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A Deal With a Burglar.

"May I trouble you for a light?" asked Furlong, blandly. "No? Well—" He craned forward, and lit his pipe at the lantern. "Now, then, Mr. Berton, I'm ready to hear anything and everything you've got to say. Chin-music is not much in my line, but I'll allow that you feel anxious to abuse me, and I don't like disappointing you. Just blow off the steam with some of the hardest words you know."

Guildford Berton caught up a chair with a strong impulse to fling it at the man's head, but instead he planted it in front of the door and sat down on it.

"You'll find this the worst night's work you ever did, my friend," he said between his teeth. "I gave you a chance—a poor one—of escaping just now, and you refused it. Now I tell you that you will not leave this room until the police take you, unless you pass over my dead body."

Furlong laughed grimly. "Very nicely put!" he said. "Why, my dear sir, I could lift you up chair and all, and pitch you out of that window there, and you know it. But I shan't have to do that, I think—that is, if you are a sensible man. Now Mr. Berton, I suppose you think that we are to sit here until some one comes who can raise an alarm and fetch the police, and that you will have me arrested?"

Berton shut his lips tightly, and folded his arms.

"Just so. I'm afraid you're going to be disappointed. First of all, let me explain matters. Oh, you needn't sneer; it doesn't give any additional beauty to that handsome face of yours. I'm going to tell the truth, as you'll find if you listen attentively. What I told you just now, for instance, was the truth. I found that door of yours unlocked, and I could not resist the temptation of strolling in. You see, I've passed it so often and looked at it so hard, every time asking myself why on earth a young gentleman should choose to live in such a gloomy hole, that my curiosity—and it's my weak point, I'll admit—got the better of me. So I stepped in, and waited in the opposite room—I followed you so closely that if you'd have turned you'd have seen me, by George!—and, being in, I amused myself with watching you—"

Guildford Berton succeeded in suppressing any outward sign of the start the man's words gave him.

"I'd half an idea that you were a—well, a coiner. I beg your pardon, I had indeed. But couldn't see any trace of the work about. And I know it when I see it—and so I concluded that you were just a crank, that you'd got a mental twist—somewhere that caused you to take to such a grim, forsaken hole as this. Then I thought that I'd wait until you'd go to bed and clear out. But I happened to look in here, and the desk lay handy and it occurred to me that I might find something in it that might help me to understand your peculiar character."

A sneer that was half a scowl crossed Berton's face.

"Ah, you don't believe me, I see," remarked the man, apparently not at all offended. "But, strange to say, it's the truth. The fact is, among the many trades I've tried, my hand at, I've done a bit of the detective. That was in New York. I didn't stick to

it long; but that kind of work leaves a mark behind. You can't lose the habit of trying to satisfy your curiosity. And you raised mine, you did, indeed, Mr. Berton."

Guildford Berton smiled furiously. "You impudent—but go on my friend; your time is growing short."

"Not a bit of it," retorted Furlong. "You think you'll have me arrested, but you won't, and I'll tell you why. Because you and I are tarred with the same brush. We're both curious men. Of the two of us, I should say, you're more curious than I am, but you're too cautious to follow a man into his house and examine his desk, eh?" and he laughed.

"Now you wonder what I'm driving at. Wait a bit; I'm coming to it. I didn't find much in this old desk of yours to enlighten me about the little game you're playing; but I did find something that gave me a start;" he stretched out his hand, and let it fall upon the photograph of Catherine Hayes—"and this is it."

The other glanced at the photograph with an incredulous sneer.

"No," said Mr. Furlong, "it is not a plant, and I'm not going to palm off a pack of lies on you. But I tell you what I am going to do. I am going to make a bargain with you. With. Better not cut in yet a while, for it strikes me that when you've heard what I've got to say you'll be sorry for cutting up rough. Now, Mr. Berton, don't think me impertinent if I ask you a question. Is it a fact that you want to marry the beautiful young lady up at the Court there?"

Guildford Berton started, and the color rushed to his face, but he remained silent.

"Silence gives consent," resumed Furlong, puffing at his pipe. "I give you credit for the best of taste. I've seen a great many of the fair sex in both hemispheres, and I say—he struck the table with his powerful fist—"that that young lady towers above them all—as—as a palm towers above them all—why, sir, if I were as young and good-looking as you are, I should be as much in love with her as you are. From all I hear there isn't a young man within twenty miles who wouldn't give all his boot to lead her to the altar."

Guildford Berton rose, as if unable to control himself, but Furlong coolly waved to him.

"Sit down, Mr. Berton. I meant no offence. I wouldn't speak a disrespectful word of her—ay, and what's more, I'd knock down any man that offered to do so in my presence. Sit down and keep your temper. You'll want all your wits presently."

There was something, a subtle significance, in his tone which carried weight, and Guildford Berton sank into the chair again.

"That's right," remarked Mr. Furlong, approvingly. "And now about this bargain I spoke of. Suppose, Mr. Berton, I possess some information which would help you in your suit with that young lady. Suppose I could tell you something, a secret worth its weight in gold to you, something that would make your way straight and plain, and insure your getting that young lady for your wife—what would you say?" and he leaned forward and looked him straight between the eyes.

Guildford Berton smiled incredulously. "I should say—" he began, then he laughed shortly. "I utterly refuse to believe a word you say," he said, "and if you knew me better, you would know that I am the last man to make terms with a ruffianly burglar. Tell your story, whatever it may be, to the police; I fancy you will find them as incredulous as I am."

"Good," said Furlong, coolly. "You have said what you ought to say, and you've said it very well. I give you all credit for your courage. But I'll give you another chance, and I tell you frankly that if you don't come to my terms I shall, very reluctantly, have to tie you in that chair and gag you while I get clear off. Come, you're dying to ask me what I meant. Just ask me a few questions. For instance, what do I find in the photograph of this lady to interest and startle me so much?"

"I shall ask you nothing, I want to hear no more from you," was the stern reply.

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"First of all, do you know who this is?" he held up the card. "I don't ask you how you came by it. Perhaps the young lady gave it to you, or you found it, or perhaps you stole it."

Guildford Berton's face flamed, but he swallowed his rage and answered quietly enough; for Furlong had spoken the truth, and he was dying to hear what the man had to say.

"You don't deserve an answer," he said. "But you'll humor me, eh? Just so. Well?"

"It is the portrait of the late Countess of Arrowsdale's companion," said Guildford Berton, slowly, and almost sullenly.

Furlong nodded. "And her name was Catherine," he said. "It's written here on the card, and her surname was Hayes. And when the countess left her husband, the earl, her maid, this Catherine Hayes, went with her?"

"She did?"

"Is she dead?" asked Furlong, very grimly.

"The countess? Yes."

"The woman, the maid, this Catherine?" said Furlong.

Guildford Berton nodded.

"Yes, she is dead, too."

"Dear, dear!" muttered Furlong. "Tell me, now, did she live with her mistress till the countess died?"

"She did," said Guildford Berton, much less sullenly and with a barely concealed interest.

"And the young lady, Lady Norah, was left in her charge, I suppose?" asked Furlong.

"That is so. Why do you ask? What interest—"

"I ask because I didn't know," replied Furlong. "I knew a great deal, but not all."

He gazed at the portrait for some moments lost in thought, then he got up and laid it on the table.

"Come and take a good look at it," he said.

Guildford Berton hesitated a moment, half-suspicious that it was a trap to get him away from his post in front of the door, but Furlong cast a glance of contempt at him.

"Man, can't you see I'm in earnest?" he said, sternly, and his companion rose and looked at the card with seemingly indifference.

"Do you see nothing? Look hard! Does nothing strike you?"

Guildford Berton shook his head. "I do not understand you. I see nothing," he said.

Furlong pointed to the door. "Shut it—shut it close," he said. Guildford Berton smiled.

"You know that there is no one in the house but my servant, an old woman, deaf and dumb, or you would not have trifled with me as you have done," he said.

"Shut the door all the same," commanded Furlong, "for what I've got to say even the deaf and dumb might have ears and tongue to hear and tell. Shut the door, I say."

Guildford Berton went and closed the door, and turned the key. He was so intensely interested and impressed that it did not occur to him to make a rush for the open air.

"There," he said, "are you satisfied?"

Furlong beckoned to him to come

nearer, and, laying his heavy hand upon the shoulder of the other, whispered a few words into his ear.

Guildford Berton started, and turned a white face of amazement and unbelief upon him.

"What!" he exclaimed under his breath. "Pshaw! It's impossible!"

"It's not only possible, but it's true!" retorted Furlong, with grim earnestness. "Sit down and listen to me."

Berton sank into the chair, and, standing before him, with his hands thrust into his pockets, the man spoke on in a low voice, which, though cool and collected, impressed every word upon his startled hearer.

As Guildford Berton listened drops of sweat came out upon his forehead, and his face changed from red to white.

"If, if this is true—if I can believe it!" he said, huskily, his lips twitching.

"It is gospel!" retorted Furlong, laconically, "and you do believe it. I can see it by your face, man."

"Prove it—give me proofs," dropped from the white lips.

"Proofs? Yes, conclusive, irrefutable ones. Proofs strong enough for any court of law in the land."

An exclamation difficult to describe burst from Guildford Berton, and he rose and paced the room, his face working, his hands clasped tightly behind his back.

Furlong sat himself on the table, and watched him coolly.

Suddenly he stopped before the sideboard, and took out the brandy decanter.

"Oh, that's it!" muttered Furlong to himself; then aloud:

"Here, steady! Not too much of that! A glass apiece. You want to keep your head cool, you know, if you're going to work this properly. And you are, you know."

Guildford Berton poured out a couple of glasses with a shaky hand, and with an uneasy laugh.

"When—when will you let me have the proofs?" he asked, looking not at Furlong but at the table.

Furlong considered for a moment or two.

"In three days," he said. "Meanwhile, keep your mouth shut."

Berton laughed.

"Oh, yes; you can do that, I dare say. And now, what do you say to our bargain?" and Furlong smiled grimly.

Guildford Berton, still looking at the table, nodded.

"You want to know how much—"

Furlong took his hands from his pockets, and eyed him up and down slowly.

"No," he said, quietly. "I ask nothing. I'm not sure I'll take anything. But, we'll see. It strikes me I'm the homelier man of the two, Mr. Berton. I bargained for my liberty and your silence about this little escapade of mine. Well, you shall give me a hundred or two to take me out of the country when you've done with me, and we'll cry quits."

Guildford Berton held out his hand, and Furlong took it, but with an utter absence of alacrity or effusiveness.

"Open the door," he said.

Guildford Berton opened it, and with a nod and a quiet "In three days—say Friday," this singular specimen of "the genus" burglar went out.

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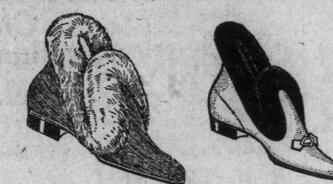
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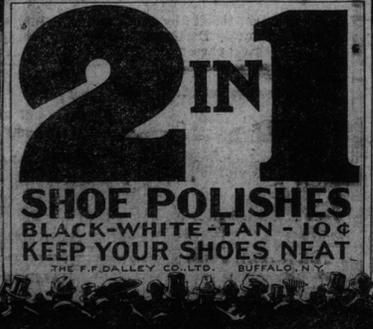


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Peace Nearer for the Irish.

London, Dec. 15.—During the debate in the House of Commons in the report stage to-day on the vote of credit the Nationalist members brought up the Irish question. Major William Redmond, member for East Clare, and a brother of John Redmond, said that he in the past had been in bitter opposition to most of the new Ministers, but that he had come to the conclusion on the question of a Government for Ireland that an understanding for a settlement between Irishmen of the north and the south was quite possible.

Troops from Ulster and the south provinces, the speaker said, were in pretty close contact, and it had been remarkable that there had not been under any circumstances anything but the very best and kindest feeling between the men of the north and the south.

Mr. Redmond, who is a Major in the Irish Division, is spending a short leave in England. He paid a glowing tribute to the valour of the Irish troops, and said there was only one thing to do, and that was to back up the men at the front.

Andrew Bonar Law, the Government leader in the House of Commons, replying to Major Redmond, said the desire for a new state of things in Ireland, if it could be attained, was not confined to Irishmen. It was a great thing, he added, that for the first time an official of the Nationalist party stood on the side of the Empire.

It was his heartiest wish, as deeply seated as that of Major Redmond, that some change between Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, and between one part of Ireland and the other, should take place. One thing that would influence the people of the United Kingdom more than anything else was that Irishmen were willing to run the same risks as they were running.

In Milady's Boudoir.



Blonde hair, unless shampooed very carefully, will darken with age. Egg shampoo is not good for light hair, for it contains sulphur, which will darken it rapidly. Oils also have a darkening effect on the hair, and should not be used unless absolutely necessary.

An excellent soap-jelly for blonde hair is made by shaving a cake of castile soap into a soappan and dissolving it in a pint of boiling water. Keep the mixture warm until the soap has dissolved, then pour the liquid into a wide-mouthed jar. When shampooing the hair use one-half teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda to each teaspoonful of soap jelly. If you find that the bicarbonate of soda has too drying an effect on the hair, discontinue its use, for it frequently makes blonde hair lifeless and brittle.

Do not dry blonde hair by artificial heat. It will lose its sheen and texture. Rub the scalp briskly, but gently, with a towel to stimulate the circulation, and then sit in the sunlight, separating the hair so that each portion receives its share of the sun's rays. This manner of drying requires a much longer time, but the softness and sheen of the hair will reward you for your patience.

Brunettes should use shampoos containing oils, sub-carbonate of soda or yolks of eggs. They are excellent for dark hair, stimulating growth and improving the lustre.

Never forget to brush the hair well after a shampoo, for this will impart a sheen not to be had in any other way. Sun and air the scalp every chance you get, particularly if you are a blonde.

Hell Bill Speaks.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I am wondering why our esteemed representatives Messrs. Cashin and Moore do not come along to this district and do some recruiting work. We have any amount of fine young men in all the different hamlets along the Southern Shore, and you can count all the volunteers we have sent to the front almost on one hand. I feel ashamed of this section of the country and if I could take forty years off my age I would have been at the Germans long before this. Why, Mr. Editor, I think it is Mr. Cashin's duty to come here and hold recruiting meetings in his own defence, if for no other purpose. Where will his fat job be if the Germans get hold of us? Why he would be one of the first they would butcher. And where would all the fine contracts that Mr. Moore has been getting from the Government go to? Why it is quite a serious matter for these gentlemen. Come on now Mike and Phil and hold recruiting meetings; we have the stuff and all they want is men like you to explain how necessary it is to fill up the gaps left vacant by our poor boys who have paid the supreme sacrifice. We can't look out the window without seeing these gentlemen canvassing from door to door and holding long-winded speeches at election times and telling us how they saved the country from financial ruin, and what they are going to do for us if we will return them again. Now, Mr. Editor, I think we have reached the limit of that old cod talk and we want something more important from Messrs. Cashin and Moore. We want them to advise our young men to come forward and try to save this country and their mother country from the Hun.

If these gentlemen don't come along soon, Mr. Editor, I will be constrained to appeal to them in another letter with your kind permission.

Yours truly,

HELL HILL.

Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chickens at ELLIS'.

ON POSTAL BUSINESS.—Postal Inspector Mr. William Campbell is now visiting the outposts on important postal business.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine. Price 15c. a bottle.—

NOTE OF THANKS.—The Superintendent of the Poor Asylum wishes to thank a kind friend, for a donation of 2 bris, apples.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS'.

PERSONAL.—Mr. and Mrs. Hickman left by yesterday's express for the United States and will be absent about five weeks.

DR. H. A. SMITH, Specialist.—Surgery will be closed until Jan. 9th, 1917.—dec23,21

SCARLET FEVER.—A naval reservist, who recently joined H.M.S. Briton, was removed to the fever hospital yesterday suffering from scarlet fever.

Don't forget Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine for New Year. Price 15c. a bottle.—dec16,11

BACK TO DUTY.—A large number of soldiers and sailors who were visiting their homes in the outposts for Christmas, returned to the city by last night's train.

One 15c. bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts.—dec16,11

RETURNS TO THE FRONT.—Surgeon-Capt. J. S. Knight, R.A.M.C., who was here on a furlough, left by yesterday's express for England, whence he will return to the front.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

RELIEVES SORE, TIGHT CHESTS

MAY WORK SILVER MINES.—A sample of mineral discovered in the neighborhood of Argenta, P.B., by some of our local prospectors, and recently sent to an analyst at New York, has been reported as containing a large percentage of silver. It is possible that in the near future the deposit will be worked.

QUICK AND EASY.—The Giant Junior Safety Razor, 225,000 sold to the soldiers on the Western front; 50c. with 7 blades; extra blades, 40 cents per dozen, or 3 for 10 cents. CHESTLEY WOODS, 282 Duckworth St., head McBride's Hill, Sole Distributor, Wholesale only. For sale at advertised stores.—oct5,11

PERSONAL.—Mr. Richard Walsh, of Open Hall, B. E., arrived by the Prospero on his usual business trip to the city and leaves by Prospero for home to-morrow.

List of Letters Remaining in the G.P.O. to Dec. 14th, 1916.

- A**
Anthony, Miss J., card, Prescott St.
Abbott, Miss Eva, care Post Office
Akenwood, Charlie, Casey St.
- B**
Baldwin, P. V., care Mr. Parsons
Best, Miss Ellen, Golf Avenue
Bradbury, Miss Mary
c/o Mrs. J. Hills, Cookstown Rd.
Balstone, A. W.
Benmore, Miss Mary Jane, Water St.
Byrne, Thomas, Nagle's Hill
Bell, Miss Daisy, card
Best, Mr., Holloway St.
Bolt, Miss Winnie, Leslie St.
Burton, A., Battery Road
Burton, Leo, care Gen'l Delivery
Burt, George, Flower Hill
Butler, Queen, Brasilia Square
Bent, Mrs. Annie, Gower St.
Button, Miss L. P. O. Box 408.
Brushett, Alexander
Brett, Miss Lizzie, Casey St.
Boyan, T. J., Temperance St.
Byrne, T., Nagle's Hill
- C**
Chafe, Geo. W.
Campbell, E., c/o Mrs. Hill, Gower St.
Covey, Francis, Gower St.
Cocarell, Mrs. Lizzie, Barter's Hill
Collins, Miss Elsie
Cowan, M. H., Springdale St.
Crowley, Mrs. D. O., Charlton St.
Cuddahy, Miss Bride,
care Miss O'Brien, Water St.
- D**
Dawe, W. H.
Dawe, Miss J., St. John's West
Doyle, Capt. John, care Gen'l Delivery
Davis, Miss Katie, Gower St.
Deakin, Mrs. F., Gower St.
Dillon, Miss Mary
- E**
Earley, James, care G.P.O.
Ebbis, Mrs. Wm.
Elliott, Dorman, Water St.
Evans, Mrs. Nathaniel, New Gower St.
- F**
Fabbri, Signora E., Hamilton St.
Feltham, James
Fever, Mrs., Chapel Park
Fleet, Wm., Pennywell Road
Flemming, G., Balsam
Freake, Ephraim
Fitzpatrick, J., Street
Flynn, Wm., c/o R. M. Flynn, Cabot St.
Ford, William H.,
care Noah Ford, Reid Co.
- Foot, Ambrose**
Flight, Mrs. John, 3 Street
- G**
Guina, Wm., George St.
Gorman, Mrs. George, Power St.
Gush, Mrs. John, Signal Hill
- H**
Hartery, Mrs. James, retd.
Haynes, Master Robert
Hallett, John, care General P. Office
Hart, Wm.
Hewitt, Stephen, Allandale Road
Hart, Jonas, care W. J. Davidson
Hearn, James, care G.P.O.
Hearder, M. R.
Hilton, Mr., George St.
Hodder, Mrs. William,
c/o Mrs. John Shears, Barnes' Rd.
House, Gilbert, Freshwater Road
Homes, Mrs. A., Hayward Avenue
Hopkins, Mrs. J., card,
care Gen'l Delivery
Hobbs, George, care Gen'l Delivery
Hopkins, Mrs. James, care Gen'l Delivery
Hunt, Mrs.
Hussey, Mrs. S., Angel Place
Huxley, Mrs. M., retd.
Hardward, M.
Hickey, Mrs. Gerald, card,
c/o Mariane Street
- Hayward, Miss Lucia, Patrick St.**
- I**
Iverson, Fred,
care James Clancy, Newtown Rd.
- J**
Jones, Archibald
Jackson, Mrs. Henry
Jaynes, Nellie, card
James, Mr., New Gower St.
James, Mrs., Alexandra St.
James, Miss Flossie, card
Jake, Willie, Casey St.
- K**
Keoh, Miss Annie,
Kavanagh, Charles, Waterford Bridge Road
Kavanagh, Charles, Kitchen Place
King, Mrs. Albert, New Gower St.
Knight, William, care Post Office
Knight, George, care Post Office
Knight, Miss Beatrice,
Keen, Roland
- L**
Kester, Miss Bertha, LeMerchant Rd.
Kerhan, Mrs. John, care R. Harris
Kelly, Mrs. James, Gower St.
- L**
Lannon, Mrs. Matthew,
King George Institute
Lannigan, Mrs. John, care R. Harris
Lee, Mrs. H., Bond St.
Leonard, Mrs. P. J., Goodview St.
Lamburg, Miss Jane Pond, City
LeRoux, Frank, Long Pond, City
- M**
Matthews, Miss Lizzie,
LeMerchant Road
Martin, Mrs. John,
East End Post Office
Martin, Miss Annie, Freshwater Road
Martin, James, Newtown Road
Mackey, John, Plymouth Road
Martin, Miss Henry, Bannerman St.
Miller, Peter, Flower Hill
Morris, E., card
Moore, Miss Bell,
care Royal Stores Factory
- Morgan, Miss P., South Side**
Mullaly, William, Pleasant St.
Murphy, Mrs. John, Osborne House
Murphy, Michael, card
Miller, Miss S., Forest Road
Maher, Mrs. Ellen
- Mc**
McGrath, P., Brine St.
McLeod, Mrs., Brine St.
McLean, Miss Mary
McLean, J. R., care Reid Ntd. Co.
McLoughlan, Miss Angela,
Allandale Road
- N**
Noonan, Joseph, Flavin St.
Neal, Mrs. Wm., Stephen St.
- O**
O'Mara, M., retd.
- P**
Parsons, Miss Jessie,
c/o Mr. White, LeMerchant Rd.
Pye, L., Prescott
Perry, Flossie, Gilbert St.
Percy, Alfred, Allandale Road
Percival, Miss, Nagle's Hill
Piercey, George, late Grand Falls
Porter, Miss Madeline, card,
College Square
- Power, Miss P., late Branch**
Powers, Edwin, Gower St.
Power, J. E.
Power, Miss Annie, Gower St.
Power, Miss P., Prescott St.
Power, Mrs. Peter, Duckworth St.
Purcell, Peter, late Hr. Grace
Penney, J., late Bonne Bay
- R**
Ryan, John, Smithville
Riggs, Miss Nellie, 34 Street
Robertson, R., Alexander St.
Roberts, George
Ronayne, Miss C. A.
- S**
Sparks, Wm., Springdale St.
Shea, Miss Bride, Crosbie Hotel
Sheppard, Miss May, card, Prescott St.
Sheppard, Miss Violet,
Imperial Tobacco Co.
Simmons, Mrs. Wm. H.
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Scott, Miss Georgina
Snow, Wm., care Imperial Tobacco Co.
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Sullivan, Miss Jose, Bannerman St.
Squires, Miss Sarah, Henry St.
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Stokington, Miss Frances
Stuckland, Miss Minnie, card,
Pleasant Street
- T**
Taylor, Mrs. Corbet, Monroe St.
Tuck, Walter
Turpin, Miss M., late Hospital
Thompson, Wm., New Gower St.
- U**
Upshall, Miss Madge, 15 Street
- V**
Vokey, James A., Prince's St.
- W**
Wiseman, Miss Ella,
care Mrs. Phillips, Springdale St.
Whiteway, Mrs. A. K.
White, Bertram, card
Wiseman, John J., card
Wall, J., Water St. West
White, Miss Elsie, card
Watton, Miss Lucy,
care C. J. Howlett, Water St.
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Young, Edward

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 - 5 cases Spratt's BIRD FOOD & PARROT FOOD.
 - 5 barrels LINSEED MEAL.
 - 1 bag LINSEED.
 - 5 barrels SULPHUR.
 - 5 kegs TARTARIC ACID.
 - 3 cases Cadbury's BOURNVILLE COCOA.
 - 1 barrel MANHU DIABETIC FLOUR.
 - 1 case MANHU DIABETIC BISCUITS.
 - 50 sacks UNCOATED RICE.
 - 100 bags CURRANTS.
 - 3 cases CITRONS.
 - 2 cases LEMON PEEL.
 - 5 cases small tins SARDINES.
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 - 2 cases NONPARELS.
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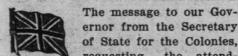
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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - - Proprietor
H. A. WINTER, B.A., - - - Editor
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27th, 1916.

The Empire War Conference.



The message to our Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting the attendance of the Premier at a number of War Conferences in which the whole Empire will be represented, is a most momentous document. Few announcements more important to the present interests and the great future of the Empire have been made since the war first called its sons together to its defence. The holding of these conferences contains a two-fold importance to its members, from the large and imperial and from the smaller and local aspect. It would be a mistake to consider that, small as she is and small as her contributions have of necessity been, Newfoundland will be any the less fundamentally affected by their deliberations and decisions on that account.

The first impression conveyed is that the new Government has made another and most admirable manifestation of its refreshing rapidity of action and knowledge of the first needs of the times. For long, even before the war, there was much talk of Imperial Conventions, Federations and the like, and since it began Mr. Asquith has stated plainly that the "fabric of the Empire" will have to be changed. But there was little evidence of any beginning of the change. From time to time different political and military representatives of the Colonies have been cordially but only semi-officially received in England; Sir Robert Borden, indeed, was admitted a member of the Council on one occasion, and Mr. Hughes, Australia's Prime Minister, was given a splendid reception when he toured the home country and spoke vigorously on this very subject. Many other instances could be added, but nothing in the nature of a general imperial convention, to lead up to this great constitutional 'change in the fabric' was even attempted.

It has remained for Mr. Lloyd George immediately, apparently without hesitation, to take a much-needed action. It could not safely be longer deferred. The great importance of the step is indicated in the threefold nature of the programme clearly expressed in Mr. Long's message. The Conferences will consider (1) urgent questions bearing on the prosecution of the war; (2) the possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to terminate the war; and (3) the problems which will then immediately arise. These are tremendous issues, and the magnitude of the decision to admit the

whole Empire to their consideration is not in the least diminished by the fact that it has so long been demanded.

We have no space here to begin to treat even the fringe of the questions raised by each of these items of the programme thus announced, but in any case our first duty is to consider how we in Newfoundland must conduct ourselves towards them. Sir Edward Morris has wisely delivered a message to the people whose government he controls and asked for their sympathy and support. So far as it will be of value to him we unhesitatingly and unreservedly promise him that of the Telegram. This is a matter of which we can only dimly see the present import and the results to follow, and before it all, merely local and partisan differences must be obliterated and forgotten. Our Premier can quite excusably confess to some misgiving over his absence from the Colony during the coming legislative session: we believe we can assure him that there is no cause for uneasiness. The sole disadvantage that should, and will, attend it consists in the loss to the House of his experience and his knowledge of the projected legislation and of the present and peculiar needs of the country. This is a loss which the country can well afford in return for the gain which it will confidently expect to receive from his part in the conferences to which he is called.

The Premier has cast upon him a very great responsibility. That he will prove himself competent to bear it no one doubts, and the whole country will assist him to do so. In return it will ask much. The war is not yet ended nor our part in it. So far as he may be permitted to do so, we shall expect him to tell us what more is demanded of us, for this will be the first subject of the deliberations of all the Empire's representatives. Our voice will be heard with all the others when at last it is practicable to formulate terms of peace to the defeated enemy. Finally, the economic and political programme of a new Empire (for it will be new in this respect) which will be determined for the coming peace, and of which we have had warning in the Paris Conference and other directions, must inevitably affect us profoundly. In this most of all we shall look to Sir Edward Morris to represent us, to speak clearly, fearlessly if need be, for us, and to secure for us in the great Federation a place commensurate with the country's past performances and favourable to her future development and progress. This is the task to which he is summoned, yet it is one to which the position he has long occupied and his experience eminently fit him. The country will support him by reposing its confidence in him and wishing him the fullest measure of success in his great undertaking.

AMBULANCE CALL.—The ambulance was called out last night and conveyed to the General Hospital a girl, of Shearstown, who is ill.

Empire War Congress.

The Prime Minister Summoned to London.

Cable From the Honourable The Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor.

London, 25 December, 1916.
I wish to explain what His Majesty's Government contemplate is not the ordinary Imperial Conference, but a special War Conference of the Empire. They therefore invite your Prime Minister to attend a series of special and important meetings of the War Cabinet, in order to consider urgent questions bearing on the prosecution of the War, the possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to terminate the War, and the problems which will then immediately arise.

For the purpose of these meetings, your Prime Minister would be a member of the War Cabinet.

In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion, as well as their supreme importance, it is hoped that your Prime Minister may find it possible, in spite of serious inconvenience involved, to attend at an early date, not later than the end of February.

While His Majesty's Government earnestly desire the presence of your Prime Minister himself, they hope if he sees insuperable difficulties, he will carefully consider the question of nominating a substitute, as they would regard it as a serious misfortune if any Dominion were left unrepresented.

Arrangements made to publish this here on Wednesday morning. Please make arrangements to publish simultaneously.

LONG.

To the People of Newfoundland:

On Christmas Day I had conveyed to me by His Excellency the Governor the despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, published above, containing a summons to me as your representative to the most important Council to which it is possible for man to be summoned, the deliberations of which

will deal not alone with the tremendous issues which are now rending Europe asunder, but issues which for all time may make or mar the destinies of our race. I am required within a few weeks to attend the meetings of the Special War Conference of the Empire to be held in London. It will be the task of this Conference to formulate the terms upon which Peace may be concluded between the Governments of Europe whose armies are still, after two and a half years of war, in deadly conflict.

The paramount and responsible duty thus cast upon me by the Government of the King involves my absence from this Colony at a period when such absence as Prime Minister and the Leader of a Party may deeply affect my personal interests and those associated with me. Notwithstanding this, I do not for a moment hesitate. I see unerringly where my highest duty lies, and I have accordingly notified His Excellency to cable the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies my acceptance of his invitation.

Further, I am quite satisfied that those associated with me in the public life of the Colony, members of all political parties, as well as the great masses of the people whom we represent, will agree that in a great crisis such as that through which we are now passing, personal interests and considerations, which are small matters compared with the great duties to which we are called, must at all times be of secondary thought.

I shall immediately take this matter up with my colleagues as well as with the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition in the Legislature, with a view of considering the course which public business may take during my enforced absence from the country. In this I am quite sure I shall receive, as in the past, a ready and hearty support and co-operation from all quarters.

E. P. MORRIS.
December 26th, 1916.

Newfoundland's industries.

Sir Daniel Morris recently lectured on the wood-pulp, paper and other productions of Newfoundland at the Notting-hill High School, Holland-park-avenue.

Lady Campbell, who presided, said that these lectures had been arranged by the Women's Patriotic League in order to educate women as to the products of the Empire, so that after the war they would buy only those goods originating from our Colonies and our Allies.

Sir Daniel Morris gave the details of the wood-pulp industry which he communicated to the Royal Society of Arts in an address last April. He said that the industry had so developed that 80 per cent. of the paper used in this country and elsewhere was made from Newfoundland timber—black spruce and balsam fir. Other trees were utilized for pit props for coal mines. Lord Northcliffe had said that he and those associated with him chose Newfoundland for the manufacture of wood-pulp because they were certain that the war would come.

They would not, therefore, spend money in building factories in Norway and Sweden. Nearly 10,000 of the inhabitants of the island were engaged in cod fishing, and a great portion of the fish were exported to South America. It was hoped that soon suitable ships would be acquired to send fish supplies to the English markets.

—London Times.

Here and There.

BRITISH TOURNEY.—The Nfld. British Society are holding a card tournament at their rooms to-night. Poultry will be competed for.

ASSAULT CASE.—A resident of Torbay was arrested under warrant there last night, charged with assaulting the local constable. The case is postponed till to-morrow afternoon. Both men show signs of having had a rough encounter.

NO MAIL FROM BELL ISLAND.—Owing to the heavy sea, no mail was received from Bell Island to-day. This is partly due to the fact that the splendid wharf at Portugal Cove which was destroyed by a heavy sea a few years ago has not been repaired. On former occasions no matter how boisterous the seas this port was considered by experienced seamen as a place of safety.

ASK FOR MINARD'S LINIMENT AND TAKE NO OTHER.

How to Reply to Submarines.

London Telegraph:—Without delay the Allies should take the matter seriously in hand and adopt some such policy as this:

WAR POLICY.

1. Every merchant ship must be armed without delay.
2. Concerted action must be taken to protect merchant vessels, the best brains of the Allied navies, and particularly of the British Navy, being brought to bear on the problem. The resources of three great maritime Powers—Britain, France and Italy—are available.

POST WAR POLICY.

1. For every merchant ship sunk by the enemy an equivalent will be taken from her. That provision will apply to Allied as well as neutral shipping. The outlaw must be forced to make full restitution to all.
2. For every person murdered at sea—Allied or neutral—full compensation must be exacted for his dependents, German property, of which the Allies possess tens of millions sterling, being confiscated to settle the bill.
3. It must be agreed that until Germany has paid for her illegal and inhuman acts not a German ship shall be permitted to enter an Allied port, whatever decision on that matter neutrals in Europe may come to.

Unless German ships can obtain British coal at the various British and foreign coaling stations throughout the world those vessels cannot be used. The German merchant navy, in other words, will be useless.

Unless the Allies adopt some such policy, Germany may lose the war, but she may win at sea, after it is over, a commanding position and levy, by high freights, a heavy toll on the world's overseas commerce. The war is a maritime war, and the peace may be a maritime peace, to the advantage of Germany, unless this country and those countries which are fighting with it determine on a policy which must include immediate armament of every merchantman and a more vigorous, combined offensive against the enemy's submarines.

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Commission to Handle Affairs of Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The administration of the affairs of the city of Montreal will pass from the hands of the Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen, and be handled by a Commission, of which Lord Shaughnessy, Sir Alexander Lacoste and Senator Beaudry are the more important members. It was announced by a prominent member of the reform element this morning. The Aldermen and Controllers will be paid the balance of their salaries for their terms and be released. Mayor Martin is to be retained as ex-officio Chairman of the Commission, as he cannot be deposed. No appropriations will be made for five years, in an attempt to straighten out the city's financial tangle.

A special sub-commission consisting of Senators Beaudry and Casgrain and F. J. Cockburn, the last named an official of the Bank of Montreal, will arrange the question of a new franchise for the Montreal Tramways Company.

Not This Year, Though.
Montreal will not have a Commission government this year as proposed. This was decided upon at the meeting of the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature at Quebec to-day, because a referendum, has already been provided for as to the abolition or retention of the Board of Control. The referendum is fixed for September next.

7TH ANNOUNCEMENT.

BARBADOS.

Everybody who goes to the West Indies likes Barbados. They like the temperature, it is tropically warm but tempered by the trade wind; they like the sea bathing, the best in the world; they like the appearance of the country, one big garden; and they like the hospitable ways of the people. There are no nicer people anywhere than one finds in Barbados, and a fortnight's holiday in this beautiful island is indeed a rare pleasure.

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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

WHAT IS GERMANY'S PROPOSAL?

LONDON, To-day.
Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace question, transmitted by the Associated Press correspondent at New York and re-transmitted here, did not reach London until too late for comment or even for insertion in the earliest morning editions. Credited to the Associated Press, the only present indication of its reception here is furnished by the Daily Mail's headlines: "German Peace Dodge," and introductory, which says: "If President Wilson meant, as recent American comment contends, that his note should force Germany to state her terms, Germany has countered with this proposal, so that she can evade an explicit answer."

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day.
Roumania continues the theatre of the greatest activities. In northern Wallachia and along the southern Moldavian border and in Dobruja the Teutonic Allies continue to make gains over the Rumanians and Rumanians, 30 miles S. W. of Braila, the town of Filiechi west of Rumnik Sarat (have been taken. The Teutonic Allies (?) are on the offensive. In this latter region during the past few days, 5,500 Rumanians have been made prisoners. In Mesopotamia the British forces are still in quest of Kut-el-Amara, in which sector they have made further advances on the right bank of the Tigris and consolidated and extended their positions. South and east of the town of Cassaba a fort 20 miles southeast of Kut-el-Amara, a base from which hostile Arabs have been operating against the British, has been destroyed. The British victory over the Turks at Maghadaba, ninety miles east of the Suez Canal, was of considerable proportions. In addition to making prisoners 1,350 men of the Turkish force, about 2,000 guns and a large number of rifles and several other war stores were captured. On other fronts there have been only artillery engagements.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, To-day.
An official report from British headquarters in France to-night reads: Some 50 Germans approached our lines on Monday night in the neighbourhood of LesBeoufs, 18 of them were taken prisoners, and the remainder suffered casualties from our machine gun fire. On Monday night we extended our trenches northeast of Arras and drove off an enemy working party. The enemy's positions east of Plegesteert were also raided and casualties inflicted upon the enemy and prisoners secured. In the neighbourhood of Les Beoufs and Gueudecourt we bombarded the enemy trenches during the day with satisfactory results. At other places along the front artillery activity continued. On the nights of December 24th and 25th our airplanes carried out successful bombing operations in places of military importance behind the enemy lines.

BRITISH STOP GREEK SHIP.

NEW YORK, To-day.
The Greek Line steamship Patria, with 600 passengers aboard bound from Piræus to New York, is detained by the British at Gibraltar, it was learned to-day from the local agent of the line.

WASHINGTON DELUDING ITSELF.

WASHINGTON, To-day.
The German reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement another step, despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for an avowal of her terms. The reception of Germany's reply when received among the Entente Allies, whose statement has publicly declared against such a programme, now becomes the point upon which a further move is hinged. Germany's note probably is a prelude to a series of carefully considered delicate moves in the great game of world diplomacy, all possibly leading to an approach for a discussion of peace terms on grounds which all belliger-

ents may feel can place them at no disadvantage. This is the official view of Germany's reply, so far as it has been formulated on the basis of the unofficial text. An official copy had not been received to-night. President Wilson is keeping his mind open.

A DESERVED DIGNITY.

PARIS, To-day.
The Government has decided to raise General Joffre to the dignity of Marshal of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country.

GERMANY SAFEGUARDING SHIPPING.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.
The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that Bundesrath has forbidden the sale (abroad?) of German shipping shares, the object being to prevent undesirable foreign influence in German shipping.

DESTRUCTIVE TORNADO.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., To-day.
From 17 to 70 persons were killed in a tornado which struck South and Central Arkansas this afternoon, according to reports received here to-night.



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NORWEGIAN SUNK.

LONDON, To-day.
Lloyds report the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Eno, 1823 tons gross.

A NEW TREATMENT OF THE IRISH QUESTION.

LONDON, To-day.
An informal discussion and consultation is proceeding for a settlement of the Irish question, says the Manchester Guardian. The new proposals which are being considered provide for something in the nature of equal representation for Unionists and Nationalists in an Irish Parliament. Home Rule for all of Ireland is the basis of the suggestions, which did not contemplate the exclusion of Ulster.

2.00 P.M.

A REASONABLE COMMENT.

NEW YORK, To-day.
The following despatch was received from an official source in Paris in New York to-day: Paris, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's note has been followed by Switzerland's note. In this document the Federal Government declares that it has been in contact with President Wilson. On the other side there are in Paris sure indications that very strong pressure is being exercised by the German Government on neutral governments to induce them to use their action in favor

OFFICIAL.

The Governor, St. John's.

London, December 27th.—Nothing special on any front except Egypt where El Arish is recaptured. Turks also defeated at Maghdaba with eleven hundred and thirty prisoners captured. Two destroyers lost in the North Sea through collision and fifty lives lost. The whole Allied press condemns Wilson's peace note.

The King in his speech proroguing parliament, said, the vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavour until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemy and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation.

LONG.

THE ETHIE'S LAST TRIP.—The Ethie reached Humbermouth at 2.40 p.m. yesterday from the Straits mail service, having got as far north as Red Bay. She reports dull weather, high wind, but no ice. She is leaving to-day on her last trip north and is in hopes of reaching Battle Harbor where she will land a big mail for settlers north of that place.

Sir Douglas Haig

Sends Xmas and New Year Greetings to Newfoundland.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Copy of telegram received December 24th, 1916, by His Excellency the Governor from Sir Douglas Haig, commanding the British Expeditionary Forces in France.

"All ranks under my command unite with me in heartfelt good wishes to the Colony of Newfoundland for Christmas and the New Year."

"SIR DOUGLAS HAIG."

Daring Theft; Culprit Caught.

A French Canadian named Ouellet was arrested to-day for larceny and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The facts are that he went into the Seaman's Institute, where he boarded, at 4 o'clock this morning having spent the night somewhere else. He forced access to the office of Manager Jones by breaking the glass window in the door and by putting in his hand, unlocking the door. He took a ten dollar note and four dollars in silver, made up in 20c, 10c, and 5c pieces, which amount had been left by Mr. Jones on his desk. The volunteer then went to his room and retired, hiding his booty in the bed. Soon after watchman Hiscock, who was down stairs in the furnace room when the theft was committed again began to make his rounds, when he noticed the condition of the office door. The watchman who had seen the volunteer enter the Institute about half an hour previously, aroused Mr. Jones, who in turn immediately reported the matter to the police. Suspicion naturally fell on Ouellet, who denied having any knowledge of the theft. His room was searched by Head Constable Peet, who found the stolen money. Ouellet was then placed under arrest, but still he stoutly denied the charge and when brought before Judge Morris insisted that he was innocent. He told a fake story as to how he came in possession of the same amount of money and made up in the same denominations as that lost by Mr. Jones. The accused said he got the loose silver from a certain public house where he changed a five dollar bill, which he swore was given him by his fiancée. He was caught in a barefaced lie and this fact, in addition to his record, which was anything but creditable, prompted the judge to impose a sentence of three months.

Railway Washout

Trains Held Up—Much Damage to Public and Private Property.

As the result of the continual and heavy N.E. and easterly gales the past few days, the pressure of water along the east coast has been the greatest for many years, and as a consequence the greater part of the railway running along close to the shore at Kelligrews and other places in Conception Bay is now under water. Considerable damage has been done the railway bed by the heavy sea and in some cases the iron rails and sleepers have been carried inland for several yards, hundreds of tons of beach stones are piled across the track, and what was formerly one of the best kept sections in the whole railway system is now torn to pieces. The local train which left for Carbonear this morning is held at Topsail and the cross-country mail and freight which was to leave here at 12.30 p.m. had to be cancelled. The local trains from Carbonear and Placentia are held west of the storm-stricken centre. Road masters Graham and Walters, accompanied by a gang of men left by special train this morning and will commence repairs at this end of the washout, while Road master Connors with a gang from Holyrood will work east. As the full extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained it is not known where both gangs will meet. Besides this, damage to the extent of thousands of dollars has been done to private and public property, several fish flakes and stages, but fortunately very little fish has been washed away. Considerable damage was done the public wharf at Kelligrews. We also learn that at Bay Roberts, Spaniard's Bay, Harbor Grace and Carbonear considerable damage has been done, the extent of which is not yet known.

Grove Hill Bulletin

THIS WEEK.
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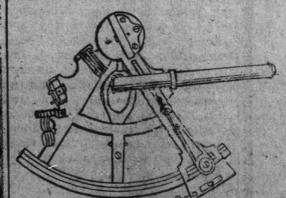
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We have many useful gifts for New Year. It is absolutely impossible for us to list more than a small portion of the many things shown here now that are especially desirable for gifts. All over the Store you will find pleasing suggestions that will make you glad you came.

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The Ladies' Favorite Footwear. There is nothing better than a pair of Dorothy Dodd's for a New Year Gift.

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Our stock is now complete and we would advise you to buy early as leather is advancing every week.

Gent's Lined Kind Gloves

Still a few pairs left at \$1.40 per pair.

Boquets for Oneself.

By RUTH CAMERON.



There is a young woman in our town the mention of whose name brings a certain sentence into the mind of everyone who knows her. The sentence is this: "I really don't know what they pay me for. I really don't do any work." It is frequently uttered by the young lady herself in a tone half plaintive, half coy. It refers to the position she holds in a business concern where she comes into contact with a great many men.

She Doesn't Dislike Herself.

The young lady is rather pretty, and, as you may have guessed, she fancies herself rather more than a little.

You are supposed to answer that beauty is its own excuse for being, or that they doubtless enjoy having her around so greatly that work is not necessary, or something that carries that inference.

Some people make this answer. Some don't.

I must confess that I am among these latter ungracious ones, for nothing irritates me more than that type of flat remark which, under some guise of pretence conceals a bouquet for the speaker.

They make me feel the way that last particularly rich piece of candy makes one feel after one has already eaten more than one should.

You know the type, don't you?

A particularly common example is the girl who tells you that it annoys her so to be stared at, she can't see what makes people look at her so. She hopes there's nothing wrong about her.

Usually, Men Are More Direct in Their Self-Flattery.

Men are not so apt to give themselves this kind of veiled bouquet. They are usually more direct in their methods. But the other night I heard a man speaking of what remarkable memories newspaper men have. "You know," he went on, "I never met that man but once, about ten years ago, and the other day when he met a friend of mine, the first thing he asked was, 'How's Jim Woods?' Wonderful how those men remember."

Now, he may have told that incident to illustrate the excellent memory of newspaper men, and then again he may have hoped we'd draw our own conclusions.

Anyway, when the lady with social tact said, "You must have made a deep impression," he didn't look displeased.

What are you doing for that Eczema?

"Nothing; I've about given up trying to cure it."

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Everyday Etiquette.

"I am going to ask you again about my cards," said Helen. "When making calls I nanother city should I indicate the place in which I reside?"

"When making calls in another city the name of the place you reside in may be written in the lower corner of your card," answered her aunt.

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You can make a pen from a small inexpensive kitchen table placed top-side down on the floor. The four legs are wound about with small clothes-line rope and wrapped with strips of cotton fannel. These are tacked to the posts, likewise wrapped, about half a foot apart. In the bottom of the pen is placed a thick quilt, drawn well over the sides to protect the baby's head from a bump against the boards should he topple over.

A pillow is placed at one side, ready for his occasional nap or his long, after-lunchnoon snooze. His toys are put in the pen within easy reach, but he cannot well fling them about.

1917 Sealfishery.

It is now almost a probability that this year's sealing fleet will not exceed a dozen ships. Their names are:—Eagle, Terra Nova, Ranger, Viking, Diana, Erik, Njord, Bloodhound, Thetis, Neptune and the Halifax steamers Seal and Sable Island. The last two mentioned are the only two steel clads that will prosecute. It being practically a certainty that the Florida will not take part. Three ships, it is said, will operate in the Gulf the coming season.

ATTRACTIVE WINDOW.—A very attractive and pretty window is the Central store of the F. B. Wood Co., on Water Street. It is most artistically dressed and reflects credit on the skill and good taste of Manager H. Godden.

Customs Complain of Exporters.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C. M. G., Deputy Minister of Customs, has sent this communication to the Board of Trade:—

"The attention of exporters is again called to the unsatisfactory and illegal manner in which export entries are being passed. Exporters will note that entries must be made of all articles shipped, and that a true description and correct value be given. The true export value of goods is the value at which goods are invoiced and if the true export value is not stated in entries, the law will be enforced and entries detained. The penalty for non-conformance with the Customs' Act is a fine not exceeding \$200."

KEEP DOWN HIGH PRICES.—We are endeavouring to keep the price of our First-Class Tailor-made Garments within the reach of everyone, and when we say that you can get a first-class Suit or Overcoat from \$25 to \$30, it is not necessary for you to pay more. You can't get any better, no matter what you pay. SPURRELL BROS., 365 Water Street.—dec1,eod,t

Fish Stocks All British.

Lind and Coats, of Oporto, writes as follows to the Board of Trade:—"Stocks consist entirely of British fish, for which there is an active demand at fair prices. The weather is very fine at present and the curing of Portuguese codfish is being accelerated. The rate of exchange is 31 3/16d."

N. E. Gale With Snow.

Shortly after sunset yesterday a heavy N. E. gale struck the city, and continued to increase in violence till 1 a.m. this morning when it moderated slightly. Shortly before midnight the storm had reached the West Coast and as it was accompanied with heavy showers of snow movements of trains were somewhat slow.



"TOO-LATE!"

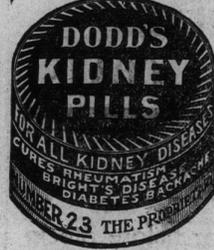
"Don't wait until that Cough or Cold develops into the Cough that you are not able to throw off. If you have contracted a Cough or Cold (which no doubt you have) don't keep on saying: 'Oh, 'tis only a Cold; that will wear off after a few days!' This is where you are making one of the biggest mistakes in your life. Nine cases out of ten it doesn't wear off."

"Try a bottle of STAFFORD'S Phorbane and Cold Cure and watch results. Price 25c.; postage 5c. extra."

If you have an impression or tightness on your chest mix equal parts of Camphorated Oil and Stafford's Liniment and apply to the chest on a piece of thick fannel.

STAFFORD'S DRUG STORE (Theatre Hill) is open every night. nov28,t

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.



Fads and Fashions.

Shoe tops are slightly lower. The cigarette is once more in vogue. Irish crochet is used on the new lingerie. Fringe continues to be a favorite trimming. Chic hats are made of black and white satin. The most beautiful gowns are the most simple. There are charming little toques of beaver fur. Double-kilted skirts are likely to return to favor. The new tricorne hats are very soft and pliable. The tam-o-shanter crown in fashionable millinery. Metal brocaded ribbons are raving a great vogue. There are toques made entirely of ostrich feathers. A lace scarf provides a frame that any face might covet. Greenish yellow is the most fashionable shade in Paris. A tulle scarf should always be the perfection of freshness. New peasant frocks are so simple they are almost nun-like. The tam-o-shanter is one of the most favored of street hats. The skating girl must wear a tam-o-shanter and scarf to match. The trains on some evening gowns are still no bigger than sashes. Gray fur is particularly charming combined with green or bordeaux. Coat and skirt costumes are likely to come again into high favour. A great deal of velvet is used, combined with chiffon, on new blouses. Some charming young girls' frocks are ruffled from waist to hem. The entire silhouette promises to be a little narrower and a little closer. There is a new sleeve that hangs straight and is very wide at the bottom. Some of the new toques are trimmed with high standing bows of tulle. Simplicity in every direction is the height of good breeding and good taste. White sponge cloth makes charming trimmings for a navy blue serge dress.

AT THE CRESCENT.

"Fool's Gold" is the big feature the Crescent Picture Palace shows today produced in three reels by the Essanay Company. "His Emergency Wife" is a great Biograph comedy, a laugh from start to finish. To-day's issue of the "Ford Canadian Monthly" is very interesting and instructive. The musical programme by Professor McCarthy is up to the minute. See this big mid-week show to-day.

Fall and Winter Suitings and Overcoatings made in the MAUNDER Style.



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- Noyau—Pink & White.
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- Cr-de-Menthe.
- Rousillon Champagne.
- Kummel—Large & small.
- Rye Whisky.
- Irish Whisky, Kinahan's.
- French Vermouth.
- Italian Vermouth.
- Coeqtailis.
- Cherry Whisky.
- Grand Mariner.
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- Schweppe's Soda.
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This includes Dolls, Rabbits, Bears, Dogs, Soldiers, Cannons, Gun Carriages, Guns, Swords, Forts, Monitors, Trains, Engines, Wagons, Tools, Furniture, Drawing Slates, Paint Boxes, Dulcemars, Games, Blotters, Jewel Cases, Letter Racks, Trays and a splendid assortment of Photo Frames.

While it has been very difficult for us to obtain cheap toys this season, you can rest assured that you will be the big reductions we have made be enabled to buy these goods here at lower prices than you will get anywhere.

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Remember our aim is to reduce for you where possible the high cost of living.

Skin Boots.

Made by persons who know how, and who use only sinew in sewing them, adds to the health and comfort of the wearer, whether he is treading the frozen pans at the seal fishery or wading in the mud and sloop of the trenches. No other boots are just as good, and our Skin Boots made on the northern portion of Labrador are specially selected, and are the best of their kind.

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Robert Templeton,
333 WATER STREET, ST. JOHN'S.

Heavy Swell and High Tide Does Damage.

As a result of last night's heavy gale much damage was wrought along the waterfront. An enormous sea ran in from the front of the docks, shipping from entering or leaving port. A big undertow raged in the harbour and many vessels broke adrift from their moorings. The s.s. Portia parted her moorings and only after considerable difficulty was checked from pounding badly Bow-rings' pier. The tide was the highest seen for some time and several wharves were flooded. So heavy was the swell that the water burst up through Harvey & Co's. shed, about 100 feet in from the front of the dock. The shed was filled with goods, all of which had to be removed to a place of safety. Many fishing boats which were hauled up on the beaches in the East and West End of the city were dashed to pieces. To-day huge seas broke over the cliffs at either side at the entrance to the harbour. At 11 a.m. the Portia went out in it and got a bad drubbing.

Our Fancy Butcher.

Come listen to me, one and all. The truth I will explain, It is of a fancy butcher, That dwells at Avondale. Not very far up from the bar, Where the tide do gently glide, There dwells our fancy butcher Down by the water side.

His stall is on the river side, Flowing down from Lacoo's ponds, This site, it cannot be surpassed, Outside of gay St. John's, Fresh water, all in front of stall, This flow does never cease, It's there our fancy butcher Will kill and trim his beef.

Some one did say, it's not every day That Morris kills a cow, That cannot be expected, And I'll just show you how, He has to make his purchase, Which will take two days, at least, From Hr. Main to Spaniard's Bay, To choose the good fat beast.

Some years ago, as you all know, Fat cows were scarce,—then, He took a stroll to Gallows Cove, And purchased big fat "Ben," But big "Ben's" beef was very tough, You'd want old times' beef, To make any kind of good headway To masticate the meat.

But from that time up until now, The truth to you I'll tell, Our fancy butcher,—Morris, Has never bought a "Ben," But let the wind blow high, blow low, It makes no matter how, For sure our fancy butcher, He will have the good fat cow.

When he gets all in order, He will drive to Harbor Main, Where he gets custom plenty, His beef, for to retail, His ways and means are so arranged, And everything in style, For sure our fancy butcher, Will suit you every time.

And when you find you are giving out, Your stomach getting weak, You just apply to Morris, And get a good fat steak, They may boast about their liniment, Their pills and nerverline, But Morris's beef, will bring relief, Just in the proper time.

So success attend you—Morris, May the Heavens on you smile, Your beef, it is delicious, Your work is most sublime, Long may you live to strive and thrive Where the tide does gently glide, For to trim your beef and bring relief, Down by the river side.

CUSTOMER.
Hr. Main, Dec. 13th, 1916.

English Flyweight Won

London, Dec. 18.—Jimmie Wilde, flyweight champion of England knock-out Franki di Melfi, known as Young Zulu Kid of Brooklyn, N.Y., in the eleventh round of their match to-day. By his victory Wilde reaffirmed his right in the title to flyweight champion of the world. The contest was to have gone twenty rounds. Both men were under weight. They fought fast and furiously. The early rounds were about even, with the Young Zulu Kid the aggressor. In the eleventh round Wilde sent the Kid to the ropes with a strong left to the jaw. Clinging to the ropes the American fighter took a dozen body blows and then dropped on one knee. As soon as the Kid regained his feet Wilde shot smashing right and left blows to the jaw, flooring the Kid, whose seconds, without waiting for the count, threw up a towel.

McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, '16.

Bovels Herb and Gum Salve has proved itself a remarkably good Ointment for general purposes, comparing very well with some of the more expensive and pretentious Ointments in use. For cuts, sores, pimples, eruptions and as a soothing antiseptic application its use will be found to give first class results. Price 25c. a box.

We have still some very nice perfume and chocolate packages left as well as other things suitable for New Year's Gifts. If you are wanting something of this kind, a visit to either of our stores will well repay you.

Not Long Ago.

Good-bye!—and off he strides, six-foot of straight Young English manhood! Passing through the gate, Looks back; then, with a smile and a salute, He's gone—and we stand watching. And we see A little figure in a sailor suit, With fat, bare knees and a shy little smile, The "Little Laddie" of so short a while Ago, twisting the elastic of his wide straw hat (The one with the blue ribbons, you remember?) With a hairy cardboard donkey, now pressed flat Under his arm, his best-beloved toy, Broken and worn but never out of sight. Played with by day and hugged in bed at night— This is the little fellow who has grown And gone—not now to school to play His schoolboy games, and fight In schoolboy fights—but gone to-day To join in the terrific game the nations play— This little fellow of not long ago. —V. M. Doudney.

Hr. Grace Notes.

Mr. Frank Dunn, son of Capt. Theo. Dunn, who is attending St. Bon's College, St. John's, is home on his Xmas vacation.

Messrs. Norman French and Arthur Courage arrived from Montreal by Tuesday's train.

An unusual number of packages containing liquid refreshments for the Xmas season, arriving every day. After the end of the year less of the refreshment perforce will be used.

The shops are now full of Xmas groceries, but shop-keepers feel the trade is not as brisk as on other years.

May all the Telegram staff and its readers have a very Happy Xmas is the wish of your correspondent.

Mr. Alex Squires intends going to St. John's this afternoon to spend Xmas at the home of his son—Hon. R. A. Squires.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Telford, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Bessie, will leave by to-morrow's train for St. John's to spend the festive season with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coffin.

The female help of the H. G. B. & S. Factory are holding a tea in St. Paul's Hall on Tuesday next the 26th inst. The proceeds will be devoted to the Patriotic Fund and it is safe to anticipate that the tea for such a worthy object will be well patronized. —COR.

Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is: strong N. E. wind and dull; temperature at Bishop's Falls 29 above.

Only One "BROMO QUININE."
To get the genuine call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a cold in One Day. 25c. dec15,17

"The first comment that must follow the German and Austrian announcement of a Polish restoration," says Frank H. Simonds, "is that the Central Powers have abandoned all hope of a separate peace with Russia."

REMEMBER Callahan, Glass & Co., Ltd., when starting out to buy Linoleum. They have the largest stock in the city and every piece and quality at the old Genuine Prices. No advance in our prices at CALLAHAN, GLASS & CO., Ltd.—dec13,17

The largest inheritance tax to be paid to the State of California was deposited with the County Treasurer of Contra Costa County when the Charles Harkness estate paid \$594,118.60. The gross tax was \$625,388, but a five per cent. reduction was made because the tax was paid within six months.

The women of Great Britain are responding nobly to the appeal for female munition workers. "From 800 to 1,000 women," says the London Times, "are needed every week in the munition factories to take the places of men who are now being called up for the army and to meet the increasing call for munitions."

DIED.

Suddenly at his home last evening, William Bogan, aged 29 years, son of the late Richard Bogan. Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 15-Long's Hill; friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.—R.I.P.

BLAIR'S
GREAT
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Buy Early and avoid Disappointment

for goods mentioned in this ad. cannot be repeated at present prices when once sold out. We can only give you these special prices because goods advertised were bought some time ago.

Wonderful Values in Underwear.

Men's Stanfield Wool Underwear, all sizes. \$1.29 gar.
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Women's Heavy Cream Fleeced Vests and Pants, 33c. garment.
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ALL NEWEST STYLES AT SLAUGHTER PRICES. Superior Quality Nap Coating, \$3.50 values at \$2.70 yd. Great Reductions in Ladies' and Children's Felt Hats. Ladies' Waterproof Hats. Reg. \$1.25. Now 80c. each Ladies' and Misses' Newest American Fancy Wool Caps and Hoods. Reg. \$1.00 each. Now 50c. each All our Stock of New Smart Millinery at Reduced Prices.

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This includes:

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Ladies' Costume Skirts of all kinds and Ladies' Blouses of all descriptions.
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Ladies' Real Fur Sets at prices which no woman who is a judge of a bargain can afford to pass.

Wool Blankets at Bottom Prices.

Best Quality Wool Blankets. Sale Price. . . \$4.30 pair
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Best Quality American Floor Coverings only .98c. yd.
These are regular \$1.20 values, are two yards wide, and we show a large variety of patterns.

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Ladies' Superior Quality Canadian made Storm Rubbers from 55c. pair.
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Men's Eastern Winter Caps from75c. each
Boys' Navy Sweaters from79c. each

Henry Blair.

Heaviest Sea in Forty Years.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind north, fresh, weather dull. The heaviest sea witnessed here in forty years is raging to-day. No vessels in sight. Bar. 29.15; ther. 34.

Fresh Irish Hams and Bacon at ELLIS.

A SLIGHT FIRE.—A slight fire, caused by the upsetting of a lighted lamp in a house on Barter's Hill caused the West End and Central Fire Brigades to respond to an alarm from Box 32. On reaching the scene their services were not required as the blaze was quenched by the application of a few mats which smothered the flames. The all out signal was sent in at 7.10 just five minutes after.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Telegram Fashion Plates.

The Home Dressmaker should have a Catalogue Scrap Book of our Fashion Plates. These will be found very useful to refer to from time to time.

A PRACTICAL COVER-ALL APRON.



1881—Gingham, lawn, percale, alpaca, drill, linen and saten are all good for this style. The model is made to slip over the head and is closed in front with lacing through eyelets. This design could serve as a morning dress, for it has ample fullness and is most comfortable. The Pattern is cut in 3 sizes: Small, Medium and Large. It requires 5 1/2 yards of 36-inch material for a Medium size. A pattern of this illustration mailed on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

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What Housekeeper or Home Worker does not appreciate a "cover-me-all" apron of this kind. It is a simple style, good for gingham, lawn, percale, cambric, denim, cretonne or saten. The fullness may be held over the back by the belt, that may be slipped under the front or may hold the front on the outside. The Pattern is cut in 3 sizes: Small, Medium and Large. It requires 5 1/2 yards of 36 inch material for the Medium size. A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10c. in silver or stamps.

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Bishop's, additional	6.00
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Greenspond, R. B. P.	10.00
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Grand Falls, L. O. L.	10.00
Barnesed, L. O. L.	10.00
Springdale, R. S. C.	5.00
Central School, Burin	33.65
Avondale School, Burin	42.00
Parry's Island School, Burin	22.16
Ladies Aid, Come-by-Chance	15.00
Gramophone Entertainment at Petty Hr., per A. Pynn	11.00
Employees Standard Mfg. Co., Ltd., additional	20.00
Grand Falls, additional	50.00
L. O. L., New Chelsea	5.00
Placentia, Jersey Side and S. Pointe, additional	80.00
Pointe Verte, additional	20.00
Plot Lodge, S. U. F.	10.00
Hr. Buffett, per Rev. A. Shorter, additional	25.00
Wm. Bester, Middle Eight	2.00
Methodist and Church of England Congregations of Cupids and Burat Head, additional, making a total of \$260.00	90.00
Pouch Cove, L. O. L.	25.00
Pouch Cove, S. U. F.	25.00
Thanksgiving Collection at Methodist Church, Garrison	26.00
Employees Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., additional	30.00
Burin, L. O. L., additional	100.00
Safe Hr., Bonavista Bay	141.35
Employees George Knowling, additional	60.00
Herring Neck	447.35
Parker & Monroe, Ltd., account up-keep	130.00
The Cove Mining Co. and Employees, account up-keep	46.95
Elliston, R. S. C.	5.00
Barnesed, S. U. F.	10.00
Salvage S. U. F.	10.00
Princeton L. O. L.	15.00
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New Perfection	63.05
Rock Hr., additional	25.00
Burin, additional	37.45
Mabel Edmond, Day's	2.00
Bonne Bay L. O. L.	15.00
Herring Neck L. O. L.	50.00
Received at Daily News Office	\$73,648.32
Kellegrews, per Lt. Colley	5.00
Marytown, account up-keep Bazaar, per Camille Cooker and others	65.00
Sale of eggs per two little girls of Green's Harbor	5.40
Mr. Newell	1.00
Women's Patriotic Association, Spaniard's Bay	57.00

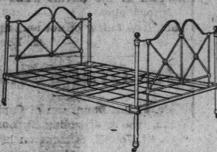
OUR ANNUAL DECEMBER SALE

Of White Enamel and Brass Bedsteads, Blankets, Bed-springs, Pillows, Mattresses, and Bedroom Furniture starts on Thursday, Dec. 14th, and will last until the End of the year.

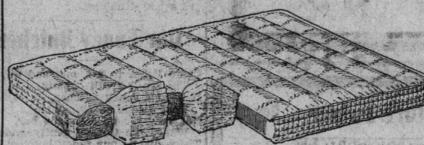
No matter what your tastes run to in Bedsteads, you can come to us with implicit confidence in the quality of our goods and in our ability to give you what you want.

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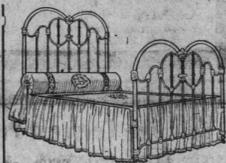
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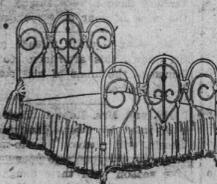
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Regular \$9.00 for . . . \$7.90
Regular \$11.00 for . . . \$9.25
Regular \$13.00 for . . . \$10.80

WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES. All sizes and every one guaranteed.

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Duck Pillows . . . \$6.00 pair



A beautiful White Enamel BEDSTEAD, suitable for spring and laths. Regular price \$19.50 for \$17.50.

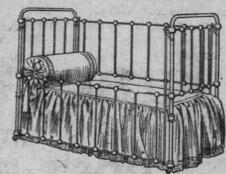


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St. Stephen's Night Dance.

Held by C. C. C. Band.

The large and justly deserved patronage accorded the dance, promoted by the C. C. C. Band, in aid of the new hall, helped in no small measure to make the event one of the most successful of its kind ever held here. The ballroom was tastefully decorated. Conspicuously displayed were the flags of the Allies, and the many handsome trophies won by the Corps, coupled with the vari-colored electric lights, made up a very pretty scene.

Dancing began at 9 p.m. to the strains of the C. C. C. Band, under Lieut. A. Bulley, and was enjoyed by about 200 couples until 2 o'clock this morning.

To Cheer the Aged and Infirm.

The Poor Asylum Mission will hold their Annual Christmas Tea and Entertainment for the inmates at the institution to-morrow afternoon. This event is looked forward to by these poor souls as the one day of happiness in the year. Those who are in sympathy with the noble work of the Mission can do much to gladden the hearts of the inmates by sending a parcel to Mrs. Robinson, 14 Cathedral Street; Mrs. Burke, Allandale Road, or direct to the Poor Asylum.

Monieur:
For 15 days in the month of January I was suffering with pain of rheumatism in the foot. I tried all kinds of remedies but nothing did me any good. One person told me about MINARD'S LINIMENT; as soon as I tried it the Saturday night, the next morning I was feeling very good; I tell you this remedy is very good; I could give you a good certificate any time that you would like to have one. If any time I come to hear about any person sick of rheumatism, I could tell them about this remedy.

Yours truly,
ERNEST LEVELLE,
216 Rue Ontario East, Montreal,
Feb. 14, 1908.

"Daughty handkerchiefs," have not edges.

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Under the provisions of Chapter 133 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, "Of the Solemnization of Marriages," His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue a License to Solemnize Marriages, to Mr. Boyce P. Parry, representing the Methodist Church at Red Bay, Labrador.

His Excellency The Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. George Perratt, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Bay of Islands, in place of Mr. James J. Thorne, resigned; Mr. George Vakey, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Spaniard's Bay, in place of Mr. William Smith, deceased; Mr. W. T. Burke, to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of St. Jacques, in place of Mr. H. R. Clinton, deceased.

Department of the Colonial Secretary, December 26th, 1916.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

BISHOP DEAD.
PARIS, Dec. 26.
Monsieur Emile Tebbedy, Bishop of Arras, who was recently decorated by President Poincare with the Legion of Honor for remaining in the city during the bombardment and aiding the soldiers and civilian population, has died at Bologne-sur-mer.

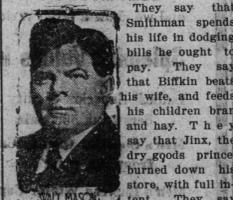
GERMANY'S REPLY.
BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 26.
The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted to-day to James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Germany proposes an immediate meeting of belligerent delegates to discuss peace.

IMPORTANT.
LONDON, Dec. 26.
Newspapers report the engagement of ex-Premier Asquith's daughter, Elizabeth, to Hugh S. Gibson, First Secretary to the American Embassy in London.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No. 1
CURES BLOOD POISON, RAS, LEUCO, SKIN DISEASES.
THERAPION No. 2
CURES ALL RHEUMATISMS, PAIN IN JOINTS, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, SCIATICA, BRUISES, LOST VOICE, SORE THROAT, COLIC, STOMACHIC, AND ALL CURABLE AFFECTIONS.
THERAPION No. 3
CURES ALL BRUISES, LOST VOICE, SORE THROAT, COLIC, STOMACHIC, AND ALL CURABLE AFFECTIONS.
THERAPION No. 4
CURES ALL BRUISES, LOST VOICE, SORE THROAT, COLIC, STOMACHIC, AND ALL CURABLE AFFECTIONS.

THEY SAY.



They say that Smithman spends his life in dodging bills he ought to pay. They say that Biffkin beats his wife, and feeds his children bran and hay. They say that Jinx, the dry goods prince, burned down his store, with full intent. They say that Jasper J. J. Guinness held up an orphan for a cent. Thus Rumor, with its evil tongue, goes drifting through the busy mart, and baseless, vicious tales are sprung, which wreck your fame and break your heart. The busy scandal-monger cries, "Of course the yarn may not be true, but still they say that Reuben Wise steals chicken every night or two." Then Reuben in his native town, becomes a shunned and lonely man; "They Say" has ruined his renown, and made him outcast from his clan. The scandal-monger drifts along, and makes his old accustomed noise; "They Say" Jane Juice is going wrong—she's much too friendly with the boys." Then Jane from social scenes is missed, in every glance she finds a frown; "They Say" has barred her from bridge whist, and banned her from the Purple Teas. Old Booze has scattered woe and sin, and broken hearts, along his way; but he plays second violin, I often think beside "They Say."

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War News

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

PROTECTING COMMERCE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.
For some days skippers of the coastwise steamers have been bringing to port reports that appearing crafts are making their way westward. They made no signals and could not be traced. They steered vagrant courses were described variously as of the fashion of merchantmen, light cruisers and even submarines. Though these reports were taken in with suspicion, they are now apparently confirmed by shipping commerce protectors are patrolling the coast in large and powerful boats, and their speed. They were dispatched, it is stated, to meet German submarines in the Canadian coast similar to that made by the U-53 off Nantuxet, October 8th. The British Admiralty is stated, having determined it is impossible another such raid on commerce protectors was the result.

INTERVIEW OF PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

LONDON, Dec. 26.
The Russian Foreign Minister, Pakroski invited representatives of the press at Petrograd yesterday for an interview at which he outlined his programme and his ideas regarding the present political situation. The Petrograd correspondent stated that the general ministerial decisions which seem to have been made to take place in the usual procedure before Parliament consist of a clear proposition. First, there has been no change in relations with Russia and her allies. The minister declared with firm assurance that after the war a military alliance between France, England and Russia would be concluded. Third, the war will be continued according to this until the decisive victory has been won.

THE MESOPOTAMIA SITUATION.

LONDON, Dec. 26.
The official statement of the Mesopotamia situation issued yesterday reads: On the 22nd British elements advanced to the right of the Tigris. Their position subsequently had been consolidated and extended. South and east of Kut, the enemy's trenches on the right bank of the Tigris south of Kut have been systematically harried. Our cavalry by a night march reached and destroyed Gassab's miles southeast of Kut, which long been a base of operations for the hostile Arabs. Sixty tons of were destroyed, cattle captured.

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WAR CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.
The Secretary of State for the Colonies has sent a telegram to the dominions explaining the purposes of the forthcoming Imperial Conference, announced by Premier Lloyd George. The telegram explains what the Government contemplates is not an ordinary Imperial Conference, but a special war conference of the Empire. The Prime Minister of each dominion is invited to attend. A series of special meetings of the War Cabinet in order to consider the urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war and the possible conditions on which in agreement with our Allies we could assent to its termination in problems which would then immediately arise. The Premiers are urged to attend early, the date not to be later than the end of February.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO HOLLAND'S NOTE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.
The Telegraph says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen was framed in such terms that it was inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch Parliament and that the Government requested Berlin to alter its reply in such a manner that it may be presented to parliament. The Dutch government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression to Holland. A Rotterdam despatch to the London Times in December, said that Germany responded in words which were tantamount to saying "mind your own business."

THE ARABIA CASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.
The preliminary statement sent this government by Britain saying that the British steamer Arabia was sunk by a German submarine without warning, and that she was not at that time and had not been in the Admiralty service, was sent to-day to Germany. An announcement to that effect has been made by the State Department. In the case of the Marina, in which six Americans were lost, no comment is added. Further facts are expected from Britain shortly and possibly a reply from Germany.

MORE STEAMERS SUNK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.
Lloyds reports that despatches were received to-day by the State Department from London telling of the sinking of the Norwegian barque Ansgar and the British steamer Istar, Lincoln, Llangos and Myrex not previously reported from other sources.

STEAMER REPORTED SINKING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.
The steamship Maryland was reported sinking late to-night about 360 miles southeast of New York. Wireless messages picked up here said that the engine room was being rapidly flooded and that aid be sent to the vessel immediately. Later advices were to the effect that the sinking steamer was 150 miles from Sandy Hook. The Maryland left this port Dec. 23rd for London, with a cargo of pig iron, pipe, fibre, paper, oil cake and miscellaneous merchandise.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS.

ROME, Dec. 26.
Naval engagements between French Italian and Austrian warships in the Strait of Otranto, is announced in an official statement. The statement

says: Several enemy ships attacked our patrol vessels in Otranto Channel on the night of Dec. 23rd. French and Italian warships came to the rescue and the enemy fled under cover of darkness after a short engagement. What damage he sufferer is unknown. Two French destroyers and one patrol boat were hit and slightly damaged.

ITALIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY.

ROME, Dec. 26.
The peace rumors have not affected in the slightest measure Italian military activity. The new class born in 1898 has been called to report to the colors in January, which would be a considerable increase in the contingents applied for the front, while 2,500 factories running day and night, are turning out arms and munitions.

WILL FIGHT IT OUT.

PARIS, Dec. 26.
In an address at the National Congress of French Socialist parties, Arthur Henderson, British Cabinet Minister, and S. H. Roberts, member in the British Parliament, both affirmed, amidst enthusiastic cheers that the war must be fought out until full guarantees have been obtained for a lasting peace. "In my opinion," said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotiations under existing conditions we should be nations in bondage. Nothing less than this is the price our enemies would exact for peace." Today, Emile Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist leader, said: "Our comrades who have remained in invaded Belgium, endure German domination with admirable firmness. Nothing but encouragement is reaching us from them, so that it would seem that persons most hostile to war are those furthest from it." Vandervelde also declared that the struggle must be carried on until Belgium and Serbia are delivered and Prussianism is laid low.

DISCUSSION OF PEACE NOTE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.
The discussion of President Wilson's note continues unabated, an impetus being administered to-day by the issue of the Swiss note with its disclosures of a Swiss-American consultation weeks ago, and by long cable despatches received of the discussion, speculation and criticism in America. On the main question as to how the Wilson note and similar communications should be treated by the Allies opinion remains as already recorded. There is on one hand a reiteration of the rooted objection to the opportune and ill-advised interposition by neutrals, and on the other hand an appeal for courteous treatment of neutral representations, it being urged that the Allies are bound to take them into account, for to do otherwise would be to reduce themselves to the level of the aggressors who began the war.

THE ACADEMIC VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 26.
Professor Pollard, who holds the chair of English history in London University, writes to the Times urging that while it is clear that somebody blundered regarding the phraseology and presentation of Wilson's note, it is also clear that the people here are also blundering in the interpretation of it. We have to remember, writes Professor Pollard, that it is addressed to our enemies as well as to ourselves, and has, therefore, to be observed with diplomatic conventions and to assure the sincerity of enemy professions. Secondly, we should remember our own procedure before the war, when we addressed an inquiry respecting German neutrality to France and Germany. France gave a prompt and satisfactory assurance. Germany evaded the question, and invaded Belgium immediately. Was between the United States and ourselves is out of the question, because we are bound by recent treaty to a cooling off period of not less than a year. Germany refused that restraint, and the immediate issue, therefore, turns on the German reply to the President's note.

RESUMPTION OF FRIGHTFULNESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.
The Herald this morning publishes the following: The Herald is enabled to announce authoritatively that the German people are demanding of their Government the resumption of a reign of frightfulness even at the cost of war with the United States. James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Berlin, and other diplomats in Germany who were recently in America, came for the purpose of discussing the situation in Germany and of affecting some sort of arrangement so that peace between the two countries could still be maintained. According to a high official only the personal insistence of the German Emperor himself, aided by the influence of Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, the German Chancellor, has kept an order from the submarine commanders to sink every ship approaching a British port, whether armed or unarmed, whether enemy or neutral.

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During recent years the making of matches has been reduced to an exact science. The first attempt in this line was highly disappointing to people whose olfactory nerves were in a sound and rugged state. All matches used twenty years ago were provided with a large head and a slim body which had been carefully soaked in kerosene, so that when they were ignited they would throw off an asphyxiating gas capable of strangling an innocent bystander at a distance of one hundred yards. When a handful of these matches, carried in the hip pocket, rubbed against each other and caught on fire, the owner of the pocket would either be cremated on the spot or choked to death before help could arrive.

In later years, however, the safety match has become all the rage. This article is put up in a neat box and is shelved out of a slot machine. It is a protective device, and cannot be ignited by drawing it across the right hip with a careless, sweeping gesture. One of the most maddening things that can happen to a lone hunter or fisherman is to discover a cluster of safety matches in a pair of khaki pants and find that the box which they are supposed to bite upon has disappeared.

The art of striking a match is possessed solely by man. When a woman wants to light a match she cannot make use of her anatomy, but is obliged to draw it briskly over the top of a cook stove. This teaches us that in some respects it is an excellent thing to be born in the masculine gender.

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A newspaper cable tells of Mary Garden, on the eve of her departure from Paris for America, being ordered by a French magistrate to submit her wardrobe of lingerie to the court for appraisement, as a part of the proceeding in the lawsuit of a modiste against the singer. When it was found that Miss Garden's intimate under-garments were worth \$5,000 much indignation manifested itself in Paris. The newspaper, La Bataille, says: "One must be lacking in all decency to cover one's flesh with priceless lace at a moment when women and children are suffering from hunger and cold." The New York Musical Courier comments as follows: "The point is not well taken. Miss Garden is not French, and there is no necessity for her, on patriotic or other grounds, to deny herself anything at this time. Unfortunately the poor, hungry, and cold are with us always, and so are the rich. Miss Garden, we are informed, has been particularly generous in helping the French by nursing the wounded, singing in the trenches, and turning over her house for hospital purposes. It is

therefore unjust and ungrateful for La Bataille to insult Miss Garden, so grossly, even though there may be little ethical justification for any woman owning \$5,000 worth of lingerie in these or any other days."—Toronto Globe.

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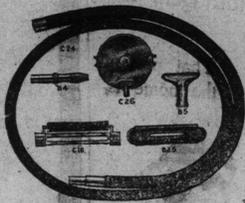
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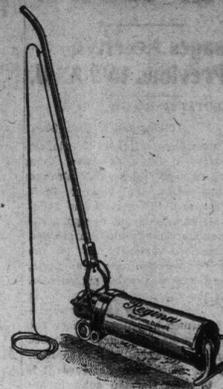
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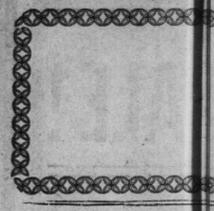
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