

FIERCE FIGHTING IN POLAND GERMAN IS TRYING TO FORCE WAY THROUGH TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT

RUSSIANS HAVE CROSSED THE CARPATHIANS FOR THIRD TIME

Fighting Fiercely in Poland for Strategic Positions — Austria Again Driven from Greater Part of Galicia—Lull Along Battlefront in West — Australians Annex Another of the Solomon Islands which Germans Held — Greece Ready to Mobilize at Any Hour.

London, Dec. 31.—The new year finds belligerent Europe, after five months of war, fighting as sternly as at the beginning, but seemingly without prospects of immediate big victories which the combatants have set as their task.

The Austrians again have been driven out of the great part of Galicia, and according to a Vienna statement, the Russians have crossed the Carpathians for the third time; but in Poland, where the more important battle is in progress the armies of the Russian and German Emperor's are still fighting for the banks of the rivers which intersect the country between the Upper Vistula and Pilica rivers.

SMALL VILLAGE A STRATEGIC POINT.

In Flanders and France there has been a lull in the fighting on most of the front, disturbed occasionally, however by artillery fire and infantry attacks and counter attacks. The French tonight announce that they have carried half of the village of Steinbach, in Upper Alsace, which, while of little or no importance itself, stands at the foot of a hill which commands a large part of the surrounding country. It is in this region, as in the vicinity of Noyon and between the Argonne ridge and the Meuse, that the French have been pushing their offensive with the greatest force, and where they claim to have made the most progress.

Along the Belgian coast the fighting is confined to artillery bombardments, and Westende and many other little towns which long ago were deserted by their civilian populations have been made the target for shells of the Allies.

Walfish Bay, a British possession on the coast of German Southwest Africa, which the Germans took at the commencement of the war, has been retaken by the Union of South Africa forces, while the Australians have annexed Bougainville Island, another of the Solomon Islands over which flew the German flag, and about the last of the German islands in the Pacific.

LONDON OBSERVES NEW YEAR'S EVE BUT LESS GAYLY.

In London New Year's Eve was celebrated by the usual dinners and dances at hotels and restaurants, but with less gaiety, and on a much smaller scale. At the larger hotels, however, there was a large attendance of officers on leave or waiting to go to the front, many French and Belgians who were driven from their homes by the war, and a considerable sprinkling of Americans.

The list of New Year's honors offered by King George on the recommendation of the Premier and the Foreign and Colonial Offices, was very short and contained no new peerages. At the head of the list are the Earls of Derby and Chesterfield, who get the Order of the Garter for their services in recruiting, and Baron Lovat, who receives the Order of the Thistle for the same reason. The Earl of Aberdeen, whose retirement from the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland is anticipated, is raised to the rank of Marquess. Canada participated in the honors by the appointment of George Halsey Perley and Clifford Sifton as Knights Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

AUSTRIAN NAVAL BASE UNDER BOMBARDMENT

Thirty British and French Warships Hammering at Pola and Rovigno—British Flag Hoisted Over Island of Bougainville, Which Germans Have Held.

Copenhagen, Dec. 31 (via London)—A private despatch received here from Berlin says that over thirty French and British warships are at present engaged on the bombardment of Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, and also the seaport of Rovigno about fifteen miles away.

LARGEST OF SOLOMON ISLANDS TAKEN FROM ENEMY

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 31—(via London, 4.40 p.m.)—British forces have occupied Bougainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands. It was announced here today that the British flag had been hoisted over the island on December 9.

WALFISH BAY OCCUPIED BY BRITISH

London, Dec. 31—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Capetown says that Walfish Bay, on the southwest coast of Africa, was recaptured Christmas Day without opposition by a strong British force.

TAX ALL WHO HAVE NOT JOINED COLORS IN FRANCE

Havre, Dec. 31, via Paris—The Municipal Council of Havre today adopted a resolution urging that all Frenchmen who have not joined the colors be taxed. It is suggested that the proceeds be used for the benefit of the wounded, and also for the widows and orphans of the victims of the war.

TRYING TO STIR UP ANOTHER REBELLION

Action of S. African Leader Causes Government to Commandeer Men for Service in German Southwest Africa.

London, Dec. 31, 7.55 p.m.—A telegram received here today by Reuter's Telegram Company from Pretoria, the seat of government of the Union of South Africa, says:

"It is officially announced that the government intends to commandeer men for service in German Southwest Africa and in the Union of South Africa, as the situation cannot be adequately met by depending on the volunteer recruits."

"As a result of this action it is pointed out that Lieut. Col. Maritz, who escaped to German Southwest Africa with a few hundred rebels, is now attempting to return with German reinforcements, armed with field guns and rifles, to stir up the rebellion afresh, and prosecute it more effectively."

"His view of this danger of an invasion, the official communication says, is necessary to employ a much larger force than at first was intended, in order to destroy the enemy rebel forces so they never again can menace the peace of South Africa."

KING GEORGE INSTITUTES NEW DECORATION

"The Military Cross" for Officers of Lower Grade Who Distinguish Themselves in War.

London, Dec. 31.—King George has instituted a new decoration which is called "The Military Cross." The decoration is of silver, and bears the Imperial Crown on each arm, and in the center the letters "G. R. I." (George, Rex Imperator.)

The honorees are commissioned officers of a lower grade or warrant officers in the army who distinguish themselves in time of war as eligible to "The Military Cross."

It takes the precedence over all decorations and medals, with the exception of the Victoria Cross.

The Gazette contains the names of about one hundred persons on whom the new decoration has been conferred.

The Gazette also announces that Captain Grant and Commander Barr, both of the auxiliary cruiser Carmania, have been appointed Companions of the Bath for the services they rendered in the sinking of the German steamer Cap Trafalgar off the South American coast in September, and that Captain John Glossop, of the Australian cruiser Sydney, has been rewarded in a similar manner for the sinking by his ship of the German cruiser Emden. Prince Leopold of Battenberg has been appointed a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Distinguished Service Order and the Distinguished Service Cross has been conferred on a number of naval officers for gallantry.

QUEBEC GOV'T GRANT OF \$40,000 FOR FAMILIES OF FRENCH SOLDIERS

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The announcement was made today that the provincial government has granted the sum of \$40,000 as a contribution from the Province of Quebec towards the National Committee for the aid of France organized to assist the dependents of French soldiers.

The Standard
Extends Sincere Wishes for a
Prosperous Year

NOMINATION DAY IN CARLETON COUNTY

Enthusiastic Meeting in Opera House—B. F. Smith and Hon. J. K. Flemming the speakers—Mr. Smith heavily scores Dark Lantern Brigades.

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 31.—At the conclusion of the nomination proceedings, the government speakers held an enthusiastic meeting in the Opera House. Ex-Warrior, E. Morgan of Hartland, called the meeting to order and J. Fred Boyen was chosen chairman. The speakers were B. Frank Smith, Hon. J. K. Flemming, Donald Munro, M. L. A., Harry Woods, M. L. A., M. L. Hayward, E. C. Morgan and Gladstone Perry. As the speakers brought forth their arguments showing what an honest and progressive government had done for the province there were rounds upon rounds of applause. Mr. Smith and Mr. Flemming in particular were given a most hearty reception.

Mr. Smith said that this was the fifth time in twelve years that he had appeared in an election contest and he was gratified at receiving such a hearty reception. At nomination day in the past the custom had been for joint debates. Two weeks ago, when the opposition decided to nominate a candidate, they had engaged the principal Opera House in town for their convention and also for today. They had never consulted him or any of the town committee as to a joint debate. In fact they refused to entertain the proposition, but a few minutes ago, on the street, C. L. Smith invited all who were present to their meeting as a joint debate had been arranged. This was an effort, no doubt, to augment their very small attendance.

Mr. Smith said he was never afraid to meet Carvell and so long as he had breath he never would be afraid, on the platform or in any other way. In fact he had challenged Carvell to meet him in the theatre on the eve of the election and he would pay all the expenses. As to a meeting with C. L. Smith he was not afraid as he was too well acquainted with that name. One feature of this campaign that had been overlooked by the voters was that in all the speeches of the opposition party there had been no criticism of the policy of the government, merely coarse abuse of Hon. Mr. Flemming. That gentleman was no candidate but the time would meet shortly when Carvell would meet Flemming, after that election Carvell's requiem would be sung and he, the speaker, had reserved a lot of land at the Indian Reserve which he intended to present to Carvell where he could erect a cottage upon his retirement from political life.

Some twelve months ago Carvell made the statement that the United States embargo on potatoes would leave 1,000,000 barrels of potatoes on the hands of the farmers of this county. He produced clippings from Liberal newspapers sent to him by producer buyers containing Carvell's statement, stating that they would not buy potatoes at the market price because the potatoes could be bought cheaper at a later date. It was hardly possible for Carvell to do any more injury to the farmers than he had by making that statement. He showed how Carvell had endeavored to block the building of the Valley Railway and deprive the people of their right of transportation facilities. Carvell should be driven from political life for he was more dangerous to the farmers of this county than the poultry scab or the hoof and mouth disease.

He was assailed in opposition papers and insinuations thrown out about him, but the cowards dare not make a direct charge. He did not ask for their support on personal grounds, but on the agricultural, educational and general public services of the government. He felt the interests of the people would be better safeguarded by his election rather than by the election of R. L. Simms.

HON. MR. PERLEY AND HON. MR. SIFTON IN THE NEW YEAR'S HONOR LIST

Created Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George — No New Peers This Year.

London, Dec. 31.—The New Year's honors list, which is published in the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and formerly Governor-General of Canada, is raised to the rank of Marquess, and Viscount St. Aldwyn (Michael Hicks-Beech) is elevated to an Earl. Mr. Geo. Halsey Perley and Clifford Sifton, of Canada, were appointed Knights Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

The Order of the Garter is conferred on the Earl of Derby, and the Earl of Chesterfield, while the Order of the Thistle is bestowed on Baron Lovat.

Arthur Henderson, labor leader and member of parliament for the Barnard Castle division of Durham, is appointed a Privy Councillor. Hamar Greenwood, Liberal member of parliament for Sunderland, is among the three new Barons, while the sixteen persons receive the honor of Knighthood. Among these knighted are Henry John Newbolt, barrister and author, and Frank Watson Dyson, Astronomer-Royal, since 1913.

Quebec Province also comes out well with honors, for Mr. H. S. Holt, Montreal; Mr. Justice Lemieux, Major-General Filset, Mr. G. J. Desbarats, Ottawa, and Col. Price, of Quebec, are all included.

AMERICAN PROTEST SPECIFIC THREATS

Full Text of Protest From United States Made Public Yesterday—Complaint as Specific as Had Been Looked For—London Papers Say—Ambassador Page and Sir Edw. Grey in Conference.

London, Dec. 31.—The British foreign office, in agreement with the American government, tonight issued the text of the protest of the United States concerning delays to American commerce due to search of vessels by the British fleet. It was issued through the official press bureau.

The public has regarded the note as a diplomatic document of probably greater importance than any other incident of the war. The first comment on it in the newspaper offices tonight, however, was that the note was less specific in stating the American complaints than had been expected. It had been generally assumed that it contained details of various cases on which complaints were based.

ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION FOR NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Nomination Day Yesterday Found No Opposition Candidate to Hon. J. B. M. Baxter—St. John County Solidly Behind Him—Brief Sketch of His Career.

Hon. John B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., Attorney-General of New Brunswick, was yesterday elected by acclamation to represent the County of Saint John in the local legislature. On December 17 last, Hon. Mr. Baxter was appointed Attorney-General and thereby vacated his seat. From the moment the writ was issued for the by-election, the friends of the new Attorney-General, both Liberal and Conservative, started a campaign in St. John.

At ten o'clock Sheriff Wilson opened his court to receive nominations at the court house. The sheriff was sworn in as returning officer by Mr. S. B. Bustin, Justice of the Peace for St. John county, and he in turn swore in Mr. Armstrong B. Clifford as clerk. The court was then duly declared open and the writ for the election was read. At twenty minutes to twelve Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, accompanied by his agent, Mr. Winfield S. Allingham of Fairville, and by Mr. G. Earle Logan, appeared and Mr. Logan filed the nomination paper containing thirty-one signatures, representative of every parish in the county, some of whom were supporters of the opposition at the last election. Mr. Allingham paid the deposit of \$100 and at two o'clock nominations closed, no further candidates having come forward. The court remained in session until two o'clock, at which hour Attorney-General Baxter was formally declared elected.

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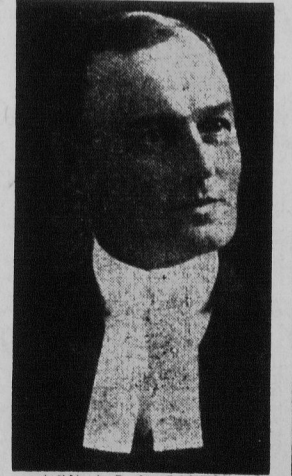
CASUALTIES AMONG THE CANADIANS AT SALISBURY PLAIN

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The following casualties among members of the Canadian expeditionary force at Salisbury Plain are announced by the Militia Department:

Death, December 27: No. 13,492—Private George Basil Ewens, Fifth Battalion, of pneumonia. Next of kin, J. M. Ewens, Bethany, Man.

Seriously ill: No. 13,798—Private William Douglas Saint, Fifth Battalion, of cerebro spinal meningitis. Next of kin, William Saint, Tenynson Road, Cambridge, Eng.

Seriously ill: No. 23,650—Private William Thomas Buchanan, Tenth Battalion, of cerebro spinal meningitis. Next of kin, Robert Buchanan, 132 Booth Avenue, Toronto.



HON. J. B. M. BAXTER, Attorney-General.

NSWICK'S GREETINGS ON SOLISBURY PLAINS

Dec. 31—Hon. George J. Clarke, Premier of New Brunswick, has sent New Year's greetings from the people of the province to the boys encamped on Salisbury Plain awaiting an opportunity to go to the front and fight on the Western Front.

STANDING FIRM ON THE OLD GERMAN WATCH, BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS

London, Jan. 1.—The following official communication from Berlin has been received here by wireless: "Since the war began, and up till the end of the year, we still stand firm on the old German watch, waiting what the future has in store for us."

NO DISCOURTESY WHY MAIL FOR THE FOREIGN MEN IN ENGLAND IS DELAYED

Denies Suggestion of London Times that Previous Statement About Time of Receiving American Note Was for Purpose of Chasing Discourtesy.

Postal Department Replies to Criticisms—War Conditions and Faulty Direction of Letters Chiefly Responsible. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A statement was issued by the Post Office Department today to reply to criticisms which have been made of the postal service as regards delivery of correspondence to Canadian soldiers on Salisbury Plain.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 31.—The following official communication was issued tonight: "Last evening an attack from the enemy, who, after lively firing, endeavored to debouch from the wood of Forges (on the left bank of the Meuse) was immediately repulsed."

GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(By wireless to London.)—The official statement given out in Berlin this afternoon reads as follows: "In the western arena of the war yesterday passed comparatively quiet on the coast. The enemy directed his fire on Westende and destroyed parts of certain houses there, but without causing any military damage."

KINGS OF THE ALLIES VIEWING THEIR FIGHTERS.



KING GEORGE VISITS THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE. During the course of his visit to the British troops in France King George reviewed the gallant and worn Belgian troops. Standing by the King's side in the above picture is the King of the Belgians, while behind the two monarchs are the Prince of Wales, Sir Pertab Singh and the Maharajah of Bikanir.

AN AURGY FOR FUTURE, SAYS ROOSEVELT

Of Hundred Years of Peace Between Great Britain and the United States. New York, Dec. 31.—The belief that the hundred years of peace between the United States and Great Britain is an augury for the future of the people of the world is expressed in a cablegram sent today by Theodore Roosevelt, as honorary chairman of the American Peace Centenary Committee, to Earl Grey, President of the British Centenary Committee.

BRIDGE AND DANCE IN K. OF C. ROOMS IN AID OF CANADIAN HOSPITAL

Interesting Entertainment Organized by Mrs. J. V. Anglin and Mrs. Hetherington to Raise Money for Canadian Base Hospital in France. The bridge and dance party held in the Knights of Columbus rooms last evening was a very interesting society function.

FOR SOLDIERS AT CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 31.—High officials of the Washington government said tonight that no special cases had been included in the present note because these had been dealt with at considerable length in a voluminous correspondence, covering a period of five months, and that the British foreign office was fully familiar with the detailed position of the United States in each case. It is quite possible, however, that a brief summary of some of the typical cases will be made public in a few days by the State Department.

REGRET, BUT NO FEELING OF HOSTILITY TO BRITAIN MONTANA SENATOR SAYS

Claims 5 1/2 Million Dollars Worth of Copper For Neutrals Detained. Feeling Engendered by British Naval Activities Akin to Surprise One Feels at Injury from a Friend.

BERLIN HEARS OF PROTEST FROM STATES

One Paper Declares Britain Must Grant all Washington Demands—Claim Russian Success in Galicia not Significant.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Thirty-one ships, bearing 19,350 tons of American copper, worth \$5,500,000, destined to neutral nations, have been detained and their cargoes seized as contraband since the European war began, Senator Walsh of Montana, told the Senate today in a speech reviewing interruptions to American commerce and highly endorsing the American government's recent note to Great Britain. Four ships were consigned to Holland, fourteen to Italy and thirteen to Sweden, he said, and at Gibraltar 9,350 tons of American copper have been piled up.

DARING AVIATOR RESCUED

British Pilot Who Was Supposed to Have Perished in Cuxhaven Raid is Safe. Amsterdam via London, Dec. 31.—A telegram received here from Muiden, Holland, at the mouth of the Vecht, says a steam trawler has landed the British aviator, who was one of the British airmen taking part in the recent raid at Cuxhaven, and who was supposed to have been lost, his machine having been picked up off Heligoland.

LONDON TIMES COMMENT ON U. S. PROTEST

Says Increased Copper Shipments to Neutral Countries in September and October is Significant. London, Jan. 1.—1.45 a.m.—The Times in an editorial welcomes the text of an American note protesting against detention of American commerce by British warships, which it says, displays entire justice and friendliness.

IMPERIAL'S NEW YEAR BILL!

Advertisement for Imperial Theatre's New Year Bill. Features include: "The Trey O' Hearts" (Three Reels), "The Trump Card" (Three Reels), "The Best Subject in the Whole 15 Weeks of This Story".

Advertisement for the Opera House. Features include: "McKenna's Flirtation" (Musical Comedy), "GIRLS — MUSIC — MIRTH — DANCES".

SPIES STAY FRUIT

Aeroplanes an important factor in the present war but spy systems are of danger yet of being detected.

British Headquarters

21—Correspondence of the Press.—Reconnaissance is the most probably the quickest way of getting news of the enemy, and spies are still most to be feared. This is the conclusion of the British Headquarters.

Who Owns It.

An alphabetical book was found on Charlotte street last evening and it was taken to the central police station.

DIED.

ALLINGHAM—At her residence, 113 Guilford Street, West St. John, on December 30, Mrs. John Allingham, in her fifty-fourth year, leaving her husband, three sons and one daughter to mourn.

TUNNEL THROUGH THE

Paris, Dec. 31, 2.45 p.m.—Tunnel through the Pyrenees was completed yesterday. It is the first use of railroad communication between Paris and Barcelona.

STERLING FEATURE AT UNIQUE

The Unique has an exceptional feature with which the New Year, "Their World Balance of Power," a story compelling American of business and love by Elvora, with a double Keystone Co., "The Cata and Daah, Love and Spies," a worthy holiday bill.

THE LYRIC STARTS THE NEW YEAR

The New Year program is one that all should point to see. Maie singing and talking with the musical comedy of the vaudeville while pictorially the proceeds of bright features, some of the best efforts of the musical industry will commence this afternoon at six and first evening at six forty-five.

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SPY SYSTEM THE MOST
TRUSTFUL SOURCE
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Aeroplanes an important
factor in the present war,
but spy system in no
danger yet of being super-
ceded.

British Headquarters, France, Dec. 31.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Reconnaissance by aeroplanes or otherwise is the most direct and probably the quickest way of obtaining news of the enemy, but the use of spies is still most to be relied upon.

This is the conclusion of the British "eye-witness" at the front, who devotes the greater part of the account he despatches to England to-day to a discussion of spying. He divides the methods of obtaining information of the enemy's plans or movements into three groups: aeroplanes, "broadly," he says, "reconnaissance, whether it be by cavalry, infantry, or both; by motor cycle or aircraft the employment of spies, or, as they are more pleasantly called, agents; and the collection of such information as can be gained from an inspection of the uniforms worn by the dead or by prisoners, and from the papers seized by the cross-examination of the latter.

"The employment of agents is on occasion the most wholesale way in which intelligence can be gained, and at its best it furnishes a broader basis upon which to build than the others. The work of such persons does not depend on the accuracy of vision of an individual which is a very valuable quality, but is often established on statements of facts produced with the greatest care by the spy for his own use."

It is a slow method, however, the account goes on to say, as it is necessary to transmit the information through various channels. "Eye-witness," adds:

"Reconnaissance is the most direct and probably the quickest way of obtaining news of the enemy. It is not uniform, however, in amount or quality, because it generally depends on the quickness of eye and power of observation of the scout or observer. It is not confined to the information given by officers, who are not very often captured, and are, moreover, not in the habit of imparting valuable news. A soldier's knowledge of what is going on on his own side is comparatively limited. Communication from prisoners also are to be accepted with reserve."

EMPEROR OF
AUSTRIA'S NEW
YEAR MESSAGE

Vienna, Dec. 31.—(Via London). Emperor Francis Joseph has issued a New Year's rescript, addressed to the Austro-Hungarian army and navy, which reads as follows:

"During five months of the departing year the Monarchy has faced numerous and powerful enemies in a war which has been forced upon us our faithful allies."

"The proven steadfastness of the fighting qualities, and the heroic bravery of my army and navy, gives me confidence that in the new year of the Austro-Hungarian warriors on land and sea will emerge with honor from the very severe trials which, for the welfare of the Fatherland, the war may impose upon their military qualities."

"In sorrowful gratitude I remember those who, on the blood-drenched battlefield, have sacrificed their lives for our just cause. With the sincerest prayer that with God's help the new year may see them led to victory, I salute all my brave men."

COST OF WAR TO
U.S. HAS BEEN
392 MILLIONS

Washington, Dec. 31.—The war in Europe had cost the United States \$382,331,172 in decreased exports up to December 1, according to a statement issued today by the Department of Commerce. Exports to all countries from the eleven month period ending with November aggregated \$1,867,881,492 against \$2,250,822,664 for the like period in 1913. Despite this showing, however, the November trade balance in favor of the United States was \$69,411,271, and for the eleven month period \$193,372,036.

The most striking demonstration of the effect of the war shown by the statement is the decrease of Germany's \$48,072,784 consumption in November, 1913, to \$42,136 in November this year. For Belgium the decrease was from \$9,999,169 in 1913 to \$121,814 this year.

Imports from Germany did not show the same result. In 1913 the United States bought \$14,556,983 during November in German markets and in 1914, \$11,920,680 during the same month.

During the eleven month period Germany imports fell from \$165,939,287 in 1913 to \$140,708,938 this year. To Europe the United States sent substantially increased shipments throughout the eleven months, the figures being \$1,342,905,152 in 1913 and \$1,148,791,335 in 1914. To all other divisions there was a marked decrease, North America falling from \$569,887,350 to \$449,898,804; South America from \$124,710 to \$85,641,502; Asia from \$113,258,227 to \$88,616,737; Oceania from \$73,966,351 to \$71,322,168 and Africa from \$26,139,481 to \$23,632,746.



TEXT OF THE AMERICAN
NOTE TO GREAT BRITAIN

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"This expectation seemed to be rendered the more assured by the statement of the Foreign Office early in November that the British government were satisfied with guarantees offered by the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish governments as to non-exportation of contraband goods when consigned to named persons in the territories of these governments, and that orders had been given to the British fleet and Customs authorities to restrict interference with neutral vessels carrying such cargoes so consistently with the effect of the war. To Europe the United States sent substantially increased shipments throughout the eleven months, the figures being \$1,342,905,152 in 1913 and \$1,148,791,335 in 1914. To all other divisions there was a marked decrease, North America falling from \$569,887,350 to \$449,898,804; South America from \$124,710 to \$85,641,502; Asia from \$113,258,227 to \$88,616,737; Oceania from \$73,966,351 to \$71,322,168 and Africa from \$26,139,481 to \$23,632,746.

"The greater freedom from detention resulting from the present policy expected to result from consigning shipments to definite consignees, rather than 'to order' is still awaited.

"It is needless to point out to His Majesty's government that the champion of the freedom of the seas and the rights of trade, that peace, not war, is the normal relation between nations, and that the commerce between countries which are not belligerents should not be interfered with by those at war, unless such interference is manifestly an imperative necessity to protect their national safety, and then only to the extent that it is a necessity. It is with no lack of appreciation of the momentous nature of the present struggle in which Great Britain is engaged, and with no selfish desire to gain undue commercial advantage, that this government is reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the present policy of His Majesty's government towards neutral ships and cargoes exceeds the manifest necessity of a belligerent, and constitutes restrictions upon the rights of American citizens on the high seas which are not justified by the rules of international law, or required under the principle of self-protection.

"The government of the United States does not intend at this time to discuss the propriety of including certain articles in the lists of absolute and conditional contraband, which have been proclaimed by His Majesty. Open to objection as some of these seem to this government, the chief ground of present complaint is the treatment of cargoes of both classes of articles when bound to neutral ports.

American Shippers Perplexed by Apparent Indecision of British Authorities.

"Articles listed as absolute contraband, have been seized and detained on the ground that the countries to which they were destined have not proclaimed their neutrality. Unhappily as such detentions are, in the opinion of this government, American exporters are further perplexed by the apparent indecision of the British authorities in applying their own rules to neutral cargoes. For example, a shipment of copper from this country to a specified consignee in Sweden was detained, because, as was stated by Great Britain, Sweden has placed no embargo on copper. On the other hand, Italy not only prohibited the export of copper, but, as this government is informed, in force a decree that shipments to Italian consignees or 'to order,' which arrive in ports of Italy cannot be exported or transhipped. The only exception Italy makes is of copper, which passes through that country in transit to another country. In spite of these decrees, however, the British foreign office has thus far declined to affirm that copper shipments consigned to Italy will not be molested on the high seas. Seizures are so numerous and delays so prolonged that exporters are afraid to send their copper to Italy, steamship lines decline to accept it, and insurers refuse to issue policies on it. In a word—a legitimate trade is being greatly impaired through necessity as to the treatment which it may expect at the hands of the British authorities.

Feel Justified in Demand

"We feel that we are abundantly justified in asking for information, as to the manner in which the British government propose to carry out the policy which they have adopted, in order that we may determine the steps necessary to protect our citizens engaged in foreign trade in their rights, and from the serious losses to which they are liable through ignorance of the hazards to which their cargoes are exposed.

"In the case of conditional contraband the policy of Great Britain appears to this government to be equally unjustified by the established rules of international conduct. As evidence of this, attention is directed to the fact, that a number of the American cargoes, which have been seized consist of food stuffs and other articles of common use in all countries which are admittedly relative contraband. In spite of the presumption of innocent use, because destined to neutral territory, the British authorities made these seizures and detentions without, so far as we are informed, being in possession of facts which warranted a reasonable belief that the shipments had in reality a belligerent destination, as that term is used in international law. Mere suspicion is not evidence, and doubts should be resolved in favor of neutral commerce, not against it. The effect upon trade in these articles between neutral nations resulting from interrupted voyages and detained cargoes is not entirely cured by reimbursement of the owners for the damages which they have suffered, after investigation has failed to establish an enemy destination. The injury is to American commerce with neutral countries, as a whole, through the hazard of the enterprise and the repeated diversion of goods from established markets.

"It also appears that cargoes of this character have been seized by the British authorities because of a belief, that though not originally so intended by the shippers, they will ultimately reach the territory of the enemies of Great Britain. Yet this belief is frequently reduced to a mere fact in view of the embargoes which have been declared by the neutral countries to which they are destined, on the articles composing the cargoes.

"That a consignment 'to order' of articles placed as conditional contraband, and shipped to a neutral port, raises a legal presumption of enemy destination, appears to be directly contrary to the doctrine previously held by Great Britain, and thus stated by Lord Salisbury during the

ALSACE PROVIDES A
Puzzle for Soldiers
of the French Army

NEW TEST COMING
FOR BOND MARKET

(Boston Transcript.)
Within a few weeks if not before, there is likely to be a new test of the bond market. When the Canadian Parliament meets, in February, it will be asked to authorize an additional war loan of \$100,000,000. In order that Canadian investors may be free to take up any part of this loan that shall be issued, pending the application for equal amount of capital for private enterprises will have to be sidetracked. As a young country industry, Canada still lacks many things, and it is only natural that with her rapid growth the scarcest of all commodities within her borders should be capital available for investment. London, her accustomed place for borrowing, is closed to her while the war lasts. With war loans following each other there to a total already of about \$2,500,000,000, funds for even English industries are not plentiful, and as the war proceeds the available surplus will be less and less. So Canada is turning her eyes to the United States. Indirectly the New York bond market has already felt the change brought about through all Europe being in arms. The falling off in traffic receipts of some of the railroads has affected their credit to a degree and the cutting off of the European American securities market for the American securities market has operated further to lower the issue price of new issues, or what is the same thing—raise the interest rate. When Canada enters the field here with railroad offerings on a large scale—some of them bearing the double guarantee of the separate provinces and the Dominion Government—the competition for investment will be intense. The illustration of how not only belligerent, but neutrals suffer from the wholesale destruction of wealth in a great war. Capital, except in times of great popular excitement, is not patriotic. All things else equal, it goes where it is best paid. If the money of American investors is to stay in America, the investors will have to have their price.

Some of the mistakes
standings which occur
between troops and residents.

Paris, France, Dec. 31.—Nothing could give a better idea of the perplexing situation to which the French country into Alsace-Lorraine has risen since the letter from the well-known Alsatian, Paul-Albert Helmer, in the Temps. He deals with the hardship which suspension of the conditions of life which German annexation had imposed upon the country. An instance of this ignorance is given by M. Helmer.

At a little town in the Vosges a prominent inhabitant pointed out to the officer in command of the French troops a position in the mountains which it would be well to occupy. After studying the map the officer concurred with the opinion and acted in accordance with the Alsatian's advice. On the following day he met the man in the street and, going up to him, began to thank him warmly. To his surprise the man declared that he had never seen him or spoken to him, and seemed put out by the incident. The officer had quite overlooked the fact that the town was still filled with Germans, and that it was unwise for any of the inhabitants to show their feelings openly.

Population is Mixed.

The mixed nature of the population gave rise to many occurrences which were put down by French officers to Alsatian duplicity. It is no proof, M. Helmer says, that because an Alsatian does not speak French, he is necessarily German, or of German inclination. French has been forbidden in the primary schools for years, and many Alsatians speak nothing but their German dialect.

There is a well-remembered phrase of Napoleon on the subject of the Alsatians' speech. He said, "Let them speak their bad jargon; they know how to use their sword and rifle." And Charles Bernard, an Alsatian poet, said in 1848, "The tongue is German, but the heart is French."

All this apparently is unknown to the French officers and functionaries, with the result that lamentable mistakes are made and loyal Alsatians are distrusted and find it almost impossible to prove their loyalty.

It must be admitted that the situation is an extremely complex one, and that there is an extremely complex one and that there is much excuse for the mistakes that are made. Even a knowledge of French and an inability to speak good German is no safe criterion of genuine French feeling. M. de Bulach, M. Helmer points out, has never uttered a single correct German sentence in his life.

ed upon His Majesty's government that the present conditional American trade with the neutral European countries is such that, if it does not improve, it may arouse a feeling contrary to that which has so long existed between the American and British peoples. Already it is becoming more and more the subject of public criticism and complaint. There is an increasing belief, doubtless not entirely unjustified, that the present British policy toward American trade is responsible for the depression in certain industries which depend upon European markets. The attention of the British government is called to this possible result of their present policy to show how widespread the effect is upon the industrial life of the United States and to emphasize the importance of removing the cause of complaint."

Ambassador Page's Note Which Accompanied Protest

Ambassador Page's note to Sir Edward Grey, in transmitting the statement of the American government, was as follows:

"American Embassy, London, Dec. 28, 1914.

"Sir:

"Under telegraphic instructions from my government I have the honor to acquaint you that the present condition of American foreign trade resulting from the frequent seizures and detentions of American cargoes destined to neutral European ports, has become so serious as to require a candid statement of my government's views on this subject. His Majesty's government may be fully informed as to the attitude of the United States towards the policy which has been pursued by His Majesty's authorities during the present war."

"I am therefore directed to communicate to you the following statement, and at the same time to assure you that it is made in the most friendly spirit."

The American protest continues to

Wear German Helmets.
Then Alsatians wear German helmets, and this has perplexed the French military officers exceedingly, for they do not remember that German military service was rendered obligatory directly after the annexation of the provinces. There is also the question of the administration. Many of the men have become functionaries under German rule, urged to it by the upholders of the French idea with the hope that the provinces would be granted their autonomy and that Alsatians would be given a share in the government. That due precautions should be taken that the name "Alsatian" should not be used to conceal a spy is certainly necessary, M. Helmer admits, but it is also essential that the suspicion which has pinned so many Alsatians loyal to France should be removed.

—Christian Science Monitor.

be the foremost topic in the English papers. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, and Ambassador Page had a conference concerning it today. It is understood that Great Britain will make reply to the note in a few days, probably next week.

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THE LYRIC STARTS
THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

The New Year's programme at the Lyric is one that all should make a special point to see. Margaret Burke is singing and talking comedienne with the Musical Seelys are the features of the vaudeville department, while pictorially the programme consists of bright features, representing some of the best efforts of the best musical manufacturers. The matinee will commence this afternoon at two thirty and first evening performance at six forty-five.

Kaiser Sends
GREETINGS TO
PRES. WILSON

Berlin, Dec. 31, by wireless to London.—Emperor William has sent from the army headquarters a message to President Wilson, conveying his wishes for a happy New Year. The Emperor also expresses his best wishes for the welfare of the United States.

LLOYD'S RATE
CUT IN TWO

London, Dec. 31.—The premium at Lloyd's insure against the outbreak of war between the United States and Great Britain was cut in half today. Seven guineas per cent is now asked, as against the fifteen guineas per cent quoted when the contents of the American note of protest regarding American shipping first became known in England.

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Sweet William in a genteel speech
Most urgently them did beseech
To lay their feud aside and fight,
One on his left, one on his right.
But Robinson was very mad
And Carvell bold was very glad
To raise another glorious row
With anybody anyhow.
So what did hap? You well may
guess.

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

My cousin Sue was at our house yesterday, and pop and me was in the sitting room, pop and me was reading and me was taking carnies out of my pocket and taking the papir awf of them and eating them and putting the papir in my uthir pocket, and Sue started to go past the sitting room door and she looked in and saw me eating sumthing and stopping going past, saying, Hello, Benny, wats you setting.
O, not much, I sed.
Wat, she sed.
Carnies, I sed.
Give me wun? sed Sue.
Aint got any moar, I sed. And I started to lean back in my chair like a persin with no moar candy to eat and Sue went down stairs, and I took anuthir carnin out of my pocket and started to take the papir awf of it.
Heer, heer, wats awf this, I thawt you told Sue you didnt have any moar, do you refills youve told a deebirrit falsehood, sed pop.
No sir, I sed.
Wat do you mean, no air, sed pop.
You didnt heer wat elts I sed to her, I sed.
Yes sir, I did, I sed, aftir I sed, I aint got any moar, I sed Like fun I aint.

ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1915.

"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.

THE NEW YEAR.

Although the four quarters of the globe are overcast with war clouds and the grim lightning and thunders of slaughter are flashing and pealing as they take their toll of human lives, the world enters upon the year of Our Lord 1915 with a high sustaining hope that ere twelve months have passed the thunders will have been stilled and the clouds succeeded by the glowing sunlight of a glorious peace.

Twelve months ago the world looked to 1914 with supreme confidence that it would prove a happy, prosperous year. The world was at peace, and, looking back now, at the newspapers of little less than a year ago, one senses a ghastly farce in the opinion expressed by English and German statesmen that the "Anglo-German agreement on foreign policies is about concluded." A foreign menace a twelve month ago was regarded as a jest, such a possibility as the British Empire facing an "emergency" was but a vote catching device of the "wicked Tories" and as far removed from the present generation as it was from Eden.

The short space of one year has brought terrible and appalling changes to the world, and it is not possible to indicate how much kinder the next corresponding period may be. The war may end soon, but it may be succeeded by other terrors, famine and pestilence, in the war-ridden countries, which in death dealing ability may prove almost as terrible. It is a sober, thoughtful New Year that today ushers in.

Legislature as a private member. Hon. Mr. Baxter's associate in Fredericton is Mr. T. B. Carson, ex-Warden of the Municipality. Mr. Carson has also done excellent work and is deservedly popular. With Mr. Baxter in the cabinet there is no doubt that the well-being of the County of St. John will be more carefully fostered than ever. It is a distinct compliment to the people of the County of St. John that their representative was selected for a portfolio which places him second only to the Premier of the province in the councils of New Brunswick. It is a decided tribute to Mr. Baxter's ability that he was selected for the important office of Attorney General, when Premier Clarke had, among his supporters, several other legal gentlemen of outstanding qualifications, any of whom could have been chosen with acceptance. It speaks equally well for Mr. Baxter's popularity that even at the present time his opponents found him so strongly entrenched in the esteem of his constituents that they dared not name a candidate against him.

FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

The Galt, Ont., Reporter quotes a letter received by a Canadian hardware manufacturing firm from a wholesale jobber in the United States in answer to a solicitation of orders upon articles that were not dutiable going into that country. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Sir,—Replying to your favor of the — we beg to say that we cannot place any orders with any foreign houses at present, even at a difference of ten or fifteen per cent. In favor of their goods. The sole and simple reason is that we have to keep our own factories busy on this side of the line, and we consider it worth while to make a few sacrifices for the sake of doing it."

THE MASTER.

Sweet gentlemen, dear friends, cease to cry, and let us be of good cheer. Let us once more have gentle peace. Isn't it a glorious sight. To see our bosses fight. Lay on the hot stuff And cursed be he who cries enough.

A WELL MERITED HONOR.

Hon. John B. M. Baxter, K. C., M.L.A., Attorney General of the Province of New Brunswick, is to be heartily congratulated upon the well merited tribute paid yesterday to his ability and the esteem in which he is held by the people. Mr. Baxter's acceptance of a position of emolument under the Crown made it necessary for him to come back to his constituents for their approval, and, although events just preceding his entry to the New Brunswick cabinet had been such as to produce a good deal of party bitterness, the Opposition, when they met to consider the selection of a candidate to contest the seat against the Attorney General, found the people of St. John County, irrespective of political affiliations, so solidly behind him that they decided it would be unwise to risk an election.

While Hon. Mr. Baxter has been and is a prominent member of the Liberal Conservative party, his following in his constituency is not confined to those who owe allegiance to the party of Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Robert Borden. He is the choice of all the people, approved because of his own personal record and in recognition of splendid service to his county during the time he has been in the not "used or employed" by the bank.

Chorus on the right

Isn't he a fighter?

Chorus on the left

And a bitter, bitter blighter.

THE MASTER.

Sweet gentlemen, dear friends, cease to cry, and let us be of good cheer.

Chorus

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To see our bosses fight.

Lay on the hot stuff

And cursed be he who cries enough.

SPAIN IS SAID TO BE FIRM IN ITS NEUTRALITY

Attitude of Portugal and Italy in War Situation is declared to influence the nation neither one way nor the other.

Madrid, Spain, Dec. 31.—It would be reasonable to imagine that when two of the three great neutral states of southern Europe appear to be on the point of giving up their neutrality and going headlong into the war, it would be a matter of most particular interest to the other one. But whatever Spain thinks about the apparent intentions of Portugal and Italy, she takes care to say extremely little.

The newspapers, which devote pages and pages to the war in its many phases, dismiss the question of the intentions of these two wavering neutrals with as few lines as they possibly can, and make no comment. The public are being taught that the views and possibilities of other neutrals have nothing to do with Spain, and must not be allowed to influence her in any way whatsoever.

Let us have news about Portugal. Thus there is probably at this moment less news in the papers about Portugal than there has been for a long time past, though the circumstances would imply there should be more than ever. If there is any such thing as an official view about the termination of Portugal's going in on the side of the Allies, in pursuance of her old policy of comradeship with England, it is that which has been expressed to me in these terms, that if Portugal must fight, it is infinitely more agreeable to Spain that she should do so with the Allies, but that necessarily did not by any means demand the intervention of Portugal, and that, while she has nothing to gain, she has a little to lose, and to the whole she is rather stupid to meddle with this tremendous conflict.

If, it is said, she has any idea that she may do herself some good in the matter of colonies, she ought to remember that circumstance will necessitate her being the last to be considered when the time for the grand settlement arrives, assuming the victory of the Allies, and there will be so many other countries to be satisfied that the chance of anything being left for Portugal is very small. This, of course, is a rather elementary view of things, and all the same there is a certain admiration in Spain for the spirit of the sister nation.

People who live outside the peninsula are often puzzled to know what the real relations are between Spain and Portugal, and to what extent there is sympathy between two countries, which look on the map as if they should have been one and whose separation is not justified by any strong natural features. It is perhaps hardly remembered now that from 1580 to 1640 Portugal was nothing more than a Spanish province. However, on neither side is there any great idea entertained in these days of such a thing happening again.

In general the Portuguese have a

very pronounced dislike of the Spaniards; they remember that period to which I have just referred. With Spain it is otherwise. She has an honest desire for closer relations with her sister state, politically and commercially, but whenever any evidence is given of this desire, either officially or otherwise, the Portuguese seem to become suspicious and believe that at the bottom of it all there is some scheme involving the possibilities of ultimate annexation.

On the other hand, there is a strong tendency on the part of the political parties of Portugal to look upon their islands, closely identified with those of the corresponding parties in Spain, and there are doubts about the safety and permanency of systems, when they are not the same in both countries.

Opera Season has just opened, and at the very outset there was presented Wagner's "Walkyrie" with a notable German singer, Schubert in the part of Brunhilde, and in some quarters it was gravely put forward that such a production in the circumstances was unwise, being calculated to advertise the much-discussed "culture" of the Germans! Such critics were appressed when informed that Wagner's music was freely given in London in this time of war.

And this reminds us that with the winter rapidly advancing there is a general disposition in Spain, and particularly in the capital to stir up the intellectual life and to introduce new reforms for its encouragement in the same way that they are being applied to commerce and industry, and with the same object, namely, to enable Spain to jump ahead when the new life of Europe begins in earnest.

The theatres of Madrid are now very active, and the standard of stage representations are appreciably improved in recent times. So, too, in the provinces; but the war has caused difficulties in some parts and the most enter-

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MR. GILMORE HONORS THE SOLDIER BOYS

Residents tender them banquet and present each volunteer with souvenir.

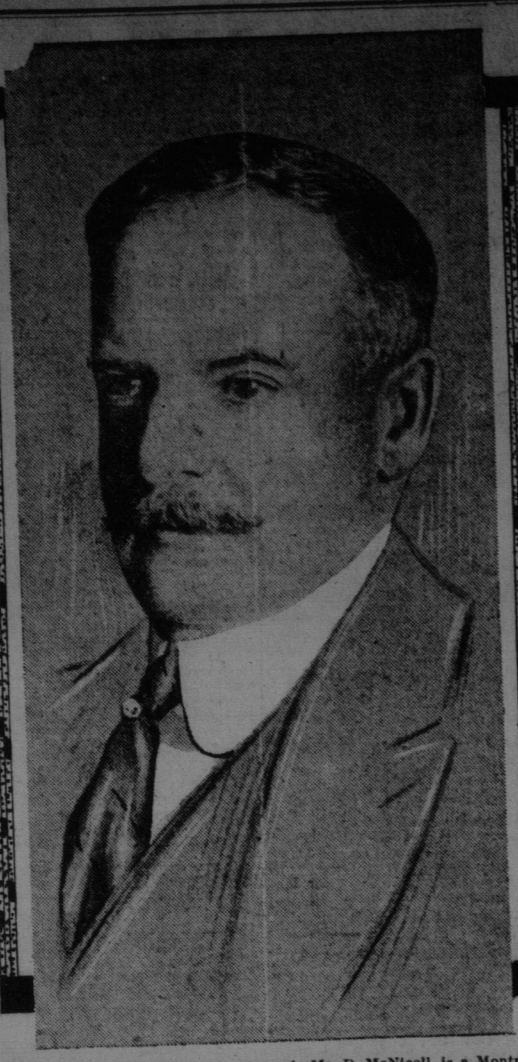
St. Martins, Dec. 30.—The six young men who are going from here with the second contingent were given a hearty send off on Tuesday night, 1914, when a banquet was given in their honor in the Marmora Hall. Although the hall was very stormy, the hall was crowded, and a tribute to the courage of the young men going from our midst to help uphold the honor of the Empire.

The volunteers marched in to the strains of the "Soldiers of the King," sung by the audience, and sat down to a very well appointed dinner. The menu card was very artistically arranged in booklet form, bearing on its outside cover the Union Jack, on first page the roll of honor with names of the volunteers with Lasting Peace, Honor, Liberty and Lasting Peace, and below on opposite side menu and toast list, on last page the British coat of arms.

At the close of the dinner the chairman, H. E. Gilmore, M. D., called upon the toastmaster, Mr. J. B. Hodgson, to assume the duties of his office. The first toast, the King, brought all present to their feet and the National Anthem was heartily sung. Mr. A. F. Bentley responded to the toast in a very eloquent and stirring address.

Miss Mabel Bentley followed with a splendidly rendered recitation. The next toast, the Empire, was very ably responded to by Rev. W. A. Snelling, M. R., student of Princeton, N. J., followed with a song "Rule Britannia," sung by Rev. W. A. Snelling. The next toast, "The Allies," was responded to by Rev. W. A. Snelling. The toast "The Allies" was a most beautiful and powerful one which made a very eloquent and powerful one. Mr. Leroy then sang "La Marseillaise" in French, which was received with hearty applause. Rev. Mr. Leroy having been born in France and only being a resident of Canada for a few years.

Mr. Bentley to the great delight of the audience, sang another song and once more responded to the toast. The next toast, "The Contingents," in the absence of the appointed responder, was answered to in a very able manner by Rev. W. A. Snelling. A patriotic recitation, "The Way of the British," was given by Miss Leonora Howard.



MR. GEORGE J. BURY, who succeeds Mr. D. McNicoll, is a Montserrat. He was born here in 1866, and was educated at the Montreal Col lege. His whole career has been spent in the service of the C.P.R.

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LIBERALS LOSE HEART IN RESTIGOUCHE AND THROWN UP SPONGE

Jacquet River, N. B.—When the County Council met last January it consisted of seven Liberals and seven Conservatives. The Liberals protested against the election of two of the Conservative councillors, namely, John Lawlor and Archibald MacRitchie, from the Parish of Durham.

The death took place yesterday morning at home, No. 57 Dorchester street, of Mrs. Honora Hennessey, widow of David Hennessey, in the 80th year of her age. Mrs. Hennessey was a native of Ireland, but for many years has resided in St. John. A daughter, Miss Kate Hennessey, and two sons, Messrs. Garrett and David Hennessey, of this city, survive.

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FUNERALS.
The funeral of Mrs. Thomas T. Kee took place Thursday afternoon from the residence of deceased, 139 Leland street. Rev. H. A. Oddy officiated at the service; interment was in Fernhill.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.
The following subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund were received by Mayor Frink yesterday: J. C. Parsons, \$5.00; Girls of Chelsea, 1.00; Alwyn Fisher and Melbourne Fisher per D. F. Fisher, 1.00; Cash, 2.00.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
Royal. L. M. Fortier, Annapolis Royal; E. G. Evans, Moncton; Geo. T. Dealy, Portland; Jas. H. Crockett, Fredericton; C. A. Hayes, H. H. Molinson, R. E. Terry, Moncton; A. P. Triton, Moncton; S. M. Dalley, Woodstock; B. C. Keith, Halifax; J. H. Scott, Wainpiles; F. Russell, Cowansville; Wm. Cruikshank, Fredericton; R. H. Prouse, Halifax; J. H. Harris, Truro.

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ALL THE SPORTS NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD

MANY BRITISH SPORTSMEN FALL IN THE FIGHTING LINE

That the war is taking a heavy toll of the best of England's sportsmen may be gleaned from the latest issue of the Field received in this country...

STAR SWIMMERS TO COMPETE IN BIG SPORTSMEN SHOW.



JOSEPH WHALEY HENRY VOLMER HENRY KIECKHEFER. A swimming and diving tournament is to be a feature at the big sportsmen show...

PRINCIPAL SPORTING RECORDS OF YEAR 1914

Archery—Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 21.—Wayne archers won both the men's and women's team events in the final competitions at the 36th annual tournament of the National Archery association...

AT Y.M.C.A. TONIGHT

The main attraction in tonight's basketball games at the Y. M. C. A. Gym will be between Halifax Technical College and the Y. M. C. A. senior team...

IDEAL SCRAPPER BUT PUBLIC DISLIKE HIM

Considering his great work in the ring and since winning the bantamweight championship, Kid Williams has made remarkably few friends...

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT LIVE BALL STARS

They all get the fever sometime or other. Charles Hickman, once notorious fence buster in the palmy days of Lajoie, Flick and Bradley, wants to be an umpire...

WIZARD KICKER MISSED ONLY ONE GOAL IN THREE YEARS

New York, Dec. 31.—The great Pat Shea of Iaconina, was the greatest punter that ever wore football shoes; Walter Eckersall, of Chicago, was the wizard of the dropkick until Brickley Harward developed...

BRAVES 'PUT IT OVER'

Fred Clarke tells how the Braves last year "put one over" on several managers and incidentally fooled all the official scorers of the league...

SCOUR SMALL TOWNS

The city youth with big league baseball ambitions must either toss aside those ambitions or move to a small town...

LAMY NO HOCKEY PLAYER.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Edmond Lamy, the professional speed skating champion, who went to Ottawa for a try out, has left for his home in Saranac Lake...

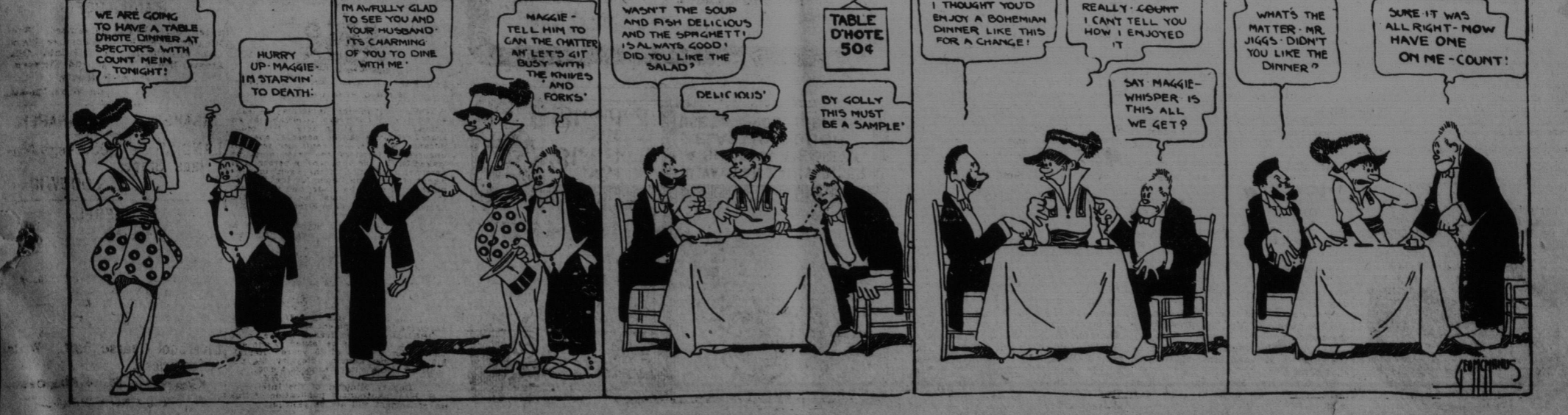
LITERACY TEST FOR ALIENS TO REMAIN

Washington, Dec. 31.—By a vote of 47 to 12, the Senate today refused to strike from the Immigration Bill the literacy test for admission of aliens...

SALE OF N.Y. AMERICANS COMPLETED

New York, Dec. 31.—The sale of the New York American league baseball club was concluded and ratified today. The new owners are Colonel Jacob Ruppert, Jr., and Captain T. L. Huston...

Bringing Up Father



Vertical text on the left margin containing various advertisements and notices, including 'HOTEL', 'USE', 'LIQUORS', 'REPAIRERS', 'GRAPES', 'PATTERSON', 'ARRIVE', and '& Allison'.

WEATHER

Moderate winds, cold. St. John, Dec. 31.—Forecast: Northern New England—Friday; Saturday cloudy, moderate, variable. Mostly southwest and west winds. Toronto, Dec. 31.—The weather of today has been fair throughout the Dominion. It has been mild in British Columbia and Alberta, and moderately cold in the other provinces. Temperatures: Min. Max. Victoria 42 46 Vancouver 36 46 Calgary 18 38 Edmonton 18 24 Battleford 0 24 Prince Albert 2 14 Winnipeg 20 16 Port Arthur 12 8 Fanny Bay 6 26 Toronto 17 22 Kingston 14 22 Ottawa 0 14 Montreal 0 13 Quebec 6 6 St. John 14 20 Halifax 13 24 Below zero.

Around the City

For Drunkenness. Frederick Ross was arrested about 11.30 o'clock last night for being drunk and profane on Waterloo street. Reid Newfoundland Company. Advice that commencing January fifth there will be no sleeping or dining cars on trains leaving Port Aux Basques, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Building Operations in 1914. Building permits for December, 1914 were eight in number, value \$16,900. Permits for December, 1913, were seven, value \$12,950. Total for the year 1914, \$515,500; total for the year 1913, \$3,412,000.

Army Service Corps. Members of the Canadian Army Service Corps stationed at West St. John, were entertained in the Carleton Methodist church last evening. Refreshments were served and a musical programme was carried out. Funeral of Mrs. John Allingham. The funeral of Mrs. John Allingham, West St. John, will be held from her late residence, 113 Guilford street, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and not this afternoon as stated in an evening paper yesterday.

New Police Blotter. The arrest book in the central police station was finished at the year 1915 will be started with a brand new book this morning. The greetings of the Chief of Police to the officers of the department is written on the front page of the new book. Soldiers Are Grateful. Col. J. L. McAvity, the officers and the "non-coms" of the 26th Battalion overseas expedition force wish to publicly express their cordial appreciation of the generous hospitality extended by the President and members of the Women's Canadian Club to the men of the Battalion during the Christmas and New Year's season.

Allies Aids Dance. The amount raised by the sale of tickets at the recent dance promoted by the Allies Aids, whose work has been under the superintendence of Miss Lois Drimmer and Miss Violet Whitaker, was \$86, this result demonstrating the feasibility of doing two good things at one time—a good turn in the dance room, and a good turn for the wounded soldiers. Refused The Chance. A soldier who was intoxicated and refused a chance to accompany a couple of other soldiers to the Army and he was placed under arrest by Officers Ross and Armstrong and locked up in the Water street lockup. A drunk was found lying in a doorway on Church street last night and was placed under arrest. Youthful Thieves Arrested. On Wednesday Alfred Hanson, aged 14, and Pearl Hampton, aged 13 years escaped from the Boys' Industrial Home, and they were sent away from the Home when they managed to break into J. M. Roche's residence in Lancaster and stole four diamond hand bags, some cards, 12 cigars and some keys. Hampton was arrested Wednesday afternoon by Sgt. Finley, and Hanson was gathered a yesterday by Deputy Chief Jenkins.

Complimentary Reception. The Fishermen's Protective Association of Lorneville, will tender a complimentary reception and smoker to Hon. Mr. Baxter on Saturday evening. The function taking place in Coronation Hall. All friends and supporters of Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited to be present. New Year's Reception. The Beauséjour Conservative Association will hold open house in their rooms, Dufferin Row, on New Year's afternoon. All residents of the Parish of Lancaster are invited.

St. John Business College. Day and Evening classes will re-open Monday, January 4th. Rich Furs. There is still a chance to buy some of those handsome rich furs which F. A. Dykeman & Co. are selling at such attractive prices. They are selling a natural fox set worth \$70.00 for \$41.00. Black wolf sets, worth \$50.00 for \$32.00, also black wolf sets worth \$75.00 for \$45.00. Black fox sets worth \$90.00 on sale at \$68.00. China lynx sets black, with long fur, looks like fox, worth \$65.00, on sale at \$44.00.

Closed on Saturday Evenings. The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will not be open Saturday evening during the months of January and February.

ST. JOHN WELCOMES NEW YEAR WITH CUSTOMARY CEREMONIES

Gathering at Head of King Street—Smaller Than Usual and Jovial Spirit Prevails—Many Church Entertainments Mark Close of Year.

With the tolling of steam whistles, and the singing of Tipperary and the Soldiers of the King St. John welcomed the New Year. The crowd which gathered at the head of King street was much smaller than usual, and it gave vent to its exuberance by singing patriotic songs. Watch night services were well attended.

According to the weather man New Year's Day will be cold and fair, and the people of St. John will be able to celebrate it in an old-fashioned way. At the Opera House there will be a special matinee performance as well as the usual evening performance. All the moving picture houses will have special programmes, and the skating rinks will have bands to entertain their patrons.

The year of 1914 died out and 1915 ushered in last night with but little excitement in the city. There were a few hundred men, women and boys at the head of King street, but not nearly as many as have appeared on the street during the past few years. The fire and drum band of the 26th Battalion was on hand and rendered a number of selections, and as the fire alarm sounded two blows at midnight the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the crowd cheered. The whistles of the steamships and tugs in the harbor were sounded and the New Year was given a proper welcome. Chief of Police Clark had a large squad of officers on duty last night, and Chief Blake of the fire department had a number of his firemen on duty, near some of the boxes to prevent any false alarms being sent in. Commissioner McLellan was about looking over the situation, but the crowd was quite orderly and were contented with singing and cheering. They only remained at the head of King street for about an hour when they gradually left for their homes.

Portland Methodist Church. An entertainment for soldiers was held at the Portland street Methodist church last evening, which proved to be a very enjoyable affair. Over 180 soldiers were present, and they had a very enjoyable time. Dainty refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. Carleton Methodist Church. Last evening members of the Army Service Corps were entertained by the ladies of the Carleton Methodist church. After being given a fine programme of games and songs, the soldiers were provided with a fine supper by the ladies of the church. Rev. H. E. Thomas made a brief address, extending a cordial welcome to the soldiers, and Sgt. Black responded on behalf of the soldiers. The Carleton Methodist church has opened a reading room for soldiers every Tuesday evening, and this courtesy is much appreciated by members of the Army Service Corps.

New Year's at Y. M. C. A. On New Year's Day the Y. M. C. A. will keep open house at 10 a.m. there will be a basketball match and at 2.30 p.m. there will be a reception to all the friends of the association. At 3 p.m. there will be an exhibition in the boys' gymnasium, including the following: Standing. Won Lost P.C. Jordan 2 1 667 Seely 2 1 667 Trentowaty 2 2 500 Cairns 1 2 332 Willet 1 2 333

WIGGINS INSTITUTION CHRISTMAS EXERCISES Young people have good time at annual entertainment last evening. A good time was had by the boys and girls at the Wiggins Institution last evening. There was a very large attendance of those who take an interest in the work of the institution. The boys gave fine evidence of drill and were applauded by the onlookers and were applauded by the onlookers and were applauded by the onlookers.

ST. DAVID'S SABBATH SCHOOL IS PROSPEROUS Annual meeting on Wednesday evening—Reports submitted and officers chosen for ensuing term. The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of Saint David's Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Wednesday evening, December 30th, at 8.45 in St. David's Presbyterian Church. Andrew Dodds was in the chair.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTION AT THE OPERA HOUSE Thompson Musical Company at the Opera House have prepared a special holiday programme for today, with some new features. Matinee at 2.30. Mrs. Jamieson, Miss Milligan, Miss Helen McMurray, A. Dodds, R. Reid, Alex. Watson, I. F. Archibald.

MISS FRANCES HAZEN MAJOR IN WITTY TO WED TODAY

Wedding in St. Paul's (Valley) Church at Four-Thirty O'Clock This Afternoon.

The wedding of Miss Frances Hazen second daughter of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Major T. Malcolm McAvity, of the 26th Battalion, will take place this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in St. Paul's church. Miss Hazen will be unattended. She will wear a white satin gown. James McMillan will be best man, and Captain McMillan and McAvity will act as ushers.

After the ceremony, which will be performed by Rev. E. B. Hooper, rector of St. Paul's, luncheon will be served at the residence of Hon. J. D. Hazen. Major McAvity and Mrs. McAvity will leave on the Boston train tonight for a short honeymoon trip. Both Major McAvity and Miss Hazen have a wide circle of friends, who will wish them a happy future.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT BOY'S CLUB Turkey supper and Christmas Tree provided for members by Playgrounds Executive—A pleasant function.

The St. John Boys' Club presented a festive appearance last evening when a fine turkey supper and Christmas tree was provided them by the members of the Playground Executive. Everything for this jolly good time was contributed by the jolly good city who are interested in this work. About sixty boys sat at tables. The room was beautifully decorated with flags of Great Britain and allied nations and evergreens with brilliant red Christmas balls appearing here and there among the greens.

A large and gaily decorated Christmas tree occupied the centre 6666 room and especially gladdened the hearts of the boys. The decorating was done entirely by the boys of the club under the direction of Supt. Howard.

A great many trips were made by committees of boys over a large portion of the city throughout the day bringing the decorations and donations to the club, so that much expense of delivery was saved and the boys had a real part in the labor as well as the enjoyment.

The two long tables presented a most attractive appearance, decorated with Christmas napkins and red candles and the food most attractively displayed. The bright, happy faces of the lads themselves presented a very pleasing picture.

Much credit is due the following ladies of the Playground Executive for their untiring work and devotion to the cause: Mrs. H. Colby Smith, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, Mrs. J. H. Dooly, Mrs. G. L. Watson (chairman), Miss E. J. Goodwin, Mrs. A. E. Prince, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. R. A. Corbett, Mrs. J. F. Bullock, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Miss Laule Parks, Miss Lilian Delaney, Miss A. M. Pitt, with Mrs. C. D. Howard.

The following gentlemen of the executive were present and lent their assistance last evening: President W. B. Tennant, Mayor Potts, Judge Ritchie, Clements, W. F. Nobles, M. E. Agar, R. B. Emerson and A. M. Belding, besides Supt. Howard, H. S. Kohn, physician, and Sgt. J. J. G. Kohn, who gives the boys military drill. Mrs. Givens accompanied the Mayor.

A musical programme was given on piano and violin by Miss Hogan and the Misses Lynch, and E. A. Belding sang "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall" and "Tipperary," the boys giving a rousing chorus. Short addresses were given by Messrs. Tennant, Ritchie, Potts, Prink, Emerson, Agar, Belding and Howard; and after the National Anthem every boy was presented with a bag of candy and fruit from the Christmas tree.

The Playground Executive and Supt. Howard heartily thank all who contributed supplies or money for this occasion, and feel special mention should be made of the following: Peas for supper, contributed and cooked by Victoria Hotel; potatoes, contributed and cooked by Dufferin Hotel; ice cream by Mr. B. St. John Dairy; candy by Ganong Bros., and a coffee urn by R. B. Emerson. The table silver was hired for this occasion by the Young Ladies' Guild of Trinity Church.

One visitor remarked that the only thing lacking in this grand spectacle was space in which everyone in St. John could be a witness to this grand work. Citizens are invited to drop in any evening and see these "Men in the Making."

EDWARD C. WEYMAN MOVES HIS LAW OFFICE. Mr. Edward C. Weyman, LL. B., Barrister-at-Law, is moving today into the offices formerly occupied by the late George C. Coster at No. 120 Prince William street opposite the Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr. Weyman was admitted as an attorney in 1909 and has since practiced in this city. During the last three years he has had his offices with Messrs. Weldon & McLean. Hereafter he will continue the practice of law independently.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

Gifts for the Athletic Lad

Good, healthy exercise is the making of the boy or girl of any age, and presents that make for strong, robust bodies are both practical and sensible. Here are a few suggestions, but call at our Sporting Department and let us help you make selections: Dumb Bells, 30 to 80 cents the pair. Indian Clubs, 50 cents to \$1.35 the pair. Punching Bags, \$1.95 to \$5.00 each. Punching Bags, with Platforms, \$11.50 each. Boxing Gloves, \$2.15, \$2.70, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.30, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, and \$6.50 the pair. Exercisers, light, \$2.00; heavy, \$2.50 each.

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The Slater Shoe Store Will be closed all day Monday Dec. 28 Getting in shape for the Big Sale

The Slater Shoe Shop Is Going Out of Existence In keeping with the new policy of the Slater Shoe Co. they are closing up all their retail stores and rather than remove the stock to the Montreal warehouse a Gigantic Clearing-Out Sale will begin on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. 15,000 dollars worth of high class footwear at less price than the cost of manufacture. Be On Hand Early

SAFE -- SANITARY -- SERVICE The importance of having proper Metal Ash Barrels to hold ashes is very evident. The recent fires and loss of life have fully demonstrated the great need of care in handling Hot Ashes. Galvanized Ash Barrels Our Price is \$2.50 Each Lots of Six or more \$2.25 each. We will number or initial them if desired without extra charge. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Happy New Year to All Our Friends and Patrons M. R. A. STORES CLOSE AT 6 P. M. SATURDAYS DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

High-Grade Flannel Shirts for Men These Are Custom-Made and Will Give Perfect Comfort These Shirts are custom-made and have extra large and roomy bodies, full yokes, gusseted and double stitched seams and are unquestionably the best shirt values shown today. Offered in the following styles: FINE ENGLISH FLANNELS—Plain and striped, with double cuffs; some have separate double collars to match. Each \$1.50 to \$3.75 FANCY FLANNELS—With reversible collars. Each \$1.00 to \$2.00 FANCY FLANNELS—With saten neckbands and no collars. Each \$1.75 to \$2.50 PLAIN GREY FLANNELS—Light, medium and heavy weights with separate double collars and with collars attached. Each \$1.00 to \$2.00 NAVY FLANNEL AND SERGE SHIRTS—With collars attached. Each \$1.00 to \$1.75 Men's Starched Semi-Bosom Shirts This style combines all the comfort of the Soft Shirt with the extra protection of the double thick bosom, which is made smaller than in the ordinary starched bosom shirt. These shirts are offered in coat style with ordinary cuffs attached; also with the "Cuffturn" kind. Newest fabrics, latest designs and colorings are featured in this showing, and the shirts are perfect fitting and the best values procurable. Light, neat line stripes are shown; also the medium and more pronounced stripes. Sizes 14 to 17. Prices from \$1.25 to \$2.25 MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.

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