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FOR MISSION COME OFFERERS?

Stockholm Reports Members Soon Home A WASHINGTON VETO

American Minister at Stockholm Ordered Not to Vise Passports Alleged Terms on Which Germany is Reported Willing to Discuss Peace

London, Dec. 29.—The Stockholm correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphed yesterday, 1915.—The members of the Ford peace party received their coup de grace today and all hopes of settlement in the Hague were abandoned when Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister, announced the receipt of a cablegram from Washington forbidding him to vize the passport of the party, so as to enable the members to ask for permission from Germany to travel to Holland, by sea.

All efforts to secure passage on a steamer from Copenhagen or other Danish ports to Rotterdam have failed. Mr. Morris also will make it impossible for the delegates to wander on their own responsibility through belligerent countries. The mission will be kept together by Mr. Ford's managers and will be shipped from Copenhagen to New York by the Scandinavian-American line.

Rebuff for Hanna

"A new version of the efforts of Governor Hanna and Frederick Clark to get an audience with the King of Norway leaked out today.

"When Minister Schlegelmann declined to assist according to tradition, they brushed diplomatic etiquette aside and took a taxicab to the palace, where they met with a most uncompromising refusal. Governor Hanna quite recently had been decorated with the Grand Cross of St. Olaf by the king, he left Norway in a huff. The party will prolong its visit here by one day and will leave on Thursday night.

Four of the American newspapers, the Boston Herald, the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer-Press, this afternoon and asked whether the peace conference will be held.

"The explorer 'Peace' will be dictated from Berlin."

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Rostka Schwimmer and other members of the Ford peace mission left here on Tuesday night for Copenhagen to make advance arrangements for the reception of the German peace terms?

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Wolf bureau last night circulated among the German newspapers an exhaustive summary of an article from the New York Times, purporting to give in considerable detail the terms upon which, according to the newspaper, Germany is ready to consider peace. These correspond generally with the outline of the probable peace terms published in the Times.

The terms named include the restoration of Belgian sovereignty under certain conditions, no annexation of French territory, the separation of Poland from Russia as an independent kingdom under a German prince, the restoration of all the German colonies, the payment of an indemnity which would assume the form of a transfer to Germany of Russia's indebtedness to France, amounting to some 15,000,000,000 francs, and the payment, for a term of years, of an annual contribution by Belgium equal to the amount hitherto spent annually on the Belgian military estimate.

Whether the Belgian territory would be restored entirely is not specified in the newspaper, but it is stated that the country would be policed, that is, guarded, by Germany, until the payments of the contribution were ended, and that measures would be taken to prevent Belgium from being used as an Anglo-French outpost either by treaty arrangements, or perhaps through "pledges" turned over to Germany, the latter phrase apparently referring to the retention of the Meuse fortress.

The Wolf bureau is careful to disavow authoritatively that the article is interpretable as a German peace feeler.

DEATH OF CHILDREN DUE TO POISONED CANDY?

Boston, Dec. 29.—The death of five children in the Brighton district and Cambridge within the last few days from what the death certificates describe as acidosis, is under investigation by Medical Examiner Macgrath today.

Pending the result of an autopsy, Mr. Macgrath declined to give an opinion as to whether death might have resulted from eating poisoned candy as had been suggested by a physician. Several other children in the neighborhood are seriously ill.

FOUR NOW IN THE PARKS HOME

There are now four soldiers in the Parks convalescent hospital Mount Pleasant. Corporal Smith of this city, who left here with the first contingent, and who returned home, wounded, is on duty as orderly assisting Dr. Logie and Miss Burns, nurse in charge, and three other soldiers are there convalescing. One of them, Lance Corporal Stewart, of Dalhousie, was wounded with the 15th Battalion, 1st C. E. F., in France; the other two, Private Scully and Private Tanner, were taken ill while on duty in Canada preparing to go overseas, and will join their battalions in the near future.

EIGHT DEATHS FROM MEASLES IN THE 64TH

Men in Halifax Did Not Regard Illness as Serious and Neglect Proved Fatal

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Instructions are being sent out by the militia department to commanding officers of regiments to see that every care is given men with grippe, colds or any similar ailments. There is always a tendency to neglect ordinary diseases of this character and at Halifax last week eight deaths resulted in one company from an outbreak of measles. The men did not regard it as at all serious, and the neglect proved fatal.

There have also been a number of deaths from influenza developing into pneumonia.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—A severe epidemic of measles is raging among troops in training at Halifax. Eight deaths from the disease have already occurred in the 64th Regiment.

SOME 300 NOW ON LIST OF 115TH

Today With The Soldiers Here—Sailors in March Through Streets

A compilation of the strength of the 115th battalion is being made today by Capt. A. R. Sprenger, adjutant, and it is expected to show upwards of 300 men on the list. Recruiting has been going forward steadily, and following the vigorous campaign to be instituted on New Year's Day, there is every reason to expect that the ranks will be speedily filled. Drill for those recruited is progressing well with lectures by the officers. Almost every man who has joined has now received his uniform, but the equipment is not yet to hand. One more recruit, Theo. Leo Devlin of 187 Brussels street, joined this morning.

Here from St. Johns

Lieut. J. M. Humphrey who has been spending Christmas at his home here, will leave this evening on his return to St. Johns, Quebec, where he will rejoin his regiment, the Canadian Grenadier Guards, in winter quarters. He said today that this unit was a particularly fine body of men, none of them under five and one-half feet. They were becoming well advanced in drill and general training.

Today's Drill

The 60th battalion were put through battalion drill about the army this morning. They had a satisfactory route march yesterday afternoon to the outskirts. Those of the 115th and 140th on duty here were put through preliminary training, the former in Broad street, the latter about their quarters in Carleton.

Sailors Here

A detachment of more than 100 sailors who have been in training at Bermuda reached the city this morning on the steamer Chignecto, and at noon were taken on a march through the streets to get their "above legs." They are a fine appearing lot of men and were naturally laughing merrily or lifting a marching tune.

Recruiting Meeting

Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, recruiting officer, left at noon today for Moncton, accompanied by Lieut. Victor Belque of the 69th. They will be speakers at a recruiting rally in the railway centre to-night in the interests of the French-Canadian regiment, and the 140th.

Soldiers' Recreation

W. G. Birmingham was in the city today from Fredericton to arrange a series of hockey matches between the team from the 30th battery at the capital, of which he is coach, and teams to be organized among the local military units. The 30th, he says, have a fine team with much good material including several college students who have played with the U. N. B. St. Francis Xavier and other teams. They will go to Sydney next week for a match there.

Personal

Rev. Capt. Lochary, chaplain with the 30th battery, Fredericton, came to the city this morning.

MUTINY BY REGIMENT OF BULGARIAN INFANTRY

Paris, Dec. 29.—The 11th Bulgarian infantry regiment, stationed at Gumulidina, Bulgaria, has mutinied, according to information reaching the Athens correspondent of the Petit Journal.

TO ENTERTAIN SAILORS

In connection with the proposal to provide entertainment for naval men who may be passing through this port the mayor this morning received an offer from the board of management of the Seaman's Institute for the use of their building and equipment for this purpose. No plans have been decided upon yet.

MORE SUCCESS OF THE CAZAR'S TROOPS

Russians Capture Important Town in Persia HARD TIME FOR GERMANS Suffer From Poor Food and Bad Weather on Western Front—Shortage in Supplies For Field Hospitals

London, Dec. 29.—Russian troops have occupied the important Persian town of Kaban, and are marching toward Tadjik, according to the Tehran correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company.

HARD TIMES FOR GERMANS ON WEST

Paris, Dec. 29.—Apart from receiving presents, the German soldiers in Flanders have little time for holiday festivities. The continuous rain necessitates their working day and night to make the trenches habitable and the soldiers are very despondent on account of poor food and the weather. Many are suffering from rheumatism. The food supplied to the western army has deteriorated lately, especially in the field hospitals, where there is a scarcity of milk and eggs. Although the Germans are magnificently equipped, many men are sent to garbion before they are fit. This is one of the chief complaints.

A Turkish Report

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The Turkish war office reports:—

Dardanelles front.—"One of three enemy aeroplanes flying over Arbusun, was hit by our artillery fire and fell into the sea. Later it was towed by two vessels to the island of Imbros."

A vessel of the Agamemnon class, a British battleship with a displacement of 16,500 tons, protected by two cruisers, two monitors and eight torpedo boats, bombarded at intervals our positions. Our artillery replying, hit the Agamemnon, and one of the cruisers with two shells. On the 27th a monitor positioned behind the Isle of Merkez, fired eighty shells on the Anatolian coast narrow. Our Anatolian batteries repeatedly bombarded the landing places at Tekke Burnu and Schindler's beach, and destroyed enemy transport, sinking a boat near Tekkeburnu, and destroying a great shell. One of our aeroplanes successfully dropped four bombs on a tent camp.

THE FIGHTING IN BESSARABIA

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Csernovitz (Bukovina) correspondent of the Tageblatt, writes:—

"The Russians have made eight attacks against the Austrians on the Bessarabian border since Christmas night. Despite a tremendous expenditure of ammunition and men, the attacking forces have not yet succeeded in breaking through the lines. Every time the weakened columns of the Russians succeeded in reaching the Austro-Hungarian frontiers in some places, they were maintained a gunfire for twenty-five hours which was audible in Csernovitz."

Italians Advance

Paris, Dec. 29.—"Italian troops, which disembarked at Avlona, Albania, have reached the vicinity of the northern frontier of Epirus in some places, according to reports from voyagers arriving from Santi Quaranta, says the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency."

"Italian troops also have been seen near Tepeleni (Southern Albania)."

CLERK OF COMMERCE BANK IS ARRESTED

Said to Have Gone to Chicago For "Splurge" Before Enlisting

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Frederick J. Clarke, twenty-two years old, a clerk in the branch of the Canadian Bank in this city, in Admiral, Sask., is under arrest here, on a charge of theft and forgery.

Clarke, whose father is Major Thomas Clarke of the Royal Irish Dragoons, came to Chicago for "one big splurge," before enlisting in the British army. He admitted, according to the police, to taking \$600 of the bank's funds. He will be turned over to Canadian authorities.

CAPT. G. A. MURRAY AND MISS MCINTOSH WED IN KINGSCLEAR

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 29.—The home of Mrs. James McIntosh, Kingsclear, was the scene of a happy event this afternoon, when her daughter, Miss B. was united in marriage to Capt. George Alexander Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Murray of this city. Rev. Dr. Smith performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, John, and was attended by her sister, Miss Martha, of New York. The bride wore a yellow tulle and lace with real lace trimmings, and carried a bouquet of yellow and cream roses. The bridesmaids wore blue chiffon with red roses. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McIntosh, of St. John, and Mrs. Coleman of Moncton. The bride's brothers and sisters presented her a chest of silverware, and the groom's present was a set of black fox furs. The bride is a niece of the late Col. John L. Marsh of this city, and a cousin of Col. H. H. McLean of St. John. She is a professional nurse, and was on active service in Cuba during the Spanish-American war. Mr. and Mrs. Murray will reside here.

War Budget 200 Or 250 Million Dollars

Daily Sitzings of Cabinet in Ottawa Next Week in Preparation For Opening of Parliament

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Though the prime minister is back most of the cabinet ministers are out of town till after New Year's, and holiday quiet prevails. Starting on Monday, however, there will be daily sittings of the cabinet in preparation for the opening of parliament on January 12.

Only two outstanding matters are included in the government's programme. The one to be taken up first is an address to the imperial house asking for a one-year extension of the term of the Canadian parliament.

The other important item is the war budget. In the emergency session which was held on the 25th the sum of fifty millions was voted. Last session it was raised to a hundred million, while this time, it is expected to range between two hundred and two hundred and fifty million.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION FOR VENIZELOS

ATHENS, Dec. 29.—Thousands of Greeks of all classes, beginning with the residence of Eleutherios Venizelos, former premier, and ending at the parliament, on the occasion of his Saint's Day and gave him an extraordinary greeting.

These were men in blouses, soldiers in uniforms, statesmen, former cabinet ministers, politicians and men of every social rank in the procession.

The speeches of M. Venizelos were banked with flowers and thousands of telegraphic greetings were received from the states of Greece, Bulgaria and America. The Estemte ministers called on the former premier and were loudly cheered by the crowd.

The Unhappy Serbians

Paris, Dec. 29.—According to reliable information there are 75,000 Serbian troops at Scautar and Elbassan, Albania, suffering from the effects of a gas attack. The Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, and his ally that they will be transferred by Salonika.

Bulgaria's Politics

London, Dec. 29.—A Times despatch from Bucharest says:—

"The convocation of the Bulgarian chamber was decided only after all means for postponement allowed by the constitution were exhausted. But there is no longer any prospect of hostile action on the part of the opposition parties constituting the majority of the chamber and the budget and other measures will be passed."

Bulgarian successes in arms in Macedonia, so far, have not, soothed party animosities, while the growing desire of the country for peace has scarcely yet found active expression."

Last Night's Fighting

Paris, Dec. 29.—The war office reports:—

"The night was calm except in the sector of Chaulnes, where fighting with hand grenades at close quarters, occurred, and in the Champagne, where we bombarded the positions of the enemy to the west of Navarin Farm."

British Prisoners

Paris, Dec. 29.—A Havas despatch from Athens quotes Bulgarian newspapers as announcing the arrival of British prisoners of war in Sofia. It is said they were marched through the streets amid hostile demonstrations on the part of the people.

WALL STREET NOTES

(J. M. Robinson & Sons private telegram)

New York, Dec. 29.—Fenna lifts embargo on freight bound for New York for domestic use and grain to Philadelphia for export.

Twelve industrialists of 71; twenty active rails of 72.

IS BROUGHT BACK

One of the patients in the provincial hospital made his escape today and managed to get along the I. C. R. to New Brunswick before being caught by a guard. He was brought back to the institution. The man said that he had been given money to go to a picture show, but preferred taking a train ride instead.

Phefix and Pherindan WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The depression which was over the Gulf of Mexico yesterday is being approached by the Great Lakes with increasing energy, while a marked cold wave is spreading over the western provinces from the northward. Snow has fallen from Alberta to Lake Superior. The outlook is stormy from Ontario eastward.

Gales, Snow, Sleet or Rain.

Maritime.—Fair and cold today, then strong winds and gales northeast and east with snow, turning in some localities to sleet or rain.

New England forecasts.—Rain or sleet this afternoon and tonight; Thursday, fair, easterly gales.

NORTHLIFFE SCHEME FAILS

AVERAGE OF A STEAMER A DAY FROM THIS PORT

That Was Busy Record of December—Big Amount of Business Handled

An average of a sailing of a steamer each day with practically no congestion is the new record for the port of St. John and this is what the harbor department reports for December.

Throughout the month every berth has been occupied almost every day, an immense amount of business has been handled and the only delay which has occurred was with one steamer which remained in the straggle for a day or two waiting for a certain berth.

The extra business which the war has brought to the port in addition to the regular traffic has demonstrated the ability of the harbor facilities to handle more business than ever before and the harbor commissioner is well satisfied with the showing which the records for this month will make.

MAYOR SPEAKS OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE TAX BILLS

Discussing the proposal to seek legislation to authorize the addition of ten per cent, to the tax bills for patriotic and charitable purposes, Mayor Frink pointed out this morning that the estimates must be completed by January 15; that the assessment must be made before the date on which the legislature may be expected to meet and the tax bills should be out by the time a bill is passed through the house. Under the circumstances, he did not see how it would be possible to secure additional legislation to affect this year's assessment plan.

His Worship also said that he had understood that, with the pledges already in hand and the prospects for the future, the Patriotic Fund committee was not at all alarmed regarding the members of parliament, but as the Daily Telegraph phrases it, by the whole people of Great Britain, who will do anything, agree to anything, and stick to nothing to achieve the only possible end of the war—the complete and overwhelming defeat of the Central Powers.

New York, Dec. 29.—A London cable to the New York Times says:—The parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, which has been consistently anti-conscriptorial, writes this morning:—

"The cabinet council yesterday heard from the prime minister the momentous announcement that in his judgment the time had come when steps should be taken to prepare for the conscription of unmarried men who had not attested in the group system under Lord Derby's scheme. In other words, the prime minister's pledge to married men who attested is not only to be regarded as binding, but settles under it is to be taken forthwith. The cabinet will arrive at a decision on the matter at a further meeting tomorrow.

Announcement Wednesday

"The belief is that on next Wednesday Mr. Asquith will make a declaration of policy in the House of Commons on behalf of the government. He will announce that a bill will be introduced without delay, making service in the army obligatory on unmarried men of military age who are not attested under the Derby scheme.

"It may be the mere threat of the introduction of the bill which will serve to bring the laggards up to the scratch but there is no longer any opportunity of attestation under the group system, presumably the men who now wish to join the army will be able to do so only in terms of enlistment.

"Newspaper stories that the prime minister was coerced into an unyielding attitude by the threat of resignation from Lloyd George, are pure fiction. The fact is that Mr. Asquith from the outset was determined to fulfill his pledge, in spirit as well as in letter. His own interpretation of it is far more rigorous than that placed upon it by some of his colleagues in the cabinet. I believe the Asquith pledge of priority for unmarried men was given without previous consultation with the cabinet.

Washington Watching

Washington, Dec. 29.—Great Britain's effort to carry on the war without conscription is being anxiously watched by the American war department, because army officers say the United Kingdom's situation touches at the roots of conditions the United States faces in carrying out the administration's programme for increasing the army.

If Great Britain decides for conscription, high officials said today, a long step will have been taken toward the time when universal service will be generally accepted in the United States as a (Continued on page 2, sixth column)

PARIS MAY PUT GLOOM ASIDE AND LIGHT CITY

Paris, Dec. 29.—General Michael Joseph Maunoury, military governor of Paris, expresses the opinion that the capital might be more brilliantly lighted without the risk of air raids. He said he was inquiring into the question and if the results bore out his belief, a return would be made to almost normal lighting.

CHIGNECTO IN PORT

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Liner Chignecto arrived in port this morning from Bermuda and the West Indies. Captain Adams reports a rough trip, heavy seas and strong head winds after leaving Bermuda. The steamer was due yesterday but owing to weather conditions was behind time. One hundred and twenty-three passengers arrived on the steamer. The majority of these were sailors of the British navy. She also had 4,000 tons of freight, chiefly sugar, for the Atlantic refiners and western points. Christmas was celebrated on board. A programme was arranged among the passengers and a most enjoyable time was spent by all.

The schooner A. L. Plummer sailed from port this morning for New York with a cargo of lumber.

The schooner Mary A. Hall arrived in Boston yesterday from Camden, Me.

NEW LANCE CORPORAL

A letter received by Geo. M. Breen, Brookville, today from France, said that his step-son, James W. McIntire, 20th battalion, had been given a step up, and was now a lance corporal. His friends will be pleased to hear of it.

Great Wave Carries Captain To His Death

New York, Dec. 29.—The steamer Escalona arrived in New York today from Liverpool with a tale of tragedy at sea, as illustrated to her from the British steamer Cheviot Range, bound from Fowey, England, to Philadelphia.

During a hurricane on December 22, so the Cheviot Range reported, the skipper, Captain Fell, was washed overboard and drowned. Great seas boarding the ship smashed bridges and did other damage. No assistance was asked.

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NOT A STRIKE FROM SEA TO SEA

No Labor Troubles in Canada Today — Conciliation Boards For St. John and Edmonton Only Signs of Differences

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A situation which promised for a time to become serious has been brought to an amicable close by a notification by the Canadian Northern Railway to the Labor Department of its acceptance of the findings of a conciliation board which recently passed upon the dispute between that company and its locomotive engineers and firemen. As a result of this finding employees on the eastern lines of the C. N. R. system secure considerable benefit in wage rates and conditions.

The acceptance of the award by the railway company leaves the industrial situation in Canada peaceful beyond precedent during the fifteen years covered by Labor Department records. Not one strike is reported as existing from sea to sea and there is no indication of serious friction at any point, although conciliation boards at the moment exist at St. John, N. B., where the longshoremen are negotiating a new agreement with the ship-owners, and at Edmonton, where the street railway men are seeking a new agreement with the municipality. Work continues peacefully at both points pending the investigations, and, as the dispute in neither case presents any serious difficulty, there is every reason to suppose the boards will be able to effect working agreements.

REWARD EMPLOYERS.
T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., presented to each of their employees, who returned to the premises on the night of the "Thorne" fire and assisted in the work of protecting the building a ten dollar gold piece. This was done in recognition of their services on that occasion. The employees returning to the store rendered valuable assistance and aided materially in preventing the fire in the building adjacent from getting a foothold in the McAvity block.

MORNING WAR CABLES
Vienna is expecting a visit from the German chancellor soon for the purpose of conferring with the Austrian authorities as to the terms on which the Central Powers will accept peace proposals.
A Paris report says that nine enemy submarines have been sunk in the Mediterranean Sea by Allied methods.
The Russians have begun a fierce attack on the Dniester River and through Bessarabia.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 29.
A.M. P.M.
High Tide... 4.51 Low Tide... 11.24
Sun Rises... 8.10 Sun Sets... 4.44
Time used is Atlantic standard.

FOREIGN PORTS.
New York, Dec. 27—Ard, str New York, Liverpool.
Boston, Dec. 28—Ard, schs John Brucewell, Calais; Cawawantek, Rockport; M. E. Eldridge, St. George.
Calais, Dec. 28—Ard, schs William Cobb, New York; Charles C. Lester, do; Fanny C. Bowen, Philadelphia.
Rockland, Dec. 28—Ard, schs William D. Hilton, New York; Silver Spray, Nova Scotia for do; Mary Eliza, Portland; B. Bowdoin, Franklin.
Sid, schs John R. Penrose, New York; William Booth, do.
New York, Dec. 28—Ard, schs Rhoda Holmes, South Amboy for Calais; Annie B. Mitchell, Kennebec; Damietta, St. George (NB).
St. John, Dec. 28—Sch Rhoda Holmes, Calais, (and anchored).
Lubeck, Dec. 21—Ard, sch Charles I. Lubbe, do.
Yonkers, Dec. 22—Ard, sch American Team, St. John (NB), for Bridgeport.
Boston, Dec. 26—Ard, str Maskinongie, Sydney.
New London, Dec. 28—Ard, schs Wm D. Hillon, Perth Amboy for Rockland (Me); Alaska, Guttenberg for Eastport (Me).
Portland, Dec. 25—Ard, sch John G. Walter, New York, for New York; tug Tormentor, New York, towing barge David H. Munroe for Spencer Island (NS).

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3 bottles Lemon or Vanilla..... 25c.
3 bottles Pickles..... 25c.
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Apples..... From \$1.50 bbl, up

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LOCAL NEWS

An alarm from box 145 was rung last night for a slight fire in a house, 588 Main street, owned by Frederick Pace.

Before buying sweeping compound, phone West 877 for factory prices on No-Dust.

The Crusaders Club of the Y. M. C. A. Junior department enjoyed a banquet last evening with toast and appropriate speeches. A. M. Gregg was the principal speaker.

Open a charge account with Brager's for any goods required for fall wear at \$1 weekly.

If you have not the ready cash to buy your fall overcoat or suit come to Brager's on Union street where you can get same by a small deposit down and \$1 weekly.

The Home Mission Board of the United Baptist church met in quarterly session here yesterday. Reports presented showed that good results are being attained all over the province and that contributions are well up to the mark.

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Applications for liquor licenses for the coming year, dating from May 1, closed last evening. There were fifty-three applicants for retail licenses, twelve for wholesale and three for breweries. All the present permits are now applied for. Harold Harley has applied for the permits now occupied by his cousin, M. E. Harley, and G. M. Bestwick and Mrs. E. Foster have both applied for the Dufferin Hotel license.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY
Notice of New Train Service for Christmas Week

Notice of new train service for Xmas week. Special train service will be in effect, leaving Fredericton six a. m. and five p. m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for Gagetown and on same days leaving Gagetown eight and seven-thirty p. m. for Fredericton. After Xmas there will be a regular bi-weekly service on the same schedule, Tuesday, Wednesday Saturday, until further notice.

SHIPPING

SEVERAL ARE INDICTED

New York, Dec. 28.—Congressman Frank Buchanan, of Illinois; H. Robert Fowler, former congressman from Illinois; Frank S. Monett, former attorney-general of Ohio; David Lamar, Jacob C. Taylor, president of Labor's National Peace Council; Frans Von Rintelen, a German agent; H. B. Martin and Herman Schulteis were indicted by the federal grand jury today for conspiring to foment strikes in American munitions factories.

All the indicted men except Lamar and Von Rintelen, are officers or former officers of the peace council, an organization which the government charges, was formed and financed by Rintelen to bribe labor leaders to call strikes in munition plants in furtherance of the German propaganda in this country.

SUGGEST ADDITION OF TEN PER CENT TO TAX BILLS FOR PATRIOTIC GRANTS

A bill authorizing the city to add ten per cent to all tax bills for the purpose of covering grants for patriotic and charitable purposes, during the period of the war, was proposed in a resolution moved by Commissioner Potts and seconded by Commissioner Wigmore at the weekly meeting of the common council yesterday. After some discussion the matter was laid over for consideration in committee.

SHOT AS WIFE SHOUTS WARNING
New York, Dec. 29.—As his wife shouted a warning to him from a window of their flat, Frank Colletti, aged 28, a bricklayer of 7 Goerck street, was shot down in front of that building. He is dying in Gouverneur Hospital from wounds in the abdomen and neck. When four suspects, one of them shot in the knee, were taken before him in the hospital he refused to identify them, although the doctors told him he had only a few hours to live.

The police say it was a gang shooting, but they have been unable to learn the cause. According to Mrs. Colletti, several men called at her door during the night and asked for Frank. They aroused her suspicions, and for an hour she leaned out of a window watching for her husband to come. When he came, she shouted to him to hurry, but a moment later several shots were heard and Colletti fell. Several men ran away.

AGENT-GENERAL NOT RESIGNING JUST YET

Man Whose Place Former Premier of British Columbia Would Fill Thought He Had a Life Job

(Montreal Gazette.)
London, Dec. 28.—Hon. Richard McBride is not expected to take the office of agent general of British Columbia until the end of January. Hon. J. H. Burns' friends are not altogether satisfied with the treatment accorded him, as it was assumed when he resigned from Dunsmuir's cabinet fourteen years ago to come here and take the appointment that it would be for life.

Although in his 62nd year, Hon. Mr. Burns is quite active, and has been in many respects like Lord Strathcona regarding daily attendance at his office. So far he has not resigned the position, and it appears to be a question of a pension which will have to be decided by the legislature.

The offices of British Columbia have been removed from the city to the West End, a fine structure, bearing the name of the province, having been erected in Regent street, near the Piccadilly Circus. The formal opening ceremony will take place later.

The agent-general hope that after the war their status will be properly defined and recognized in relation both to the federal and imperial governments. It is pointed out that the Lord Mayor recognized them recently by inviting their cooperation in raising money for King Albert's fete day dinners, but passed them over in issuing invitations for the Mansion House banquet on the Lord Mayor's day, although the provincial representatives from Australia were guests.

EXPORT OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS AVERAGES \$2,500,000 A DAY

There Will Be a Tremendous Increase However, By the Middle of March

New York, Dec. 28.—It is pointed out that the export of arms and munitions for the allies is just beginning to attain something of the proportions that may be expected for the next year. A steady growth in the output of munition factories is expected from now on.

While the shipment of arms and munitions is said to average \$2,500,000 a day, there will be a tremendous increase by the middle of March. By that time the capacity of the factories in this country, under the present orders from the allies, will have been reached.

NEED THE MOTHERS
Washington, Dec. 29.—The death rate in the United States among babies of mothers who work outside their homes far exceeds the infant mortality there from this country under a false passport. He is at present under indictment, charged with conspiring to procure a bogus passport as an American citizen. No effort will be made, however, to obtain his return to this country as the offenses, with which he is charged are not extraditable.

All of the indictments were returned under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law and charge conspiracy in restraint of the foreign trade of the United States. The maximum penalty is one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$100,000.

INFANT DEATH RATE HIGHER WHEN MOTHERS GO OUT TO WORK

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NEW YORK POLICEMAN ENDS LIFE WITH HIS REVOLVER
New York, Dec. 29.—David Mackrell, forty-two years old, a policeman attached to the West 100th street station, committed suicide in the bathroom of his home by shooting himself with his service revolver. He was on a two month sick leave, suffering from nervous prostration and insomnia.

According to his wife and stepson, Roy West, Mackrell was unusually cheerful and talked and chatted brightly at breakfast. Afterward, when Mrs. Mackrell began her household duties and her son was preparing to leave for his work, Mackrell went into the bathroom. A shot was heard, and when mother and son

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FOOLISH PEACE TALK.

Certain busybodies in the United States, and certain others in neutral nations in Europe appear to think they have a license to agitate for peace.

So far as the western front is concerned, Germany is beaten. In the east, she will not be able to do to Russia next year what this year she failed to do.

Germany would welcome peace negotiations today, for she is in a good position to dictate terms, having gained so much success in the invasion of the territories of Belgium, France, Serbia and Russia, and we can well believe that she regards with favor the movements of the Ford peace party.

The strength of Germany's present position, however, must not be overlooked or underestimated. The British general staff, very properly points out that it would be folly to undertake any military action on any front without complete preparation.

But peace talk is wasted at the present time. The British, French, Russian and Italian are so determined to see the war through to a final satisfactory result to them as they were when they began to fight, and not one of them is at all interested in the peace talk of neutrals whose battles they are fighting.

The military demonstration in St. John on New Year's Day will be a memorable event in the city's history. How it would hearten the lads in the trenches if they could see it.

The death of Mr. James A. Belyea, K. C., deprives St. John of a good citizen. He had an excellent record as a lawyer, and was a man of kindly and generous nature.

IS IT TO BE CONSCRIPTION? There are likely to be some further changes in the British cabinet. If even a modified form of conscription is adopted there will probably be some resignations.

"Few persons ever advocated the principle of conscription for their own sake, and most people would probably have been glad if the war could have been won without it.

to be absolutely necessary—how can they continue their opposition? There is, of course, the chance that the knowledge that they will presently be forced to enlist may within the next few days cause so many young men to rush to the recruiting offices that it will not be necessary to enforce conscription.

THE SHELL CONTRACTS. The Montreal Mail says:—"Major-General Bertram, chairman of the late uncompleted shell committee, answers his critics with a statement that, in contracts of \$845,000,000, he had secured prices \$45,000,000 lower than the estimates of the War Office.

Lighter vein. Little Davy is forever asking questions. "Would better keep still or something will happen to you," the tired mother finally told him one night.

THE WINTER PORTS. A Portland, Me. letter says:—"The sailings this week were all important and heavy cargoes of grain were taken out and the forwarding of boxes from this port for the use of the allies was resumed.

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SCIENCE AND THE WAR AS AFFECTING BRITAIN

London, Dec. 19.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Neglect of science is responsible for England's mistakes, according to Professor E. B. Poulton, of Oxford University.

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SUN OF EMPIRE HAS SET

Aggression of Germans Leaves Little For Austria—Flight Bad and Growing Worse

The trip of the German Emperor to Vienna and all the facts connected with it or attributed to it are receiving wrong explanation in different quarters, says Mr. MacLew Czerniewski, in the Daily Graphic. "But," says this well informed writer, "it is quite true that Germany is aiming at establishing a Zollverein with the Dual Monarchy, and that neither Austria nor Hungary favors such a policy. Nevertheless in my opinion the ministerial changes in Austria are a result of a pitiable state of affairs in that country and in this respect Hungary enjoys more favorable conditions than Austria. Hungary has a real object in the war and not only Count Tisza, but the whole Hungarian nation is a hearty supporter of Germany in the present struggle. With Austria it is different. Neither Poles nor Bohemians, nor other Slavs, (Serbians, Croats, Ruthenians, etc.) have given the support which Austria expected of them. The last Austro-Hungarian loan which proved to be a failure gave a better result in Hungary than in Austria. This state of affairs would be in the province of the Austrian Minister of Interior, Commerce and Finance. Not being able to show a satisfactory result of their administration the particular members named it is possible that they were dismissed at the German Emperor's suggestion. Austria is Tired

That little matter, however, was far from being the most important object of this the Kaiser's first visit to Vienna since the early days of the war. Much more important questions must have been discussed. Austria is tired, terribly tired of the war. Back in last spring, when the Russians were at the gates of Cracow, the Austrian Emperor was inclined to conclude a separate peace. To save the situation Germany sent her troops to Galicia and reconquered almost all that province. Austria, however, does not enjoy the fruits of these victories, she is more and more becoming a dependent of Germany. The success of the German troops in Galicia only brought humiliation to the proud Hapsburgs. Germany ignored the promises of aid given to Austria concerning Poland.

No Hope for Austria German policy in Poland indicates that Austria can expect very little from her ally's conquest there. Even the parts of Poland adjoining the Galician frontier, those rich in coal and iron, although conquered by Austrian troops, were instantly occupied by Germany. Consider it their property. Austria also is afraid of the Roumanian danger. Germany is bargaining with Roumania and she intends the Dual Monarchy shall settle the bill. On another front the Dual Monarchy is now threatened with a danger which concerns her most vital interests. The Italians are making steady progress in the breaking down the gates to Trieste and Croatia. If once they occupy the Austrian Adriatic coast the Dual Monarchy will be cut off from the sea, she will lose her outlet as a great power; she will become a small state like Bavaria, with an outlet to the world through Hamburg. The aged emperor realizes that nothing is being done for Austria except that which will help Germany. The people are suffering more and more; they have scanty food, no money, no prospects; at any price they need a cessation of hostilities.

Wants Separate Peace. One of the Italian papers a few days ago announced that Austria was aiming at obtaining a separate peace. The Italian press is usually well informed about Austrian affairs. In Austria, their previous ally, there are many Austrian-Germans. The Emperor, however, does not also of the state of mind of her Emperor. Wilhelm II, although bloody in his deeds, is a very brilliant man. As an old practice of his to go in person to places where ministers are unable to carry through his policy. The necessity for peace would have been put forward to him by Francis Joseph, largely based on the internal affairs of Austria. To meet it and at the same time to strengthen Germany's grip on Austria, the German

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Kaiser recommended dismissal of ministers and their substitution by men who should make Austria still more dependent on Germany. Austria is already dominated by Germany, not only militarily, but financially. Austrian trade has been mortgaged to the German banks for the last Austrian loan. And Germany means to have more. But while Austria has been Germany's dupe, she has been a willing one. Not even Germany herself was more of a swash-buckler and a rattler of the sword in the scabbard in the last ten years than Austria. She is more militaristic than Germany herself, and while she was friendly to Great Britain before the war, she was none the less an enemy of Germany. That her empire will collapse as a result of this war is generally taken for granted. Her aged emperor, because of the ruinous economic traumas that have marred his reign, has been an object of sympathy, but the fact that he lent himself to the Kaiser's policy, and that he war to cement his empire, has shown him to be a ruler hardly less mindful of his true interest of his country than Wilhelm himself.

SOLDIERS' COMFORT ASSOCIATION IN SPECIAL APPEAL

Owing to the urgent and constant appeal from our overseas contingent now in the trenches for socks the above association has decided to hold a "sock week" commencing January 8, 1916, when the trenches will be a pair of socks throughout the province will make special efforts to assist by donating socks or money but by no means worthy and fitting way to enter on the new year. Please all do your best as by this special effort we hope to have a pair of socks for every man in the battalions from the maritime provinces. Please address all parcels and money to Soldiers' Comforts Association, C. P. B. building, corner King and Germain, St. John, N. B.

SAYS THAT THE ALLIES CANNOT BE DISLOGGED

Safe in Saloniki, Declares General Hutchinson, Just Home From Greece

New York, Dec. 28.—That the allies cannot be dislodged from their positions in Saloniki and that they will start a drive toward Adrianople from there in the early spring is the belief of Gen. Thomas S. Hutchinson, who has just arrived from Greece. Captain Hutchinson, who is a captain in the Tennessee National Guard, and who served in the United States Army, fought during the Italian wars on the Greek front and was elevated to the rank of general. He has spent several months in Greece. "I said," he said, "are firmly entrenched and it will be impossible successfully to attack them from the surrounding high and unpopulated plains. Greece. Gen. Hutchinson's opinion, will remain neutral unless forced to defend her national sovereignty."

"The strength of the Anglo-French expedition force was reported to be between 50,000 and 60,000, the actual number was more than 100,000. "Great Britain and France," he continued, "are constantly pouring troops into Saloniki. The Mediterranean is full of army transports bearing allied soldiers to Greece. "This is being done, as I have been authoritatively informed, because Great Britain intends to launch a drive from Saloniki toward Adrianople in the early spring to cut off the Turkish supply line from their base in Constantinople. "When we landed in Algiers I was told by several French officers stationed there that there were at least thirty Austro-Germans in the Mediterranean near the Greek coast, on Nov. 27, during a gale. At one o'clock the following day, while I was talking with Captain Hasapis, I saw a submarine about three miles away. We were still in sight of the Greek coast. "The captain decided to pay no attention to the submarine which was slowly coming toward us. Suddenly, and without warning a shot was fired and struck close to our side. Captain Hasapis ordered the Ioannina stopped. We expected every moment to see a torpedo launched. Captain Hasapis ordered the display of the Greek flag. The submarine commander was evidently satisfied, and he submerged and that was the last we saw of the submarine."

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FIXES CONSUMPTION OF FLOUR PER HEAD.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 28.—A despatch received here from Budapest says the Official Gazette has published a government order fixing the daily consumption of rye wheat and barley flour at 240 grammes per head, for the general population, and at 300 grammes for persons engaged in hard physical labor. Have your potatoes baked in a quick oven and served as soon as they are thoroughly cooked. It is impossible to do away with the starch, which is almost the whole potato, but cooked in this way they are much more easily digested.

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WILL BE DIFFICULT TO EXACT INDEMNITY

Little to Gain by Imposition on Germany, Says a British M. P.

London, Dec. 12.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"The exaction of a large indemnity as a part of the terms of peace in the present war, is, I believe, out of the question," declares Joseph King, M. P. from Somerset, who has just returned to the House of Commons for the last five years on an expert on economic questions. The question as to how much to gain from an effort to extract indemnity from Germany and her allies. "Of course," he says, "we hear many Englishmen remark: 'Certainly, we shall make Germany pay every penny we can get out of her, and we shall go on fighting until we can get terms including a big sum of money.' That sounds very simple, but is it possible? The imposition of an indemnity is a very complicated and difficult question to decide. "Take, for example, the huge indemnity paid after 1871 by France to Germany. As a consequence of this, the prosperity and trade of France was recuperative and progressive, while Germany was depressed and suffering. Bismarck himself acknowledged this, and economists in both France and Germany attributed it to the way in which Germany received her French indemnity payments.

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many received her French indemnity payments. "In subsequent wars, notably the Russo-Japanese war, claims of indemnities in money, even when made by the victors, have not been pressed, because of the immense difficulties which they present. "Any indemnity commensurate with the range and losses of this war must be taken at a huge figure. Five billion dollars, a sum less than the British parliament has already voted for the war, may be taken as the lowest figure likely to be named. Now to pay five billion dollars from one side to another is impossible in gold. Even if gold payments could be made, the immediate result would only be to immensely inflate prices in the country receiving the gold. Prices being raised enormously, with no increase in the volume of trade, manufacturers or commodities would mean intense privation to the poor and a complete upset of commerce. "The French government surprised the world, when in September, 1873, just twenty-seven months after the first indemnity payment, she paid to Germany the last instalment, making a total of a billion dollars. France was able to do this by buying credit bills in London, Amsterdam and elsewhere. One-third of a billion dollars worth of bills were bought in London, for English trade had been languishing, while French and German armies had been spending. The neutrality and activity of England made the indemnity easy. In the circumstances of the present war, no such neutral trading and banking countries exist. "If Germany has to pay a huge indemnity, she cannot do it by shipments of gold, nor by transferring debts due her, nor by creating fresh debts. She can pay only by less commerce or productive industry. If her manufacturing and shipping and trading houses could be started at once in full swing immediately after the war ends, she might soon be paying off indemnity. But her men will be gone, her credit vanished, her system overturned. The possibility of paying under these conditions seems remote. "Germany's wonderful productivity and trading enterprises are to be revived after the war in order to pay indemnities to her enemies. It means that her enemies will have to trade with her far more than they did before the war. If the impoverished workers of Germany are to make wealth, to pay, then there must be customers for their work. These can only be found among the allies. Will they want to encourage trade with her, while their own mills and workmen are depressed and perhaps idle? Will those of the allies who have been protectionist before, notably Russia, become free traders in order that German workers may produce profits to pay indemnity? "Writers who have studied the subject are agreed that a nation which proves victorious in war may with profit and advantage, impose a money indemnity on the vanquished only under very exceptional circumstances, and three conditions are requisite; the nation

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FOR SALE—Nice Sideboard, solid Oak, beautifully hand-carved, will be sold reasonable. Located at 57 Waterloo street, left hand door. 83292-1-1

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RECruITING IS BRISKER AGAIN

Fifteen Enlisted Yesterday—Plans For Welcoming Returned Soldiers—Physician Wanted For Recruiting Office

A busy day was spent at the recruiting offices in Mill street yesterday when several applicants were attested. The recruits for the Siege Battery included Fred B. Moulton, St. John; J. G. Hart, Annapolis Royal, N. S., and Francis Gov. of the Boy Scouts, and for the 118th, Harold C. Purdie, William C. Merritt, A. A. Dixon, Thomas J. McNulty, and Walter Preston, all of St. John; Geo. T. Wood, Annapolis, N. S.; John Bowdy, Aberdeen, Scotland; William Russell, Perry's Point; W. B. MacNutt, Yarmouth, N. S.; and two Russians in the program.

At a meeting of the Soldiers' Welcome Committee yesterday in the board of trade rooms, various matters regarding the reception of returned wounded or sick soldiers were discussed. Regarding the matter of delays in the hour scheduled for the arrival of steamers, it was believed that this could not be improved to lessen the waiting for hours by members of the committee, and the committee was divided into two sections so that each boat might be met. The officers of the Boy Scouts to help the committee was readily accepted. W. S. Hartman and H. G. Golding wrote, tendering theatre privileges to returned soldiers. G. S. Hayes made an appeal for magazines for the soldiers. Regarding finances it was believed that some means must be taken to raise funds to aid in the plans of welcome.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee yesterday afternoon, Capt. Mulcahey reported having interviewed Mrs. Kuhring, and found that the ladies in charge of the Soldiers' Club would be very happy to tender its privileges to visiting sailors expected in the city soon. A committee was appointed to secure new recruiting officers. Capt. Tilley promised to take up with headquarters the matter of the appointment of a physician in the Mill street building to examine recruits. A programme for the New Year's recruiting demonstration was submitted by E. A. Schofield, who was appointed chairman of the big gathering in the army.

A most enjoyable concert was last night given at the army in the Y. M. C. A. rooms there for the soldiers. The Exmouth street church choir gave the programme which was well received. Those taking part included Ernest Thomas, B. S. Stillwell, Miss Baskin, Miss Edith Myles, and the choir in anthems.

Border Masonic Installations.

St. Stephen, Dec. 27.—The officers of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M., were installed this evening by Ven. Archdeacon O. S. Newham, P. M., assisted by E. G. McFarlane, P. M., as director of ceremonies; J. Wells Fraser, W. M.; Chester Gregory (P. M.), S. W.; Harold E. Beck, J. W.; F. M. Murchie, treasurer; James Vroom (P. M.), secretary; Edwin Carter, S. D.; N. N. Vanstone, J. D.; F. H. Beck (P. M.), D. of G.; Ven. Archdeacon Newham (P. M.), chaplain; Harold Purvis, S. S.; W. A. S. W.; J. P. G. McFarlane (P. M.), I. G.; H. P. Webber, Tyler

The officers of Victoria Lodge, F. & A. M., Milltown, were installed this evening. The installing officer was Past Master Arthur Hiltz; Dr. Everett W. Gray, W. M.; Frank A. Sharpe (P. M.), S. W.; Julius Andrews, J. W.; Carl Gustav Klein, treasurer; Arthur Hiltz (P. M.), secretary; Wm. T. Denham, S. D.; Miss Allan Balm, D. W. Sinclair, S. S.; Geo. Maxwell, J. S.; Andrew Mungall (P. M.), D. of C.

The distinguished-looking lady stepped from the train and was making for the station exit when a police porter rushed after her, touched his cap and exclaimed "Hansom, Miss!" "Yes, very," she quipped wittily replied, as she passed on with a disengaging smile.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Gold coin brooch, Finder please leave at Times office. 1-1

LOST—Old purse, containing \$3 bill and few cents on Friday, Finder please return to Times. 83294-12-30

LOST—On Friday on Pitt street, Regimental Brooch of Grenadier Guard of Montreal. Please return to Times office. 83280-12-30

LOST—Old purse, containing few cents on Friday, Finder please return to Times. 83294-12-30

LOST—Spinal Dog, brown, six months old. Finder please return to 288 Germain. 83214-12-30

LOST—Friday afternoon, between Union Depot and vicinity and M. R. A. Ltd., sum of money. Finder please notify Times. 83218-12-30

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MONEY TO LOAN

A well-to-do farmer in need of legal advice sought a struggling attorney with reference to a suit he desired to bring against a neighbor. The lawyer looked up the statutes and advised his client what course to pursue. As the latter rose to leave the office, he asked: "What's your fee?" "O, say, \$8," carelessly responded the attorney. Whereupon the client proffered a \$5 bill. The lawyer seemed embarrassed. He carefully searched his pockets and the drawers of his desk without finding the necessary change. Finally he met the exigency by pocketing the bill and observing as he reached for a digest: "It would seem, sir, that I shall have to give you \$8 worth more of advice."

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DRY slab wood, sawed in stove lengths, \$1 per load in the North End. McNamara Bros., Phone Main 78.

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HARD and Soft Coal on hand; prices right. Coal the best procurable. Telephone 42. James S. McGivern, 5 Mill street.

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WE HAVE Sixty Winter Overcoats left in stock. We have decided to sell them all at cost price this week. Many are made of the black melton cloth. Come early. Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main.

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ORDER your winter overcoat now. We have in stock a good line of overcoat cloths that we will make up at reasonable prices. Also some very fine Ready-to-wear Overcoats.—W. J. Higgins & Co. Custom and Ready-to-wear Clothing, 189 Union street.

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PRICES THAT THE SOLDIERS PAY

Some Unscrupulous Dealers in England

BLEEDING THE CANADIANS

Rev. J. H. MacDonald Makes Scathing Arraignment of These Few Who Are Destroying Good Opinion of English Business Men

Rev. Capt. J. H. MacDonald, writing from Belgium to the Maritime Baptist, says in part—

Last week I intimated that at some future time I might have a word to say on the prices the soldiers are called upon to pay for extra provisions and other things. Food prices in this part of the western front are fairly high. During the last five or six weeks eggs have been selling at eighty-four cents per dozen with an upward tendency, butter at sixty cents per pound and bread of a very indifferent quality, at twelve cents a loaf. The Belgian people tell me that the ordinary commodities have all steadily gone up since the war. The price of coal has increased 120 per cent, bread seventy-two per cent, rice 300 per cent, crockery 600 per cent, and shoe leather seventy-five per cent.

It will thus be seen that the struggle for life with the English population is becoming more and more intense. The sleepless, whose name is legion in every spot where soldiers are quartered, is almost the only exception to this rule. Nearly every house along the main thoroughfares, not a licensed establishment, is converted into a store and most of the proprietors are making money.

One sees striking illustrations in almost every shop of low trade follows the flag. There on the shelves before your eyes are cans of salmon, lobsters, and hardens bearing Canadian labels, Quaker oats manufactured in Peterborough, Ontario, and canned fruit from the Niagara Peninsula are also among the staple commodities. These are the goods which the most of us, know the best sellers and whom, for example, you want a stick of shaving soap for, Colgate's and Williams' are handed down, and you can take your choice.

There is little or no complaint concerning prices here, though they have gone up since the second Canadian arrived. But it is not so concerning the cost of goods in England. If you wish to touch a sore spot in the average Canadian, who has spent a few months in a training camp in the mother country, just mention the English values.

We were all brought up to believe in the sweet reasonableness of English prices and in the unassailable integrity of the English merchant. Most of the European officers and soldiers now in Canada have revised their views and can give a reason for their change of mind. Let no one misunderstand me. The vast majority of English business men are absolutely reliable and would scorn to be a party to a shady transaction. In common with other good citizens they have given of their blood and treasure for the empire and are prepared to give a square deal to all comers.

But the fleeter, younger son of Rev. M. O. Fletcher, is now a member of the 110th Battalion. He has been for some months a member of the 62nd, for home defence, but has now secured a transfer to the 110th. At present he is on the staff of the quartermaster's office. His older brother, Darlin, is now on the fighting line.

Rev. Thos. Trotter, D. D., LL. D., had the honor of representing McMaster at the inaugural of Dr. Clarence A. Barbour as president of Rochester Theological Seminary.

Along Washademoak Lake there is no name more honored than that of Dr. M. C. McDonald. In addition to the ministry of healing that he has exercised, he has long been one of the chief supporters of our work, and the mainstay of the church at Cambridge.

The tidings of his continued serious illness will be a cause of deep regret to many, especially to those who in former days have proved and been sustained by his untiring devotion and constant support in the work of the church.

We were delighted on Friday to receive a call from Capt. (Rev.) W. F. Parker. He was spending a few hours in the city before returning to Halifax. He is finding his life as chaplain of the 64th a very busy one.

Pastor F. H. Wentworth of the Waterloo street church, St. John, has distinguished his congregation a very neat illuminated New Year's card, illuminated by Newton Theological Institute this year has a large contingent from these provinces. In the senior class are E. G. Dakin and Guy Bleakney. Among the middle class, is a graduate of Acadia, Ross D. Easton, and C. D. Piper. Carlton A. Easton, also a member of the middle class, is a graduate of Acadia, but a native of Massachusetts. Among the special students there are W. S. Jacobs, Luke Bleakney and C. L. Fenner.

Among those who obtained marriage licenses recently at the court house at Harrisburg, Penn., was Christmas Candy, twenty-three years old, an engineer. Tyzone. He told the marriage license clerk that he was born on Christmas Day and that his parents gave him the old name for that reason.

Fred A. Lewis, of Northfield, Vt., recently cut an elm tree which measured fourteen feet two inches in circumference twenty inches from the ground. The tree measured 96-1-2 feet in height. Sixty feet from the ground it measured eight feet two inches in circumference.

"O statesmen, guard us, guard the eye, the soul Of Europe, keep our noble England whole, And save the one true seed of freedom sown Betwixt a people and their ancient throne. For saving that you help to save mankind."

What the young fellow lacked in brains the father made up in money, and the latter was very rich. One day a well-wishing friend, thinking to give the wealthy old fellow a hint, said to him: "Don't you think your son is wasting his time staying here in this quiet little town?" A grim smile flickered across the old man's lips as he replied dryly: "Well, he might just as well waste it here as anywhere else."

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Quotations furnished by private wire of I. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N.B. Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Price, and Change. Includes items like N. Y. Air Brakes, Am. Car & Ferry, Am. Locomotive, Am. Beet Sugar, etc.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS

(Maritime Baptist)

Rev. E. A. Allaby is taking up the work of the pastorate, and will accept if his health will endure the strain of regular pastoral work.

Rev. A. F. Newcomb and family of Fredericton, spent the Christmas season in Boston.

Ray M. Vallis, who recently gave up the work on the Rothess-Holderville field to pursue the further course of study, has been called to the pastorate of the Immanuel Baptist church, Dorchester, Mass. He will continue his studies at the Gordon Training School while ministering to this congregation.

Rev. G. W. Elliott of Sawyerville, Que., has accepted a call to the church at Vanleek Hill, Ont. Mr. Elliott graduated at Acadia in 1899.

A visitor to the office during the week was Rev. P. C. Clarke, who has been in attendance at the Gordon Training School, Boston. He was on his way to the holidays with his wife at Gloucester Bay.

Otto Fletcher, younger son of Rev. M. O. Fletcher, is now a member of the 110th Battalion. He has been for some months a member of the 62nd, for home defence, but has now secured a transfer to the 110th. At present he is on the staff of the quartermaster's office.

His older brother, Darlin, is now on the fighting line.

Rev. Thos. Trotter, D. D., LL. D., had the honor of representing McMaster at the inaugural of Dr. Clarence A. Barbour as president of Rochester Theological Seminary.

Along Washademoak Lake there is no name more honored than that of Dr. M. C. McDonald. In addition to the ministry of healing that he has exercised, he has long been one of the chief supporters of our work, and the mainstay of the church at Cambridge.

The tidings of his continued serious illness will be a cause of deep regret to many, especially to those who in former days have proved and been sustained by his untiring devotion and constant support in the work of the church.

We were delighted on Friday to receive a call from Capt. (Rev.) W. F. Parker. He was spending a few hours in the city before returning to Halifax. He is finding his life as chaplain of the 64th a very busy one.

Pastor F. H. Wentworth of the Waterloo street church, St. John, has distinguished his congregation a very neat illuminated New Year's card, illuminated by Newton Theological Institute this year has a large contingent from these provinces. In the senior class are E. G. Dakin and Guy Bleakney. Among the middle class, is a graduate of Acadia, Ross D. Easton, and C. D. Piper. Carlton A. Easton, also a member of the middle class, is a graduate of Acadia, but a native of Massachusetts. Among the special students there are W. S. Jacobs, Luke Bleakney and C. L. Fenner.

Among those who obtained marriage licenses recently at the court house at Harrisburg, Penn., was Christmas Candy, twenty-three years old, an engineer. Tyzone. He told the marriage license clerk that he was born on Christmas Day and that his parents gave him the old name for that reason.

Fred A. Lewis, of Northfield, Vt., recently cut an elm tree which measured fourteen feet two inches in circumference twenty inches from the ground. The tree measured 96-1-2 feet in height. Sixty feet from the ground it measured eight feet two inches in circumference.

"O statesmen, guard us, guard the eye, the soul Of Europe, keep our noble England whole, And save the one true seed of freedom sown Betwixt a people and their ancient throne. For saving that you help to save mankind."

What the young fellow lacked in brains the father made up in money, and the latter was very rich. One day a well-wishing friend, thinking to give the wealthy old fellow a hint, said to him: "Don't you think your son is wasting his time staying here in this quiet little town?" A grim smile flickered across the old man's lips as he replied dryly: "Well, he might just as well waste it here as anywhere else."

CHRISTMAS TREATS AND ENTERTAINMENTS

The annual Christmas treat for sailors in port at the Seaman's Institute last evening was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

Rev. R. P. McKim gave an address, Miss Alcorn was heard in vocal solos, Miss Champion in piano solos, and an orchestra assisted. Some of the sailors wore the arm band showing that they had enlisted under Lord Derby's plan.

The three hundred comfort bags presented to the sailors at the entertainment were prepared or secured by a committee consisting of Mrs. J. Seymour, Mrs. Thomas Graham, Mrs. E. N. Jones, Miss McLachlan, Mrs. R. Morton Smith, Miss McKeehan and Mrs. J. B. Champion, Mrs. E. Archibald and Mrs. M. Watt.

In St. Mary's Sunday school yesterday afternoon the primary department enjoyed their annual Christmas treat. Supper was served and Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children. In the evening the intermediate scholars were entertained, the gathering being marked by presentations as follows:—Purses of gold to Harry Barton from his boys class and to J. M. Rogers from the choir; to Rev. R. T. McKim, a silk umbrella from the boys cadets and club, purse of gold from teachers and officers and a hymn book from the school.

The annual Christmas concert was held last evening in Calvin Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Semple and Mrs. W. G. Stratton. About \$40 was contributed by the children for the poor. Prizes were presented to eleven children by the minister, Rev. F. W. Thompson, for perfect attendance during the year.

One hundred and twenty little girls of the St. Monica's Guild sewing circle were entertained yesterday afternoon by the members of the guild in the Knights of Columbus hall. There were gifts from

SAVING HIS CASE

Lawyer Rashes Into Court With His Hair Only Half Cut

It is not infrequent that a freeman is seen on a piece of apparatus tearing down the street with only one-half of his face shaved and the other half covered with lather. Such a scene, almost identical was transferred today to District Court, the principal being Attorney S. R. Simon.

Mr. Simon had a case in Municipal Court and figured on being there at ten o'clock. He had forgotten about an action in District Court and was seated in a barber's chair when the telephone rang. Simon was getting a haircut and one half of his head, that part of which is not shaved, was already clipped to the scalp.

"You tell Mr. Simon that if he does not come here at once he will lose that case," said the deputy sheriff over the wire. It is the order of the judge.

Mr. Simon received the message. He jumped from the chair. He did not wait for any further instructions, but headed straight for the court, after telling the barber he would be back soon. Mr. Simon appeared in court and had the case continued until Nov. 8 after which he went back to the shop and had the Knight of the Scissors complete his work.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

When making apple jelly from whole fruit save all the pulp and make a pudding of it by baking layer wise in a buttered pie dish with dry bread crumbs between each layer. Sugar and spice like powdered cinnamon and cloves, make this pudding especially nice.

A decree has been issued by the Australian government providing that no males between the ages of 18 and 46 will be permitted to leave the country for destinations overseas without military permits.

NEUTRAL VIEW OF FOOD SHORTAGE IN GERMANY

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Providence (R. I.) Journal.—It is impossible to explain away the increasing evidence of Germany's food shortage. Teutonic optimists have tried hard to argue to themselves and the world that the government measures for the regulation of the supply of edibles were merely another illustration of the nation's marvellous capacity for looking ahead and guarding against contingencies. But they can do so no longer. The facts on the contrary are rapidly accumulating. The empire faces the hardest winter in its history.

A dozen German newspapers are said to have been suspended for discussing the food question. Maximilian Harden, in his journal, "Die Zukunft," says:—"We must confess that the German people for the moment are suffering greatly." A riot at Berlin on Saturday is reported. Several thousand women gathered at a conspicuous place and demanded the return of their husbands from the war and an improvement in food conditions. Amsterdam says that all the travelers returning from Germany speak of the extreme food shortages in most of the smaller towns and villages. For four days several newspapers have not been allowed to circulate their editions outside of Germany.

It would be folly to miss the significance of these reports. They cannot all have been manufactured. Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. Moreover, they are merely the latest instances of consistent news that has long been filtering through from Germany. For weeks and months the situation there has been serious. The most ingenious methods have been adopted to lessen the rigors, present and expected, of the shortage in foods. Substitutes have been invented, put on the market and advertised in the press. The sale of meats, fats, and various other food staples has been

RECENT DEATHS

James A. Belyea.

James Austin Belyea, K. C., one of St. John's most prominent citizens, a leading lawyer and one of the most active in securing the new city charter for the commission form of government, passed away suddenly last night at his home, 67 Hazen street. He had been in failing health recently and on Christmas day his illness took its first critical turn.

Mr. Belyea was a man of sterling qualities, a true citizen, having always the interests of the community at heart. He was democratic in his views and a most charitable disposition. He was one of the leaders in the original citizens' committee which considered the commission form of government and from it he was appointed to head the smaller committee which drew up the new charter. He worked for months on it and was repaid with heartfelt congratulations on his accomplishment. He was interested in the fishing industry along the bay shore and for some time he had been secretary of the Weirmen's Association.

Mr. Belyea was born in Queens county, the son of Coles Purdy Belyea. He was educated at the University of New Brunswick and was graduated from there in 1874 with a B. A. degree. He then studied law with the late S. R. Thomson here and in 1876 was admitted attorney and the year following, a barrister. For one year, about 1876, he was common clerk of the city of St. John. Following this he practiced law and in 1880 he was appointed K. C. He was associated in partnership with the late Sir Frederic Barker for ten years preceding Sir Frederic's appointment to the bench. In 1902 he became associated with Earle, Blyes & Campbell, but since the death of Dr. Earle in 1910 he had been practicing by himself.

Mr. Belyea was married in 1880 to Miss Annie MacMillan, daughter of the late Hon. John MacMillan, a prominent figure in provincial politics at the time of confederation. Mrs. Belyea died in 1901. Mr. Belyea leaves one son, John C. Belyea of this city, and Mrs. Walter S. Johnson of Montreal.

James W. Brickley. The death of James W. Brickley occurred yesterday afternoon at his residence, 77 Leinster street, aged thirty-three years. He had been ill for some time, but his many friends will be shocked at his passing. He leaves one brother, W. J. Brickley, and four sisters.

FOUND CLAN MACLEOD MEN Story of Terpedoed Freighter in The Mediterranean

Boston, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Lord Cromer, here from Calcutta, reports the rescue of a boatload of men from the British freighter Clan Macleod, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The Lord Cromer picked up Captain Goodwin of the Macleod, who had been wounded by shells, and forty-eight members of the crew. All were landed at Algiers. Another boat, containing twenty of the Macleod's men, was missing at the time.

Captain Goodwin told officers of the Lord Cromer that his vessel was on admiralty business, and was sunk by the submarine on November 30. The Clan Macleod had been ordered to stop, but the captain sent his ship full speed ahead and was shelled by the submarine until he signalled surrender, and ordered his men to the boats. Captain Goodwin lost his right hand and leg, while several other members of the crew were killed or seriously injured.

The screams of the girl attracted those in the house and a doctor who was summoned ordered her removal to the City Hospital.

From what the police learned, the girl was on probation from the court for being a stubborn child. Her mother, Catherine Crozier, lives at 461 North street.

At the hospital the doctors say the condition of the girl is serious, but her name is not on the dangerous list.

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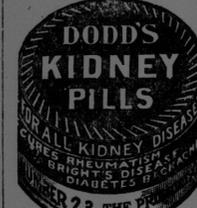
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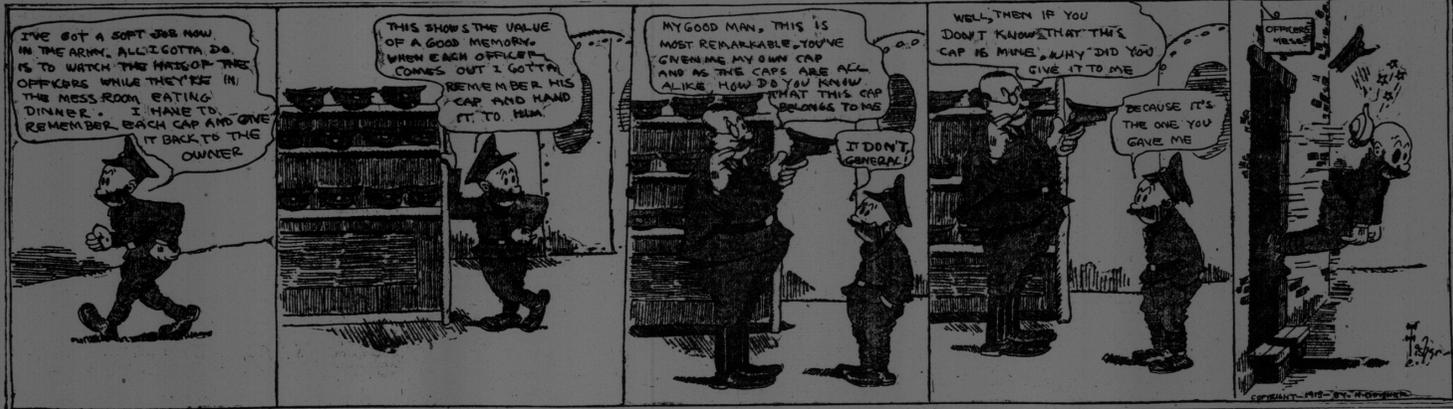
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Mutt and Jeff—Jeff in a New Position

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Single Men Must Enlist

Modified Form of Compulsion Decision of British Cabinet — The Situation in England

London, Dec. 29, 1.30 a.m.—It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the house of commons next week, giving the government the necessary power, should it be found needful, to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure an agreement of all the ministers upon the vexed question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectually brought to the colors.

Therefore it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a bill should be introduced in parliament in order that the government might have the necessary power, should it be found that no other course was effective to this end.

Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the house of commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, and announce the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissive character, making service in the army obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to attest under the Derby scheme.

It is believed that the actual formal resolution on the new policy has been postponed until another meeting of the cabinet, on Thursday, and in the short interval that Mr. Asquith will be employed in ascertaining the strongest influences to avert disruption of his cabinet. It is still quite possible that a crisis may be avoided.

The importance, as far as military operations and political prestige is concerned, of the ministers presenting a united front to the nation and her allies, to say nothing of the effect produced by disruption in encouraging the enemy is fully grasped and its influence cannot fail to have its effect. There is a further possibility to be considered. This is that the announcement of an immense number of applications would have such an immediate effect upon the lagging that it may never become necessary to put the measure in operation.

Should the week intervening before the introduction of the bill show such a sudden rush of recruiting as to justify the hope that it would be unnecessary to resort to compulsion there will be a great chance for the cabinet to preserve its unity. Premier Asquith has always shown a marvellous faculty of holding his cabinet together and it would not be surprising to find that the mere threat of compulsion would have the effect of dispersing all of the governments difficulties in this respect.

Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, and the labor minister, Arthur Henderson, are regarded as the most likely to resign. Other known opponents of compulsion are Louis Harcourt, Sir John A. Simon, Thomas McKinnon Wood, and Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster. The fact that Premier Asquith has been able to make the momentous announcement that in his opinion the time had arrived when steps should be taken to prepare for conscription, however, must have had an enormous effect upon the most determined of the supporters of the voluntary plan, so that it is believed that there will be the most only a few resignations.

The following extracts are characteristic: The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The utmost confidence is still felt that the cabinet will meet parliament again as a united body, with a plan that will meet the imperative needs of the situation, and at the same time dispose of the demand for a general election until after the war."

The Westminster Gazette says: "The task of patriotism at this moment is to keep silence, or, at least, to say nothing that can embarrass and hamper the government."

The Star says: "The crisis which has arisen over the Asquith pledge is purely factitious. It is the work of intriguers,

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the senate today to approve the action of the chamber of deputies in giving him the 107 class of recruits for January 3. General Gallieni's remarks were greeted with prolonged applause.

NO BLAME TO ANYONE

Jury Inquiring Into May Littlefield's Death Find no Negligence on Part of Chauffeur

"We the jurors empanelled to enquire into the death of May Littlefield, find that she died at the General Public Hospital here on December 22, 1915, from a fracture of the skull and from cerebral hemorrhage caused by her coming in contact with the pavement whilst attempting to alight from a runaway taxi cab in King street, near the corner of Canterbury street, on December 22 last. We cannot find from the evidence submitted touching the death of May Littlefield.

The foregoing was the verdict rendered last night by the coroner's jury, after hearing and considering evidence submitted touching the death of May Littlefield.

Dr. A. F. Emery, the first witness called, stated that the woman had come to her death by fracture of the skull, and that although at first the symptoms were that she would recover, later her condition took a reactionary turn.

Clifford S. Williams testified that he had noticed the runaway car on King street, and had made an attempt to stop it, which proved futile, owing to the position of the steering gear. He was positive that the brakes were set on the car when it started. He could see that by the way the car gained momentum.

Regarding the state of the car, Walter M. Sherwood, an employee of the Empire Garage swore that he had, at the request of the police department, examined the car on the day of the accident. During the course of this examination he found that the emergency brake did not hold as it should. The front part of the car was dented in, and this he thought might possibly have changed the condition of the brakes.

"From my examination I could not tell whether or not the brakes had been adjusted." The brakes were on when he examined the car. In reply to a question from a juror, the witness stated that he could not say whether or not the denting in of the front of the car would alter the condition of the brakes.

Dr. Danlop, who performed the post mortem examination on the body, gave evidence in technical detail of the injuries the deceased had sustained.

William J. Foster, the driver of the car, stated under oath that he had been driving cars for nine or ten years, and had also had experience in auto repair work.

Miss Eaton engaged me to go out for her on the day in question," he said. "When I drove out there she asked me to come in and asked me to take Miss Littlefield in. When I was driving, Miss Littlefield asked me to let her off at the Dominion Express Company's office. I stopped the car at the C. P. R. building, turned the car into the curb, shut off the engine and put on the emergency brakes. She asked me to take a parcel into the express office for her to be sent to an address given. I was in there waiting to be served from four to six minutes, and when I came out the car was gone.

In answer to questions put by the coroner, he said that he could not suggest any reason for the car starting. Charles Mahoney, foreman at the Princess Garage, called to give expert evidence, stated that it would be a matter of impossibility for a car to start under the conditions given in previous evidence, if the brakes were in perfect condition.

The jury was made up as follows: Charles A. Clarke (foreman), E. P. Dykeman, Maurice D. Coll, Robert Boyer, Walter H. Bell, S. L. O'Regan and C. W. Brown.

Dr. W. F. Roberts, coroner, conducted the inquest.

REVOLT AGAINST YUAN SHI KAI

Insurrection in Yu-na Province Reported and 30,000 Troops Sent to Quell It

A revolutionary movement under the leadership of Tsai Ao, former military governor of Yunan has broken out. The Chinese government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt.

The government troops at Yunan Province has not joined the revolt, the latest advices indicating that they are still loyal to the central government.

The troops have been sent from Sze-Chuan Province, in western China, bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yunan Nanfu, in Yunan Province.

Tsai Ao is a bitter opponent of the monarchy, which is to be restored.

Tsai Ao recently resigned a bureau chiefship at Peking, alleging his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunan, where he had been the most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, who of late is reported to have been conducting revolutionary propaganda.

It will require about two weeks of marching through mountains for the troops from Sze-Chuan province to reach Yunan.

Announcement of the outbreak of a revolutionary movement in Yunan province follows the receipt of a private report that five Chinese provinces, including Yunan had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai. The other provinces named in the previous reports were Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Kweichow and Sze-Chuen. It is from the last named province that Sunday's dispatches of state troops have been sent to Yunan, which lies just to the south of Sze-Chuen, and is the southwestern-most province of China. The area of Yunan is about 146,800 square miles and it has a population estimated at 12,000,000.

When the movement to have China revert to a monarchy began to gain headway the Entente Powers made representations to Peking, asking that there be no change in the form of government during the war because of the possibility that it might lead to uprisings and endanger the peace of the Orient. The Chinese government, however, replied to the representatives of Japan and the

other powers that it was confident of its ability to handle the internal situation satisfactorily, and no promise was made that the change would not take place, the powers being assured, however, that the monarchy would not be instituted during the present year.

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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING

City League
The Sweeps retained their lead for the championship of the City Bowling League last evening by defeating the C. P. R. team. Their victory places them one point ahead of the Ramblers. The individual score follows:

Table with columns: Name, Total, Av.
Sweeps: 83, 96, 112, 291
McGovern: 79, 87, 238, 79 1-8
McDonald: 86, 84, 89, 259, 84 1-8
Elliot: 75, 97, 84, 256, 85 1-3
McIntyre: 112, 96, 130, 338, 110

THE RING

Kid Lewis Outright Ritchie.
New York, Dec. 28.—Ted (Kid) Lewis, of England, outright Ritchie, of San Francisco, in every round except one of their ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. Ritchie was the aggressor at the outset of every round, but failed to follow up his advantage with force or cleverness sufficient to mark him as the master of the Englishman. Only in the third round did Ritchie have anything like an even break with his opponent.

BASEBALL

Buy Some of the Cubs.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The New York American League wants Catchers Arber and Fletcher and Outfielders Plack and Zwilling, according to a telegram signed by Col. Ruppert of the New York team, received today by Charles Weeghman. The message was one of a dozen from various magnates and managers proposing trades to follow the amalgamation of the Cubs and Whales.

Callahan Will Bolster Nise

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Nothing would be permitted to stand in the way of Pittsburg owner's effort to strengthen the Pirates against next season, was the declaration of Manager Jimmy Callahan upon his arrival from New York.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 27.—A call for a meeting of the New England League and the old Eastern Baseball Association to be held in Boston on Dec. 30, was issued on Monday by Louis Pfenner of Lynn at the request of some of the clubs.

New Question Arises

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—August Herrmann chairman of the National Baseball commission said on Monday that the question as to whether Charles Weeghman who is the prospective purchaser of the Chicago Nationals and Phil Ball of the St. Louis Americans could dispose of their former Federal League players without asking for waivers from the lea-

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one of which they will be members has not yet been decided. "In so far as the men who were on the Chicago National League team and the St. Louis American League team before they were said to be concerned, the old rule applies, that is, waivers in that league must be obtained before they can be disposed of out of that league, said Mr. Herrmann. "But I am not prepared to say what the ruling will be on the players that were on the Federal League teams in these two cities that will naturally become members of the Cubs or the Browns. This question will come up at the National Commission meeting next week."

HOCKEY

Play Not Play Boston

Montreal Star.—It looks as if the Boston Arena people would have to do without a visit from the Montreal Stars, holders of the Art Ross Challenge Cup. Manager Cecil Hart, manager of the Stars, says that he has received no official challenge, although the Boston club sent an official one to the Star and it was published some days ago.

Johnson Weary of Exile

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Jack Johnson wants to come home, according to a letter received from him by Charles F. Glynn, United States district attorney here. Johnson requested that the cases be set. Mr. Glynn mailed a reply saying that the law must take its course. Most of the Johnson \$20,000 bond has been collected.

\$20,000 Guarantee for Fight

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—Following Tommy Burns' announcement that he would cancel the contract for Fred Fulton and Jess Willard to fight in New Orleans, local fight promoters have started a movement to have the contest fought in Juarez to a finish.

Carpentier Decorated

Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight, who is a sergeant-aviator, has been decorated with the War Cross of France, with palm, for the following act of gallantry:—"On September 28, during foggy and rainy weather, he flew 300 yards above the enemy's lines and gave time after time, proof of remarkable sangfroid and energy, never returning without having executed his mission, and often with his machine riddled with bullets and splinters of shells."

Ussu Mask in Training

"Ted Lewis, in his training, is using a face mask. Early in his career as a boxer, Lewis was so bruised and cut in the face while training that now he has devised a special boxing headgear that makes him look like the "masked traveler." Strips of steel, heavily padded, cover his nose, mouth, ears and forehead, leaving only the chin and top of his head exposed.

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only included in the list of the great ones of 1913, but is the only stallion owned in Canada which stood five or more new 230 performers this season. He is the sire of six new standard performers, four new 230 performers, and three new 215 performers, and he now has a total of eleven standard performers, although but seven years old. His fastest performance in 1913 made a record of 2:10.2. He is one of the fastest sons of the champion sire, Peter the Great, and has proven to be the best speed-striking son of that horse. He is the sire of the beautiful Lady Aubrey, 2:12.4, which was a leading contender in the 1913 pacing futurities.

Michael Kneiss of Ravenna, Neb., aged 100, declares that he never spent a dollar in his life for medical attendance.

The New York City budget for city expenses for 1914, as prepared by the board of estimate and apportionment, carries a total appropriation of \$198,981,155.

ONE LEGGED COLLEGE ATHLETE

He is a Good Basketball, Tennis and Baseball Player
The wonderful activity and versatility of a one-legged athlete who plays basketball, tennis, and baseball with as much ability as his mates in college is attracting much attention in school circles in the west. He is Robert Garver of Butler College, Indianapolis, and is regarded as the equal of any of his basketball opponents and the superior of most of them. In a recent game in which his freshman team played he was described as one of the stars in the team's victory. Garver was injured in a runaway accident five years ago when he was thirteen years old and it necessitated the amputation of his left leg just above the knee. This loss necessarily was a great handicap to the young and ambitious boy, but he has overcome it to such an extent that in every game in which he has participated at Butler College he has shown remarkable skill and proficiency. Garver's sense of equilibrium and the accuracy of his goal shooting are said to be wonderful, for he seems always to be up on that one foot and it is no uncommon sight in a game, they say at the college, to see him hopping along on his leg, elbow to elbow, in a stern chase for the ball, and then to see Garver, like a flash, beat his opponent to the ball, scoop it up and with one continuous motion, toss it into the basket. He is very shifty and can go to the side or back as quickly as his opponents. In speaking of his speed Garver said: "It's all in the leg."

BEAVERS WIN

Chip Seely High Man in Y. M. C. A. Athletic Event

Yesterday the High School Bible group athletic meet was held; the following groups competing: Beavers—B. Cochrane, E. Taylor, K. Seely, C. Seely, W. Israel. Masons—H. Wetmore, J. Jordan, C. Regan, S. McCaven, A. E. McIntosh. Crusaders—C. Somerville, K. Willet, P. Cross, H. F. Thompson, C. R. Currie. The running high jump was taken by the Crusaders, height 4 ft. 9 in.; Beavers second, 4 ft. 8 in.; Masons third, 4 ft. 7 in. In the second event, the standing high jump, F. Taylor was first with 28 ft.; Cochrane second, 28 1/2 ft.; C. Seely, third, 28 ft. 1 in. This event was

BRICKLEY MAY COACH HARVARD IN THE FUTURE

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 28.—If Percy D. Haughton decides to lay aside the toga of his football coaching at Harvard, one man who has no small backing as his successor is Charles E. Brickley, captain of the famous 1914 eleven, and the best drop kicker ever developed. Although Brickley has signed again to coach the Johns Hopkins eleven next fall it is believed he would be permitted to leave Harvard alumni are loath to see Haughton pass out of Crismon gridiron activities, but if he declares that he has made up his mind to quit the active part of coaching a big effort will be made to have him act as advisory coach. Brickley has demonstrated in more ways than one that he has the knack of instilling into other men the "points" which he picked up while a pupil of Haughton's. He taught the Penn State boys the art of drop kicking last summer which stood them in good stead during the season and then jumped over to Baltimore taking a nondescript squad of players and turning out the best eleven ever developed at Johns Hopkins. Brickley always was an apt pupil and found little trouble in transferring the basic truths of football, both in theory and action, into the men under him. With Brickley acting under the careful eye of Haughton and assisted by a score of associate coaches, Harvard football would bid fair to keep up its triumphant victories of the past four seasons over Yale, even if Hon. Percy retired to the quiet of just "hanging around" and "helping out."

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And, talking of nursery rhymes, it will not be hard to find the person who is playing the role of Humpty-Dumpty in the war.

The common council seems to have been struck with the beauty of the old idea of giving a "tithing" of one's possessions for patriotic and charitable purposes.

For Next Year or This? "Today we announce our readiness for Christmas business," read an ad. in yesterday's Standard from a local business house. And only three days after last Christmas! Well there's nothing like encouraging folks to "do it early."

Long before this every girl knows what the other girl's fellow gave her for Christmas, even though she doesn't know either the other fellow or the girl.

An Old, Old Story

Someone thought of the idea years ago, and Dame Gossyp's tongue has been busy with it since. You've probably heard it yourself. Last Christmas it happened to Miss Soandso; the year before that Miss Somebody had a similar experience. This year it happened again to Miss Wolsensome. Yes, of course, she was expecting something nice from him for Christmas. No, she didn't like to talk about it, but she thought it might be a diamond, but "then, you know, girls, you can't tell." So when HIS present came, she was naturally in a state of suspense and indignation, turned promptly to dismay when she found it was a box of chocolates. When disappointment saw its way to anger, and just to show how she hated the wretch, she thrust his chocolates into the fire, and ferociously stamping her foot, wished she could do the same with him. Then, the story always comes to a climax with her repentance, when she tells her that there was a diamond ring inside the box. (Business of making through the coals). The story has been told so often that any girl who got a box of chocolates this year when she was expecting a "sparkler" was surely wise enough to look inside.

A Long Farewell

When next they go to "good-bye" to friends, two young local stenographers will take advantage of the warning given by the last whistle. One morning recently, they went to the D. A. K. steamer to a friend of their Digby, and so engrossed were they in the parting conversation that they paid no heed to the fact that the boat was about to leave, either that, or else they didn't hear them at all. When they found themselves in the water and that the steamer was swinging away from the pier, they were in a state of great excitement, but that didn't make things any better. Well, they didn't get home until the return trip of the steamer, so that it might be said their "farewell" was long drawn out. And, incidentally, their "bosses" wrote some of the office letters by hand that day.

The Aftermath

Christmas is gone, but not forgotten. In the mind there still lingers pleasant memories of the day and its happy associations. Hearts are lighter and braver for the good cheer of Christmas time, even if the pocket-books are flatter and some small "tummies" have not recovered from an over-load of turkey and candy. Then there is the stock of hats to be paid as a pleasant little reminder to father that once again we have celebrated the great day. In the pantry, possibly, still lingers a portion of the dismantled hall of the festive bird now reaching the soup stage—wonderful how long a moderate sized bird lasts in a small family, isn't it? And in the homes which are blessed with children, the air is still shrill with the notes of the Christmas horn and the rattle of the drum which Santa Claus brought, although some of the more fragile toys already have succumbed to the strain. And already we are all looking forward to the next holiday, and in doing so, the elders, at least, give devout thanks that New Year's is now quite such a strenuously festive occasion.

PTE. G. P. ANDERSON HOME ON THREE MONTHS LEAVE

After having been once turned down because of physical disability, Pte. G. P. Anderson has returned to his home at 90 Kennedy street, on three months' leave and on the expiration of that time if he is found fit he will probably cross to France with the 55th, but was unable to pass the medical test. He then went to Montreal where he was accepted with the 80th Battalion, in July. A month later he went overseas with draft of 800 men from the 60th, and was attached to the 23rd Reserve at Sandling Camp, Eng.

He was ill in hospital for two weeks and later was sent to the base in France where he was subjected to a strenuous physical examination, and failed because of temporary weakness of his heart. He was sent back to England and after having been in hospital there for a time, has been invalided home. In three months' time he will go before an examining board which will decide his case.

NOW HOPE TO HAVE THE CAR LINE AT THE BRIDGE READY SATURDAY

It looks now as though the street railway line at the bridge would be finished for a through service New Year's Day. This morning one of the track lines was finished and joined to the Douglas avenue rails, and it is expected the overhead wires for this section will be placed this afternoon. If weather permits the laying of the other track, the line should be completed tomorrow, leaving Friday for the wiring and the job completed. Thus on Saturday if all goes well the much talked about and very necessary line will likely be inaugurated.

PROMOTION OF OFFICERS FROM HERE REPORTED

Major Thos. Powers and Lieut. Allan Leavitt — Privates Win Commissions

News of the promotion of two popular St. John officers to more important posts, on the battlefield in France was contained in a letter received yesterday by Corp. Joseph Dryden, returned wounded soldier from Pte. C. E. Humphrey, formerly of Fairville. The writer said that Major Lister, who was formerly officer in charge of signalling in eastern Canada, with headquarters in Ottawa, had been transferred to a responsible position in the London War Office, and of particular interest to St. John people, Major T. E. Powers had become officer commanding signallers in the third contingent while Lieut. Allan Leavitt had become second in command.

Another change of local interest was the securing of a commission by Pte. Frank Simps, of St. John, going as signaller officer with an infantry battalion. Pte. Quigley, another maritime province man, had also secured a similar commission. Lieut. Pierce Allan was still paymaster, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Maslin had been promoted to sergeant-major. The new officer commanding in Major Lister's place was to be Captain Ford. Many friends in St. John will be pleased to learn of the further success of these officers in the pursuance of duty overseas.

BOYS' MISSION CLUB MEMBERS HAVE A HAPPY EVENING

The two boys' mission clubs of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, held a banquet and re-union last evening, which was a great success in every way. A bountiful repast was served by young lady friends in first-class style, one of the features being a surprise number menu, from which each boy ordered his courses. The results in some instances were very amusing.

After the banquet adjournment was made to the larger hall, where friends of the boys had gathered, making a large general audience. Here views of the boys' camp of last July at Oak Point were exhibited by lantern slides in charge of the rector, Rev. W. P. Dunbar and the jolly six boys, who were reviewed and lived over again by the boys who sent a representative contingent to the conference in question.

When the physical department of the clubs had thus been dealt with, John Dunlop, leader of one of the clubs, gave a resume of the life of Bishop Paterson, missionary to the South Sea Islands, this being in line with the topics considered by the boys on missionary work. The well spent evening was brought to a fitting close by the singing of the national anthem and the Doxology. On dispersing, many expressed the wish that another similar entertainment be held in the near future.

POLICE COURT

More evidence was heard in the police court today in a case against Ida Sweet, charged with keeping a disorderly house in Charlotte street. A medical doctor in one of the military units said that he had examined a young soldier who is now in the provincial hospital and attributed his condition either to some drug or else the effects of liquor and manner of living, he would not reveal which. He thought opium might have been used.

Another witness spoke in favor of the defendant. He had lived in the house for some time and had always considered it a respectable boarding house. The case will be resumed on Friday morning. Edmund S. Ritchie is appearing on behalf of the defendant.

One man arrested on a drunkenness charge was fined \$8 or two months in jail.

A man arrested late last night on a drunkenness charge, and placed in a cell, was apparently sober enough this morning to appear before the magistrate. When he was brought into court, however, his nerve must have forsaken him, for he became weak and had to be borne in the arms of a stalwart official to the cell below.

James Boyle and Allen Foulter, two sailors, arrested, since on charge of creating a disturbance on the east side ferry docks, pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Scott testified that he had heard the defendants and a large number of sailors shouting and singing, and as the two in court had opened a gate at the head of the docks and walked down towards the water, he had placed them under arrest. One of the defendants he said was under the influence of liquor.

The defendants said that they had not opened the gate, but one of the ferry officials had done so. They acknowledged that they were singing, but as they were not interfering with anyone, they did not think there was any harm in that. They denied that they were drunk, saying that they had left the Seamen's Institute after ten o'clock and in company with a number of sailors, were en route to their ship on the west side.

They were told that they must be careful in the future not to go on the docks until permitted. A fine of \$8 was struck against them, but it was allowed to stand.

CALENDAR RECEIVED

The Bank of Montreal has issued a calendar for 1916, handsomely decorated in rich colors with a maple leaf design, their crest and cuts illustrating the growth of their head office.

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