liberal parties introduced resolutions in the budget committee calling for specific war contracts, as such legislation would force those deriving financial rewards from war contracts "exceeding the customary amounts, and in striking contrast to the efforts involved," to make good the damage thereby done to the state.

After the minister of justice and a representative of the war ministry expressed approval of the principle involved, the committee adopted resolutions, which will be discussed at a plenary session to be held this week in connection with the governmental measure.

Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the treasury, announced in the Reichstag today that the next budget cannot be balanced without additional income, and that proposals for new taxation are now being drafted for submission to the Reichstag.

The secretary declared that no matter how large a war indemnity was received, the war would impose a colossal burden of taxation on the Germans, and they must therefore expect greatly increased taxation after the war.

COMMISSION WILL DEAL WITH MATTER OF FRUIT MARKETING

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The economic and development commission announces that it will take up the question of marketing fruit as it affects growers in different parts of the country. The commission will meet in the west at an early date and while out there will investigate the disabilities which the British Columbia fruit growers complain they are under in marketing their fruit. The commission invites suggestions on this or other matters. They can be sent to the secretary at Ottawa.

ANOTHER HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK?

Toronto Newspaper Reports Loss of H. M. S. Cambria in the English Channel.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Toronto Star this afternoon says: H. M. S. Cambria has apparently been lost in the English Channel, where another L. & N. W. boat, the Anglia, was recently sunk. Like the Anglia, the Cambria was probably a hospital ship.

The first word of the disaster was received here in a cable from Lieut. Charles E. Harmer, a Toronto man who was on board the vessel. The cablegram was addressed to his father, Mr. Robert Harmer, Spadina avenue, and reads:

"Ship lost. Am safe. No worry. Best wishes. Dr. Charles E. Harmer." The Cambria was a London and Northwestern Railway line's vessel. She was laid down in 1897, had a gross tonnage of 1,842 and length of 328 feet. Her speed was 21 knots. She had been used as a naval auxiliary and has apparently been plying recently between France and Dover.

ber for Derby, and assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, speaking for the Labor party, after Mr. Lloyd George had concluded, said that organized labor would be found willing to follow wherever the Minister of Munitions led, if their rights were properly guaranteed.

"Every appeal that has been made to the workmen," he said, "has been met. The workmen are not unmindful of their responsibilities. What the minister sought to do is to pass a bill guaranteeing to trade unions the re-establishment of the status quo at the termination of the war."

8 Months' Extension of Parliament, Ass- quith Announces. London, Dec. 20.—When the bill to prolong the life of the present parliament was brought up in the House of Commons today Premier Asquith suggested that, as a compromise, the present parliament to be extended eight months, instead of a year, as previously proposed. This was accepted by a vote of 158 to 22.

The long lived rumor of the destruction of the German submarine which sank the Cunard liner Lusitania was buried in the House of Commons this afternoon. Asked if the British admiralty had received any official report as to the loss of the undersea vessel Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, replied:

"We have no such information."

Austrian Report. Vienna, via London, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued today:

"Russian theatre: There is nothing special to report. "Italian theatre: On the entire front there has been moderate activity but only in the Chinese sector and the district of Col Di Lena did it increase to vigorous proportions. "Southeastern theatre: Gen. Koozev's troops stormed the strongly consolidated enemy positions on the Tara, southwest of Bjelopole, and near Golubas, north of Beran. In the fighting on the Tara, three mountain cannon, two field cannon and 199 rifles were captured."



# FINDS OFFICER OF 41ST GUILTY OF MURDER

## After Hearing Evidence for 7 Hours Coroner's Jury Reaches Decision in Five Minutes.

# LETTER TO ORDERLY CAUSES SENSATION.

## Witness Says Prisoner Admitted Crime and Forced Him to Help Remove the Body.

London, Dec. 20.—(Gazette cable)—Wilful murder was the verdict of the coroner's jury against Lieut. George Coderre, of Sherbrooke, Que., of the 41st Battalion, in respect to the death of Sergt. O'Connell, of the 9th Mounted Rifles. After hearing the evidence for seven hours, a decision was reached in five minutes.

Lieut. Coderre, who is already in custody, sat beside his lawyer all day, and received the verdict without the least emotion. Still wearing khaki, he followed the proceedings with close interest, and showed impatience when difficulties arose because of an interpreter.

Although the testimony of Orderly Lance Corporal Desjardins, provided a sensation in the matter, the climax was reached today, when a letter written to him by Coderre in prison was read. This was in French, with but little punctuation, and a translation was given the court. Addressing the orderly as "Joe," the writer said that the crime had been discovered, that some one saw the orderly strike the deceased, and that he, Coderre, would save him if it cost \$5,000.

"While I was upstairs shuffling between you two commenced. He struck you, and you wanted your revenge. You struck him in a bad place, and seeing you stunned him, you finished him. As you have been seen to strike him, it is no use trying to put it on me."

The writer further urged Joe to

make a written admission that he committed the deed, promising to provide legal defence, and look after his wife.

The letter was naturally retained by the police when handed to them, resulting in the release of the two orderlies held under guard until a few days ago.

Says Prisoner Told Him He Killed a Man

Keller, the servant of Major Hughes was on the stand for two and a half hours. Unable to read or write, and speaking little English, he was interpreted, but the Anglo-French lady sitting failed to understand one point, whereupon Major Begis, of Winnipeg, assistant provost marshal, acted. Keller did not see the crime, but was bullied into helping to remove the body. He saw Coderre alight in a motor with the deceased. While they were in the parlor, witness fed the hens in the yard. He was asked by Coderre for a drink before this, and the latter took a bottle of whiskey and two glasses. After an interval of ten minutes, witness re-entered the kitchen. Coderre came from the parlor, and said "Don't speak, Joe, I've just killed a man." (No Paries Pas Jos, Je Viens de tuer un homme). I killed that man because there was only him that saw me kill Assomer, a man I was afraid to pass a court martial.

The last sentence was very obscure, and caused the substitution of the Canadian interpreter, but Major Begis rendered it with the same result. Beyond this, Keller said Coderre asked for a towel and water, and told him to scrub the floor, and covered the bloodstains.

A fellow orderly, Desjardins, came into the house, and Coderre made them go down to the cellar to help him. Seeing the body at the foot of the stairs, they recoiled, and Desjardins refused to do anything. Keller later brought the blankets from his bed, on Coderre's order, and with him carried the body to the stable, where the latter bound it up with wire. Coderre also gave a leaded hunting crop to the witness and told him to burn it. This was found by the police half consumed. Keller was also given a bloody carving knife produced, to clean.

Lance Corporal Leandre Desjardins, the second orderly, corroborated the story, both orderlies explaining their failure to report the affair until next morning on the ground of fear of Coderre, who took supper in the house, as usual, with the officers.

Among other witnesses important evidence was given by Quartermaster Sergt. Alphonse Martin, of the 9th Rifles, who at the request of Coderre, sent a packing case, 4 feet by 3 deep, to the house.

Major Hughes, of the 41st, caused the arrest of Coderre in camp. The medical evidence showed the throat slashed from ear to ear, and the fractured skull, with forty-five wounds in the head and face.

The excess indicates a possible line of defence.

# BRITISH TROOPS HARASS TURKS IN MESOPOTAMIA

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In the morning four of our bombing aeroplanes, escorted by seven machines, with rapid fire, dropped six shells of 165 calibre and twenty shells of 90 calibre. They reached their objective.

The Belgian official communication reads: "Last night and today were marked by violent artillery actions. Our batteries effected a bombardment of the post at Denton and the enemy replied by shelling various villages on the rear of our lines.

"The Allied troops continue the organization of the lines of defense at Saloniki.

"Expeditionary corps of the Dardanelles: On December 19 our artillery took part in an attack carried out with success by the British troops against the Turkish trenches at the extreme west of the Gallipoli peninsula.

"In conformity with a plan agreed to by the Allied general staffs, the British commander has decided to assign to another trench the troops which had landed at Cape Suvla, and which occupied, on the northern part of the Gallipoli peninsula, a position, the strategic value of which was found to have diminished by reason of the new developments in the eastern operations. The embarkation of the troops, with their equipment, was effected under the best conditions, without being interfered with by the Turks.

Forty-four Aerial Combats in a Day

London, Dec. 20.—The British official statement made public tonight says:

"Opposite the southern and center positions of the line we bombarded several parts of the enemy's trenches. Hostile artillery heavily shelled Ypres and St. Jean this afternoon. It was active against our front line and the support trenches, southeast of Ypres, during the day.

"We replied by shelling the enemy's front line trenches along Zonnebeke, Sandvoorde, Cheluvet and Tenbrell.

"Early today the enemy made a bombing attack near the quarries northwest of Hullich. The attack was repulsed.

"Yesterday there was considerable activity by the enemy's aeroplanes. They attempted to prevent our reconnaissance machines carrying out their work, but the attempts were unsuccessful. During the day there were forty-four combats in the air, two enemy aeroplanes being fallen within the enemy's line, and others driven down in a damaged condition. One of our machines is missing."

Teutons Balked in Macedonia.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The lull in the Macedonia campaign is explained by a Temps correspondent at Saloniki as being due not only to political considerations but to the fact that it is extremely difficult for the Germans and their allies to move forward their heavy artillery. The French and British, on retreating, destroyed the railroad, along the Vardar river, blowing up bridges and tunnels and removing the rails. The railroad from Strouza also was rendered useless by the British who retreated from Dolran.

# Socialist Paper Warns Berlin Gov't to Call a Halt in High Financing

## Time to Pause and Find Out How Interest on War Debts Are to be Met, the Vorwarts Says.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20, via London.—Reviewing the recent speech on Germany's financial condition, which Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the treasury, made before the Reichstag, the Socialist newspaper Vorwarts of Berlin, asserts the time has come for the German government and the Reichstag to indicate in what way the money necessary for payment of interest on the national gigantic war debts, and to provide for their redemption, is to be raised. It says:

"With the new war credit of 10,000,000,000 marks, the German war debt reaches 40,000,000,000 marks, which, according to Dr. Helfferich, should last until the end of March. Interest on 40,000,000,000 marks amounts to 2,000,000,000 marks annually, and for redemption, which is necessary in order to maintain the credit of the empire, another 500,000,000 marks is needed."

The Vorwarts considers it essential that the empire's income be more than doubled to meet these obligations, and the current expenses. Before the war, it says, the financial state of Germany was a source of anxiety to the government. In 1909 taxation was increased by 500,000,000 marks, but the budget did not balance. In 1913 the government adopted the extraordinary measure of taxing wealth and levying a non-recurrent contribution for armament, in order to cover the deficit.

Maintenance of the existing financial situation, the Vorwarts continues

For the present, the correspondent says, it is probable the efforts of the Austrians and Germans will be directed toward the Adriatic, with the object of rounding up the Serbian troops in Albania.

British Harass Turks in Mesopotamia  
London, Dec. 20.—Parties of the British Mesopotamian army that are holding positions on the Tigris river at Kut-el-Amara have been sallied forth and attacking the Turkish advanced trenches. It was announced in an official report tonight on the operations of this expeditionary force. The losses of the Turks since December 1 are estimated to have been at least 2,500. The statement is as follows:

"General Townshend reports that, in his estimation, the Turks must have lost not less than 2,500 men in their abortive attack on his position at Kut-el-Amara during the night of December 12-13.

"During the night of December 17-18 mixed parties of British and Indian troops surprised the Turks in their advanced trenches, killing about 30 and taking 11 prisoners.

"The 18th and the 19th passed quietly."

By German Reckoning

Berlin, via wireless to Saville, Dec. 20.—"It is stated, on competent German authority," says the Overseas News Agency, "that since the beginning of the war to the end of November last 734 enemy ships, with a tonnage of 1,447,828 tons, were destroyed. Of these, 568, with 1,038,022 tons, were destroyed by submarines, and 93 with 34,799 tons by mines.

"Of the ships destroyed, 624, with 1,231,944 tons were British, which means a loss of 5.9 per cent. of the total British tonnage."

Intense Artillery Duel on Italian Front

Berlin, via wireless to Saville, Dec. 20.—The storming of strong positions on the Tara river, in Montenegro, by Austrian troops is announced in the official statement of Austro-Hungarian army headquarters, received here today from Vienna. The positions taken were to the southwest of Bjelo Polje, and to the north of Breva.

The capture of three mountain guns and two field cannon, together with 1,200 rifles, in the battles along the Tara is reported.

Artillery activity along the whole Italian front is noted in the statement, the chief exchanges being in the Chiasso and Col Di Lana districts.

Only a Small Cargo Boat

London, Dec. 20.—An official communication issued here tonight says: "The Italian naval attaches says that the Italian ship sunk on the fifth of December was not the Italian liner Dante Alighieri, but the small cargo boat Dante, of 588 tons, of the Ionis Catania Company."

A despatch from London December 20 announced that the steamer Dante Alighieri had been sunk. At the time it was presumed that the steamer was either the Italian Transatlantic Company's liner or a smaller boat of that name. Later it was definitely established that the liner Dante Alighieri was safe in an Italian port.

# NATIONAL LIBERAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MADE L.T.-COL. GUTHRIE

## Temporary Promotion for Gallant Frederick Officer by Militia Department Pending Action by War-Office.

Special to The Standard.  
Frederick, Dec. 20.—It is now Lieut.-Col. Percy A. Guthrie. Official appointment of the former commanding officer of the 10th Battalion of the First Canadian Contingent has been made by the Canadian Military Department a final settlement of the recommendation for his promotion to

the second place, to bring the leaders of the party into closer touch with the party throughout the country through the establishment of a permanent advisory committee of fifty members, and thirdly, to enable the party to decide upon their ground and prepare themselves for any eventuality of the coming session.

The committee of fifty will include the delegates here today, who are about twenty more from the Maritime Provinces and the west. The committee will include all ranks, senators, M. P.'s, M. P. P.'s, editors and other laymen, and it is to be representative of all the provinces. The committee would meet probably once or twice a year.

The conference is expected to conclude tomorrow and a statement will probably be issued.

# HOW THE IMPERIAL STARTS CHRISTMAS WEEK 'THE RUGMAKER'S DAUGHTER'

## MAUD ALLEN, FAVORITE DANCER OF ROYALTY

ENTHRALLING ROMANCE OF CONSTANTINOPLE, FEATURING  
PAGES WEEKLY.  
Horatio Bottomley (John Bull) on Stump.  
Paris Fashion Review.  
Soldier Weddings in France.  
Gun Practice in Boston.  
Tornado's Havoc in Kansas.  
Movies of Confirmed Criminals.  
Introductory Chapter of "Paradise of the South American Traveler."

Henry Kelly, Baritone, Will Sing the Prologue from "I Pagliacci"  
Wed.—Carter DeHaven, eminent Comedian, in "The College Orphan."

# UNIQUE CHRISTMAS WEEK

## RELIANCE "FATHER AND SON" THREE PARTS

## MUTUAL WEEKLY

A News Record of Live Happenings All the World Over

## LYRIC TUES.-WED.

4-PART MUTUAL MASTER PICTURE  
"A YANKEE FROM THE WEST"  
FEATURING BEAUTIFUL SIGNE AUVEN AND CLEVER WALLACE RIDE

## VAUDEVILLE—THE KNICKERBOCKER TRIO

ONE LADY AND TWO G'N'LEMEN  
Singing Act

## MATINEE TODAY 2.30 OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT 8.20

THE PARISIAN GIRLS IN A BIG SHOW  
"Follies of the Past"  
MAINLINED EVERY DAY  
Nights 10c, 20c, 30c.  
Matinee 10c, 20c, 25c.

Opening Christmas Day  
THE W. S. HARKINS PLAYERS  
"BETTER THAN EVER"  
Xmas Matinee—"OUR WIVES"—A Splendid Laughing Holiday Bill  
Xmas Night—"A SPY IN THE HOUSE"  
SEATS ON SALE TODAY.

As impossible, so far as taxation of imports is concerned. Provisions, raw materials and many other articles may be expected to rise in price after the war, and if the present tariff were continued it would lead to an artificial increase of prices for Germany, which would undermine the capability of the German industry to compete in the world market.

"Therefore the interest of consumers and producers," the Vorwarts concludes, "demand abolition of these import taxes after the war, which would reduce Germany's income considerably; and therefore the time has come for the government to declare what course it is steering."

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Liberal conference called by Sir Wilfrid Laurier war in session all day in the commodious private quarters of the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons. It was decided to establish a permanent advisory body of fifty members to be known as the National Liberal Committee. Sub-committees were appointed, each to deal with a specific subject such as finance, immigration and the treatment of returned soldiers, technical education, etc. They will report tomorrow.

Tonight Sir Wilfrid entertained the delegates at a private dinner at the Chateau Laurier. No statement was issued tonight but it was intimated that there was a "general exchange of views" upon the political situation. It is understood, however, that the question of the extension of the parliamentary term was discussed and the suggestion made that the extension should not be for a year as already offered by the government, but for only eight months in view of Premier Asquith's announcement that the term of the British parliament would be eight months rather than for a year as previously contemplated. Any dispute between the two parties as to how soon the opening of the session the extension bill should be passed is likely to be left to the Liberal members of the House of Commons and Senate.

The whole object of the conference evidently in the first place was to relieve Sir Wilfrid of much of the responsibility which he has borne and which naturally would greatly increase under the new conditions which have come with the war and have brought the delegates here today, who are mostly from Ontario and Quebec, and

about twenty more from the Maritime Provinces and the west. The committee will include all ranks, senators, M. P.'s, M. P. P.'s, editors and other laymen, and it is to be representative of all the provinces. The committee would meet probably once or twice a year.

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# NOT READY TO REPORT ON DERBY'S SCHEME

## Classification of Recruits too gigantic a task to complete in time for yesterday's Session of Commons.

London, Dec. 20.—The eagerly awaited figures on the Earl of Derby's recruiting scheme will not be available tomorrow, as expected.

Premier Asquith explained to the House of Commons this afternoon that the complexity of the task, and the enormous difficulty of classifying the figures, made it impossible to complete the work last week, but the Earl of Derby hoped to send in the general result tonight.

The cabinet had decided, the Premier added, that in these circumstances a no-considered statement could be made to the Commons tomorrow, but he hoped to make it before adjournment.

Invited in the House of Commons, this evening, to prevent others from following the example of some Britishers who recently transferred their capital and business offices to New York, thus escaping British taxation, Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna remarked that his attention had been called to the circumstances, but that he was not prepared to act, as was suggested.

## WILL LOOK AFTER MUNITIONS CONTRACTS

New York, Dec. 20.—Major General W. J. Ellershaw, of the Royal Field Artillery, arrived here today on the steamer St. Paul.

General Ellershaw said he was sent here to look after munitions contracts, and he will remain here for an indefinite stay. He added that he expected to go to Canada in about ten days.

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## CRIME IN CANADA.

Some interesting facts are to be gleaned from the latest volume of Criminal Statistics issued by the Dominion Government and covering the Canadian provinces for the year 1914. According to that volume native born Canadians formed 77.9 per cent. of the Dominion's total population and but 34.33 per cent. of the total number of convicted offenders.

British immigrants, born outside Canada, numbering 11.06 of the total population, furnished 18.51 per cent. of the convicted offenders. United States born immigrants, 4.2 per cent. of our total population, supplied 6.02 of the convicted. Other immigrants, numbering 6.2 per cent. of the total population, contributed 20.84 per cent. of the convicts. From the avowed "religions" of the convicted, Christians in general, the evangelical sorts in particular, may get some comfort, since Roman Catholics and Anglicans were not convicted in notable excess of their population-contingents; Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians did not supply half as many convicts as "they were entitled to"; while 10.45 per cent. of the population vaguely classified as "Protestants and other denominations" contributed 24.53 per cent. to the goods.

In respect of very grave crimes the immigrant population is far to the fore, or rear. For instance, of 25 persons convicted of murder in 1914 only 6 were born in Canada. Of 23 convicted in 1913 only 5 were born here. Of 25 convicted in 1912 only 6 were of Canadian birth. Of 88 convicted 1913-14, of "attempt to murder," 23, or one-quarter of the whole, were native-born.

Of particular interest to the residents of the Maritime Provinces, however, will be the information that these provinces are the least contributors to the criminality of the country. Prince Edward Island, for instance, with 1.15 per cent. of the Dominion's total population contributed but 0.12 per cent. of the criminals. Nova Scotia with 6.21 per cent. had 3.57 per cent. of the criminals. New Brunswick made even a better showing with 4.38 of population and but 1.07 per cent. of criminals. The other provinces range as follows: Quebec, 26.21 and 16.73; Ontario, 32.53 and 41.66; Manitoba, 6.76 and 6.97; Saskatchewan, 9.18 and 8.99; Alberta, 7.12 and 10.44; British Columbia, 6.14 and 10.32.

"From this table," says the official reporter, "it is seen that the proportion of criminality is greater in the Western Provinces." Why? Is the criminal law administered more sternly there than eastward? This is probably part of the true explanation, since the Northwest Mounted Police is "on deck" in the West. Again, western frontier-like conditions of life tend toward something more of recklessness and turbulence than conditions in the long-settled East.

The great lesson to be drawn from the statistics, however, is that the presence in the West of great numbers of European immigrants accounts for the greater criminality there. After the war is over and the country commences to adjust herself to meet the new conditions it is likely that the character of our immigration will also change. Certain it is that the men from enemy countries and from South America will not be as welcome in the future as in the past. The opportunities Canada has to offer will be first of all for the native born and the men of the Empire. After these will come the men of those countries allied with Britain in the great struggle against Germany. A period of immigration as carefully conducted as it will be and as it has been for the past four years should show a different condition in regard to the morality of the country, although at her worst Canada's record of criminality per head of population has never reached that of the country to the south of us.

## CONCERNING MR. BLONDIN.

Liberal newspapers have been in the habit of painting Hon. P. E. Blondin, Secretary of State in the Borden Government, as something between a traitor and a knave, because once in the course of a speech in Quebec he

is reported to have made remarks breathing something like disloyalty. But Mr. Blondin has made many other speeches since that day, and it is notable that the Liberal newspapers, usually so ready to condemn, have had little to say about them. The other night he addressed the Empire Club of Toronto, and in its comment on his appearance and utterance there the London, Ontario, Free Press said:

"Sir Robert Borden did a great service to Canada when he refused to be influenced against the young men of Quebec who styled themselves Nationalists. The premier has been scolded in many quarters for giving these men representation in his Government, but the wisdom of the course that he took is not longer open to question. The consequence has been to enable them to find a place in the public safe of Canada and to fill that place so admirably as to have won, in the case of Hon. P. E. Blondin, one of their number, before the Empire Club, of Toronto, unbounded admiration and applause.

"The secretary of state told the club that before the winter was over Quebec would have more men enlisted than the Government could equip. He placed the previous slackness in recruiting at the door of inadequate organization. 'We may have lacked organization—we do not lack patriotism,' he said. He further remarked: 'We have reached that stage where party success and party advantage matter not, and become a negligible quantity. Happen what may to me, happen what may to this Government afterwards—I care not—we care not—so long as this country is safe, so long as this empire of freedom is safe. Nay, let us put it in the way the allies put it, in the way it will rebound for centuries in the temples of nations: What matters it whether we live or not, so long as the heritage of nineteen centuries of civilization is left safe for those who come after us. Rather die with liberty than live in slavery.'

"These are words that could come only from a full heart. Whatever Mr. Blondin may have said in the heat of an election campaign in which he had to combat the pernicious separation doctrine of the Quebec Liberals, it is clear that Sir Robert Borden understood his young lieutenant of today, and that his confidence has not been misplaced."

## WAR COMMENT.

The news that the British military authorities have decided to abandon the Gallipoli campaign will cause little surprise to those who have carefully followed events in that region. The British course there has been particularly difficult. For months the troops have been within a few miles of victory, yet the heavy obstacles to be overcome and the great advantage the natural defences of the country gave to the Turkish forces barred the way against all progress and rendered the campaign impossible.

While there will be disappointment over the failure of the Gallipoli attempt it should serve to steel the arm of the British people with renewed determination. That Britain is not already in Constantinople is due not to any lack of persistence or effort but to the fact that the Empire could not send a sufficiently large and well equipped force to back its way through against appalling odds. The triumph of the Turko-German enemy is, however, but temporary. The Allies have been unable to win their way through to ancient Byzantium but they have failed gloriously and the failure will be amply made up for on other fields.

Reports from unofficial sources tell of a clash between Greek and Bulgarian soldiers on Greek territory though official advices from Paris deny that the enemy has progressed beyond the border line. Should any such incident occur it would have the effect of hastening the Greek government in reaching a determination to participate, for by no other agency could Greece be so speedily inflamed against the Central Powers as by the appearance on her soil of the hated Bulgarian enemy. Consequently it is very likely that Berlin and Vienna will restrain the Bulgars from any such act of open hostility.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

### Royal.

A. S. Donald, Moncton; P. A. Kerr, Bramford; Gen. F. Benson, Lt. Col. A. H. H. Powell, Halifax; W. P. Newton, C. F. Fisher, Montreal; Miss Hetherington, C. O. J. King, Great Salmon River; J. E. Hetherington, New York; J. Gibson, Fredericton; D. B. Winters, Regina; C. O. Young and wife, H. Young and wife, Vancouver; A. J. Webster, Shediac; E. Hutchinson, Douglasville; J. C. Noyes, Portland; Mrs. G. McKnight and child, Fredericton; L. Marcus, Toronto; C. A. Flaherty, Boston; A. B. Brunell, Portland, Victoria.

J. W. Malloy, Halifax; W. A. McVeigh, St. Stephen; James DeWitt, Shediac; K. L. Crowell, Truro, N. B.; Walter S. Fairweather, Sackville; A. H. Weldon and wife, Mrs. J. K. McMillan, Mrs. Roul, Moncton; J. A. Keith, Kingston, Ont.; M. Seese and boy, Fredericton; A. S. Crowe, Timmins, Ont.; J. A. Geoffroy, Montreal; B. E. Dakin, O. J. Kilham, W. P. Downing, Dieby; Fred C. Lane, St. John; Geo. H. Russell, William Russell, Grand Manan; K. A. Scott, Amherst; Miss A. P. Dent, Woodstock; R. D. Jago, Fredericton; Arnold, Armory; A. Morton, Sackville; E. V. Gillespie, Chatham; A. W. Wright, A. J. Jones, Montreal; T. A. Hart and wife, Dr. P. P. Hart and wife, St. Andrews; J. B. Daggott, Fredericton.

## EXCEPTIONAL RECORD

### BY ROYAL BANK

In addition to showing position of unprecedented strength, Bank has made increase in net profits over previous year.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The Annual Statement of the Royal Bank of Canada will likely prove one of the pleasant surprises at the end of a peculiar banking year. In every respect it is the best report ever issued by the Royal Bank. A position of even exceptional strength was to be expected, but it is doubtful whether anyone had anticipated that under the unprecedented conditions of the past year it would be possible to even make a gain in net profits.

Such a showing, in times like these, is little short of remarkable and should be accepted as an indication of the strong organization and valuable connections which the Royal Bank has steadily built up throughout the world. Of particular interest in this regard is the satisfactory development of the important connections which the Bank possesses in Cuba and the West Indies.

Increases in All Departments. In the pleasure Bank shows gains in every important department, and while it has shown an increase in profits over the previous year it has, at the same time, established new records in the percentages of both liquid assets and cash as well as in total deposits and total current loans.

In face of such remarkable gains one naturally looks for some special reason for the growth of the Royal Bank's business, and this results in one almost immediately harking back to the fact that the Bank is now beginning to enjoy the full benefits of the amalgamations it has effected during the past few years. Large savings must be gradually being made and the whole organization steadily rounded out in a way that permitted of the employment of a very large percentage of the Bank's funds even under less active trade conditions.

Profit and Loss Statement. The profits for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1915, were \$1,905,576.57, equal to 16.48 per cent. on the capital, compared with \$1,886,142.67, or 16.31 per cent. in the previous year. As the amount at the credit of profit and loss at the end of the previous year totalled \$614,062.25, this, with the profits of the current year, brought the total amount available for distribution up to \$2,500,638.92. Of this amount dividends took \$1,337,200; \$100,000 was transferred to officers' pension fund; \$250,000 written off Bank business account; \$105,966 applied as war tax on the Bank's note circulation, leaving the amount to be carried forward to profit and loss at the end of the year \$876,472.16.

Features of Strength. In the statement of assets and liabilities almost every account seems to contribute something to the general strength of the whole exhibit. Of more particular interest are the striking gains made in liquid assets, deposits, total call and current loans, and, in consequence, in the total assets of the Bank.

The assets reached a new high level

## Little Benny's Note Book

Next week we folks are going to give a grate show for the benefit of the club, and yesterday we all met in the room over where Sam Kraus was farthly keeps his automobile, being the place where we meet, to decide how much to make peepi pay for the tickets to get in.

Do you want to say the show aint going to be worth 25 cents, sed Puda. Its going to be a grate show and I say we make everybody pay 25 cents, they wood haaf to pay a doller enywaye else to see as good as show as wat this is going to be, sed Puda Simkins.

Yes, but how do they no its going to be such a good show, I say 25 cents is to match, I say to only charge 30 cents apiece, sed Sid Hunt. Do you want to say the show aint going to be worth 25 cents, sed Puda. No, but I want to say 25 cents sounds like so much. I want to say to lets charge 20 cents apiece and then wen they see wat a grate show it is we can go around and collect 5 cents moar from everybody, sed Sid.

O, thats a good idee, then wy not just charge 15 cents and collect 10 moar cents from everybody wen they find out wat a grate show it is, sed Sam Kraus.

Wich we decided to do, and we spent about a hour all making tickets, saying awn them, Good for One Admisahn to The Grate Show for the Benefit of the Park Avenue Athaletick Club. 15 Cents, Good for One Admisahn.

Then we decided to have a contest to see wich wun wood sell the most tickets, and last nite noboddy hadent sold any yet awn account of everybody thinking 15 cents was to much, so we had anuthir meeting and decided to sell them for a sent apiece, childrn haaf price, leaving the tickets the way they was with 15 cents awn them to make peepi realize wat a big bangeen they was getting, probably being the biggest redueckshin in tickets ever made by any show.

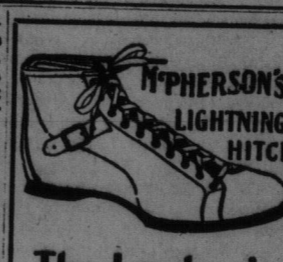
well for its further growth and expansion once conditions in the country become more normal.

The principal accounts with comparisons with the previous years are as follows:

Net Profits	\$ 1,886,142.67	\$ 1,905,576.57
Percentage earned on paid up capital	16.31	16.48
Total Deposits	138,051,208.33	154,976,327.97
Total assets	179,404,054.56	154,976,327.97
Liquid assets	71,244,677.99	84,594,452.43
Percentage of liquid assets to public liabilities	46.06	49.03
Current coin	12,995,483.75	15,944,289.65
Percentage of cash to public liabilities	17.90	18.43
Total call loans	14,654,905.25	18,952,459.97
Total current loans	99,585,461.03	106,552,634.92
Bank premises at not more than cost less amounts written off	5,861,180.37	5,077,835.61

at \$198,299,123, compared with \$179,404,054 at the end of the previous year, a gain of practically \$20,000,000. Of the total amount liquid assets reached a record level by touching \$84,594,452, equivalent to 49.03 per cent. of liabilities to the public, against \$71,244,677, or 46.06 per cent. last year. Included in the liquid assets were actual cash holdings of \$31,923,680, equal to 18.43 per cent. of liabilities to the public, up from \$27,683,855 or 17.90 per cent. in 1914.

An indication of the Royal's steady expansion is afforded by the growth in deposits which amounted to over \$18,000,000 in the year, the deposits not bearing interest having increased to \$37,456,997, from \$31,224,120, and deposits bearing interest to \$117,519,330, from \$194,327,074, making a total of \$154,976,327 against \$138,051,208. As indicated by the increase in earning power, there were substantial gains in total call and current loans, the call was both in and outside of Canada having advanced to \$18,952,459, against \$14,654,000, and total current loans in and outside of Canada \$106,552,639, against \$99,587,000, an increase of close to \$7,000,000.



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Former St. John Man Dead. The death is announced in Dorchester, Boston, of George J. Starke, former resident of St. John. Mr. Starke was 75 years of age.

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Mrs. Andrew McKay. On Saturday, December 11th, the people of Florenceville, N. B., were shocked to hear that early that morning Mary Jane, wife of Andrew McKay, of this place had passed away with pneumonia. Deceased was ill only a week and not until the last two days did her condition seem serious.

MAGIC BAKING POWDER PERFECT BAKING RESULTS

ST. JOHN BOYS OVERSEAS ARE HEARD FROM

Meeting in Mill Street Rooms last night one of best yet held.

Three interesting letters from George Todd, Kenneth Todd and Bombardier Wilson:

Mrs. Alice Todd of 340 Main street received two interesting letters from her son, George and Kenneth. George is in Flanders with the artillery and his brother is in England with the 52nd. In his letter George wrote: "We are having pretty cold weather over here. About one-quarter of an inch of ice formed last night in the ditches and water troughs. The commissioned officers have all been equipped with long boots which come up to the knees. They are laced boots, something like the Canadian lumber boots. I have a pair and can get two pairs of socks, so I don't mind the cold. They are fine boots, so that is an advantage of having two stripes."

"I have been kept pretty busy lately, but it all helps to pass the time away and that is one of the hardest jobs in the army, as time goes very slowly.

"Mother, I wish you could see some of the fine work the Belgian and French women do in the way of fancy work. Of course Belgium is noted for lace. I am going to try to send you a piece of the lace. It is quite expensive, but it will be a fine souvenir. All the cards and handkerchiefs I have sent are hand-embroidered.

"Well, mother, I suppose by the time this reaches you the river boats will have stopped and the north end will have quieted down for the winter. My mind goes back to St. John and I think often of the good home I left to fight for the flag. Still I have not regretted coming away with the First and I think you are of the same mind.

"I am in charge of guard duty about every five or six nights and it gives me a good chance to write letters, as I am pretty busy other times. I am writing this in the guard tent. Remember me to all my friends."

Kenneth Todd described camp life in England. He wrote: "We are having a fine time, only it gets lonesome at times. The food is excellent. I have just cooked my supper. We had bread, stewed meat and tea. The meat here is cooked good, but the tea was a little strong for me. No milk is served. The roads are pretty muddy here, but they say the weather clears at times. We expect a six days' leave of absence soon. The weather is very rainy. We have very comfortable quarters and plenty of blankets.

"I am feeling three hundred per cent better than when I left and have not been sick since I arrived. The fresh air is great. We had a church parade out in a large field this morning. The time here is about five hours ahead of St. John time. It is daylight here at 1:30 a.m. your time. You need not worry about me. The only time I worry to amount to anything is when I think of home."

Mrs. B. W. Wilson, 102 Metcalf street, has just received the following letter from her husband, Bombardier Wilson of No. 1 Section, Ammunition Column. He wrote: "We have not had any rain for two days, but we have plenty of mud. However, our bungalow is very comfortable. We have five living in it. We dug down about three feet and sodded it up about the same, built a sloping roof and covered it with tar paper. We have our rubber sheets for two bunks. We sleep two below and three above. Now about socks. None of the fellows in our section has had to pay for any unless they bought them in the town.

"I saw Gerald Northrup the other day. He is looking well. I have received about ninety cards lately. I did not think so many people knew when my birthday was."

ROLL OF HONOR.

Charles S. Keen, Pitt street  
 Walter M. Rowley, Waterloo street  
 William Collette, Kent County  
 Arthur Tisdall, Montreal  
 Hugh B. Varwood, City  
 And nine others, six from Amherst, two from P. E. I., and one from Kent county.

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Three interesting letters from George Todd, Kenneth Todd and Bombardier Wilson:

Mrs. Alice Todd of 340 Main street received two interesting letters from her son, George and Kenneth. George is in Flanders with the artillery and his brother is in England with the 52nd. In his letter George wrote: "We are having pretty cold weather over here. About one-quarter of an inch of ice formed last night in the ditches and water troughs. The commissioned officers have all been equipped with long boots which come up to the knees. They are laced boots, something like the Canadian lumber boots. I have a pair and can get two pairs of socks, so I don't mind the cold. They are fine boots, so that is an advantage of having two stripes."

"I have been kept pretty busy lately, but it all helps to pass the time away and that is one of the hardest jobs in the army, as time goes very slowly.

"Mother, I wish you could see some of the fine work the Belgian and French women do in the way of fancy work. Of course Belgium is noted for lace. I am going to try to send you a piece of the lace. It is quite expensive, but it will be a fine souvenir. All the cards and handkerchiefs I have sent are hand-embroidered.

"Well, mother, I suppose by the time this reaches you the river boats will have stopped and the north end will have quieted down for the winter. My mind goes back to St. John and I think often of the good home I left to fight for the flag. Still I have not regretted coming away with the First and I think you are of the same mind.

"I am in charge of guard duty about every five or six nights and it gives me a good chance to write letters, as I am pretty busy other times. I am writing this in the guard tent. Remember me to all my friends."

Kenneth Todd described camp life in England. He wrote: "We are having a fine time, only it gets lonesome at times. The food is excellent. I have just cooked my supper. We had bread, stewed meat and tea. The meat here is cooked good, but the tea was a little strong for me. No milk is served. The roads are pretty muddy here, but they say the weather clears at times. We expect a six days' leave of absence soon. The weather is very rainy. We have very comfortable quarters and plenty of blankets.

"I am feeling three hundred per cent better than when I left and have not been sick since I arrived. The fresh air is great. We had a church parade out in a large field this morning. The time here is about five hours ahead of St. John time. It is daylight here at 1:30 a.m. your time. You need not worry about me. The only time I worry to amount to anything is when I think of home."

Mrs. B. W. Wilson, 102 Metcalf street, has just received the following letter from her husband, Bombardier Wilson of No. 1 Section, Ammunition Column. He wrote: "We have not had any rain for two days, but we have plenty of mud. However, our bungalow is very comfortable. We have five living in it. We dug down about three feet and sodded it up about the same, built a sloping roof and covered it with tar paper. We have our rubber sheets for two bunks. We sleep two below and three above. Now about socks. None of the fellows in our section has had to pay for any unless they bought them in the town.

"I saw Gerald Northrup the other day. He is looking well. I have received about ninety cards lately. I did not think so many people knew when my birthday was."

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J. B. Chatigny, T. Brown, A. Landry and L. Hibeort, four soldiers of the 69th Battalion, were locked up last night on the charge of stealing a horse and carriage from David Watson, and another from John Glyn, local livery stable proprietors. The horses were hired by the soldiers on Sunday, it being supposed at the time that they were only going for a short drive in the suburbs, but when they did not return during the night the owners notified the police.

It was then learned that the soldiers had been seen driving far away from the county heading east. The police immediately wired ahead to have the men placed under arrest, and yesterday morning they arrived at Petitcodiac and were there taken into custody. Detectives Barrett and Briggs went to Petitcodiac by the express yesterday and accompanied by Messrs. Watson and Glyn returned with the prisoners last night. The soldiers were locked up.

From what can be learned the soldiers had not spared the horses during the drive over the hard roads. Petitcodiac is about seventy-five miles from St. John and the men were driving all night. On the journey one of the horses became exhausted and was unable to go farther. The two soldiers who had this team left it on the side of the road and joined the two other soldiers in the other buggy. When they arrived at Petitcodiac the four men were being hauled by a horse that was almost ready to drop on the road from exhaustion.

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**RECRUITING CAMPAIGN**  
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Series of meetings arranged by committee and list of speakers selected.

Newcastle, Dec. 13.—Much work was transacted by the Newcastle Recruiting Committee last night. The district organization committee (Hon. John Morrissey, chairman) outlined the following program of outside public recruiting meetings for the remainder of the month:

Monday—Douglasville.  
 Tuesday—Millerton.  
 Wednesday—Nelson.  
 Thursday—Redbank.  
 Monday, 27th inst.—Whitneyville.  
 Tuesday, 28th—Lyttleton.  
 Wednesday, 29th—Chelmsford.  
 Thursday, 30th—Barnaby River.

Besides the best talent in these places speakers will be sent from Newcastle and it is hoped that Col. Mersereau will be able to speak at each. A large number of prominent Newcastle citizens have volunteered to speak at these meetings, assisting Col. Mersereau, Capt. Barry and Lts. De La Parolle and J. Graham McKnight. James W. Davidson, the new local recruiting officer, takes charge of the recruiting office in Commercial Hotel Monday. E. Le Roi Willis is giving the two large front rooms in the building free of rent.

**SEVERAL TENDERS**  
**FOR VALLEY RAILWAY**  
**WORK EXPECTED**

Representatives of a number of firms looking ground over with view to bidding for the contract.

Special to The Standard.  
 Fredericton, Dec. 20.—Representatives of a number of railway construction contracting firms have been in Fredericton the past few days looking over the ground preparatory to submitting tenders for the construction of the extension of the St. John Valley Railway north of Centreville and south of Gagetown.

W. R. Russell of Quebec and Dan S. Scott of Montreal; O'Brien & Doherty, the firm headed by M. J. O'Brien the millionaire contractor, formerly of Nova Scotia, who had been at the Barker House, have returned to the firm's headquarters to make a report and to day A. K. McDonald, of Antigonish, N. S., representing Kennedy & McDonald, is at the Barker House. Foley Dwyer & Stewart, who are now engaged on the Halifax terminals, are about to be among the tenders, it is said.

One railway man today said the cost of the work for which tenders were now invited would probably be between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000, which would mean a deposit of more than \$100,000 would be required with each tender.

**DAM KOCHIBOUQUAC**  
**RIVER TO SUPPLY POWER**  
**FOR LIGHTING PURPOSES**

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 20.—A meeting was held at Richibucto Friday evening for the purpose of deciding upon a system of lighting these two towns by electricity. Several previous meetings had been held and different means discussed, and it was at length decided upon to dam the Kochibouquac River and use the water power to run the lights. By this means Kochibouquac, St. Louis, Richibucto and Rexton can be lighted. The towns of Richibucto and Rexton had been lighted by electricity during a number of years and about a year ago the Swedish Canadian Lumber Company discontinued operating the plant on the grounds that the expense was too great for the receipts and in consequence the streets had been without lights.

**PROMINENT INSURANCE**  
**MAN DEAD**

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Mr. Alexander Gillespie Ramsay, probably one of the best known insurance executives in Canada, passed away at his home, 515 Huron street last night. He is survived by two sons, W. T. and W. F. Ramsay, and three daughters, Mrs. B. Oeler, Mrs. Crawford Scaddington, and Miss Edith Ramsay.

**KING OF BAVARIA**  
**AT BESTOWAL OF RED**  
**HAT ON NEW CARDINAL**

Berlin, Dec. 20, via wireless to Bayville.—Elaborate ceremonies accompanied the bestowal of the Biretta upon Cardinal Fruehwirth, apostolic delegate at Munich, created a cardinal at the recent consistory in Rome. The ceremony, which took place at Munich, is described by the Overseas News Agency as follows.

"Military honors were accorded the new cardinal, and King Ludwig, of Bavaria, as they arrived before All Saints church, troops being drawn up to receive them. The bestowal within the church was at the hands of the King, the privilege which he had of placing the Biretta on the head of the cardinal being one which had previously been reserved for the Austrian emperor and the King of Spain. After the Te Deum a banquet was given in the castle, King Ludwig being seated between Cardinal Fruehwirth and Cardinal Bettinger, the archbishop of Munich."

Recruiting and Business  
 Albert J. Webster of Shediac, who is at the Royal, said last night that recruiting is steadily progressing in Westmorland county. The French Acadians are displaying much interest in the work and are especially interested in the formation of their proposed battalion. Weather conditions in the eastern end of the province have been unfavorable for the holiday trade. There has been much rain and the absence of snow has been a severe handicap.

**WANT NONE OF FORD'S**  
**PEACE MEETINGS**  
**IN COPENHAGEN**

Christiania, Dec. 20.—Henry Ford has received information that he would be prohibited from holding meetings in Copenhagen, it was learned today. He will go there, however, to assist the delegates to accompany his party to The Hague.

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 The funeral of Walter T. Hart took place yesterday morning from the residence of his parents, 125 River street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

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LATEST FINANCIAL AND SHIPPING NEWS AND NOTES

Forty-sixth Annual Statement of The Royal Bank of Canada

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th November, 1915. LIABILITIES. Deposits not bearing interest, \$37,456,997.10

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Deposits, Notes of the Bank in Circulation, Capital Stock Paid in, etc.

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H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE: We report to the Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada that in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1914.

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H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, General Manager.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Table with 2 columns: Description and Price. Chicago, Dec. 29. Wheat, 120 1/2 to 122; No 2 red, 112 to 113 1/2.

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Description and Price. Montreal, Dec. 29. Corn—American No 2 yellow, 80 to 81.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES

Table with 2 columns: Description and Price. Cotton, Jan. 1. 7 3/4, 7 1/2, 7 1/4.

CLOSING LETTER OF N. Y. MARKET BY E. & C. RANDOLPH

(McDOUGALL & COWANS) New York, Dec. 29.—The stock market became very dull around midday

White business conditions are very favorable, the market needs an impetus and until that is forthcoming stocks are not likely to move much in either direction.

It is said that the New York Central will show an increase of \$4,000,000 in gross and \$2,000,000 in net, the latter being a gain of 100 per cent.

Other metal shares followed Smelt- ing's lead in smaller degree, and war stocks like Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive, American Locomotive, Crucible Steel, New York Air Brake and American Can, were intermittently higher by one to three points.

Added to these were Mercantile Marine preferred, United Fruit, United Fruit, etc.

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Price. Montreal, Monday, Dec. 20th.—Dom. Bridge—50 @ 220.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

Table with 2 columns: Description and Price. Am Beet Sug. 70 70 1/2 70 70.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STRONGER, BRISK DEMAND FOR ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS

General stiffening for all remittances—Interest of session centered on Mexico—Oil stocks advance—U. S. Steel rose 7-8 to 86 1-4, but lost in final hour.

New York, Dec. 29.—Interest in today's market was transferred from European affairs to Mexico, shares of companies operating in that country, notably American Smelting and Mexican Petroleum, being the most prominent features.

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SHIPPING

HER MAJESTY VOYAGER. On her maiden trip, she having left the builders' yard at Sunderland, England, only a few months since, the British mailer, Captain Chatfield, arrived at Portland on Friday forenoon after a good run of 18 days from the port above mentioned.

DOMESTIC PORTS

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec 17—Sld: Sch Virginia, Parrsboro, N. S.

FOREIGN PORTS

Eastport, Dec 17—Ard and Sld: Sch Rebecca M Walls, New York for Cal.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Portland, Dec 17, 1915. Old Anthony Gas and Whetting Buoy, 22, reported extinguished Dec 17, will be re-lighted as soon as practicable.

MARINE NOTES

HAD A ROUGH TIME. Portland Argus: The British Sch Percy V., from Yarmouth, Mass, for Bridgewater, N. S., laden with fertilizer, came into the harbor Saturday, having had a rough time in coming from Gloucester. She was badly leaved up and her foremast was torn to pieces in a heavy blow. She was also leaking considerably when she came into the harbor, and although it practically stopped after she dropped her anchors.

LOADS FOR NEW YORK

The three-masted schooner Lewis K Cottingham which has been anchored in Halifax for six months since an unsuccessful effort to sail for England with a cargo of deals, sailed from St. Max for Gold River, where she will load lumber for New York.

STEAMSHIPS

Head Line. St. John to Dublin. SS. Bangor Head, Dec. 29. SS. Bray Head, Dec. 29.

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STEAMSHIPS THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (LIMITED) Until further notice the S. S. Comoro will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., on Saturday, 7.28 a.m., for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Black Bay, or Letete, Deer Island, Head Bay, St. George, returning via St. Andrews, Tuesday for St. John, calling at Letete or Black Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor, tide and weather permitting.

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Live Sporting TO FORM A RACING CIRCUIT

An early effort is being made to have the horsemen throughout the Maritime Provinces form a racing circuit for the 1916 season and with this object in view J. D. Black, the secretary of the Fredericton Park Association, has sent the following circular letter to track managers and horsemen: The suggestion has been made that a racing circuit should be formed in the Maritime Provinces for the 1916 season.

During this year, as well as in the past, the sport suffered in the province because the tracks had not been organized, and were not in the field for entries before campaigning stables had been attracted by early closing events and other offers to circuits elsewhere.

It is believed that 1916 will be a banner year for harness racing if the horsemen and track managers get together, take advantage of an early start, and let it be known that there will be sufficient racing in the province to keep the stables engaged.

With the idea of having a circuit formed, the Fredericton Park Association has taken the initiative, and copies of this circular letter are being sent to track managers and horsemen throughout the Maritime Provinces. You are asked to write the Fredericton Park Association, P. O. Box 909, Fredericton, giving your views as to where and when you think such a meeting should be held, and also expressing your views as to the project of forming a racing circuit in the Maritime Provinces for 1916.

Our idea has been that Moncton, which has suitable train connections, would probably be the most suitable place at which to hold the meeting and the week between Christmas and New Year's, when business is more or less at a standstill looks to us to be the most convenient time to hold a gathering such as proposed.

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**THE WEATHER**

Forecast:  
Maritime—Strong westerly winds, fair and a little colder.

Toronto, Dec. 20—The weather has been generally fair and moderately cold today, except along the British Columbia coast, where rain is falling heavily.

Temperatures

Place	Min.	Max.
Battleford	12	12
Prince Albert	10	10
Medicine Hat	16	44
Moose Jaw	17	32
Winnipeg	0	12
London	19	26
Toronto	28	33
Kingston	26	34
Ottawa	18	28
Montreal	24	28
Quebec	18	24
St. John	22	36
Halifax	26	49

—Below zero

**Around the City**

**Shipping Item.**  
Allan Line Scandinavian arrived at Liverpool 8 o'clock Monday morning.

**Police Activities.**  
Three soldiers were gathered in by the military police last night and at their request were detained in cells at police headquarters. Four drunks were arrested by the local police.

**Injured at Work**  
Whilst at work in No. 15 shed yesterday afternoon John Ward, of 460 City Lane west, sustained an injury to a finger of the left hand. He was treated at the Emergency Hospital.

**\$5,000 Legacy for Dalhousie Girl.**  
Miss Beaulieu J. Purloin, of Dalhousie, a niece of H. S. Doyle of St. John, has been notified that her mother, Mrs. Alexander P. Purloin, who died in New York recently, left her the sum of \$5,000. Mrs. Purloin left Dalhousie more than fifteen years ago and had not been heard from for a long time.

**Death of A. W. Davis.**  
John K. Schofield, of Messrs. Schofield and Beer, commission merchants, agents for the Acadia Refinery Company, received a telegram from Montreal yesterday announcing the death of A. W. Davis, secretary of the latter company. Mr. Davis was well known in St. John and throughout the eastern provinces and Canada generally.

**Orphans' Christmas.**  
Donations for the Christmas trees will be gratefully received at the Protestant Orphans' Home on British street, or by any of the following committee: Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. F. W. Murray, Mrs. C. A. MacDonald, Miss Bayard, Miss Mabel Sidney-Smith, Miss Grace Leavitt, Mrs. F. J. Harlow, Mrs. H. Stetson, Mrs. David Hutchinson, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren.

**Five Hundred Men of 140th Now Here**  
With the arrival of 125 men from Sussex about noon yesterday the number of those of the 140th Battalion now stationed in St. John for the winter is about 500. There was much approving comment yesterday on the fine appearance of the latest draft from Sussex, which, preceded by the 140th band, with some of the instruments decorated with blue streamers bearing the words "140th band" in white, marched in line order from the depot to their destination. The men were given a good reception. Members of the recruiting committee were on hand to meet them.

**Johnston Lodge, L. O. L., Elects.**  
H. C. Lawton was elected worshipful master of Johnston lodge, No. 24, Loyal Orange Lodge, at the annual meeting held last night. The other officers chosen were: Deputy master, Eugene Clark; chaplain, John Harrow; A. S. Robert Mills; P. S. Williams; Simpson; treasurer, James Hoffman; D. C. James S. Paver; lecturer, N. J. Curtis; inside tyler, Porter Brown; foreman of committee, J. Norman Eberle; committee, J. V. Thompson, A. J. Trean, Robert Jamieson, Jr., Munford; financial committee, D. D. Webster; Robert Mills, F. V. Thompson; representative to F. C. Robert Mills.

**Another Horse Story.**  
Last night D. Watson reported to the police that he had lost a horse and wagon. The men who had hired the rig went into a restaurant on Union street about 9 o'clock for lunch and when they came out the team was gone. About 2 o'clock this morning Policeman Harry Donohue arrested Phillip Neal, and he is charged with the stealing of the horse and rig. The team has been returned to Mr. Watson.

**THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT IS SOMETHING TO WEAR**—This store now presents a fascinating exhibition of things which men and boys would buy for themselves and associated with the spirit of Christmas. Every department is full to bursting with merchandise delightfully suggestive of the Christmas spirit and gift giving. Carefully selected goods embodying all the newest and best ideas that make for the comfort and pleasure of men and little men vie with each other in this store for your attention. We advise shopping early, when free, intelligent advice on gift selections will be given by our salesmen if desired. See our windows. Store open evenings.  
Hunt's Busy Uptown Men's Store,  
17-19 Charlotte St.

**GENERAL BENSON PLEASED WITH MEN STATIONED HERE**

**Officer commanding 6th Military District on inspection visit to city — Ladies arrange recreation rooms for Siege Battery men.**

Upon the result of the inspection of the facilities for housing and accommodating troops in St. John by Major General Benson, general officer commanding the 6th divisional area (the Maritime Provinces), and Lieut. Col. A. H. H. Powell, D. A. A., and Q. M. G., who are here, will depend the future status of this city as a centre for quartering troops. These officers arrived from Halifax yesterday and registered at the Royal.

Gen. Benson said last night that he was very well satisfied with what he saw at Partridge Island. He was favorably impressed with the men of the siege battery there.

Gen. Benson and Col. Powell will inspect the armory and the 69th Battalion, the agricultural building, where the 15th will be quartered, and the 140th Battalion and immigration sheds at the west side tomorrow.

While Col. Gen. Benson did not say so, it is expected other militia units will come to St. John, if he and Col. Powell find conditions and facilities here satisfactory. The visit of the general is the first he has made to St. John since he succeeded Gen. Rutherford, who retired on reaching the age limit.

A committee representing the recruiting committee endeavored to arrange a meeting with Gen. Benson yesterday for the purpose of talking over the enlistment situation, but the general was too busy in the day time to receive the committee. Last evening, however, the committee, E. T. Sturdee, T. H. Estabrooks, A. M. Belding and E. A. Schofield, met Gen. Benson. The general told the committee he would do all he could to assist the recruiting

**WHEN CRUISER "BREMEN" PAID A VISIT HERE**

**German War Vessel Was in St. John in 1912.**

Officers and men roamed over city and were entertained — Took notes and made drawings?

The small German cruiser Bremen, which has been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic Sea, is well remembered as a visitor to this port in 1912. At the time the Bremen carried several hundred young men of whom were undergoing a process of nautical training to fit them for the German navy.

The cruiser's officers were entertained here and many of the crew were given shore liberty. It was said then that some of the Germans made copious notes and probably took some drawings relating to the harbor, works and defence posts. This feature of their visit was mentioned at the time, but as Germany was then supposed to be a friendly nation, at least nominally, no serious trouble over the matter developed.

The Bremen was built in 1903, had a displacement of 3,250 tons. In time of peace she carried a crew of about three hundred and apprentice classes. She visited many ports in the United States and Canada along the Atlantic seaboard, and afterwards went to South American waters. She was the only one of the German cruisers at large at the time the war broke out last year to escape the British cruisers and reach German home waters. The other German war vessels in American waters were sunk, with the exception of two which this year put into Newport News, Va., and were interned there by the United States government.

**PLANNING FOR WORK OF THE LOCAL BOY SCOUTS**

**R. C. Waring appointed Secretary of Scout Management Committee.**

Last night the committee of the local Association of Boy Scouts held their monthly meeting in the Church of England institute rooms. Among those present being A. C. Skelton, in the chair; Senator Daniels, Rev. H. A. Cody, W. B. Turnbull and Mr. B. C. Waring.

During the meeting Mr. Turnbull, who has been secretary, tendered his resignation, he having enlisted for overseas services, and B. C. Waring was appointed in his place.

It was decided that one or two persons should examine candidates for certificates as first class scouts. The examiners will be appointed by the chairman. The proposed New Year's Day parade was also discussed, and it is expected the Scouts will form an important part of the procession.

Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn is arranging the matter.

Another very interesting subject considered, was that of the Boy Scouts organizing to meet returning wounded soldiers, in a manner similar to that which has met with such success in Quebec. Mr. Skelton will see what arrangements can be made.

**THE W. S. HARKINS' PLAYERS SEAT SALE OPENS TODAY**

**All seats for both holiday performances will be reserved and big rush is likely.**

The seat sale for the engagement of the W. S. Harkins' Players opens this morning at the Opera House office. The engagement opens on Christmas Day, with a matinee and night performance, the selection for the matinee being "Our Wives," a swift moving comedy, and at night an intensely dramatic play, "A Spy in the House."

All seats for both holiday performances are reserved, the scale of prices being as follows:—Orchestra 50c.; last two rows Dress Circle, 50c.; balcony of the Dress Circle, 35c.; first two rows of Balcony, 35c.; and the remainder of Balcony, 25c. There is going to be a big demand for tickets and it would be well to make selections early.

**NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION WILL BE RECORD BREAKER**

**Recruiting Committee has arrangements well in hand — To confer with clergymen today.**

At the meeting of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee yesterday afternoon the arrangements for the rally on the afternoon of New Year's Day were advanced, with particular reference to what troops could take part in the proceedings and what bands would be available. It was announced that there would be another recruiting meeting in the temperance hall in St. James street tonight at eight o'clock, at which prominent speakers would be present and that on Thursday Rev. G. P. Scovill will preside at a meeting in the temperance hall, west end. Plans were also discussed in connection with the conference, this afternoon at three o'clock, with the ministers of the various denominations to consider the means to be adopted for the observance of Sunday, January 2, as a Soldiers' Memorial Day, and any other matters that may be brought forward in the interest of recruiting.

**PERSONAL**

J. Isadore Coll of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Campbellton, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Coll, Douglas avenue, for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. C. P. Carleton of Peterborough, came to the city yesterday.

F. E. Williams returned to the city from Boston yesterday.

Misses Edith and Victoria Scribner, and Miss Ada Parvin of Bloomfield, N. B. are guests of Mrs. H. R. Arrow-smith.

J. Kerr Higgins, principal of the Grammar School at Grand Falls, N. B., is visiting at his home in north end for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. M. O'Brien of the Cathedral staff, has returned from his enforced vacation considerably improved in health.

W. F. Moore of Quebec was in the city yesterday afternoon seeking information for the guidance of the hospital commission for the whole Dominion of which Dr. T. Walker is one of two maritime representatives.

Miss L. C. Sutherland of Providence, R. I., is in the city, visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Davidson, 76 Dorchester street.

Capt. Roy Bell of this city, who recently completed a course in military work at the Royal Military School, Kingston, Ontario, arrived here yesterday.

A cablegram was received yesterday afternoon from London announcing the safe arrival there of Mrs. Good, wife of Colonel Good, and daughter of Rev. J. C. Berry of this city.

Last night it was reported that the condition of George Blake, chief of the fire department, had improved. The chief has been critically ill with pneumonia.

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