

# GREECE WORKED OVER IN PROSPECT OF GERMANIC FORCES EXTENDING OPERATIONS TO GREEK SOIL

## Austrians to Initiate All Offensive Movements in the Balkans—Reported That March on Saloniki Has Already Begun—Germany Plans to be There January 15 and Promises to Quit Greek Territory as Soon as Task is Accomplished—Rumors of Proposed Attack on Suez Canal Persist, but Scoffed at by British Press.

### IMPORTANT EVENTS LOOKED FOR SOON ON RUSSIAN FRONT

London, Dec. 23.—Hartmann-Wellerkopf, the summit of the Germans claim to have re-taken, together with over 1,600 prisoners, is the only point of first class activity on the western front, while on the eastern fighting lines there has been little evidence of any disturbance in the Christmas lull in the past twenty-four hours.

There have been some clashes in Galicia, with minor successes on both sides, and the Russian forces in Persia are fighting twenty-five miles from Teheran, but the Balkan theatre maintains a place of first importance in the war news, despite the fact that there has been no severe fighting for several days.

The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of Germanic operations to Greek territory increases hourly, and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that parliament, as soon as it meets, will declare martial law in order to muzzle the opposition press, which has been mercilessly attacking the government.

A Reuter despatch from Athens says that Germany is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by January 15, promising, at the same time, to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the task is finished.

#### AUSTRIANS TO TAKE LEAD.

Greek correspondents of the Paris newspapers declare that the Teutonic allies have decided that Austria shall have the initiative in all the offensive movements in the Balkans, and reports are also published in Paris that the Austrians are actually marching on Saloniki.

The British correspondents at Saloniki scoff at the reports of an early Germanic offensive, however, declaring their conviction that the lull is likely to persist for some time longer. The Saloniki correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company says that military men there believe the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians will establish a screen parallel to the Greek border, taking up strong positions in the Macedonian defiles, there to await an offensive movement by the Entente Powers.

Geneva despatches speak convincingly of German preparations for an attack on the Suez Canal, which is now timed at the end of January, but the British press continues to declare that the defensive preparations will make an attack on that territory folly.

The Turkish official communication today refers to the "northern front," this being the first reference of the kind.

From Russia come reports that the Germans and Russians alike are making energetic preparations for new operations early in the New Year. The Russian military organ, the Russky Invalid, says:

"The winter campaign on the Russian front will not be confined to war of position. Important events are likely very soon. The Russians and Germans know that the great war will be decided on the Russian front, for no successes elsewhere can have a preponderant effect until a result has been obtained here."

#### French Recover Positions.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The following official communication was issued to-night:

"In Artois our artillery has displayed activity in the region of Gliveschy and in the neighborhood of the road to Lille. On the north bank of the Aisne we effectively bombarded an automobile convoy between Conde and Nanteuil.

"In the Woivre to the southeast of the forest of Apremont, the mine fighting was to our advantage.

"In the Vosges, at Hartmannsweilerkopf, the enemy counter-attacks on the slopes to the north of the summit, returned to the positions which they had previously occupied.

"On the centre and on the right, that is to say, on the ridges of the southern part of the summit, and more to the south as far as in front of Watt-viller, we conserved completely the ground conquered on a front of two kilometers (about a mile and a quarter). A snowstorm interrupted the operations in the course of the afternoon.

"The enemy has violently bombarded the northern slopes and the summit of Hartmannsweilerkopf.

"The Belgian official communication reads:

"The day of December 22 was characterized by a bombardment on both sides, which was particularly violent on the whole front of the Belgian army, where the enemy indulged in pure waste in the expenditure of considerable munitions. Our artillery successfully and destructively shell-ed the German trenches on the banks of the Yser."

#### New American Note Received in Vienna.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 23.—The new American note regarding the Ancon has made a good impression here. An early answer may be expected. Work on it has begun already.

Quiet in Mesopotamia.

London, Dec. 23.—A British official communication, issued this evening, says that Gen. Townshend, command-

### CZAR PROUD TO WEAR MILITARY CROSS FRENCH ARMY CONFERS ON HIM

Paris, Dec. 23.—Emperor Nicholas of Russia has sent the following telegram to President Poincare of France:

"General Pau handed me, in the name of the French army, the war cross instituted for military merit. On this occasion I wish to express my gratitude for the delicate thought, of which I am deeply sensible.

"I beg you to make known to the glorious French army that I am particularly proud to wear this cross in token of the confraternity of arms which unites my army with that of allied France."

"NICHOLAS."

President Poincare sent the following reply to the Emperor:

"I have transmitted the amiable message of Your Majesty to the French army. It will go to the heart of our officers and soldiers and I pray your Majesty to receive the expression of their gratitude."

At the same time President Poincare forwarded the telegram of Emperor Nicholas to the war ministry for communication to the army.

### AUSTRIAN CAMPAIGN IN MONTENEGRO IS BROUGHT TO HALT

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Austrians apparently have come to a halt in their Montenegrin campaign according to an official statement of the Montenegrin authorities given out by the Montenegrin consul here today. The statement says:

"The enemy is fortifying himself over the entire front in the Sanjak. He has sent all population and livestock away from the right bank of the river Tara.

"The enemy attacked our troops in the neighborhood of Varana, but were repulsed with heavy loss, leaving some prisoners in our hands.

"Up to December 21 the positions were unchanged."

Paris, Dec. 23.—General Bonnal, a French military expert, examining the situation at Saloniki, mentions the German statement that the French and British forces at the Greek port now number 172,000 officers and men, and are increasing, and says:

"The joint army soon will reach 200,000. They are occupying a semi-circle around Saloniki, which itself is just beyond range of the heavy guns. The army is carrying about sixteen to twenty-two miles.

"Fifteen days of entrenching have now given the defensive works a certain solidity, so that 200,000 men, with ample food and munitions supplies, and reinforcements available by the open routes, should be able to resist any army consisting of two or three times their number."

#### Zeppelin Over Greek Territory.

Paris, Dec. 23.—An Austrian aeroplane flew yesterday to a little more than three miles of Saloniki, and dropped bombs near a village in the city, according to reports from Saloniki forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Athens. Another unconfirmed report from the same source was to the effect that a Zeppelin had been flying over northern Greek territory. The despatch, which bears today's date is as follows:

"It is reported from Saloniki that an Austrian aeroplane was perceived yesterday morning five kilometers from Saloniki. After reconnoitering the aeroplane dropped five bombs near the village of Apapli, without doing any damage. Three French aeroplanes started in pursuit but the enemy aeroplane flew off in a northerly direction."

#### PROMOTION FOR CAPT. WALSH

Popular Official Assistant Manager of New Canadian Pacific Ocean Services With Headquarters in London.

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Captain Walsh before joining the Canadian Pacific Railway as marine superintendent had distinguished service under the Elder-Dempster Co., in West Africa, where in addition to his other duties he raised and commanded a volunteer force during the revolution of 1898, receiving the West African medal. He was provincial member of the legislative council there in 1900 and was mentioned in despatches by Col. White for embarkation services during the Ashanti war.

BROUGHT HEAVY CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Christiana, via London, Dec. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Kristianfjord, which called from New York December 1, has arrived here. The vessel brought 1,200 sacks of Christmas mail.

The use of the first class mails for the carrying of food shipments to Germany was first undertaken on a large scale with the sailing of the Kristianfjord from this port on December 1, about 150 packages, each weighing seven pounds, were mailed at an average cost of \$3.48.

#### KILBANE AND CHANEY MATCHED.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Johnny Kilbane, of this city, featherweight champion, and Geo. Chaney of Baltimore, will battle 15 rounds for the title in Baltimore March 17. Arrangements for the match were settled here tonight, and articles will be signed tomorrow. The weight will be 122 pounds ringside.

There will be no issue of The Standard tomorrow. To the readers of this paper sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas are extended.

### GERMAN BEATEN NATION SO FAR AS TRADE CONCERNED

#### IS FOR ALLIES TO SEE THAT IT DOES NOT RECOVER, LORD CECIL SAYS—GOVERNMENT AS ONE MAN ON MAIN PRINCIPLES OF BRITAIN'S WAR POLICY—FOREIGN OFFICE WHITE PAPER WILL GIVE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH BLOCKADE IS BASED.

London, Dec. 23.—The most important speeches at the closing session of the House of Commons, before the house adjourned tonight for the Christmas recess, were made by Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs, Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty.

Lord Robert Cecil's speech was in the nature of a general defence of the foreign office. He denied rumors of dissensions in the cabinet, of dissensions among the Allies, and of pro-German influence in the foreign office. He would shortly issue a white paper, stating the principles on which the British blockade of Germany is based.

"Until the resignation of one or more members of the cabinet," he said, "everyone is bound to accept the view that it is united on the main lines of its policy. As to the unity of the Allies, they have carried on the war in a manner which if one could judge history is a really unexampled performance of unity.

"Suggestions have recently been made, in various forms, that some one in the foreign office is in the pay of Germany, or at least, is pro-German. This is a grotesque and serious charge. It shows that there are some people who are unable to stand the strain of war, and become mere hysterical neurotics, when things are not going right, for the moment, such people think the proper course is to turn on the men who are trying to serve their country and show 'traitor'."

"This is a disgraceful, un-British state of things. It is utterly destructive of the morale of the country, and it is the duty of every patriotic man to stamp on these things. I assure the House that everything that could be legitimately done to prevent goods going into Germany has been done. One of the members of the House of Commons has said that the only way to go to war with the neutral countries is to go to war with the neutral countries. I want to say most frankly that this is not the policy of the government.

Germany's Trade Crippled.

"The great difficulty in a blockade is to discriminate between goods with an enemy destination and those generally for consumption in neutral countries.

"As to our Balkan policy, the aim, throughout, has been to produce in those unhappy countries unity instead of discord. The suggestion that the foreign office rejected an alliance with, or the assistance of, Greece, is absolutely without foundation."

Mr. Runciman spoke of the steps the board of trade was taking to prepare for commercial conditions after the war, beginning with the declaration:

"So far as commerce is concerned, Germany is a beaten nation, and it is for us to see that it does not recover."

Mr. Balfour, replying to various speakers who had complained of the shortage of ships for mercantile purposes, said that the whole possibility of carrying on the war rested on the British navy and its mercantile fleet. He was willing to confess that there had probably been some wastage of tonnage, but to win battles.

"We cannot expect to carry on a war with the same economy that we manage the port of Liverpool or Hull," said the first lord. "The main thing has been to see that every warship was ready to fight wherever required, and that every soldier was supplied with all necessary to make him the best fighting unit."

He urged that the wisest remedy for the shortage of tonnage was to go on with the building of merchant ships which, he thought, should be recognized as war work, second only to the manufacture of munitions.

London, Dec. 23.—"As far as commerce is concerned Germany is a beaten nation, and it is for us to see that it does not recover," Walter Runciman, president of trade, told the House of Commons this afternoon in reviewing the steps taken by the board for

the re-organization of British industries after the war.

"There is scarcely a department of public life," Mr. Runciman said, "about which we have not been thinking what likely will happen when the war is over and how best to prepare for future contingencies.

"Nothing in commercial life will start off when the war is over in the same condition as when the war began and in every one relationship with the Central Powers' solvency is bound to conflict with our interests."

After enumerating the subjects which the Board of Trade was specially investigating, among them being the ownership of real property by aliens, Mr. Runciman instances the danger of such ownership, stating that he knew of one coal field in the midlands owned by Germans and trading under an English title, which now was idle, and that the British were prevented from exploiting the coal field. His address.

Not Especially Tender to Germans After War.

"That cannot continue after the war. The board is taking great care to allow no German to stand in its way in England. We are not going to especially tender to the Germans."

Mr. Runciman specially referred to the German control of oil fields in Europe, remarking that this raw material was of such vital interest to England that the board was taking special steps to see how much of the German control of this product could be transferred to Great Britain so that the latter's interest would be safeguarded. Continuing, he said:

"German trade in South America and the east has received a serious blow and it is the duty of the board to see that our business men have every advantage."

Mr. Runciman referred to the indications of a belief on the continent that Great Britain is thus looking ahead was inclined to think of the return of her commercial prosperity rather than of "throwing ourselves heart and soul into the attainment of the main object."

"That is entirely untrue," the president said. "I would not like it to be imagined in France, in Russia and in Italy that in preparing for future contingencies we were contemplating an early peace. There is no peace to which we could be a party if it would in any way conflict with the interests of the Allies."

### FORD LEAVES UNKNOWN TO REST OF PARTY

#### Quits Christiania Secretly for Bergen—Reported Doctor Ordered Rest Cure.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 23.—A despatch to the National Tidende from Christiania says that Henry Ford left Christiania secretly for Bergen, where he is expected tonight to go aboard the Norwegian-America steamer Bergenhus, in order to return to the United States. The despatch reports that the reason for Mr. Ford's sudden departure was said to be that his doctor had ordered him to rest his tired and overworked nerves.

The remainder of the expedition, ignorant of Mr. Ford's departure, left for Stockholm today, the despatch says.

# CHRISTMAS DAY WILL BE OBSERVED ABOUT AS USUAL

Special fare for tomorrow to be provided in many institutions—No falling off in efforts to make season of goodwill enjoyable—Some of the places and organizations interested.

In many of the public institutions the usual Christmas fare will prevail tomorrow and indications are that notwithstanding the many extra calls made on the resources of the benevolent brought about by the war but little, if any, relaxation of effort will be noticeable in the direction of striving to make the chief annual festival as happy as possible in places where the absence of good cheer would seem almost a calamity.

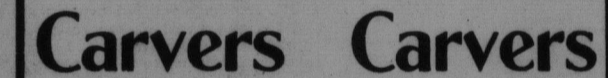
All the stores and other centres of business wherein goods have been displayed for the express purpose of encouraging the purchase of goods to loosen up a bit report good sales this week and there is still today to purchase anything left out of calculations until the last moment.

At St. Patrick's school, Silver Falls, a good dinner will be provided, but the principal entertainment of the season will be given on New Year's Day.

At the Boys' Industrial Home the usual Christmas dinner will be in order. Monday, December 27, has been selected as the day for extra festivity at the Home for Incurables.

The St. John Street Railway Company will provide turkeys for its employees, 271 being on hand for the men. The Royal, Dufferin, Victoria, Clifton, Imperial and other hotels will, it is understood, suitably remember their respective staffs, as will the leading business firms.

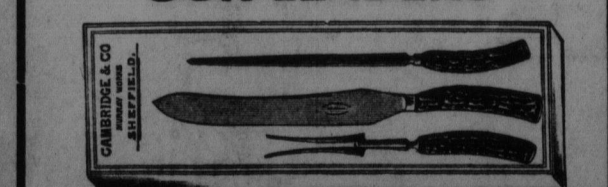
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# TWO MORE FROM PROVINCE DIE FOR EMPIRE

Corp. Chas. O'Brien of St. John and Nathan A. Ward, Harcourt, N. B., on Honor Roll.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The casualty list issued at midnight contains the names of the following New Brunswick men:  
Killed in action—Corporal Chas. O'Brien, 184 Britain street, St. John, N. B.  
Thirteenth Battalion.  
Died of pneumonia—Nathan A. Ward, Harcourt, N. B.  
Fifty-Fifth Battalion.  
Seriously ill—Thos. Sampson, Big Cove, N. B.

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Funeral on Friday, 24th inst., at three o'clock from residence of John A. Sinclair, 161 Waterloo street.  
FRASER—Entered into rest on 21st inst., after a short illness, William M. Fraser, aged 68 years, leaving a loving wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn.  
Funeral on Saturday, 25th inst., from his late residence, 28 Paddock street. Service begins at 3 o'clock.

### INQUESTS.

The remains of Mrs. John Spittle were viewed by the coroner's jury at Fitzpatrick's undertaking rooms yesterday afternoon. The jury then adjourned till after Christmas.

### ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY

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

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- O'Neill's Pharmacy, 109 Brussels St., Phone Main 1687.
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# INDICTMENTS AGAINST GERMAN PLOTTERS IN U.S.

Charged with conspiracy to destroy Welland Canal and other property in Canada.

New York, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Leyendecker, an antique dealer, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland Canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American line watchman, was also indicted with Koenig, on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government. The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring to "set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada."

The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy, with dynamite or other means, the Welland Canal, leading from Port Colborne to Port Dalhousie.

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As a part of the plot to destroy the

canal, the indictments allege, Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

The military force which the indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker planned to send from this country, was also intended to destroy 'various plants and properties in Canada, other than the Welland Canal.'

Koenig and Justice are charged, in the indictments with having conspired in the United States to secure for the German government information regarding the character and quantity of munitions and other war materials being sent from Canada to Great Britain.

In this connection, it is charged that Justice made trips to Portland, Maine, Burlington, Vt., and Quebec, during September 1914, and that all of these trips were a part of the conspiracy to secure military information for the German government.

Koenig, in his various activities, is alleged to have been known under the aliases of Wagner, Wegskemp, Kelly, Winter and Perkins, while Leyendecker was known as Z. D. Decker and R. Decker.

The indictments which were drawn by Assistant U. S. Attorney Wood and Matthews, charge that on several of his trips Justice was accompanied by Frederick Metzler, Koenig's stenographer, who was recently arrested, and who appeared before the federal grand jury, which returned the indictments, today. The maximum penalty for the charges is three years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine.

Funeral Yesterday. The funeral of Stephen A. Stephens took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence in Carleton, Rev. J. H. Jenner conducted services. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

WAR AS IT AFFECTS WEALTH OF THE NATION

Accumulated wealth not suffering, Britain's loss mainly in failure to make reproductive expenditure

London, Dec. 23.—The war has involved practically no destruction of accumulated wealth," said Sir George Palaoh, one of the leading financial authorities of England, in an interview today.

"Our loss is mainly in the wealth we fail to create. That is to say, speaking broadly, we are making shells, not building houses; building warships, not making railways. Our main loss arises from the failure to make reproductive expenditure, and this loss is about 400,000,000 pounds per annum.

"It is true," continued Sir George, "that we are selling American securities, but we are buying Russian, French and Italian bonds, and on the balance there has been little reduction in our investment since the beginning of the war. If each one of us were to live economically during the war we may not need to meet our great war expenses by realizing on our capital, although of course we shall fall to save, during the war, the usual 400,000,000 pounds yearly of our income that we use for reproductive purposes—building houses, railways, ships, factories, etc.

"As a whole, the world will not, in the period of war, save much, and consequently there will be very little expansion in production.

"On the other hand, the expansion in population will be much smaller than usual, and the economic pressure that would otherwise come from the check to production will thus be minimized.

"Temporarily there will be economic pressure of considerable severity at the end of the war. That pressure will be caused mainly by the readjustment of conditions from war to peace. No doubt the wealth of the country will grow as rapidly after the war as it did before the war."

CARDINAL VON HARTMANN DID NOT SEE VON BUELOW IN SWITZERLAND

Berlin, Dec. 23, by wireless to Sayville.—Cardinal Von Hartmann has returned from Rome, where he attended the consistory, and has been interviewed by a member of the Overseas News Agency staff, to whom he declared, according to the interviewer, that contrary to reports from Italy and other sources, he had not spoken with or seen Prince Von Buelow, the former German chancellor, who is in Switzerland, through which Cardinal Von Hartmann passed on his way to Italy.

The cardinal reported having found the Pope in vigorous health, but greatly concerned regarding the war, and trying to find a way to lead the warring nations to peace, says the correspondent. The streets of Rome presented the same aspect as they did in the days before the war, said the cardinal, in speaking of impressions gained at the Italian capital. He saw many wounded soldiers in St. Peter's church, however, in notable contrast with normal times.

The cardinal expressed satisfaction at the measures for his safety taken by the Italian authorities.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE HAD PROFITABLE YEAR AND IS IN VERY STRONG POSITION

The Annual Statement for the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the year ending November 30th reveals this great institution in a very strong position. It is a somewhat exceptional feature in no small degree for its well maintained earning capacity, that at a time when other banks are reporting a greatly reduced demand for commercial accommodation. The Bank of Commerce has succeeded in keeping, \$120,833,064 of its funds invested in current loans in Canada up to the present time, a reduction of little over a million from last year and of only five and a half millions from the amount thus employed two years ago, at the height of the country's activity, current loans abroad however have been reduced by eight millions during the two years. Owing to an increased volume of deposits during 1915 the Bank is now, notwithstanding this continued attention to commercial requirements, able to show greatly increased liquid reserves, amounting to \$117,257,527 as compared with \$82,983,654 a year ago, and the ratio of these reserves to public liabilities is 45.4 per cent, as compared with 45.1 per cent, in 1914. The Bank is particularly strong in actual cash items, its holdings of specie, Dominion notes and instantly cashable paper being \$55,762,032, or 25.3 per cent of

PROBATE COURT.

The will of James H. Venning, late of this city, engraver, has been proved and letters testamentary issued to Edward Sears, the surviving executor thereof. By the will Mr. Venning's estate is vested in the trustees, Postmaster Sears and the late Edmund G. Kaye, upon trust to manage the same, with power of sale, the real estate to be sold not later than two years after the testator's death. Out of the proceeds the trustees are to pay he legatees appointed in the will and the residue goes in equal shares to George Venning, a brother, and Mrs. Adeline Pettigrew, a niece. The estate consists of a house and premises on Mount Pleasant Avenue and personal property. Probate value \$12,700. Executor, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C.

Letters of administration of the estate of Michael Donovan, late of Carleton, in this city, butcher, have been issued to his widow, Mrs. Sarah Donovan. Estate consists of personal property valued at \$5,570, and two lots of land and dwelling house thereon on the north side of Carleton street. Probate value, \$13,570. Executor, Mr. W. J. Mahoney.

The 1915 Statement, with its indications of a steady increase in the Bank's business, a thorough hold upon public confidence, a well-maintained support of Canadian trade and industry, and a solid reserve strength, is an eloquent testimony to the abilities of Sir Edmund Walker, the President, and of Mr. John Ald, who now holds the title as well as the powers of General Manager.

Healthful Sleep

is necessary for the enjoyment and prolongation of life. During sleep Nature renews the vital forces of the body and restores the energy. Sleeplessness is one of the evil results of indigestion. To avoid it, keep the stomach well, the liver active and the bowels regular. The health of these organs

Is Assured by Beecham's Pills. A harmless vegetable remedy, which acts immediately on the stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys, toning and putting them in good working order. Millions of people sleep well and keep well because, at the first unfavorable symptom, they begin to take

Worth a Guinea a Box. Prepared only by Thomas Beecham, St. Helens, Lancashire, England. Sold everywhere in Canada and U. S. America. In boxes, 25 cents.

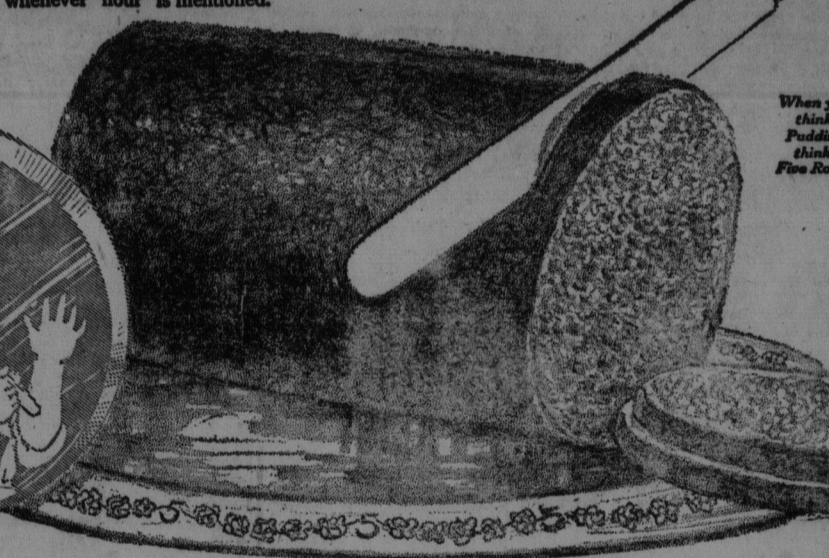
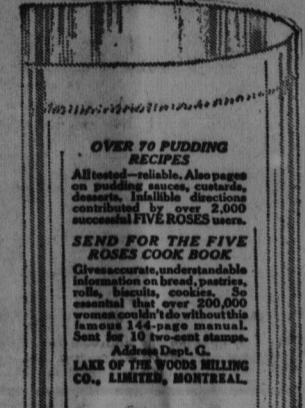
Puddings

Light and Savory, Easy to Digest. If Puddings were lighter and tastier, would you serve them oftener? Would you attempt new varieties? Then try FIVE ROSES flour in boiled or baked puddings.

The same good flour that makes the lightest bread, biscuits and muffins will make your puddings more daintily porous—palatable—digestible. Even when used in small doses, FIVES ROSES binds together the other ingredients and blends their delightful flavors. We invite you to follow the lead of Canada's best cooks—and use

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And your reward will be those well-swollen puddings that maintain till eaten their freshness and aroma. The kind that cuts into dainty slices without crumbling or ragged edges—Never soggy, insipid; never a disappointment. And due to the wonderful nutritive value of FIVE ROSES, every spoonful becomes a toothsome source of vitality. See that you also are given FIVE ROSES at your dealer's. Your success will be so stimulating that soon you will insist on using it whenever "flour" is mentioned.



When you think of Puddings think of Five Roses

The SMILE of SATISFACTION

A good chew is a comfort -- make it a greater comfort still by chewing King George's Navy Plug.

Made from pure, rich tobacco, every ounce of which is carefully selected, then blended according to our process, giving it enough elasticity to keep it together instead of granulating in the mouth as most plug tobaccos do.

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It leaves a long, lingering flavor and guards the teeth from the ravages of "acid mouth", the cause of nearly all tooth decay.

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Diamonds and Watches

Don't think you cannot afford to give a Diamond because you've heard Diamond prices are continually increasing. That's all the greater reason why you should buy one now, for the longer you delay the higher will be the cost of a Diamond the size and quality you want.

But Diamonds are not so high as most people think. In our stock you will find Diamond Rings priced at \$20 to \$100 in the sizes most people want.

Single Stone Diamonds from \$8.00 to \$275. Combination Rings, containing Diamonds, with Sapphires, Pearls, Rubies, Emeralds and other gems, from \$12 to \$80.

WATCHES. The present year our son or daughter wants most is a Watch—4's the finest present you can give your child. Good Watches are not expensive. You can get a good watch from our stock at the price you feel you can afford.

- Bracelet Watches, Gold Filled..... \$11 to \$25
Bracelet Watches, Gold..... \$22 to \$60
Wrist Watches..... \$3 to \$25
Longines Watches, specially priced..... \$5 and \$7
Decimal Watches..... \$13 to \$55
Howard Watches..... \$40 to \$125
Waltham Watches..... \$10 to \$85

Don't forget that Father would appreciate a Howard Watch Christmas morning than any other thing you can think of to select.

Come in and see our Watches and Diamonds. You will find excellent assortments and reasonable prices.

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C. B. Alban, \$1.00; Miss... \$1.00; one-third proceeds of concert, held under the auspices of office staff, \$5.42; proceeds by Jean MacDonald, Mary Grace Small, Ursula Macnamy Chealey, Josephine Dav...

good bread... no use... FLOUR... 100% PURE... 25c

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### SOLDIERS' "KIDDIES" TREAT A GREAT SUCCESS

Dolls, Toys, Etc., Given by Members of the Corner. Help To Make Hundreds of Children Happy.

The large hall of the Knights of Columbus in Coburg street was crowded on Tuesday afternoon by more than 800 children, who had been invited to participate in a treat provided under the auspices of the Soldiers' Wives League. It would be difficult to describe in a limited space how much the kindly thoughts and action of others were appreciated by the young people.

In the centre of the hall was placed a large Christmas tree resplendent with bright and attractive decorations. As the children gathered round the tree, they were placed in safe custody during the afternoon, tickets being given in exchange for all articles. The stockings were graded as to contents so as to be suitable for each child according to his age and sex.

John Gibbs—I am pleased to see that you are enjoying the Corner and entering the contest. In copying any drawing watch the copy more closely.

Winnie Brock—How you do try in the contests, Winnie, I am sure you deserve special prizes for the way you try. I am pleased you find so much enjoyment in the Corner.

Edith Francena Welch—What a clever little artist you are Edith, and your work is so original too. I hope to see more of your work.

Ada Walton—You have made a good coloring of dear old Santa Claus under the picture of Santa Claus under the paper you used, did you? I should like to know.

Ronald Bates—Many thanks for your good wishes, I hope you will have the same. Your coupon was not in the envelope last week.

Eldon A. Tait—I am pleased to see that you are hoping to join the colors, and trust that you get through alright. You have my best wishes, and I shall expect to receive further word from you before you go.

Greta Westmore—What a clever drawing you have made of Santa Claus, standing up. Thanks very much for the amount enclosed in your letter.

Herbert Hansford—You have made a very good drawing; but take more care as to the details of the sketching.

### Uncle Dick

Mrs. Cochran's Tom.

By Ruth Huntington Gray, St. John. Junior shoved his hands into his pockets, deflected fashion, as he leaned against a lamp post. Jimmy had released him from the grocers scarcely ten minutes ago, and he was dreadfully tired.

No body wanted to buy papers. He had yelled until his throat was sore, and what good had come of it? A young man had snatched a paper from beneath Junior's arm, satisfied himself with the headlines, returned the paper, and walked away smoking his cigarette.

George Semple—You have made a good drawing and well deserve the place given you on the prize list. You are a clever artist, and I should like to see more of your work.

Winnie Semple—I am pleased to see that you are also very smart with your pencil, and can draw so well. You will deserve the place awarded on the prize list.

Interested in Corner.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I would be very much pleased to become a member of the Children's Corner. I have been reading the Children's Corner for some time, and think it very interesting.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I am a new niece, I am going to try to get a watch. I am disappointed about Uncle Wiggly. I suppose he has gone back to his Old Hollow Stump, or the bad Old Sea Lion has got him.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I am nine years old, we buy the Standard every Saturday. May I write a letter some day to you? Uncle Dick's Corner is dinky.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I would very much like to join your charming circle, and so would you let me do so. I am twelve years old.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I hope that you have room for one more niece, as I have been reading about some of the contests and would like to try them.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I think if you worked at sketches for design, your coloring would be very pretty; as I hardly think you are able to manage drawing. Let me see more of your work.

Dear Uncle Dick:— Yes, I am glad to have you as a member. You write very neatly.

Dear Uncle Dick:— What a nice writer you are. I hope to receive more of your work.

Dear Uncle Dick:— Your very interesting letter, what a nice parcel to receive from your brother. You did a good coloring.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I think if you worked at sketches for design, your coloring would be very pretty; as I hardly think you are able to manage drawing. Let me see more of your work.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I was very pleased to get your contribution to the fund, as I am anxious to clear all up, and settle everything. The poor kiddies had a great time as you will see from the report. You have my warmest thanks for what you have done.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I am very pleased to welcome you to our large Corner, Velma, and hope to see a great deal more of your work, as you are a clever little artist. Yes, that is right, work hard at school.

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Result of The Standard Contest.

First Prize. Hollis S. Baird, River de Chute, N. B. Second Prize. Robert Faulkner, Watson Settlement, Carleton Co., N. B. Certificates of Merit. A. Maude Barker, River de Chute, N. B. Velma E. Vout, Oldridge.

Winnie Semple, Traveller's Rest, P. E. I. Honorable Mention. Robert Faulkner, Audrey Elia Waddell, Kathleen McKenna, Ada Walton, Edith Francena Welch, Leta Simms, Willie Brock, Gladys Van Buskirk, Marion Brown, Edna Morehouse, Ada Haullin.

GAMES CONTEST RESULT NEXT WEEK. THE USUAL PAGE OF BOY SCOUT NEWS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MONDAY.



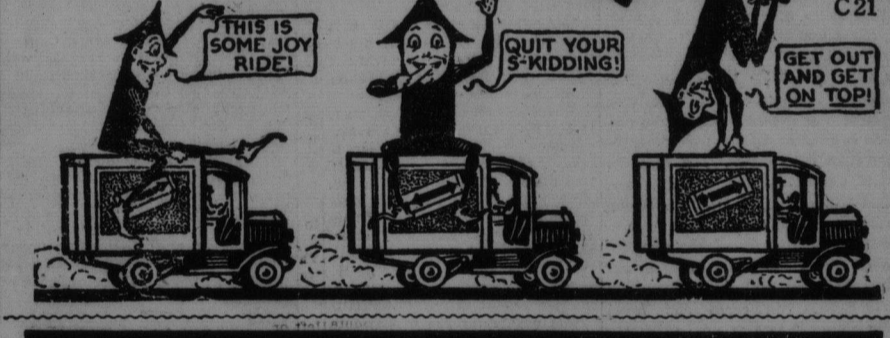
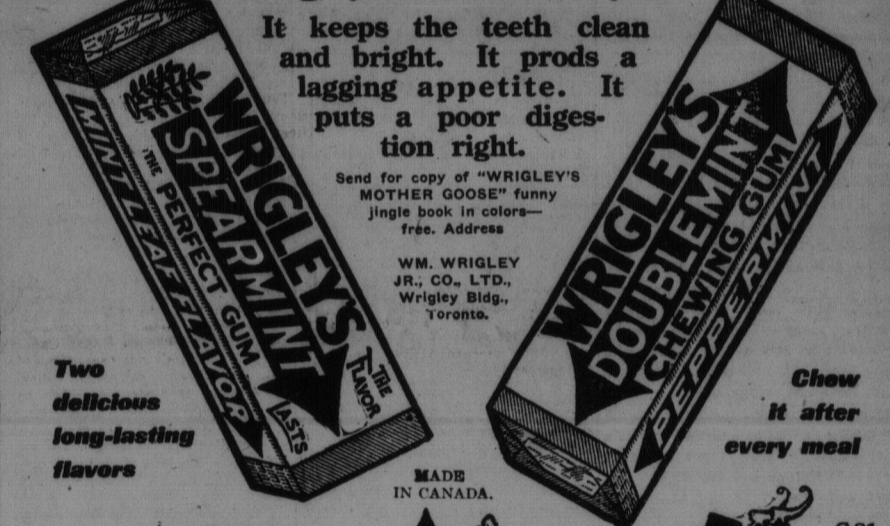
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Canada's generous subscriptions with those of the rest of the Empire and of the United States, have saved the Belgians so far. But more and more is needed every month as their resources dwindle and fail. In spite of the tremendous burdens she is bearing, the Motherland is doing her best to help her Allies.

Let your generous Christmas spirit reach out beyond your own circle, and do something for those who need it a thousand times more!

\$2.50—the price of a trifling gift—would provide daily bread for a Belgian mother and child for a month! \$5.00 would feed one of them the whole winter! Can we go on spending freely for conventional and often extravagant presents when Two Million Belgians depend for their very life on the

Send your contributions to Local or Provincial Committees, or to the Central Executive Committee, 59 St. Peter St., Montreal \$2.50 FEEDS A BELGIAN FAMILY A MONTH









LATEST FINANCIAL AND SHIPPING NEWS AND NOTES

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1915

Table showing financial results for the year ending 30th November, 1915, including profit and loss account and balance sheet.

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th November, 1915

General statement table divided into LIABILITIES and ASSETS sections, detailing various bank obligations and holdings.

B. E. WALKER, President JOHN AIRD, General Manager

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce

T. HARRY WEBB, C.A. JAMES MARWICK, C.A. Auditors

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

Table of stock quotations on the New York Exchange, listing various stocks and their prices.

CLOSING LETTER OF N. Y. MARKET BY E. & C. RANDOLPH

Analysis of the New York market closing on December 23, 1915, discussing industrial and railway trends.

SHIPPING MINIATURE ALMANAC

Shipping almanac table showing moon phases and tide information for various months.

PORT OF ST. JOHN

Arrived Thursday, Dec. 23, 1915. Stmr Hochelaga, 2,693, Tudor, Sydney, R. P. and W. F. Starr, coal.

BRITISH PORTS

Barbados, Dec. 17—Arr previous, schr M. A. Belliveau, Belliveau Cove, (Alphonse Belliveau lost overboard.)

FOREIGN PORTS

City Island, Dec. 21—Passed strms Glenmont, Chicoutimi, Quebec, for New York; Oruro, Halifax, N. S., for Newark; schr Itaska, Lunenburg, N. S. for New York.

MARINE NOTES

SCHOONER NOTES. Mobile, Ala., Dec. 14—Schr Zeta, from Gulfport for Cristobal, arrived here today leaking and with loss of sails; vessel will probably discharge her cargo and go into dry dock.

SPRUNG A LEAK

Digby, N. S., Dec. 23—About 800 bags of feed and flour, aboard the schooner Valdaire, are damaged by salt water. The Valdaire, from Boston for Bear River, with general cargo for Clarke Bros., came to anchor on the ebb tide at the mouth of the river to wait for the flood tide before proceeding to her destination.

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

Table of Montreal transactions, including prices for various commodities like steel, cement, and iron.

THE ROYAL TRUST COMPANY

Investments carefully selected and constantly watched. Estates managed and income collected. TRUSTS TO GENERAL UNDER-TAKEN. PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$1,000,000. RESERVE FUND, \$1,000,000.

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Fortnightly sailings by Twin-Screw Mail Steamers. SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR TOURISTS.

DONALDSON LINE

From Glasgow From St. John Dec. 11—S. S. "Ormidale" Dec. 21 Dec. 16—S. S. "Partholna" Jan. 6 Dec. 25—S. S. "Orithia" Jan. 14

Head Line

St. John to Dublin SS. Benore Head Dec. 7 SS. Bray Head Dec. 20 St. John to Belfast SS. Tutshoven Head Dec. 7

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Western Assurance Co.

INCORPORATED 1851. Assets, \$3,213,438.28 R. W. W. FRINK - BRANCH MANAGER ST. JOHN, N. B.

RAILWAYS. CANADIAN PACIFIC HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS

Between All Stations on Atlantic Division, (including C. P. Ry. St. John-Digby S.S. Service), also to Montreal City. SINGLE FARE: Tickets on sale December 24 and 25.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Will Sell Round Trip Tickets for XMAS AND NEW YEAR First Class One-Way Fare Going Dec. 24, 25. Returning Dec. 27, 1915.

STEAMSHIPS. FURNESS LINE

From London From St. John Nov. 12 Shenandoah Nov. 27 Nov. 26 Kanawha Dec. 11 WM. THOMSON & CO. LTD., Agents, St. John, N. B.

MANCHESTER LINE

From Manchester From St. John Dec. 5 Manchester Merchant Dec. 25 Dec. 14 Manchester Miller Dec. 31 Manchester Shipper Jan. 15 Jan. 7 Manchester Corporal Jan. 29 Steamers marked \* take cargo to Philadelphia.

CHANGE OF TIME

Fall and Winter Time Table of the GRAND MANAN S.S. CO. Grand Manan Route—Season 1915-16 After October 15, 1915, and until further notice, a steamer of this line will run as follows:

Eastern Steamship Lines

All-the-Way-by-Water. INTERNATIONAL LINE. Steamship Calvin Austin Will leave St. John Thursdays at nine a. m. for Lubec, Eastport, Portland and Boston.

THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (LIMITED)

Until further notice the S. S. Corsairs Bros. will run as follows:—Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co. on Saturday, 7.30 a.m., for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay, or Letists, Deer Island, Red Store, St. George. Returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Letists or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor, tide and weather permitting.

MONTREAL MARKET

Table of Montreal market prices for various commodities like sugar, flour, and oil.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Table of Chicago grain and produce prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Table of produce prices on the Montreal market, including various types of wheat and flour.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES

Table of New York cotton market sales, listing various cotton grades and their prices.

Winnipeg Wheat Close

Table of Winnipeg wheat close prices for various grades.

Toronto Wheat Close

Table of Toronto wheat close prices for various grades.

Large advertisement on the left side of the page for 'The Peg Top' cigars, featuring an illustration of a cigar and promotional text.





THE WEATHER

Forecast: Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales southeast, shifting to southwest, with rain.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Forecast: Northern New England—Cloudy Friday, probably followed by rain; Saturday fair and colder; fresh southwest and west winds.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Battleford, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

For Street Railway Soldiers. A box was mailed yesterday by the St. John Street Railway Company to every man at the front. Forty-seven boxes in all were sent, each containing useful articles such as tobacco, shaving materials, pipes, soap, brushes, etc.

Police Guard Room Decorated. The guard room at police headquarters took on a new appearance last night when the officers doing duty there spent some time in decorating it for the Christmas season. With an abundance of holly leaves, berries and bunting, the old guard room now presents a pleasant sight.

A Christmas Wedding. A quiet wedding took place at 302 Princess street yesterday afternoon when Rev. W. Camp united in marriage Mr. R. T. Wood and Miss J. M. McKinney of Sumner Hill, Queens county. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a short trip to the bride's home. On their return they will reside in Princess street.

Engagement Announced. The engagement is announced of Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCready of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and grand-daughter of the late James Bennett, D. D., of Saint John, N. B., to Arthur Colledge Beattie, son of the late P. McN. Beattie, M. D., and of Mrs. Beattie, of Charlottetown, and grandson of the late Hon. Justice William H. Pope. The marriage will take place quietly in Charlottetown the latter part of January.

Ordination and Induction. The Rev. John Hardwick was ordained and inducted into the charge of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church last night. Rev. J. A. MacKellan acted as Moderator. The ceremony took place in the church at eight o'clock. The meeting was opened by singing and reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Townsend of Fairville and was followed by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson read the charge to the minister and Rev. Mr. Thompson the charge to the congregation.

W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. EXPRESS GRATITUDE

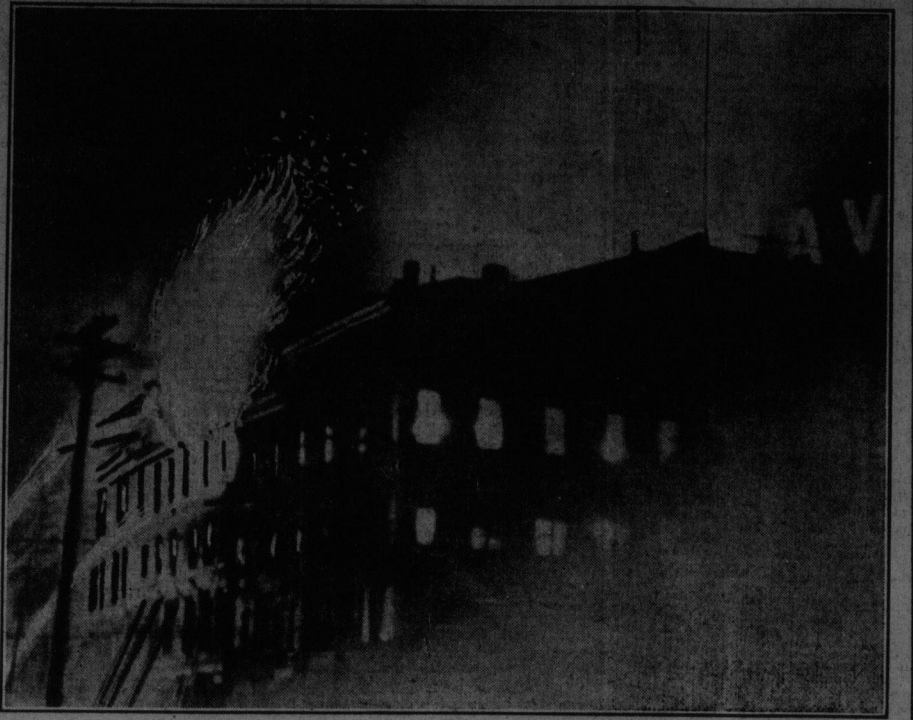
W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., wish to express their great appreciation for the kind words of sympathy from hundreds of their fellow citizens and numbers of friends from all over the Dominion who have communicated to us by telegram. The fire will interfere to some extent with serving our customers, but only for a limited time. Our friends throughout the Maritime Provinces can rely upon orders entrusted to us being executed. The loss and inconvenience in doing business will soon be overcome, as our warehouses are not burned and only one of our main retail stores ruined. We also wish to thank members of the fire department and Salvage Corps for the good work done, and saving what might have been a most disastrous fire.

Last Minute Fur Bargains. Tremendous reductions on all furs can be had today at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. Handmade seal coats, \$115.00 quality reduced to \$75.00. Canadian Muskrat coats, nice shiny skins, reduced from \$75.00 to \$49.50. Splendid wolf sets, from \$225.00 to \$200.00, former price, \$35.00 to \$55.00. Children's white fur sets from \$1.50 a set to \$5.50.

BRAYLEYS FLAVORING. EXTRACTS, your grocer will supply them.

How The Thorne Fire Looked While It Was at It's Height

Unique Photograph of Wednesday Night's Conflagration — Firemen Still at Work Yesterday — List of the Insurances.



The accompanying photograph of the fire in the W. H. Thorne and Co. establishment is unique inasmuch as it was taken shortly before midnight on Wednesday night by The Standard's staff photographer. The illumination from the fire was sufficiently bright for photographic purposes as can be judged from the clear cut character of the picture.

The Thorne building was a centre of attraction all day yesterday. The ruins of the burned portion cased in ice where the water had run down and frozen. A number of firemen were on duty until one o'clock in the afternoon quenching the remnants of the fire in the ruins. In the morning steamfitters and plumbers were set to work clearing the building of water sufficiently to light the furnace fires and heat the sections of the building that had not been burned.

The retail store on King street was opened during the afternoon when a sale was held. So great was the rush of bargain hunters that the services of the police were required to keep the crowds clear.

The insurance appraisers appointed to estimate the loss were C. E. L. Jarvis, Edgar H. Fairweather and E. L. Philips for the companies generally and H. W. Frink for those companies in which H. W. Frink and Son are interested. The insurance lists as furnished by the firm yesterday afternoon are as follows:

Table listing insurance amounts for various companies and buildings. Includes entries for Union, Washchester, Yorkshire, Insurance on Buildings, Insurance on Fixtures, Stock, and various buildings like Thorne Building, McCullough Building, etc.

SOLDIER FELL TO HIS DEATH IN THE FALLS

Tragic fate of Private Scott of Vancouver — Leaped from bridge to recover cap.

Private J. R. W. Scott, of Vancouver, one of the eleven men recently brought back from the front suffering from nervous breakdown, jumped to his death in the Reversing Falls yesterday afternoon while being taken from the Provincial Hospital to the train which was to convey him to his home. These men were placed in the Provincial Hospital while arrangements were being made to care for them in the districts from which they had come. Yesterday morning word came from Ottawa that Montreal, Winnipeg and Victoria were ready to take care of the men who had gone from there. Six men belonged to this party and Col. Armstrong arranged transportation for them on the 6:10 train last night. The medical officer who accompanied the men from the other side was to go with them to the coast and care for them on route.

With an escort of nine men he went to the Hospital to get his charges, bring them to the city. The street railway had a special car in waiting at the end of the Douglas avenue line to take them to the depot. The men formed up with one of the escort guarding each man and two in the rear. In going over the bridge Private Scott's cap blew off and went over the bridge and he tried to recover it. Before the guard could catch him he was climbing over the bridge rail intent on recovering the cap and not realizing that he was going to his death.

Two of the guard did manage to catch his clothing but could not get

CAPT. STURDEE DINNER GUEST LAST NIGHT

Union Club scene of pleasant function in honor of popular officer.

Captain H. E. C. Sturdee was given a complimentary dinner last evening at the Union Club. Many friends of the officer were present, including representatives of the different units located here. Mayor Frink presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn. The toast to the King and the guest of the evening were proposed by the chairman, and were honored by the company with much enthusiasm. Captain Sturdee expressed his pleasure to be privileged to meet those assembled and made brief reference to his experiences at the front.

Captain Sturdee, who will return to the front very soon, went with the first contingent as an officer of the 12th Battalion in command of Col. H. F. McLeod. He was subsequently transferred to the 48th Canadian Highlanders and served in the trenches for nearly five months. He contracted enteric fever and was invalided to England. After convalescence he was ordered to Canada in charge of wounded, being second officer in command of the men. Congratulations were extended to him last evening on his improved health and best wishes were expressed for his welfare on returning to duty. During the evening songs were given by F. C. McNeill, H. M. Stanbury and John Keefe.

A Suggestion. New and natty cravats from 50 cents to \$1.50. The Men's Toggery, 37 Charlottetown street. McMillan's store will be open every evening until Christmas.

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Gifts in Dress Goods

Broadcloths and Serges, Poplins, Honeycomb Cloths, Alligator Cloths, Tweeds, Shepherd Checks, Crowfoot Check, Silk Poplins, Silk Eolines, Silk Crepes, Wool Delaines, Washable Stripes, Spots and Rosebud Patterns for waists and dresses.

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