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WEATHER—FAIR

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GERMANY MUST SURRENDER ALSACE-LORRAINE; PEACE TERMS TO START FROM STATUS QUO BEFORE WAR; HEAVY FIGHTING IN ROUMANIA

LONDON SPECTATOR ANNOUNCES TERMS

Schleswig-Holstein to Go to Denmark as Well as Alsace-Lorraine to France--New Kingdom for Slavs of Austria--Turkey Must Give Up Constantinople.

UNDER PROPOSED TERMS ARMENIA, ETERNAL VICTIM OF OTTOMAN EMPIRE, TO GO UNDER RUSSIA TUTELAGE IN SYMPATHY WITH COMPATRIOTS OF RUSSIAN TRANS-Caucasia — GERMAN COLONIES TO REMAIN IN HANDS OF ENTENTE.

London, Dec. 29.—The Spectator devotes the greater part of its issue to answering President Wilson's question as to what are the peace terms of the Entente Allies. Briefly summarized the principal demands, as outlined by the Spectator, follow:

"The peace terms are to start from the status quo before the war, thus including the evacuation of the whole of Northern France, Belgium and Luxemburg, and of all lands taken from Serbia, Roumania, Russia and Montenegro.

Restore Alsace-Lorraine.

"Alsace-Lorraine is to be restored to France. The Danish portion of Schleswig-Holstein is to go to Denmark and Posen. Polish Prussia and Austrian Poland are to be added to the new kingdom of Poland, which the Czar has pledged to create.

"The Slavs of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia, etc., are to be created into a new kingdom.

"The Roumanian section of Transylvania is to be added to Roumania.

"Bohemia is to be an independent state.

"The whole Austrian Tyrol, plus Trieste, Istria and the other portions of Austria which are Italian in blood or feeling, to be added to Italy.

Yield Constantinople.

"Turkey to yield Constantinople and the Straits to Russia.

"The Armenians to be put under Russian tutelage.

"The Arabs to be freed, while Syria, Asia Minor and Mesopotamia are to be under external protection, guaranteeing tranquility.

"The German colonies to remain in the hands of the Entente.

"Moreover, a money indemnity for the ruin Germany has done in Belgium, France, Serbia, Montenegro, etc.

Must Make Reparation.

"Regarding shipping, Germany to make reparation in kind for all ships of commerce destroyed, ton for ton, neutral shipping to be replaced only after all the demands of the Allies have been satisfied.

"The German navy to be handed over and distributed among the Entente nations.

"As a guarantee against future war the Allies are to insist upon the democratization of the German government.

"The Kiel Canal to be neutralized under an international non-German commission, including the Entente countries, the United States and other neutrals."

REPLY OF ENTENTE POWERS WILL BE MADE AT PARIS

Reply Long Document, in Fact Much More Lengthy than German Note—Unusual Optimism Shown in London as Result of Final Form Reply has Taken, Which Believe will Satisfy Washington.

London, Dec. 29.—As a result of the conferences which have been in progress for several days, the Entente Allies' reply to the German note is now completed. It could go forward today or tomorrow except for the necessity for the necessary formality of transmitting it to all the Allies before final delivery. This means that delivery will be made early in or in the middle of next week, perhaps on Wednesday.

M. Ribot and M. Thomas, the French ministers of finance and munitions respectively, are still here in consultation with the British government.

Danish Message.

A Reuter despatch from Copenhagen says that the Danish Social Democrats have cabled President Wilson expressing their sympathy with his action in addressing the belligerent powers. The message also expresses the sincere wish that the president's efforts to end the war and establish a lasting peace may succeed.

The Scandinavian governments have sent a joint note to the belligerents supporting the peace note of President Wilson.

Delivery at Paris.

The delivery of the note of the Entente Allies will be made at Paris, after which, the communication will be forwarded to Germany, through

American channels.

The reply is a very long document, much more lengthy than the German note. This point has been one of the matters of discussion during the conferences, the objection being made that it is too long, and should be short and sharp. But there were so many points for elucidation and such a complete difference of conception of the objects and purposes for which the two sides went to war that it was found desirable to extend the note to considerable length. The presence here of Alexandre Ribot, the French finance minister, permitted the French ministry to be represented during the conferences.

Unusual optimism is shown here as a result of the final form which the reply has taken, which is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington. The reply to the American note will follow within a few days after the delivery of the reply to Germany.

NEW YEAR'S COLD WILL BE FOLLOWED BY WARM WAVE.

The extreme cold weather which extends in nearly all parts of Canada will probably be followed by a warm wave next week. The temperature in St. John this morning was at the zero point.

The coldest place in Canada, according to the weather bureau, was Medicine Hat, where the temperature was 32 below; Moose Jaw, 27 below, and Winnipeg, 12 below.

A mild spell was reported at Calgary, where the mercury went as high as 40 above.

The cold was so severe on the North Shore yesterday that the steamer Northumberland which left Shediac last night for Summerside, was ordered by the Canadian Government Railways management at Moncton not to resume her trips until spring.

THE CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Casualty list: Infantry.

Died of wounds: Lance Corporal D. W. Robison, Edward Street, N. B.

Wounded: Lieut. Victor G. Morris, Summerside, P. E. I.

Died: A. L. Price, Ludlow N. B.

Missing: Edward Styran, Fredericton, N. B. Wounded: James McCluskey, St. John, N. B.

BATTLE OF THE SOMME SWEEPING TRIUMPH FOR ARMS OF THE ALLIES

General Haig Terms Famous Battle Notable Triumph for British Soldiers in Alliance with Their Brave Conferees of "La Belle France"—Declares Ability to Overthrow Germany.

London, Dec. 29.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for allied arms in a detailed report by General Haig, which was issued tonight, and which covers operations from July 16 to November 18. General Haig terms the battle a triumph, in which the German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather, which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advances. He declares that nevertheless it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes." The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the Allies can win the war on the western front.

Future Prospects.

"I desire to add a few words as to future prospects," he said at the close of the despatch, which covers sixteen closely printed pages. "The enemy's power has not yet been broken, nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the objects for which the Allies are fighting have been attained, but the Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to gain those objects. The German army is the mainstay of the Central Powers, and a full half of that army, despite all advantages of the defensive, and supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year.

"Neither victors nor vanquished will forget this, and, although bad weather has given the army a respite, there are undoubtedly many thousands in his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist our assaults or overcome our defense.

"Our new armies entered battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified.

The opening of the despatch outlines the origin of the Allies' decision to begin the Somme operations. "The principle of an offensive campaign during the summer of 1916 had already been decided on by all the Allies," says the report. "Various possible alternatives on the western front had been studied and discussed by General Joffre and myself, and we were in complete agreement as to the front to be attacked by the combined French and British armies. Preparation for the offensive had made considerable progress, but the date was dependent on many doubtful factors.

Postponed Attack.

"Subject to the necessity of commencing operations before the summer was too far advanced, and with due regard to the general situation, I desired to postpone my attack as long as possible. The British armies were growing in numbers, and the

supply of munitions was steadily increasing, but a large proportion of the officers and men were still far from being fully trained, and the longer the attack was deferred the more efficient they would become.

"On the other hand, the Germans were continuing to press their attacks at Verdun and both there and on the Italian front, where the Austrian offensive was gaining, it was evident that the strain might become too great unless timely action was taken. Accordingly I agreed that the attack should be launched whenever the general situation required it, with as great a force as might then be available.

Italian Pressure.

"By the end of May the pressure on the Italian front had assumed such serious proportions that the Russian campaign was opened early in June, and the successes gained against the Austrians at once caused a movement of German troops from the western to the eastern front. This, however, did not lessen the pressure on Verdun, and therefore it was agreed that the combined French and British offensive would not be postponed beyond the end of June.

"The object of that offensive was three-fold—to relieve pressure on Verdun; to assist our Allies in the other theatres of war, by stopping any further transfer of German troops to us."

After dealing at length with the various stages of the operations, General Haig sums up the result as follows:

"Three main objects with which we commenced the offensive in July had already been achieved, in spite of the fact that heavy rains prevented full advantage of the favorable situation created by our advance at a time when we had good ground for hoping to achieve yet more important successes. Verdun had been relieved, the main German forces had been held on the western front, and the enemy's strength had been considerably worn down. Anyone of these three results is in itself sufficient to justify the Somme battle. The attainment of all three affords ample compensation for the splendid efforts of the troops and for the sacrifices made. They have brought us a long step forward toward the final victory of the allied cause."

Verdun Struggle.

"The desperate struggle for the possession of Verdun had invested that place with a moral and political importance out of all proportion to its military value.

"It is fall would undoubtedly have been proclaimed a great victory for our enemies, and would have shaken the faith of many in our ultimate success. The failure of the enemy to capture it, despite great efforts and heavy losses, was a severe blow to his prestige. Information obtained, both during the progress of the Somme battle and since (Continued on page 2)

STIFF RESISTANCE TO TEUTONIC ARMIES

Field Marshal Von Mackensen Pressing in from Three Sides With All His Hosts, Meets Strong Opposition from Valiant Defenders in Roumania

ATTEMPT BY VON MACKENSEN TO CUT OFF RETREAT OF RUSSO-ROUMANIAN TROOPS OPERATING ALONG SOUTHERN MOLDAVIAN FRONTIER MEET REVERSE AT HANDS OF CROWN PRINCE—BRITISH RAID TRENCHES.

Pressing in upon southern Moldavia from three sides, apparently with all their vigor, the forces of the Central Powers are making progress against stiff resistance. On the Transylvanian-Moldavian frontier, in the region north of Rimnik-Sarat, and in the Dobruja opposite Braila, Berlin reports the Austro-German and Bulgarian troops are advancing.

A new thrust seemingly has been started by the Austro-Germans along the Moldavian frontier, thus adding to difficulties of the Russians and Roumanians, already hard pressed from the south and east. Several lines of positions and 1,400 prisoners were taken by the invaders in the first day of their offensive into Moldavia from the west, which may have for its purpose the cutting off of the retreat of the Russo-Roumanian troops now operating along the southern Moldavian border. Along the River Kasino, and west of Govsha, Petrograd says, Roumanian troops were driven back nearly a mile.

Desperate Battle.

A desperate battle also is reported as taking place near Sasmer, near Ocna and within the Moldavian boundary. North of Rimnik-Sarat, all attacks were repulsed, according to Petrograd.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen has reached Dumitresti, about twelve miles west of Rimnik-Sarat, and north-east of that town troops under his command have captured several villages. The number of prisoners taken by this army totals 1,400, in addition to cannon and machine guns.

The Roumanian province of Dobruja is now almost cleared of defenders, as Berlin says Ratchelu, northeast of the Matchin bridgehead across the Danube from Braila, has been conquered. Ratchelu is on the Danube.

Crown Prince Wins.

West of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, the forces of the German crown prince have repulsed attacks by French troops against the new German positions on Le Mort Homme, where second and third line trenches were entered by the Germans and 220 prisoners and seven machine guns taken. Paris admits a slight success for the Germans in this sector, saying that one trench south of Le Mort Homme was entered by the attackers. Other efforts to advance between the Meuse and Avocourt and in front of both Le Mort Homme and Hill 304 were repulsed by the French.

Except for some engagements between patrols around Brody, in Galicia, no activity is reported from the eastern, Macedonian and Austro-Italian fronts. British and French troops have carried out successful raids on the west front at various points.

British Statement.

London, Dec. 30.—The British official communication issued shortly after midnight says:

"A party of our troops successfully raided the enemy's lines east of Le Sart Thursday evening. His trenches were found to have been greatly damaged by our artillery fire. A raid was attempted Friday evening on our positions east of Armentieres, but was repulsed.

"After a comparatively quiet night the artillery activity was resumed with vigor today (Friday) by both sides, reaching a pitch of some intensity along our front south of the Aube and in the neighborhood of Berles. In spite of adverse weather, some successful work was done yesterday (Thursday) by our airplanes in conjunction with our artillery. One of our machines has not returned."

French Destructive Fire.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The war office communication issued tonight says: "Between the Aisne and the Oise our artillery carried out a destructive fire on German organizations in the region of Quenneviers. Our patrols penetrated enemy trenches which had been badly shattered. They had been evacuated by the Germans.

"On the left bank of the Meuse the enemy violently bombarded, in the course of the afternoon, our positions between the Meuse and Avocourt. We stopped several attacks that were attempted by means of grenades at various points on this front. Every-

where else there was intermittent cannonading.

"Aviation: Among the German airplanes that we destroyed on the 27th instant, and reported in this morning's communication, one was brought down by Adjutant Lufbery and another by Lieut. De La Tour. Thus far Adjutant Lufbery has brought down six German airplanes, and Lieut. De La Tour eight.

"During the day of the 27th, and on the following night our bombing airplanes dropped projectiles on the aviation field at Grisolles, on the station at Nesle and on various military factories, among the latter those at Neukirchen."

Adjutant Lufbery is an American, having been born in New Haven, Conn.

Russian Statement.

Petrograd, Dec. 29, via London—(British admiralty per Wireless Press)—Violent fighting took place between Russian troops and forces of the Central Powers yesterday in Central Roumania. In the region of Amara, according to the Russian official statement issued today, a Teuton force, 3,500 men strong, launched an attack on the Russian lines. The battle continued until evening, when the engagement slackened. In the sector of Rimnik-Sarat and Boldu all the attacks of the invaders were repulsed by the Russians. The text of the statement reads:

"Roumanian front: The enemy attacked the Roumanians on the front north and south of the River Kasino, near the Roumanian frontier and west of Govsha, and pressed them back one verst to the eastward.

Roumanians Make Stand.

"In the region of Kioshdeni and Koetomira, thirty and fifteen versts respectively north of Rimnik-Sarat, battles are proceeding, and all attacks have been beaten back by the Roumanians.

"Roumanian and our own detachments, which have occupied positions on the left bank of the River Rimnik, gallantly repulsed, with counter-attacks, all enemy attacks.

"All attacks on the sector from the railway near Rimnik-Sarat to Boldu, southeast of Rimnik-Sarat, were repulsed. The enemy was overthrown by our energetic counter-attacks.

"In the course of the day the enemy, about two divisions strong, conducted attacks in the direction of Amara station, ten versts to the south of Boldu. Towards evening the battle slackened.

"Near Filiteesti station an enemy attack was repelled by us. Elsewhere there were artillery attacks.

"Dobruja: Along the whole front the enemy conducted attacks against our patrol squads."

DR. JAMES LOUDON DIED YESTERDAY.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Dr. James Loudon, former president of Toronto University, died at his home today after a short illness, aged seventy-three. He was born in Toronto and was connected with the university for over forty years, as student, (gold medalist), professor of mathematics and president from 1892 to 1906.

SCANDINAVIANS FAVOR PEACE

Washington, Dec. 29.—The three Scandinavian nations, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, through identic notes, the Norwegian copy of which was handed to the state department today by Minister Bryn, have expressed their lively interest in President Wilson's proposals "looking toward the establishment of a durable peace," and their "deepest sympathy" with all efforts to shorten the war.

Unlike the Swiss government, which offered to help in any way, "no matter how modest," the Scandinavian countries make no direct offer of co-operation. This fact attracted particular interest because Norway particularly has been one of the greatest sufferers from the war among the neutrals.

Norwegian Note.

The state department made public the Norwegian note without comment, and in line with the policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing no other official information concerning peace moves was forthcoming during the day.

The Norwegian note, with which those from Denmark and Sweden are identical, follows:

"It is with the most lively interest that the Norwegian government has learned of the proposals which the president of the United States has just made with the purpose of facilitating measures looking toward the establishment of a durable peace, while at the same time seeking to avoid any interference which could cause pain to legitimate feelings.

"The Norwegian government would consider itself falling in its duties towards its own people and towards all humanity if it did not express its deepest sympathy with all efforts which could contribute to put an end to the over-increasing suffering and the moral and material losses. It has every hope that the initiative of President Wilson will arrive at a result worthy of the high purpose which inspired it."

PREMIER'S VISIT HERE HAS BEEN POSTPONED

A telegram to the effect that Premier Borden would be unable to come to St. John in the interest of national service during the first week of the new year was received by Major L. P. D. Tilly, director of national service, yesterday. Since the announcement that parliament would convene on January 15th, Premier Borden has found it necessary to postpone indefinitely his trip to the Maritime Provinces. It is thought, however, that arrangements might be made to have Mr. Borden, director-general of national service, visit St. John and address a public meeting on the subject of national service.

It was the intention of the government to distribute among the postmasters throughout the Maritime Provinces a national service card for distribution among the male population between the ages of sixteen and sixty, the first week of the new year. Since this work is of such magnitude, and as there are millions of cards and envelopes to be addressed, it has been found necessary to postpone the delivery of the cards for a few days. Notwithstanding the fact that the plants printing the matter have been working night and day the cards will not be issued until the latter part of next week. In the meantime Major Tilly is making preparations for distributing the cards.

WEARING ENEMY

"The third great object of the Allied operations on the Somme was the wearing down of the enemy's powers of resistance. Any statement as to the extent to which this has been attained must depend, in some degree, on estimates. There is nevertheless sufficient evidence to place beyond doubt that the enemy's losses in men and material were very considerably higher than those of the Allies, while morale on our side is still greater. During the period under review a steady deterioration took place in the morale of large numbers of the enemy's troops. Many of them, it is true, fought with the greatest determination, even in the latest encounters, but the resistance of even larger numbers became latterly decidedly more feeble. In the early stages of the battle, aided by the great strength of his defenses, and by frequent reliefs, which his resources of men enabled him to effect, discipline and training held the machine together sufficiently to enable the enemy to rally and reorganize his troops after each fresh defeat. But toward the end of the operations, when the weather unfortunately broke, there is no doubt that his power of resistance very seriously diminished."

Weather Great Handicap.

In the course of his detailed study of the operations Gen. Haig frequently touches upon the handicap of the weather. In mid-October came the Allies' great chance to really break through the German lines.

"We had, at last," writes Gen. Haig, "reached the stage at which a successful attack might reasonably be expected to yield much greater results than anything we had as yet attained. The resistance of the troops opposed to us had seriously weakened, in the course of recent operations, and there is no reason to suppose that the effort required was not within our powers." Unfortunately at this juncture very unfavorable weather set in and continued with scarcely a break during the remainder of October and the early part of November. Poor visibility seriously interfered with the work of artillery, and constant rain turned the mass of hastily dug trenches into channels of mud. The country roads, broken by countless shell craters, rapidly became impassable, making the supply of food stores and ammunition a serious problem.

EXTRAVAGANCE AS IT HAS BEEN PRACTISED AT LONDON HOTELS

(By a Londoner.)

The question of hotel extravagance has two sides. A man may spend a great deal at dinner without consuming more food than is his right. Restaurant and hotel extravagance is largely a matter of cocktails, wine, liquors, cigars and coffee. So long as these luxuries are there to tempt people extravagance will continue. There are restaurants in London where the cost for the meal does not pay for the food, but the cost for other things has no such limitation. One of the smartest restaurant charges 2s. 6d. for a very elegant lunch, but the wine list includes no cheap wines, and any sort of liquor costs at least a shilling, while there are extras such as a slice of melon to begin with or a dozen oysters. A considerable number of the lunchers pay ten shillings a head. On the other hand, almost all at a fashionable restaurant eat more food than is good for them. The object of the cook is to keep the appetite unclotted to the end of the meal. The waste is partly in employing people to produce small quantities of expensive food instead of doing other work of more national value, as well as in the consumption of more food than people require. In the Mid-Victorian days the common luncheon of nearly every city man, however successful, was a chop or steak, potatoes, and cheese. Today a great many city men come west and lunch in the big hotels either in the grill-room, where everything lies in wait to mount up on a la carte bill, or in the restaurant, where the lunch varies from 2s. 6d. to 5s. The easiest way to simplify the hotel menu would be to make the lunch the dinner, and to devise a luncheon of these courses. It is a common complaint that one cannot get at night the same size of meal as is available through the day. Hours of dinner, which are mainly of "saccharated material," might be done away with altogether, and the dinner given the course of meat and fowl, but not both. A very great saving in food and service could be effected if the a la

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The suspension of active operations has fully established the effect of our offensive in keeping the enemy's main forces tied to the western front. In November the strength of the enemy in the western theatre was greater than in July, notwithstanding the abandonment of the offensive at Verdun. It is therefore justifiable to conclude that the Somme offensive not only relieved Verdun but held large forces which otherwise have been employed against our allies in the east.

Wearing Enemy.

"The third great object of the Allied operations on the Somme was the wearing down of the enemy's powers of resistance. Any statement as to the extent to which this has been attained must depend, in some degree, on estimates. There is nevertheless sufficient evidence to place beyond doubt that the enemy's losses in men and material were very considerably higher than those of the Allies, while morale on our side is still greater. During the period under review a steady deterioration took place in the morale of large numbers of the enemy's troops. Many of them, it is true, fought with the greatest determination, even in the latest encounters, but the resistance of even larger numbers became latterly decidedly more feeble. In the early stages of the battle, aided by the great strength of his defenses, and by frequent reliefs, which his resources of men enabled him to effect, discipline and training held the machine together sufficiently to enable the enemy to rally and reorganize his troops after each fresh defeat. But toward the end of the operations, when the weather unfortunately broke, there is no doubt that his power of resistance very seriously diminished."

The Army's Co-operators.

"The army owes thanks to the chemists, physiologists and physicists of the highest rank, who devoted their energies to enable us to surpass the enemy in the use of means of warfare which took the civilized world by surprise. Our own experience of the numerous experiments and trials necessary before gas and flame could be used, of the great preparations which had to be made to see that the use of the gas was satisfactory to the soldier, and of the special training required for the employment of such methods by the Germans was not the result of desperation, but had been prepared deliberately in self-defense, to use similar methods, it is satisfactory to be able to record, on the evidence of prisoners, documents captured and our own observations, that the enemy had suffered heavy casualties from our gas attacks, while the means of protection adopted by us proved thoroughly effective."

LOCAL BOWLING

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Whips captured the four points from the Amateurs. The scores follow:

Amateurs.	
Emery	85 77 84 276 92
Armstrong	79 77 84 243 81
Alley	75 85 76 236 78 2-3
Lenon	77 83 83 243 81
Smith	92 71 87 250 83 1-3
418 400 420 1248	
Whips.	
Walsh	109 111 87 307 102 1-3
Kerr	86 77 76 239 79 2-3
Thurston	102 82 105 289 96 1-3
Williams	86 87 84 267 89
McCaw	81 107 92 290 96 2-3
484 464 466 1392	

The next match will be rolled on Tuesday night when the Specials and Ramblers will battle against each other.

THE BANKERS' CHOICE

Remington typewriters can be had to add and subtract as well as write. A Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr., 37 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Monthly—D. McDonald, \$4; Dr. G. G. Melvin, \$5; I. deAngeli, \$1; Geo. M. Ross, \$1; T. G. Garratt, \$1; G. C. M. Parren, \$1; D. McArthur (2 mos.), \$4; A. Gilmore, \$5; J. R. Haycock, \$4; D. Magee & Sons, \$10; C. A. Conlon, \$1; R. M. Steele, \$2; W. Allan, \$1; H. J. Huestis, \$1; J. Wright, \$5; H. E. Wardroper (3 mos.), \$30; E. R. Fenwick (7 mos.), \$35; W. S. Allison (2 mos.), \$30.

Single—F. E. Sayre, \$1,000.00; City Cornet Band, part proceeds World's Fair, per James Connolly, \$2,702.94.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Victoria.
R. A. Fraser, Halifax; C. W. Milton, J. C. Sanseter, Moncton; J. H. Richards, Fredericton; Wm. S. Carr, Niagara Falls; C. A. McLaren, Moncton; John Hickey, Boston; S. H. White, Sussex; C. Nason, McAdam; H. A. Blackador, Weymouth, N. S.; A. G. Berry, Sussex; W. J. R. Carlen, Fredericton; Dr. P. L. Linley, Gowan; Sash, Reg. Linley, Annapolis; H. C. Berry, Moncton; P. D. Swin, Frankton, N. B.; J. B. McLaren, M. S. Fost, W. C. Archibald, Moncton;

carte system was done away with. People who eat mostly in restaurants were one another against the la carte meal, saying that it always works out disadvantageously in the end. A man who wishes to do a friend, or customer moderately well will usually mount up a bill for the two at a fashionable grill-room something like this—Cocktails, 2s., 1½ dozen oysters, 5s. 3d., soup 1s. 6d., entree 4s. 6d., sweet or savory 2s., clear, 6s., liqueurs 2s. 6d., cigars, 2s. 6d., tip 5s., 6d., chamberlain tip 6d., total 28s. 6d. It will be seen that less than half is spent on food, but the result does not compare very well with the half-crown table d'hote lunch. Then dinner at the expensive la carte places, where people do themselves well, means or has meant champagne usually at 17s. a bottle, and the same two men, if they had dined instead of lunched, would probably have spent over £2 10s. The amount of competitive luncheon and dining where the one man wants to go a shade further in a return dinner is enormous. The only way that would bring economy into hotels' menus would be to have a standard meal which must not cost more than 7s. 6d. That would oblige all the more expensive foods and the high price for oysters. The biggest change in hotel life in recent years has been the coming of the hotel tea. It became very fashionable and one by one the hotels began to cater for it and develop it apart from the hotel business. A very small proportion of the people who are taking tea at the fashionable hotels are residents there. When the mode began it had the advantage to most men of permitting them to smoke without going to a smoking room. The smart tea-shops soon gave the same privilege, but could not offer the same space and expensive vistas and corridors. The price for tea in the big hotels is half-a-crown—one hotel goes as far as three shillings. For that sum you have the privilege of sitting in an immense lounge or hall, and in some cases even getting a view over the river or Hyde Park. You see a good many well-dressed people, chiefly women, and smart, different clothes corset, wool, and there is also a band. The meal consists of toasted bread, bread and butter, tiny sandwiches of many kinds, and French pastry. It is not economical for the visitor, but if it counts as a meal it may be an economy in the consumption of food is considerable. Freshly food to the value of sevenpence is on an average consumed by each tea-goer. Other hotels less fashionable but excellent used to have a round charge of a shilling, but three-pence has since been added. Besides the food and the luxurious place and the band, there will be dancing down the centre passage, usually by a Spanish or South American lady and her partner. Sometimes there are child-dancers. The hotel tea at present is very popular.

As to supper, M. Ritz is said to be mainly responsible for teaching smart London how to sup. Before M. Ritz came it is said to have gone to bed supperless, or with sandwiches legonously at home. Since then it struggles to eat five-shillingsworth of food, smoke a cigarette, and drink a cup of coffee within half an hour. The war, however, has affected the supper more than any other meal. It would almost seem as though people took food because they wanted to drink. Supper-time is now no longer a brilliant and crowded time in hotels, and several of them find it hardly worth while continuing the meal. Possibly dark streets and the shortage of conveyances have had a good deal to do with it.

H. W. Woods, Welsford; Geo. O. Stratton, A. F. Horton, Moncton; O. L. Smith and wife, L. C. Wetmore, T. R. Bishop, Sussex; Miss C. Spurr, Annapolis; Herman Peacock, Port Elgin; J. C. Gillespie, Truro; D. W. Mersereau, Fredericton; J. J. Noble, Woodville; J. F. Fleming, Woodstock; W. J. McCarthy, Montreal; D. T. Lister, McAdam; Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Miss Taylor, Havelock, N. B.; D. A. Taylor, Lethbridge, Alta; J. F. Bourque and wife, Halifax; J. S. Nickerson, Moncton; J. E. McAuley, Lower Millstream; Jas. W. Day, Halifax; J. S. Underhill, Montreal.

PERSONALS

Hugh J. Flemming, son of the Hon. J. K. Flemming of Woodstock, is in the city, a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. Flemming has enlisted with No. 5 Field Ambulance in this city.

Not Seriously Hurt.

Harold Hodgins of West St. John, who was injured on one of the steam-

ers on the West Side yesterday morning, was resting comfortably at the General Public Hospital last night. An X-ray examination failed to disclose any broken bones and he will probably be around in a few days.

Mr. G. M. Crawford, manager of the Fox Film Corporation Exchange in St. John, left last evening for Boston and New York, where he will visit the head office of the William Fox Corporation.

STOCK MARKET TAKES THREE DAYS HOLIDAY

New York, Dec. 29.—With a holiday in prospect the last day of the year in the stock market was characterized by excessive dullness and price changes of importance. Dealers were altogether professional, and resented, to a greater degree than ordinarily, the winding up of speculative accounts.

Public interest was evidently ebb, even the bond division felt little or no inquiry.

For the most part trading was restricted to the usual favorites, marked pressure against the rail and their subsidiaries, as well as speculative, conspicuous in the closing of the last few weeks. Ut notably the gas shares, tobacco of the papers and leather, and shares of no specific description irregularly lower, while most shares of no specific description irregularly lower, with moderate strength in rails. The only noteworthy charter division was the Y. & N. E. Co., the new preferred "A" hardening on the declaration of a dividend of one per cent. Equipments and munitions somewhat rising, Bethlehem irregularly higher, with moderate strength in rails. The United States Steel broke nearly at the outset, but more than held its loss, closing at a net one and one-quarter points.

Oils were consistently strong, considerable activity in Texas penny at an extreme gain of 15 Coppers and shipping ruled strong, the recent rise in the Gulf and West Indies finding explanation in the October statement showing an increase in net tonnage of 60 per cent. over the corresponding period last year.

Central Leather, Baldwin Five, Pressed Steel Car and a few of the name class were better, the entire list being at the close. Sales amounted 600 shares.

Sterling exchange and market quotations were nominal.

United States bonds were firm in main, and Anglo-French covering almost a point from day's low record.

Total sales, par value, approximately \$3,270,000.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Patrick Mills.

The death occurred on the night of 28th December, at her home, Catherine Mills, widow of Mr. Mills, at the great age of one hundred and six months. She was born in Ireland and came to St. John in the year 1844. Through long residence in the city she had the respect of a large number of friends who will greatly miss her services. Mrs. Mills was the daughter of Hugh Doherty, Mrs. W. J. Miss Trainor; also three Joseph of Boston, Henry of Philadelphia and Patrick of Fairville, memorial will take place tomorrow noon.

Mrs. H. H. MacFarlane.

Yesterday morning Mrs. H. H. MacFarlane passed away at her Victoria address after a short illness. She was fifty-eight years of age, leaves her husband, one son and two daughters, Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. Charles H. MacFarlane. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church. Her funeral will take place tomorrow noon.

Mrs. Daniel A. Gallagher.

In Boston, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, Mrs. Daniel A. Gallagher passed away after a brief illness. Her husband, one son and one daughter. Mrs. Gallagher was very kindly and cheerful and will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. Many friends in St. John and vicinity.

Adam Akerley.

The death occurred on the night of Adam Akerley at his home, Big Cove, Queens Co., where he always lived and was an extremely respected citizen. He was in his 90th year and of usual health up to the time of his death, being sick only a couple of weeks. He was a life member of the Cove Baptist church and was a member of the United Methodist Church. His funeral will take place tomorrow noon.

DIED.

SHIVES—At Euston, near England, on September 27th, 1916, Capt. Robert Kilgour Shives, youngest son of the late four Shives and Mrs. Campbellton, N. B. Interment to take place at arrival of S. S. Ionia.

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7. In what country was your mother born?
8. Were you born a British subject?
9. If not, are you naturalized?
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12. Of your legs?
13. Of your eyes?
14. Of your hearing?
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Has it ever occurred to you that one of the easiest ways imaginable of making a dollar is by saving one? This process causes no effort and involves no risk. The opportunity and your ability to grasp it are the only requisites.

We will not waste words here showing how necessary it is for every family to receive a daily paper. That fact is recognized everywhere.

A glance through the columns of this paper must convince you that in the St. John Standard you have a newspaper admirably suited to every member of the family. See the General News, War News, Provincial Happenings, Finance, Shipping, Sports, Local and Provincial Society, Women's Page, Motion Picture Page, Cartoon Service, Uncle Dick's Children's Page with an active membership of over 5,000 New Brunswick school children, and other features all combining to make The Standard a first class newspaper for the home.

For a few days yet we will continue our Special Holiday Offer to new subscribers by which we agree to send The Daily Standard by mail to any address outside St. John City, as a trial subscription from now until Dec. 31st, 1917, for the sum of TWO DOLLARS, which is one-third less than the regular rate.

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The St. John Standard

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CANADA'S POSTMASTER GENERAL IS DEAD OF PNEUMONIA

Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain, L.L.D., Member of Eminent Quebec Family, Passed Away at Ottawa.— Had Premonition of His Death.— Relative to Wed New Brunswick Senator.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, postmaster-general, died this morning in Ottawa, after a brief illness from pneumonia.

Hon. Mr. Casgrain had been ill for several days, having contracted the disease following a chill on his way home ten days ago. His condition, however, was not considered alarming and his physicians say he passed a good night.

At seven o'clock this morning, however, he took a turn for the worse and sank rapidly.

Health Had Been Good. The postmaster-general had been in good health, but recently took a trip to New York, contracting a slight cold on his way back.

Madame Casgrain was at the bedside when the end came. The postmaster-general evidently had a premonition of his death when on the way to Quebec to attend the national service meeting addressed by the Prime Minister.



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Quebec and later with great success at Montreal. He deceased sat in the House of Commons from 1896-1904, and was attorney-general of Quebec from 1891-4. He was prominently identified with the Anti-Alcoholic League in Montreal.

While attorney-general he introduced many important reforms and carried legislation for the prevention of corrupt practices at elections. At the trial of Louis Riel, for high treason, at Regina in 1885, Hon. Mr. Casgrain was junior counsel for the crown.

BOYS AT INDUSTRIAL HOME ENTERTAINED

Members of Saint Luke's Church Give Entertainment and Treat to Boys at Industrial Home.— Mr. Letner and Trick Pony Nellie Play Santa Claus.

The boys at the Industrial Home spent a very pleasant evening last night when the rector and curate of St. Luke's church, accompanied by the choir and a number of the members of the church paid a visit to the institution and entertained the boys with a splendid musical and literary programme after which Santa Claus paid a visit and each boy was the recipient of a present from his hands.

The officers and boys of the institution are deeply grateful to the members of St. Luke's who so kindly gave the evening for their benefit.

Funerals. The funeral of Thomas P. Tracey took place yesterday morning from his late residence, 370 Brussels street, to the Cathedral, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. H. L. Coughlan.

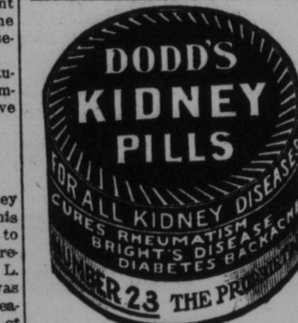
Of Noted Family. Hon. Mr. Casgrain was a relative of Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain of Montreal, and of P. B. Casgrain of Quebec. The daughter of P. B. Casgrain, Miss Mathilde, is to be married to Hon. Senator Pascal Poirier of Shediac at Ottawa on January 9.

High character and long experience in public affairs made him a notable figure in the political life of the country. He had a charming personality, a warm and generous nature and a most engaging manner, which especially endeared him to all his personal friends.

JACQUET RIVER MAN PERISHES IN STORM

Special to The Standard.—There passed away on Friday night, December 22, under particularly sad circumstances, one of Jacques River's best known citizens in the person of Michael Shannon in his fifth year.

Letter from Allan Gundry, St. John, Dec. 29, 1916. To Whom Interested: Re complaint made previously re management of Canadian Patriotic Fund for city.



TUBES FOR STEAM BOILERS

Makers are without stocks and those in dealers hands are very few, but we are still able to fill orders quickly from our stocks in New Glasgow.

WANTED Men and Women to Attend Short Courses in Agriculture

Free Courses in Agriculture will be given at different points in New Brunswick during the months of February and March 1917, as follows:

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, SUSSEX, February 5th to 9th, inclusive. CHEESE AND BUTTER MAKERS' COURSE, February 12th to 24th, inclusive.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, WOODSTOCK, March 12th to 16th, inclusive. CHATHAM, March 19th to 23rd, inclusive.

The aim will be to make each course as practical as possible and also meet local conditions.

As the courses will be short those who purpose attending are urged to make a strong effort to enter at the beginning and remain throughout the course.

The only expenses you will incur are for board and your railway fare at reduced rate.

As each course will be adapted to meet the conditions of the section of the province in which it is held, separate programmes, for the different courses are being prepared.

Ladies are cordially invited to attend lectures and take any portion of a course in which they are interested.

TRANSPORTATION ADVERTISING.

7th Announcement BARBADOS. Everybody who goes to the West Indies likes Barbados. They like the temperature, it is tropically warm, but tempered by the trade wind.

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NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS CANADIAN PACIFIC. SINGLE FARE—Going December 30, 31 and January 1st.

ELDER-DEMPSTER LINE SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE FROM ST. JOHN, N. B. Steamer loading for Capetown, East London, Durban, Delagoa Bay, Algoa Bay.

TRAVELLING? Passage Tickets By All Ocean Steamship Lines. WM. THOMSON & CO. Limited.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. Notice is hereby given that the light on North West Ledge, Brier Island, gas and whistling buoy is reported not burning.

GRAND MANAN S. S. CO. After Oct. 1st and until further notice S. S. Grand Manan leaves Grand Manan, Mondays 7.30 a.m., for St. John, returning leaves St. John Wednesdays 7.30 a.m., both ways via Campobello, Eastport and Wilson's Beach.

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The Renaissance of Music. Just as Mr. Edison put music into millions of homes with his invention of the first phonograph so now the beautiful world of music is re-born with the coming of The NEW EDISON —The Instrument That Re-Creates Music. It astounds. It amazes. You can have no conception of its wonders, until you hear it re-create song, instrument and speech in direct comparison with the original.

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NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES
THE PLAYERS

Here are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

MARGUERITE'S WEEKLY CHAT.

NEW YEARS.

There will be more than one person glad to venture to say, when the holidays of Christmas and New Years move away from Sunday. It may be that it gives two holidays, coming together and so a chance for many to take trips home, but for those in boarding houses and even in homes, the days which followed the holidays seemed to be shorter. After all the labor and the chance to earn a honest living is something to be very thankful for, though each individual may not realize that privilege at the end of a hard day.

I have, as I said recently, the feeling that we should look upon Christmas as a joyful festival regardless of our own personal feelings, but for New Years Day I have no sentiment and in fact it usually finds me thankful when it is over. In olden times when it as well as Christmas was made a day when family gatherings and afternoon was happily filled with the visits of friends, many of whom took the occasion to pay calls of courtesy in exchange for hospitality received during the year, things were very different. Sometimes it was the one day in the year which busy men took to call upon their old friends, and the custom was a kindly one. Almost everywhere one can remember certain gentlemen of the old school in our city whose punctilious sense of what was due to a hostess always caused them to saffly forth dressed in their finest style to make New Year's calls. No day at clubs for them! There are still hostesses, but there are no callers or very few. Have we lost or gained in the dying out of this pleasant custom? Are friendships quite as strong and is there as much politeness and gratitude for kindness received?

How the daughters of the house would hurry, after an early lunch to put on their best attire, the drawing-room fire was lit, the cake and wine or tea and coffee was all ready, early in the afternoon coaches would drive up, a pleasant hurried call would be made, and off would go the gentlemen who that evening could boast of the hundred calls they had made.

This is ancient history now, and gone nearly into the limbo of things forgotten, but New Years day brings up memories of those little courtesies and pleasant attentions which we are fast losing sight of in the whirl and haste of the present age.

Could we not remind sons, brothers and husbands of those old days and perhaps do something to bring back the spirit of the times even if not in the same manner. We might make it one of our New Years resolves to try to remember the acts of kindness, of thoughtfulness and of conforming to the highest standard of those manners which

"Are not idle
But the fruit of noble natures and of noble minds."

MARGUERITE.

An Interesting Title

Lady Roths, whose husband has been wounded, was the beautiful Miss Noel Edwards (no doubt born on Christmas Day), only child and heiress of Mr. Thomas Dyer-Edwards of Prinknash in Gloucestershire. She has a handsome, thoughtful face, and much grace of manner and bearing. Of late she has done good work, but her chief interests seem centered in her two bright boys, the Master of

Leslie and the seven year old John Leslie. Lady Roths was one of the fortunate few saved out of the Titanic, and her fond father presented a lifeboat named after her as a thank-offering for her marvellous escape. Lord Roths succeeded in 1893, but did not obtain possession of the family estates until the death in 1904 of Mr. George Waldegrave Leslie, to whom they were left by his wife, Henrietta Lady Roths. This title descends in

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One-Fare Excursions. Return Tuesday.

SATURDAY'S POEM

The Kingdom of God

"In No Strange Land"

O world invisible, we view thee,
O world invisible, we touch thee,
O world unknowable, we know thee,
Inapprehensible, we clutch thee!

Does the fish soar to find the ocean,
The eagle plunge to find the air—
That we ask of the stars in motion
If they have rumor of these there?

Not there the wheeling systems darken,
And our benumbed conceiving
sours!
The drift of pinions, would we
Beats at our own clay-shuttered
doors.
The angels keep their ancient places;
Turn but a stone and start a wino!
Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces,
That miss the many-splendored
thing.

—Francis Thompson.

the female line, and there have been no fewer than five Countesses of Roths in their own right during the last two centuries.—Ladies' Field.

A Helpful Mistake

"What do you suppose has come over my husband this morning, Sophia," exclaimed a conscientious little bride to the new servant. "I never saw him start downtown so happy. He's whistling like a bird!"

"I'm afraid I'm to blame, mum. I got the packages mixed this morning, and gave him bread instead of his regular breakfast food, mum."

Coffee Rolls

Use the same mixture as for coffee bread only add enough flour to make a dozen, as for plain bread, rise, shape into twists let rise again and bake. When they are taken from the oven cover with coating of icing sugar and water.

APOHAQUI

Apoiaqui, Dec. 29.—A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fenwick Polkins, Pleasant street, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27, at 4 p. m., when Miss Nora Irene Polkins was united in marriage with William James Huggard, of Avonmore, Kines Co.

The bride was attractively gowned in white messaline silk with trimmings of silver passementerie and wore the veil and orange blossoms, entering the drawing room with her father by whom she was given in marriage while the wedding march was played by Miss Jean Volking of Centreville.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. H. Jewett in the presence of about thirty guests. After congratulations supper was served in the dining room and a social hour followed. Many beautiful gifts bespoke the popularity of the young people. The groom's gift to the bride was a set of furs. Mr. and Mrs. Huggard will reside at Avonmore.

A pleasant social event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Johnson on Wednesday evening, when a number of the friends of their son, Herbert J. Johnson, assembled to spend a social evening, in view of the fact that Mr. Johnson, who has recently been transferred from the Sussex branch of the B. N. S. to Kingston, Jamaica, will shortly leave for New York where he will take passage for Jamaica to take up his duties in the branch of that place.

To the honored guest of the evening the function was tactfully arranged as a genuine surprise who being equal to the occasion, heartily welcomed his friends.

Mrs. Johnson was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Harry Mishon of Houlton, Me., who is spending a few days with her parents prior to the departure of her brother.

The early hours of the evening were enjoyably spent at "auktion" when cards were played at eight tables. Later in the evening the programme was changed when the strains of the piano and violin floating in from the living room lent an inspiration to the lovers of the "light fantastic," and the spacious drawing room was soon filled with those who preferred the dance. Many possessed of musical talent were among the guests who liberally contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

Those who were heard in either vocal or instrumental selections were: The Misses Nellie Veysey, Muriel Jones, Kathleen Burgess (Moncton), Greta Connelly and Ethel Jones.

H. J. Johnson delighted the guests with a number of violin solos. Luncheon was served at midnight. Those assisting the hostess were: Mrs. Harry Mishon, Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. M. P. Ogilvie and Mrs. Harley S. Jones.

A very interesting part of the evening followed the lunch hour, when in a few fitting remarks, Harry S. Jones, on behalf of the company, presented Mr. Johnson with a gold stenet ring suitably engraved in old English style, to which the guest of honor replied, thanking his friends and assuring them he would ever remember the old

W.GIGGINS HOME BOYS'
CHRISTMAS TREAT.

Playlet Capably Presented and Dismantling of Tree Feature of Evening's Entertainment.

At the present time when every evening has its tale of dismantled Christmas trees, Yuletide concerts and entertainments those in charge vie with each other in making them more successful. It would be difficult to find one better managed than that held in the Wiggins' Male Orphan Asylum last night. From the singing of the National Anthem until refreshments had been partaken of there was not a hitch of any description.

Some hundred guests were present and the splendid playlet, the first item on the programme, presented by the National Anthem until refreshments had been partaken of there was not a hitch of any description.

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No gift gave more pleasure than that of Ganong Bros., St. Stephen—a dainty half-pound box of sweets for each of the 630 inmates.

Friends and prize the gift for the sake of the donors.

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Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage--Favorites and What They Say and Do.

IMPERIAL. Rolling Stones.

When a picture is advertised as "adapted from the great comedy so successful on the stage," one goes to see it all prepared to laugh, and laugh the audience did at the amusing situations which constitute the plot of "Rolling Stones." Owen Moore is the hero of most of the picture and he has a knack of looking exceedingly awkward which stands him in good stead in the tight places in which he finds himself. Many of the sub-titles are very funny. Marguerite Courtot's part is small but well handled. She is a dainty little thing and pretty to look at. It did not seem to me quite necessary to have the kitchen scene played in quite such a "slapstick" manner. If the boarders were shocked at the sword-allowing play surely they would leave at once in a body if Dave gobbled chickens at such a rate. But this picture will cause amusement and that is what we are all looking for in these days.

Beatrice Fairfax.

If you see all the newspaper people in town going around looking suspiciously at everyone they meet and interfering in perfectly harmless family quarrels you may know that they have been to see either "Great Police Reporter" or Beatrice Fairfax. This number is fine and one gets more and more fond of Jimmie and Beatrice and more interested in their exciting adventures. I knew there was something abnormal about the hands and feet which one of the characters possessed ever seen in one photodrama was selected by Director Allan Dwan for Norma Talmadge's first production as a Selznick-Pictures star in an adaptation of "Panthea." The cast includes Roger Lytton, George Fawcett, Earle Fox, Murdoch McQuarrie, Count E. Von Stroheim, Herbert Wick, Herbert Barry, Jack Meredith, Henry Thorpe, William Abbington, Winifred Harris, Helen Pelsey, Stafford Windsor, William Lloyd, Dick Rosson, Frank Currier and J. S. Furey.

Uncle's Little Ones.

The Jungle Comedy by all. Every appearance of the chimpanzees is greeted with joy by the children. It is a treat for me to be able to praise a comedy for so many are vulgar. To see Napoleon when he comes out of the oven looking so sorry for himself is worth the price of admission and the many funny tricks are well worth going to see. Altogether the Imperial show for the week-end should force anyone to forget blues of the most indigo hue.

NEW FLASHES OF FILM WORLD

Clara Kimball Young, the famous Selznick-Pictures star, has just returned to New York from a trip to New Orleans, where, accompanied by Director Giblyn and company she produced

TOMORROW

Sunday, at 3 p. m.

Imperial Theatre

A Lecture on

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

By Edward A. Merritt, C. S. B., a member of the board of lecturers of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.

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The House of Mystery

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MOTTO: "KINDLY DEEDS MAKE HAPPY LIVES"

The House of Mystery or How Tom and Bobbie Got the Surprise of Their Lives.

It was Christmas morning in Bennington, and snow was falling lastly out of a sky that seemed at every moment to be on the point of becoming cloudless, and blue. The flakes were large and feathery and sparkling, as if up above they had danced in the sunlight, and they settled on the ground so softly that they made no sound. At any other time Bobbie DeWitt and his brother Tom would have liked to sit by the window and watch the snow come down, but today they were too much excited to remain quiet for even ten seconds. There was a mystery in the house!

At four o'clock the day before, father had come home. Tom and Bobbie had caught sight of him far down the street and had shouted, "Here comes dad!" Then something unexpected had happened. Mother had said, "No, don't run out to meet him this time. Go into the dining room and shut the door please." The two boys had obeyed with strange feelings. From the dining room they had heard their father mount the front steps, walk across the piazza, enter the door and speak to their mother. What he said was spoken too low for them to catch the words, and presently they heard him go upstairs and open the door to the guest room. He was gone a long time, but finally he came down and mother called:

"All right, boys; you may come out now!" They rushed into the hall with many questions on their tongues; but father only tossed their hair and laughed—and there was something in the twinkle of his eye that made Bobbie and Tom more certain than ever that he was keeping a great secret from them. Just before supper they met father unexpectedly in the hall with something in his hand, which he hurriedly concealed.

"It looked like a fish," said Bobbie. "Run along downstairs, you youngsters!" cried father, and he kept his back turned toward them, with his coat all spread out in a very funny manner, until they were out of sight in the hall below. Then the boys thought that they heard him put a key in the door of the guest room. All of that had happened yesterday; it was Christmas morning now, with the feathery snowflakes falling—and the mystery had only deepened. Father still laughed and twinkled his eyes when the boys asked questions. In the living room there was a Christmas tree that sparkled with tinsel stars and glass balls and fuzzy silver ropes, and among its branches were packages of many shapes and sizes—long and narrow, thick and bulky, little and big. That was the way it always was in the DeWitt house on Christmas—but never before had there been a locked guest room with a mystery inside.

"I'd give a thousand million dollars to know what it is!" said Tom, who did not begin to realize how much money that really is. Bobbie merely sighed very deeply and wondered so hard that a wrinkle formed on his forehead. "Well, perhaps—just perhaps—you'll find out," said mother, "if nothing happens." But no one in the DeWitt house was prepared for what happened—not even father, who knew, of course, what was in the guest room. At ten o'clock father began to distribute the Christmas presents from the tree. He always handed the first one to mother, who always reddened a little and looked very happy. That is what he did on this Christmas, and the second present, which he delivered to the boys with a great flourish and



CHILDREN'S CORNER

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE DICK.

Uncle Dick's Chat With the Children

My Dear Kiddies:—No doubt, you will be expecting me to give you some sort of a New Year's message, in my letter this week, but I really don't think it is necessary to search very far for a splendid one, as the motto of your own Children's Page is the best you can find to try and carry out each day of this next year.

You know what it is: "Kindly deeds make happy lives." I should like to hear of every member of the Corner making a promise to do a kindly deed, to either some other boy or girl, or a dumb animal each day during the year 1917. What happy children it would make you, I mean even more happy than you are now, and in most cases that is saying quite a lot. The old year will soon be over, this being the last Corner you will have in 1916. To some it has brought many changes, to others prizes and good things have come to them, whilst to all members of the Children's Corner it has meant a year of amusement and instruction, at least so far as their favorite page is concerned.

In the last twelve months thousands of letters have been addressed to you, Uncle Dick, all velling of how much you have been enjoying your readers' Special Section devoted to boys and girls, and it is with a certain amount of satisfaction that he looks back over those cherished notes, knowing that they are evidence of happiness and pleasure, having been brought to many homes, through the columns of the Children's Page.

There are big plans being arranged for your page to be fulfilled during the coming year, and I hope by this time next year, you will all have reason to look back, and say "I am very, very pleased I joined Uncle Dick's Corner."

It has been a great pleasure to have had so many new members join during the past year, the books now showing a membership of close on five thousand, but as I desire to still further add to this number, knowing that hundreds of boys and girls are readers, but have not sent in their name or promised to keep the simple rules, I have the special "New Members Contest," which began last Saturday, in which I offered \$20 to be divided amongst the ten boys and girls who succeeded in getting the most number of new members, who would agree to a kindly deed whenever possible and also get the Standard containing the Children's Corner, regularly, this competition being open to those kiddies living outside of St. John only.

Now I shall have to depend on you all the very happiest of New Year, reminding you that the best way to have that sort of New Year, is by carrying out the motto of the Children's Corner: "Kindly deeds make happy lives." Heaps of love and kisses.

From your Uncle Dick Children's Editor. THE NEW ARRIVAL By Bertha C. Wood The Old Year is a cripple. That limps off in the night; But round a sunny corner The New Year comes in sight. A laughing little youngster With step that patters light.

pleased to welcome you to the Corner Pauline, and I hope you will often write me. Freda Coles, Red Head, St. John—You well written letter arrived, and I am glad to have you as a member. Thanks for the good wishes. Vera Coles, Red Head, St. John—You are a wise little kiddie to also join the Corner, with your sister, and send me such a neatly written letter, as I am sure you will continue to enjoy the Corner.

Marion Lavery, Campbellton—Your long and interesting letter was very welcome. Are you feeling quite better now? That was kind of you to think of the birds on Christmas morning. Thanks for all the nice things you say about the Corner. Reta Culligan, Jacquet River—Although there are so many kiddies, I don't think to hear from others who wish to join, and give all a hearty welcome. You must be having a great time now that the snow has come to stay.

Helen Magee, City—It was very kind of you to think of Uncle Dick in the midst of all the excitement, and fun. Helen. Thanks ever so much. Marjorie Shannon, City Road—The Christmas message which you sent me was very sweet, and I thank you, Marjorie, for your thoughtfulness. Bernice Sommerville, 382 Union St.—I was very pleased to see that you tried so hard in the contest, and shall look out for more of your work. Clarence Clark, St. George—I guess you received quite a surprise when you discovered how many words could be got, oh Clarence? Yours were neat.

Evelyn Morrow, Grand Bay—I am sorry if I missed answering your letter Evelyn, but really there are such a number I am sure to miss some. Glad to hear that you are enjoying the Corner so much. George Charlton, 83 Germain Street—It is a pity you did not send the usual coupon with your letter, and without same you stand no chance of getting a prize. Glad to have you as a member. Helen Lennox, 240 Brussel Street—Very pleased to see that you are enjoying the contests, so much Helen. The writing is most neatly written.

Arthur Chamberlain, East St. John—The drawing was done nicely, Arthur, but you did not fill it in as the picture showed. Clarence Currie, 55 Murray Street—From your letter I gather that you are quite a busy boy, but nevertheless find time to enjoy the Corner. Delighted to have you as a member. How do you like being a cadet? Francis Spright, Welsford—Very pleased to hear from you Francis, and to see that you are enjoying the contests so much. Fraulein Matthews, Red Head, City—Thanks for the nice little letter, Fraulein, and also delighted to have you as a member of the Corner. I think you are quite a neat writer.

Greta Matthews, Red Head, City—Sorry you have been so long in joining the Corner, Greta, but nevertheless very glad to welcome you now. What a number of pets you seem to have. Thanks for the nice wishes. Nellie Badreau, Plaster Rock—Very pleased to see that you are enjoying the contest, Nellie, and hope you will often write me. Myrna Smith, Sussex—Glad to hear that you had such a great time and received so many presents from Santa. Thanks for pretty card. Ada Walton, Markhamville—Yes certainly, Ada, you should have joined before. Will credit Myrna with your name. Doris Watson, Undine—Thanks for your very nice letter Doris. Hope you will enjoy the Corner now that you have joined.

Gladys Mae Lewis, Centreville—Glad to hear that you like your music lessons, and shall be pleased to hear of your continued success. Did you name the pet dog after me eh? I am very sorry to hear the sad news about your papa. As you get older you will have to help mamma not to miss him too much. Write me whenever you like Gladys, as I am always pleased to hear from all the kiddies. EXTRACTS FROM THE MAIL BAG Chipman, N. B. Dear Uncle Dick:—I am going to try the word contest and hope to be successful I think it would be very nice to have a dollar bill for yourself and get nice Christmas presents. I have got over a hundred words now, and had a hard time thinking all the time. It makes me want to try to get a prize when I see all the other children getting them. I see my

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE KIDDIES

The Great Race—The Animals of the Forest Decide Who Can Run the Fastest.

The fastest runner of all the wood folk is Prong Horn," said Willy Wolf, and he looked round in a way that showed he did not believe that anyone would dispute him. "Oh, no; White Throat is the fastest!" cried Billy Bear at once. "You are both wrong," said Ray Coon. "Velvet Eyes is the fastest deer in the forest—the fastest on this side of the big mountain."

And so they argued and their friends joined in the argument. The three deer themselves had little to say, but they held their heads high and each made it plainly understood that he was very proud of his speed, and each in his heart felt sure that he could run faster than any living creature, perhaps even faster than the West Wind itself. At last Grandpa Fox, the wisest of all the wood folk, spoke up. "Idle talk! Idle talk!" he cried. "Boasting settles nothing. You must have a race. That is the only way to settle it."

"Good!" cried the others. "A race!" "The course shall be straight through the forest, from side to side," went on Grandpa Fox. "You, Grandpa Wolf and Grandpa Rabbit, go to the farther side and see that the start is fair. And you, Grandpa Coon and Roundface Owl, stay here with me. We will be the judges at the finish line." Just then Grandpa Coon reached up and whispered in the ear of Grandpa Fox.

"Oh, yes," said Grandpa Fox, "the deer must have riders in the race." You, Willy Wolf, shall ride on Prong Horn; you, Billy Bear, on White Throat; and you, Ray Coon, on Velvet Eyes. Now get ready!" All this time Gray Squirrel and Bouncer Rabbit had been whispering together, apart from the others, at the foot of a big pine. Now Gray Squirrel ran up to Grandpa Fox and cried out so that all could hear: "What is the race for—to see which is the fastest deer, or which creature is fastest of all the wood folk?" "To find the fastest of all the wood folk," answered Grandpa Fox. "Am I not right?" "You are right!" cried the others. "Then I want Bouncer Rabbit to be in the race, and I will ride him," said Gray Squirrel bravely. "Bouncer is too modest to speak for himself, but I think he is the fastest of all the wood folk."

How they all laughed! And Bouncer Rabbit crouched close among the roots of the big pine. "Silence!" cried Grandpa Fox, raising his big cane. "What Gray Squirrel asks is only fair. Bouncer Rabbit may start if he desires to. Are there any others?" No others came forward, and so the three deer and Bouncer Rabbit went off with their riders to the starting point on the other side of the woods. Bouncer Rabbit looked very small before the deer; but Gray Squirrel patted him on the back and whispered something that made his eyes brighter than ever, and he no longer minded the jeers of the others. A moment later they were in line. Then Grandpa Wolf barked the word "Go!"

The three deer flew like the wind, and in places where the branches were low the three riders had all they could do to stay in their seats. In the open places the snow was deeper, and there Bouncer Rabbit, with Little Gray Squirrel on his back, was able to gain on the flying deer—for Bouncer barely sank into the snow at all. Prong Horn slipped down on a piece of ice, where the wind had blown the snow away, and so he fell a bit behind. Bouncer Rabbit was covering the ground in long leaps. The others had no time to lose him now. His heart was thumping big sides—less because he was getting tired than from the excitement of the race and the hope of victory. He must win, because his good friend, Gray Squirrel, expected him to win and had told the others that he was the fastest of all the wood folk. He would win! His leaps became longer and faster. The deer, too, ran faster and faster but try as hard as they would they could not leave Bouncer behind.

Just before the finish line there was a fallen tree that all must leap over. Here the judges waited. On came the racers in a flurry of snow. Over the fallen log they flew, the leaders fairly abreast and Prong Horn behind. The race was over. Who had won? They all crowded round the judges, clamoring loudly—all except Gray Squirrel and Bouncer Rabbit. They stood apart, and Bouncer panted softly, while Gray Squirrel patted him and said something that made his eyes still brighter. "I don't know who won," said Grandpa Coon, one of the judges. "I was watching Prong Horn, who was behind the others." "Neither do I," said Roundface Owl, another judge. "The sun came out and blinded me just as they leaped watching the finish line and the sun over the log." "So are all of us!" cried the others in a chorus, for they suddenly remembered what a fine little fellow Bouncer was—friendly to all and never boasting. And that is how Bouncer Rabbit, with the help of his good friend, Gray Squirrel, won the great race through the forest that the wood folk talked about all the rest of the winter. Later there was a race on the ice—but there is not time to tell about that now.

MY NIECE'S WEEKLY RECIPE Glace Walnuts Put a halfcupful of boiling water into your saucepan. Add a cupful of sugar and a few grains of cream of tartar. Have the fire hot, but do not stir until after the boiling has begun. Remove from fire as soon as there is the least sign of a faint yellow tinge to the syrup. Dip the halved nuts separately into the syrup, then place them on oiled paper. Stand the syrup into a pan of the hot water while you are busy dipping.

CONTEST COUPON Name Address School Age Birthday Grade Name of Teacher

A CONTEST For Kiddies 1st Prize—Fountain Pen 2nd Prize—One Dollar

To the Boy or Girl who succeeds in solving the following riddles most correctly, and sends in the answers, written out neatly on a piece of white paper, not later than January 9, 1917, a splendid FOUNTAIN PEN will be awarded. The sender of the next best order of merit (handwriting being taken into consideration) will receive the sum of ONE DOLLAR.

RIDDLES. No. 1. Why is a schoolmaster like a shoeblack? No. 2. Why are teeth like verbs? No. 3. Why are deaf people like Dutch cheese? No. 4. How many sides are there to a tree? No. 5. Why is sympathy like blindman's bluff?

All entries must be accompanied with the coupon as given below, correctly filled, and addressed to: UNCLE DICK, THE STANDARD, ST. JOHN, N. B.

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ANSWERS TO LETTERS RECEIVED BY UNCLE DICK

Olive McKenna, Sussex—Have written to you direct, as contests dealt with Allies' Aid, etc. Myrtle Cox, Young's Cove—Thanks for the nice Christmas wishes, Myrtle, it was thoughtful of you. Mary Hoyt, Hampton—I was quite pleased to have your good wishes, Mary. A great number came, but few just as nice as yours. Ina McAllan, Cody's—Glad to have your nice letter, and to hear that you are getting better. In printing with your set, always see that the large part of the letter "S" is at the bottom, otherwise the letter prints upside-down. Margaret Edgar, 281 Rockland Rd.—Thanks for the good wishes and nice letter. I have made a note of your birthday. Pauline Johnston, Perth N. B.—Very

World at They... MOTTO: "KINDLY DEEDS MAKE HAPPY LIVES"...

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

A Contest for Kiddies Only CASH PRIZES VALUED AT \$20.00

The following interesting contest is open to members of the Children's Corner, in the St. John Standard, excluding those who live in St. John only.

What You Have To Do. There are now nearly five thousand names and addresses of boys and girls on that membership roll of the Corner, but Uncle Dick is anxious to commence the New Year with thousands of other kiddies' names added to the list, as he has several surprises for 1917.

Prizes: 1st Prize \$5.00, 2nd Prize 4.00, 3rd Prize \$3.00, 4th Prize 2.00, and Six Prizes of \$1.00 each. All entries must reach this office not later than January 16th, 1917, together with the coupon filled in as given below.

How To Get New Members: 1. Show your school mates, cousins, and friends the Children's Page. 2. Tell them about the splendid prizes awarded each week, the nice stories, Uncle Dick's regular chat, the answers to letters, and best of other attractions. 3. There are only two rules:—"Do kindly deeds whenever possible," and "Agree to get The Standard and read the Children's Corner."

Uncle Dick wishes many happy returns to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays during the coming week: Frances Coy, Upper Gagetown. Hazel Evans, 265 Duke St. Winifred White, 118 Mecklenburg St. Pearl Dean, Lorneville. Ada Hanlin, Titusville. Jean Young, 9 Harding St. Mary McMurray, Fairville. Jean Brown, Salisbury.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1916.

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

SCHOOL FINANCES.

The season of the annual negotiation between the School Board and the City Council over the amount of money to be spent on the public schools of the city is about at hand. The School Board met last evening and made up its preliminary estimates for the next twelve months. These will be handed to the council during next month and, if last year's precedent is followed, will probably be returned to the board with a request that the pruning knife be used. At the request of the council, or, rather, on receipt of the council's definite notification that the money asked for cannot be had, the board will cut its estimates, the tax rate for school purposes will be reduced by a few cents on the hundred dollars, and work, absolutely necessary for the schools of St. John are to be kept to a standard commensurate with the importance and prosperity of the city, will have to remain undone because the money for it cannot be obtained.

It seems to be all wrong. Presumably the members of the School Board are chosen for that position because the city and provincial government, having their appointment, have confidence in their business ability and know they will administer the city schools with due regard to efficiency and economy. If this confidence is not misplaced then the recommendations of the board should be taken at face value and when the members of that body, after careful consideration, state that to efficiently administer the schools will require a certain sum it should be granted that they speak with knowledge and that any reduction in the amount asked for means a sacrifice of efficiency in the most important of all public services.

At last evening's meeting of the School Board it was decided that the council would be asked for \$200,000 for the coming twelve months. It is hoped this sum will care for general expenses, coupon interest and repairs to school buildings. Under the law the assessment for general school purposes is limited to \$150,000 but the council has authority to make an extra grant for interest and repairs. The money received for all purposes this year totalled \$183,000 and The Standard learns that the board went behind on the year by \$10,000. Next year's amount, if granted to the extent asked for will be but \$7,000 in excess of the expenditures of this year and The Standard is assured every cent will be required.

It is a well known fact that some of the older of the city school buildings are not in good repair. That in at least two buildings the sanitary arrangements are so disgraceful that they have already been condemned by the city health officer. At least \$20,000 could be spent in repairs to school buildings during the next twelve months without the board laying itself open to the charge of extravagance.

Then there is the question of salaries. School teachers have requested the board to increase their remuneration and the board so far, has been unable to do more than sympathize with the request. Yet there is no other profession requiring an equal standard of character and educational qualification where the remuneration is so poor. School janitors are also asking for more pay. There are men and women engaged in cleaning and caring for the city schools receiving \$31 per month for work that requires constant attendance seven days a week and for more hours each day than the ordinary mechanic, clerk or tradesman puts in at his employment for much more money. The Standard believes that the School Board would gladly increase salaries to a point where they would come more nearly to approaching the rate paid in other cities but the money is not forthcoming.

Up to this point absolutely no consideration has been given to improved educational methods and appliances, all desirable but which have not been installed in St. John for the same reason—lack of funds. These, also, must be given attention in the future.

It has frequently been noted that St. John's school expenditure is the lowest per capita of any city in Canada. Up to a certain point this showing spells prudent administration and is a sub-

ject for commendation. But when the efficiency of the system has to be sacrificed through lack of funds it is a matter in which citizens cannot take any considerable pride. It is sincerely to be hoped that when the school estimates come before the council next month they will be received with a spirit of sympathetic co-operation, and that the money voted for 1917 will be something nearly adequate to provide for the common needs of the service.

THE COUNCIL AND THE MILK QUESTION.

The City Council, taken as a whole, cannot be congratulated upon the courage or capacity with which they grappled with the question of ten cent milk. They ignored the fact that all the information which the Dominion Order-in-Council gives them authority to demand was not supplied by the dealers, or that the decision to raise the price was only arrived at after the dealers had met in session and reached an agreement to that effect. Similar action in the case of Sydney, N. S., was said to be in effect a declaration of a combine, rendering those participating in it liable to fine or imprisonment. The St. John Council did nothing of this sort and did not even go as far as that.

The Standard does not at all intimate that the commissioners did not honestly desire to give the people cheaper milk, but to do maintain that they did not do all in their power, if any of the commissioners doubt this let them supply all the facts to the Minister of Labor, forward at the same time the resolution of the council to the effect that the price of milk is too high, and ask the Minister to accept an inquiry into all phases of the case. If the milk dealers are justified in their demand no harm can come to them from such an inquiry, but the public will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that a real whole-hearted attempt has been made to grapple with a problem which is as far from solution today as it was on December 1st, the date when ten cent milk went into effect.

Up to the present time the commissioners have only themselves to blame for the fact that the people are not satisfied with the result of their labors. They had it in their power to do a public service, or at least to satisfy the people that they tried. They have succeeded in doing neither.

THE SHEET ANCHOR.

One of the finest tributes paid to the British navy since the outbreak of war was contained in an address delivered by Premier Hughes of Australia in March last and it is particularly appropriate today when an earnest campaign is being made for recruits for the Canadian contribution to Britain's premier fighting force. Premier Hughes said: "Today whatever Germany may not know, she does know that when she fights Britain, she fights not merely the forty-five million people in the United Kingdom, but also those millions of free men scattered throughout the world who look to Britain as the cradle of their race—men of adventure, men of resolution, who will fight to the bitter end alongside those from the land of their sires, to whom they owe their liberties and institutions of free government. Yet—but for the British Navy—where should we have been? Where would civilization have been? The least we can say of the Navy is that it has saved Britain. But the truth is that it has saved the civilized world.

"Behind that impregnable wall of triple steel we have had opportunity to remedy in some fashion, our lack of preparation. But is there a man amongst us who does not pale as he looks back and sees the awful evil which he has misdeed by a hair's breadth, who does not rejoice that there were men amongst us who shot their ears to the cries for a smaller Navy."

A PATRIOTIC DUTY.

It is admitted that for any working man to forego the enjoyment of any one of the too few holidays provided for in one year of work is quite a concession, but in the case of the munition workers of Canada and the New Year's holiday the case takes on an aspect of patriotic duty. As the chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board truly says, the soldiers in the trenches and the mil-

iters on the ships of the navy will not have New Year's Day free from duty, and it must be remembered that the duty devolving upon those engaged in the work of munition manufacture is every bit as important as that which faces the soldiers and sailors engaged in the front line of the Empire's defenses.

It is requested that all munition workers should forego their leisure on Saturday afternoon and Monday in order that the output of the factories in which they are engaged shall continue uninterrupted. Acquiescence in the request will come in the nature of real national service, and those making the sacrifice which have the satisfaction of knowing that they have given a valuable contribution to the cause of Empire.

THE LATE MR. CASGRAIN.

Canadian public life is the poorer through the passing of the Honorable T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster General in the Borden administration. An eminent lawyer, a man of rare culture and high intellectual attainment, an able administrator and a parliamentarian of the very first rank, he was a citizen such as Canada needs at this time and in the reconstructive period to follow after the war.

It is notable that Hon. Mr. Casgrain's last public appearance was made in the city of Quebec, when he addressed a meeting on national service, seeking to impress on the young men of his native province the supreme necessity of engaging for the Empire in the present struggle. Since the outbreak of war he has been most active in this regard having addressed many meetings in all parts of Quebec, but particularly in the cities of Montreal and Quebec, where he had special influence.

His work as head of the postal department will compare favorably with that of the best of his predecessors. A man of high ideals, a very lively sense of patriotic duty, and the responsibilities of citizenship, his death is a great loss to the Borden Government, the political party to which he had given long and faithful allegiance, the province of his birth and residence and the whole Dominion of Canada.

COUNTY SECT. KELLEY PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE FRED. ST. JOHN BLISS

County Secretary J. King Kelley yesterday paid a tribute to the memory of Fred St. J. Bliss, and expressed his deep regret at the unfortunate death of Mr. Bliss, who had always been a warm personal friend. When Mr. Kelley first assumed the duties of his office he put himself in touch with Mr. Bliss, whom he had known for many years, and studied in his office and under his supervision the methods which he had adopted in York county. He was one of the best, if not the best informed man on municipal corporation law in the province. He had a well balanced mind. He was an active member of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, and some of the papers read by him before that body were intensely practical, and others such as the History of Responsible Government in New Brunswick, were literary gems, and Mr. Kelley at one time waited on the government and urged the printing of this paper and its distribution free among the school children of the province on account of its historical value. He was the leading mind on municipal taxation in this province, there

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was not anybody just as good as the late secretary of York. He had the poetic spirit of Robert Burns, and was an intense admirer of his friend and relative, W. Bliss Carman. Mr. Kelley has in his possession a copy of Carman's "Philippe Brooks" in Mr. Bliss' handwriting, and he was often heard quoting the last verse of this poem: Take the last vesture of beauty upon thee, Thou doubting world; and with not an eye dim Say, when they ask if thou knowest a Saviour "Brooks was his brother, and we have known him." This he would say is my religion.

MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 29.—Miss Lily E. Burden, of Houlton, Me., is visiting her cousin, Miss Hazel Burden, Weldon street.

Mrs. W. F. Whitehead, of Fredericton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Whelpley, of this city.

Judge and Mrs. Stewart, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Gordon street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gunn, have returned to their home in East Boston, after a visit to friends here.

Mrs. Vesta Wells and Miss Gladys Palmer, of the Laundry staff, are spending New Year's in Sackville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McLeod, of P. E. Island, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Prince, Weldon street.

Dr. H. S. Thomson, Mrs. Thomson and little daughter, Ruth, of Toronto, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Heine, of St. John, are guests of relatives in the city.

Mr. A. P. Gorbell, formerly of this city but now of Winnipeg, spent Christmas at his home here.

Rev. P. P. and Mrs. Hemmison and little daughter, Elizabeth, of St. John are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel West, Robinson street.

Miss Roslyn Cadman has returned from Great Shemogue, where she spent the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. H. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Puddington and Miss Lena Murray, all of Orange street, St. John, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marven on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Fannie Lindon and daughter, Miss Florence MacGowan, of Boston are guests of Mrs. McClive, Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. B. Steven, of Campbellton, are guests of Col. W. A. D. Steven, of Sunny Brae.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Dawson have returned from their honeymoon trip to St. John and vicinity.

Mr. Howard Bouillon, of the Bank of Montreal local staff, has returned from a trip to Quebec.

Mr. J. H. Cochran and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, left this week on a visit to friends in Halifax.

Miss Ida Snowdon, of the Times business office staff, spent Christmas at her home in Point de Bute.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson, of St. John, and Miss Edith Black, of Moncton, left this week for Boston to

attend the marriage of Miss Mabel Polley.

Miss Ada McAnn, student of Toronto College, Toronto, is spending the holidays with His Worship Mayor L. W. and Mrs. McAnn.

Mr. Kenneth Wetmore, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Campbellton, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wetmore.

Miss Jessie Snyder, R. N., of Newport, R. I., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Harry Snyder, Highland street.

Miss Helen Tennant, of Mount A., is spending the holidays at her home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webster, of Charlottetown, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCoy, Botsford street.

Lieut. W. Errol Mitchell, Halifax, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Shannon, Weldon street.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and children, of Amherst, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rayworth, Weldon street.

Mr. R. M. Owen, manager of Bank of Nova Scotia, Pettaodiac, accompanied by Mrs. Owen and little daughter, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norton.

Lieut. (Rev.) George S. Patterson, of Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson, Bonnacord street, returning on Thursday.

Little Miss Winnifred Emmerson, of River Hebert, N. S., is spending some time in the city the guest of Mrs. P. O. D. Steven, Lewis street.

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"Bigger and Bigger, will be the motto of the Thompson Manufacturing Company Limited," said J. Thompson, who was in the city yesterday in the interest of the firm, to a Standard representative. The building which was destroyed by fire on December 8th, is now nearing completion, having been commenced a very few days after the conflagration.

It is doubtful if there are many natives of New Brunswick who are alive to the possibilities of their native province as is Mr. Thompson, the capable manager of the firm. Since early manhood he has been connected with the manufacture of steel and iron, and by sheer ability and integrity has become well known in the manufacturing world. The new building which is being erected is a decided improvement over the one destroyed, being more spacious and better planned for the increased production of the implements and machinery manufactured by the progressive firm. In the spring it is the intention of the company to make further additions to the building and to extend the plant.

Mr. Thompson's mission to the city yesterday was to secure material and machinery for the plant at Grand Bay.

The firm which was incorporated under the name of the Thompson Manufacturing Company, Limited, received its letters of incorporation about 14 years ago, and since the day it became actively engaged in manufacturing wonderful progress has been made. The firm purchased a large tract of land at Grand Bay, which has grown into a regular manufacturing centre. As the trade enjoyed by the firm in its infancy did not extend beyond the Maritime Provinces, and as it was the intention of the firm to expand their interests throughout the Dominion suitable machinery was added to the plant with the result that not only do their travellers visit every town and city from Halifax to Vancouver, but the firm has represented its selling agents in the foreign markets. The goods manufactured by the firm are now well known and favorably received wherever offered for sale.

So large a demand has been made for the Thompson goods that it is now found necessary in order to cope with the trade development to provide better facilities for handling the assured increased production. Owing to the small amount of capitalization the company have been unable to take advantage of the possibilities afforded during the years of progress and prosperity through which the company has passed.

It is thought possible to overcome this difficulty which has hampered the progress of the company to an appreciable extent by offering for sale first mortgage bonds of the company, thus enabling the firm to take advantage of the extensive and profitable business which is proffered by the country.

The firm have already had sufficient work to keep them busy for the best part of the year, and every mail brings in its quota of orders from the firm's travellers. Besides manufacturing a large range of machinery, the production of the firm consists of tools of every description as well as drilling machines, portable forges, hand and power blowers, combination vices, horseshoer's vices, tire splitters, tire benders, bone cutters, mitre boxes, etc., etc.

The firm controls its own lighting system, provides houses for the employees, has its own water supply, owns its own warehouses and coal sheds, thus making a self contained plant.

That the present assessment for school purposes is entirely inadequate to maintain the school system of St. John at a desirable standard of efficiency, was the unanimous opinion of the members of the Board of Trustees at the special meeting last evening to consider the estimates for 1917. The board have done excellent work with the limited financial resources at their command, but more funds are sorely needed to carry on the important educational work which the board direct. Through the lack of funds several of the school buildings are in an almost wretched condition, while the matter of increases in salaries for school teachers and janitors is also a pressing question.

\$200,000 to be Asked For.

Last evening's meeting of the trustees came to a decision to ask the city council to vote \$200,000 for school purposes, including coupon interest and repairs, which amounts represent an increase of \$17,000 over the assessment of last year. Even with this, one of the trustees remarked after the meeting, that it would be impossible to consider the matter of the increase in salaries. When it is considered that there was an overdraft of \$10,000 during the past year, the seriousness of the situation, due to the lack of funds, will be readily appreciated by the citizens of St. John who are interested in the success of our public school system.

At last evening's meeting Chairman R. B. Emerson presided, and others present included Dr. Manning, Geo. E. Day, G. H. Green, Thomas Naylor, H. Crosby Smith with Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools, and A. Gordon Leavitt, secretary of the board.

The meeting proceeded immediately to the consideration of the estimates for the new year. It was pointed out that the city council at the present time was authorized to assess \$150,000 for general school purposes in addition to the assessment for coupon interest and repairs, which amount for the past year was \$33,000, making a total assessment of \$183,000. As mentioned above this amount proved entirely inadequate, the board being forced to make the overdraft of \$10,000 in connection with the administration of the school system. In view of the existing conditions the board felt justified in asking the city council for \$200,000 for next year's assessment. This amount represents \$150,000 for general school purposes and \$50,000 for coupon interest and repairs.

Sanitary System Considered.

The increased assessment asked for in connection with coupon interest and repairs will not be sufficient to enable the board to undertake the absolutely essential work in connection with the school buildings of the city. As a matter of fact the sanitary conditions of the buildings are in very poor shape, while in at least two of the

\$200,000 AMOUNT OF ESTIMATES OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR NEW YEAR

Board Will Ask City Council to Assess for That Amount.— An Increase of \$17,000 Over Present Year's Assessment.

Even With Increase Trustees Will be Unable to Take Action in Matter of Salary Increase.— Many Repairs Needed.

school buildings they have been condemned. Many of the buildings also require new roofings, while a large amount of masonry work is required in connection with the Dufferin school building. Lack of funds has made it necessary for the board to forego small repairs, when they were needed, and what were originally matters of only a trifling character have now assumed extensive proportions due to neglect of repairs.

More Funds Sorely Needed.

"St. John has always taken a considerable pride in the efficiency of her school system," said a prominent citizen last evening. "But the Board of School Trustees must have more money to expend if they are to maintain the system at a desirable standard."

Will Seek New Legislation.

Every member of the board is impressed with the great necessity for more funds. Satisfactory results cannot be achieved through the expenditure of an entirely inadequate amount of money. The trustees are so sincere in their desire to get sufficient funds to conduct the school in a satisfactory manner that they reached a decision last evening to send a delegation to the Legislative Assembly at Fredericton during the approaching session and seek authority to increase the general assessment for school purposes from \$150,000 to \$200,000 in addition to the amount of assessment for coupon interest and repairs.

The estimates prepared at last evening's session of the board will be presented to the city council and will be taken into consideration by that body about the middle of January.

Can't Consider Increases.

The request from the city school teachers and janitors for increases in salary came before the meeting of the board last evening and was sympathetically discussed. In view of the lack of funds, the request was laid on the table for the present. The request will be further considered as soon as the financial resources of the board are in such a state as will permit action in the matter.

Successful Concert.

A very successful concert was held last night in Thorne Lodge Hall. The attendance, considering the weather, was all that could be desired, and the programme rendered was an excellent one. Thorne Lodge have made a name for themselves as entertainers which they well sustained last night. The programme was as follows:—Piano solo, Caesar Barronco; recitation, J. Barry Allan, Fredericton; solo, John McEachern; recitation, Miss Sparks; recitation, Miss Boyd; Fox and the Misses Alchorn; sketch, George Gordon; sketch, Isaac Mercer; Joseph Hazelwood and George Gordon; solo, Thomas Stack. God Save the King.

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A Christmas Entertainment Last Night, Which Was Heartily Enjoyed by All—Tree and Treat.

An evening of enjoyment was spent last night by the members of St. John Girls' Club on Princess street at a Christmas social arranged by the social committee. The chief feature of the evening was a large Christmas tree, artistically trimmed, arranged in one corner of the room. This tree had been decorated by Miss Pitt with the help of some of the club girls, and presented a fine appearance. Later in the evening Mrs. Good, chairman of the social committee, passed around the small favors that adorned the tree including Christmas crackers, candy and fruit. During the evening the girls amused themselves with dancing and games.

A vote of thanks was passed by the club to the following workers as a mark of their appreciation for the good time accorded them: Misses Hoyt, Pitt, Heffer, Berwick and Mrs. Keator.

The Christmas tree and favors were given by Mrs. Good through the generosity of an unnamed friend and the girls passed a vote of thanks as an expression of their gratitude to them.

The social committee consisted of Mrs. Good, chairman, Misses Clark, Heffer, Berwick and Brown.

Miss Pitt read a letter of resignation from Miss Nina Brown, who resigned from the social committee on account of the illness of her father.

A hearty welcome was extended to Miss Jean Brown by Mrs. Good on behalf of the executive of the Girls' Club committee. Miss Brown will hereafter be associated with the work of the Travelers' Aid and Girls' Club work.

Mrs. Good made a short address to the girls on "Helpfulness to others," and remarked that the best way for the club girls to help others was to induce them to come into the club and enjoy its benefits.

School Inspector McLean arrived in the city yesterday from Fredericton where he had been attending the semi-annual conference of inspectors.

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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

HOPE FOR EUROPEAN PEACE NEXT YEAR

McDougall & Cowans Think That Post-Bellum Readjustment, When it Comes, Will Not Be Hard On Canada.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Montreal, Dec. 29.—There was no overnight news to affect the market. The gossip today was very conflicting in regard to the foreign situation, from here and in New York today's trading was mostly professional and of a local day nature. The closing was better than expected with three holidays, with several events happening daily as they are. The closing prices of our market showed general advances from last night's closing. Fluctuations were erratic during the early morning but strengthened up, the best prices being reported during the late trading. It was reported that Toronto Railway Co. suffered a loss of about \$750,000 by a fire in their car shed, losing about 300 cars. The stock closed at 78 bid, an advance of two points from the opening. The public must think it will be beneficial to the company to receive insurance and purchase now. At the opening Quebec Rails was active selling up to 35, closing at 33 1/2. Ryke Power was firm, closing at \$1 bid. There was more strength shown in B.N. than for some time selling up to 46 1/2. The year 1916 has been a very active one in the stock market but with few exceptions, the large advances are amply justified by the tremendous earnings and now working capital that the companies now have. We earnestly hope that the year 1917 will bring peace in Europe. When it comes there will probably be a period of readjustment, which should not be hard for a young country like ours. Withal the markets of Great Britain and her Allies open to us preferential treatment is naturally to be expected.

BERLIN TIMING TO BRING ABOUT BREAK WITH U.S.?

New York Financiers Suspicious of Designs of Europe's War Lord. — Submarine Campaign Dangerous Element in Situation.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Dec. 29.—There is a strong impression growing in certain financial circles in New York to the effect that the trend of events suggest that Berlin is aiming to bring about a break between this country and the Teutonic Empire. They point to the apparent Beamstorf encouragement of the given to President Wilson to send his peace note which was thereupon met with a reply commented upon editorially throughout this nation as "most unsatisfactory" in view of what Washington has been led to expect. They also point to the evidence that Germany is preparing for a ruthless submarine campaign of which Secretary Lansing evidently had knowledge when he made the "break" in announcing a "verge of war" and they believe it will force Wilson to act. Furthermore, it is pointed out that the refusal of Berlin not only to name peace terms but to announce Teutonic war aims is arousing the suspicions of all neutrals. They point out in addition that the critical situation in the relations between Mexico and the United States has again come as in the past at a time when relations with Berlin were strained and ask if German agents are stiffening the back of Carranza. The whole trend of thought suggested to the minds of those who have been impressed as above is that the German government is making a final bluff and that if the United States hands Bernstorff his passports and joins the Allies it will afford the Hohenzollern rulers an opportunity to say to their people that it is useless to fight the entire world and that the time to make peace has definitely arrived.

NEW YORK MARKET IRREGULAR YESTERDAY

In Late Trading Up-turn Carried Prices Above Thursday's Closing Level.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Dec. 29.—The market did little today until the late trading when there was an up-turn which carried prices up above Thursday's closing level. The high prices were not held to the end of the session and the price changes for the day were irregular. Texas Oil which has been a strong feature for a good while past, in the face of the declining tendency of the price of the market, advanced to a new high record today, or nearly 10 points above Thursday's high. Good buying was evidenced in a few stocks, but little attention was paid to the market as a whole. A report that Felix Diaz is advancing on Mexico City with an army and is expected to establish more favorable conditions in the country received little attention. Covering of short accounts probably accounted for the advance near the close, which had no other feature.

FEAR RUPTURE WITH TEUTONIC POWERS

New York, Dec. 29.—Too many important developments are pending in the international situation for the market to make any decided movement in either direction until some clue is furnished as to what is going to happen. Therefore it is now being left largely to the traders and fluctuations are apt to continue narrow and without significance.

The technical position of stocks has been vastly improved in the last three or four weeks but we face the possibility of a rupture of diplomatic relations with Germany or of peace and either one would cause at least temporary disturbance. EVANS.

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\$50,000,000 FROM BANKERS TO GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—As a result of the conference of bankers with Sir Thomas White a further sum of \$50,000,000 will be advanced to the Dominion government for a further British credit in Canada for the purchase of munitions and war supplies. This makes the total of British credit in Canada \$250,000,000.

RATIFICATION OF TIEN-TSIN ISSUE REFUSED

Peking, Dec. 30.—The French government, it is announced, has refused to ratify the proposed compromise settlement of Tien-Tsin concession dispute. Numerous conferences between Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese foreign minister, and Count De Martel, the French chargé d'affaires, a Peking despatch on Dec. 16 announced, had resulted in a tentative compromise settlement of the Tien-Tsin concession dispute. The compromise, it was said, provided for restoration by the French to China of the territory in question, and the return of Chinese policemen. China, for her part agreed to make the district an international settlement, open to all the treaty powers. China also to promise to make an effort to check anti-French boycott demonstrations at Tien-Tsin.

STMR. KURSK STRIKES MINE

New York, Dec. 29.—Russian S.S. Kursk, bound from Archangel, Russia, for New York, with 126 passengers aboard, hit a mine on November 29 off Kirkwall, Scotland. One passenger and two members of the crew were drowned while lifeboats were being launched. Part of the Kursk's stern was torn off by the force of the explosion and she was later towed into Kirkwall. Her passengers and crew, however, drifted all night in open boats before being picked up. British steamer Coplewood, 599 tons gross, has been sunk. Norwegian steamship Ida, 1,300 tons, is reported to have been sunk.

17 Americans On Board. Seventeen American horsemen, returning from Archangel where they had been discharged from several ships that carried stock to Russia, were among the Kursk's passengers. When the explosion occurred, the majority of those on board had gone to bed, they said, but no panic occurred, despite the fact that there were many women and children aboard. The ship was running with lifeboats swung out, ready for an emergency, and within scarcely more than ten minutes, they said, the captain had the boats manned and the passengers off the ship. According to Wm. Tackling, of New York, one of the horsemen, the passenger drowned was a woman and the two members of the crew who lost their lives did so in attempt to rescue the woman who fell from the lifeboat as it was being lowered over the side.

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**MANY ARE LOST WHEN
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Berlin Reports Loss of Two Russian Ships.—Copenhagen Source of News.

Berlin, Dec. 29, via Sayville.—The Russian Finnish steamer Oihonna with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board with the exception of fifty persons are said to have been drowned.

The steamer was bound for Helsinki, Finland. In addition to the men lost 1,000 horses went down with the ship.

According to the same source another liner plying between Aland, Russia and Marham, likewise struck a mine and a large number of persons who were on board her are missing. The accidents, according to the newspaper, are attributed to badly anchored Russian mines belonging to the Finnish Bay mine fields.

**MURDERER OF TWO
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Kenora, Ont., Dec. 29.—John Wapleak, confessed murderer of Mrs. Emil Heubner and Miss Erna Heubner at their home at Olympia Mine, Shoal Lake, on May 10 last, was hanged today.

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New Brunswick Items

The Presbyteries of Miramichi and St. John have both disapproved of the proposal to reduce the representation of the General Assembly from one in 10,000 to one in 5,000. The presbytery of Miramichi will hold a conference on "The Church and After-the-War Situation" in connection with the March meeting of that court. The St. John presbytery has arranged for a special conference to be held in St. John, Jan. 15-17. The Rev. J. E. Knicker, convenor of Synod's committee, has promised to be present.

The ministry of Rev. G. A. Grant in Black River and Napan, in the presbytery of Miramichi, terminates tomorrow. He has been pastor of that congregation for six years, and tendered his resignation at the last meeting of presbytery. He has done faithful and effective service during his pastorate and the people are deeply attached to him, but for those of his health he felt it his duty to retire from the ministry. His successor, the Rev. W. B. Robinson of Loggieville is interim moderator of session during the vacancy.

Rev. W. W. Malcolm was inducted to the pastoral charge of St. Stephen's Church, St. Stephen, on Thursday evening of this week. His resignation at St. John Presbyterian Church, St. John, Christmas Eve, has been approved by the synod. His brother ministers of St. John expressed their good wishes to him by presenting him with a two volume set of the Collected Poems of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, as a token of respect and affection.

BAPTIST

Dr. Clifford preached on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at Westbourne Park for the third time since entering upon his sixty-first year, and his sermon, followed with close attention by a full congregation, was a notable and noble utterance, to which he gave the title, "Strength and Consolation for a Troubled Nation." There have been occasions in the veteran minister's life when he has struck the true prophetic note of righteous and passionate denunciation of individual, social or national sin, but as his audience listened to his burning words, full as ever of invincible confidence in God and of incorrigible optimism as to the future of humanity, they thought he had never been more of a prophet than he was at that moment in sounding forth the note of comfort and consolation.

Mr. P. W. Spear, J. P., secretary of the Bath Sunday School Union, president over a unique meeting at the Paulton Church the last week in November, at which he presented Long Service Diplomas to the superintendent and teachers of the school. Mr. Thomas Bush had sixty-six years to his credit, and all have served more than a quarter of a century. Their united periods of service totalled 373 years.

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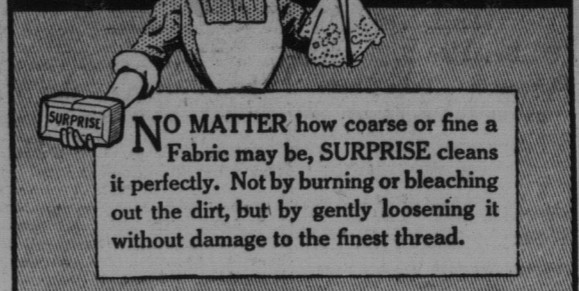
He is still in office as deacon. In the political life of the United States Baptists are filling an honorable position. Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican candidate for president, is perhaps the best known of American Baptist statesmen. Of the recently elected Governors of the various states, at least five are Baptists. In the province of Florida, elected on a prohibition platform over the regular Democratic nominee, is a Baptist preacher, Governor Milliken of Maine is the president of the United Baptist Convention of that state. The new Governor-elect of North Carolina, W. B. Aycock, is a Baptist. In Connecticut Governor Holcomb was re-elected. He is the superintendent of the Bible school in connection with the First Baptist Church of Southington, Conn. Why do we call attention to these things? Not because of the honor to our Brethren who hold such positions, but because their presence there indicates that the denomination is making a worthy contribution to the life of the world.

Second-Lieutenant Henry Havelock Cross, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, was killed in action during the advance on November 13th. A brother officer, writing home, says: "Mr. Cross, although wounded, gallantly continued to lead his men until he was again wounded, killed instantly." Second-Lieutenant G. W. Cross, of Durban, South Africa, but formerly well known as minister-in-charge of the Baptist church in Regent Street, Belfast, Ireland. Mr. Cross was educated at Cape University, and had begun his studies at the law. When the war broke out he volunteered for active service in South West Africa under General Botha, and went through that campaign with the forces under General Smuts. Upon the completion of the German campaign in the West Indies, he proceeded to the front with his battalion a few months ago.

The Rev. Herbert J. Gratton, for ten years the minister of Palm Street Baptist Church, New Bedford, England, has been appointed, under the United Brotherhood, as chaplain to the forces for service amongst the troops in India and Mesopotamia. Mr. Gratton, who is still quite young, is a man of striking personality and individualistic views of keen penetration and with the courage of his convictions. He refused the conventional training of a Theological College, but was a man of education and experience. He is proud of the fact that he "graduated" in the slums of London. For a man to know more than any other minister of how the poor live, and the real social condition of the masses, and the grave moral problems of the great cities, he was no armchair investigator, spending, as he did, 150 nights on the "Thames Embankment" with the penniless and homeless, "dosser" with the wasters and criminals in the cheap lodging houses of the grey and grimy East End. After ten years of strenuous work in Nottingham he has resigned his Church for service abroad, and was a few days ago the recipient of expressions of the greatest goodwill by the Nottingham Baptist Ministers' Fraternal, of which he was then president.

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THE WEATHER. Forecast. Maritime—Strong northwest and west winds, fair and decidedly cold. Washington, Dec. 29—Northern New England—Fair Saturday and Sunday without decided temperature changes; moderate west winds. Toronto, Dec. 29—Fair and cold weather prevails from Saskatchewan eastward to the Maritime Provinces, while in Alberta it has turned somewhat milder. Temperatures. Min. Max. Prince Rupert 30 40 Victoria 28 36 Vancouver 29 39 Kamloops 12 8 Calgary 6 40 Edmonton 20 10 Regina 23 4 Medicine Hat 22 4 Moose Jaw 27 9 Battleford 24 9 Winnipeg 12 6 Port Arthur 18 2 Parry Sound 2 10 London 10 20 Toronto 12 24 Ottawa 6 20 Montreal 0 8 Quebec 8 2 St. John 4 10 Halifax 10 14 Below zero.

Around the City

An Enjoyable Dance. A well attended dance was held in the Orange Hall on German street last evening under the auspices of True Blue Lodge, L. O. L. These dances are given every Friday night, the proceeds going towards patriotic work.

New Pastor at Fairville. At the quarterly meeting of the officers of Fairville Methodist church held last evening it was decided to extend an invitation to Rev. Thomas Marshall of Fredericton to become the pastor of the church at Fairville, subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference to be held in July.

Want Prohibition Delayed. It is understood that the liquor interests are getting busy these days and intend to try and hold up the coming into effect of the prohibitory law in this province on May 1 next. It is understood that a delegation representing them has, or will, in the near future wait on the attorney general with a request to this effect.

An Important Meeting. An address by the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair in the Imperial theatre on Wednesday afternoon January 3, at 4 o'clock. Subject, "Reconstruction After The War." The Women's Canadian Club invite members of all patriotic societies as well as members of the club to be present on this important occasion, and to take seats on the lower floor of the auditorium where, through the kindness of Mr. Golding, seats will be reserved for them.

Requests for Grants Coming in. The mayor has already received a number of applications for grants for the year 1917 from organizations which have been receiving them each year. These will be taken up early in January and will probably be passed, although the mayor pointed out that any grants made for the coming year would have to be assessed for as the council would not have very much general revenue in 1917. The big item in the general revenue receipts has been the liquor license money and this will be lacking this year.

County Market. There was only a moderate display of provisions in the local market yesterday. Poultry still commands rather high prices, but the quality is good as is the case with meats. A few prices are here given of those commodities most in demand. Roast beef, 16c to 25c per pound; pork, 20c to 25c; lamb, 15c to 25c; turkeys, 40c; geese, 35c; chickens, 30c; ducks, 32c to 35c. Fresh eggs sold for 50c per dozen; case, 44c. Butter brought 50c per pound for roll and 45c for tub. In the vegetable department prices ruled the same as last week, potatoes still bringing 40c per peck.

Promotion for Lieut. Wood. Lieutenant Wood, who has been in the city for the past three months as chief recruiting officer for the R. N. C. V. R. in New Brunswick, has received word to report to Halifax, where it is understood he will be put in command of a war craft. Since coming to St. John Lieut. Wood has made a host of friends who will deeply regret his departure from the city. His work throughout the province in the interest of the navy has met with signal success, he having secured sixty recruits for the naval branch of the service. The courteous and gentlemanly manner in which he solicited men for the navy is an example of a true Britisher, and one which recruiting officers throughout the Dominion might profitably emulate. Just where the new duties will take the genial lieutenant is not known, but he can rest assured that the best wishes of St. John folk will attend him in his future office.

A very largely esteemed position is being circulated by the friends of Mr. R. H. Fisher, whose name is mentioned as a candidate for the provincial membership.

INCREASED LUMBER CUT PREDICTED

J. W. Brankley Says Many Operators to Take Chance on Healthy Condition of Market.

Miramichi Lumber Company Willing to Meet Mine Operators More Than Half Way At All Times.

The healthy state of the lumber markets has actuated many of the operators to make a chance on disposing of a large cut and indications are that the season's cut will be above the average," said J. W. Brankley, of the Miramichi Lumber Company.

Mr. Brankley is in the city on a business trip, a guest at the Royal Hotel. He told a reporter from The Standard that conditions generally were good on the North Shore, and indications pointed to a prosperous year during 1917. The Standard learns that an interesting dispute has arisen between the Miramichi Lumber Company and the operators of the tungsten mine at Burnt Hill on the Miramichi. The mine is situated on the freehold lands of the company, and it is claimed that the mining men entered on the lands without any authority from the company.

UNIVERSITY BOYS HERE ON WAY TO JOIN ARMED

Lieuts. A. Lessard and Bernard S. Elger v. Band for England to Join the Royal Flying Corps.

Two bright looking Toronto boys, Lieut. A. Learn and Lieut. Bernard Snelgrove, are in the city, guests at the Royal Hotel. They expect to leave in the near future for England, where they will join the Royal Flying Corps.

"It's a most fascinating life, and I think we will like it fine," said Lieut. Learn to a reporter of The Standard at the Royal Hotel yesterday.

Both Messrs. Learn and Snelgrove are Toronto University students, who have laid aside their books to enter the war game. They were accompanied to the city by thirteen other students of the university, members of the overseas branch of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, who are going to England to take commissions in the Imperial army.

Excursion to Boston RE BILLY SUNDAY MEETINGS.

A WESTERN BATTALION COMING HERE?

Semi-Official Report That St. John Will Get Another Battalion.—Sump in Recruiting.—Col. Mersereau Here.

A report emanating from semi-official sources to the effect that another battalion will soon arrive in the city to spend a few weeks, is well worthy of credence. It is not yet known when the battalion will arrive, but it is probable that it will be some time during the second week in January. As far as can be learned the battalion has been recruited in Western Canada and is practically ready for overseas duty.

On Inspection Trip. Lieut. Colonel Mersereau and the headquarters staff at Halifax arrived in the city yesterday. He has been in New Brunswick for the past week inspecting the different military units stationed in the province. The 236th Kilties Battalion were inspected at Fredericton. The inspection was both general and detail. The Kilties were highly commended upon for their appearance and discipline.

Engineers Require Men. The Canadian Engineers are again calling for more men to fill up the ranks of the unit. Drafts are being constantly sent overseas from the depot at St. John. Quebec, and it is imperative that more men be secured to fill the places of the men comprising the drafts.

ENJOYABLE DANCE AT NAT'L HISTORY SOCIETY. The members of the junior branch of the National History Society and their friends held an enjoyable masquerade dance last evening in the society's rooms on Union street.

PERSONAL. Mrs. Margaret Main and daughter, Rita, of Boston, are guests of Mrs. Main's sister, Miss Cunard, 143 Union street.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS. Recent transfers of property have been recorded as follows: St. John county—W. M. Mackay to William Webber property in Orange street; J. D. McLaren to H. L. Smith, property in Lancaster; Alice McManus to J. D. McLaren, property in Lancaster; N. B. Telephone Company, Limited to Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, property in Prince William street.

Rich Comfy Kimonas. This cold weather one wants to keep as comfortable as possible. F. A. Dykesman & Co. offer a suggestion in the sale of very fine, warm but lightweight kimonas.

W. O. H. DODDS HAS BEEN MADE A BR. GENERAL

Local Friends of Popular Yarmouth Man Hear News of his Rapid Promotion.—Won the D. S. O.

With Death of Fayette Brown General Dodds Becomes Head of Mutual Life Insurance Co. of N. Y.

Local friends were delighted with the news which reached the city yesterday of the military and business promotion of a former Yarmouth man, W. O. H. Dodds. For some years past Mr. Dodds has been a resident of Montreal, but made frequent visits to St. John. When the war broke out Mr. Dodds was a major in one of the local battalions and immediately volunteered for overseas service.

SPECIAL CASE ARGUED BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE. Hon. Mr. Justice McKeown Has Interesting Point to Determine in Assessment Dispute.

Before Chief Justice McKeown, of the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court, in chambers yesterday afternoon, counsel argued the special case of the City of Fredericton against David F. Maxwell, C. E. The point of law involved is whether the defendant is a resident of the City of Fredericton within the meaning of the Local Assessment Act.

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