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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.

Refusal 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 Schmedemann declined to assist according to this version, they brushed diplomatic etiquette aside and took a taxicab to the palace, where they met with a most uncompromising reception. As 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 New York Times, the Boston Herald, the Boston Globe and the Boston Post, 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 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.

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.

Some 300 Now on List of 15th

Today With The Soldiers Here—Sailors in March Through Streets

A compilation of the strength of the 15th battalion is being made today by Capt. A. R. Sprenger, adjutant, and it is expected to show upwards of 800 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.

Recruiting Meeting

Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, recruiting officer, left at noon today for Moncton, accompanied by Lieut. Victor Beique 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 80th, 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 because of the 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 hospitals are well 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 replied, hit the Agamemnon, and one of the cruisers with two shells. On the 27th a monitor positioned behind the line of Merkez, fired eighty shells on the Anatolian coast narrow. Our Anatolian batteries repeatedly bombarded the landing places at Tekke Burnu and Schirvan. The British enemy transport, sinking a boat near Tekkeburnu, and destroying a great ship. 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 Montreal, 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. Murray, 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. 28.—Thousands of Greeks of all classes, beginning with the residence of Eleutherios Venizelos, former prime minister, this morning on the occasion of his Saint's Day 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 apartments of M. Venizelos were banked with flowers and thousands of telegraphic greetings were received from Greece throughout Europe and America. The Entente 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. They are being transferred by rail to Salonika."

Bulgaria's Politics

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

"The Bulgarian cabinet 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 telegrams)

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.

PTE. McCOLLOM IS IN HOSPITAL IN HAVRE, FRANCE

Early this month a parcel containing tobacco and other gifts was sent by Wm. McCollum, 128 Erin street, to his brother, Private Ernest McCollum, 12th Battalion, suffering from the effects of a gas attack. He was admitted to hospital on November 5. Private McCollum has not been permitted to draw to any extent and which will not be needed for ordinary purposes, so far as is known. With this resource at their command the mayor felt that there need be no alarm regarding the financing of any additional grants if they are found necessary during the year.

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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 state of their funds during the coming year. There has been no demand from the committee for additional civic support and no figures had been presented to show that it is needed.

The city is now contributing \$1,000 a month to the funds and, if during the next year, the committee finds that the money available is not sufficient, he thought that there need be no fear but that the city would stand by them and see them through. The city has a credit limit of \$250,000 at the bank on which has not been permitted to draw to any extent and which will not be needed for ordinary purposes, so far as is known. With this resource at their command the mayor felt that there need be no alarm regarding the financing of any additional grants if they are found necessary during the year.

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.

NEW LANCE CORPORAL

A letter received by Geo. M. Breen, Brookville, today from Francis 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.

RE-OPEN GLASS WORKS

Brussels, Dec. 29.—The glass works at Marcinelle, Jenappe and Dampremy, which were closed since the outbreak of the war, are to be re-opened on full time on January 3. A large number of workmen will be employed.

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 will 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.

There was strong and determined opposition by some members of the cabinet, during its protracted session yesterday, to even the limited compulsion proposed by the prime minister, but it is believed all will solidly support him in parliament.

It is doubted that there will be any resignations from the cabinet, so that the net result is really a victory for the forces which have patriotically supported the government.

There is only one hitch, and that is the proposal that Ireland be excluded from the act in response to the plea of Mr. Redmond, which has been consistently anti-conscriptive, 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, 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 well as in the British Empire.

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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 by 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.

BULGARS WERE WASHED INTO WAR

King and Pro-Germans Sold Out the People

PRO-ALLIES TERRORIZED Mobilization, Declares Correspondent, Was Ordered From Berlin and Germans Took Charge

Rome, Dec. 1.—(Correspondence)—An Italian correspondent who was at Sofia, until about a fortnight ago and managed to escape by means of a forged passport, writes an interesting account of the events immediately preceding Bulgaria's intervention in the war. Toward the middle of September, he says, the Germans had already Bulgaria in their power. All the newspapers were in German hands. Under German auspices a petrol refinery was working day and night and supplying German submarines in the Aegean Sea, which had their bases on the Bulgarian coasts as well as those in the Black Sea. Large shipments of petrol were also sent to Constantinople. Other Germans were in charge of ammunition factories.

Premier Radoslavoff, the correspondent says, had established a rigid censorship. Parliament had been closed. Guchoff, Malinoff and other prominent men who openly sympathized with the allies were certain that the king had been in complete agreement with Germany even as early as August 18, when the representatives of the allies were negotiating with Bulgaria regarding the cession of Macedonia. Premier Radoslavoff then admitted that Bulgaria aimed at securing the whole of Macedonia, both Greek and Serbian, including Kavala, Kupili and Drama, as well as the Dobruja, stolen from Bulgaria by the Roumanian traitors. He said that the hour of Serbia had sounded and that the treason of 1913 was on the point of being reversed.

German in Charge "Mobilization was ordered from Berlin," the correspondent writes, "and the king was assured that Greece would remain neutral and likewise Roumania. A few days before mobilization was ordered two German generals arrived at Sofia and took charge of the War Office, while a third was installed at the Foreign Office. Mobilization was carried out and directed by men from the German general staff consisting of twenty-eight officers purposely sent to Bulgaria and who paraded the streets in their uniforms. All Bulgarian officers suspected of pro-Russian sympathies were placed on half pay at once. A veritable reign of terror followed. Pro-Russian reservists were publicly ridiculed and some were shot. Owing to lack of enthusiasm among the men recalled under arms the officers had to sing tactics on the streets which the men were ordered to join. When the soldiers refused to sing they were punished. During the first two days of mobilization more than 2,000 soldiers besides numerous officers, deserted and crossed the Roumanian frontier. Many others deserted across the Greek and Serbian frontiers. As a result the columns of the king's army which many men had deserted were cashiered while other officers, including a general were court-martialed and shot. General Denkov, commanding the Fifth Army Corps was imprisoned because he expressed pro-Russian sentiments to the officers and men under his command, and thus indirectly provoked a mutiny which was repressed with bloodshed. "The opposition party recently attempted to provoke a revolt against the government and even a revolution in the hope of averting the war. The printed appeals signed by Malinoff, Ghenschieff, Gen. Leznoff and other ministers inciting the people to oppose the policy of the king and government, which they condemned as renouncing Bulgaria's debt—her very independence—to Russia, were posted up in every street corner.

"The police tore up these appeals and arrested many citizens suspected of pro-Russian sympathies. But again other appeals, this time addressed to the soldiers, inciting them to fight, were posted up everywhere and distributed in all the barracks. The result of this second attempt was that demonstrations against the war were held everywhere, especially at Sofia where the troops joined the demonstrators and sang the national hymn. Orders were immediately given to the police to disperse these crowds, freely using arms and revolvers and many citizens were killed and injured. A state of siege was immediately proclaimed and wholesale arrests were made. "Ghenschieff was called by Radoslavoff who warned him that if he were determined to repress any attempt at revolt, and gave him the option of either closing himself up and remaining silent or else risking arrest and execution. Ghenschieff realized that it was useless to resist and gave up the struggle and Malinoff who had been in audience with the king and similarly warned, followed his example.

"When the Russian fleet bombarded Varna the soldiers and citizens, assuming that the Russians were going to land, paraded the streets with Bulgarian and Russian flags, shouting 'Long live Russia! Help us to punish the traitors!' The revolt assumed alarming proportions but the police acting under the orders of German officers and assisted by all the German employed in the submarine dockyard, fiercely charged the crowds and succeeded in repressing any attempt at revolution. At the same time owing to the considerable number of deserters who crossed over to Roumania, the government ordered all the frontiers to be closed and detachments of troops were specially detailed to shoot anybody trying to leave the country. All the citizens of belligerent countries were arrested, and those of military age were interned. They are now digging trenches for the Bulgarians. Only a few managed to escape."

Says Cruelty Was Taught "When the writer left Bulgaria, German officers were drilling the soldiers and instructing them how to advance in an enemy country. 'Their object,' he says, 'was to instill into the minds of the Bulgars the necessity of not being weak by showing kindness to their enemies. Victory the German instructors insisted would never be complete unless the enemy was crushed, and women

SIMPSON IN LONDON COURT

The Manitoba Scandal Spreads Over Sea

London, Dec. 29.—Robert Mills Simpson, a surgeon serving with the Canadian forces in France, was remanded in Bow street court today, on the charge of stealing or receiving \$100,000, the property of the province of Manitoba.

Simpson, who was in the uniform of a lieutenant-colonel, when arrested at Folkestone, said the matter was purely political.

FOR THE FUNDS The mayor has received contributions totaling \$65.50 for the Belgian fund, \$20 for the Canadian Red Cross, and \$12.90 for the Serbian fund.

Saved round hard wood \$1.75 per load while it lasts. Geo. Dick, Phone M 1116, 46 Britain street. —T. F.

New Year's eve at Wananaker's, dinner served from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Zingara Girls in big cabaret. Secure your tables early. 12-31

Boy Wanted Apply C. P. R. Telegraph. —T. F.

GIFTS TO SOLDIER Presentations of a wrist watch from his former associates in the employ of W. A. Steiper and a purse of gold from Mr. Steiper were made on Christmas eve to Harry London who recently enlisted with the 118th Battalion. Other employees received from Mr. Steiper his customary gift of a Christmas turkey. 12-31

NOTICE All members of the 104th band are requested to meet at the band room this evening at 7:30; also Thursday morning at 9 a.m. sharp to parade with the 104th Battalion. P. F. Belyea, secretary.

Quality first is the motto of Unger's up-to-date Laundry and they employ St. John labor. Phone M 88.

Your choice of sixty overcoats at cost.—Furner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. —T. F.

"Chapel" New Year's assembly, Friday, 31st. All former pupils invited. Five-piece orchestra. 12-31

Wis housekeepers say Ingersoll Cheese goes farther than ordinary cheese. Neeps, all good.

AGED MAN MISSING Up to three o'clock this afternoon no trace had been found of Mr. Darling of Brussels street who has been missing since Monday. He is eighty-two years of age and his son Patrick is naturally anxious for his safety. The police are notified last evening and have since been in the lookout, but so far have been unable to find any trace of him. It is said that he disappeared on former occasions but always returned home. His friends are making enquiries in an effort to locate him.

A New Discovery. Father Mortyrey's Remedy for Rheumatism and all kidney troubles is purely vegetable. No Cure—No Pay. All drug stores. Price 50c.

Get your season tickets now for Queen's Night. Only few more left. Skating tonight. Band tomorrow. Excellent job.

GRAND SAILORS' CONCERT. Seaman's Institute, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Special programme by crew of C. P. R. liner Metagama. Admission ten cents.

Mr. Harold Sawyer will find it to his interest to correspond with Mr. Selby Knight, Jackson Cove, N. D. Bay, Newfoundland.

PERSONALS James Graham of Fairville is seriously ill with pleuro-pneumonia. Dr. Edna A. Graham, who has been visiting her brothers, James A., of Douglas street, and George of Main street for several months, has returned to her home in Montreal.

Mrs. Hazel Gray returned to the city yesterday after spending Christmas at Lincoln, the guest of Mrs. Murray Glasier.

Frederick Clarke came to the city today from Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bryant left yesterday for their home, Little Wood Island, Grand Mannan, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tobin of this city.

The Weather a Year Ago Today Fair. Temperatures: High 24°; low 12°—remember Laxative Bromo Quinine cures a cold in one day. There is only one Bromo Quinine. Look for signature E. W. GROVE, 25c.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

"THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING" AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

The Indian mutiny war story "The Campbells Are Coming" is to be the Imperial's special attraction tonight and tomorrow. It is expected large crowds will want to see this masterpiece war picture. Many thousands of dollars were expended in erecting the East Indian cities, villages, fortifications, etc., required to stage properly the spectacle which practically destroyed the results of their first efforts. However, after rebuilding the settings, the big production was splendidly put on and will cause amazement among those who see it tonight and tomorrow.

The story of the picture is based upon that English poem "Jesse's Brown" or "The Relief of Lucknow and such similar players as Grace Curran, Francis Ford, Holmeau take the leading roles. The whole of the overseas forces of the Canadian city of Vancouver and vicinity including the Highlanders, were used in the final scenes in which the famous Campbells came to the rescue of the beleaguered garrison. The balance of the bill will consist of the Universal Weekly, which will contain splendid war scenes with the English troops, the French forces, the Russians as well as Serbians and the German enemy. An exhibition of fancy skating at the Billmore Hotel, New York will also be very interesting. Arthur and DeWitt will continue their singing throughout the week.

SPECIAL FEATURES AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

At the Opera House tonight, the W. S. Harkins Players will present "The Spy in the House" and "English War Drama." The performance tonight will be under the patronage of Major Barker and officers of the Siege Battery, who will be present.

As a special compliment to Major Barker and the officers, as well as all the boys in khaki who may be present, Miss Irene Gordon of the Harkins Company, who is a graduate of the University of Washington and the possessor of a splendid voice, will sing a stirring soldier song "Till the Boys Come Home" during the performance.

"The Spy in the House" is the play that was presented on Christmas Night when hundreds were turned away, unable to gain admission. The advance sale for tonight is quite heavy as several theatre parties have already secured seats but some good seats are still available. They should be secured early to locations. The phone number is Main 1968.

NOTABLE PLAYERS AT STAR THEATRE TONIGHT

At the Star Theatre tonight the following pictures will embrace the splendid programme—"Classmates," a three-reel picture, "The Broken Bow," featuring Blanche Sweet, Lionel Barrymore, Henry Hathall, Gertrude Robertson, and "The Sign of the Cross." Vitaphone comedy, introducing Sydney Drew, Kate Price and other well-known comedians. The programme is of high-class order both the drama and comedy "Classmates" itself is a great metropolitan play which has made a splendid impression everywhere.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of William Connel took place today from O'Neill's undertaking parlors in Main street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Swin and interment took place in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The funeral of Frederick Devine took place this afternoon from his late residence, 179 Prince William street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Wellington Camp, and interment took place in Fernhill.

COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSES The time for filing applications for liquor licenses in the county expired yesterday. The list is the same as last year.

NOTICES OF Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

DEATHS CONNELL—Suddenly, in this city, on Dec. 25, William Connel, leaving his wife, two young children, his parents and four brothers to mourn.

FUNERAL this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Cedar Hill cemetery.

PARKER—On December 27, at her home, Eastport, Maine, Eliza, beloved wife of Daniel Parker, aged seventy-five years, leaving her husband, one son and four daughters to mourn.

FUNERAL tomorrow (Thursday), from the residence of her son-in-law, George H. Brown, Lancaster Heights.

HODGDON—In Everett, Mass., on Dec. 24, Lillian L. wife of Orrington T. Hodston, aged 51 years.

BRICKLEY—In this city on the 26th inst. James W., second son of the late William and Cecelia Brickley, leaving four sisters and one brother to mourn.

FUNERAL on Thursday at 2:30 o'clock, from the residence of 77 Lelander street.

PATRIOTIC FUND

Single—Horton & Sons, Ltd., \$100; H. Usher Miller, \$50; Willett Fruit Co., Ltd., \$25; John K. Storey, \$5.

Monthly—Collector customs and staff (2 mos.), \$125; Wm. Murray, pilot (3 mos.), \$6; C. W. Brown, \$2; H. A. Powell (2 mos.), \$100.

DR. CORBET IN HOSPITAL Injury to Leg Not Thought to be Serious

Policeman George Corbet has received a letter from his son, Dr. George G. Corbet, saying that he has sustained an injury to one of his legs and was in hospital. Dr. Corbet made light of the injury and said he expected to be about again in a short while. His left leg with the first contingent and has since been doing fine work attending to wounded on the battle field. He has many friends in the city who will wish him speedy recovery.

INQUEST NEXT MONDAY An inquest into the death of William Connel will be held in the Court House on next Monday evening by Coroner Roberts. This morning he expanded the following jury: H. B. Hayes (foreman), Joseph T. Quinn, Charles O'Connell, John A. Brooks, Y. L. Morrell, J. W. Cassidy, H. W. Bloomfield. The jury viewed the body after which permission was granted for burial. It is said that the inquest is being held owing to some peculiar circumstances being reported.

The Davidson Inquiry Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Empire Clothing Company's contract was the subject of further investigation when the Davidson war contracts investigation resumed this morning.

RECOVERED. A horse and express wagon, owned by Gordon Allen, and which was taken from in front of a store in German street yesterday afternoon, were recovered by the police this morning. The rig was found in Marsh road. The driver of the team left it for a few minutes in front of a store while he went inside to attend to some business. He communicated with the police and they succeeded in tracing it to a stable in Marsh road and later located it a short distance out the road. No arrests have as yet been made.

NEWCASTLE RECRUITS Newcastle, Dec. 28.—The following have lately signed the honor roll for the 122nd Battalion, and have started training here—Arthur Jardine, James Fallon, J. Clarence Russell, George Royal, F. Richards, Charles Johnston, William Morris, M. E. O'Brien, The Coughlan and Albert Gunderson. Five others enlisted today.

LELLOY MORRISON, one of Newcastle's most popular and rising young business men, went to St. John yesterday to join the Heavy Siege Battery, in which unit he enlisted two weeks ago. Mr. Morrison is the second son of Hon. Donald Morrison, inspector of fisheries, and was the junior member of Russell & Morrison, tailors and gents' furnisiers.

The recruits to pass the medical examination for enrollment with the 122nd was Thomas Coughlan, of Nelson, a veteran of the South African war, with the enlistment of Pte. Coughlan is a story of persistence found rarely in any part of Canada. When the call for recruits for the 122nd battalion came, Pte. Coughlan was one of the first to offer and, although physically fit in every way, was unable to pass the eye-sight test. He enlisted again in the 26th, but was turned down for the same reason, but not discouraged, he went to go in the 12th, 64th and 104th, but all in vain. He had about given up the idea of trying again when the 122nd was authorized, and he re-test presented, and this time came ahead under flying colors, and now his Private Thomas Coughlan of the 122nd battalion came.

With the enlistment of Charles Johnston to the ranks of the 122nd yesterday, another Newcastle native has joined a unit of four of its members in khaki, and with the 122nd. Pte. Johnston's father, Pte. George Johnston, and two brothers, Private Hubert and Howard A. Johnston, all being members of that unit.

TWO OF THE INDICTED MEN SURRENDER Toronto, Dec. 29.—Of seven men indicted yesterday, charged with conspiring with agents of the German government, to foment strikes in munitions factories, two had surrendered themselves to the federal authorities before noon, and a third was in town. For the four others warrants were issued. These will be forwarded to Washington for immediate execution, unless assurances that they will voluntarily come into court are received from the defendants this afternoon.

The two who surrendered during the forenoon were David Lamar, alleged paymaster for Captain Franz von Rintelen, and Jacob Taylor, of East Orange, N. J., president of the nation's peace council, the medium through which, the government alleges, von Rintelen sought to direct his activities. Both were pleas of not guilty, and were released in \$5,000 bail.

THROUGH BATTLES TO DIE FROM FALL IN STREET. Montreal, Dec. 29.—After passing through the battles at Mons, St. Julien and Ypres unscathed, Private Edward Smith of the 18th Battalion, invaded home, slipped on the ice, while walking along the street, and fell, fracturing his skull. He died Monday and his funeral was held today.

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News of Maritime Province Men in the War

Fredericton Recruits Frederickton Clearer, Tuesday—Ten recruits called here since yesterday afternoon. Included in the five recruits who were sworn in yesterday was John H. Parsons, the father of three sons already in khaki. The other recruits were Harry A. Heron, of Marysville; Peter D. Reid of Lionville; Edward Hollins and William Mann of this city. The five recruits who were sworn in this morning were: R. Kilcollins of Redegawater, Me.; Charles H. Lord of Newnorth; Percy P. Paul of Sydney, C. B.; John T. Johnson of Birmingham, England and Robert Paul of St. Marys. Officers to go Overseas.

Lieut. G. W. Underwood, who succeeded Mr. G. G. G. as Army Service Corps officer for Fredericton, has received an overseas appointment with the 2nd Divisional Train to be mobilized in Montreal. He has only been stationed in Fredericton for about two weeks going there from St. John and is waiting orders for the 122nd Battalion. He is a native of New Glasgow, N. S., and received his commission in the Army Service Corps over a year ago and has been stationed at various places in the Maritime Provinces during that time.

A young German named Hargel, charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, was acquitted by Judge Wilson at Gagetown yesterday. The shipment is moving today as a result of some vigorous talk to those responsible for the delay.

FREDERICTON NEWS. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 29.—Five recruits were taken for the infantry corps here yesterday and this morning. The annual educational conference is taking place today at the Education Office.

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Arriving in the city this morning on the I. C. R. train, David Thomas was taken in charge by Policeman John Collins of the I. C. R. depot staff. Information had come to hand previously for the police here to be on the watch for him as it was said he had escaped from jail after sentence at Sussex on a charge of stealing four lambs from the militia stores. Sheriff Freese arrived this morning from Hampton and will take the lead to the Boys' Industrial Home.

PLANS DESTROYED TO KEEP PAY ROLL ALIVE. Calgary, Dec. 29.—All the plans, profiles and field work records of the 122nd Battalion, which cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, are missing from the waterworks vault.

A letter from Buffalo, signed Oleson, says the writer overheard a plot to destroy these data so that the men in the surveying department might have another year's work.

MANY WILL ATTEND. Already a large number of citizens have expressed their intention of being present at the complimentary dinner to be given in the Royal Hotel on Thursday evening in honor of Major W. R. Brown of the 26th. The list is still open and others who wish to be present may send their names to Mayor Frink.

Will Be Interred. Toronto, Dec. 29.—Paul Jockel, a young German, who escaped from an internment camp and obtained a position in a munitions factory in Hamilton, was ordered interned.

An Important Difference. "Have't your opinions of this subject undergone a change?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "But your views, as you expressed them some time ago?" "Those were not my views. Those were my interviews."

Great Britain will accept no other ending of the present struggle than victory.

ANNUAL TREAT The members of the Father Mathew Association are getting ready their baskets for the annual treat for the orphans in the St. Patrick's Industrial school, Silver Falls. They will go out on New Year's and bring a large Christmas tree which a committee will previously have laden with gifts for the youngsters. The committee having the affair in hand is composed of John Lunney, Chas. Mitchell, Chas. McGowan, W. Harrington, Edward and Joseph Kennedy, John Lynch, Chas. Moore and James Carberry.

Advertisement for J. Marcus, 30 Dock St., featuring furniture and home furnishings.

Advertisement for News of Maritime Province Men in the War, listing recruits and military news.

Advertisement for GOLD and SILVER Mounted Canes, THE ROYAL PHARMACY, 47 King Street.

Advertisement for Buy a Diamond With Your Christmas Money, L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians, 21 King Street, St. John, N.B.

Advertisement for TWO OF THE INDICTED MEN SURRENDER, detailing military and political news.

Advertisement for SHELL WORKERS NEED SNAP, featuring a product for cleaning and skin care.

Advertisement for D. BOYANER, TWO STORES, 30 Dock Street, 115 Charlotte Street, featuring optical services.

Advertisement for NORTHCLIFFE SCHEME FAILS, detailing local news and events.

Advertisement for TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION, listing various notices and wanted ads.

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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.

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 Besarabia.

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Sun Rises... 8.10 Sun Sets... 4.44
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Florida Grapefruit... 8c, 4 for 30c.
Apples... \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25 bbl.
Good Prunes... 9c, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Largest Prunes... 15c, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Evaporated Peaches... 3c, 3 lbs. for 25c.
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Corn..... 9c, cans \$1.00, dozen
Tomatoes..... 10c, cans \$1.10, dozen
Pumpkin..... 9c, cans 95c, dozen
3 cans Clams..... 25c.
Peaches..... Only 14c, tin
15 lbs. Onions..... Only 25c.
75 lb. bag Onions..... Only \$1.00
3 bottles Lemon or Vanilla..... 25c.
3 bottles Pickles..... 25c.
Royal Baking Powder..... 9c, 12c, 18c, 4c, tin
1 lb. tin English Baking Powder..... Only 25c.
Grapefruit..... 4 for 25c.
Oranges..... From 19c, dozen up
Sound Large Cranberries... 12c, qt.
Apples..... From 15c, peck up
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.

This week a large assortment of fine blue melton overcoats at cost price—Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main.

Our variety of fur is large and we invite your inspection at all times—Brager's.

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 premises are now applied for. Harold Harley has applied for the premises 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 and Saturday. There will be a regular tri-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 Schultis 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 munitions plants in furtherance of the German propaganda in this country.

The Wolf of Wall Street" is charged with being Rintelen's paymaster. It is said hundreds of thousands of dollars passed through his hands and it is alleged, he benefited personally to the extent of \$400,000.

Rintelen is at present a prisoner in England. He was seized by the British authorities at Falmouth while fleeing 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.

As soon as the grand jury reported its findings, agents of the department of justice, acting with United States deputy marshals, were instructed to arrest the indicted men.

NEED THE MOTHERS

Infant Death Rate Higher When Mothers Go Out To Work

Washington, Dec. 28.—The death rate in the United States among babies of mothers who work outside their homes far exceeds the infant mortality there when the mother is not employed.

This is brought out in the annual report today of the Federal Children's Bureau, which is conducting an inquiry into the social and economic causes of babies' deaths. The report shows an average infant death rate of 184 out of every 1,000 babies in a steel-making and coal-mining town, as against a rate of 84 out of every 1,000 in a residential suburb. An even greater contrast is found between the most congested sections and the choicest residential sections in each of these communities.

Commenting upon these findings the report says: "The more favorable the civic and family surroundings and the better the general conditions of life the more clearly are they reflected in a lessened infant mortality."

NEW YORK POLICEMAN ENDS LIFE WITH HIS REVOLVER

New York, Dec. 28.—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

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. Turner's 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. Turner 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 in London, 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 of 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.

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FOREIGN PORTS

New York, Dec. 27.—Ard, str New York, Liverpool.
Boston, Dec. 28.—Ard, schs John Brucewell, Calais; Ottawantek, 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, do; Joanna, St. George (NB).
St. John, Dec. 28.—Sch Rhoda Holmes, Calais, (and anchored).
Lubeck, Dec. 21.—Ard, sch Charles I. Lubeck, do.
Yonkers, Dec. 22.—Ard, sch American Team, St. John (NB), for Bridgeport.
Boston, Dec. 28.—Ard, str Maskinongie, Sydney.

New London, Dec. 28.—Ard, schs Wm D. Hillton, Perth Amboy for Rockland (Me); Alaska, Guttenberg for Eastport (Me).
Portland, Dec. 28.—Ard, sch John G. Walter, New York, for New York; tug Tormentor, New York, towing barge David H. Munroe for Spencer Island (NS).

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.

Additional expenditures of \$800 or \$400 for repairs to the second floor in the agricultural hall, to be used as quarters for the 118th, were authorized, the total not to exceed \$1,000.

The request for the Associated Charities for a grant of \$225 was laid on the table for the present.

Suggestions regarding sale of fishery lots were referred to the fisheries committee.

The comptroller was authorized to make payments, within certain limits, until the 1916 appropriations are passed.

SHOT AS WIFE SHOUTS WARNING

New York, Dec. 28.—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.

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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. If they have any business of their own that is worthy of attention, since they refuse to fight on the side of the Allies and so help to bring to the world permanent peace, they should give it their attention without further loss of time.

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, but that does not seem probable.

THESE 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. This is an important announcement, although it would be more illuminating in the light of further information to show the extent of the profits of the manufacturers of shells in Canada, especially in the early stages of the committee's work.

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 horses from this port for the use of the allies was resumed. The average cargo now is in excess of 900,000 bushels and the sailings follow in rapid succession. What ever may be the final result of the greatest of all wars, there is no doubt that for the time being at least, the export business of this port will be benefited."

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. Mr. Belyea did the city good service in connection with the drawing up of the new charter, and in the campaign that resulted in the adoption of the commission plan of government.

The Standard rejoices that despite all royal commissions and their reports there is "not one suspicion of wrong-doing on the part of the government and its members." Well, they whitewashed Fleming. Will they also whitewash Stewart, Robichaud and Sheridan? Will they prosecute Berry? Will they probe the hold-up of the liquor dealers? There are many guarantees of good faith they could give if they wished. An eager public awaits the guarantees.

Capt. Emmerson, Major Anderson, Major Markham and others have during the last few weeks written home telling of the need of socks and underwear, but especially socks, for the men in the trenches. The Soldiers' Comforts Association is laboring to provide what the fighting men need in this winter weather. If there were any who doubted the need of such an association, they must be convinced by the appeals direct from the officers at the front, that it should have received even more generous support than it has received since its organization.

THE UNDEFFECTIVES

(By Kathleen Norris.) In the world there has died a baby: eager to part with breath, He has slipped from the world's hot noisings, back to the cool of death.

Sightless and dumb and unhearing, he is done with his days of pain!—And an eager army has risen, aghast at a baby slain! Parents—clergymen—doctors—public delects: a mad wild

And their right to dispute his sentence, which one of us will gainsay? But what of the other baby, who will die of neglect today?

Not a defective baby, shut in a world of his own, But a conscious child, who is hungry, or sleepy, or cold, or alone.

A whole, sweet, confident baby, a baby with eyes and ears, Who clings like a little soldier to the scanty hope of the years.

Until in the cruel summer, oh the winter's cold, he goes, A gallant baby outnumbered by a hundred subtle foes!

Foes in the milk we give him, foes in dirt and disease, Dangers of street and gutter, and greater danger than these.

Born of a social system that counts the rent and the wage, And keeps the heart of a baby shut up like a beast in a cage.

You, who have risen in protest, call this a crime if you will, Or, better, so find a baby, perhaps one is living still!

Who will not be here tomorrow, whose battle is nearly done, Who has lost the unequal struggle for comfort and food and sun.

Bring back his tiny conviction that the world is kind and right, And that hunger and want and fever are only dreams in the night.

And when he is strong and happy, with his own little place on earth, Then form your organization to save the delicate at birth.

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. "Curiosity once killed a cat, you know."

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Looked That Way. "See here, girl, bring you flowers and candy, while that fellow does practically nothing for you."

"He dig salt for me." "Bah! So he wants to worm his way into your affections."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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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, in speaking of science and the great war, he said: "Nearly all our failures in the present conflict have been due to the national neglect of science and the excessive pre-

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dominance in parliament and especially in the government of the spirit that is the most antagonistic to science—the spirit of the advocate." The great danger of the lawyer-politician in times of crisis according to the speaker, is that he has been accustomed to live in an atmosphere of compromise, of action based on finding a mean between conflicting interests and of scrupulous regard for precedent. In war, the advocate makes the worst possible guide. The British government has decided a number of vital issues without scientific evidence and even then, for the sake of appearances, has clung to his mistakes. As the result thousands of lives have been sacrificed.

As an instance in point, Prof. Poulton spoke of the ignorance of science on the part of the ministry that had to be driven into declaring fats, oils and cotton as contraband. One-third of the German munitions for heavy guns consists of nitro-glycerine, and fats are the only source of glycerine. The speaker pronounced it dangerous for a country whose prosperity depended on science to be ruled by politicians and civil servants, utterly ignorant of scientific knowledge. Manufacturers are based on applied science. Great Britain is a manufacturing country.

While Britain has taken a greater lead in the development of science than Germany, science still stands apart in the general educational scheme. In Germany science is put to every possible use by the government. German success in the war has been due to the application of science. The British government on the other hand long delayed asking for and accepting advice on scientific aspects of war from men qualified to speak.

SKARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC SWEEPS OVER GERMANY London, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Am-

sterdam tells of a serious scarlet fever epidemic in Germany, extending from Bromberg to some villages in Posen, where the sickness is unusually acute. All military hospitals, which have been requisitioned to deal with the epidemic, are crowded, and the government measures, according to the despatch, have proved altogether inadequate. The Bromberg garrison is so overrun with the disease that it has been evacuated by one entire regiment.

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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, Croatsians, 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 parliament named it is quite 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 promise of land 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 naturally well informed about Austrian affairs. In Austria, their previous ally, there are many Austrian-Germans in the army. To meet it and also the state of mind of her Emperor. Wilhelm II., although bloody in his deeds, is a very brilliant man. As an old practitioner 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 the Kaiser's. 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 3, 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. He 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 line of communication 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 Hasaphis, 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 Hasaphis ordered the Ioannina stopped. We expected every moment to see a torpedo launched. Captain Hasaphis 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." "Gen. Hutchinson expects to return to Greece within a few weeks.

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 as 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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paying the indemnity must be very wealthy; it must be immeasurably weaker in military strength than the victor and, the war must be of short duration. "There is one possible way, however, in which the equivalent of an indemnity might figure in the allies' peace terms. In this latest and greatest war new and astonishing methods of warfare and action have been widely introduced, old traditions and conventions of war have been thrown to the winds. May it not be so after the war that new proposals for peace will be put forward? For instance, why not agree to trading conventions which will allow the allies the benefit of mutual trade and commerce? Why not get certain advantages over land rates between the west of Europe and Russia across Germany? And other similar concessions will readily occur. The object of these would not be, like that of an indemnity, to disarm and weaken the vanquished; but it would be a possible policy to arrange trade or services on terms which would obviously be advantageous to the victors. The possibilities of civilization are not exhausted, even if a crushing indemnity is in the nature of events out of the question."

Country Doctor Found the Right Liniment

"Down East," as they say of Maine, there lived good old Doctor Abner Johnson. It was in a little country town where every family knew the value of keeping a good liniment on hand. They were hard working people, often exposed to cold, and nearly everybody had the "rheumatism," especially muscular rheumatism, and hard work gave them sprains, bruises and such pains. The doctor studied and experimented and finally found a recipe for a liniment that took the pain right out of all these ails. It somehow seems to get right at the trouble and takes the pain away quick. Yet it is so harmless you can take it inside as well as rubbing it on the skin.

So the recipe found by good old Doctor Abner Johnson was put up in bottles and called "Johnson's Anodyne Liniment." Probably you have heard of it many times. Whenever you want a good liniment remember and buy "Johnson's Anodyne Liniment," the recipe of old Doctor Abner Johnson. It can be bought wherever medicines are sold.

COMFORTS ARRIVE SAFELY.

The Soldiers' Comforts Association has received a letter from Miss Plummer, Field Comforts Commission, Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe, acknowledging the receipt of 21 cases consigned to Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, on November 16, and reporting their being forwarded to France Nov. 23. The S. C. A. also received a cable announcing the arrival in England of the Christmas boxes.

PRICES THAT THE SOLDIERS PAY

Come 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 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 Canadian people, know the best sellers and, for example, you want a stick of shaving soap, 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.

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FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Quotations furnished by private wire of J. 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, 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 Vanhook 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.

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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.

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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

restricted on certain days of the week, and on some days has been forbidden altogether.

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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. 29.—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.

TRIES SUICIDE, REPENTS; SCREAMS BRING HER AID

Boston, Dec. 29.—With alcohol and brimstone, Maggs Cicero, aged seventeen, attempted suicide in the home of Isadore Weinberg, 84 Glenway street, Dorchester, where she is employed as a servant.

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 Cicero, 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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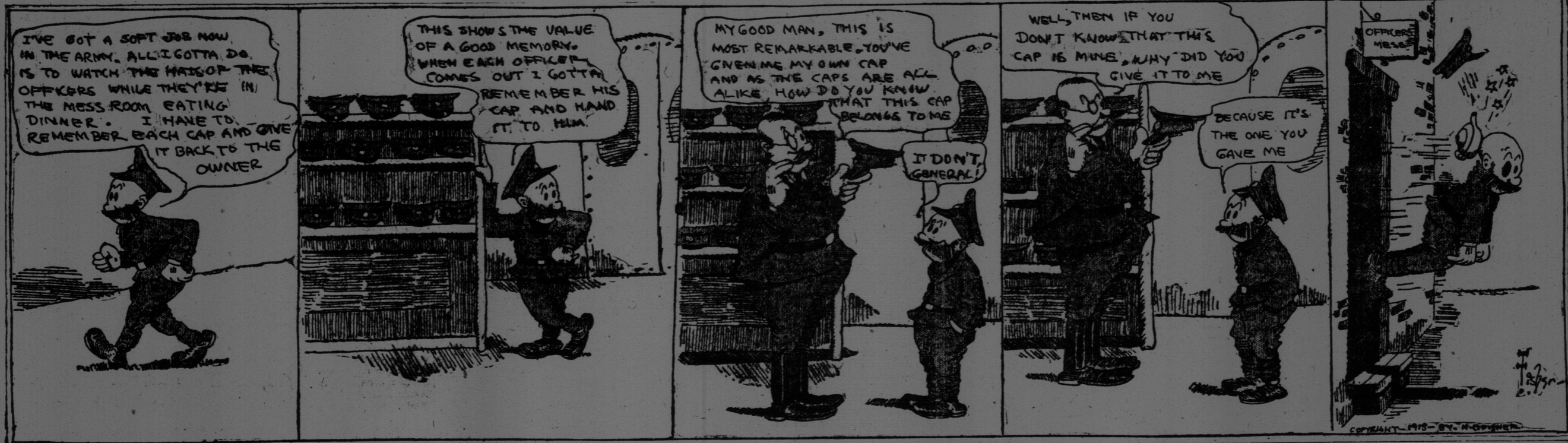
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Advertisement for Primecrest Farms Ltd. featuring 'A Four-Flavored Treat for New Years Dinner' and 'Country Club Ice Cream'. Includes contact information for South Bay, St. John.

Mutt and Jeff—Jeff in a New Position

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By "Bud" Fisher



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 asserting 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.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Subscriptions to the new government loan exceeding 14,500,000,000 francs are, for the greater part, in cash, says an official announcement made today.

NO BLAME TO ANYONE

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

"We the jurors empaneled 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 21 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 despatches 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

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City League
The Sweeps retained their lead for the championship of the City Bowling League last evening by defeating the C. P. R. team.

Wanders and the Elks club tonight in a scheduled game at Black's alleys.

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.

Both Lewis and Ritchie have outgrown the lightweight class. Lewis weighed in at 138 1/2 and Ritchie at 145 1/2.

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.

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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gure 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.

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.

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.

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The Man In The Street

So the Germans and Austrians are talking about peace terms. Checky, aren't they? They will learn all they need to know on that subject when the Allies get ready to tell them.

"Nine enemy submarines sunk in Mediterranean" sounds like the counting off of those historic ten little niggers who once sat on a fence.

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 Wolsome. 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 anticipation, 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 say "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 days' review was 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.

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