

CZERNIN SAYS HE LOOKED FOR PEACE IN 1917

Former Austrian Foreign Minister Hands Out Letter He Gave to the Emperor.

MAN-POWER WAS THEN EXHAUSTED

And Troops Were so Underfed That War Could no Longer be Borne by Them.

MIGHT HOLD OUT FEW MONTHS MORE

Longer Delay in Seeking Peace Would Certainly Mean Harsher Terms from the Entente.

Vienna, Wednesday, Dec. 11.—Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, gave the correspondent an opportunity to read a copy of the letter which he sent to the Emperor Charles in April, 1917, in which the minister declared that the condition of Austria was growing desperate.

In the letter Czernin told the Emperor that he did not think another winter campaign was possible, and asserted it was necessary that peace negotiations should be begun.

The letter, which was referred to in interviews Count Czernin gave the correspondent last week, follows: "Your Majesty, it is evident our military power is on the verge of exhaustion. I need but instance the complete drying up of the resources of the man power and the despair which has taken hold of all portions of the population who are so underfed that the misery of war can no longer be borne by them.

"Though I hope we may succeed in holding out during the next few months and in maintaining a successful defensive, I am quite convinced that another winter campaign is thoroughly impossible. At all costs the war must be brought to a speedy end in the summer or the early part of the autumn. It is essential that peace negotiations should be started before the winter of our strength is appreciably weakened.

"Should we succeed in the winter when conditions in the interior of the empire have become so desperate, I believe that the Entente would exact conditions unless they were equivalent to the complete annihilation of the imperial army.

MADE THEM EAT

Experiments on a Hundred Men Near Boston Developed Nothing But Increased Appetites.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Experiments undertaken by the navy department at the navy public service on Galesburg Island to ascertain the cause and spread of influenza have had merely negative results, according to a report given out today. One hundred volunteers who have been under observation for several weeks have had influenza germs placed in their nostrils and throats, have eaten them with their food, and some have even been inoculated with serum, but no cases of the disease have developed thus far. Increased appetites and more vigorous health have been the only noticeable results of the experiment, according to the physicians.

FACING DEFICIT, MONTREAL LOOKS FOR NEW TAXATION

City Fathers Spend Strenuous Hours Considering the Adviseability of Resurrecting the Old Improvement Tax Which Was Not a Success Some Few Years Ago.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—City Hall has been the centre of more than ordinary activity today, with the negotiations between the city council and the provincial government in the strike session, and in view of the fact that it was also budget week, a matter of more than usual interest this year because of the problem it involves. Cutting the coat to suit the cloth is not so easy as it seems, and with the police and firemen demanding increased salaries which mean an additional cost of over half a million to the city the strike raises are having more than an ordinary share of trouble.

A statement circulated to the effect that the Administration Commission has been giving attention to the question of raising taxes in the local improvement tax is also stirring the city fathers. The plan will likely meet with opposition from a number of the members of the city council. Those who favor the improvement tax is also stirring the city fathers. The plan will likely meet with opposition from a number of the members of the city council. Those who favor the improvement tax is also stirring the city fathers.

NOW SEEMS SETTLED THAT THE SESSION WILL BE CALLED DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF JANUARY

RESTRICTIONS ON SUGAR ARE ALL REMOVED

Now We Can Have Icing on Cakes and Use Two Spoonfuls Anytime.

RESTRAINT IS STILL ADVISED

Stocks Are More Plentiful, But Great Quantities Are Required.

LID STILL DOWN ON BEEF AND FATS

Some Weeks Must Elope Before Conditions of Distribution Are Back to the Old Basis.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—The ban on the use of sugar for making pastry, loaves of bread, biscuits, for candy for private consumption, as well as in the manufacture of sugar, has been removed. The war-time restrictions on the method of serving sugar in public eating places are also withdrawn. On and after January 1st, white or granulated sugar may be used in making bread, etc., so too the restrictions on the use of sugar in the manufacture of canned goods, biscuits, cakes, dough products, candies, chocolate, fudge syrups and the like, pharmaceutical and medicinal preparations, beers and soft drinks, desert and jelly powders, ice cream and even on chewing gum, will not be in force. For the manufacture of sugar, sugar may be purchased without the regular permit, but it must be noted that the restrictions in public eating places on the use of beef, butter and lard, and for the use of animal stock by manufacturers, still remains in force.

The cancellations of so many rules which had imposed on the Canadian use of sugar, has been made possible through the intervention of the public still to be reasonably restrained, and to avoid anything like extravagant use of any of these articles, because it will still be some weeks before supplies and distribution can be at all compared to pre-war conditions.

ONE KILLED, TWO HURT BY AUTO BANDITS

A Brooklyn Savings Bank Held up and Robbed of Ten Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec. 13.—One man was shot and killed and two others wounded by automobile bandits, who held up the East Brooklyn savings bank today and looted it of \$10,000.

FOUR KILLED, MANY HURT IN CAR SMASH

Street Car Ran Away in Kansas City and Smashed Into Freight Shed.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—Two persons killed, four persons sustained serious injuries and twelve others were slightly injured, when a street car ran wild down the Twelfth St. Viaduct here late afternoon, left the tracks at the lower approach to the structure, and crashed into the freight shed.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13.—A schedule of 164 games for the American Association this season was agreed upon at a meeting of club owners tonight. The season will start on May 1st and end late in September. A commission to draw up a schedule will be appointed later.

MONTREAL'S STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED

(Specialist)

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The striking police, firemen and employees of the city's incineration and water works departments came back to work tonight, the strike trouble having been adjusted.

At a meeting of the aldermen this afternoon it was decided on a majority of 17—of what practically amounts to a two-thirds vote, as is required by the city by-law to be effect—that the salaries of Director of Public Safety Joseph Tremblay and his assistant Arthur Mann, be struck from the city's budget. These are the heads of the police force for whose dismissal the aldermen are calling. If the aldermen can control a similar majority at the meeting of the city council on Monday the motion will go into effect.

Following the advice of the director of public safety that citizens take steps to protect their property, a committee of public safety has been appointed at the meeting of the members

THREE DAYS FROM LONDON TO CAPETOWN

This is the Speed Now Possible With Modern Commercial Airships.

MAXIMUM RANGE EIGHT THOUSAND MILES

Could Make Return Trip Across the Atlantic Without Stopping.

FITTED WITH ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME

Including Saloons, Staterooms, Elevator and Roof Garden for Voyage of a Week or More.

London, Dec. 13.—The civil aviation committee states that in the immediate future the commercial airship will offer advantage over the airplane, particularly concerning passengers, where comfort and ease of navigation, safety and a high ratio of displacement are vital considerations.

On first speed, Capetown is today only a little over three days from Southampton, while this ship could fly across the Atlantic, and return without stopping. It is pointed out that in the future the airship will soon develop a speed of 100 miles per hour, with an elevator to a roof garden, and a room to remain in the air for over a week.

WORRYING OVER BRITAIN'S AFFAIRS

U. S. Congress Seems Greatly Troubled About Relations Between Empire and the Empire.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Hearings continued today in the House foreign relations committee on the resolution of "representative Gallinger of New Hampshire" providing that American delegates to the peace conference be required to accept from the United States the independence and self-determination of Ireland.

George L. Fox, New Haven, Conn., testified in opposition to the resolution. "The United States has no right to ask that Great Britain give up Ireland until the government has given up the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico and Hawaii," he said.

The issue which has been forced by Mr. Motherwell, it is believed, will greatly strengthen the position of Union government in the west. It is regarded as significant that in Alberta Hon. Charles Cross, the minister of agriculture, in the province was also forced to retire from the Stewart government. Those politicians who are predicting that there will be an alignment of the parties and that the Liberal Unionists and the active Unionists will be united to form a permanent new party are encouraged in their belief by these recent western developments.

TO PRESERVE ORDER ON ELECTION DAY

Toronto, Dec. 13.—A Belfast cable to the Telegram today says: Troops will be confined to barracks in Ireland on Saturday in order to prevent the possibility of hostile factions. The Unionists are confident everywhere. Sir Edward Carson is holding three meetings daily in Belfast, Antrim and Down, meeting with great enthusiasm everywhere. There was a tremendous demonstration in Ulster Hall last night during the address by him and the Unionist candidates. He was again given never to submit to a home rule.

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HALIFAX IS TRYING HARD TO BE BRIGHT

But Has Its Own Troubles Between the Two Power Companies.

FUTURE OUTLOOK REMAINS DARK

Olympic Engineer to be Given a Tea Service and Silver Salver.

WOOD ALCOHOL A POPULAR DRINK

Bootleggers on the Waterfront Find it Meets With Ready Sale, But Doctors Say it is Bad.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—The Board of Trade has purchased a silver and tea service which will be presented to Chief Engineer Ferguson of the steamship Olympic on the same occasion as the presentation of the loving cup to Captain Hayes. This will be at noon on Monday. It is fitting that the men whose work is below in the very bowels of the ship should thus be recognized as well as that the captain should be reminded. In case of a torpedo it was the engineers and the stokers below who had the poorest chance of escape.

The streets of Halifax are admittedly poorly lighted. Citizens and the Board of Control have complained vainly and a conference today between the Board of Control and company officials showed that it may be a long time before any improvement is effected, because of the city's flirtation with another company, the Halifax Power Co. The contract with the present company has expired, and the city solicitor is doubtful if a new one can be signed because of agreements made with the Halifax Power Company, and that concern has so far done little or no development between the two companies the city may remain in semi-darkness.

A medical man is authorized for the statement made to The Standard that methylened spirits or wood alcohol is being used largely in the manufacture of the booze sold on the waterfront of Halifax by bootleggers. This methylened spirits is a rank poison, he says, across enough even in small quantities to kill, and always especially injurious to the optic nerve and the eyesight. He says he knows of deaths and of several cases of blindness and partial blindness from drinking bootleggers' booze made from the poisonous wood alcohol. The authorities are called on to have the drugists sell wood alcohol only under the name of methylated spirits and to have it marked with a red label.

GERMANS ARE NOW LEAVING ODESSA

London, Dec. 13.—Odessa, the principal Russian port on the Black Sea, is being evacuated by the Germans, according to an official statement received here today from Berlin. The disarmament of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army, it is added, is spreading systematically.

Reports from London last week said that Allied war ships had arrived at Odessa and had taken over German and Russian ships in the harbor there.

WANT EXHIBITION TRAINS TO ADVERTISE IN FRANCE

Montreal Chamber of Commerce Has an Idea for Displaying to European Cities the Products of Canada's Shops, and in This Way Boosting Business.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The project of having exhibition trains touring France carrying exhibits of Canada's products, raw and manufactured, is to be urged on the federal government by the Montreal Chamber of Commerce.

The matter was discussed at length at a meeting of the chamber today and a resolution passed recommending that the government put the project into execution at the earliest possible moment. In justification of the plan it was pointed out that great advantage would accrue from having Canada's products made known to France at a time when that country is to become a purchaser on a large scale of materials needed for her industrial rehabilitation and for reconstruction of the vast areas devastated by the ravages of war.

Another recommendation which was felt would go far in promoting Canada's export trade was that urging upon the government the advisability of increasing the number of Canadian trade commissioners abroad. It was pointed out that while commissioners had already been named to act in leading cities of the United Kingdom and such places as Rotterdam, Vladivostok, Yokohama, Shanghai, Cape Town and Melbourne, information as

to other important trade centres had to come indirectly, that is through the British consuls. As was impossible for a British consul to keep himself acquainted year by year with Canadian trade information, and as it was even against the interests of those he represented to push Canadian trade, it was recommended that in order to carry out the recently expressed desire of the minister of marine as to supporting Canada's new mercantile marine, Canadian trade representatives should be appointed to La Haye, Marseilles, Genoa, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Moscow, Petrograd, Odessa, Barcelona, Stockholm, Geneva, Alessandria, Calcutta, Mexico and Rio Janeiro.

With the termination of hostilities limitless possibilities are opened to Canadian trade. Rich in natural resources, a great number of which will be needed in the countries that have been war-ravaged, and with the marvellous strides which Canada has made as a manufacturing country since the beginning of the war, it was the consensus of opinion that no time should be lost by the Dominion in getting in on the ground floor and making a strong bid for a generous share of the European trade which she is immeasurably better prepared to supply now than before the war.

DEAREST BOND OF FRIENDSHIP NEEDED TO PRESERVE PEACE

Times in Editorial Deals With Britain's Friendship in Middle East Countries—Position is Clarified—Informal Conversations Between Britain and U. S. Have Cleared Freedom of Seas Cause.

course of an editorial on President Wilson's visit to Europe, says: "This war is not completely won for our common cause, unless it ends with the establishment of closer relations of friendship between us and America. Conversely, it is not wholly lost for Germany if by any means discord could be sown between the two great English-speaking peoples."

"We speak plainly, but plain speaking is safest. Mischief makers are always busy and one form that their evil work takes is the instigation that this country is out, not for distinct motives, but for what it can get."

"If we were an island two thousand miles out in the Atlantic, without any possibility of contact with the world, there is not an Englishman who would not like to divest himself completely of all territorial responsibilities."

"For their settlement, the United States are in this happy position. We are not. The few miles of water that separate us from the European political system are shrinking every day. Whether we will or no, we must interest ourselves in the territorial details of the settlement. If they are wrong, there will be trouble later, and when the next door catches fire, our own house is in danger. That is one reason why we, who are so near to the European continent, have to be so much more careful in our weaving of our principles into the stuff of politics than the Americans need to be at a distance of 4,000 miles."

Monroe Doctrine of Asia.

There is another reason. In Asia was a great continental power, and we owe it to our trusteeship in India to preserve her people from the perils of militarism that have cursed Europe. That is why, in Asia, we have something comparable to the Monroe Doctrine of America. Just as America sends the appearance of new power in her continent, so in the continent of Asia it has been her policy not to have any frontiers continuous with those of the great military powers, but to preserve the natural buffer states between India and the continent of Asia. Our policy in the Middle East is exactly the same as that of the United States in Southern America. America's policy there is often labeled and so is ours in Asia for expressly the same reasons. There is only one task to apply. Are we attempting to serve our own selfish interests merely, or is our object to serve the same ideal ends as the United States? Our policy is perfectly clear. We do not wish fresh territorial responsibilities, and, in so far as we undertake them, we should wish to do so as mandatory of the civilized world power for settlement.

"The charge of selfishness is unfoundedly disproven by the fact that in Asia, as in Europe, our object is to bring into existence new nations that will live and insure their own peace better than the nations that they replace. If that be selfishness, we plead guilty to it."

It is indeed the proudest boast of England that she is not only free herself but supports the cause of freedom in other. Not only is she a free nation, but the mother of free nations. The same considerations apply to the freedom of the east. The same hope that is cherished by mischief-makers as likely to divide the United States and ourselves.

"This war can not have been won for civilization, but for British sea power. There can, therefore, be no question, so far as this nation is concerned, of diminishing the sharpness of this weapon that has been the glory in this war, and without which

America herself could have done nothing with a best hand had not been to hunt the edge of our sword only, but the every sword raised on behalf of liberty.

Must Bind U. S. and Britain.

"For that, among other reasons, we are delighted that President Wilson should come to Europe, so that we can share our ideas on this subject. It may be that his hope is to make the league of nations discharge for liberty some of the functions hitherto performed by the British navy. It may be, again, that the American idea of freedom of the seas is not to be found not to diminish sea power, but merely to regulate new developments which have emerged during this war, and, if so, we shall not quarrel about forms and phrases, so long as the substance is secure."

"All of us recognize that the future happiness of the world depends on drawing closer bonds between us and the United States, and to that end we shall work with all the strength that is in us, and they, on their part, will remember that this question of the seas is one that affects the people of this country more closely than any other. There is no subject on which our sentiments are so tender, our suspicions so near the surface, and our hearts so easily moved."

The Daily Express understands that when President Wilson's proposals on the subject of the freedom of the seas are definitely laid before the Allied peace delegates, it will be found that they are in no way antagonistic to British interests as has been generally supposed.

Position is Clarified.

"Informal conversations," says the paper, "have been in progress some time, with the result that the British government is in possession of concrete suggestions which are more understandable than the rather hazy wording of the famous clause 2 of the fourteen points. Wilson, on the other hand, in his possession of the information showing him definitely that Britain cannot give up the right of search at sea, the law of contraband and the enforcement of blockade. We understand Wilson's proposals do not include abandonment of any of those rights."

"The whole position, of course, is dependent on the success of the President's basic proposition for a league of nations. If that proposal does not succeed, the question of naval and military power falls to the ground. It is only in the event of the league being formed, with definite, agreed principles to govern its actions in all conceivable emergencies, that questions on the exercise of this power will arise for settlement."

"The President's proposal in that event amounts to a suggestion from the second strongest naval power, which the United States now is, to the strongest, to fix definite rules of naval construction, to which all will loyally adhere, and in the event of it being necessary to bring naval pressure to bear on contraband, to which all should jointly be undertaken by the two leading naval powers."

"Bringing pressure to bear by sea means not only the use of the blockade and the enforcement of contraband regulations, and both which weapons the United States is prepared to use in an alliance with us, but also the use of force necessary in order to preserve peace or to restore it."

"It seems as though the United States, in fact, very much more than we are aware of what the Germans termed the odium of being the world's naval bully."

MONCTON NEWS.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, Dec. 13.—A few days ago Chief Ridout, prohibition inspector, seized at the C. G. R. station a trunk containing twelve gallons of old rum and today succeeded in locating the party responsible for landing the booze in Moncton in violation of the prohibition law. It turned out that the liquor had been brought to Moncton by a C. G. R. employee for a party in Shediac. The man bringing the liquor in has been summoned to answer to a charge of violating the prohibition law in the police court tomorrow.

Pte. Nevilla, the insane man lost of a C. G. R. hospital train last Sunday, and who was found on the streets of Moncton Wednesday night, is to be taken to the military hospital at Fredericton. An escort arrived here today from Coburg, Ont., and will leave with him for Fredericton tomorrow.

His Excellency the Governor General passed through the city by special train this evening to Newcastle, and will visit North Shore towns en route to Ottawa.

A STILL ALARM.

The flames were given a run last evening about 10:30 o'clock to Lower Cove where a bonfire had been set by some youngsters. Some of the residents of that section of the city called the firemen by still alarm. No damage resulted and the fire was soon extinguished.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Stops Irritation; Soothes and Heals. You can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Suppose Cousin left on the Montreal express last evening to spend a few days in the "Blue Island" City. On his return to the city he will find his home in Dixie for Christmas, and that which he will resume his duties in St. John's.

Peace Which Saves the Fascism of Europe.

London, Dec. 13.—The British ambassador in the United States and France's chief of Great Britain, delivered a stirring address before the Empire Club, here today, and he was repeatedly cheered by a large gathering of citizens.

"I have dined with the Kaiser," he said, "and I tell you I never came in contact with a man who had such a dirty, deceitful face. He had indignity written all over his dirty face. I have seen the text books of the German school and every little child has been brought up with the idea to conquer Great Britain, and to beat her to the ground."

"I have been reading the works of an eminent statesman, I refer to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He said that the German people were all right; it was only the military classes which were wrong. He said that the German people were all right; it was only the military classes which were wrong. He said that the German people were all right; it was only the military classes which were wrong."

He told of opposing to the head of the German sailors' union for fair play. "I said 'We don't give a damn if you torpedo our ships, but we do damn the man who torpedoes the ships of the defenseless men when they are in the boats.'"

"They replied that they had held a conference of the labor leaders, and said: 'We have decided that it is neither our policy nor our intention to interfere with the Government's naval or military policy.'"

"We are not going to rest until we have got this dirty Kaiser Bill, and until the whole dirty kit appear before the bar of an international tribunal to be tried for the guilty murders they have committed," he said.

Mr. Wright told of going to France at the request of Lord George to personally investigate the German atrocity he had gone to Rheims with Gen. Joffre, and later had visited a village in the heart of the German zone of occupation. He told of the horrors against the native French women, and said "I saw twenty to thirty boys with their right hands amputated, and their heads shaved, and they were brutal soldiers, but they were the worst of physical specimens."

Since the war he had met one of the German leaders at Stockholm. It was Herr Schlieffen. He had said "Look here, Peter, I want you to understand the whole German nation is in support of the German army until a German peace is dictated."

Turned Tables on Spy.
Wright told of deliberately making the acquaintance of a German spy who was seen sleeping in the coat room to him. In the end the coffee had been brought in and he had changed his mind with the German while the spy was asleep. Later the German was a corpse.

The club agreed to send the following message to the United States on Saturday, when Britain's Day is to be observed: "The Empire Club of Canada desires to send greetings to the committee in charge of Britain's Day in the advertisement 'Proclaim thereby that out of our union and sympathy may arise harmony in all the problems of peace.'"

NEW YORK HOAXED BY JOKER JONES

Even Had Machine Guns Out to Break up Announced Bolshevik Campaign.

New York, Dec. 13.—Billie O. Jones, purporting to be a document spread broadcast here yesterday, "proclaiming" that a reign of Bolshevism would begin in this country at noon today, and that the police department should be alerted to deliver an address.

Prior to Jones' arrival at Central Park 500 mounted policemen and motorcycle officers and a detachment of the army provost-guard had been stationed, prepared for a demonstration by radicals. If a police station twelve Browning machine guns were held in readiness.

A reign of Bolshevism did not begin at noon today in the United States insofar as the police authorities here could learn, the "proclamation" thus being ineffective. No person of Bolshevik tendencies had appeared up to one o'clock at Central Park to participate in the advertised "proclamation." The authorities were unable to say whether the rain interfered with what had been genuine plans, or whether the much-heralded demonstration was a hoax.

Mr. Jones, mentioned above, is an alleged humorist, whose efforts often appear in Life and other publications.—E. D. Standard.

WEAPONS THROWN AWAY.

New York, Dec. 13.—A collection of 2,225 dangerous weapons taken from criminals and others since January 1, and valued at \$39,990 was thrown into the ocean off Rockland Lightship yesterday by the police department. It was some of the most dangerous and barbarous devices ever found by the police.

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This timely question is undoubtedly causing serious thought in the minds of everyone. Quite naturally you will want your gift to be suitable and we are prepared to meet your demands with a large variety of just the right things.

We have just received a gorgeous array of Women's and Misses'

Afternoon Dresses, Dinner Gowns, Street Dresses, Reception Gowns

Without a doubt the largest assortment of High Class Gowns we have ever handled and on account of being a very special purchase, we are able to dispose of them at remarkably low prices.

The newest style points include clever neck designs in Chemise, square and V-shapes. Many of them finished with soft fold of the materials used in dress. New sleeve effects are seen including the loose Mandarin sleeve and many tighter fitting models shaped from elbow to wrist and finished with tiny buttons to match. Loose panels, Plastron fronts, skirt draperies, sashes of various widths and narrow skirts are all decidedly new features, and the trimmings for the greater part include small tucks, wide folds, silk embroidery, beading, fur edges and fringe. Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Satin or Combinations of two or more of these charming materials are holding first place and the popular colors are Midnight Blue, Black, Navy, Myrtle, Coral, Rose, Resida, Burgundy, Taupe, Plum, African Brown, Grey and Sand Shades.

ONE UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE GOWN is designed with an Oyster Grey Drapery of Georgette, over Pussy Willow Silk to match. It has a long loose panel falling from back of neck to bottom of skirt. Panel and Drapery handsomely embroidered in floral pattern with purple silk, brightened with touches of crystal beads. It has long sleeves, tight from elbow to wrist, trimmed with small buttons to match. Very reasonable price, \$37.75.

Another model expresses the Japanese influence with its wide oriental-shaped girdle, caught up in back and finishing in a long loose sash. It is developed in Sand Georgette heavily beaded in jet. The sleeve is made with kimono shoulder, finished with wide loose cuff, and the neck is cut in popular Chemise shape. Price only \$45.00.

(Costume Section, 2nd Floor)



His Report Not Yet Announced—Hullfax Protests Against Diversion of Hospital Ships, But it is Pointed Out That Comfort for the Men is the Main Object.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Although the report of Surgeon-General Carleton Jones on the terminal and dock facilities at Portland, Me., is not yet available, it is understood that it is favorable to the handling of Canadian hospital ships at that port. General Jones, who went to Portland a couple of days ago to look into the situation with a view to having Canadian hospital ships dispatched there, is making out his report. The militia authorities have received a telegram from the board of trade of the city of Halifax protesting against hospital ships being diverted to Portland. This telegram states that the soldiers would prefer to land at a Canadian port where adequate preparations for their welcome would have been made. In answer to this, the militia department states that on board the average hospital ship there are about 100 cot cases and 500 other cases, consisting of amputation, tuberculous patients, mental cases, etc. These patients, it is stated, are not much interested in the kind of welcome they receive but are interested in getting to a comfortable hospital without delay and with the minimum of discomfort. In answer to the objection the ocean voyage to Portland is longer than that to Halifax, the department states that the hospital ship is generally escorted by a tug and much better for the patients than a train would be. On the long journey from Halifax to Montreal there is always danger of delay from adverse weather conditions during the winter months. Although the ocean voyage is longer to Portland, the trip by rail to Montreal is much shorter, and this is a most important consideration when dealing with hospital cases.

PREMIER MARTIN WOULD NOT ATTACK UNION GOVERNMENT

Motherwell Thinks Western Provinces Are Not Fairly Treated by the Dominion—He Knocks Calder's Land Settlement Scheme and Has a Bunch of Other Complaints.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 13.—In a two-handed attack on the Union government Hon. W. H. Motherwell in a letter to Premier Martin resigned from the Saskatchewan government, of which he has been minister of agriculture since 1918. The announcement of Mr. Martin from his seat in the assembly yesterday just before the orders of the day that Mr. Motherwell had offered his resignation, and that it had been accepted, came as a complete surprise to everyone outside the cabinet circles. His letters to Premier Martin, which were read in the legislature gave as the reasons for his resignation "two causes, the failure of the government to take action against the Union government, which he severely criticized for its failure to repeal the war time election act; to return to the western provinces their natural resources, and to evolve a practical scheme of land settlement for settlers."

The proposed measure of Hon. J. A. Calder, he characterized as impossible, as a few as 10,000 men were settled in Saskatchewan under the proposed plan, the province would be added with a financial responsibility at the federal that its dependence on the federal government in this regard would seriously menace the right of self-government. Coupled with these issues, the letter complained that Premier Martin, as leader of the provincial Liberal party, was the man to whom the people looked for leadership in connection with federal party questions. Conservatives were organizing right and left, the letter stated, and Mr. Martin and his government by neglecting to make some pronouncements, was letting valuable time slip by. Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and Colonization, whose land settlement scheme is attacked by the retiring provincial minister, is not in the capital. He left on Tuesday for the Maritime Provinces to confer with provincial ministers on the proposed scheme. In connection with Mr. Motherwell's assertions as to the failure of the dominion government to give the western provinces their natural resources it is recalled that when the retiring provincial minister returned west after the Ottawa conference he was reported as stating that there were so many reservations in connection with the federal government's offer that it was hardly worth while for the prairie provinces to consider it. Hon. Arthur Meighen, who dealt with the matter of the natural resources of the western provinces, at a conference subsequently issued a statement in which he said he did not think Mr. Motherwell had ever made such a statement. In dominion government circles the impression appears to prevail that the provincial governments will fall in with the federal land settlement proposals and that necessary legislation will be adopted by the various provincial legislatures.

QUARTER MILLION WORKED FOR GERMANY

Nice State of Affairs Uncovered by Evidence in Enquiry Into Brewing Interests.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Between 200,000 and 300,000 persons of pro-German sympathies, including many Americans, volunteered for the war to obtain information of all kinds for German espionage in this country, reporting to local German consuls and propaganda agents, Captain Lester testified in the brewers' enquiry today.

FINLAY, REMANDED, GETS OUT ON BAIL

Charge Against Vancouver Officer is That He Imported Seven Hundred Cases of Booms.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 13.—Walter C. Finlay, formerly prohibition commissioner for British Columbia, made a formal appearance before the city police magistrate this morning on a charge of importing into the province the case of seven hundred cases of intoxicating liquor to be delivered in Vancouver, a prohibited area.

NOW GLASGOW HAS THE MOONEY CRAZE

Union Workers There Join in Demand of the U. S. Bodies in Trying to Put Pressure on President.

New York, Dec. 13.—The Glasgow trades council, representing 100,000 Scottish trades unionists, has adopted resolutions demanding a new trial for Thomas J. Mooney, or else his immediate release, according to a cablegram made public here tonight by the New York council for San Francisco.

In this cablegram, it was charged that "unscrupulous methods of trumping up evidence" had been used to obtain conviction of Mooney for murder in connection with the San Francisco preparedness day parade bomb plot. The New York council was asked to convey to America's president this demand for justice.



Christmas Hosiery is of Interest



WOMEN'S PIERRE SILK HOSE—Black, White, Grey, Brown and Navy, \$1.00 pair.
HOLEPROOF SILK HOSE, —Guarantee with each pair. Colors are Black, White, Champagne, Pearl, Greys, Brown, Fawn, Tan and Navy, \$1.50 pair.
SILK FACED HOLEPROOF HOSE —Guaranteed. Black and White only, \$1.25 pair.
Silk Hose with Lisle Garter Top, Lisle Heel and Toes, in Black, White, Greys and Green, \$1.85 pair.
Silk Hose with Lisle Tops and Soles, in White, Mid Grey, Fawn and Beaver, \$2.50 pair.
WOMEN'S PANCY SILK HOSE—White with Black Stripes, Navy with White Stripes, \$2.45 pair.
Women's Black 1-1 Rib Spun Silk Hose, in Shot, Cardinal and Sky, \$2.40 pair.
(Hosiery Section, Annex.)

Perhaps you have not thought of many of these articles as solutions to your Christmas problems.

Big Reductions in Fancy Leather Goods

- JEWEL and TRINKET CASES, From \$1.00 to \$12.00.
- LEATHER COLAR BAGS, From 75c. to \$2.50.
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MAKING PLANS TO BE KEPT HEALTHY

Officials of New Department Meet to Arrange Things for Westmorland County.



Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 13.—Hon. Dr. Roberts, minister of public health, Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief medical officer of the province, and Dr. Desmond of New-castle, district health officer for the eastern district of the province, held a conference here this morning with representatives of the municipal council of Westmorland and the city board of health preparatory to organizing the health act. The object of the conference was to discuss the duties of those who will be appointed in January next to look after health matters under the new health regulations. Among those present were Warden J. W. Carter of Salisbury, C. E. Northrup, secretary of the Moncton board of health, and several of the councillors from different parts of the county.

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OUTLINES TO CONGRESS MEMBERS THE PROPER PROCEDURE AT THE COMING PEACE CONFERENCE—A BUSY GATHERING

Expresses His Opinion of the Proposed League of Nations and Foresees Many Difficulties in Bringing About Such an Institution Because of the Diversity of Civilization Among the Associated Nations to be Represented.

By Frederick Moore.
(Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)
London, Dec. 13.—Although Foreign Secretary Balfour reiterated several times that in his public statements he was expressing only his own views, he spoke today in unexpected detail regarding President Wilson's visit to Europe to attend the forthcoming peace conference and what might be taken as Britain's view on the League of Nations. The occasion was the weekly interview formerly given by the now retired Sir Robert Cecil to American correspondents, a score of whom were received today in Mr. Balfour's ample but simple rooms at the Foreign Office, which in no way differs from Secretary Lansing's reception room at the State Department.

The seventy-year-old statesman, six feet tall, looked the perfection of condition and replied to questions with a carefulness, precision and adequacy that surprised even the correspondents accustomed to meetings of statesmen. The interview lasted an hour, and not once did Balfour fail to reply simply to the correspondents' interrogations.

Mr. Balfour said he did not know whether President Wilson would come to England, but earnestly hoped he would come. He said Premier Lloyd George would not leave England before the elections to be held December 14, and would not, therefore, be among those who will receive President Wilson at Brest. Balfour did not know whether any British statesman would be with the French reception committee at Brest. He declared, however, that the President's wishes in many matters were unknown, but that the British desired to meet them in every way.

Balfour did not believe that actual peace conference could occur for a considerable time, and said that even the formal conferences among the Allies will probably not take place until January.

"The associated countries," Balfour said, avoiding the use of the term "Allies," when including America, "could begin with preliminary discussions about December 18, because of the infinitely numerous aspects of the conference and other copious considerations involved."

Balfour believed that neither the fourteen points of President Wilson nor the armistice terms precluded the execution from Germany of what she could pay. Germany, he said, should be required to pay first for the reconstruction of Belgium and the north of France, and then to repay for the destruction of shipping. The foreign minister regarded the fourteen points as a general guide of policy rather than a legal statement. He added that on the narrowest interpretation of the fourteen points, Allied requirements will strain German resources to the utmost.

Asked whether the peace conference would be public, Balfour replied they would be unless it they were merely a series of public speeches, although, he said, at some stages of the proceedings they may probably be open. Precedent, he said, will be followed by which a citizen of the country wherein the conference would be held should be chairman. The mode of procedure, he added, will be decided upon by the delegates themselves.

Balfour asserted that no existing Russian government had the right to represent Russia. It is mighty difficult to determine, he said, who has the right to represent the new states, but their interests will be fully considered and best efforts will be made to ascertain their actual views.

Balfour desired that President Wilson interpret his own opinions and expressed eagerness to exchange personal views with the president. Contrary to what seems to be Roosevelt's opinion Balfour emphasized that clearly for her own good America "ought and will" do her share in the work of reconstruction.

Balfour presented an outline of his own idea of the character of the League of Nations. "It is good for all of us," he said, "to take our proper share in the reconstruction and regeneration of the world. I always thought the League of Nations a vital necessity in some shape or other if this war is to be productive of good as well as of awful evil. The best thought of the world must combine to prevent the new world from going astray as in the past four years."

The league of nations must represent this influence of the world's thought. The United States of America must take its share in the responsibilities involved. If the extremely desirable league of nations is to be something more than a preventative of fighting more than a preventive of fighting, it must be a league for the preservation of peace and the preventing of war. These are vital interests but not the sole interests civilized mankind must safeguard. The world must be a more complicated place than we often think and will never be an easy place to manage. One of the chief difficulties is the different gradations in civilization, their ideas, traditions and methods. It is folly to suppose that the world could be quietly made to consist of equal states existing on the same standard and plan of civilization as the United States, France and Britain do after centuries of effort. Many new communities imperfectly developed and that must eventually come within the purview of the peace conference or league of nations, must have their wishes safeguarded and although it may seem as mere speculation, yet it is my opinion that to provide for them a workable, concrete, international machinery is one of the highest functions of the conference. The complexity of the problem cannot be exaggerated. President Wilson used a striking and illuminating phrase in saying that should come to make only by democracy but the world will not be made only by democracy must be

multiplying the number of democratic states, which, as a result of the war, are likely to increase enormously. Having regard for the number of them now being created in Eastern Europe, many of them small and all more or less democratic, it must not be assumed that when the map of Europe is re-created there will be no more states where war would be unlikely. No true democratic state is capable of a long designed and cherished criminal scheme such as autocrats proved themselves guilty of. The thinkers and government of Germany deliberately pursued a policy of international crime, using other states as stepping stones to their ultimate aim. It is impossible to conceive of democratic states cherishing designs equal to these in iniquity but passions arise between neighboring democracies which may make them quite as prone to war as other forms of government. Some hostile critics say that the result of the changes that seem likely to occur will be Balkanize Europe but I look forward to the Balkans to be very different to what the past would lead us to expect. It would be intolerable if Europe and the United States would merely call into being these new states and make no provision for seeing Europe not turned into a cockpit and a burden. I believe the league of nations is required to superintend and control not only the criminal intentions of great autocrats but see that rash and ill-considered wars should not be permitted again. The league of nations ought to act as a trustee for the communities who have not yet reached the stage of democracy equal to ours. It is very difficult to form a government. It may be difficult for the new communities to adopt forms of government and manners of administration applicable

to an advanced nation. I regard the work of the conference relating to a league of nations as one of the greatest responsibilities. This is one of the greatest tasks that could be undertaken. There is weakness of human nature and inevitable selfishness to contend against. The result may be imperfect but we must make an effort to deal with the problems thrust upon us. The prominence Wilson has given to the subject is a valuable contribution to civilization."

It was evident from the whole note of Balfour's remarks, that Great Britain invites the earnest co-operation of America in the great constructive work ahead and is asking her fullest intellectual assistance. The Globe, which is unfriendly to the present administration, emphasizes this today, it says:

"Wilson comes here without the desire to exercise the functions of a dictator. Such has never been his intention any more than it has been or could have been the desire of the European Allies. It is important to remember that there is no nation behind him united on all points. The American domestic position is not without influence from the international situation. The president cannot, as we believe he does not, contemplate the advocacy of any hard and fast policy."

BADEN VILLAGES BECOME SWISS
Bern, Dec. 13.—Seven frontier villages of the grand duchy of Baden have passed resolutions expressing their desire to become united to Switzerland. A delegation of the burgomasters of these villages will submit requests to the Swiss government that the desire of their people be granted.

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London, Dec. 13.—Premier Lloyd George, in a statement to House of Commons tonight, on the subject of construction, said:

"On the eve of this important election, which means so much to the country, I want to make it clear beyond all doubt that I stand for the abolition of conscript armies in all lands. Without that, the peace conference will be a failure and a sham. These great military machines are responsible for the agony the world has passed through, and it would be a poor peace conference that allowed them to continue. Any delegate that represents Great Britain at that conference must labor to the end I have stated."

MANY SHIPS ARE ON THE WAY HERE
Besides the Minnedosa Today, the Corsican and Melita Have Left the Other Side for St. John.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—In addition to the Olympic, the arrival of which at Halifax, with 6,307 military details and 157 civilians on board, has been announced for Saturday morning at about 3 o'clock, the militia department has received advices that several other vessels carrying troops are now on the way across the Atlantic. The Minnedosa, carrying 898 troops and 483 civilians, will, it is expected, reach the port of St. John sometime tomorrow.

The Melita, with 1,191 soldiers and 28 civilians on board, will probably arrive at the same port on the 20th of this month, and the Corsican, with 747 troops and no civilians, also about the 21st.

The transport Regina, with 2,070 troops and four civilians, is likely to reach Halifax about the 21st, and the hospital ship Esseculbo, with 600 invalids on board, is due on the 20th.

LIEGE WANTS WILSON.
Paris, Dec. 13.—The town of Liege, where the Germans were halted several days in their first rush into France, has sent a delegation to Paris to invite President Wilson to visit the historic place. President Poincaré, Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Foch will be invited to accompany President Wilson.

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THE POTATO BUBBLE.

The Veniot-Foster-McQueen fishing expedition is drawing to a close. Yesterday should have marked the climax of this whole ridiculous inquiry, for Mr. Veniot succeeded in getting on the witness stand Hon. J. A. Murray, against whom his venom has been particularly directed, and Mr. Murray told with the utmost frankness everything that had happened within his recollection. Mr. Veniot and Mr. Hughes will feel greatly disappointed. It was a clear and open recital of a business transaction in which, unfortunately, certain loss to the Province was sustained, which loss was made good out of party funds. Mr. Murray candidly admitted that there might have been a certain incompetence on the part of persons involved, but a mere lack of business acumen is not a criminal affair. It was so, perhaps Mr. Veniot might not now be spending thousands of dollars on the frost-hardened and snow-covered roads of Gloucester County.

There is very little more to add to this potato business. It is true that it has become involved to a certain extent with the Valley Railway matter, in which the name of Mr. Tennant appeared, inasmuch as certain monies received by Mr. Jones from Mr. Tennant as party funds were used to make good to the Province of New Brunswick the loss sustained—not by graft or dishonesty, but in a business way—in the potato shipping incident. The receipt of that money by Mr. Tennant in a business transaction, and the payment of a portion of it to Mr. Jones for party purposes, together with the whole matter in which the Veniot-Foster combination can find any excuse for criticism.

In this connection it is worthy of mention that the whole structure of our government is founded upon that British law which, century after century, has been directed towards meeting the requirements of the state and of the people. This code has in its expansion been particularly directed to offences against the state, and yet through all the centuries of its development it had never evolved a provision prohibiting a course such as that of which Mr. Tennant is now accused. Despite this it has remained for Mr. Veniot and Mr. Foster to supplement the British code of justice by a provincial enactment purporting to make of this incident a legal offence, and under that enactment, the principle of which is not recognized in law, Mr. Foster proposes to continue proceedings for the recovery of this money.

CLOSING THE CHURCHES.

The Social Service Council of New Brunswick at its session on Thursday gave consideration to a resolution calling upon the Department of Public Health to adopt in future in time of epidemic such measures as will avoid cutting off all opportunity for public worship. This resolution was laid on the table. It was not adopted and it was not withdrawn because, as was explained by one of the speakers, it was necessary that the council should present an unanimous front to the public. Can a mixed body of intelligent men really be unanimous on a subject such as this? The adoption or the defeat of that resolution by even a very slim majority would have had a much better effect than the action which was taken in regard to it. Individual thought would have been expressed, but the action of the council on Thursday looks very much like an admission of instability which will not tend to strengthen its attitude in other points of public importance. The right of the Department of Public Health to close places of worship was not questioned. That is as it should be. The church in common with all other institutions must of necessity abide by the ruling of constituted authority. The only point on which differences of opinion arose was the advisability of the action taken by the New Brunswick Public Health Department. There is all over the Province a diversity of opinion on this subject, due to some extent to the varying conditions in certain localities, but although this is true it is generally recognized that the action taken by the Health Department was judicious, and it is to be hoped that no future criticisms will be heard. It is a waste of time, and the health authorities will not likely be influenced by anything that may be said, for if those in charge of that department continue to perform their true duties, they will in future take such precautionary measures as they themselves may consider best.

COMING EVENTS.

The Associated Press is an enterprising news gathering organization. It is always on the job, and very often it is ahead of time. Newspaper subscribers to this service are frequently in receipt of envelopes containing advance news matter to be released for publication at some later date. For instance, if a notable event is to take place, a week or two previous the Associated Press mails to its customers a comprehensive sketch covering

conditions connected with that event, which sketch may be published immediately the incident occurs. This explanation is merely for the purpose of calling attention to a series of articles which have recently been issued. They bear the following instructions: "To Editors: The following obituary matter on Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is for immediate publication in the event of his death without further notice of release." And this is not the only one we have on hand. Sketches of the lives of many prominent Germans, Austrians and others, whose participation in the recent war has gained for them unenviable notoriety, have come along, and while it is not understood that the issue of these obituary notices is in the nature of a prophecy, still it is just possible that there may be a connection between these preparatory measures and the eventual and not unexpected termination of the careers to which these articles refer.

ABOUT MOVING PICTURES.

Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer for Ontario, who has been making inquiries into the motion picture business, has reached the conclusion that Canadian theatres have no need to use so large a proportion of films made in the United States. As a result of his investigation he has ordered theatre managers throughout Ontario to display pictures of British and Canadian manufacture, and of British and Canadian subjects, as well as American material.

Mr. McGarry is wise in his day and generation. Wish he would come down this way and start something like that for our people are properly stoked of going week after week and year after year to the theatres, seeing practically nothing but the American flag in patriotic pictures that are shown. We are pleased to cheer, and to clap the emblems of other countries, and to get up and show our enthusiasm when Uncle Sam's soldiers, or their moving picture substitutes, march past. Of course we are always glad to do this. We respect the American flag. We appreciate the patriotic country to the south of us, but we are sick and tired of this sort of thing so often repeated, when we have an infinitely superior country of our own, when we have a flag that means something worth while, and when we form part of an Empire such as the world has never known. It is true that once in a long time we have an opportunity of seeing a British official war picture or news weekly, and that semi-occasionally something in connection with Canada is shown. But ninety per cent. of our films are United States products featuring the traditions of that great country, and while it can hardly be expected that film manufacturers will go to the trouble of catering to Canadian trade as a distinct business, yet they might reasonably regard their custom in this country as of sufficient importance to justify at least a share of attention. It is irritating to be fed on imported matter all the time.

NO INVALID SOLDIERS.

St. John does not want invalid soldiers. This is the view of The Standard, and it is the view of every right thinking man in this city who realizes that this port has no accommodation whatever for the comfort of wounded, sick and insane soldiers. It is true that we are many hours nearer Montreal than is Halifax, true also that we have comparatively good railway service to Upper Canada, but these things count for nothing if there is no accommodation for hospital cases on arrival at this port. But it should be our job now to see that proper accommodation is provided. Hon. Mr. Elkin is reported to have interested himself in this matter when it was first proposed to transfer hospital ships from Halifax to Portland. Mr. Elkin and his colleagues among the New Brunswick representatives will interest themselves in having proper passenger accommodation provided at St. John, they will be doing this city a real service. Incidentally The Standard is willing to give long odds that Mr. Elkin himself does not want invalid soldiers brought to St. John. Indeed, Mr. Elkin himself has said so.

The conservation convention at Ottawa yesterday declared that Canada occupies an unenviable position in that its fire waste is the greatest of any country in the world, being about three dollars per head. This should not be taken too seriously, for the population of Canada is very small in proportion to its area and its timber growth is tremendous. It is, therefore, quite easy to see how the Netherlands, with very little timber country remaining, and with a dense population, has a per capita loss of only one dollar per year. This is a record very much worse than our own. At the same time the total fire loss in Canada is admittedly too high.

WHAT THEY SAY

Getting Their Dues. Kansas City Star—The Germans may continue their appeals for jus-

Stewart thought it was that and he a sorry day for Germany.

From a Silver Trough. London Free Press—The price of herring has gone up so far that their own farmers are no longer pearly before their swins.

I Didn't Do It, He Did! The Hartford Courant—One by one the men who were prominently connected with the German Government at the time of the war are stepping from under. Each denies responsibility for the war and attempts to put the blame upon his colleagues. Out of this personal controversy one fact stands out from the rubbish. While each denies personal responsibility, all of them admit that it lies somewhere in Germany. Each German pleads innocence while he accuses other Germans.

The Power of Example. London Daily Chronicle—If the world is to be made safe for democracy, the peoples of Central Europe must be constructed as well as by destruction, become democratic. We can help them in two respects—by mitigating their immediate physical famine, and by the force of our example. The people who have just come out from under the yoke of arbitrary government, will be tempted, as the Russians have been to seek the treasures of liberty "by the light of the torch." They will never find them. It is for "the nations that have learned the discipline of freedom, and that have settled with self-possession to its ordered practice" to show them "a better way." We must "hold the light steady until they find themselves."

The Kaiser's Future. London Daily Mail—Europe will not be "safe for democracy" or anything else until, coupled with the guarantees of the armistice, the ex-Kaiser is held fast as a prisoner in the hands of the Allies. We cannot afford to take any avoidable risk. Peace, come at last, is much too precious for that. The man is accused of the gravest crimes ever laid to the charge of a human being. He must not be allowed to escape from justice. For its own peace and safety the Dutch Government will be well advised to insist on the ex-Kaiser's leaving Holland at once. The new German Republic will hardly endure the menace of the deposed Emperor plotting its destruction from a neighboring and friendly State. He has left his agents in Germany, and his communications with them must be cut.

Hard to Forget. Cleveland Plain Dealer—Great Britain, in short, is not going to forgive and forget. Great Britain is going to remember, because forgetfulness is impossible in the memory of the four years' crimelinger that can be no forgiveness. Great Britain is going to demand the punishment of the guilty. It would be, in the words of the poet, "a harsher justice for man" to let off the criminals because they are highly placed or because their heads are crowned. Great Britain is not to be ruled by mawkish sentimentality, and in this vigorous determination there is a good indication of the true British spirit. It does not persecute, it does not descend to brute force or injustice; but for the present it can have no handshakes with a nation which has deliberately placed itself beyond the pale of civilization.

A BIT OF VERSE

Water Lane. When the world turns over and things come right again, I mean to go a-walking, all along the Water Lane— If I pass the gate and whistle, just like I use to do, Will anybody come to me—and oh! will it be you?

Up Water Lane I'm going now—I pack upon my back, And if I sing or whistle, old Fritz is on my track— But it leads to Dead Man's Corner, and not to Severn Side, And I couldn't stop to talk to you, however much I tried.

It leads to Dead Man's Corner—and when I'm there I know There'll be a sudden call to me, and over I shall go. To pay old Fritz's little bill—and then come home to Severn Side, Maybe you won't be so careful if I wear a bit of blue.

When we've turned the old world over and put things right again, I'll come a-walking slowly—all down the Water Lane—I may not have to whistle, just like I used to do, For some one will be waiting—and surely 'twill be you. —E. F. Strange.

The Fly Cop. (John O'Keefe, in New York World.) I've heard that they have changed the beat. Of Kerrigan's cop? He isn't on some other street; He's going to the top. O, no; he has no captain's seat; But still they've raised his high, For Kerrigan's patrolling in the sky!

They took him from the Broadway; And put him in the air To say "Move on" to any bird That blocks the traffic there, We'll see no speeding, take my word, By anyone's car. When Kerrigan is out among the stars!

He'll keep the finest order in The rushing lines of clouds, You bet, when Kerry lifts his fin He'll raise those floating crowds! Just watch the perfect discipline Beneath his white-gloved away When Kerry's post is on the Milky Way!

When that young scorcher Phoebus says "Scotch upward from the rim, It's Kerrigan outrun the day. To hand a writ to him. For any hoodlum god, I say, Will and his pull is done."

Little Benny's Note Book.

My cousin Artie was around yesterday, and we saw a fly walking across the window pane as if it were in a hurry, and I was eating, because it turned around and waved its back again as if it were it was going sunward, me saying, G. Artie, look at the last fly of the season, I bet its a pritty smart fly, look at all the experience it must of had. I don't look so smart, sed Artie. Well, I bet it could be tawt to do tricks, just the same, all rite, I sed. And I waved both hands rite over the fly like a magician, saying, Inseck, I command you to give an exhibition of flying. Wich instead of going, the fly started to ask as if it was giving a imitation of a fly going in about 5 directions at once, and Artie sed, See, it can't fly, it can't even fly, that's how smart it is, a fly that can't fly, O, G, such a funny. Its suffering from old age, that's wry, you avt to be ashamed making fun of old age, you're libel to get old yourself some day, you never can tell, I sed. And I put my finger rite in front of the way the fly was going, saying, Inseck, I command you to wawk around that. Wich wad did the fly do but wawk rite over it, Artie saying, O yes, its smart all rite, its so smart its a wonder it dont die of brite disease. I don't understand English, that's wry, I bet it somebody told you to do sumthing in fly langwidge I bet you wouldnt do half that good, I sed. Try it and see, sed Artie. Slibber slaber slub, now go ahead and do it, I sed. You prove that fly langwidge first and ill do it, sed Artie, O, wares the fly? Wich jest then we herd sumthing busing, being the fly away up on the ceiling, me saying, There you go, its even smarter than wad I thavt, because it can fly after all, and it made me think it couldnt on purpose. Like fun, sed Artie. Being all he could think of and proving I won the arguement.

When Kerrigan's patrolling near the sun The stars must light their lamps on high When Kerry sees it's late; When Venus is in transit, why He'll see that she goes straight, And not a comet, whizzing by. When Kerrigan's patrolling in the air!

A BIT OF FUN

Fish make excellent brain food and those that get away make monumental liars.

Getting it Straight. Old Maid—Are those men following you? Pretty Girl—One of us, dear.

The Way of It. "Chapple is boasting about saving a life at Atlantic City. "What's true, He saved his own by not going in swimming."

Conscious Rectitude. Officer—Fix bayonet. Rookie—Stand motionless. Officer—Did you hear me? You there. Fix your bayonet. Rookie—Mine is in perfect condition, sir.

A Friendly Call. "I see you live next door to Mrs. De Style." "We do." "Has she ever called on you?" "Once, informally, to tell me that if I didn't keep my dog quiet she'd have me pinched."

Why He Did It. Two men about town were discussing a mutual acquaintance at an at home. "I cannot understand how he can drink so much tea," remarked one. "He not away with 14 saucers full." "What saucers full?" asked his friend. "What do you mean? Doesn't he use a cup?" "No," replied the first man, saucery. "He is afraid the spoon will get in his eye."

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TWO SESSIONS OF THE POTATO ENQUIRY WERE HELD YESTERDAY

Hon. J. A. Murray on His Request Gave Evidence—William Cruikshank and J. H. Crockett Were the Other Witnesses—Adjournment Until Next Thursday for Purpose of Recalling W. B. Tennant.

When the potato enquiry resumed yesterday morning the first witness was Hon. J. A. Murray, minister of agriculture at the time the contribution of potatoes was made to Great Britain and Belgium, who appeared before the Commissioner and asked to be heard. Mr. Hughes tried to make capital out of the fact that he had spoken to Mr. Powell about having Mr. Murray on the stand, but had to admit that he had never sent any request to Mr. Murray to appear. Two other witnesses were examined yesterday, William Cruikshank and J. H. Crockett. At the conclusion of Mr. Crockett's evidence Mr. Hughes asked for an adjournment until next Thursday as he wished to have W. B. Tennant recalled and to call one of the firm of Taylor and White.

Morning Session.

Hon. J. A. Murray said at the time potatoes were bought and shipped to England and Belgium in addition to minister of agriculture, and the details of the purchasing and shipping of the potatoes had been left very largely in the hands of J. H. Daggert, secretary of the department of agriculture.

He had given instructions to Mr. Daggert to distribute the orders through the province and not to over-buy. There had been 40,000 barrels shipped to Great Britain, and about 15,000 barrels to Belgium. When the shipment to Belgium had been completed there remained on hand about 16,500 barrels, and the department had undertaken to dispose of this surplus. From the records of the department he knew some had gone to Cuba, some to Halifax and some had been disposed of in St. John. He had authorized Mr. Clements to sell some of these potatoes and probably had authorized J. G. Manser to sell for the department, although he had no recollection of it.

He knew that Mr. Daggert was purchasing from B. Frank Smith, but did not know of the letter of credit given to him until after he, witness, had made his statement in the house that this had not been done. The first time he heard of it was when Mr. Daggert, who had been ill, called his attention to it. Mr. Murray stated that he would not have given such a letter of credit himself to any person. Witness was not prepared to say the surplus was the result of this letter of credit, but thought it might be attributed to the fact that quite a quantity of potatoes which had been purchased, but which Mr. Daggert was not expecting delivery to be made, had come in.

He had been given to understand by Mr. Daggert and Mr. Colby Smith that the overseas shipments would take care of all but the culls, and he did not know until after these shipments had been made that the surplus was not bona fide sales. To this Mr. Hughes replied that Mr. Daggert said they were bona fide sales. Mr. Murray said this statement might have been made up at his request but not under his direction. He knew the goods had been shipped to Cuba and he also knew that all the payments had not come from there.

Mr. Hughes then asked witness about the payment of \$5,000 to A. C. Smith and Co. on April 20, 1918. Mr. Murray stated that Crabby Smith had called him up and told him that he, Smith, needed money, and would like to get an advance on what the government owed the firm. Witness told him that as he had nothing by which he could check the account it would be impossible for the department to make any payment. He had however seen Mr. Daggert and found out that more than \$5,000 was owing to A. C. Smith & Co., and he had arranged for personally advancing the money on the understanding that it would be repaid when a final settlement of the account was made.

Shortly after that he had sent Mr. Adberton to A. C. Smith & Co. to make up the statement, and instructed Mr. Daggert to arrange for a final settlement, and his understanding of the matter was that when the cheque for \$5,311.16 was issued it was for the full claim and the \$5,000 advanced was to be deducted from this cheque. He knew nothing of subsequent drafts on the department nor the turning over to A. C. Smith & Co. of a draft from Cuba of \$806.91.

The payment of \$1,500 was a personal indebtedness of his to the firm and had nothing to do with the potato account. He had instructed Mr. Dag-

gart to deposit this amount to the credit of A. C. Smith & Co., and get from the bank his note for that amount, but the payment had nothing whatever to do with any government account and should not have gone on the payment of any draft of A. C. Smith & Co.

He understood that A. C. Smith & Co. claimed there still was an amount due them, but the settlement had been left with Mr. Daggert. There had been some irregularities which had come to his notice after the transaction had been completed, and he considered the loss suffered due to business incapacity on the part of several.

Mr. Hughes asked if witness included Mr. Daggert in this number, and he replied that the giving of the letter of credit to B. Frank Smith was hardly good business.

The loss had been called to his attention by the late Premier Clarke, and witness had felt very badly over it. He had discussed the matter several times with Mr. Clarke, and finally the latter had made the suggestion that the shortage be made up from the party funds. Witness thought the suggestion a good one, and said he did not know of any better use for party funds. Later he had been told by Mr. Daggert that a note for the amount of the shortage had been obtained from A. C. Smith & Co., but did not remember being present when the note was signed or having told Mr. Colby Smith that his firm would not have to pay the note, but might have done so.

This note from A. C. Smith & Co. had not been renewed. There had been a renewal signed, but not used. The witness knew the note had been paid, but did not know for some time that the money had come from Mr. Sumner, and only knew of Mr. Tennant's connection with it from street talk. He had never been told that the money was connected with a contribution. He was told the shortage had been made up from party funds, and he had never had anything to do with either the collection or disbursement of such funds.

Questioned by Mr. Hughes in regard to a statement made on the floors of the house that nothing had been kept back so far as the disposition of the money was concerned, witness said that was true. So far as the money received was concerned, if the province got the money he did not see that it mattered whether it all came from the sale of potatoes or not.

Afternoon Session.

On the resumption of the enquiry in the afternoon, Mr. Murray was asked by Mr. Hughes what connection J. S. Eagles had with the matter. Witness said that Mr. Eagles acted for Taylor and White in the transaction.

Mr. Powell then examined the witness and in answer to questions by him Mr. Murray stated that he believed the sum of \$9,831.16 for which the official cheque had been issued was the full amount of the A. C. Smith & Co. claim, and the \$5,000 which he had advanced was to come out of that amount and it did come out of it. The settlement arrived at had been made on the suggestion of Mr. Clarke. Mr. Clarke was one of the cleanest and highest minded men he had ever met, and he did not think would suggest any course which was not right and proper.

The amount of the loss was made up by taking the number of barrels shipped at the price they were sold to the clean buyers, and making up what they would have brought had the consignees accepted them.

Questioned as to whether he would consider it right to take money from the Valley Railway to pay the loss, witness answered no.

The next witness was William Cruikshank, who at the time of the transaction was deputy provincial treasurer. Mr. Cruikshank said so far as he knew there were only two payments made on account of the surplus potatoes to the finance department. One was \$23,861 for the potatoes, and the other was \$602.50 from the C. P. R., the latter item a refund on demurrage.

J. H. Crockett was called, and questioned about the payment of \$10,000 to the Gleaner. Mr. Crockett said he had received from H. W. Woods, party organizer, two sums of \$5,000 each in August and July of 1918. Questioned as to why he should get the money Mr. Crockett smiled and said, well, you know the Gleaner, like all party papers, has to be supported. He did not know who the money came from, but supposed it was from the party organization. He had been notified to meet Mr. Woods and had done so. On each occasion Mr. Woods had handed him an envelope with \$5,000 in it.

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He was not aware that Mr. Jones or Mr. Tennant had anything to do with the paying of the money.

Shown a cheque of A. C. Smith & Co. for \$250, bearing his endorsement, witness declared he did not remember anything about it, although the signature was his all right.

This concluded the witnesses for that day, and Mr. Hughes asked for an adjournment until next Thursday, as he wanted to have W. B. Tennant again on the stand.

Commissioner McQueen then adjourned the hearing until Thursday next, at 10.30 a.m.

Mrs. Louise Tufts has arrived from Boston and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Dean, Wall Street.

DIED.

BARNES.—Entered into rest, Dec. 12, 1918, George Henry Barnes, in the 53rd year of his age. Funeral service at 215 Princess St., on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Interment at Sussex on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, from the home of Mrs. W. W. Stockton.

DUNHAM.—On December 12th, Helen S. Dunham, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Dunham, 29 Kennedy street, leaving her parents to mourn. Funeral Saturday afternoon from her late residence, service at 2 o'clock.

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 Dom. Iron Com—3 @ 62 1/2, 100 @ 62 1/2, 90 @ 62, 30 @ 62 1/2.
 Civic Power—202 @ 86.
 Ottawa Light and Power—25 @ 79.
 1927 War Loan—4,100 @ 95 1/2, 300 @ 95 1/2.
 1927 War Loan—200 @ 96 1/2, 300 @ 96 1/2.
 Oatmeal—40 @ 200.
 Lard Pulp—120 @ 183 1/2.
 Forgings—25 @ 196.
 Wayagamack—50 @ 64 1/2.
 Wayagamack Bonds—5,000 @ 80.
 Lard Power—10 @ 62.
 Asbestos Pfd—25 @ 61.
 Asphalt—24 @ 48.
 Span River Com—115 @ 17.
 Span River Pfd—100 @ 61.
 Brompon—70 @ 60 1/2, 185 @ 61, 50 @ 60 1/2.
 Royal Bank—5 @ 209, 5 @ 210, 4 @ 210 1/2.
 Dom. Canners—10 @ 24.
 Bank Nova Scotia—26 @ 254 1/2.
 Afternoon.

Cedar Bonds—9,700 @ 88, 100 @ 87 1/2.
 Can. Loco—10 @ 64.
 Steamships Com—75 @ 48, 25 @ 48 1/2.
 Steamships Pfd—25 @ 77 1/2.
 Brazilian—50 @ 63 1/2.
 Can. Can. Bonds—300 @ 97.
 Can. Can. Com—305 @ 63.
 Steel Can. Com—335 @ 63.
 Dom. Iron Com—25 @ 62.
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 Can. Car Pfd—50 @ 84 1/2.
 Lard Pulp—120 @ 182 1/2, 182 1/2.
 McDonalds—80 @ 21.
 Wayagamack—100 @ 60 1/2.
 Lard Power—8 @ 60.
 Wayag Bonds—100 @ 39 1/2.
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Am Woolen	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Am Telo	103	103	102 1/2
Am Soda	65 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2
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Balt and Ohio	54	50 1/2	53 1/2
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Beth Steel	64 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2
Brook Rap Tr	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Che and Ohio	57	57	56 1/2
Distillers	49 1/2	49 1/2	49
Cruc Steel	57 1/2	56	57
Erie Com	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
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Mex Petrol	163	162 1/2	162 1/2
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WILSON'S FREEDOM OF THE SEAS PLAN GAINING SYMPATHY IN EUROPE THROUGH SUPPORT OF HIS FRIENDS AT HOME IN THE U. S.

Washington's Despatch to Europe Would Indicate That the President Has Gone Over There Prepared to Force Things—J. I. Garvin Takes a More Reasonable View of the Situation and Points Out Why Britain Cannot Afford to Surrender, Even to the Slightest Degree Her Naval Supremacy.

(By Arthur S. Draper.)

Special cable to The N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

London, Dec. 12.—It is as generally supposed here, President Wilson is coming to Europe to discuss freedom of the seas on its merits, this opinion is certainly held by many of his supporters in the United States. The decision to delay the navy appropriation bill has produced an excellent effect here, but immediately following Washington despatches attribute to Wilson's advisers the intention "if Britain insists to rule the waves, the United States will lay five keels to Britain's Atlantic fleet."

No one wishes to believe that Wilson is coming to the peace conference pointing a pistol at Britain's head, but such statements, made at the present time and under the present circumstances, scarcely add to reasonable discussion. J. I. Garvin, writing in the Observer today, advances a moderate and considered statement of the British attitude, remarking that the two nations are not going to quarrel about the freedom of the seas, but argues that if Germany were sure of a free maritime supply of goods and materials, she could afford to go without a navy since "the mis-called principle of freedom of the seas would serve her instead. If sure of full maritime nourishment she could assault France and Britain with fuller land and air power, while British seapower is stripped." Pointing out that Lincoln repudiated this paralysis of sea power.

Garvin proceeds to state that Britain will have none of it.

"We cannot consent," Garvin declares, "that our colossal sea power in this war shall purchase not security but suicide for us. We cannot consent that an all-Atlantic Germany would rightly regard as a final British defeat. We cannot make to Germany a cool surrender in this way even though that surrender should be conveyed through American hands."

Garvin suggests, "let America go ahead. If she will, with development of her navy, let her claim for herself in emergency those true and only principles of the freedom of the seas which she herself used. In the past, America, like Britain, may need those principles. We may need them together. If the American and British navies combine to keep the peace of the world, nothing whatever can disturb it." Garvin makes a strong appeal to President Wilson that America do not abandon the inter-Allied system of economic supply and transport. He says:

"They will be indispensable in years to come to the best interests of the world and to the stability of any international system which the peace conference may establish. Even now they are a living nucleus and the working instruments of what may be called the existing league of nations. They can make more effective that armaments the keystone of the peace. If they are prematurely, disastrously dissolved, there will be no choice of events in those vast regions where

MARKET DOWN TO ROCK BOTTOM

Lowest Levels of the Week Reached Yesterday—Sharp Break Came Toward the Close of the Day.

New York, Dec. 13—Operations in the stock market today consistently followed the lines of least resistance, average prices and the volume of trading declining almost to lowest levels of the week. Almost 60 per cent of nominal turnover during the early and intermediate stages of the session was represented by half a dozen issues, all the more speculative variety. United States Steel, Studebaker, Marine preferred and Midland Petroleum featured the movement and indicated the market's superficial character.

Price changes until the final hour were rather mixed, with a preponderance of losses, but the entire list broke sharply toward the end, copper retreating especially, and reports of a cut in the metal to 19 cents. The set-back among popular copper shares, extended from 1 to 3 1/2 points. Cash showing great impairment. From that group the reaction spread to other industrials and prominent equipments. U. S. Steel showing a loss of 1 1/2 points. Investment rails, which were inclined to improve after a listless forenoon, reversed their course with shippings, oils, motors and fertilizers, though rallying slightly at the close.

Utilities, notably local traction, in which weakness spread to bonds were under constant pressure, probably as a result of recent unfavorable statement of earnings. Sales amounting to 415,000 shares.

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TIME TABLE

On and after June 1st, 1918, a steamer of this company leaves St. John every Saturday, 7:30 a. m., for Black Harbor, calling at Dipper Harbor and Beaver Harbor.

Leaves Black Harbor Monday, two further high water, for St. Andrews, calling at Lord's Cove, Richardson, L'Etete or Back Bay.

Leaves St. Andrews Monday evening or Tuesday morning, according to the tide, for St. George, Back Bay and Black Harbor.

Leaves Black Harbor Wednesday on the tide for Dipper Harbor, calling at Beaver Harbor.

Leaves Dipper Harbor for St. John 8 a. m. Thursday.

Agent—Thorne and Warehouses Co., Ltd., Phone 2831, Manager Lewis Corns.

This company will not be responsible for any debts contracted after this date without a written order from the company or captain of the steamer.

GRAND MANAN S.S. CO.

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Commencing October 1st and until further notice, steamer will sail as follows:

Leave Grand Manan Mondays, 7:30 a. m., for St. John via Eastport, Campbell and Wilson's Beach.

Returning, leave Turnbull's Wharf, St. John, Wednesday, 7:30 a. m., for Grand Manan via Wilson's Beach, Campbell and Eastport.

Leave Grand Manan Thursdays at 7:30 a. m., for St. Stephen, via Campbell, Eastport, Cumming's Cove and St. Andrews.

Returning, leave St. Stephen Fridays at 7:00 a. m. (tide and ice permitting), for Grand Manan, via St. Andrews, Cumming's Cove, Eastport and Campbell.

Leave Grand Manan Saturdays at 7:30 a. m. for St. Andrews, via Campbell, Eastport and Cumming's Cove, returning same day at 1:00 p. m. for Grand Manan via same ports.

SCOTT D. GUPILL, Manager.

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Passage Tickets By All Ocean Steamship Lines.

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Then there is a wide assortment of Fancy Leather Goods.

Especially popular this year are the Practical Gifts for Housewives, of which you will find an attractive exhibit in our Household Department.

Only a Personal Inspection of our Splendid Holiday Displays can convey to you an adequate idea of their immense possibilities to the gift-seeker. Here, however, we can offer you just a few suggestions.



Read This Partial List, Then Pay Us An Early Visit



Nickeled and Copper Cooking Ware

Nickeled and Copper Coffee Percolators and Coffee Machines, either electrically or alcohol heated; Nickeled Tea and Coffee Pots.

Electric Toasters, Grills, Grill Stoves, Drip Stoves, Chafing Dishes, Immersion Heaters, Heating Bags, Curling Irons, "Majestic" Electric Heaters, Also Chafing Dishes, alcohol heated.

Serving Trays, Crumb Trays, Brass Hot Water Kettles, with and without stands.

Skates



STARR SKATES

"Acme" \$1.00; Hockey (plain), \$1.45; Hockey (nickeled), \$1.65; "Bulldog" (nickeled), \$1.85; "Climax" (plain), \$2.25; "Climax" (nickeled), \$2.75; "Scotia" (nickeled) \$3.75; "Mickmack" Featherweight (nickeled), \$5.00; "Regal" Featherweight (nickeled), \$5.00; "Velox" (nickeled), \$6.50; Tube Hockey, \$6.00; Tube Racer, \$8.00; Ladies' "Regis," \$3.25; Ladies' "Glasier," \$3.75. Double Runner Skates, 65c.

SKATING BOOTS

Boys' and Men's, \$3.65, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.35. Ladies', Black, \$4.35; Tan, \$4.65.

Sporting Department—2nd Floor.

Skates

A Useful Gift for the Housewife

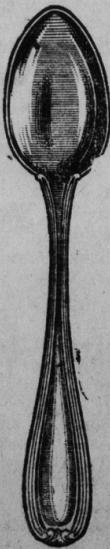


A Bissell Carpet Sweeper will save many an hour of labor, keeping carpets and rugs bright and cleanly.

The Bissell, especially the Cyco Ball Bearing Bissell, is light, runs smoothly, confines all the dust, and will last almost a lifetime.

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Sterling and Plated Tableware



Practical economy in Holiday Gifts finds happiest expressions in Sterling Silver and Plated Tableware, our select showing of which presents a very wide range of extremely artistic effects in

STERLING SILVER

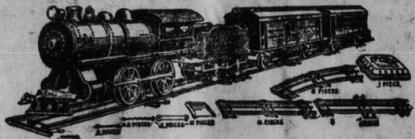
Coffee Services, Tea Services, Fruit Dishes, Creams, Sugars, Toast Racks, Sandwich Plates, Tea Caddies, Bon-Bon Dishes, Candelabra, Children's Mugs, Knives, Forks, Spoons, etc.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE

Coffee Urns, Sandwich Plates, Serving Trays, Sauce Boats, Casserole Dishes, Salad Sets, Tea Services, Hot Water Kettles, Flower Vases, Epergnes, etc.

Silverware Dept.—King Street Store

Toys



In our Toy Department you will find an imposing array of the Latest Playtime Novelties of every description, including Electric Trains at \$5.25, \$7.00, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00, \$16.00.

Clock-work Trains at \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$7.25, \$8.00. Electric Trolley Car at \$6.50.

"Sandy Andy" Sand Toy, either dumping or hoisting car style at 75c.; Cyclone Wind Mill at \$1.10; Panama Pile Drives at \$1.40; Skyscraper Elevator at \$2.00. In these we offer special values.

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Noah's Arks,—Special Values,—60c. and \$1.20.

Live Stock Cars,—Special Values,—60c. and \$1.20.

Toy Farm Houses at \$2.50; Miss Tilly Tinker, Balancing Dancer Toy at 90c.; Toy Tinker Blocks at 60c.; Tinker Toy—Develops structural ingenuity—75c.; Tinker Pins at \$1.25.

Dolls—25c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 and upwards. Sleeping Dolls at \$5.25, \$6.00 and \$7.50.

Baby Dolls at \$2.50, \$4.00, \$6.50; Mamma Dolls ("Squeeze me easy and I'll say Mamma") \$1.00.

Horses on Wheels at \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.00.

Doll Carriages at \$1.00, \$1.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.25.

Wicker Doll Carriages at \$4.75 and \$5.75.

Battleships, Drums, Iron Toys, Rocking Horses, Tree Trimmings, Erector, "the Toy-like Structural steel."

Games of Every Description

Toy Department—Second Floor.

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Universal Vacuum Bottles

Useful not only at the time of giving, but invaluable in every household all the year round. They keep drinks hot for 24 hours—Keep drinks cold 72 hours.

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In Green Enamel Finish, corrugated: Pints each \$3.25; Quarts each \$4.80.

Nickeled, corrugated: Pints each \$3.85; Quarts each \$5.75.

Nickeled, plain: Pints each \$4.25; Quarts each \$6.50.

Refills:—For Pints each \$2.00; For Quarts each \$3.25.

"Sun" Vacuum Bottles

Black Enamel Finish: Pints each \$1.45; Quarts each \$2.35.

Flat, with Leather Carrying Strap, each \$2.40.

Universal Individual Lunch Sets

\$4.00, \$4.25, \$6.00 and \$6.50 each.

Automobile Lunch Sets, Universal: For 4 persons, \$58.00; for 6 persons \$67.00.

Auto Lunch Sets, other makes: for 4 persons \$20.50; for 6 persons \$34.80.

Also Vacuum Bottle Carrying Cases in large variety.

Sporting Dept.—Second Floor.

SLEDS

Sleds are nearly always among the items on Holiday Shopping Lists. In our Sporting Department you'll find the better kinds in both quality and finish.

Sporting Dept.—Second Floor.



SLEDS

Safety Sleds, with Self-Steering Gear, \$1.40, \$1.60, \$1.80, \$2.25, \$2.90.

"Paris" Frame Sleds, \$1.35, \$2.10, \$3.00.

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INSURANCE DISCUSS

Big Gathering in Ottawa, Dec. 13—Meeting of the Insurance Association of Canada, held in Ottawa, was a most important convention, of which the Standard is proud to have been a witness. The meeting was opened by the Hon. J. G. Macdonald, Minister of Finance, who presented a most interesting paper on the subject of the insurance industry in Canada. The meeting was held in the Grand Hotel, Ottawa, and was attended by a large number of prominent business men and public officials.

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MEAT PACKERS A LONGER

To Enjoy Their Profits—Are A Reduction Will Purse.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—The meat packers are seeking to limit their profits. A delegation from the packers met in Ottawa on the 12th to discuss the matter. The packers are seeking to limit their profits by reducing the price of meat. This is a move that is sure to cause a great deal of trouble for the public. The packers are seeking to limit their profits by reducing the price of meat. This is a move that is sure to cause a great deal of trouble for the public.

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INSURANCE MEN AND OTHERS DISCUSS CANADA'S FIRE LOSS

Big Gathering in Ottawa of Business Men Who Were Addressed by Sir Thomas White—Canada's Fire Loss the Greatest of Any Country in the World—Recommendations in the Matter Will be Given Every Consideration.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Methods of preventing Canada's huge annual fire waste were under discussion at an important convention, called by the representative of insurance, which opened in Ottawa today. Sir Thomas White, tendered a welcome on behalf of the government. Delegates were present from the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, Canadian Mutual Insurance Company, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Canadian Creditors' Association, Retail Merchants' Association, United Farmers of Alberta, United Farmers of Ontario, The Ontario Grocers' Association, Canadian Bankers' Association, Dominion Mortgage and Investment Association, Fire Chieftains' Association and the Commission of Conservation, which opened in Ottawa today. Sir Thomas White, in addressing the delegates, emphasized the need for study of means to prevent the Dominion's annual fire waste. Waste and its prevention, he said, were engaging the most advanced thought of the day—in agriculture, business and ecologically. War was one of the greatest wastes mankind has ever known. In respect to fire waste, Canada appeared to have the unenviable position of having the greatest fire loss

LUXURIOUS MYSTIC SHRINE

Grand Ceremonial Session Held Last Night—Degree Conferred on Seven Candidates—History of the Mystic Shrine.

Large Temple of the Mystic Shrine held a ceremonial session in their sumptuous, Mahomet building, Germain street, last night, and Nobles from all over the province were present. The degree was conferred on seven candidates and while the public are unaware of just how these gentlemen were selected, it is safe to say that they will remember their first night with honor. The ceremony was presided over by those on the outside were admitted, refreshments were served, the signs were passed around, a couple of hours of real entertainment were enjoyed by all, and Potentate H. R. McAlain, Recorder Charles Robinson, George B. Day of the executive, and other officers of the temple were kept busy looking after the comfort of their present Noble Walter O. McKay, manager of the Opera House, arrived on the scene with his orchestra and some of the best artists who are now appearing at this theatre, and with music and song the members of the Shrine spent a most enjoyable time.

You are aware that the Order of the Mystic Shrine is one of the oldest in the world and a brief history of its beginning and growth is of interest. From good and authentic records it is believed that the Order of the Mystic Shrine was instituted in Mecca, Arabia, in the year of our Lord, 940. The original intention of the order was to form a band of men of sterling worth who would dispense justice and execute punishment upon criminals who escaped their just desserts through the tardiness of the courts; that they should try, judge and execute within the hour, if need be, upon valid accusation, having taken precautions to secrecy and security. The band, or Nobles, thus formed, as history tells us, did such prompt and efficient work that they excited alarm and even consternation in the hearts of the evil doers in all countries under the Star and Crescent.

The order today is one of the most highly honored among the many secret societies which abound in Oriental countries and gathers around its shrines a select few of the best, educated and cultured citizens. The membership in all countries includes Christians, Israelites and Moslems. One of the most noted patrons of the order was the Khedive of Egypt, whose inclination toward Christians is well known. In the Oriental countries their ostensible object is to increase the faith and fidelity of all true believers in Allah. Records show among the names who have been members those of Frederick the Great; Mirabeau, who was a Duke of Orleans, as well as Lord Bacon, the English statesman, who sat on a wool sack in the British parliament, and a long list of others, whose works are

large and from the mind from the influence of genius and practice. The order was brought to America by William J. Florence, a popular comedian, who was introduced into the city of New York by the deputy sheriff and has since that time been at liberty.

NO EASY JOB. Birmingham, England, Dec. 12.—While expressing his earnest desire to see a league of nations established, J. Amos Chamberlain, member of the war cabinet, in an address here last night warned his hearers of the difficulties of the task set before the world. It could not be achieved in a long time, he declared, and probably would only come as the result of a slow growth of many years.

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Decorative border with 'XMAS 1918' and 'Suggestions for Christmas Gifts'. Text includes: 'Almost limitless is the variety of Holiday Gift articles comprised in our selection showing which was never larger or more complete than at present, offering, as it does, a host of suggestions appropriate for young and old in DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVERWARE, CUT GLASS, ART DEPOSIT WARE. We offer you here a partial list:— For the Wee Ones—Silver and Pearl Rattles, Porringera, Mugs, Feeding Spoons, Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, Dress Pins, (three in set), Bib and Tacty Pins, Neck Chains and Lockets, Brooches, Rings, Brooch and Comb Sets, and many such suitable remembrances. For Girls and Misses—Watch Brooches in large variety, including most of the popular effects. Neck Chains and Pendants, Brooches, Bar Pins, Rings, Manicure and Toilet Sets, Jewel Boxes and a wide range of equally appropriate Holiday Gifts. For the Boys—Some exceptional values in Silver and in Gold Filled Watches (boys' size), for the pocket, also Wrist Watches, Gold Signal Rings, Cuff Links, Scarf Pins, Fob Chains, Vest Chains, and numerous other articles which boys would welcome at Christmas. For the Ladies—Diamond Rings, Gem Set Rings of all kinds; Exclusive effects in Platinum Diamond Set Lavallieres, Pendants, Bar Pins, Brooches, Bracelets, Finer Rings. A full assortment of the choicest selections in Gold Jewelry of every description for ladies. Also Silver Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Jewel Cases, Novelties, Odds-and-Ends. For Fathers and Mothers—Extremely valuable in Watches for the Pocket and Wrist Watches; also in Fob, Vest Chains and Walder-Rings, Cuff Links, Tie Clips, Scarf Pins, Studs, Vest Buttons, Signal Rings, Lockets, Pencil Cases, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Match Boxes and Cigar Cutters. Only a personal inspection will enable you fully to appreciate the possibilities our display offers the Holiday Gift-seeker. We invite all of our fellow-citizens and outsiders to call and in spect our extensive showing of Christmas merchandise. FERGUSON & PAGE Diamond Importers and Jewelers 41 King Street

MEAT PACKERS WANT A LONGER CHANCE

To Enjoy Their War-time Profits—Are Afraid That Reduction Will Hurt Their Purse.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Canadian meat packers are looking to be relieved of the wartime limit placed on their profits. A delegation from the larger firms waited on the government today to this effect. It was represented that the limit placed on Canadian packers' profits was preventing the establishment within Canada of further cold storage enterprises, would tend to drive existing establishments out of the business and restrict their further expansion. The order in council imposing the limit was passed in March and made retrospective to January 1 last. It was to continue in force during the present war and until further orders.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BOXING CLASSES IN THE Y. M. C. A.

Directors in Session in Chicago Decide to Introduce This Feature in Their Work.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—When boxing is to be included in the daily class work of the Y. M. C. A. as the result of a meeting here of eighty-five directors of the organization in the United States and Canada, who concluded their work today. It was decided to begin the exercise in a modified form, consisting principally of shadow boxing, which any of the gymnasium pupils can practice at home. Later on, the directors decided, when the rudiments of the art shall have been acquired, regular boxing classes will be organized.

LOCAL BOWLING.

The Commercial League. The Post Office team took all four points from the pin artists representing Ames Holden in their games last night on Black's Alley, in the Commercial League.

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes: Lewis 76-58 95-124 84-23, Roberts 84-59 75-248 83-23, Brennan 81-111 81-873 81, O'Leary 75-80 82-240 89, Maxwell 89-104 82-222 84.

Ames Holden. Marshall 68-64 78-210 70, Clark 77-78 87-242 80-24, Priddle 72-79 75-238 78-1-3, Owens 72-87 72-228 78-1-3, Murphy 80-78 72-228 76-1.

Senior League. The Senior League on the Y. M. C. A. Alley last night, the Eagles captured all four points from their opponents, the Ravens.

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes: Eagles 76-290 86-2-3, Olive 84-82 87-273 89-1, Power 81-81 83-264 88, Fitzpatrick 75-100 88-206 87, Riley 81-99 83-279 93.

Monday night the Eagles and Hawks will roll.

HEW 2,500 MILES IN THIRTY-SIX HOURS

General Salmond Went from Cairo to Karachi and Will Continue to Delhi.

London, Dec. 12.—Major General Salmond, general officer commanding the Royal Air Force in the Middle East, accompanied by Captain Ross Smith, has arrived at Karachi, on the Bahadurkhan border, and is in conference with the government of India regarding the establishment of a serial route and service to India.

These two aviators have just completed a flight from Cairo to Karachi, a distance of 2,548 miles, in 36 hours actual flying time. Their route from Cairo was by way of Damascus, Bagdad, Bushire, Bandar, Abbas, Suez and Karachi.

The machine utilized for this purpose had previously been flown from England to Egypt and back active part in the final operations against the Turks on the Palestine front. In the latest flight no effort was made against time for record-breaking purposes.

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Washington, Dec. 12.—Upon the recommendation of General Pershing and with the approval of President Wilson, secretary of war Baker today awarded the distinguished service medal to General Peyton C. March.

ARE LOOKING FOR ESCAPED PRISONER

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AROUND THE CITY

SNOW OR RAIN.

MORE FLU CASES.

Seven new cases of Spanish influenza were reported to the board of health authorities yesterday.

PREMISES BROKEN INTO.

Some time Thursday night or early yesterday morning the premises of King & McDonald, South Market Street, were broken into and \$2.65 as well as cigars, cigarettes and other articles stolen.

HIS ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Mr. T. W. Carroll, New York, General Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co., accompanied by Chester McKay, Auditor, are registered at the Royal. Mr. Carroll is on his annual inspection of the offices in the province.

SOLDIERS' RECEPTION FUND.

The amount of \$81 was received yesterday in subscriptions by R. S. Ritchie, treasurer for the reception of returned soldiers. Mr. Ritchie is ready to receive more subscriptions, as good use is made of the money in supplying articles for the men when they reach port.

ENTRANCE TO MONS.

Private H. J. Thomas of the 42nd Battalion writing to his father, Charles H. Thomas, 39 Carlton street, says that he was one of the first to enter the Belgian city of Mons just before the armistice was signed.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Judgment was given in the circuit court this morning in the case of Hampton vs. Smith in an action for alleged negligence. The defendant had offered \$125 in settlement but the plaintiff demanded \$228.35. A verdict was entered for the plaintiff for \$141.35. J. A. Barry appeared for the defendant and Daniel Mullin, K. C., for the plaintiff.

BACK FROM CONFERENCE.

President T. P. Regan of the New Brunswick Automobile Association has returned from Ottawa where he was the only maritime province representative on a delegation which on Monday last waited on the government. The delegates asked the ministers for much needed assistance for the construction of good roads. Strong points were given which will no doubt bear results.

THE HAMPTON CASE.

In speaking of a liquor conviction in Hampton recently, sub-inspector McAlush last evening informed The Standard that in addition to the medicated wine found on the premises there was also found a bottle of whiskey which made the case for the prosecution stronger. He further states that when the wine was analyzed by M. Y. Paddock, it was found to be nineteen per cent. stronger than what the law calls for.

SET APART FOR COASTING.

For the purpose of giving the young people in the city the privilege to enjoy coasting in the winter Commissioner McEellan has set apart the following streets where no street car lines cross.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Charles Cody, charged with being drunk and having liquor in his possession was fined \$208. John Travis charged with breaking in to F. A. Johnston's store and stealing goods valued at \$300, was remanded. Mabel and Albert Boyne charged with conducting a disorderly house on Brussels street, Richmond, from Canard to Bridge street; Victoria West End—Duke, from Lancaster street to Market place; Miller's Hill from Guilford to Charlotte street.

WOMEN RECEIVE SEVERE SENTENCE.

Bertha Joelin and Mrs. Labello, both arrested some time ago by the civic and military authorities, charged with serious offences of the criminal code, were sentenced yesterday. Each in default of \$100, a term of \$500, will spend two years and a half in Dorchester penitentiary. The fines follow the recent case of similar nature in the Fairville court, when another woman was fined \$1500 on account of confinement in Dorchester. The authorities are determined to stop the evil now prevalent in the city, and those who happen to appear on such serious charges as the three mentioned above will be dealt with severely by the courts.

THE MAIN STREET RED CROSS CIRCLE.

The entertainment in the vestry of the Main Street Baptist church last night under the auspices of the Main Street Red Cross Circle was a big success and those who attended listened with the closest attention to the lecture by Mrs. G. A. Kuhnig on her trip to England and France. Solos were rendered by C. A. Munro and Miss Gertrude Hildesell.

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BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL SESSION.

Reports on a Number of Matters Were Received and Discussed—Chairmen of Standing Committees Were Appointed.

At the session of the Council of the Board of Trade, yesterday, chairman of standing committees were appointed for the current year, the matter of naming chairmen of group committees to assist during the period of reconstruction and readjustment being deferred until next meeting. Mr. R. B. Emerson presided.

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REFINERIES ARE BEING OVERHAULED.

The Atlantic Sugar Refineries have about completed their operations until after the Christmas season.

Many of the vats which hold the syrup, etc., combined with the manufacture of sugar, are now being emptied and made ready for renovation, and painting processes, which occur annually about this time.

TRINITY RECEIVES VERY OLD RECORDS.

Marriage Records for Trinity from 1810 to 1814 Provided to Rector from the Public Archives of Canada.

The Rector of Trinity church desires to acknowledge the receipt from the Public Archives of Canada of Marriage Records for Trinity from 1810 to 1814.

LEUT. CARTER ARRIVES HOME.

Lieutenant George E. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carter, Fair Vale, who was mentioned in Tuesday's edition as expected home in the near future, reached his home yesterday from England, where the liner in which he came over docked.

MILITARY NOTES.

General Macdonell, G. O. C., Military District No. 7, accompanied by Major Heron, G. S. O., of this district, returned to the city last evening from Fredericton, where they attended the meeting of the Strathcona Trust.

THEY CHIPPED IN.

Well, we must admit that doesn't sound quite elegant; but it's expressive. We thought of saying "they chipped together"—that also has the same objection—what we really mean is—in a Christmas Gift for Mother.

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After a very busy season we have on hand a big quantity of odd lines of cloth, ranging in lengths from 1 to 5 1/2 yards.

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Among these are remnants suitable for Women's Coats, Dresses, Blouses and Skirts, or shorter lengths for Girls' Coats and Dresses, and many pieces splendid for Boys Suits.

Prices are greatly cut to insure a speedy clearance.

Sale starts this morning in Dress Goods Section.

NO APPROBATION. NO EXCHANGE.

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JAPANESE HAND DRAWN PIECES in MANY SIZES AND PATTERNS.

Doyleys from 60c to 25c.

Square Center Pieces, 50c to \$1.25.

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30 in. Square Place, 60c to \$2.50.

36 in. Square Table Covers, \$1.25 to \$3.00.

48 in. Square Table Covers, Special \$1.25.

18 x 54 Bureau or Sideboard Covers, Two patterns, 50c.

Full Size Table Covers, Special at \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.75.

18 x 27 in. Tray Cloths, From 50c. to \$1.00.

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Larger sizes special at \$1.25 and \$1.50.

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THE NEW TORCHY AND STUBBY STORIES

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A FRAME-UP FOR STUBBY

I expect I shouldn't have been so sleepy, I ain't as a rule my usual way to go to bed, but I'm sure I never in my life before I've been so tired. But the last young lady I met, she'd wished on me must have been on the job with a diploma from some high-class establishment. She got real haughty when I pointed out that we was using only one "I" in Albany now, but nothing I could say would keep her from writing Bridgeport as two words.

And such a careless way she had of making her gum on the corner of my hand and forgettin' to retrieve it. So with four or five more folks to be on a report I was makin' to the Ordnance Department, I puts it up to Mr. Piddie personally to pick the best he can spare.

"Course," says I, "I don't expect to get Old Hickory's star performer, but I thought you might have one of the 'stand lads,' one that didn't learn 'spellin'' by the touch method, at least."

Piddie sighs. Since so many of his key-punchers has gone to 'polishin' shell noses, or milled to do canteen work, he's been having a poor time keepin' up his office force. "Do you know, Torchy," says he, "I haven't one left that I can spare; but suppose you try Miss Casey, who has just joined."

"She wouldn't have been my choice if I'd been doin' the pickin'. One of these 'stand lads' young females, Miss Casey is, about as thick as a drink of water, but strong on hair and eyes. She glides in willowy, drapes herself on a chair, puts her long-grown set-muffs into shape, and unfolds her notebook business-like. And inside of two minutes she's doing the Pitman stuff in gas time, you call for repeats except when I'd shoot a string of figures at her. I was handin' myself the comfortin' thought, too, that I'd drawn a prize.

"We breezes along on the report until near lunch time with never a hitch until I gets to this paragraph where I mentions Camp Mills, and the next thing I know, she has stopped, short and is sniffin' through her nose.

"Eh?" says I, gawping at her. "Have I been feedin' it at you too speedy?"

"No," says she, "but I've been sniffin' Camp Mills and it got to me sudden."

"Oh!" says I, "and Stubby is a brother or something?"

"He—he's—well, there!" says she, holdin' out her left hand and displayin' a turquoise set with chip diamonds.

"Sorry," says I, "but I couldn't tell from the section if you understand. And some wear 'em for second cousins."

And anyway, the name of the camp had to do.

"I had no real business with Miss Casey," she says, "but I wouldn't of either only I had another session with his old lady this mornin' and she sort of got me stirred."

"Mother taking it hard, is she?" I asks.

"You've said sumpin'," admits Miss Casey, "subtleties a locust really eatin' resin' the mare gone to her facial freckles with a few graceful jabs."

"Not but what I ain't strong for Stubby Mears myself. He's a real good feller, even if he never could qualify in a beauty competition with Jack Pickford or Mr. Doug Fairbanks. He's good company and all that, and he's in the army I mean, 'old ditch' that ambition of his to be the champion heavy-weight pool player of the West Side."

"But to hear Mrs. Mears talk you'd think he was one of the prop of the universe, and that when the new draft got Stubby it was a case where Congress ought to stop and draw a long breath. 'Uh-huh!' she says, 'I'm sure, mother. Mrs. Mears is, and it looks like some of it was catchin' for me to get leaky-eyed just at mention of the camp he's in. Oh, lady, lady! Excuse it, please, Sir."

Which I does cheerfully enough. "And just to prove I ain't any slave driver I sort of eggs Miss Casey on, from then until the noon hour, to chat away about this war romance of hers. Seems Mr. Mears could have been in Class B, on account of his widowed mother and all that, and not a plumber's helper when he had time to spare from his pool practicin'. Livin' in the same block, they're been acquainted for quite some time, too."

"No, it hadn't ben anything serious yet. She'd gone with him to the annual ball of Union 28 for two years in succession and to such like important social events. But there'd been other fellows, two or three. And one had a perfectly swell job as manager of a United Glass branch. Stubby had been a great one for stickin' around, though, and when he showed up in his uniform—well, that clinched things."

"It wasn't so much the khaki stuff I tell you," confesses Miss Casey, "gawpint at a man under 'em, she's not untrapped," as it was the 'I-dear-back-of-it. It's in the blood, you might say, for I had an uncle in the Spanish-American and a grandfather in the Civil War. So when Mr. Mears tells me how, when it comes time for him to go over the top, the one he'll be thinkin' most of will be me—oh, she's not in no wrong. You win, Stubby," says I, "Flash the ring."

"That's how it was staged, all in one piece. And later when that Jake Horowitz sportin' his installment Liberty bond button, but backin' his fallen comrades to keep him exempt, I gives him the cold eye. 'Nix on the top, he's a mean, mean feller,' says I, 'for when I held out my ear for that it's got to come from a regular man. Get me?

the company Captain Woodhouse commands. You remember him, Torchy?"

"Oh, yes! Woodie," says I. "I'd most forgotten him."

"I am going to call him up on the long distance right now," says Vee. "And in spite of all my lay-off signals she does it. Gets the Captain to. Yes, Woodie knows the case and he regrets to report that Private Mear's record isn't a good one; three times in the guard house and another week of K. P. coming to him. Under them circumstances he don't quite see how—"

"Oh, come, Captain!" puts in Vee cooing. "Don't be disagreeable. He's engaged, you know. Such a nice girl. And then there is his poor old mother who has seen him on yonco since he was drafted. Please Woodie!"

I expect it was the "Woodie" that worked the trick. You see, this Woodhouse party used to thin he was in

to 'ee cream, all that—and generally they raise a block service flag. It takes some organizin', though."

"How perfectly splendid!" says Vee. "And that is just where you can be used."

So that's how I come to spend that next evenin' trottin' up and down this block in the Sixties between Ninth and Amsterdam. I must say it didn't look

up with a hand in it and they was learnin' away at all kinds of tunes from the "Marsellaises" to "Kik-kadie," while bumpin' and bobbin' about on the asphalt, were hundreds of couples doing jazz steps and gettin' pelted with confetti.

"Why, it's almost like the Mardi Gras!" says Vee.

"Looks festive all right," says I. "And I should say Miss Casey has put over the real thing. I wonder if we can find her in this mob."

Seemed like a hopeless search, but finally, down in the middle of the block, I spots an old lady in a wheel chair, and I has a hunch it might be Miss Mears. Sure enough, it is. Not much to look at, she ain't; sort of humped over, with a shawl 'round her shoulders. But say, when you got a glimpse of this way had on eyes was lifted up, and saw the smile flickerin' around her lips, you knew that nobody in that whole crowd was any happier than she was just at that minute.

"Oh, yes," says she. "Minnie Casey is looking for you two young folks. She's dancing with Edgar now, but they'll be back soon. Haven't seen my son Edgar, have you? Well, you must. He—he's a soldier, you know."

"We should be delighted," says Vee. And then she whispers to me: "Hasn't she a nice face, though?"

We hadn't waited long before I sees a tall, willowy young thing wearin' one of them alppy French tams come bearin' down on us weavin' energetic and lowin' along a red-faced young doughty who looks like he'd been stuffed into his uniform by a sausage machine. It's Minnie and Stubby.

"Hello, folks," she sings out. "Say, I was just wonderin' if you was goin' to real on me. Fine work! An' I was, you to met one of the most prominent privates in the division, Mr. Mears. He's a real good feller, and an overseas salute of yours. Ain't he a bear-cat, though? And how about the show? Ain't it some party?"

"Why, it's simply wonderful," says Vee. "I had no idea, Miss Casey, that you were planning anything like this."

"I didn't," says Minnie. "Only after we got started it kept gettin' bigger and bigger until there wa'n't a soul on the block but what came on in it. Know what one of the decorators told me? He says there ain't a block on the West Side has had anything so grand as this. From Houston street up to the

Harlem. That's goin' some, ain't it? You got here just in time for the big doin's too. It's comin' off right now. See who's standin' up the truck over there? That's one of the snail-footers, who's goin' to make the pace and bless the flag. There it comes, one of that third-story window. Wow! Hear 'em cheer!"

And as the red-bordered banner with the white field is pulled out where the search light strikes it we can make out the figures formed by the stars.

"What!" says I. "Not 217 from this one block?"

"Uh-huh!" says Minnie. "And every one of 'em a Fritzie chaser. 'Most a whole company. But there's been one less if it hadn't been for Stubby, and everybody knows there's luck in odd numbers. That's why we're so cheery about him. Eh, Mrs. Mears?"

Yes, it was some lively affair. After the speech Mrs. Mears, draped in red, white and blue, sang the Star Spangled Banner in spite of strong opposition from one of the bands that got the wrong cue and played "Indiana" all through the piece. And a fat boy rolled out of a second story window in the Princess flats, but caromed off on an awning and wasn't hurt. Also a few young licks started some round stunts, but a squad of Junior Naval League boys soon put a crimp on that. And when we had to leave about nine-thirty, it was as gay a scene as was ever staged on any West Side block, bar none. I remarked something of the sort to Mrs. Mears.

"Yes," says she, her eyes sort of dimmin' up. "And to think that all this should be done for my Edgar!"

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MAKING CHRISTMAS A JOYOUS TIME FOR THE YOUNG FOLK

Like all anniversaries, Christmas recalls old pleasures, sweet memories and vanished friendships. This year these feelings are more intense because the many thoughts we have of loved ones "over there." Great indeed will be the effort to bridge the gap between this holiday season, between these days of anxious hopes and the happy times we used to know. But it behooves to right about face, if only for one short day, and recall vividly to our minds that precious early faith in the birthlessness of life, which was our birthright and which we can never recall however hard we may try. It is our urgent duty to remember that we owe it to our children, this filling their hearts with memories which will cheer them throughout their lives. They feel now as we once felt, they have the same hopes and believe just as earnestly, and their vision of the future is clear and rosy. We must help to keep it so, to that firmly established in their hearts a beautiful conception of a beautiful day. We cannot conceal the fact that Christmas isn't what it used to be in bounty and entertaining, but we can make up for it in keeping the spirit, and in helping the kiddie to keep as long as possible the poetic and ideal side of the Nativity.

Nothing so creates happiness as the sharing of it; it is the peculiar property of all true pleasures to grow as they are distributed. So young minds may early learn the value of this truth, by being shown that the surest road to attaining contentment is to make others happy by their unselfishness and sacrifice.

Some dear children I know are planning a community Christmas. They are saving their extra pennies, and have asked their parents to give them instead of presents, the money they would spend for them. These young patriots are fitting up baskets of food and little toys for the charities in their home town and on Christmas morning they will aid in distributing them. For their own celebration they have arranged a cantata, and in their spare moments they practice earnestly. There will be no caparisoned horses, no flaxen-haired French dollies so far as the children know. But there is plenty sure to be a real surprise for them when the day is over, though are firm about not wanting any toys, or "extravagant" things, as one youngster said to his mother. What a wonderful storehouse of memories those children are building! Their characters they will have grown! Their parents will have to introduce a string of popcorn and a little tarleton bag of two, just to keep their hands from their hands. At any rate they have surrendered self in a beautiful way that sets a worth while example for their elders.

Another group of families has a unique scheme on foot, which not only promises a happy day for the

children, but which will also keep the older members of the family from feeling too keenly the sight of empty chairs. These neighbors will have breakfast and a tree for the children at one home. When the excitement is over, they will all climb into their cars, and spend the whole day, except for a brief rest for a basket lunch, in taking less fortunate children for rides. In the late afternoon a Hooverized menu will be prepared at another home, and the day will end with an old-fashioned evening of charades and music. The participants will no doubt go home with a healthy tired feeling, and a desire for sleep which won't be denied. This programme doesn't allow for any minutes of loneliness or depression.

It looks more and more as if we were to return gradually to our old time celebrations: to Christmases lacking in excessive humbug, but with plenty of health-giving, and more conducive to good fellowship, usefulness and democracy.

SCREEN STARS.
Dorothy Dalton will be seen in the latter part of January, in "Hard Boiled," a story written by John Lynch, and directed by Victor Schertzinger, at the Thomas H. Ince studios. In this picture, she will appear in a number of comedy situations. Miss Dalton appears in a new dramatic vein.

THE MAIDEN WHO TOLD.
The brook that comes dancing through forest and marsh. Where thrushes are tuneful or grackles are harsh. Still babbling of secrets that nobody hears. Though pitcher plants listen with wide-open ears. When young are the beeches as now they are old. That garrulous brook was a Maiden Who Told!

By moss-robed bunchberries, ruddy and ripe. And waxen elf-candles of Indian Pipe. The chip-munk steals down to the water to drink. And so does the partridge, and so does the mink. But none of these dream that the rill of the world. Their crystalline brook, is a Maiden Who Told.

She told, and you needn't be asking me, what? She told, and she shouldn't—the rest is forgot. And they that are seeking may guess for themselves. Who caught her with magic, the witches or elves? For speech may be silver, but silence is gold. The chattering brook is a Maiden Who Told!

—Arthur Guermant in Harper's Magazine.

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And of course the Wiesel Cash Price holds sway. A few of the many attractive offerings are mentioned below.

- FOR MEN: Street Shoes, Storm Shoes, Military Boots, Slippers, Rubbers, Business Shoes, Dress Shoes, Hockey Boots, Romeos, Rubber Boots, Hosiery. FOR WOMEN: Street Boots, Dress Pumps, Dancing Pumps, Rubbers, Gaiters, Dress Boots, Boudoir Slippers, Felt Slippers, Rubber Boots, Hockey Boots, Silk Hosiery.

FOR CHILDREN

- School Boots, Slippers, Leggings, Dress Boots, Rubbers.



WIEZEL'S CASH STORE 243-247 Union Street

The Windsor Chapter of the I. O. O. F.

The Windsor Chapter of the I. O. O. F. held a military and gift table sale on Wednesday morning in the rooms of the Brussels Street Baptist Church.

The many friends of Capt. and Mrs. Ronald McAvity and little Miss McAvity, who are anticipating their arrival in St. John from England, in the very near future with pleasure.

Madame Fudon-Schmidt left on Monday evening for Dorchester, Mass., to spend Christmas with her uncle, Mr. John Fennell, and after New Year's will visit New York.

Mr. Charles H. Peters entertained the players of a special annual curling competition at dinner at the Union Club on Tuesday evening.

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Advertisement for Wiesel's Cash Store, featuring an illustration of a shopping bag and a shoe.

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ROTHESAY

Rothsay, Dec. 12.—Among the signs of the approach of the glad Christmas season are the turkey suppers and the festive events in the schools. Tomorrow, Saturday evening, the College boys have their annual Christmas dinner and leave for home on Wednesday next. At Netherwood, the Christmas dinner takes place on Monday evening and on Tuesday the school closes for the holidays. As usual, members of the local Women's Auxiliary have prepared a Christmas parcel which goes to the Church of England Institute at St. John, from where gifts are sent to small country churches or Sunday Schools to help in the celebration of the season of gifts and goodwill. The collection of pretty and useful articles was a pleasing surprise to all present. This week's meeting of the Reading Club was held on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Davidson. Mr. Haines was the leader and the subject still being studied is Carlyle's History of the French Revolution. Next week's meeting will be on Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Davidson, and Rev. W. R. Hibbard will lead. Members present this week were Rev. W. R. Hibbard, Mrs. Hibbard, Miss Mabel Gilbert, Miss Puddington, Miss Fitcher, Miss Marjorie Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. Scott, Miss Gertrude Davidson, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Carrite, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Haines. Next Wednesday the club meets with Miss Puddington. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Thomson left for Baltimore, there to visit Mr. and Mrs. John A. Calhoun. Their stay will extend into the New Year. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley are in New York this week. On Tuesday afternoon the Red Cross tea hostesses were Misses Muriel and Sophie Robertson. There was a good attendance. Just now the work being done is for Serbian refugee children, who are greatly in need of clothing and an urgent request is made for continued interest of everybody in the work of the local Red Cross.

On Wednesday evening Miss Ina Rathbun, who on Wednesday afternoon next is to be one of the principal pals in a happy event, was very completely and pleasantly surprised by a visit from St. John of about twenty girl friends, who "showed" her with all sorts of beautiful things in their embroidery, cut glass and silver. A pleasant social time was enjoyed before the visitors left to catch the nine o'clock train back to town. The marriage is arranged to take place at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rathbun at 3 o'clock. All good wishes will be extended to her from a large number of friends. The happy man is Mr. Herbert R. Matheson, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R. Miss Gillis, who has spent several weeks here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold Brock, has returned home to St. John. Mr. Leonard F. D. Tilley of St. John, was guest of Captain and Mrs. J. Royden Thomson for dinner and over night on Tuesday. Guests of Miss Fitcher at dinner on Tuesday evening were Miss Mabel Gilbert, Miss Gertrude Davidson, Miss Muriel Robertson, Miss Gannon, Miss Sophie Robertson and Miss Puddington. Everybody is delighted to hear continued good news from the sick room of Mrs. H. W. Schofield, who though still in bed is gaining now every day. Master David too is progressing favorably and is sitting up in bed now. Among those who have done their bit overseas and have come safely home is Sergeant William Kirkpatrick, who served three years in France with the Forestry Battalion. His son, Corporal Wallace Kirkpatrick is now in Germany with the army of occupation, both names are on the Rothsay Honor Roll. Mr. Alexander Fowler is on a business trip to Toronto.

HAMPTON

Hampton, Dec. 12.—An exhibition of canned goods by the Home Extension Clubs in connection with the Hampton Consolidated School was held on Monday afternoon in the Domestic Science Room. The prettily arranged tables laden with extensive variety of canned meats, fruit, vegetables, etc., gave the public an opportunity of seeing the splendid results of the formation of clubs. Miss Flowering the supervisor of the Home Extension Clubs in New Brunswick, was present and expressed herself well pleased with the work done under the instruction of Miss Burns and stated that the exhibit compared favorably with those held in other places. Prizes were awarded as follows: First—Carol Chipman, Belle Mabee, Millie MacPherson, Constance March, Myrtle Beatty, Genevieve Frost, Helen Brewster, Halsey McGowan, Leah Frost, Mildred Brewster, Irma Powers, Lilian Fairweather, Celia Carney, Dorothy Mabee. Second—Leah Frost, Eunice Smith, Celia Carney, Florence Gilliland, Helen McGowan, Mildred Brewster, Mary de Millie, Myrtle Beatty, Genevieve Frost, Bertha Stockford, Constance March, Dorothy Mabee, Belle Mabee and Millie MacPherson. Third—Constance March, Lois Fowler, Genevieve Frost, Mabel Carson, Dorothy Mabee, Myrtle Beatty, Mary de Millie, Nora Hayes, Leanne Manning, Leah Frost, Celia Carney, Irene Howard. Miss Fannie Langstroth was in the city on Thursday to assist at the post-reception of Mrs. Kenneth Campbell. Miss Laura Howard of the Sussex School staff, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. George Howard. Mr. Douce, Trustee representing Jones & Schofield, was a visitor in Hampton on Tuesday. Rev. F. Rowley, Campbellton, paid a visit to Hampton on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and called on many of his former parishioners. Mrs. A. H. Chipman returned on Saturday from St. John where she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wetmore. Mr. Charles Leonard and family, who since last spring have been residing in Prince Edward Island, have returned and are again occupying their residence on the village road. Miss Harriette Flowering was in Hampton on Monday to attend the exhibition held by the Home Extension Clubs of Hampton Consolidated School. The Home Extension Club last week for the city, where they have taken rooms for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetmore are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a daughter in their home. Mrs. Malcolm has returned from a visit with relatives in the city. Major Pincome, St. John, conducted the services in the Baptist church on Sunday. Miss Kathleen March spent the week-end in the city and sang very acceptably at both morning and evening services of German street Baptist church. Miss March will continue her services in this church during the winter months. Miss Ling has returned from an extended trip to Grand Falls. Mrs. Robert Appleby expects to leave this week for Westfield, where she will visit her daughter, Miss Irene Appleby, who is a student nurse in the Noble Hospital in that place. Miss Appleby's many friends will regret to hear that it is necessary for her to undergo an operation in the near future. Mrs. E. A. Schofield was hostess at the Red Cross tea on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral of the late Mrs. Elfram F. Chute was held on Saturday afternoon from the residence of Miss Annie Goodhue, 407 Grand street. Burial was conducted in the cemetery. The death of Mrs. Chute occurred last week at her home in Riverport, N.S. The remains were accompanied to the city by her husband and daughter. Mrs. Chute was before her marriage Miss Ada Mabee, daughter of the late Mr. Drake Mabee, a former resident of this place. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

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FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Andrew Campbell took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, Rodney street, West St. John. The Rev. Dr. Morrison officiated and interment was in the Cedar Hill cemetery. The funeral of William H. Pierce took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Pierce, 111 Main street. The Rev. A. L. Tedford officiated; interment in Fernhill.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers have been recorded: St. John. J. H. Barton to Laura M. Connel, property, Westfield. S. H. Boring and others to Amy F. and J. T. Rowley, property, Fairville. George Stevenson to G. M. Flood, property, Upper Road. Katherine W. Swatbridge to J. E. Thompson, 4000, property St. Martins. Kings. F. L. Barton to G. B. Jones, \$100, 25 ac., Studholm. J. H. Baird to H. B. Hayes, \$1,000, 180 ac., Studholm. H. W. Chapman to F. L. Barton, \$250, 1 ac., Studholm. Hannah B. Dunfield to C. O. Dunfield, 100 ac., Haverlock. E. G. Delroy to G. M. Weldon and others, property, Cardwell. S. H. Griffiths to M. Collette and others, 200, 70 ac., Sussex. John Johnston to Nelson Kilpatrick, property, Upland.

THE PROBATE COURT

H. O. McInerney, Judge of Probate, presiding: In the estate of John Kenney, Sr., deceased, letters testamentary were granted to George Kenney, Jr., and Alex. Crawford, executors. L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., proctor. In the estate of Ralph Cecil Pitt, deceased, letters of administration were granted to her son, John Aborn. Hon. U. B. M. Baxter, K. C., proctor. In the estate of W. Franklin Coleman, deceased, letters of administration were granted to his wife, Mrs. Mary Winifred Coleman, executrix. W. A. Boring, K. C., proctor. A Useful Husband. "Why in the world does he call his wife 'Puss'?" "Well, she says he's easy to see through."

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

On my sister's Christmas mail, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, From "A Song for the Schools of London."

The First Presbyterian church of West St. John. Miss Mary Walker is president of the society. The meeting was an open one for members of the congregation and the scholars of the Sunday school and a large number availed themselves of the invitation.

Miss Jennie Robb was the speaker of the evening, and in a most interesting way with good descriptive powers told of her work in Corea during the past fifteen years. Miss Robb was sent out from St. David's church, and in speaking of this, referred to the sympathetic appreciation of Dr. Morrison, which had been instrumental in her being chosen for this post.

Speaking of the workers there, it was explained that in addition to those sent from the Canadian Presbyterian church of which there are thirty-four, there are also missionaries from the two branches of the Presbyterian church of the United States, North and South, as well as workers from the North and South Methodists of the United States. In addition to these missionaries are sent to Corea from Australia.

An interesting fact mentioned regarding the medical branch of the mission work that 1400 patients were treated at the dispensary in one year, and through the medical missionaries many converts are made.

Miss Robb had for exhibition several pictures, one of a class of High School graduates were fine looking girls who would be a credit to any school in any land.

At the close of the address, which was greatly enjoyed by all present, a collection was taken up for missions.

WE MUST KEEP WATCH AGAINST DISLOYALTY

War Election Act and Women at the Peace Conference Discussed—Are There Such Members Among St. John Societies?—(Cordelia in The Toronto Telegram).

Dr. Margaret Gordon, one of the first members of the Women's Liberal Association, at their meeting, moved a resolution of two women on the peace commission, basing her recommendation on a resolution of like nature formed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and forwarded to President Wilson. Dr. Gordon also moved that the Premier be asked to repeal the Canada War Act, by which only women who have husbands or some overseas may use the vote.

Does not the fact that Dr. Gordon could bring in such a resolution to Canadian women without being strongly denounced prove that Canada is not safe yet without the War Election Act? Are not women whose hearts and minds have been nearest to the struggle the safest to decide Canada's fate now?

During our four years and more of war the Local Council of Women in Toronto has been called upon five times to make important decisions. Each time Dr. Gordon has been the mouthpiece of the pacifist sympathizers who opposed the most vigorous conduct of the war. Before the war Dr. Gordon was a peace and arbitration leader. Just this week Dr. Gordon remained seated when a standing vote was taken at the Local Council that Toronto women were strenuously opposed to any association with enemy women!

It was Dr. Gordon who, when black-robed mothers at the Local Council pleaded that the comrades of their dead sons be given more reinforcements, wailed: "It seems to me that you mothers who have lost your sons would be satisfied until other mothers' sons are killed!"

Dr. Gordon's remarks on this occasion were greeted with hisses! This was such a demonstration appears to have greeted her echo of Mrs. Catt's desire when brought before the Women's Liberal Association. They appointed a special committee to deal with it as they might.

How much longer will Canadian women act as a "yes-yess" chorus to U. S. pacifists? Weakened women and so-called women leaders across the line were the first victims of pro-German and pacifist propaganda. They helped to keep the United States out of the war, and they had had their way the war would have been over while Germany was on top and her victims not yet prepared to stand up for themselves. Why should Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt now become a leader of Canadian women?

Who is the lady Dr. Gordon so blithely champions? Here is what the New York World has to say: "Voicing a violent protest against the appointment of a woman on the Peace Commission, the Women Voters' Anti-Suffrage Party has addressed a letter to President Wilson primarily attacking Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt as a pacifist and calling upon Mr. Wilson to 'safeguard the peace table' from her and her supporters."

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Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specifications and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the office of the District Engineer, at St. John, N.B., and at Post Office, Tynemouth Creek, N.B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made upon printed forms supplied by Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender.

War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or War Bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

Note—Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$10, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order,
 R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary.

SEALED TENDERS

addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Renewal of Repairs to Wharf at Back Bay, N.B." will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, December 31, 1918, for the renewal and repairs to public wharf at Back Bay, Charlotte County, N.B.

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MAIL CONTRACT.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 10th January, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week on the Lower Southampton Rural Route No. 1, commencing at the pleasure of the Postmaster-General.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Lower Southampton, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

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Phase	Time	Water	Water	Water	Water
14th 8:00	4:28	5:04	20:24	1:43	14:24
15th 8:02	4:28	5:02	21:30	2:55	13:29
16th 8:04	4:28	5:54	22:34	4:06	12:37

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December 13th, 1918.
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Liverpool, Dec. 7.—Sld stmr Escalona, (R), St. John.
 Ard 24, stmr Dominion, Montreal.

AMERICAN PORTS.
 Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Ard schr Leonard C. Farrago, Jap Peleopoc, Belfast, towing barge B. T. Co. No. 4, from St. John.
 Delaware Breakwater, Dec. 11.—Passed up stmr Manchester Merchant, Manchester via St. John.

City Island, Dec. 11.—Board east stmr Lady of Gaspe, St. John's, Nfld., and Halifax for New York.

SCHOONER WRECKED.
 Schooner Emma Belliveau, (Br), from St. John's, N.B., for Prince Edward Island, with molasses, was wrecked last Monday in a blinding snowstorm on the Cape Breton coast; three of the crew were drowned attempting to reach the shore in a small boat. Capt. Nichols and two others of the crew were landed safely; the schooner and cargo will be a total loss.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.
 Dec. 8, about 25 mines sighted, lat 39 40 N, lon 69 50 W, six or eight mines in a straight line, the rest in groups, bearing from the east. On Dec. 8, N. lon 69 47 W. All the mines floating, with horns painted black with flat top, except one red one with round top.

GOVIN SAYS IT IS BAD.
 Quebec, Dec. 13—Interviewed here today on the strike of the police and firemen in Montreal, Sir Lomer Govin said the situation in Montreal is indeed serious. He would make no direct statement but said the situation was deplorable. He trusts, however, that it will soon be settled. He said it cannot go on like that, it will have to be settled and the sooner the better.

U. S. WARSHIPS AT POLA.
 Anstorian, Dec. 13.—An American squadron has arrived at Pola, formerly one of the principal Austrian naval bases, and has taken over the command of the port. Jugo-Slav war vessels in the harbor have hoisted the American flag, according to a telegram from Laibach, reporting the arrival of the squadron.

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GERMANY WILL HAVE A BIG BILL TO PAY FOR OCCUPATION

Food and Supplies for the American Army Alone is Costing Nine Million Dollars a Day — Practically Everything Used by That Army is Carried Overseas.

By Wilbur Forrest.
(Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)
Trier, Germany, Dec. 13.—(Via Nancy and London.)—Food and supplies alone for the American army of occupation is costing the German government about nine million dollars daily. It was estimated today. Under the rules of the armistice Germany must pay the expenses of all the Allied forces on her territory until peace is signed. It had been computed that the average value of one pound of food is fifteen cents. Our third army now in Germany is using six million

pounds of supplies every twenty-four hours, including many thousands of pounds of fresh and canned beef, other foodstuffs and clothing for the men, forage for the animals and an average of fifty thousand gallons of gasoline for the motor transport. The high value of supplies, aside from inflated prices due to the war, is caused by our lines of communications now covering a distance of 3600 miles from the Atlantic seaboard to the Rhine. Practically every pound of supplies is produced in America and carried across the Atlantic on American ships and thence, from the

French Atlantic base of Bordeaux, Brest and St. Nazaire, on American-made railroad trains clear across France through Alsace-Lorraine, across a corner of Belgium, then through Luxembourg and well into Germany. A score of trains is moving constantly back and forth, discharging at various points in Germany enough goods to fill the needs of a city the size of Buffalo and a constantly moving city at that. Carrying supplies from railheads are three thousand motor trucks, taking them directly to the troops wherever they halt during their cross-country march. The crossing of the old No Man's Lands has been accompanied with the greatest difficulty to the American supply lines. The Tribune correspondent was informed today that a solid double track line now reaches from Verdun to Cambrai and from Nancy to Metz—two bottle necks through which the army occupying Germany will be fed and supplied until Germany is evacuated. These rail bottle necks are many miles long. In addition to being torn by four years' shelling, they were systematically and completely destroyed by the Germans just before the armistice became effective. November 11. New single-track roads were completed by our engineers before the armistice. The No Man's Land and, on Wednesday, a double-track system on both sides was linked up. A good example of the efficiency system at present operated by the American engineers was shown on Wednesday night, when at seven o'clock it was discovered that due to a misconception of orders not a quarter of the necessary reserve gasoline existed in Germany for the 3000 motor trucks and hundreds of army automobiles needed for Thursday's work. Without gasoline the army would stand still and rapidly starve, for an army of occupation is dependent greatly on motor transportation. Army headquarters at once commanded every spark of electricity and set it in motion to fix the wayward shipment of John D.'s favorite fuel. Lieut. Col. James H. Perkins, formerly of the National City Bank of New York, discovered by telegraph a supply of gasoline on a sidetrack somewhere in Lorraine. Thursday morning 120,000 gallons were on tap in Germany.

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HOW SHALL WE TREAT OUR ENEMIES?

By William F. Ellis.

The International Sunday School Lesson for December 15 is "Joseph Forgives His Brothers." Gen. 45:1-25.

It was a long way from a cavern in Dothan in the primeval mountains of Egypt, just as it has been a long way from Ligeia to Versailles; but the end of the road was sure in both cases. Truth always reaches her goal, though her pathway may be long and tedious. That must be so; for if there is not justice rampant in the universe, then there is no God. The faith that kept Joseph going was the same faith that sustained his allies in the end, a basic belief in God and in his care for righteous men. Joseph's story is no more romantic a vindication of the ways of Jehovah than many incidents in this world war.

All the world rang with the atrocities committed upon the Armenians by the German-ruled Turkey, just within four years, for the million Armenians who perished, there were two and a half million Turks who suffered a like fate. Three years ago the Kurds revolved in blood-drenched properly, the lot of Syria and Armenia. Now the Kurds are dying in distinction far exceeding that of their victims. "Sure is the wheel, God's retribution is as certain as the sun. Germany vaunted her civilization, her 'entirely superior to the Christianity of other nations'; but, in after a collapse and humiliation unmatched in history, she shows the cravenness and ignominy of her soul by whining and whimpering and yelping like a whipped dog. It seems as if Eternal Justice, having a fine sense of what is fit, repeats in kind; the proud-become-shameful; the arrogant, now; the violent, abject.

Nothing invented ever matches real life. This is the outstanding message from the story of Joseph's dealings with his brothers which the Sunday school are studying this week. Fiction and real life have no rival for the true tale of this Hebrew lad, sold into slavery by his cruel and un-natural brothers, who, through vicissitudes beyond imagination, walked in his integrity to the highest post within the gift of Pharaoh, as the ruler of Egypt and as 'almighty of all his world.

Eyes should be opened to the wonders of the living present by this parable from the real life of a long-distant past. Every day holds great stories before our vision; behold what God is doing in our own time in our

very present! If we had but the eyes to see, we could read in the life about us more beautiful love stories than the books portray; nobler deeds of charity than have come down from the Middle Ages; spectacular successes like chapters from fairy lore; and divine providences resembling the records of Holy Writ. Blind spirits openly are plucking the painted life of the great cities, and mixing the romances of their own neighborhood.

Great Comes To The Top.

Next to Pharaoh, Joseph is supreme in Egypt, in this lesson. After all the best have a way of rising highest. A rascal may become an alderman, but he is not likely to be sent to his nation's legislative halls. The high-spirited may get on, but the idealist is usually his superior officer.

More and more, as the world grows better, the righteous have a way of coming to the top. The young generation should not be allowed to lose sight of the fact that in this present war the great words of righteousness and religion have been spoken by President Wilson, King George, Marshal Foch, Lloyd George, General Pershing, Admiral Beatty, and the other first figures in the struggle.

This Joseph-lesson is written large in our time. Evil does bend the knee, ultimately, to good, though it may seem a long while about it, as in the case of the Central Powers and of Joseph's brethren. The sons of Jacob, who had foully dealt with their brethren very many years in learning that his dreams had come true; and that their wickedness was being punished. Over and over again, as we recall the collapse of German arms, the shameful fate of the German fleet, the complete disintegration of proud Austria, the utter fall of murderous Turkey, and the fate of Russia's autocrats and traitors, we need to drive home to our hearts the truth, that God's mills may grind slowly, but that they never cease to grind. Every page of the daily paper nowadays seems to cry aloud the homely, old-fashioned message that wrong does not pay; and that "righteousness exalteth a nation" and a man.

Short cuts to goals usually run across concealed ditches. Later on, with the lawful and orderly processes of God, spells disaster for the interloper. Crooks commonly get their "come-appears." The Bolshevik trick which the jealous brothers played upon Joseph was no more clearly nullified by time than the godless programme of those who have

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wrought red ruin in Russia. Justice does not come by way of injustice; and an era of brotherhood cannot be introduced by fratricidal strife. The brothers suffered from young Joseph's inconsiderateness, it is true; but they, in the same of Germany, while there is evidence ad nauseam that she is sorry for herself, there are few signs that she is sorry for her crimes against civilization. Also there are criminals to be punished, for if murderers could wipe all states clean, then jails would be empty and justice would no longer dwell upon earth.

When a Man Acts Big.

When the sons of Jacob were forced by famine to go to Egypt for food, their brother recognized them as Joseph had his chance to smother or to be great. They were in his power, he could "act boss" in a capital sense, if that were his disposition. He had all the opportunity imaginable to smother and smother he smothered those who had injured him. This hour, tested both the brother on the throne and the brothers suppliant and helpless before him.

Of course, Joseph showed himself big. Most men do in an emergency. There is unsuspected capacity in the average person. The war has revealed how fit the average man is for great deeds when opportunity calls. All the wonderful reorganization of nations and international co-operation, that we have witnessed within the past four years, is due to the calibre and capacity of individual patriots who rose to the occasion. There is breadth and bigness abroad in the world.

The mighty are magnanimous. So after making sure of their repentance—for even God Himself does not forgive the impenitent—Joseph forgave his brethren. By various acts and conditions he made sure of their reformation, for their smallness had been overruled by God's greatness. So he wiped out the old score, and gave them a new chance.

After all, they were his brethren, the sons of his father. The revelation and reconciliation was a touching scene, that moves the reader today. We love Joseph best as we see him step down from his throne of state to weep on the necks of his sequestered brethren.

The New Relationship.

All of this story is of ancient interest today, because we do, have the problem of how to deal with our enemies who come seeking peace, if not forgiveness. There is no more difficult question before the Christian world today than that of how the Central Powers should be treated by their conquerors. The case is not on all fours with that of Joseph and his brethren, but the same large considerations apply. First, Joseph, even while proving his brethren, fed them. We shall not let the Central Powers starve. We feed even the condemned murderers in our jails. Then sincerity and contrition have to be established; and in the case of Germany, while there is evidence ad nauseam that she is sorry for herself, there are few signs that she is sorry for her crimes against civilization. Also there are criminals to be punished, for if murderers could wipe all states clean, then jails would be empty and justice would no longer dwell upon earth.

When the many-minded, who would be great even by Germany's "propaganda," need to be reminded that although Joseph forgave his smothered brethren, when they brought forth fruits meet for repentance, yet even so the old relationships were never re-established. It could not be. Only God can blot out sin from the book of His remembrance. The brothers of Joseph had created a new status for themselves; in which there was no petty squabbling, and no recriminations. Nevertheless, a gulf which wrong had created existed between Joseph and the top other sons of his father.

Joseph showed forth his religion. He displayed magnanimity. To his estranged companions he pointed out the providence of God. It was his aim to instill the principles of religion in them, and to lead them to recognize the sovereignty and mercy of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Lord had overruled evil for good. As ever, the plans of the wicked had been confounded.

There we leave the subject. God had been in the midst of the family affairs of Jacob. Most of his good gifts, as ever, had to be in spite of, and not because. As we take the long, long look, we from our distant point of vantage, perceive that the Eternal and Omnipotent One was working out a high and holy purpose for His Chosen People. Joseph had been sent, by a way that he knew not, to a throne in Egypt in order to save his family in Canaan. The plots of his bitter brethren had been utilized to fulfill the divine design; just as the fell ambitions of Kaisers and Junkers have become the means, at fearful cost, of freeing Israel, of bringing safety to the Land of Promise, of delivering the Armenians, Syrians, Greeks and the dozens of little peoples of the Balkans and the Caucasus; of creating a world sense of responsibility for all mankind's welfare; of insuring safety to all the earth; and of bringing to a new era wherein the spirit of Christ will be dominant. Joseph's words gather up the whole lesson: "It was not you—but God."

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