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ROUMANIAN ARMY EVACUATED BUCHAREST WITH SMALL LOSS

LLOYD GEORGE'S CABINET LIKELY TO INCLUDE MEN NOT NOW IN PUBLIC EYE

Strong Business Element Certain to be Feature of Britain's New Administration — New Premier Has Won Support of Laborites.

Parliamentary and Ministerial Traditions May be Shattered but New Government is Expected to Get Results—Premier to be First Lord of Treasury.

London, Dec. 7.—David Lloyd George, at Buckingham Palace tonight, formally kissed the King's hands on his acceptance of the offices of prime minister and first lord of the treasury. This indicates that in an unexpectedly short time the new premier sees his way to the formation of an administration, and he was probably able to submit to the King a preliminary draft list of the principal proposed ministers.

Doubtless much remains to be done in the way of the allocation of the new posts, and so far as the public is concerned the personnel of the ministry is a matter of pure speculation. But the premier still has plenty of time before he has to meet parliament, on Tuesday, to complete details, and he will doubtless be in a position to present to the House of Commons his new national ministry, representing all parties, with the possible exception of the Nationalists, and, if common report is to be trusted, comprising a strong business element.

New Faces May Be Seen.

Little reliance can be placed upon the numerous names canvassed during the day, but it seems certain that his field of choice is much wider than was generally assumed last night, when the King was understood to have appointed him as premier. It is probable that the new premier will probably command a working majority in the House of Commons, while a further asset will be the benevolent neutrality even of the supporters of the late cabinet in the national interests.

With the vote of the Laborites together with the bulk of the Unionists and a large section of the Liberals demanding more energetic prosecution of the war, Mr. Lloyd George will probably command a working majority in the House of Commons, while a further asset will be the benevolent neutrality even of the supporters of the late cabinet in the national interests.

Many Surprises Possible.

Possibly many parliamentary and ministerial traditions will be jettisoned, but Mr. Lloyd George has a reputation for courage and boldness and is not a great stickler for tradition. Therefore some surprises may appear in the distribution of the new offices. What already is apparent, however, is that the new ministry will not be as small as first assumed, but a mere glorified war council of only a few members, but a ministry on the old lines, but much smaller than the Asquith administration.

How Mr. Lloyd George proposes to get over the difficulty of his own making, when he declared that the premier was too occupied to be able to preside over the war council, is still one of the problems unsolved.

It appears that Mr. Lloyd George's plans were only secured by a narrow majority in the meeting of the Labor party, and there may be some restiveness on the part of a section of the party, but this is not likely to interfere with the completion of the cabinet. It is stated that feeling has been aroused in the party that the new policy of "thorough" adopted by the new government may include the nationalization of railway, shipping and mines.

The Foreign Secretaryship.

The greatest interest centres in personality of the new foreign secretary. Two names are mentioned—Mr. Lloyd George, himself, and Lord Curzon. It is generally assumed that the latter will be the favorite for the post, he having had great experience abroad, and he commands public confidence to an exceptional degree.

Until late in the evening, however, those in Mr. Lloyd George's confidence believed that, following the precedent of the Salisbury administration, Mr. Lloyd George would himself take the post of foreign secretary. Lord Northcliffe, who has disavowed any intention of entering the cabinet, said in an interview with the Associated Press this evening:

"I strongly urged Mr. Lloyd George to take the foreign secretaryship, if he considered that he is eminently fit for

Entente Ministers Demand Explanation From Greeks As to Military Activity

Constantine's Government Replies that it Intended Only to Punish Venizelist Agitators and Restore Normal Conditions in Athens.

Berlin Reports that Bucharest was Taken Without Serious Fighting and that Mackensen and His Men were Enthusiastically Welcomed by Civilian Populace

The Roumanian army at last reports was still falling back all along the line east of Bucharest, from the Transylvanian Alps to the Danube. Just where it will stop and face about, and, with its Russian allies, make a stand against the Teutonic Allies has not yet become apparent. On the Moldavian west frontier and farther north along the Bukovina border the Russian attacks against the Austro-German forces have failed to make any impression.

An official communication from Berlin says Bucharest was captured without any fighting, except by the Roumanian infantry, north and west of the capital. This resistance was quickly overcome, it is stated, and the invaders entered the town from all sides, being received enthusiastically by the populace and decorated with flowers.

On none of the fronts is a sanguinary battle in progress, for the most part the artillery wings of the belligerent armies are doing the greater portion of the fighting. Berlin reports that the Bulgarians have forced back the British in the Struma river lowlands near Sere, in Macedonia, and that the Bulgarians and Germans have compelled the evacuation by the Serbs of positions they had previously captured near Trnovo, in the Corna river sector.

West of Lutzk in Yugoslavia, the Teutonic Allies have captured Russian positions, and successfully withstood counter-attacks.

The Vienna war office reports that the Italians after a vigorous bombardment, launched two attacks on the Carso front of the Austro-Italian theater, but that both of them were repulsed.

Artillery duels and exploits by raiding parties continue on the fronts in Belgium and France. The Germans and French are engaged in a spirited artillery battle in the region of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, where the Germans on Wednesday gained some ground.

An explanation of the military activity of the Greeks has been demanded by the British, French, Italian and Russian ministers at Athens, according to an unofficial despatch.

Explanation Demanded. Athens, via London, Dec. 7.—The Russian, Italian, French and British ministers called in a body at the foreign office at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon and demanded an explanation of the Greek military activity.

The French commander, Gen. Sarraill, is quoted as saying that he prefers Greece open hostile to an unsettled situation.

The members of the Russian colony will leave tomorrow. Only the Italian colony of the Entente remains at Athens.

The Allied diplomats, although they have received no instructions as yet, see no prospect of an arrangement by the Greek government, and it is believed that they will demand at least the re-establishment of Allied control of the police, posts and telegraph, railways, ports, customs and passports.

The Greek Reply.

Athens, Dec. 6, via London, Dec. 7.—The text of the Greek reply to the written and verbal protests of the American, Dutch and Spanish ministers, made "on humanitarian grounds" against the ill-treatment of Venizelist prisoners taken during the attempt at a revolution on Friday and Saturday, has been made public. After thanking the neutral ministers for their sentiments of friendship for Greece which inspired the representations in question the reply says:

"In the course of Wednesday morning portions of General Schmittow's cavalry corps took possession of a fort on the north front and portions of the fifty-fourth army corps pushed on and took the line of forts from Chislan, on the west front, to Odsho on the north. The enemy infantry offered resistance, which was quickly overcome. "From the south portions the Danube army pressed into the city through

BLOCKADE OF GREEK PORTS

Paris, Dec. 7.—The official Journal will publish tomorrow, a decree proclaiming a blockade of Greek ports.

DAILY MAIL FRAMES THE GOVERNMENT

Northcliffe Paper Makes Announcements Concerning Lloyd George's Cabinet.

London, Dec. 7.—The Daily Mail, which for obvious reasons may be supposed to have inside information, says Mr. Lloyd George has nearly completed his government, which will contain some eminent business men who are not politicians, notably Sir Albert Henry Stanley, managing director of the Metropolitan district, Central London and other street railways, who, the Daily Mail asserts, will almost certainly be made president of the Board of Trade.

Andrew Bonar Law, according to the Daily Mail, is expected to be the chancellor of the exchequer and the Earl of Derby, war minister. It adds that a ministry of Labor is to be established, and that one of the Labor representatives will be minister of labor. Arthur Henderson and the Right Hon. George Nicoll Barnes, or John Hodge, are expected to be among the Labor members of the government.

Dr. Christopher Addison, under-secretary of munitions, the Daily Mail asserts, is likely to be appointed minister of munitions, and S. H. Lever, an accountant who reduced the cost of shells, will have a post in the ministry.

The Daily Mail denies that Lord Robert Cecil and Austen Chamberlain are antagonistic to Mr. Lloyd George.

The newspaper says both of them visited Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon, as also did Lord Curzon of Kedleston. It has nothing to say regarding the portfolio of foreign minister.

"The fears that have been expressed that Col. Winston Spencer Churchill will be a member of the new administration are unfounded," is a noteworthy statement in the Daily Mail. "He will not be included in it," the newspaper adds.

The struggle of forts, meeting with no resistance. "The troops entering the town were received enthusiastically and decorated with flowers. Field Marshal Von Mackensen drove in a motor car to the royal castle, where he was greeted with bouquets of flowers."

WASHINGTON DISPLEASED WITH GERMANY'S ATTITUDE CONCERNING ARABIA CASE

Berlin's Contention is that the Arabia was a British Transport when Torpedoed and Subject to Same Treatment as a Warship.

United States Government Will Seriously Consider Whole Question Before Making Reply—Practical Admission that Situation is Serious.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Germany, in a note made public by the state department today, contends that the British steamer Arabia, sunk in the Mediterranean on Nov. 6, was in reality "a transport ship for troops in the service of the British government, which is considered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law and can, therefore, be treated like a warship."

The German government's attitude, however, like that in the Marina case, is expressed to be one of readiness to make amends if it be shown that the submarine commander violated pledges to the United States.

It may be said that the United States does not regard the circumstances which the German note recites as showing justification for sinking the Arabia without warning, or as relieving the submarine commander from establishing the status of the liner. The presence of Chinese on board is considered of little importance, but will be investigated.

It may be stated authoritatively that no immediate action will be taken, as another step is regarded as too serious to be taken without complete facts. It hinges entirely on whether the pledges given in the Sussex case were broken. The note published today is not regarded in official quarters as making out a strong case for Germany. The note signed by Minister of Foreign Affairs Zimmermann, is the first received by the United States since he assumed the position succeeding Gottlieb Von Jagow.

What Washington Showed.

The text of the note said the investigation conducted by the German government concerning the sinking of the British steamer Arabia show the following results:

On the morning of November 6th, a German submarine encountered a large steamer coming from the Corisco Straits, one hundred nautical miles west of the Island of Coriko. The steamer was painted black and had a black superstructure, and not, as is otherwise the case with P. & O. line superstructures a light color. The steamer which was identical with the Arabia was not travelling on the route regularly used by the passenger steamers between Port Said and Malindi, as is made plain on the enclosed map, but was taking a zig-zag course toward the west, 120 nautical miles north of that route. This course, on which the submarine passed three similar steamers at the same spot on the same morning leads from the Aegean to Malta, so that the Arabia was moving on the transport route Corico-Malindi, used solely for war purposes, according to the experience until now.

The commander of the submarine further, ascertained that there were large batches of Chinese and other colored persons on board the steamer. He considered them to be workmen soldiers such as are used in great numbers behind the front by the enemies of the German Empire. In spite of the clear weather and careful observation, he did not perceive any women and children.

In the circumstances the commander of the submarine was convinced that in the case of this steamer he was concerned with a transport ship for troops in the service of the British government, which is to be considered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law, and can, therefore, be treated like a warship. He accordingly considered himself justified in attacking the steamer without delay and sank it.

Should the American government give the official date showing that the Arabia was at the time of the torpedoing an ordinary passenger steamer, the action of the commander would not have been in accordance with the instructions given him. This would then be a case of regrettable mistake from which the German government would promptly draw the appropriate consequences.

What action the state department will take is problematical. Secretary Lansing refused utterly to comment on the case today and other officials were reticent.

Situation Admittedly Serious.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Germany's ac-

ceptance of responsibility for the sinking, without warning, of the British liner Arabia, with the explanation that her submarine commander took the vessel for an auxiliary warship, has brought the issue over submarine warfare to a more serious and clear-cut basis than anything that has happened since the threat of the United States, last April, to break diplomatic relations after the torpedoing of the channel liner Sussex.

Such information as the American government now has tends to show, the Arabia to have been a passenger ship of the P. & O. line, passing through the Mediterranean on a regular voyage. Among the many passengers was an American citizen, who was rescued.

The German note, which was made public today by the state department, says if official data is furnished showing that the vessel was an ordinary passenger steamer "this then would be a case of regrettable mistake, from which the German government would promptly draw the appropriate consequences." It is assumed here that the consequences would be an expression of regret and an offer of reparation for any injury or danger suffered by the Americans on board.

The note has been referred to President Wilson.

In official quarters the German explanation is regarded as weak and unsatisfactory.

Washington, Dec. 8.—While Secretary of State Lansing refused all comment today beyond the mere publication of the note, it is known authoritatively that Germany's admission in the Arabia case, her similar admission in the Marina case, when six Americans were drowned, and the early facts in the sinking of the American steamer Chemung, have combined to create much anxiety.

NOW ASSUMED THAT BREMEN WENT DOWN IN ATLANTIC STORM

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 7.—From a statement made by Alfred Lohmann, president of the board of directors of the German Ocean Navigation Company, in which he declined to say anything about the German merchant submarine Bremen except that the vessel was neither torpedoed nor captured, the Cologne Gazette infers from this the Bremen was lost during a storm in the Atlantic.

The Standard Christmas Number will be issued tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 9. All applications for advertising space must be in by one o'clock today but contributed news matter will be accepted until five o'clock. All regular readers will receive their papers at the usual rate, but additional copies sold from this office will cost five cents each.

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(Continued from page 1) coalition ministry, will be members of the cabinet, and that one of them will sit in the war council. In addition it is also said three under-secretaryships will be allotted to the Labor party.

Liberals Will Support Him.
London, Dec. 7.—It is understood Mr. Lloyd George is aiming at a cabinet of twelve members, five of them Unionists, five Liberals and two Labor representatives. From this number a small war council is to be appointed.

Mr. Lloyd George's difficulty at present is to obtain adequate Liberal representation, inasmuch as nearly all the Liberals in Mr. Asquith's cabinet are declining to serve under him. However, it is decided at a meeting of Liberal war committee held under the chairmanship of Sir Frederick Capley and attended by thirty members, to support the new premier actively.

The Labor parliamentary party passed a resolution expressing the hope that "in this supreme crisis an endeavor will be made by the new government to settle the Irish question and bring about the widest measure of co-operation of all forces and energies of the nation and the empire."

London, Dec. 7.—The Evening News, Mr. Lloyd George's organ says that no names of new cabinet ministers are likely to be published until tomorrow but that the new premier already has sufficient offers to make up an extremely powerful government, which will include several business men of great and tried ability, irrespective of party values or ties.

Mr. Lloyd George's efforts, it is added, have been facilitated by a refusal of help from many of his former colleagues, because it was thus needless to consider their claims.

The Evening Standard says it understands that A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, will join the new ministry, probably as colonial secretary; also that there is a strong probability that Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, will be a member of the ministry, while Andrew Bonar Law probably will be made first lord of the admiralty.

Northcliffe Will Stay Out.
London, Dec. 7.—"I have no intention of joining the new cabinet, I prefer to sit in Printing House Square and Carmelite House." Lord Northcliffe thus remarked to a Central News interviewer today. From Carmelite House he publishes the Daily Mail; from Printing House Square the Times.

COL. PAGNUELO FOUND GUILTY; TWO COUNTS

Pleaded Guilty to Inciting His Troops to Desert Rather than Go to Bermuda on Garrison Duty.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Lieut.-Col. Tancredi Pagnuelo, late of the disbanded 206th French-Canadian battalion, was acquitted by the court martial this afternoon on nine of the eleven charges against him, of having issued false pay certificates. He was not found innocent on the first charge, that he had given false evidence during an inquiry at Valcartier into this matter, and he voluntarily pleaded guilty to the charge that after the order for the disbandment of his battalion at Valcartier he had made a speech to his men, the wording of which was not such as an officer should use. The speech in question was practically an incitement to desertion, and fault-finding because the battalion of Frenchmen were being sent to hot Bermuda. In admitting the speech the accused wished to modify the words attributed to him. He expressed regret for what he had said. He pleaded for the mercy of the court, and declared that he was anxious to go to the front.

It is understood that the finding of the court-martial with regard to the first and last charges will be forwarded to the militia council at Ottawa, with such recommendations as the court-martial may make, and Col. Pagnuelo will continue under military arrest.

QUEBEC TURNS OUT EN MASSE TO HONOR PREMIER BORDEN

Quebec, Dec. 7.—Premier Borden has no reason to complain of the reception accorded to him in the city of Quebec. Tonight the auditorium was packed to the limit and hundreds were turned away. The Quebec hierarchy and the Quebec government did everything in their power to lend him assistance, and there is no doubt but that the strong support of Sir Lomer Gouin, who made one of the most vigorous and patriotic speeches of the evening, was one of the contributing factors to the general success of the meeting.

The premier's speech was largely along the lines of his address in Montreal last night. He was given a most sympathetic welcome. Mr. Casgrain, who followed, was interrupted at several points, and when he enunciated the policy that when England was at war Canada automatically became a belligerent as well, a few students voiced dissent. That, however, was about the extent of the interference, though there were a few meaningless interruptions when Mr. Bennett began to speak.

SIR MAX AITKEN MAY GET IMPORTANT JOB
He May be a Big Figure After British Government Reconstruction.
London, Dec. 7 (Montreal Gazette cable).—Apropos of government reconstruction friends of Sir Max Aitken are mentioning his name in connection with an important appointment. Sir Max is frequently seen with Bonar Law. Recently he has been spending a large part of his time in the war office, where he occupies himself with the war film business.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION EFFECTIVE

Prices Descend in Ottawa as a Result of Department's Activities—Patriotic Committee Meets.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Inquiries under the cost of living regulations regarding potatoes are being sent out by the Labor Department today and are being addressed to about seven hundred merchants throughout Canada who deal in potatoes. Replies regarding coal will begin to come in next week. Questions were addressed to about four hundred coal merchants. The immediate effect of the regula-

tions so far as Ottawa is concerned is that the upward trend of prices of necessities of life has stopped and in some cases prices have begun to descend.

A meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund was held this morning under the chairmanship of His Excellency the Governor General, and attended by delegates from different parts of Canada. This was the first meeting held since the Duke of Devonshire accepted the presidency of the fund and the Duke took the opportunity to insure the committee of his interest and sympathy.

While the demands on the fund are exceedingly heavy, the honorary treasurer was able to report that the total contributions to November 30 exceeded the total expenditure by about three million dollars, the treasurer having received up to date the sum of \$16,615,778.28 and disbursing \$13,447,214.73. At the present rate of expenditure the balance on hand would suffice for the needs of the fund for about three months if peace were declared tomorrow.

London, Dec. 7.—The Danish steamer Palfan, 1,307 tons, the Norwegian steamer Ella and the Danish schooner Marie have been sunk by submarines. The crews were landed. The Spanish steamer Gerona, 403 tons, is reported to have been sunk.

TWO N. B. MEN ON CASUALTY LISTS

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The 10.30 p. m. list of casualties follows:
Infantry.
Previously reported missing, now believed killed—
J. W. Ahern, Nigado, N. B.
Seriously ill—
A. L. Price, Ludlow, N. B.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED BY M. SONS IN AMHERST

Special to The Standard.
Amherst, N. S., Dec. 7.—Acadia Lodge No. 8, A. F. and A. M., were at home tonight to large delegations from St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, of Halifax; Laurie Lodge No. 70, Springhill, and members from the 187th Red Deer Battalion. The Master Mason degree was conferred by the local lodge. A splendid programme of music and addresses was followed by a banquet in the Masonic banquet hall. A very large number were present.

Greek Ships Restricted.

Athens, Dec. 5, via London, Dec. 7.—Notwithstanding that it is generally believed that the Entente blockade will go into effect immediately and without notice government officials were optimistic after a conference between King Constantine and the Italian minister this afternoon. It was asserted in government circles that Greece can withstand a siege for 20 days, although districts that can be reached only by water will suffer more quickly.

In consequence of the recent clash of the Entente forces with Greeks in Athens the British and French governments prohibited the sailing of Greek steamers from their ports to those of Greece.

PRIMATE OF BELGIUM VIRTUALLY A PRISONER

Amsterdam, Dec. 7, via London.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is confined to his palace by the German authorities, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf, who says he hears this on good authority. The reason given is the action taken by the cardinal against the deportation of Belgians.

A Surprise Party.

About thirty friends of Mr. Harry H. Hurdur gathered at his home at Randolph and tendered him a surprise party in honor of his birthday, and presented him with a beautiful parlor clock. The presentation was made by Pte. George White of the Field Ambulance Corps. Immediately after the company joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." Although Mr. Hurdur was taken by surprise he expressed his thanks in a few well chosen words. Whist and other games were indulged in and a running lunch was served at midnight.

NOVA SCOTIA CENTRES LOSE POLICE CHIEFS

Special to The Standard.
New Glasgow, N. S., Dec. 7.—The towns of New Glasgow and Trenton are soon to be without a chief of police. The chiefs of both towns have resigned almost simultaneously. Both towns are industrial centres and the fact that they are practically without police chiefs is causing some concern and quite a little excitement.

TO RELEASE MORE MEN.

London, Dec. 7.—The release for military service of all possible semi-skilled and skilled men who are now engaged in the manufacture of munitions has been agreed upon by the admiralty, the ministry of munitions and the army council.

GERMANS SEIZE DUTCH FISH.

London, Dec. 7.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says that from a number of Dutch steam trawlers towed into Cuxhaven, the German authorities took 35 per cent. of their fish, on the ground of contraband, as that proportion of the total Dutch catch had been assigned to England.

DIET SQUAD GAINED WEIGHT.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Dr. John Dill Robertson's diet squad of six men and six women completed the scientific part of the two weeks' experiment with breakfast today. They were weighed after this meal and the figures showed an average gain of a diet estimated to have cost little more than thirty cents a day, of 3.80 pounds each.

The squad weighed 1,825 pounds when the test began, and the total today was 1,870.75.

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WOUNDED CANADIANS ARE GRATEFUL TO F. W. SUMNER

Soldiers in English Hospitals Write Interesting Letters to New Brunswick's Agent General—All are Cheerful and Anxious to Get Back to Fighting.

F. W. Sumner, New Brunswick's Agent-General in England, has received numerous letters from wounded Canadian soldiers expressing their appreciation of his kindness in sending them novels, newspapers and other reading material.

Pte. J. H. Brown of 15 Long Wharf, St. John, a member of the 26th Battalion, writes that he is now in hospital at Warrington recovering from wounds in the thigh.

Sergeant W. H. Clark, who is in the War Hospital at Epsom, Surrey, writes that he is doing well and expects to be discharged from the hospital in the course of a few weeks.

Pte. A. O. Wilson, who is a patient in the 1st London General Hospital, writes: "I am improving wonderfully and expect to be able to get up next week for a half an hour each day."

J. Barnes of Newcastle is now a patient in Beaufort War Hospital, Bathons, Bristol, and advises Mr. Sumner that his wounds in the right thigh are likely to incapacitate him for fully four months.

C. N. Vroom of St. Stephen is in Convalescent Hospital at Woodcote Park, Epsom. He writes that he has been wounded in the knee, but hopes to be around again in a few weeks.

Pte. A. Harwood of Campbellton, after thirteen months of active service at the front, is now in the New Town Hall Hospital at Torquay, Devonshire. He is suffering from a gunshot wound in the leg below the knee as well as a wound in the hand.

Lance Corp. G. B. Finigan is a patient in the County of London War Hospital. He is suffering from a severe cold, but looks forward to an early recovery.

Sergt. Major J. W. Corey of the 26th Battalion, is also a patient at the County of London War Hospital. He was wounded on September 15 at the battle of Concrete. His condition is quite serious but he is eager to return to the front as soon as his condition permits.

Pte. H. Crail, a member of the 26th Battalion, is now a patient at the Granville Canadian Special Hospital at Ramsgate. In the heavy fighting of September 15th he was buried by a shell and lost both his speech and hearing. He has recovered both senses and his general condition is also greatly improved.

Drummer J. Greare of the 26th Battalion is making substantial progress at the Red Cross Hospital, Pembury, Kent. His wife is Mrs. J. Greare of Brunswick street, St. John.

M. J. Finigan of 15 Brussels street writes from the 1st London General Hospital: "I am getting along as well as can be expected. The trouble is a fractured leg just above the ankle."

Corporal Douglas Thompson of the 26th Battalion, a former resident of City Road, is in the Edinburgh War Hospital suffering from a wound in the left thigh. This is the second time that Corporal Thompson has been wounded in action.

Corporal Chas. T. Bolton of St. John writes that he is a patient in the London General Hospital. His complaint is French fever and he is getting along nicely.

George Comley, who was wounded while at the front with the 26th Battalion, has been discharged from the hospital and has joined the 40th Reserve Battalion at Shorncliffe. He hopes to return to the front in the immediate future.

"I am getting along satisfactorily and in a few weeks I hope to be discharged from the hospital," writes Private W. J. Brown of the 26th Battalion, who is now a patient at the Granville Canadian Hospital at Ramsgate.

Pte. William McMinn of the 26th Battalion, a Bathurst boy, writes from the Military Hospital at Ladywell Road, London, that he is recovering from injuries received at the battle of the Somme.

Corporal Harry B. Roberts is a patient in the Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital, Buxton, Derby. He writes that he is greatly improved.

Pte. J. D. Poulin of Caraquet, Gloucester county, is now at the Massey Harris Convalescent Home. Private Poulin was recently a principal in a happy event, the other party being an English lady whom he met while in the hospital in England.

Pte. Edward Carroll writes from the War Hospital at Chichester that his wound in the left thigh is healing rapidly. He is a son of Patrick Carroll of Escuminac, Northumberland county.

V. K. MacDonald writes from the Mile End Military Hospital, Baneroff Road, London, as follows: "I am improving daily. My sickness was caused by drinking water which contained gasoline while I was in the trenches."

"My wounds are not very serious and I am recovering rapidly. I was hit in the chest and arm," writes Corporal F. G. Richardson of Beaufort War Hospital at Bristol.

Roy G. Hovey is a patient in the West Leeds War Hospital. His condition shows great improvement. He was a former resident of Ludlow, Northumberland county.

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The large hall at the Seamen's Institute was crowded last night when the men of the Missanabre gave a really good programme of entertainment.

Leut. H. deL. Wood was chairman. All the boys did well and pleased the audience immensely.

Of course the feature was the work of the celebrated Foo-Foo band of which J. Jenkins is the energetic secretary.

The make-up of the members of this organization was grotesque indeed, and their quaint instruments of "music" were a wonder to behold.

The men had carefully rehearsed and they succeeded in getting good "notes," well blended, out of appliances that one would have thought fit only for placing on exhibition in some museum devoted to the work of the "nut" fraternity.

The programme was as follows: Part I, opening chorus, "Tipperary," the band; selection, the band; sketch, "Charley's Triumph," Charley Chaplin (W. Bennett), Maude Vere de Vere (E. Newsam), Count Christie (F. Trunks), Professor DeBrooke (J. Allen); solo, "Blind Boy," A. C. McKernan, E. Newsam, D. Hogan and Mr. Tydesley; selection, the band; sketch, "Fantasy," by "Brothers Dottle," (W. Bennett, F. Trunks); song, "Everyone in Town Loves My Girl," D. Hogan; song, "Long, Long Way from Home," W. Bowman; song, "Stanley Wills," mandolin solo, R. Cappold; selection, the band; God Save the King.

Mrs. Audette and Bert Williams officiated at the piano. Refreshments were served at the close by an efficient and willing committee of ladies.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.
A well attended concert was held last evening in the Central United Baptist church, under the auspices of Miss Allen's Sunday school class.

Rev. D. J. MacPherson introduced the different entertainers. An excellent well balanced programme was given as follows: Opening, O Canada; solos by Messrs. McDachern, Gerwin, Armour and Misses Scribner and Lyons; piano solos by Misses Thompson, Brown, Peck and Waterbury; readings by Misses McKay, Sprague, Caswell, Ethel Urquhart and Violette Urquhart; harmonica solo and club singing by Miss Cox; instrumental solos by Villyory Kempe and Buthora Lake; duets by Misses Stackhouse and Harshorn, and Mr. Wilson and Miss Wetmore.

OBITUARY.
Mrs. William Gray.
Doughlastown, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Helen Gray, nee Wood, wife of William Gray of Doughlastown, passed away on Tuesday evening at 8.30 at the age of 65 years. She had been ailing since April last. The late Mrs. Gray was born in Doughlastown. She was an earnest and beloved member of St. Mark's Presbyterian church there. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, interment in St. Mark's cemetery. Besides her husband deceased leaves the following children: Harry A., manager for the Miramichi Lumber Co.; Fred W., Robert, Allison and Chesley, all of Doughlastown; Misses Ethel, Dora and Katherine, of Boston, and Miss Frances, at home. Following are the surviving brothers and sisters: Robert, Alexander and the Misses Annie and Mary Wood and Mrs. James Ahearn, all of Doughlastown.

Thank Offering at Debec.
The Women's Missionary Society of Debec held the most successful thanksgiving offering on Wednesday (last) they have had since the inception of the society. Despite the inclement weather a large number were present. Rev. John Hardwick, of St. John, who was in attendance at the meeting arrived home yesterday morning.

GERMANS CONTINUE TO CARRY BELGIANS AWAY FROM THEIR HOMELAND

Process of Deportation Continuing—Belgians Literally Forced to Become Slaves to Huns.

London, Dec. 5.—The latest reports received in regard to the Belgian deportations by the Germans show that the process is going steadily on in the provinces, and the taking of unemployed is expected to begin immediately in Brussels. Deportations from Antwerp have become methodical, with 4,000 men under orders to present themselves every day at the railroad station.

Of this number, up to the middle of November, slightly under 6,000 had been sent to Germany from the city of Antwerp alone, not including the country districts nearby.

When the men present themselves at the station, the reports say, the Germans make every effort to induce them to sign contracts for work, among the inducements being an offer of wages of six marks daily. Those failing to sign are told that they will receive only three marks, and be forced to work in the camps.

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There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid arvon from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough so moisture the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1916.

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

BRITISH VESSELS FIRST.

In the British House of Commons the Colonial Secretary said that the British government was communicating with the Canadian government on the subject of Canadian building of ocean-going vessels for Norwegian interests. British shipbuilders are unable to turn out vessels at anything like the rate desired, though keeping up well with the average output.

If Canada can build ocean-going vessels, it ought to build them for British or Allied use, and not for a neutral country, says the Mail and Empire. The keels of five steamers have been laid in British Columbia shipyards, under the new British Columbia shipping subsidy act, and it was announced recently that contracts on Norwegian account had been taken in Toronto and Montreal. Since adequate freight carrying tonnage is the prime requisite of successful munitioning of British and Allied armies, neglect of any opportunity to increase it is to be strongly condemned. In Canada we do not understand, as they do in Britain, what the military value of British merchant ships is. It is also very certain that British shipping concerns have made very little endeavor to place orders for ships in Canada. They seem to have taken it for granted that our output was scarcely worth counting. The cost is higher here.

At the beginning of the war, British business leaders were sceptical of Canada's ability to turn out munitions. Canadian government representatives had to press repeatedly for orders. Now Canada's ability in this respect is fully recognized. If the taking of contracts for ships for Norwegian interests has aroused British recognition of what we can do in this respect, a great improvement will have been effected. If the British government requires such aid, the Dominion government should have no hesitation in taking over Norwegian contracts, and diverting the ships built to British use. A vigorous organization of our shipbuilding facilities, to bring the maximum output, ought to be carried out.

THE SITUATION IN AUSTRALIA.

The Sydney correspondent of the London Times says that the Hughes' Government has thirteen supporters in the House now, including Cabinet Ministers while on the opposition benches are sixty members. That corresponds with conditions that prevailed a month or two ago. During the crisis over the conscription referendum, four of the eight Cabinet Ministers resigned, and the bulk of the Labor party, of which Premier Hughes was the leader, withdrew its support. At that time, Premier Hughes could count as supporters only twenty members out of seventy-five, and now, apparently, his little group has dwindled to thirteen.

The decision as to what shall be done rests really upon the Liberal leader, Mr. Cook. He has announced readiness to support measures for the prosecution of the war, and at least a majority of his following will likely support the Hughes referendum on conscription. Thus if the Government is sustained, it will be by virtue of the patriotic self-restraint of the opposition. Possibly a Coalition Government will be formed, to draw a majority support from the House. There does not seem to be a good prospect of the reconciliation of Mr. Hughes and his former supporters of the Labor party. Labor organizations in New South Wales have expelled him and the New South Wales Premier, Mr. Holman, also a conscriptionist, from membership. An extreme section is opposed, not only to conscription, but to many of the strong coercive measures carried into effect by the Hughes Government. The crisis came because of conscription, but did not originate with it.

The increased Labor group intends to move a vote of want of confidence when the Commonwealth Parliament meets, but that will probably be overcome with the aid of the Liberal members. Then the practical work of setting up a stable Government, commanding a majority in the House, can be begun. Unless arrangements to

that effect are exceptionally successful, the only alternative will be a dissolution, and a war-time election, under conditions of exceedingly embarrassing gravity. The vote on the conscription referendum shows that no party advocating that extreme measure would gain a majority of the seats.

COMPETITION IN MAN-POWER.

Germany seeks to maintain her armies by replacing her industrial workers with prisoners, enslaved Belgians, French and Polish civilians. By pressing multitudes of foreigners into service she secures reinforcements for her several fronts. Because of her compact territory, and excellent transportation system, she is making the best possible use of all the resources she can muster. But even if she utilizes all the able-bodied men in the temporarily conquered areas she cannot hope to equal the man-power of the British Empire and its Allies.

Great Britain, the Dominions and the Entente Powers can still put millions of new recruits into the field without exhausting their man-power. There is also a great reservoir of labor in the African and Asiatic colonies of the Allies. Tens of thousands of black and yellow men are already performing non-combatant tasks for the Allied armies in France and other parts of Europe. These colored laborers are recruited and labor as soldiers. Many of them are skilled workers and receive high wages. Under no circumstances are they allowed to compete with white labor in civilian occupations.

General Botha is assisting in raising corps of negroes and there is every reason for believing that the supply of such labor for war purposes is comparatively inexhaustible. Every African or Asiatic thus enlisted releases a non-combatant Englishman, Frenchman or Russian for active service on the firing line. The Central Powers cannot forever meet half the world in arms. The more frightful their plunges into the most debased brutality the greater the penalties which civilization will eventually impose upon them. Meantime 100,000 young Canadians are required to hasten the day of retribution.

THE NAME OF FRANCE

New York, Dec. 7.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, whose resignation as United States minister to the Netherlands, was announced last Monday, contributes to the current number of the Art World, under the title "The Name of France," a three-versed poem glorifying France and concluding with these lines:

"A name that calls the world to share,
 The burden of sacrificial strife,
 Where the cause at stake is the
 world's free life,
 And the rule of the people every-
 where—
 A name like a vow, a name like a
 prayer,
 I give you France."

In a statement to the correspondent of the Associated Press at The Hague, announcing his resignation, Dr. Van Dyke said:

"The main reason was my wish to return as a writer, with full freedom to say what I think and feel."
 Today a Holy Day.
 Today is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and will be observed as a holy day by the Roman Catholic church. As it is one of the great feasts falling on Friday Roman Catholics are permitted the use of meat.

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SUBMITTED PROGRAMME FOR PAVING

Commissioner Fisher Made His Recommendations to the Council Yesterday—A General Discussion.

The city council in committee yesterday at noon considered Commissioner Fisher's recommendations in regard to street paving for 1917. It was decided to hold a special meeting this morning at 11.30 to consider the list of questions to be submitted to the milk dealers.

The commissioners were all present and the mayor presided. Commissioner Fisher took up his recommendations and explained them in detail. He regarded granite blocks as the only satisfactory permanent paving for hills, as it gave a foothold for horses if banded with pitch and broken stone.

For Princess, from Germain to Charlotte, he recommends sheet asphalt from the city's plant, at a cost of \$4,850. In Market square the plans call for an expenditure of \$25,900 for bituminous concrete pavement and probably granite blocks in the rail sections, with scoria grooved blocks next to the rails.

Commissioner McLellan asked how much the owners of property would pay, and the commissioner of public works responded that he was recommending the procuring of legislation giving the council authority to collect from the abutters on a basis of increase in values by paving.

The Mayor suggested using the present local improvement act, but it was pointed out that nothing could be collected under its provisions unless the abutters were willing to pay.

In Main street, from Adelaide to Cedar, the commissioner recommended bituminous concrete with granite blocks in the track sections at a cost of \$32,850. For Union street the report called for granite blocks from Dock to Prince William at a cost of \$13,500. Rocnac, as used in Queen square, might do if it could be secured at a more reasonable cost, as it fulfilled the requirements of foothold, cleanliness and quietness to a reasonable extent.

From Prince William to Charlotte, he recommended sheet asphalt to cost \$11,500. From Waterloo to Brussels, granite blocks at a cost of \$8,250, and from Union to St. Patrick bituminous concrete to cost \$13,500. The Mayor thought they would all be in favor of the work on Main street, but was of the opinion that the rest of the work recommended could wait until the matter of assessing the abutters was settled.

Commissioner McLellan suggested issuing serial bonds for street work, on the principle that those who enjoyed the benefits should pay for them, and that pavements should be paid for by the time their usefulness was gone. Regarding Main street, he said that it might be regarded as reasonable that a street like this which must accommodate so much through traffic should be exempt. The same should be applied to Brussels street. We had been priding ourselves, he said, on our low bonded debt, but if they told that to a western man he would say: "You may have no debt but have very little else. We have the debts but we also have the assets."

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Little Benny's Note Book

My sister Gladde was setting in the setting room eating chestnuts out of a bag and reading, and I looked in the door and then I came all the way in, saying, Wats you eating, Gladde, chestnuts?
 Have a seat and Ill find out, sed Gladde going on eating them and reading.
 Give me one, Gladde? I sed.
 I will not, sed Gladde, you woodent go an errand for me wan I woodent do this morning, wood you?
 Surtany I wood, I sed. And I hepp on looking at her eating them and reading and then I sed, You bettergive me one, Gladde, because you owe me one.
 How do you figure that out? sed Gladde.
 I saw the bag up in your room and I took one, and it had a worm in it, and I ate it before I found out, so you owe me a good one for it, I sed.
 Nothing doing, it served you rite for taking it without permission, sed Gladde.
 Yes, but if I hadent of took it you mite of ate the worm, look wat I saved you from, I sed.
 The matter is ended, sed Gladde. And she hepp on eating them and reading, and after a while I sed, Maybe some more of them have worms in, maybe youll eat a big fat worm yourself, O boy, O boy.
 Stop sutch tawk, sed Gladde. And made a face and looked in the bag, and I sed, Worms taist farse, and they give you things, to they give you the fold fever and indigestion and everything.
 Will you get out of heer? sed Gladde.
 Maybe youve ate some already without knowing it, I sed, if you dont cheep on them mutch you mite not taist them.
 Hepp on them all, and I cony hope they have snakes in them, sed Gladde. And she throo the bag at me as hard as she cood, not being very hard, and the chestnuts went in 5 direckshins, only being 5 chestnuts left, and I picked them up and ate them and there wasent a worm in eny of them.

CANADIAN RED CROSS TRANSPORT MAN HERE

H. B. Milburn who is in charge of the Canadian Red Cross transport service, is in the city and will make St. John the headquarters for Canadian shipments this winter. Mr. Milburn occupies the same offices as last winter, 181 Prince William street. Speaking of the shipments of Red Cross packages, Mr. Milburn yesterday said that the transportation all the same continued to be heavy, and it is expected that it will be larger this winter than ever. No less than 1,500 cases are being handled this week alone, and this is only a small portion of what will pass through this port during the winter. Mr. Milburn is a busy man, and being the late market superintendent of the Canadian Northern Steamships his knowledge of the steamship business makes him a valuable official for the position he now controls.

Lecture on Bermuda.

Rev. Clayton A. Monro gave an interesting illustrated lecture last night on Bermuda in the choir of Centenary church on Princess street. He said of Bermuda that it was a veritable fairy land in fact as well as fancy. The island is made of white coral, and this coral is extensively used in building the houses. As there is an entire absence of smoke and dust the buildings always look as new as when first put up. There are no rivers or brooks in Bermuda, and the water used by the inhabitants is collected on the roofs of the dwellings and stored in cement tanks. Amongst the points of attraction for tourists that the lecturer referred to are the caves on the east end of the island, Joya dock, Tempest and Prospero

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104TH BATTALION TO LEAVE ENGLAND SOON FOR FRONT

Pte. Giberson Writes that Crack New Brunswick Regiment Has Been Ordered to be Ready at Moment's Notice J. C. Hill Writes of Life on Firing Line.

That the 104th Battalion has been ordered to be in readiness to proceed to France at short notice is the information contained in an interesting letter received from Private Harry C. Giberson. The letter follows:

Shorncliffe, England, Nov. 27, 1916.

Dear Sir,—A word to your paper about the New Brunswick 104th Battalion now at Whitley Camp, Surrey, soon to cross the Channel to France. It is now considered to be near its finish in training and by men who know said to be second to none in England. One and all are ready at a moment's notice for the trenches. This training is sure a big experience to the boys. From our trip across the Atlantic to this firing line is worth ten years of one's life.

Our trip over in the "floating palace" was beautiful, the water calm, the weather favorable. The viewing of porpoise, whales, sharks and the constant watching for submarines was sure exciting and amusing. We saw numerous "subs" which turned out to be only white waves from the trail of our own troopship, which none of them could catch fortunately. After four days and nights afloat, the time fully occupied, we were in the danger zone and met by two battle cruisers. Talk about ploughing the deep; well, had we struck a "sub" I believe we would have struck her hard enough to send her to H—.

We then passed the coasts of Isle of Man, Ireland and Scotland and their mountain peaks, fertile valleys, and shores lined with fishing boats, vessels, etc., certainly were worth looking upon and were sights which I hope some day when this conflict is over to be again permitted to see.

Then, at last, England, which is certainly a wonderful little country, with her manufactures, her buildings, ancient and modern, her natural products and industries. The numerous hotels and private mansions built of cement, brick or stone, accommodating from three hundred to a thousand guests, are today turned into hospitals by the generosity of their owners and are under control of the Red Cross Association for the comfort and cure of our wounded soldiers who have so nobly done their bit. While of course we Canadian boys can appreciate England, yet our daily sons in Canada, our hourly thought is Canada, where our mothers, wives and children are. Canada which will be what we make it when we come back, some day when the people at home understand right now that we Canadian boys now in England and France expect when we return to have something to say about the government of Canada.

I have seen many boys from New Brunswick; all seem in good health, and good spirits, even if the mud is nearly a foot deep, but we do not now mind trifles like that.

Our Colonel Fowler has through his influence held the 104th yet as a unit and we are still hoping to go across as a unit. Our second in command is Major, or as the boys call him Father Laughlin, and he sure is a father to us, knowing militarism from forming fours to the latest and most scientific bayonet fighting. He has proved a crack shot and the most accurate bomb thrower in the battalion. These leaders with the other officers and the good material they have to work with sure have made the 104th what it is. But there is plenty more good material left in Canada, so come along boys, help finish up this fight, protect your home and fireside from becoming what Belgium is today. Come before you are compelled to, when your treatment will not be as good as it is now.

When next you hear from the 104th it will probably be in France; be ready to take our places as we fall so the sacrifice will not be in vain.

From J. C. Hill.

Mr. M. L. Hayward, of Hartland, has received the following letter, dated Nov. 16, from James C. Hill of the Canadian Engineers, which was written from "Somewhere in France." Mr. Hill for some time before enlisting was the proprietor of the "movies" at Hartland. The letter, in part, follows:

"If you could only be with me tonight and allow me to escort you through the beautiful underground city that Fritz built you would clap your hands with delight. Then I would lead you up on the hill where you could see the great battle that is raging night and day—in the air as well as on land—making you think, as you saw the great flashes and heard the deafening roar of the great guns, that the world was on fire and that all hell had broken loose. It's worth seeing, for seeing is believing. It's worth a man's life, for he can then say: 'I have lived and been through hell before I died.' That's worth something, and it's worth something to know that dear old Canada—God's country—can be proud of every boy she has landed on French soil, for they are making records every day—yes, records that will never be forgotten. I don't know whether they will let this letter go or not; still, I am going to take a chance. Life's but a gambler's chance; still, I am not going to put anything in it that looks wrong in my eyes. Nevertheless we don't all look through the same glasses, do we? And I would give anything to have this letter reach you safely, just to show you that I remembered past favors. Like one of the boys said to me when I was talking about Canada one day: 'Have a heart.' I am writing this letter in my lit-

tle cottage 30 feet under the ground. Fritz built it. I guess he thought he was going to stay here for years, but he was out of luck. We kicked him out and sent him back to build some more. When he gets them built we will take them away from him. We have room for eight in this one. Splendidly boarded up, good floor, three small bedrooms that run off a centre room which contains table, stove, cupboards, benches to sit on, eight bunks covered with chicken wire which makes you think you have a spring bed under you. So you see we have a few comforts. I am having a couple of days' rest. I have been good and sick—never felt so bad in all my life. I am just getting over it. Fritz was sending over gas a couple of nights ago and I think I got a little of it inside of me—that's the only way I can account for it. I think I have been playing in a little hard luck lately. It was only a couple of weeks ago that Fritz sent a shell after me when I was going home. You see, our work is mostly night work. Fritz tried to bury me alive. The shell exploded close to me and I threw my arm across my face to save my eyes and got struck in the arm with something. I had a pretty lame arm for a few days and I feel the effects of it yet. Some of the dugouts of our underground city are quite deep—one is 65 feet deep, with rooms on every landing.

J. C. HULL,
Canadian Engineer.

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Don't stay stuffed up! Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Ely's Cream Balm is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer has been seeking. It's just splendid.

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Pte. L. F. Haines, Wounded Five Times in Year, is Anxious to Get Back to the Front Line Trenches.

The characteristically cheerful manner in which the members of the gallant 26th Battalion are taking their injuries received at the front is well expressed by Private L. F. Haines who was wounded no less than five times during the past year.

Private Haines is now a patient in the Hope Military Hospital at Manchester. His wounds are very serious but he hopes to be soon fit to resume his duties at the front.

His letter to F. W. Sumner, the New Brunswick agent-general, follows:

Hope Military Hospital, Manchester.

Dear Sir,—I received your kind and welcomed letter, for letters cheer a person up in times of trouble. In case any of my friends from Canada write to you and inquire about my wounds you can let them know I was wounded in the head from right eyes to temple, a hole that you could put a pool ball in, but it is filling in fine now and I hope and trust that I will soon be able to get around again. This is my fifth wound now in one year. When I get out I will call at your office and have a little chat with you. So I think I will close for this time, so good-bye, and write again.

Yours faithfully,
PTE. L. F. HAINES,
26th Canadians.

English Mail.

An English mail will close tomorrow forenoon; letters at nine o'clock, parcels and newspapers eight o'clock.

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Starr Hockey, "Scotia".....	\$2.80
Starr Hockey, "Regal," Featherweight.....	\$5.50
Starr Hockey, "Velox".....	\$6.00
Tube Hockey.....	\$4.80
Tube Race.....	\$6.40
Ladies' Hockey, "Regal".....	\$2.50
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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKET

There have not been many changes in the prices of commodities during the present week. Flour, both Manitoba and Ontario, which had receded 50c per barrel during the last fortnight or so, advanced 30c yesterday. Oatmeal is a trifle cheaper. Lard, both pure and compound, has advanced. Middlings bring a higher price. There has been an increase of about one-half of a cent in oils. Late jobbing prices are here given:

Groceries.	
Sugar, standard	27.95 @ \$8.00
Rice	5.25 @ 5.50
Tapoca	0.11 @ 0.12
Beans—	
Yellow-eyed	7.00 @ 7.10
White	7.00 @ 7.10
Cornmeal, grain	0.00 @ 7.50
Cream of Tartar	0.42 @ 0.43
Currants, cleaned	0.00 @ 0.21
Molasses	0.00 @ 0.62
Peas, split, bags	6.75 @ 7.00
Barley, pot, bags	5.50 @ 5.60
Raisins—	
Choke, seeded	0.11 1/4 @ 0.11 1/2
Fancy, seeded	0.11 1/4 @ 0.12
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	1.25 @ 1.30
Soda, bicarb.	3.20 @ 3.25
Flours.	
Manitoba	0.00 @ 10.90
Ontario	0.00 @ 9.95
Oatmeal, standard	0.00 @ 9.00
Oatmeal, rolled	0.00 @ 8.25
Cornmeal, base	2.50 @ 2.55
Canned Goods.	
Beef—	
Corned 1s	3.00 @ 3.50
Corned 2s	0.00 @ 7.50
Beans—	
Baked	2.40 @ 2.50
String	1.32 1/2 @ 1.35
Clams	4.85 @ 5.00
Corn	1.70 @ 1.75
Herring, kippered	0.00 @ 4.85
Oysters—	
1s	1.70 @ 1.75
2s	2.50 @ 2.55
Pineapple—	
Sliced	2.40 @ 2.45
Grated	2.30 @ 2.35
Peas	1.20 @ 1.40
Peaches, 3s	2.00 @ 2.05
Peaches, 3s, base	2.44 @ 2.50
Plums, Lombard	1.30 @ 1.35
Pumpkin	1.85 @ 1.90
Raspberries	2.70 @ 2.75
Salmon—	
Flakes	0.00 @ 6.00
Cohoos	0.00 @ 9.00
Red Spring	10.00 @ 10.25
Tomatoes	2.35 @ 2.40
Strawberries	2.50 @ 2.55
Provisions.	
Pork, Can. mess	37.50 @ 38.00
Pork, Am. mess	40.00 @ 40.50
Beef, Am. plate	32.75 @ 33.50
Lard, pure	0.22 1/4 @ 0.22 1/2
Lard, comp. tubs	0.18 @ 0.18 1/4
Meats, Etc.	
Beef—	
Country	0.08 @ 0.10
Butchers	0.14 @ 0.14
Western	0.40 @ 0.41
Eggs, case	0.45 @ 0.55
Eggs, fresh	0.45 @ 0.55
Cheese, Can.	0.25 @ 0.25 1/2
Turkey, per lb.	0.26 @ 0.30
Lamb	0.15 @ 0.18
Veal	0.10 @ 0.14
Pork	0.08 @ 0.12
Mutton	0.08 @ 0.12
Butter—	
Tub	0.28 @ 0.34
Roll	0.32 @ 0.40
Chickens, per lb.	0.20 @ 0.25
Potatoes, bbl.	0.90 @ 2.50
Fish.	
Bloaters, boxes	0.75 @ 0.95
Cod—	
Medium	0.00 @ 7.50
Small	5.50 @ 5.75
Finnan haddies	0.08 @ 0.10
Herring—	
Gr. Manan, bbls.	6.00 @ 6.75
Kippered, boxes	0.00 @ 0.68
Haddock	0.00 @ 0.16
Halibut	0.00 @ 0.16
Fruits, Etc.	
Almonds	0.21 @ 0.22
Bananas	2.00 @ 3.00
Walnuts	0.15 @ 0.17
Dates, new	0.07 @ 0.12
Lemons	0.17 @ 0.18
Calif. Oranges	0.00 @ 6.50
Canadian Onions	3.00 @ 3.25
American Onions	4.35 @ 4.50
Walnuts, roasted	0.10 @ 0.15
Oats, Feed, Etc.	
Oats, per bushel	0.78 @ 0.98
Oats, car lots, bush.	0.78 @ 0.98
Brass, car lots, bush	34.00 @ 35.00
Hay, car lots, ton	14.00 @ 14.50
Hay, per ton, sm. lots	17.00 @ 17.00
Middlings, sm. lots	38.00 @ 39.00
Oils, Etc.	
Lard Oil	0.00 @ 1.20
Royalite	0.00 @ 0.13 1/2
Premier motor	0.00 @ 0.29
Line	0.00 @ 0.29 1/2
Palatine	0.00 @ 0.01
Turpentine	0.00 @ 0.71
—By barrel, \$2 charged.	
Hides, Skins, Etc.	
Hides	0.21 @ 0.23
Calfskins	0.30 @ 0.32
Lambskins	1.25 @ 1.75
Wool, washed	0.47 @ 0.50
Wool, unwashed	0.32 @ 0.34
Tallow	0.06 1/2 @ 0.06 3/4

IRON IS ACTIVE IN MONTREAL MARKET

Activity Most Marked During Morning—Heavier Tone Developed During Afternoon.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Soon after the opening this morning activity developed in iron. From then until the close trading was very heavy. New York was a big buyer of this stock. At the opening in the afternoon, quotations in it were very erratic, the stock selling at 82 and 80 1/2, an advance of about four points from the opening. There was also some demand for the preferred, which carried it up to 96. Steel of Canada was active, but reacted fractionally on the day's trading. Scotia sold up to 148 1/2, closing at 147. Toronto Rails have declared their regular dividend, which helped this stock and it advanced to 80. Civic Power was firm at 82. Trading in the balance of the list was quiet, with only fractional fluctuations from the previous closing. There was a reaction in New York at the close, due to reports of some trouble with Germany in regard to the sinking of the Arabic. It remains to be seen whether this will be any more serious than their past controversies with that government.

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N. Y. QUOTATIONS

Open.		High.		Low.		Close.	
Am Beet Sug	107	107 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4		
Am Car Fy	78	78 1/2	77 1/4	77 1/4	77 1/4		
Am Loco	90 1/2	91 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2		
Am Sug	116	116 1/2	116	116 1/2	116 1/2		
Am Smelt	118	118 1/2	115 1/4	115 1/4	116 1/2		
Am Steel Fy	72 1/2	73	68 1/2	69 1/2	72 1/2		
Am Woolen	57 1/4	57 1/4	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/4		
Am Zinc	61	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2		
Am Telo	127 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2		
Anaconda	99 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2		
A H and L Pfd	80 1/4	80 1/4	80	80	80 1/4		
Am Can	63	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2		
Atchafalca	106	106 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/4	106 1/2		
Balt and Ohio	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86 1/2		
Bald Loco	77 1/2	78 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2		
Brook Range	85	85 1/2	85	85 1/2	85 1/2		
Butte and Sup	72 1/2	73	71 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2		
Calif Petrol	29 1/4	29 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/4		
C F I	57 1/4	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/4		
Ches and Ohio	70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/2		
Chino	69 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2		
Cent Leath	108 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2		
Can Pac	168 1/2	168 1/2	167 1/2	167 1/2	168 1/2		
Consol	132	132 1/2	132	132 1/2	132 1/2		
Cris Steel	87	87 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	87 1/2		
Erie Com	38	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2		
Erie Ist Pfd	52 1/2	53	52 1/2	52 1/2	53		
Gr Nor Pfd	117 1/4	117 1/2	117 1/4	117 1/4	117 1/2		
Good Rich	69	69 1/2	69	69 1/2	69 1/2		
Gen Elect	180	182 1/2	180	180 1/2	182 1/2		
Gr Nor Ore	44	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4		
Indus Alcohol	136 1/2	136 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	136 1/2		
Balt Gas	127 1/2	127 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2		
Inspira Cop	70 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/4	69 1/4	70 1/2		
Kans City Ste	27 1/2	28 1/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/4		
Kenne Co	58	58 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	58 1/2		
Lehigh Val	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2		
Louis and N	135	135 1/2	135	135 1/2	135 1/2		
Mer Mar Pfd	117 1/4	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/4		
Mex Petrol	109 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2		
Miami Cop	47	47 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	47 1/2		
N Y NH and H	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2		
N Y Cent	108 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2		
Nor and West	141 1/4	141 1/4	140	140	141 1/4		
Nor Pac	111	111 1/2	111	111 1/2	111 1/2		
Nat Lead	69	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2		
Nevada Cons	32 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2		
Ont and West	33	33 1/2	32	32	33 1/2		
Penn	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2		
Press Stl Car	84 1/2	84 1/2	83	83 1/2	84 1/2		
Reading Com	110 1/2	112 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	112 1/2		
Repub Steel	89	89 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2		
St Paul	90 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2		
Son Pac	100	100 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2		
Sou Rail	31	32 1/2	31	31 1/2	32 1/2		
Stoves	84	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	84 1/2		
Studebaker	121 1/4	121 1/4	120	120 1/4	121 1/4		
Union Pac	147 1/4	147 1/4	146 1/4	146 1/4	147 1/4		
U S Stl Com	126 1/2	127 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2		
U S Rub	69	70 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	70 1/2		
Utah Cop	126 1/2	126 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	126 1/2		
United Fruit	162 1/2	162 1/2	161	161	162 1/2		
West Union	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2		
Westinghouse	103	103 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2		
U S Steel Pfd	122	122 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2		

MONTREAL MARKETS

Bid.		Ask.	
Ames Holden Com	23	23	23
Ames Holden Pfd	65	65	65
Brazilian L. H. and P.	42	45	45
Canada Car	44	45	45
Canada Cement	69	70	70
Civic Power	81 1/2	82	82
Crown Reserve	45	45	45
Detroit United	120 1/2	121	121
Dom. Bridge	194	194	194
Dom. Iron Pfd	96	96	96
Dom. Iron Com	78 1/2	79	79
Dom. Tex. Com	85	86	86
Laurentide Paper Co.	210 1/4	211	211
MacDonald Com	15	15	15
N. Scotia Steel and C.	147 1/2	147 1/2	147 1/2
Ogilvie	143	146	146
Penman's Limited	72	72	72
Quebec Railway	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Shaw W. and P. Co.	131	133	133
Spanish River Com	21	21 1/2	21 1/2
Steel Co. Can. Com.	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Steel Co. Can. Pfd.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Toronto Rails	79 1/2	80	80

PRESS COMMENTS

McDOUGALL & COWANS.
Sun—"The general money market situation suggests a gradual lowering of rates."
Wall Street Journal—"Over the period of the last few weeks large quantities of stock have been taken out of the market by transfer to the purchasers."
Journal of Commerce—"It is to be feared that the fall of Bucharest means a prolonged main struggle."
N. Y. F. B.

DISQUIETING REPORTS AFFECTED WALL STREET

Advices from Washington Suggested Renewal of Strained Situation with Berlin—Prices Dropped Accordingly.

New York, Dec. 7.—The market's extreme susceptibility to any abrupt change in the international situation was again strikingly exemplified today, prices yielding one to three points in the final hour on reports suggesting a renewal of the strain between Washington and Berlin.
Prior to that period the general list had been active and strong, the only notable exception being in the metal group. The reason of this condition found partial explanation later, when dividends on the leading coppers were announced. While some of these disbursements, regular and extra were in excess of those declared three months ago, the aggregate dividends of \$3.50 on Utah proved disappointing. Utah registered an extreme decline of 2, with 3% for Chile, while Chile seven per cent. bonds made an extreme loss of six points. Other moderately heavy stocks included the motor, sugars, some of the recently active utilities, equipments and munitions, as well as marine.

McDOUGALL & COWANS.

EXPECT COPPER WILL PAY HIGHER DIVIDEND

Expectation is that 1917 Net Revenues will Show a Decided Improvement Over Present Year.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, Dec. 7.—Calculation made by well informed copper interests estimate that during 1917 the net revenues of leading producers in this country will be from 20 to 25 p. c. greater than during 1916. There seems to be a strong feeling in the copper trade that the prices of copper securities are not too high by any means. "While unfriendly to the industrialists as a class, we cannot subscribe to the bearishness which seems to be appearing in regard to the general stock market," says an influential interest, adding, "we believe that until the rails have had their day no real bear market is likely to be seen. The London City and Midland Bank continues to be a strong and more energetic war policy."
The crisis is an exhibition not of political weakness but of the country's determination to achieve real, decisive victory, hence the markets after their recent hesitation, look stronger. It is understood that the templates opening a Petrograd branch. It is proposed to double all English railway fares with a view to discouraging unnecessary travelling during the war.

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BRITISH BUSINESS MEN ALL HOPEFUL

While the Precise Political Outcome is Vague the Outlook is Bright.

Special to The Standard.
London, Dec. 7.—The business view of the political dissensions seething between Big Ben and the gates of Buckingham Palace is that though the precise outcome is still vague the prospects are hopeful.
It is confidently believed that the broad result of the changes now in the process of making will inevitably result in a stronger and more energetic war policy.
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EDDY COMPANY WILL REFUSE ALL OFFERS

George H. Millen Says There Have Been Negotiations for Purchase, but None will be Accepted.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 7.—George H. Millen, president of the E. B. Eddy and Company Limited, states that the company have refused all offers to buy them out. "It is true that we have been approached on several occasions by a group of Canadian financiers," stated Mr. Millen, "but we have turned down all offers."
Mr. Millen would not say who the financiers were, but he admitted that between nine and ten millions of dollars had been offered for the purchase of the plant.

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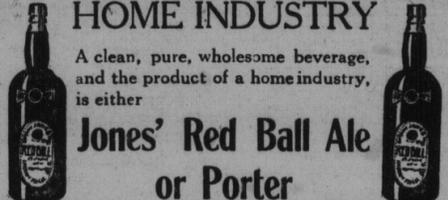
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**LOCAL
BOWLING
YESTERDAY**

RAMBLERS WIN SERIES.
There was plenty of excitement on Black's alleys last night when the Ramblers won the first series. The match was between the Ramblers and Sweeps, and to win the series the former team had to capture the four points, and after a hard fight they managed to do so. There was a large crowd of fans present and the scores were as follows:

Rambler.			
Covey	90	100	94 284 94 2-3
Duffy	97	104	100 301 100 1-3
Bestley	86	102	99 287 95 2-3
Coughlan	108	92	87 287 95 2-3
Riley	84	83	95 262 87 1-3
465 481 475 1421			
Sweeps.			
McIlveen	84	85	106 275 91 2-3
Gambin	84	89	85 258 86
Foshay	85	88	80 253 84 1-3
Ferguson	90	104	82 276 92
Sullivan	97	108	90 295 98 1-3
440 474 443 1357			

Coming Games.
The second series starts tonight with the Nationals and Beavers as opposing teams.
On Saturday night the Tigers, which take the Elks' place in the league, will roll against the Whips.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING.
The Y. M. C. A. Young Ladies' Bowling League saw a keenly contested game last night. The team captained by Miss M. C. Staples won by one point over that captained by Miss Jean Maxwell.

The scores were as follows:

Miss M. S. Staples	.62	70	68
Miss F. Dick	.54	66	78
Mrs. Treat	.37	60	68
Mrs. S. Smith	.74	72	84
194 268 298			
Miss Jean Maxwell	.56	47	62
Miss E. Leonard	.70	49	50
Miss E. Clark	.65	49	60
Miss A. Toole	.37	60	68
258 205 240			

The first games in the junior and senior business boys' league in basketball were also played last night. In the junior league the team captained by M. Kincaid defeated Christensen's team. The score was 14-10. The line-up of the two teams was as follows:

Kincaid and Christensen, forwards; A. Irwin, centre; McLaughlin and H. Moorehouse, guards.

Christie and S. Greene, forwards; J. Williams, centre; G. Whittaker and J. Glass, guards.

The senior game was won by S. Christie's team by a score of 27-20. The line-up was as follows:

W. Evans and G. Mathewson, forwards; S. Christie, centre; H. Jackson and E. Waldren, guards.

M. White and M. Jacobson, forwards; E. A. Stephenson, centre; H. N. McLennan and W. J. Clayton, guards.

The Police Court.
In the police court yesterday Leonard Paleoskan, a deserter from the 8th Field Ambulance Corps, was remanded to jail. Lorenzo Giobli, on the charge of perjury, was sent up for trial.

**EUROPEAN PURCHASES
HELP NEW YORK MARKET**

Recent Sharp Decline and Purchase of Much Wheat Leads New York to Renewed Faith in Conditions.

Special to The Standard.
New York, Dec. 7.—The fact that Europe has been attracted by the sharp decline in wheat experienced recently, and during the past three days has purchased five to six million bushels of American and Canadian wheat, caused a quick change in sentiment in these markets. It was argued that if Europe is willing to make large purchases at present prices they must be low enough, or even lower, than conditions warrant.

**FREIGHT AND CHARTER
RATES ARE ADVANCING**

Moved Up Sharply in Past Two or Three Weeks and are Now Nearly up to Highest Level of Year Ago.

Special to The Standard.
New York, Dec. 7.—Ocean freight and charter rates have moved up sharply within the last two or three weeks, and now very closely approximate the high levels prevailing late last winter. In the opinion of many of the leading shipping men in this city, the advance will continue until the position of the market is equally as strong, if not stronger than in the spring, and in support of this view attention is directed to the very small supply of tonnage available for chartering and the shortage of space which is already making itself felt.

BANK CLEARINGS.

St. John.
Total clearings for week ending Thursday, Dec. 7, \$2,500,355; corresponding week last year \$1,777,511.

Montreal.
Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Dec. 7.—Local bank clearings for the week ended today show an increase of \$5,057,948 over last week, and an increase of \$24,556,057 over the corresponding week a year ago. Total clearings for the week here were \$90,396,773, against \$65,841,716 last year, and \$48,184,646 in 1914.

Toronto.
Toronto, Dec. 7.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$90,336,739; last year \$44,519,857; 1914, \$35,854,306.

Quebec.
Quebec, Dec. 7.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$5,361,466; corresponding week last year \$3,739,215.

Ottawa.
Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Bank clearings for the week ended December 7, \$6,942,569, corresponding week last year \$4,939,773.

London.
London, Ont., Dec. 7.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$2,506,408, compared with \$2,083,569 for the corresponding week in 1915.

Halifax.
Halifax, Dec. 7.—Halifax bank clearings for the week were \$2,848,724 and for the same week last year \$2,647,738.

NEWS SUMMARY.
(McDUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, Dec. 7.—American Can Co. declared regular quarterly dividend 1 1/2 p. c. on preferred stock payable January 2nd, record of Dec. 15th.
Bank of England rate unchanged at 6 p.c.
Lloyd George to become Premier and will form new coalition cabinet.
Washington to make no protest against British embargo on coal for neutral vessels.
Washington hears that one of chief questions that secret sessions of the French Chamber of Deputies has been considering is the retirement of Gen. Joffre, head of the French army.
Following turbulent session of Rus-

rian Dams Petrograd despatches say more resignations are expected in the Russian cabinet.
Wages increase in various lines of industry continue throughout the country.
Steel trade organs say pig iron remains attractive feature in steel circle, although reports show that buying is more orderly than at close of November. 20 industrials 106.72 up; 20 rails 108.77 off 15 p.c.
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At the Y. M. C. A.
The concluding session of the Canadian standard efficiency tests was held last evening. Rev. P. R. Hayward spoke on the characteristics of boy life from the standpoint of service. A. M. Gregg gave an address on the efficiency test programme. F. L. Smith demonstrated the charting of a boy on the service standard. The sessions throughout have been successful in every respect, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings for all men who are interested in this form of boys' work.



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I'LL TAKE THE TEN DOLLARS!

PEOPLE OF PERSIA FAVOR THE ALLIES

A. E. Kochaly, Persian Student in City, Says His People are in Sympathy with Entente.

An interesting visitor to the city is A. E. Kochaly, a native of Persia, who has been in Canada for the last few years studying at McMaster University with a view to becoming a Baptist missionary to his people.

A representative of The Standard had the pleasure of talking with Mr. Kochaly and asked him in reference to the feelings of the Persian people in this war, and which side he thought they, as a whole, favored.

He said he was sure that the great mass of the people favored the Entente Allies as they were convinced that Great Britain was a true friend of their nation, and while she exercised a suzerainty over the southern part of the country, she has never attempted any actual occupation.

The Persians were bitterly opposed to the Turks, and while a large proportion of the population was Mohammedan they belonged to the Shutes division and the Turks to the Sunnites division of that religion, and were as hostile to each other as the Jews and Samaritans of olden times.

Mr. Kochaly was inclined to think that this was the principal reason why the Kaiser failed in his efforts to promote a holy war on the part of the followers of the Prophet, these main divisions of the Faith being so bitterly opposed to each other.

The Christian population of the country were all in favor of the Allies, and were particularly grateful to Russia, whose practical annihilation at the hands of the Turks and Kurds.

Mr. Kochaly holds his Bachelor degree in Arts and Theology from McMaster, and is expecting soon to go back to his own country as a missionary.

While in the city he will speak in several of the Baptist churches.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Monthly—T. G. Allan (3 months), \$3; H. A. Northrup (2 months), \$2; J. O. Porter (3 months), 75c; W. L. Crawford (3 months), 75c; D. Harwood (2 months), 50c; E. H. Stackhouse (2 months), 50c; E. H. Weaver (2 months), \$2; P. Bosence (2 months), \$1; Geo. J. Rathburn, Westfield, \$2; S. McDiarmid, \$5; A. O. Skinner, \$20; Mrs. Sophie Long, \$1; Men on the Wharves, \$15.50; Dr. J. Roy Campbell, \$5.

Single—North End Pat. Bridge Club, per Mrs. A. M. Rowan, \$36; Colonel M. B. Edwards, \$100.00.

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Mrs. Mary Whetton, North Forks, N. S., writes: "Having taken five bottles of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, during the past few weeks, to relieve a chronic cough and general throat trouble, allow me to express my unbounded satisfaction and thanks as to its sterling qualities. A short time ago I became subject to violent coughing fits at night and directly after rising in the morning. I began losing weight, and all my friends cheerfully informed me that I was going into consumption.

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BRITISH TRADE SHOWS GREAT DEVELOPMENT

November Returns Show an Increase in Imports and Exports—Cotton and Raw Materials Lead.

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 7.—The British Board of Trade figures for November show increases in imports of £17,300,000 and increase in exports of £6,849,000 over the import and export figures of October. The principal increases in imports were: Food, £7,000,000 and raw material, £11,000,000. The raw material included cotton from America, £5,000,000 and cotton from Egypt, £15,000,000. The principal increase in exports was in manufactured articles of which cotton textiles were represented by £2,500,000.

SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY.

Judgment was given in the Police Court yesterday against John Lee, Peter Christensen, John Gannon, George Manetta and Griffiths Emmons, charged with stealing parcel post from the steamship Corsican. Gannon, Christensen and Emmons were each sentenced to three years in Dorchester. John Lee, who is a minor and in whose favor the post office officials spoke, was allowed to go on suspended sentence. Manetta's father is dead and his mother, having read of the case, traveled here from Quebec to see him. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

HOW TO STOP BRONCHITIS WITHOUT TAKING MEDICINE.

Coughing weakens the lungs and makes a resting place for the bacilli. Why let Bronchitis become established? It's easy to cure—just inhale Catarrhonne—breathe in its soothing balsam and relief comes at once. Catarrhonne is so certain in Bronchitis that every case is cured. Throat is strengthened, cough stops, irritation goes away, all danger of tuberculosis is prevented. For throat trouble, Catarrhonne and Cough Catarrhonne is the Remedy, and is guaranteed to cure. Two months treatment, including inhaler, costs \$1.00; smaller sizes 25c. and 50c., at all dealers.

Patriotic Christmas Present.

The brave St. John boys who are at the front are sure of two things, one is that they are doing their duty to the Empire, the other is that the loved ones at home are being well looked after by the different patriotic societies. The amount of money needed to keep this good work going is enormous and citizens are donating generously. The City Cornet band, an organization which is always to the front in assisting any worthy object, are holding a drawing on Monday night, Dec. 11th. The chief prize is a free trip round the world, or \$500 in gold. This is certainly a fine Christmas present for the person holding the lucky ticket. The net proceeds of the drawings will prove a patriotic Christmas present to the patriotic funds. There are yet a number of tickets which can be procured from members of the band.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Atchison took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 248 Britain street. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barraclough and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Feltham took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 37 Elliott Row. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Oddy and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Benjamin Fish took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 187 Brunside street. Services were conducted by Rev. R. T. McKim and interment was made in Fernhill.

HAS NEW AGENCIES.

J. Gillis Keator of Messrs. Rainnie & Keator, Ltd., insurance brokers of this city and Halifax, who has arrived from the West, announces that this firm has the general agency of two new large fire insurance companies, namely the Mount Royal of Montreal, and the Nationale of Paris.

SCARCITY OF VESSELS.

But few steamers have been chartered of late for the transatlantic trade, there being a scarcity of vessels suitable for prompt loading. There is also a good demand for sailing vessels and rates are very firm.

TO BUILDERS.

Sealed tenders marked "Tender for School Building," will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon December 14th, for the erection of a new school building at "Glen Falls," Coldbrook, N. B., according to plans and specifications prepared by H. Claire Mott, architect, at whose office the plans, etc., may be seen.

A certified bank cheque payable to the Board of School Trustees, District No. 1, Simonds, and equal to five per cent. of the amount of tender to accompany each tender, in case parties tendering refuse to enter into contract for the work when called upon by the architect to do so, the said cheque will become the property of the Board of School Trustees.

H. CLAIRE MOTT, Architect, 13 Germain street, St. John, N. B. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. 29th November, 1916.



Waltham WILL Si's fondest wish be realized this Christmas? Why give her the things she usually gets herself, when a Waltham Convertible Wrist Watch would bring her such splendid enjoyment for years? It is a wrist watch and a regular watch combined, and can be worn in a variety of pleasing ways. Your Jeweller has them in 7, 15 and 17 jewel movements in solid gold and gold-filled cases at \$18 and up. Ask him to show you these beautiful Walthams to-day. Write for the booklet "Concerning a Timepiece." WALTHAM WATCH COMPANY, MONTREAL.

SHIPPING NEWS

Table with columns for Date, Port, and various shipping details. Includes entries for Miniature Almanac, Domestic Ports, British Ports, and Foreign Ports.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Thursday, Dec. 7, 1916. Coastwise—Stmr Connors Bridge, Chance Harbor; stmr Valinda, Bridgetown; tug G. K. King, St. Stephen. Cleared. Coastwise—Stmr Centreville, Sandy Cove; stmr Valinda, Bridgetown; stmr Muskloze, Sydney; schr Margaret, Beaver Harbor.

This Ointment Possesses Power to Heal the Skin

Two Cases Which Prove the Extraordinary Healing Power of Dr. Chase's Ointment

The use of Dr. Chase's Ointment is wonderfully satisfactory because you can actually see the results accomplished. It is surprising what chaff can be brought about in a single night by this great healing ointment.

Mr. George Beavis, 119 James street, Peterboro', Ont., writes: "As a healing ointment, I consider Dr. Chase's the best obtainable. I had a large running sore on my leg, and although I had tried all the prescriptions of two doctors I was unable to get any relief from the pain or to get the sore healed. One day my drug-gist handed me a sample box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and I used it with such good results that I decided to give the ointment a fair trial. Altogether I used four boxes, and am glad to be able to say that the sore on my leg is entirely healed up, since the experience with Dr. Chase's Ointment I have recommended it to many people."

If you have never used Dr. Chase's Ointment send a two-cent stamp for a sample box, and mention this paper. Price sixty cents a box, all dealers, or Edmansons, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

For Christmas Ready's Lager Beer "Pale Ale" "Extra Stout"

Shipped to any address for personal use in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island. In barrels of 10 doz. pints or 5 doz. quarts. Ready's Breweries, Ltd. St. John, N. B.

Classified Advertising

One cent per word each insertion. Discount of 33-1/3 per cent. on advertisements running one week or longer if paid in advance. Minimum charge twenty-five cents.

CALL FOR TENDERS AND SALE OF BOOK DEBTS.

Tenders for the sale of stock, fixtures, horse, wagon, etc., of Wellington H. Dunham, grocer, of Wellington H. Dunham, grocer, of 135-135 Main street, this city, will be received by the Assignee up to twelve o'clock noon of Saturday, the 9th instant. Ten per cent. of the amount must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The book debts of the said Wellington H. Dunham will be offered for sale at public auction on Chubb's Corner, Saturday, the 9th instant, at twelve o'clock noon.

For further particulars apply, FRANK G. BENT, South Wharf, City, Assignee. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, 19th January, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 6 times per week each way, between Clifton, Kings Co., and No. 1 Rural Mail Route from the 1st April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Grey's Mills and Route offices, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

N. R. COLTHER, Post Office Inspector, St. John, N. B., Dec. 5, 1916.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVAL SERVICE.

TENDERS FOR PROVISIONS. Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Provisions," will be received up to noon Thursday, January 4th, for the undermentioned provisions for delivery to H. M. C. Dockyard, Esquimaux, B. C.

- 1. Flour. 2. Biscuit Pilot. 3. Preserved Milk. 4. Sugar. 5. Tea. 6. Coffee. 7. Chocolate soluble. 8. Jams and Marmalade. 9. Pickles. 10. Corned Beef and Mutton. 11. Tinned Rabbit. 12. Mustard. 13. Salt. 14. Pepper. 15. Vinegar. 16. Salt Pork. 17. Split and Marrowfat Peas. 18. Beans haricot. 19. Celery Seed. 20. Preserved Suet. 21. Raisins. 22. Rice. 23. Lime Juice. 24. Oatmeal. 25. Malt and Hops. 26. Currants. 27. Preserved Potatoes.

Forms of tender and all information may be obtained by application to the undersigned or to the Naval Store Officer, H. M. C. Dockyard at Esquimaux, B. C.

Applicants for forms are requested to state definitely the item or items on which they desire to tender.

G. J. DESBARATS, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of the Naval Service, Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa, November 28, 1916.

MANILLA CORDAGE

Galvanized and Black Steel Wire Rope, Oakum, Pitch, Tar, Oils, Paints, Flagg, Tackle Blocks, and Motor Boat Supplies.

Gurney Ranges and Stoves and Tinware. J. S. SPLANE & CO. 19 Water St.

HOTELS.

PARK HOTEL. American and European Rates: \$2.00, \$2.50. Electric Cars Pass Door. KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

CLIFTON HOUSE. THE COMMERCIAL MANAGER. \$9.00 and \$5.50 per day. Corner Germain and Princess Sts. REYNOLDS & FRITCH.

"THE PRINCE WILLIAM." One of St. John's first-class hotels for transient and permanent guests. Special rates for permanent winter guests. American plan. Prince William street.

ROYAL HOTEL. King Street, St. John's Leading Hotel. RAYMOND & DOHERTY CO., LTD.

VICTORIA HOTEL. Better Now Than Ever. 87 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B. SAINT JOHN HOTEL CO., LTD. Proprietors. A. M. PHILLIPS, Manager.

HOTEL DUFFERIN. Foster & Company, Proprietors. KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B. J. T. DUNLOP, Manager. New and Up-to-date Sample Rooms in Connection.

GRAND UNION HOTEL. Opposite Union Depot, St. John, N. B. Refurnished and renovated, heated by hot water, lighted by electricity, hot and cold baths. Coaches in attendance at all trains and steamers. Electric cars pass the house, connecting with all trains and steamers. Baggage to and from the station free. W. H. McQUADE, Proprietor.

ROBERT WILBY, Medical Electrician and Specialist in Massage. Treats all nervous diseases, weakness and wastiness, neurasthenia, locomotor ataxia, paralysis, sciatica, rheumatism, etc. Facial blepharitis of all kinds removed 46 King Square.

MEN WANTED—To work in the dairy at Primcrest Farms, Primcrest, N. B. Phone West 373.

WANTED—First or second class female teacher for School District No. 5, Parish of Grand Falls. Apply to B. Austin, secretary to trustees, Coctigan, N. B.

DRUG CLERK WANTED. Two or three years' experience. Send references and salary required to R. C. FULLER & CO., Amherst, N. B.

FOR SALE. Meat and provision store, well established and good cash trade. Owner leaving city. Will be sold cheap for cash. Address to Butcher, care of Standard.

AGENTS WANTED. AGENTS WANTED—Salesmen \$50 per week, selling one-hand egg-beater. Sample and terms 25c. Money refunded if unsatisfactory. Collette Mfg. Company, Collingwood, Ont.

HORSES FOR SALE. Six good working horses, each weighing 1450 lbs. Can be seen at Glenwood, Kings Co. A bargain for each. Address SAVOY CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD., Glenwood, Kings Co., N. B.

F. L. POTTS, Real Estate Broker, Auctioneer and Appraiser. All kinds of outside sales attended. Large saleroom for the receipt of merchandise, etc. 96 Germain street. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer. Phone 973. P. O. Box 931.

CHRISTMAS JEWELRY. A full assortment suitable for Christmas Gifts. Call early. ERNEST LAW, 3 Coburg Street. Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

DRINK HABIT CURE. Phone Main 1655, Gathin Institute, 46 Crown St.—Will stop your drinking in 24 hours. Permanent guaranteed cure in three days. Treatment confidential. Terms easy. Address Gathin Institute, 46 Crown St., for particulars.

MISCELLANEOUS. RUBBER GOODS MENDED—Hot water bottles, syringes, invalid rings, etc., patched and mended at Watson's Out-Rate Drug Store, 711 Main street.

VIOLINS, MANDOLINS and all string instruments and bows repaired. SYDNEY GIBBS, 81 Sydney Street.

HORSES OF ALL CLASSES FOR SALE, guaranteed as represented. Terms to suit purchaser. Edward Hogan, Union St.

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The ONE day, w... had earned... suited to... likewise the wa... "You" said she... "Upon my word... I scrub and run... and yet around... Another "Return Home" "DUST" to stir, the plac

WILLIAM L. WILLIAMS successors to M. A. Fran, Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchants, 110 and 112 Prince William St. Established 1870. Write for family price list.

M. & T. McGUIRE. Direct importers and dealers in all the leading brands of Wines and Liquors; we also carry in stock from the best houses in Canada, very Old Ryes, Wines, Ales and Stout, Imported and domestic Cigars. 11 and 15 WATER STREET Telephone 678.

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THE HOME THE WORLD

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

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

MARGUERITE'S WEEKLY CHAT.

Just So. Did you ever ask anyone to do something and tell them just how you wanted it done, then find that they had taken it into their own hands to do it their own way, thereby causing you more trouble than if you had done the work yourself?

DRAMATIC RECITAL.

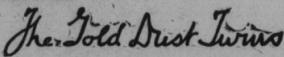
A large audience filled the German street Baptist Institute last evening at the dramatic recital given by Rev. H. W. Flery. The entertainment was under the auspices of the King's Daughters.

The Gold Dust Twins' Philosophy

ONE day, when Mr. Jones returned with what his weekly toil had earned, he found his little wife in tears and mood not suited to her years. It seemed the cook had bade "adieu," likewise the washerwoman, too.

At first within the House of Jones there followed sad despondent moans. No hopeful word could reconcile, no honied kiss inspire a smile. "I never knew before," said she, "how horrid household cares could be."

Now Mr. Jones was passing wise and later, sprang a glad surprise. Through friends who praised the "GOLD DUST WAY," he brought a package home one day.



YOU can save Belgian lives!

Though you cannot fight and kill Germans, you can give and save some of their helpless Belgian victims, three million of whom must be fed or starve.

\$2.50 a month—less than 10c. a day—will do it! How easily you could save that much from your little indulgences—and how much it would mean to some Belgian mother and her hungry little ones!

SCOTT'S EMULSION

a true tonic and a rich food to overcome tiredness, nourish their nerves and feed their blood. Start with SCOTT'S to-day—and say "NO" to substitutes.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE. A Little Corp.—"Children," asked the kind old gentleman, who was addressing the school, "how many of you can tell me what it was that Napoleon's soldiers used to call him?"

BOY SCOUT NOTES.

Christmas is Coming. We often hear that old time-honored saying, but we never realize how close home it is until suddenly Old Pa Christmas makes his latest debut down the chimney just before the winking rings with Christmas cheer.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

Uncle Dick wishes many happy returns to the following kiddies who are celebrating their birthday today: Andrew Patterson—Fairfield. Margaret Stephenson—160 Mount Pleasant Avenue.

THE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE.

At the home of Miss Hilda Shaw a very interesting meeting of the High School Alumnae was held last evening. The subject of the evening was The Hindu Philosopher Rabhinbanath Tagore. In a paper showing a great deal of study, Miss Florence Esterbrook gave an account of the life and philosophy of this now world famous man.

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

LYRIC.

"A Flaw in the Evidence." The transfer was effected and then Jack proceeded to become involved in a close-up which registered the buttons very clearly, and his brother-in-law did not get them back for two weeks.

UNIQUE.

"The Fireman." "Milestone"—Ghent, Belgium. A very fine film and one unusually words, seeing in view of his timeliness are pictures of Ghent, Belgium, a colored Patrie film. These pictures are very lovely, showing the famous belfry, the red-tiled roofs, the wharf and houses of the 14th century.

OPERA HOUSE.

"Liberty"—"The Revue of 1916." This was really the best chapter of "Liberty" that I have seen. I may not have been able to disguise from my readers that this serial was not an especial favorite with me, but I certainly thought the twelfth episode was a very fine one.

THE REVUE OF 1916.

"The Revue" seems to be a go-as-you-please sort of entertainment, but as long as you are entertained no one objects to the absence of a plot. We were entertained yesterday afternoon at the Opera House by this farewell programme of the Human Musical Comedy Company.

THE PARSON OF PANAMINT

A Story That Will Do Your Heart Good. Give a Guess How It Ends! Last Happy Chapter Of Our Absorbing Serial "THE SECRET OF THE SUBMARINE"

THE MISSING WATCHMAN

Grand Opening Episode in "Beatrice Fairfax" Newspaper Adventures No. 1 "THE MISSING WATCHMAN"

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82 Germain Street. Selling Agents for Ganong Bros., Ltd.

UNIQUE—TODAY—LYRIC

CHARLIE CHAPLIN APPEARS IN "THE FIREMAN" LAST TIME TODAY. An unusual dramatic episode by Essanay Co.

"MILLSTONES" A Party of Crooks and the Law. and old c n s of Ghent, B lg. NEW COMEDY TOMORROW.

NEXT WEEK—MON., TUES, WED "The Shielding Shadow" Thurs., Fri., Sat.—Charlie Chaplin in "Behind the Screen"—Never before shown.

"A FLAW IN THE EVIDENCE" Thanbouser Players in Unique Comedy. A Rare Scheme to Get Rid of Mother-in-Law.

"INOCULATING HUBBY" Cub Comedians. An imported Australian Vaudeville Trio.

Brankman and the Steel Sisters. Artistic Comedy and Songs. Winnifred Greenwood and Ed. Cozen, in "The Voice of Love."

OPERA HOUSE

TODAY Afternoon at 2.30 HUMAN MUSICAL CO. in THE REVUE OF 1916. Everything new and a huge laugh show.

TONIGHT 7.15 and 8.45 CAPT. ASH In an Illustrated Talk on His Adventures in Mexico.

12th Chapter of LIBERTY

IMPERIAL'S TRIPLE BILL

That Apostle of Muscular Christianity HANDROME DUSTIN FARNUM In the Grippy Paramount Picture "THE PARSON OF PANAMINT"

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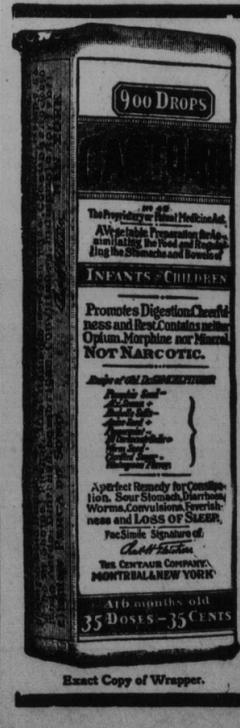
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\$2.50 Feeds a Belgian Family One Month. Jas. H. Frink, Treas. of Provincial Belgian Relief Committee, St. John, N. B.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Fresh Northwest-erly winds; few local showers at first, but mostly fair, station-ary or a little lower tempera-ture. Washington, Dec. 7.—North-erly winds; cloudy Friday; Saturday rain; moderate northeast and east winds. Toronto, Dec. 7.—The distur-bance which was approaching the Great Lakes from the west-ward last night is now center-ing slightly diminished intensity. Light showers have occurred in Western Ontario and in the Maritime Provinces, while in Manitoba and Northern Ontario there has been light snow. Temperatures. Min. Max. Dawson50 44 Prince Rupert36 40 Victoria34 49 Vancouver32 36 Kamloops12 20 Edmonton10 23 Battleford6 22 Saskatoon1 21 Regina1 21 Moose Jaw1 21 Winnipeg22 24 Port Nelson12 24 Port Arthur10 38 Parry Sound12 30 London27 33 Toronto28 34 Kingston34 36 Ottawa30 33 Montreal32 38 Quebec30 38 St. John34 40 Halifax34 42 Below zero.

Around the City

Will Arrive Tonight. The following returned soldiers who arrived yesterday at Halifax will probably reach the city tonight: Privates R. J. Palmer, St. John; W. J. Reid, Chatham; N. Searles, Sussex; J. Rushton, Westchester; A. Budd, St. Stephen; A. Burton, Fredericton; S. J. Winslow, St. John; W. Crawford, Fredericton; C. Peacock, St. John; J. D. Cameron, St. John; C. Caplin, Mon-roe; R. E. Anderson, St. John; A. Brown, Havelock; B. Crawford, Sackville; L. Ginson, Peel; M. Hayward, St. John; P. McConaghy, Fredericton.

Subscriptions Announced. The Overseas Field Ambulance De-pot, Major G. G. Corbet, O. C., wishes to acknowledge the following dona-tions to their regimental fund: Miss Alice Morgan, \$25.50; Mrs. F. L. O'Regan, \$32.00, and \$61.60 from the Ladies' Auxiliary of Clan MacKenzie Society for the purchase of bag pipes.

Railway Commission to Meet. The Board of Railway Commission-ers intend holding a meeting on De-cember 31st to deal with Rule 17 re-garding the classification of freight. The St. John Board of Trade receiv-ed a communication yesterday from the Hamilton Board of Trade asking that this board concur with Hamilton in requesting the railway commission-ers to postpone meeting until a later date, as the 31st does not give time enough to consider the evidence prepared by the railway experts.

Retail Fish Market. Fresh fish was scarce in the local market yesterday. No changes in re-cent prices have occurred, except in the case of halibut, which brought 25c. per pound, an unusually high figure for this fish. Haddock and cod were 10c.; mackerel from 15c. to 30c. Only a small quantity of other fresh fish was obtainable. There has been a fair demand for dry and pickled fish, but trade, generally, it is stated has been only fair during the past few days.

By a judicious display of stick-to-tiveness Gundry's has achieved next to the impossible. Notwithstanding the handicap of a very narrow street frontage, Gundry's has so arranged the room that very little can be de-duced. By the addition of new show cases, lights, etc., the beautifully se-lected stock carried by the house is soon given a good idea of stock carried and make a selection without loss of time. St. John shoppers appreciate the best and will more and more commend the efforts put forth by Gundry's as they get better acquainted with the system in vogue. Gundry's is rapidly becoming THE JEWELRY STORE OF ST. JOHN.

Dresses. Handsome afternoon and evening dresses of the "Betty Wales" style are being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s in a large range of colors and mater-ials. This is the dress that is creating such interest among expert dressers in the large cities. So far F. A. Dykeman & Co. are the only ones showing the real "Betty Wales" dresses in St. John. Prices range from \$15.00 to \$24.50.

A CLEVER CONCEIT. With each purchase Gundry's is en-closing a combination of Christmas cards and stickers so very handy in doing up a gift parcel. This consists of a nice card for the address, a gum label of the "Don't open till Xmas" variety, and two Xmas stickers for closing the parcel. These do not represent much value but they save you trouble and are just as nice as you can buy in a book store.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS EASILY SUPERIOR TO THE GERMANS

Captain Loy Sifton, of Moose Jaw, who is Returning to Front After Furlough Says Men from this County Learned the War Game Quickly, but Thoroughly—Now Better than the Germans in all Departments.

"The Canadians are doing magnifi-cent work at the front and your New Brunswick Battalions are sharing largely in the glorious deeds," said Captain Loy Sifton of Moose Jaw, Sask., a returned hero who was in the city yesterday on his way to rejoin his regiment on the firing line. Young Sifton was a law student at Dalhousie Law School in Halifax when the war broke out and laid aside his books to "do his bit" at the front. He went to France as a lieutenant in the 14th Battery of the 4th Brigade and was later transferred to the 44th Bat-tery of the 11th Brigade and was "carrying on" with this unit when he was seriously wounded on August 4th last. He has been in Canada on leave of absence of seven weeks. He did good work at the front and is anxious to get into the fighting again at the earliest opportunity. "How does the Canadian artillery compare with the Imperial artillery?" asked The Standard. "Since the opening of last spring's campaign at St. Eloi, the Canadian artillery have compared most favor-ably with the British gunners," said the captain. "It is also the consensus of opinion that the British gunners are now easily the equal of the German gunners. The Germans are good fighters and I think were superior to our boys at the outbreak of the war, due to the vast training they had un-dergone. But as the war progressed our gunners gained in efficiency and now can easily hold their own with the Hunns. The Canadians particularly have learned the game in a compar-atively short time. To a large extent I think this can be accounted for by the fact that most of the officers in the Canadian artillery are university men—who have received a thorough train-ing at their colleges in mathematics. With this excellent idea of the theory they were quick to grasp the practical portion of the work and have proved admirable officers. Again a large number of the gunners are university men and this has served to eminently qualify them for the important work that is being carried on. "Without detracting from the effi-cency of the Imperial drives it is my conviction that the Canadian drivers excel them. For the most part our

TEN MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Canadian Engineers Secured Greater Portion of that Number—General News of Local Military Units.

HONOR ROLL. Edwin J. Garnet, St. John, N. B. Royal Navy. David George Burgess, St. John, N. B. 23rd Battalion. C. H. Black, St. Martins, St. John Co. Fred Mayes, St. John, N. B. Laurens Foster Harding, Canadian Engineers.

Ten recruits were secured yester-day at the recruiting offices. Five of the number have asked to have their names withheld for a few days. The Canadian Engineers secured the ma-jority of the men. All the applicants for the engineers were exceptional fine sturdy men. C. H. Black, who arrived in the city yesterday, has been engaged in lum-bering in St. John county and his services will be greatly appreciated in the ranks of the battalion. Fred Mayes, the only son of S. H. Mayes of 237 Winslow street, enlisted in the Canadian Engineers. He is only nineteen years of age, but has been a valuable employe in the elec-trical department of the New Brun-swick Telephone Co. Another popular young man who donned the khaki yesterday was Laurens Harding, who has been em-ployed in the engineering depart-ment of the St. John Street Railway Co. He only recently reached his 20th birthday.

The usual routine work was car-ried on by the 16th Battalion indoors yesterday. The spacious barracks fur-nished plenty of room for platoon and company drills. Today the usual work will be carried on; Lieut. Cyril Lieut. Bertie next for duty. Lieut.-Colonel D'Aigle is still con-fined to his rooms, but is gradually recovering. Corp. F. B. Estey of the Canadian Engineers, who arrived back from the front two months ago, was in the city yesterday to undergo a medical exam-ination. He hopes to receive a trans-fer from the engineers at the front to the Canadian Engineers in Canada, as he is not yet fit to return. He does not, however, wish to idle his time away while he is recuperating, so he is endeavoring to make the transfer.

ONE DEALER OFFERS MILK AT OLD RATE

George Hannah will Deliver in East End of City at 8 Cents per Quart—A Letter from Westmorland.

One milkman is willing to sell milk at 8 cents per quart in the eastern end of the city, taking in the district from the Marsh Bridge to Union street. George Hannah called at The Stand-ard office and made the offer to sup-ply milk to the citizens of St. John in the above district at 8 cents per quart to all who will send their name and address to him at the Marsh Bridge post office. He cannot under-take to supply a larger district as he has not a large number of cows but he is satisfied he can make money at 8 cents per quart.

The city council did not make up their list of questions to submit to the dealers yesterday but will hold a special session today at 11.30 to con-sider this matter. Below will be found a letter from a producer who advocates a municipal milk delivery plant as the only solu-tion of the problem of milk at rea-sonable prices to the consumer. River Bank Dairy Farm, Forest Glen, West. Co., N. B., Dec. 6, 1916.

To the Editor of The Standard, St. John, N. B. Dear Sir,—I have been intensely in-terested in the discussion in your valued paper concerning the high price of milk as delivered to the con-sumer in your city. As a practical dairy man I think I know something of the cost of production of this al-together necessary article of human diet and having this knowledge I feel that I can safely assure you that under the present wasteful system of delivery by competitive milk wagons you cannot reasonably expect, while other dairy products stand at or near present ruling figures, to have milk delivered at the consumer's doors at a price lower than that now paid. I firmly believe, however, that there is a more excellent way whereby from one to two cents per quart can be saved to the consumer by the elimi-nation of waste incident to the overlap-ping on milk routes by different deal-ers where three or four or even more wagons traverse the same streets, each dealer having here or there cus-tomers on the same street. So far my limited intelligence has discovered on-

PRICE OF SOFT COAL IN BAGS HAS ADVANCED

Addition of One Cent per Bag Makes Ton Price More than \$15—Poor People Bear Burden. Those who are obliged to buy coal in paper bags are complaining that the price demanded, twelve and thir-teen cents per bag, is altogether too high for soft coal; only soft coal is thus put up. So long as the price was ten cents there was but little grum-bling, but the recent addition of one cent per bag to the already high figure of twelve cents has given rise to the question as to when advances are go-ing to stop. It depends, of course, on what qual-ity of soft coal is to be got in the humble paper bag, but those who have to purchase the product of the mine in this way say that it is not of the best grade. Good soft coal, it is un-derstood, can be had for about \$8 per ton. The weight of the coal in the paper bag is variable—very much so; but a recent test showed that the average was in the neighborhood of one-seventeen pounds. Bought at thir-teen cents, therefore, the consumer is paying more than \$15 per ton, or about \$7 in excess of what he would pay if he were to purchase a ton in bulk. It is claimed by the poorer classes that notwithstanding the expense nec-essarily attending the making up and distribution of the coal-filled paper bag the old price of ten cents was enough to leave a fair margin of profit for both wholesaler and retailer.

LIGHT PLANT FOR ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Plans Perfected for Private Plant at Meeting Yester-day Afternoon. At a meeting of the Board of Health with a committee from the Municipal Council, in the office of the County Secretary, J. King Kelley, K.C., yester-day afternoon, plans were discussed for the lighting of the new isolation hospital on the Steady Point road. The meeting reached decision in view of the large expenditure which would be entailed by an extension of the street railway system to install an oil or gasoline engine for the purposes of manufacturing electricity for the hospital. The matter was referred to the Board of Health to prepare plans and call for tenders. It is likely that the work will be undertaken at an early date.

At yesterday's meeting the Board of Health was represented by Senator Daniel, John Kelley and George E. Blake, while Mayor Hayes, Commis-sioner Fisher, Councilor Shillington and County Secretary Kelley were the committee from the Municipal Council.

Will of D. O'Connell. Yesterday the will of the late David O'Connell was admitted to probate. The total value of the estate is \$115,000, of which \$7,000 represents real estate. Life insurance is \$3,750. The estate is to be divided equally be-tween the children of the deceased, the survivors being Mrs. E. J. Broder-ick, St. John, Mrs. Joseph E. Whelan, Needham Mass., and Miss Lanetta O'Connell, St. John. Sherwood Skin-ner is proctor and he and Thomas Nigie and Dr. E. J. Broderick are ex-ecutors.

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