

GERMANY LOSES CRUISER AND TORPEDO BOAT IN BALTIC; FRENCH BOMBARD ENEMY NEAR ST. MICHIEL

GERMANS RUSHING MORE MEN TO WESTERN FRONT

Huns Attack British with Gas and Artillery, but Prevented from Leaving Trenches — Reported Germans Making Ready for Attack on Suez Canal—Quiet Along Various Fronts.

Genoa, Dec. 18.—Masses of German troops toward the western front recently, according to news that has reached here since the reopening of the frontier at Constance and the Linau frontier.

The frontier is still closed at Bielefeld.

German Positions Successfully Bombarded.

Paris, Dec. 19.—French artillery last night bombarded, with excellent results the German positions southeast of St. Michel, in the Apremont salient, according to the official statement given out today by the French war office. The statement adds that about 40 bombs were dropped on buildings at the station of Sablon, just south of the German fortress of Metz.

A Failure, Berlin Says.

Berlin, Dec. 19, via London.—French aviators launched another attack last night, but the only result was damage to property, says the official statement issued today by the German air headquarters. In the Balkan theatre, the statement adds, 700 Serbs and Montenegrins were taken prisoner.

British Report.

London, Dec. 19.—The following official statement was issued tonight: "Early this morning the enemy discharged gas against our lines to the northeast of Ypres, accompanied by a heavy bombardment. Except at a few places where they were driven back before reaching our lines, they were prevented from leaving their trenches by our fire. Our protective measures against gas proved effective and our line is everywhere intact.

"Except for artillery activity on both sides, there has been no further development during the day. The hostilities were unusually active east of Ypres and also against our trenches west and south of Messines. The enemy blew up two mines in front of our trenches east of Armentières early this morning. Hostile infantry attempts to occupy the crests were driven off by our rifle fire.

"On the rest of the front there is nothing important to report. An enemy aeroplane was brought down by our fire today over the front. The hostilities in all the offensive campaigns, except the Italian pressure on the Austrians, which has followed the extension of the Serbian army from its own country, European interest is focused upon the probabilities of some new but as yet undeveloped upheaval.

It appears to be taken for granted on all sides that the policy of the Central Powers will be to attempt to gain a decision somewhere, while their opponents will prefer to devote the winter to preparations for warfare in the spring.

There is much discussion in Great Britain of a reported Turkish-German attempt upon the Suez Canal. Messages received from neutral countries professing to have German sources of information describe the German Field Marshal Von Der Goltz as equipping, at Aleppo, an army for an invasion of Egypt. The same correspondents assert that the Germans are collecting extensive droves of camels and donkeys for their transport.

A majority of the English writers who know Egypt, declare that such a project would be hopeless.

The Observer today considers a German attempt to invade England as a desperate gamble, one of the foremost possibilities, and that the extensive movements of troops in Belgium may be preparations for embarking at Zeebrugge and the Scheldt rivers.

Observers continuing from the western front express the belief that fighting there on a big scale is impossible, because the country is muddier, and altogether in worse condition than last year.

The activity on the Gallipoli peninsula and small Italian gains are the only important military operations reported today.

Bremen and a torpedo boat in the Baltic Sea through a submarine attack. It is presumed that the submarine was one of the English undersea squadrons which recently has shown enterprise in those waters.

No Change in Balkans.

The Turks claim to have sunk a British monitor in the Tigris river, near Kut-el-Amara.

The Greek situation remains unchanged. The Greek government is reported to have formally protested against the Entente Allies fortifying outside Saloniki. This protest may be of the same character as the one lodged against the first landing of troops, which was then described as merely a technical one, to keep the record clear.

Henry Ford's peace party arrived in Christiania this morning, and was welcomed informally by professors and clergymen and the American minister. Despite the fact that the party has no official status Norwegian hospitality and the warm friendship of the Norwegians towards Americans assures the peace party an interesting sojourn during their three days' stay in Christiania.

Field Marshal Frenck issued an official despatch to the British army in France prior to his turning over the command of the British forces to General Sir Douglas Haig. In it he asserted the conviction that a glorious ending to their efforts was not far distant.

The Earl of Derby, director recruiting, today told a London audience that he had found the heart of the country was right. He predicted a victory for the Entente Allies at an earlier date than many persons expected. The results mobilized under the Earl of Derby's plan have already begun drilling in several cities, so that they may have some military schooling when they are formally called to arms.

Railway Station Bombarded.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The official statement issued tonight says: "In Champagne heavy artillery fire, directed on the first lines of the enemy to the south of Sainte Marie-A-Py, has given excellent results.

"In the region of Saint Mihiel effective shelling of Chauvencourt brought about a reply from the enemy artillery, which was stopped immediately by our fire. Last night one of our squadrons, composed of seven aeroplanes, dropped on the Sablon railway station at Metz, 51 shells of 90 calibre, and two shells of 155 calibre. One of our machines, on account of motor trouble, was obliged to make a landing, which was accomplished without incident within our lines near Dieulouard, to the south of Pont A Mousson.

Brig-Gen. Holman Wounded

London, Dec. 19.—Brigadier General Herbert Campbell Holman, of the Sixteenth Cavalry, India army, is reported to have been wounded on the battlefield in France.

Gen. Holman, in 1914, was attached to the army headquarters in India, as general staff officer. He was an attaché with the Russian forces in Manchuria in 1905, at the time of the Russo-Japanese war. He took part with the Wuntho (Burma) expedition in 1891, when he was slightly wounded.

On Italian Front

Rome, Dec. 19, via London, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued today: "Despite the fact that stormy weather on the mountains and plain and fog on the plains is hampering our operations, the activity of our troops has not been relaxed. On the northern slopes of Monte San Michele our infantry detachments surrounded a house in the position which made a salient in our lines, and captured it in a surprise attack. We took 110 prisoners, including two officers."

Russian Report.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 19.—The official communication issued from general headquarters today reads: "Western (Russian) front: North of Lake Miedel, an enemy column, which imprudently got within range of

GERMANY BARGAINING WITH GREECE TO PERMIT BULGARS TO CROSS BORDER

Unable to Attack Allies at Saloniki Single-handed—Greek Officials Arrange for Transportation to Supply Anglo-French Troops.

Paris, Dec. 18.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Saloniki states that a representative of the minister of railways has taken the necessary measures and can assure transportation facilities to supply the Allied arm troops at the front, in conformity with an agreement between the Greek general staff and the generals commanding the Allied forces. Arrangements also are being made to increase the telegraph communications.

Germans Not Strong Enough.

London, Dec. 19.—A despatch to Reuters from Saloniki states that the small German cruiser Bremen and a torpedo boat were sunk by two British submarines. The Bulgarians show no disposition to invade Greek territory, and there are no signs of Austro-German activity. The prevailing opinion is that the Bulgarians will hesitate to enter Greece while the Austro-Germans are unprepared for an offensive, if indeed they contemplate such a move.

According to local newspapers, the despatch states, the Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians and Turkish commands at Saloniki are preparing to save for Monday.

London, Dec. 18.—The Athens correspondent of Reuters is authority for the statement that the Greek government has lodged a formal protest with the Entente Powers against the fortification of Saloniki by the Allied forces.

Still Bargaining with Greece.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Telegraphing from Athens, under date of December 18, the Havas correspondent says: "Premier Roukoffides declared to the representative of an Athens newspaper today (Saturday) the report that the German minister had informed him the Central Powers intended to violate Greek territory was unfounded."

"The faction for four days of the Greek and Bulgarian troops on the Greek frontier, however," the correspondent adds, "is attributed as much to diplomatic, as to military reasons, and it is thought that the Germans are not sufficiently strong to attack the Allies alone, and are trying to overcome the objections to Bulgarian action on Greek soil."

"In official circles it is stated that no official negotiations have begun. It is believed, however, the government has opened diplomatic conversations on this subject with the German minister setting forth the complications which are likely to result from the entry of Bulgarians into Greece, which would offend the pride of the Greek population and provoke the army."

"The optimism shown in official circles is explained by the supposition that Germany has given assurances that Greece's representations will be taken into account."

Another despatch from the Havas correspondent at Athens says: "Government and diplomatic circles give the impression that the Central Powers will turn their attention to the Serbs, and Italians in Albania, unless the Entente Allies are reinforced at Saloniki and so change the military equilibrium in the Balkans."

"News from Saloniki is to the effect that the situation at the front is unchanged. All reports of the Entente Allies report the concentration of Bulgarian troops in proximity to the Greek frontier, and the arrival of reinforcements at Doiran."

"The German and Austrian consuls have left Saloniki for Monastir, with their staffs and the contents of the archives. Before leaving, the Austrian and German consuls warned the subjects of their countries to prepare to leave the Greek port within fifteen days."

"Bulgarian deserters declare that during the battle at Valandovo the Bulgarians exposed sixty Serbian prisoners of war to French artillery fire. All the prisoners were killed."

"On Friday night about ten o'clock the enemy twice opened an offensive against the railway station at Podcherevitshi, but was repulsed by our fire.

German Munitions Plant On Syrian Coast Wrecked By French Cruiser

Berlin Admits Loss of Cruiser Bremen and Torpedo Boat in Baltic Sea.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Two German hydro aeroplanes from the air station at Seeburg flying over the sea close to the water were destroyed and fired upon by a torpedo boat at a point ten miles to the north of Newport. One of these flying machines fell into the sea and the two officers on board were made prisoners," so it was announced here officially this afternoon.

"A French cruiser bombarded and entirely destroyed the German munitions manufactory at Caiffa (on the Syrian coast)."

Cruiser and Torpedo Boat Sunk.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—It has been officially announced in Berlin that the small German cruiser Bremen and a torpedo boat were sunk by two British submarines.

Allied Fleet and Land Batteries Hammering Turks at Dardanelles

Constantinople, Dec. 19, via London (11.15 a. m.)—Anglo-French squadrons and Allied land batteries yesterday bombarded Turkish positions at Avitburnu, and at Alij, on Gallipoli peninsula, says the official statement issued today by the Ottoman war department.

"In Mesopotamia, Turkish troops are said to be destroying defenses of every description in front of the British main position near Kut-el-Amara.

"The text says: 'Near Avitburnu the enemy fired a great number of bombs against our right wing. One cruiser and three armored monitors, as well as land batteries bombarded our positions from different directions. Our artillery successfully replied.

"Near Seddul Bahr our artillery, December 17, sank one of two tugs in the Narrows, which were debarking men and ammunition. The debarkation was interrupted.

"One cruiser and one monitor bombarded the neighborhood of Alij, but caused no damage."

Russian Forces Quit Roumanian Border For Attack in Buckowina?

London, Dec. 19.—There has been considerable speculation in London for some time as to what has become of the Russian troops which concentrated on the Roumanian border several weeks ago, with the apparent intention of entering the Balkan conflict. At the time when Russian cooperation in the Entente Allies' campaign would have been the most fortuitous they were described, in all reports, as poised on the Roumanian frontier, ready for an immediate invasion of Bulgaria, but after weeks of suspense, during which repeated rumors converted the long-heralded move into an accomplished fact, it was learned that the Russian incursion never advanced beyond the preparatory stage.

Recently an absolute lack of new developments regarding the Russian plan in this quarter led most observers to decide that hopes for a Russian interference were either premature or based upon circumstances since altered. It is now reported that the Russian force is being withdrawn from the Roumanian border.

Despatches to the Telegraph from Rotterdam quote the Berliner Tageblatt to the effect that the greater part of the Russian army concentrated in this section has already been moved from Rani northward to Bukovina, and that all plans for attacking the Bulgarians has been abandoned in favor of a new offensive against Bukovina.

VIENNA INSISTS ON ARGUING ANCONA CASE

Text of Reply to American Note Made Public— Washington Dispatches Second Communication Reiterating Demands Made in First Message.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Having practically completed what is said to be almost an abrupt dismissal of Austria's arguments concerning the sinking of the Ancona, Secretary Lansing this afternoon gave out the text of Austria's note. Its most significant feature is its insistence on discussion of the evidence and the principles involved. It asks almost plaintively "why America refuses to an exchange of correspondence which it has conducted with another government in other cases."

The Austrian foreign office criticizes the American demand on the ground "that they might well have warranted the expectation that the government of the United States should precisely specify the actual circumstances of the affair upon which it bases its case."

The Vienna foreign office also points out that the United States failed "to designate the persons upon whose testimony it relied." It argues that the United States government attributes a higher degree of credibility to those unnamed persons than to the commander of the submarine. The note declares Austria ready and willing "to enter into an exchange of views."

It is also expressed in friendly language, that the matter of reparations to relatives who lost loved ones on the Ancona is a matter for further discussion. The note concludes that Austria reserves to itself "full freedom of maintaining its own legal views in the discussion of the case of the Ancona."

Ready to Parley.

Secretary Lansing gave out at the same time a copy of the Austrian admiralty's official statement on which the United States position has been based.

New American Note On Its Way

Washington, Dec. 19.—The new American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona is understood to have been cabled tonight to Ambassador Penhelfer for presentation to the Vienna foreign office.

Secretary of State Lansing and other officials of the State Department declined to divulge any information concerning the communication. From other reliable sources, however, came a strong intimation that the final draft of the note had been completed by Secretary of State Lansing during the day, and had been put in code and started on its way over the cables.

A veil of secrecy has surrounded the communication ever since a White House messenger carried a preliminary draft from President Wilson to Secretary of State Lansing last night. However, it is known that the secretary spent considerable time last night and today at work developing the idea the President has outlined. As completed, the note is believed to have been considerably more lengthy than the first.

Unless there are unforeseen developments, the note should be delivered in Vienna by Wednesday night. It will be made public when Secretary of State Lansing is advised that it has reached the Austro-Hungarian foreign office. A prompt reply is requested, and officials are of the opinion that one will come within ten days.

Certain portions of the text of the new note were said tonight to be nearly identical with portions of the first. The demands of the United States, which are reiterated, are for disavowal, punishment of the submarine commander, and reparation by the payment of an indemnity for the Americans killed and injured.

Austria-Hungary's rejoinder to the first note contained an implied request for details regarding the American citizens who were killed or injured. The State Department, it is said, has been unable to secure all of these names, and even though it has some of them, they probably have not been furnished to the Austro-Hungarian government. The United States is represented as being determined not to enter into any discussion of such details; this government being primarily concerned with the principles and the violations of law and neutrality rights involved.

State Department this afternoon says: "In the matter of the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona, the undersigned

ed preliminary to a thorough and meritorious treatment of the demand, has the honor to observe that the sharpness with which the government of the United States considers it necessary to blame the commanding officer of the submarine concerned in the affair and the firmness in which the demands addressed to the imperial and royal government appear to be expressed, might well have warranted the expectation that the government of the United States should precisely specify the actual circumstances of the affair upon which it bases its case.

As it is not difficult to perceive, the presentation of the facts in the case in the aforesaid note leaves room for many doubts and even if this presentation were correct in all points and the most rigorous legal conception were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not on any way sufficient warrant attaching blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the imperial and royal government. The government of the United States has also failed to designate the persons upon whose testimony it relies and to whom it apparently believes it may attribute a higher degree of credibility than to the commander of the imperial and royal fleet. The note also fails to give any information whatsoever as to the number, names and more precise facts of the American citizens who were on board of the said steamer at the critical moment.

Ready to Parley.

"However, in view of the fact that the Washington cabinet has now made a positive statement to the effect that citizens of the United States of America came to grief in the incident in question, the imperial and royal government is in principle ready to enter into an exchange of views in the affair with the government of the United States. It must, however, in the first place, raise the question why the government failed to give judicial reasons for the demands set forth in its note with reference to the special circumstances of the incriminating events upon which it lays stress and why, in lieu thereof, it resorted to an exchange of correspondence which it has conducted with another government in other cases. The imperial and royal government is the less able to follow the Washington cabinet on this unusual point since it by no means possesses authentic knowledge of all the pertinent correspondence of the government of the United States, nor is it of opinion that such knowledge might be sufficient for it in the present case, which in so far as it is informed, is in essential points, another nature than the case or cases to which the government of the United States seems to allude.

"The imperial and royal government may therefore leave it to the Washington cabinet to formulate the particular points of law against which the commanding officer of the submarine is alleged to have offended on the occasion of the sinking of the Ancona.

"The government of the United States has also seen fit to refer to the attitude which the Berlin cabinet assumed in the above mentioned correspondence. The imperial and royal government finds in the much esteemed note no indication whatever of the intent with which this reference was made. Should, however, the government of the United States thereby have intended to express an opinion to the effect that a prejudice of whatever nature existed for the imperial and royal government with respect to the judicial consideration of the affair in question this government must in order to preclude possible misunderstanding declare that as a matter of course it reserves to itself full freedom of maintaining its own legal views in the discussion of the case of the Ancona.

"In having the honor to reply to the kindness of his excellency the ambassador of the United States of America, with the most respectful request to be good enough to communicate the foregoing to the American government, and on this occasion to state that while the imperial and royal government, in no less degree than the American government and under all circumstances, most sincerely deplores the fact of the innocent victims

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CANADA HAS ALREADY ENLISTED 205,000 MEN

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(Continued from page 1) In the incident in question, the undersigned at the same time avails himself of this opportunity to renew the expression of his most distinguished consideration to his excellency the ambassador.

(Signed) "BURIAN."
Claims Affairs Misrepresented by Foreign Press

The text of the Austrian admiral's report on the Ancona, as given out by the State Department, follows: "Official Austro-Hungarian admiral reports the foreign press spreads false reports about the sinking of the Ancona which took place as follows: 'The submarine fired one shot before the steamer's prow upon which the steamer fled at full speed, according to the order of Italian authorities, which runs: 'Flee or sink submarine.' Submarine pursued the steamer and continued firing. Steamer stopped only when hit several times. Submarine allowed forty-five minutes to abandon the steamer where panic reigned, but only a small number of boats were lowered and occupied principally by the crew. A great number of boats, probably sufficient for saving all the passengers, remained unoccupied after fifty minutes. After fifty minutes the submarine in presence of another approaching steamer, submerged and torpedoed the Ancona, which sank after further forty-five minutes. If passengers lost their life this was by the crew's fault, because the steamer tried to escape when the received order for stopping and then the crew only saved themselves, not passengers. The foreign press reports that the submarine fired on the lifeboats in menacing invasion. When the steamer stopped the submarine ceased firing."

The note, it is understood, will broadly intimate that the final word of the United States has been spoken. Upon the attitude of the Vienna foreign office depend the continuation of good relations between the two governments.

Invasion of Egypt?
London, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: "It is reported that Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, commander-in-chief of the First Turkish Army, is establishing his headquarters at Aleppo, Syria, where the Turkish and German troops are under his command are being equipped for an invasion of Egypt. Emperor William and the Sultan of Turkey have sent Field Marshal Von Der Goltz messages of good will in which the hope is expressed that his career will soon be crowned with a crushing defeat of the Entente Allies."

"Field Marshal Von Der Goltz's force consists partly of the German and Turkish army corps, which is under German officers. The soldiers are armed with Krupp rifles."

Allies Safe from Attack for Some Time
London, Dec. 20.—"Unless Bulgarian or Turkish troops are employed, which is considered unlikely, there can be no enemy advance on the Entente line in Greece," says the Morning Post's Athens correspondent.

"Allied air reconnaissances have discovered no German forces south of Uscup, where five German regiments are located, and only German engineers are busy engaged in repairing railway bridges destroyed by the Allies."

It may be assumed, therefore, that the Allies have plenty of time to prepare the defenses at Saloniki.

"Confidence is expressed in official circles here that as a result of the negotiations with the Greek ministers in the European capitals the integrity of Greek territory has already been guaranteed by both European war groups."

DIED.
BRITAIN—Entered into rest on the 18th inst., at his late residence, 28 St. Patrick street, John Brittain, in the 90th year of his age, leaving a loving wife, three sons and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral service on Monday evening at 8.30, at his late residence. Remains will be taken to Nerepis station on Tuesday morning's Boston train for interment.

HART—in this city, on the 19th inst., at his parents' residence, 126 River street, Walter T., eldest child of Thomas and Beatrice Hart, aged three years and three months, leaving his parents and one sister to mourn. Interment takes place today. Funeral private.

ALEXANDER—At the residence of son, T. A. Alexander, 178 Wentworth street, William Alexander, leaving a wife and two sons to mourn their loss.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

A THIRD OF GREEK VOTERS UNDER ARMS

Unable to Take Part in Elections—Venezelos' Followers Also Will be Absent from the Polls.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Two hundred thousand, out of a total of 700,000 voters in Greece are now mobilized, and will be unable to take part in the elections tomorrow (Sunday), says a despatch filed at Athens December 18 by the correspondent of the Havas News Agency who adds:

"The Liberals, or Venezelos party, who carried 185 seats out of 316 in the chamber of deputies at the last election, also will be absent from the polls, almost unanimously, according to the best indications."

"The government, however," continues the correspondent, "is urging all its partisans to vote, representing it to be their duty, under the grave circumstances of the moment."

"The campaign has passed in perfect calm, the abstention of the Liberals eliminating all passionate discussion. The number of votes cast is the only point of interest, and under the peculiar circumstances of the elections predictions on this point are impossible."

FORD SAYS HE HAS INSIDE INFORMATION

Peace Party Reaches Norway—Leader Says he Expects to Have Men out of Trenches Before Spring.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 19, via London.—"Every nation in the world will soon look upon the American peace pilgrims as taking the initiative in stopping history's worst war. The landing of the peace expedition in Europe will be recorded as one of the most benevolent things the American republic ever did," said Henry Ford today to the Associated Press, on stepping ashore on Norwegian soil.

The steamship Oscar II, carrying the Ford peace expedition, arrived at this port, on Saturday after a fourteen days' voyage from New York.

Mr. Ford said he was confident the expedition would result in getting the men out of the trenches before the winter was over. He declared he had information from official sources that his peace plan was looked upon approvingly. He added that his motive in coming to Europe was to develop, to the full, an understanding throughout the world by the time peace negotiations were begun at the Hague, where Wm. Jennings Bryan, ex-secretary of state, was expected to join the peace party.

After holding meetings while crossing the Atlantic, and disagreeing over the question of the American preparedness policy, the 150 peace advocates, on arriving, were anxious to learn what attitude would be adopted towards them by Europe.

The Rev. Chas. E. Aked, pastor of the First Congregational church of San Francisco, maintained it was ridiculous for Americans to urge peace abroad while preparing for war at home.

Finally, a resolution declaring that the delegates were unanimous for European peace, was adopted.

REWARD
A suitable reward will be paid for any information leading to the discovery of the whereabouts of **MR. A. B. SMALLEY** who was last seen on the evening of December 10th, 1918.

A reward will also be paid for the discovery and identification of the remains of Mr. Smalley.

Laurier Finds Burden Too Heavy

Meeting of Grit Chiefs Today Likely to Name Committee to Formulate Party's Policy.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The Liberal conference which will meet here tomorrow at the call of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has three definite objects. A committee will be appointed to take from Sir Wilfrid's shoulders a large part of the responsibility he has borne so long as leader of the party. He will remain leader, but the framing of the policies of the party in view of the new problems that have come with the war will be done by the committee instead of by Sir Wilfrid, with only a few of his chief lieutenants. They will, of course, be included in the committee.

The conference tomorrow will also deal with the question of extension of the parliamentary term. There will be some discussion on the stand to be adopted on certain of the new problems that are already assuming importance, the financial policy of the government, immigration, provision for returning soldiers and other matters.

FEAR ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A FRENCH CRUISER

Protection for the Quebec at Havana Asked by French Consul—Fears a Conspiracy to Wreck Warship.

Havana, Dec. 18.—The French consul at Santiago has requested the Cuban authorities to give protection to the French auxiliary cruiser Quebec, lying in that port. The consul made his request on the ground that the ship was in danger of being blown up by conspirators.

The Cuban government has furnished a guard of patrol boats around the cruiser.

Jellied Rabbits.
Get two young rabbits, two slices of bacon, a quarter of an ounce of gelatine soaked in water, a blade of mace, ten peppercorns, a bunch of sweet herbs, half a teaspoonful of lemon-rind, one teaspoonful of salt, and one and a half pints of water. Wash the rabbits in salt and water, cut into joints, place in a stewing jar with the bacon (cut in dice), and the rest of the ingredients. Cover down with lid. Place the jar in a moderate oven and cook for two and a half hours. Rinse a quart mould with cold water, put in the pieces of rabbit, removing every bone. Strain the liquid gravy over. When cold, turn the mould out carefully.

Marmalade Tart.
Two teaspoonfuls of marmalade, two teaspoonfuls of breadcrumbs, yolks of

HOW THE IMPERIAL STARTS CHRISTMAS WEEK

Pagan, Turk or Christian Gentleman—Whom Will She Marry?
'THE RUGMAKER'S DAUGHTER'

Enthralling Romance of Constantinople, Featuring **MAUD ALLEN, FAVORITE DANCER OF ROYALTY**
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Horatio Bottomley (John Bull) on the Stump.
Paris Fashion Review.
Soldier Weddings in France.
Gun Practices in Boston.
Tornado's Havoc in Kansas.
Movies of Confirmed Criminals.
Introductory Chapter of "Paradise" by the South American Travel Series.
Henry Kelly, Baritone, Will Sing the Prologue from "I Pagliacci"
Wed.—Carter DeHaven, Eminent Comedian, in "The College Orphan."

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MATINEE TOMORROW 2.30 TONIGHT 8.20
THE PARISIAN GIRLS IN A BIG SHOW
"Follies of the Past"

Opening Christmas Day
THE W. S. Harkins Players
"BETTER THAN EVER"

Xmas Matinee—"OUR WIVES"—A Splendid Laughing Holiday Bill
Xmas Night—"A SPY IN THE HOUSE"
SEATS ON SALE TOMORROW MORNING.

TWELVE THOUSAND MEN ENLISTED IN 15 DAYS

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The recruits during the first fifteen days of December numbered 12,500 and the total since the outbreak of the war is now 205,000.

Ontario has contributed 77,000; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 37,500; Quebec, 24,000; Alberta, 21,000; Maritime Provinces, 20,000, and British Columbia 20,000. This is about one in 39 per cent. of the total population.

four eggs, whites of two, a small piece of butter, and white sugar to taste. Slightly melt the butter, and mix all the ingredients well together, then pour into a buttered pie-dish lined with snort pastry. Bake until a nice brown, and sift castor sugar over it. Serve hot or cold.

NOTABLES FROM WAR ZONE WHO DECLARE FRANCE IS PREPARING FOR TWO MORE YEARS OF WAR



That nowhere in France is there talk of an early peace and that throughout the republic preparations have been completed for at least two more years of war was the statement made by most of the passengers who arrived aboard the steamship Lafayette from Bordeaux. Among the passengers was Mr. Whitney Warren, who just before leaving France was in conference with President Poincaré, General Joffre and Gallieni and Mr. Briand. Mrs. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, who has been in Europe ever since she joined her husband in Vienna, in September, 1914, where he was at that time special agent for the United States government, was another passenger. On her arrival she was met by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. When Mr. O'Shaughnessy returned to the United States last July she remained behind and occupied herself in relief work. Miss Elsie de Wolfe returned from a visit to her hospital for convalescent soldiers at Versailles. Vicomtesse de Rancongne has been aiding the war weary soldiers of King Albert. She is the daughter of Mr. Philippe de Rancongne, engineer of the Panama Canal.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Every Other Gift Can Be SILVER

Christmas Gifts that represent the true spirit of Christmas giving. Beautiful but not extravagant as true Christmas gifts should be.

Casserole Dishes	Butter Dishes .. \$1.75 to \$6.75
Pickel Dishes .. 2.25 to 3.75	Bake Dishes .. 4.50 to 12.00
Toast Racks .. 1.35 to 4.00	Fruit Baskets .. 1.50 to 5.00
Salts and Peppers 2.25 to 4.50	

Table Silverware
Rogers Bros. "1847" Silverware
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Regular \$1.75 Sale Price \$ 1.49

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The value of a token is not in its cost but its usefulness.
Watches .. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$4.50
Wrist Watches .. \$5 to \$9

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SIR JOHN

Praises Indomitable
Courage of
and Expresses F
Glorious Ending N
Tribute to Men
Down Lives.

London, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Sir John French issued the following official order of the day yesterday, before leaving the army on the western front:

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age, so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of the splendid army, which it will ever remain the pride and glory of my life to have commanded during over sixteen months of incessant fighting.

"The regulars and the territorialists of the old army and the new army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree. From my heart I thank them all.

"At this sad moment of parting my heart goes out to those who have received life long injury from wounds, and I think, with sorrow, of that great and glorious host of my beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifice of all, by laying down their lives for their country.

"In saying good bye to the British army in France, I ask them once again to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion towards them, and my earnest

STEALING A RIDE THREE HARVESTERS KILLED IN COLLISION

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Three harvesters, Adam Holmes, Seaford, Ont., George Lynch and D. H. Leach, Bay-Ont., were killed last night, when the first section of train No. 2, due at ten forty-two p. m., struck a switch engine on the main track half a mile west of Fort William. The men killed were apparently stealing a ride on the platform of the mail car of the eastbound train. The switch engine was on the track in violation of rules. Engineer Eokes of the switch engine was seriously hurt.

The Parisian Girls in New Programme.

The Parisian Girls at the Opera House make another change in the programme tonight and offer the lively comedy, "Follies of the Past", with all new musical selections, dances, costumes and comedy. There will be a matinee tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday.

good wishes for a glorious future, which I feel to be assured.

"J. D. P. FRENCH,
Field Marshal
Commander-in-Chief, British Army in France."

First of Lord Derby's Recruits Called Out; Include Four Classes

Unmarried men 19 to 22 years of age ordered to be ready to begin service January 20.

London, Dec. 18.—The British public was surprised today by the appearance of a royal proclamation in public places calling out four classes of Derby recruits. It is inferred from this move that the Derby campaign was successful.

The classes called out are groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Derby recruits. The announcement placarded by the war office, stated that their service will begin on January 20.

These groups are composed of unmarried men from 19 to 22 years of age.

Lord Derby, director of recruiting, and Ben Tillett, secretary of the Dock Workers Union, representing the opposite poles of social and political life, appeared on the same platform in a music hall meeting here today, when Tillett described his recent visit to

the British front. The Earl of Derby, who presided, said, in introducing the speaker:

"When it comes to the question of the number of men who have enlisted, I must not anticipate, in any way, what will be said Tuesday by the Prime Minister. I think the country will feel, when he makes that statement that the heart of the country is right.

"I hope the new year will show a brighter outlook than is discernible at the present moment. Probably, the result will come sooner than many expect, but not sooner than they hope—a result which will be a victory for the Allied forces. I am not the least pessimistic about the future."

The Acadian Battalion.

Dairy Inspector L. C. Daigle, of Moncton, who was in the city Saturday night, said the outlook for raising a French-Canadian regiment was very promising. Mr. Daigle is of the opinion that the difficulties occasioned through lack of qualified officers among the Acadians will shortly be overcome. He is now in charge of the preliminary work of organization and will be in command of the battalion.

FISHERIES OF CANADA VERY VALUABLE ASSET

Exceptional opportunities for Canning Fish for overseas not being taken advantage of.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The total market value of all kinds of fish taken by Canadian fishermen from the sea and inland lakes and rivers during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1914, amounted to \$33,207,748. The number of men engaged by the industry was 100,669, and the building of vessels, gasoline and ordinary fishing boats, and their necessary equipment furnished subsidiary employment in other directions.

"Official investigation has demon-

strated that Canada possesses the most extensive fisheries in the world," says D. H. Ross, the Canadian trade commissioner in Australia, "hence it appears a remarkable anomaly that with two notable exceptions, no concerted effort has yet been made to develop the inland or coastal industry by canning fish for export overseas.

"The obvious exceptions are canned salmon from British Columbia and lobsters from Nova Scotia, which are well known in Australia as two of the most wholesome and palatable fish products existent.

Only recently were Australian importers of fish aware that through the disorganization of their regular sources of supply, large orders placed early in the year could not be executed. They were thus faced with an almost immediate serious shortage in a number of lines of canned fish for which a constant demand exists. This gave some New Brunswick packers an unexpected opening, through capable representation, to introduce their lines of canned sardines and herrings, the latter in a variety of forms, yet the quantities of Australian buyers are inadequate for the market requirements. The shortage has been chiefly caused by the very limited quantity available for export from the United Kingdom, Norway and Portugal.

"The import Australian fish trade runs largely on well known brands that were established on the market for a long period of years, hence the present shortage of supplies gives an excellent opportunity for Canadian packers to place their lines before a somewhat conservative community."

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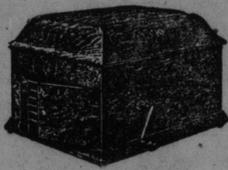
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AN INDIAN BATTALION AUTHORIZED

Gen. Sir Sim Hughes accedes to request of loyal Redmen for a Regiment of their own.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Enthusiasm prevails on the Indian reserve over the decision of General Hughes to allow the formation of a battalion of Indians for overseas service. Although there are many Indians in the contingents that have gone, the policy generally has been to discourage enlistment. All over the Dominion loyal Indians have offered their services and have been refused, and today the Indian Department states that there will not be the slightest difficulty in raising a full regiment—and there might be a second.

The Squadron Indians of Brantford have sent 24 young braves to the front and one of these men, Capt. A. G. E. Smith, who went with the second contingent, is regarded as a most capable officer and is a warm favorite with the men under him. Lieut. Cameron Brant, a grandson of the famous General Brant, went from Brantford and was killed at Ypres.

Another brilliant officer whom General Hughes is watching closely is Capt. L. P. O. Picard, of the 12th Battalion, one of three Hurons who went from Lorette.

One company for the proposed Indian regiment is being organized in western Ontario.

SEVERAL HURT WHEN CARS COLLIDE ON VICTORIA BRIDGE, MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Motormen A. Jamin and F. Mayer, of the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway, are suffering from a fractured leg, each and ten passengers were more or less injured, but none seriously, as a result of a collision between two electric cars on the Montreal and Southern Counties Railroad on the Victoria bridge shortly before eight o'clock Saturday morning. The front vestibules of the cars were badly smashed. The accident was due to a misunderstanding of orders.

PRESENTATION TO LIEUT. B. LAWRENCE

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Beverly Lawrence was on Saturday honored by the men of No. 4 Platoon of G Company of the 104th Battalion, which he commands, being presented with a handsome merchandise pipe and a case of tobacco. The presentation was made in the drill shed, the men being lined up after their morning parade had been completed.

In making the presentation at this season the men of No. 4 Platoon not only desired to remember the commanding officer at Christmas time, but also wished to show their pleasure at having Lieut. Lawrence with them again, his transfer to the 140th Battalion having been cancelled.

OBITUARY.

John Brittain.

The death occurred on Saturday at his late residence 38 St. Patrick street of John Brittain, in the ninetieth year of his age. The deceased was well known and much respected. He resided on the West Side until a few years ago and had many friends both there and in other parts of St. John, as well as in various parts of the province. He leaves besides his wife, three sons, William, of Welsford, and James and Ernest, of West St. John; one daughter, Miss Bertha at home, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Totten, of Westfield. The remains of deceased will be taken to Nepesic tomorrow morning for interment.

Walter T. Hart.

Sympathy will be extended by many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hart, of 126 River street, in the death yesterday morning of their eldest child, Walter T., who succumbed to diphtheria, aged three years and three months. Interment will take place today.

Died in Medford.

The death is announced in Medford, Mass., of Thomas F. Gaffney, formerly of St. John. Mr. Gaffney is survived by a wife, who was Miss Ellen A. Conolly.

Received Watch.

Arthur O. Hixson, assistant bookkeeper with W. F. Hatheway and Co., Ltd., was presented by his employers and the staff with a handsome wrist watch on Saturday morning. He has enlisted as a signaller with the 115th Battalion.

VICE-ADMIRAL KINGSMILL PRESIDENT OF NAVAL PENSIONS BOARD

Peter Smith and Willard A. Ingalls, appointed Harbor Masters at Buctouche and Grand Harbor.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Vice Admiral Charles E. Kingsmill, director of the naval service, has been appointed president of the naval pensions board, and Dr. R. H. Parent has been appointed a member of the board.

STR. ORDUNE IN ENGLAND WITH MORE CANADIAN TROOPS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced through the press, censor's office that the troop ship "Orduna," which sailed from Canada on December 6th has arrived safely in England. She has on board the following troops: The Second Canadian Pioneer Battalion, 28 officers, 1,040 men, Naval ratings, 3 officers and 42 men, Belgian reservists, 2 men.

IN COUNTY COURT.

In the case of the King vs. a Lancaster boy aged thirteen years of age, the prisoner was found guilty Saturday morning of attempting to break into the Milford post office. His Honor, Judge Armstrong, reprimanded him severely and let him go on suspended sentence, on recognition of his parents as to his future good behavior. Wm. M. Ryan appeared for the defendant.

In the case of the King vs. William McAleer, the defendant selected to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act and pleaded guilty.

John McAleer, out on bail, is charged with assaulting Paul Randall, and will be tried this morning at 11 o'clock. No judgment has yet been given in the case of the King vs. Agnes Graham.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Miss Bridget McDonald took place on Saturday morning, at 8.30 o'clock, from her late residence, 140 Brussels street, to the Cathedral, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Bourgeois. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, of Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, from her late residence, 94 Waterloo street. Services were conducted by the Reverend Archdeacon Raymond and Rev. R. P. McKim. Burial took place in Fernhill cemetery.

Deaths Last Week.

Fifteen deaths were recorded at the Board of Health office last week. They included three from heart disease, two each from senility and pneumonia, and one each from Bright's disease, premature birth, fractured skull, broncho pneumonia, carcinoma ventriculi, pulmonary embolism, mitral regurgitation and nephritis.

1,900 AUTOS IN NEW BRUNSWICK THIS SEASON.

Dept of Public Works looks for big increase next year — Preparing for issue of new tags.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 19.—New Brunswick had 1,900 automobiles in operation during the season of 1913, an increase of 649 over the preceding year, but a still greater increase is expected in 1914.

The year just closing has been the greatest automobile season in the history of the province, despite the fact that it is a war year, more automobiles being purchased during 1913 than in any one year previous.

The outlook for 1914 is even brighter, and the department of public works is preparing to register over 1,000 new cars during the coming year, their estimate being 3,300 automobiles for 1914.

These figures were given by Harry M. Hair, secretary of the Board of Public Works, who stated that the receipts of the past season had reached over \$23,000, or more than \$7,000 greater than that estimate of the department. In 1914 the department received \$15,330 through automobile registrations and taxes, and thus it can be seen that last year was an exceptionally successful one.

The new registration of the automobiles in New Brunswick must be made with the department of public works on or before January 1st, 1914. Under section 13 of the motor vehicle law all motor vehicles must be re-registered every third year and new tags will be issued to be used necessary. The tags for the coming year will have dark blue letter and figures with a light blue background and samples required by the department are very attractive.

The war has had its effect on one end of automobile business, however, and that is by creating a shortage of re-registered chauffeurs. There were over 400 chauffeurs registered last year, but of this number over 40 enlisted with various units in Canada with overseas forces and are now at the front.

A Pilotage Case.

Hearing in the matter of a suspension of Pilot Bartholomew Rogers by the St. John Pilotage Commission was had before Mr. Justice McKeown on Saturday morning on certiorari. The application was made by M. G. Teed, K. C., who argued that as the commission only found Pilot Rogers guilty of an error of judgment, he could not be suspended. To make him liable to suspension, he said, there would have to be a neglect of duty causing damage to the ship. He asked that the order of the commission be set aside for want of jurisdiction. Attorney General Baxter, K. C., for the Pilotage Commission, contended that wide powers had been given to the commission, under which they had the power to disqualify a man whom they thought incompetent, and appoint another in his place. J. E. Cowan appeared with Dr. Baxter for the commission. The suspension was for thirty days, dating from Nov. 20th last. His Honor stated that he would give judgment some day this week.

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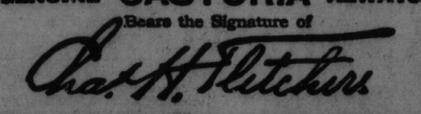
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CORRESPONDENCE

ASKS AUTHORITY TO AMEND ASSESSMENT ACT OF NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 17.—At the meeting of the Town Council \$100 was voted for the local recruiting committee.

All Stuart gave notice that at the next regular meeting of council he would move the following resolution: That this council hereby authorize and instruct the mayor and town clerk to have a bill prepared and the necessary steps taken to have the same moved and seconded in the legislature and properly supported in committee thereof, asking for such amendment as may be or acts relating to the town of Newcastle as will enable the said town upon a majority vote of its qualified ratepayers voting—such vote to be taken at the time of the next town election after the passing of such bill, and at any subsequent town election when the same shall be demanded in writing by not less than 15 per cent. of the qualified ratepayers, at least one month before the date of such election—to

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2. Exempt from taxation all incomes up to \$400;
3. Abolish income qualification for voting and allow all persons who pay poll tax to vote as well as those who pay additional form of tax;
4. Exempt personal property from taxation and substitute therefor, if desired, a business license;
5. Abolish the property qualification for office of alderman;
6. Abolish the property qualification for office of mayor.

WELSFORD

Welsford, Dec. 18.—The social evening in connection with the Methodist Ladies' Aid came off last Tuesday. Fancy work, ice cream and candy was sold and resulted in the amount of about \$12 being realized.

At the weekly meeting of the S. of T. Lodge No. 425, held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening last, eighteen members were present and a very interesting Never Despair Star Paper, edited by Miss Hazel Henry, was read by Miss Alice Nason. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a Christmas tree to be placed during the ensuing week.

The members of the Boy's Scout Movement met at the Victoria Hall on Thursday evening last. There were eleven scouts present. Review work was taken up and preparatory steps for the examination towards attaining the Tenderfoot Test Badge were commenced. The members will again meet in a fortnight's time.

Private Fred Paulkner paid a visit to Welsford on Thursday last returning the same evening. Whilst here he gave the members of the Boy's Scout Movement great pleasure in paying them a visit at the hall on Thursday evening.

Private Edward Wheaton is spending a short furlough at his home at Clarendon. Mr. Wheaton attended the funeral of his father which took place at Harcourt, Kent Co., on Wednesday last.

Private Stephen Speight, who went to the front with the Ammunition Column, writes home interestingly, saying he is well and happy. He is a farmer and has, with five more, charge of 210 horses.

The closing exercises took place at Welsford school yesterday afternoon. There were ten visitors present. A well arranged programme of readings, recitations and dialogues was gone through. Miss Burrell, the teacher, has resigned and returned to her home at Harvey Station, York Co., last evening. Miss Lawson of Fowler's Corner school also returned home last evening to Fredericton for the Christmas vacation. Miss Wilkins of Clarendon school returns home this morning.

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ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, Dec. 15.—Under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club a successful fund supper was given on Saturday last.

BEXTON

Bexton, N. B., Dec. 17.—The death occurred Wednesday evening at Upper Main River of Jerry McEachern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McEachern.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 17.—Mrs. W. R. Cumming of Montreal, who was lately called home by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Bell, has returned to Montreal accompanied by Mrs. Bell.

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Marysville, N. B., Dec. 15.—Postmaster James S. Inch is confined to his room suffering from a severe cold.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year.

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- 4. What is a historian's tree? (Date.)
- 5. Long legs, crooked thighs, small head, no eyes? (A pair of tongs.)
- 6. What relation is a mat to a doorstep? (A step farther—father.)
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THE PASSING OF THE WHITE PLUME.

Representatives of the Liberal party will meet in Ottawa today to consider, amongst other things, measures that will lighten the burdens of leadership which have been borne by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. At least, that is the polite phraseology in which advance notices are couched, but, as a matter of fact, the real purpose of the conference will be to see if another cannot be found to replace the wearer of "the white plume."

In many ways Sir Wilfrid has shown that he is losing his grip on his party and his grasp of the trend of public sentiment. Away back in 1904 he made his first serious mistake when he permitted the National Transcontinental project to be entered upon without first thoroughly familiarizing himself with all its details. On that occasion Fielding was a bigger man than Laurier and it was the Fielding influence which was primarily responsible for the routing of the road through a country where it could not be profitably run and where the tendency was to divert Canadian trade away from its natural channels.

Four years later, when the construction of the road was underway Sir Wilfrid lacked the strength of purpose to take the grip with the heels and crafters in his party who were shamelessly fattening at the public trough, and the result was one of the most sickening scandals in the history of this country.

The next question of country-wide importance to attract attention was the reciprocity agreement, and there again Laurier failed. That failure cost him the reins of power but he did not profit from his lesson as, on the very next occasion on which he had opportunity to declare himself, he made what will stand in history as an even more colossal blunder—he opposed the Borden Naval Aid policy and after carrying his opposition to a point where the business of the country was disgracefully obstructed, ordered his Senatorial puppets to strangle the premier's proposal and thus place Canada in a false position in the eyes of the world.

This being the Laurier record it is not surprising that his followers should cast about for a new Moses to lead them out of the wilderness of opposition. Where is he to be found? Students of history will recall in the days of the old Liberalism that party was thrown into a sorry plight when Mackenzie retired, even though the party at that day numbered such intelligent giants as Edward Blake. Today, the outlook is much more desperate. There is a Graham, a Lemieux, a Clarke and a Pugsley, but none of these are of the timber of which national leaders are made, and not one would count on the party support. Indeed it is safe to say that each would be regarded with suspicion, possibly rebuffed but none the less existent.

The suggested plan is that the party policies shall be framed by a committee of which Sir Wilfrid and his lieutenants will be members but this cannot commend itself for long. The personally ambitious ones in the party will chafe at the restraint such a committee would involve and it will not be long before the intrigues will be at work and the knives will flash.

In all truth the passing of Laurier will mean the passing of the Liberal party for years to come and Liberals the country over may well look for forboding to the decision of that gathering in the capital.

In direct contrast to this unhappy plight is the eminently satisfactory condition of the Conservative party. Under the strong and able leadership of Sir Robert Laird Borden, the premier who has safely guided the destinies of the country for the past four years, the party is united in its determination to administer the affairs of Canada in the best interests of the Canadian people and of the Empire. The certainty is that they will continue to enjoy the absolute confidence of the electorate for many years to come.

WAR COMMENT

A significant contrast is afforded by the despatches telling of conditions in Great Britain and Germany. In Britain Lord Derby and other leaders have publicly declared that the re-

sponse to the appeal for recruits has been entirely satisfactory, that there is no discomfort or distress in any quarter of the Kingdom, but that the great heart of the British Empire is beating in complete accord with the policy of containing the conflict until Germany has been whipped to the dust. Sir John French, in his victory to the British troops in France, assured them that a glorious ending to their efforts was not far distant, while Lord Derby, in England, predicted a victory for the Entente Allies "at an earlier date than many persons expected."

What is the condition in Germany? It is reported that food riots are of daily occurrence in Berlin, that the "stop the war" party is growing in power and that the military authorities, recognizing that the German people know they can never win, are casting about for some last desperate venture that may bring a change in popular opinion. Invasions of Egypt and of England are mentioned as the latest schemes of the German scatterbrains, plans foredoomed to failure.

From the nature of the country a successful invasion of Egypt could hardly be undertaken; the attempt made by the Turks early in the war was speedily defeated and so long as Britain retains control of the seas and can send forces to Egypt without hindrance, any action Germany contemplates along this line could not be successful. As for an invasion of England the idea is ridiculous. It must be remembered that before one man could be landed on English soil it would be necessary for the British navy—the greatest and grandest fighting force the world has ever known, and this for Germany would be impossible. Consequently both plans may be dismissed as not practicable.

If, on the other hand, the predictions of Sir John French and Lord Derby are well founded, Germany may speedily be called upon to meet the most vigorous offensive the Allies have yet undertaken. The British army is stronger now than at any time since the commencement of the war and although weather conditions in the areas of fighting are such as to lead to the opinion that a continuance of trench warfare may be the programme for the winter there is little doubt that if a general advance should be decided upon the Allies possess the men and gun power to make it effective.

Sir Douglas Haig, who has succeeded Sir John French as commander-in-chief of the British forces is an aggressive soldier who has already won brilliant successes and it must also be remembered that he takes command under conditions vastly different from those confronting the hero of Mons and the Marne. Sir John French had an insufficient force, lacking in guns and ammunition. The new commander is backed by the weight of Kitchener's army and the product of England's two thousand munition factories. Had Sir John French been similarly supported the story of his campaign would have been very different from the virtual stalemate that has prevailed. The fact that the Allies have progressed as well as they have in that area, is proof positive that the direction was not wrong.

More than all, the British people have never lost confidence in their ability to win. They may be discomfited by failures in the Dardanelles and adverse reports from the Balkans, but they know that on the west front the enemy has been held, and he always will be held. Meanwhile throughout the length and breadth of the Empire there has been erected a tower of hope and security in the great army being created through the masterfulness of the hero of Khar-toum. Great Britain prior to this war was not a military power, but placed her trust in the navy, yet in sixteen months she has produced an army estimated to be upwards of six million men. Minor events cannot shake British confidence with an achievement such as that to fall back upon.

THE "BORDEN NAVY."

The Times presents any reference to the complete failure of the Liberals to grapple with the problem of naval defence and sarcastically asks: "The Standard for information as to the whereabouts of 'the Borden navy.'"

Unfortunately this newspaper cannot give the information desired, but we can tell the Times where Sir Robert Borden's fighting ships would have been if the Laurier Senators had not blocked the proposal to build or buy—where the battleship New Zealand has already distinguished herself—under the Empire banner in the North Sea.

While Conservatives regret they are not there, the followers of Sir Robert at least have the satisfaction of knowing that their leader did all mortal man could do to give to Britain three of the largest and finest ships of war that science could build or money supply, and that it was due solely to the unwise and unpatriotic action of the Liberals under Laurier that the plan was frustrated. This being the case it is small wonder that the naval question is about the last matter to which sane Liberals desire to refer.

THE HONOR ROLE

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Two casualty lists were issued tonight by the Militia Department. Only two New Brunswick men appear in the list: N. Fraser, of 132 Steadman street, Moncton, is reported killed in action, and Frank P. Murphy, St. John, a member of the 55th Battalion is reported seriously ill.

Fifty-Fifth Battalion.
Seriously ill—Frank Patrick Murphy, St. John, N. B.
Privates Pats. Nelson, Vancouver, B. C.

First Canadian Mounted Rifles.
Wounded—William Thomas Ort, Ponthula, Sask.

Third Canadian Mounted Rifles.
Seriously wounded—Wm. McLaren, Redcliffe, Alta.
Wounded—John Joseph Hall, Wilkie, Sask.

Suffering from shock—Frank Needham Chapman, England.
Railway Construction Corps.
Seriously ill—Sapper Elzear Labelle, Montreal.

MIDNIGHT LIST.
Third Battalion.
Killed in action—Wm. Rainor, Toronto.

Fifth Battalion.
Slightly wounded—Lieut. Kenneth C. Campbell, Ottawa.
Dangerously wounded—Lieut. Thomas D. Leonard, Toronto.

Ninth Battalion.
Seriously ill—Geo. McKellow, England; Sergt. Wm. Townsend, England.

Thirteenth Battalion.
Wounded—Ormond E. Reid, Ottawa.
Twenty-Second Battalion.
Wounded—Arthur Gervais, Joliette, Que.; Jos. A. Naud, Deschambault, Que.

Twenty-Fifth Battalion.
Killed in action—Alfred Carriere, Montreal.
Wounded—Corporal Albert Manley, 39 Bloomfield street, Halifax, N. S.

Accidentally Wounded—Lieut. John S. Williams, England.
Killed in action—N. Fraser, 132 Steadman street, Moncton, N. B.

Lord Strathcona's Horse.
Wounded—John Jameson, England; John R. Lindsay, Scotland; John Windsor, South Wales; James W. McDonald, MacLeod, Alb.; John Toohy, Almonte, Man.; John H. Boulter, Toronto.

Number Eight Company Divisional Train.
Dangerously ill—Staff Sergt. John Smith, England.

Nine O'clock List.
First Battalion.
Suffering from shock—P. Stewart Knox (formerly 3rd Battalion) Auburn, Ont.

Second Battalion.
Wounded—Ed. Ryan, to duty—E. Tapp, Fox River, Que.
Wounded—Jos. Shirrit, Osgoode, Ont.; Wm. Cushman, Kingston, Ont.

Ninth Battalion.
Died of pleurisy, Dec. 15—S. J. White (formerly 10th Battalion) Oil Springs, Ont.

Tenth Battalion.
Dangerously ill—Howard Thomas Weller, Regina, Sask.

Fifteenth Battalion.
Suffering from shock—C. C. Barker, England.
Sixteenth Battalion.
Wounded—Robert Sanford Graham, Beachburg, Ont.

Eighteenth Battalion.
Wounded—Edward Lucas, Kingsville, Ont.

Nineteenth Battalion.
Died of wounds—Vernon Smith, Hamilton, Ont.

Twenty-eighth Battalion.
Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action—Thomas William Brown, England.

Thirty-first Battalion.
Wounded—Fred Toyne, England.
Thirty-sixth Battalion.
Seriously ill—Thomas William Byatt, Wilmet, Ont.

Forty-eighth Battalion.
Seriously ill—Kingsley Alan Evans, Buolsh, Man.

HUNS INCITE MUSSELMANS TO MASSACRE

London, Dec. 19.—The following official Serbian statement has been received from Belgrade:
"During the retreat of the Serbian

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Me and Puds Simkins was stawking awing this afternoon and we came to a little kid setting awn frunt steps crying with his mouth wide open, being a little kid with glasses awn his face and dery wite stockings awn his legs.

Wats the matter, kid, I sed.
Wats the matter, kid, sed Puds Simkins.
Im lost, sed the kid without closing his mouth all the way, and he star-tid to cry louder than ever.

G, hes lost, the poor kids lost, I sed.
He dont no wate he lives, sed Puds, say, kid, do you no wate you live.
No, Im lost, Im lost, sed the kid keeping awn crying, and I sed, Wats your name, wats your name, kid.

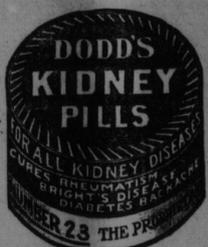
Waltir, sed the kid.
Wats your last name, sed Puds.
Waltir, sed the kid.
G, both his names is Waltir, sed Puds, and I sed, No they aint, be ony nos his first name, kids that aise dont no dare last names.

Im lost, yelled the kid.
G, hes lost all right, be ony nos his first name and hes lost, sed Puds.
Dont you no wate street you live awn, even, I sed to the kid, and the kid sed, Im lost, I dont no nothing.

He dont no nothing, thats a stinsh, sed Puds, and I sed, Hes a pritty dum kid, awl rite, how did you get lost kid, do you no that.
I dont no nothing, sed the kid. Wich jest thmen the frunt door opened and a lady stuck her hed out, saying, Waltir, stop that crying immediately and come in the house.

G, lady, does he live there, I sed, and she sed, Serteny he lives heer, and me and Puds sed, Aw, heck, and kepp awn wawking.

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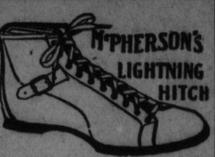


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 New Moon, 6th 11.45 a. m.
 First Quarter, 13th 11.45 a. m.
 Full Moon, 21st 11.45 a. m.
 Last Quarter, 29th 11.45 a. m.

Date	City	Time	Remarks
20	Mon	8.08	4.38 10.49 23.22 5.00 17.22
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23	Thu	8.08	4.40 0.38 12.44 6.50 19.13
24	Fri	8.09	4.41 1.14 13.22 7.27 19.49

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston—Arr Dec 15, str. Colonial, London; British Monarch, Glasgow. Sld Dec 16, str. Beale A Crooks, Halifax; N. S. Marjorie A Backman, La Have, N. S.; W. H. Waters, St. Martins, N. B.; Valdaire, Bear River, N. S.; Laura C Hall, Windsor, N. S.; Florence E Melanson, Yarmouth; tug Pelebot, Rockland, towing barge S. T. Co No 1, Windsor, N. S.

Vineyard Haven—Arr Dec 16, str. Wesley Abbott, South Amboy. Sld Dec 16, str. J. H. Devereux, Boston; str. Fanny C Bowen, Calais; Child Harold, do; Beatrice L Corkum, Clark's Harbor; Stanley, Halifax; H. R. Silver, Sydney, C. B.; Itaska, New York.

MARINE NOTES.

STEAMER URDU
 Steamer Oruro has sailed from Halifax for New York in command of Capt. Hugh C. Warner.

A TOTAL LOSS

St. Johns, Nfld., Telegram of the 13th says: "Canadian schooner Levego, loaded with codfish, left Fogo for Naples and ran ashore on Brunt Point. Seldom, in snow storm on Saturday; crew saved; ship total loss."

EXPERIENCED BAD WEATHER

Boston Advertiser: Capt. McDonald of the steamer Colonial, which arrived from London, was two days late on account of bad weather. The Colonial encountered a blinding snow storm and was brought in seventy-five returning hostlers. George McDonald of Lynn, forty-eight, who went over on the steamer as a horse tender, died of pneumonia on Nov. 18 and was buried at sea the same afternoon. Off Dover, on the outward passage, the Colonial ran within ten feet of a drifting mine. The Admiralty was notified of its position. Captain John McDonald sailed out of St. John for many years.

STEAMER SOLD

Boston, Dec. 18.—The sale of str. Pacific, owned by John S. Emery & Co. of New York, for \$700,000 was announced here today. The Pacific is a sister ship to the Atlantic, which was sold by the Emery company several months ago. The two steamers were built for the Atlantic and Pacific trade through the Panama Canal. The name of the Pacific will be changed to Hewitt.

FLOATED BUT DAMAGED

Sch Irene E Meservey, from Boston for Bangor, was floated from a dangerous position on Fond Island bar, at the mouth of the Kennebec River, Wednesday forenoon by cutter Ossipee; the schooner was considerably battered by her pounding on the reef and was towed to Boothbay Harbor; the captain was taken to a Boothbay hospital with a fractured leg.

WILL PAY \$644,000 IN SETTLEMENT OF ALL TITANIC CLAIMS

New York, Dec. 18.—The White Star line has agreed to pay \$644,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912, when more than 1,500 persons were drowned, attorneys for the line announced here today.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Single: City of St. John, \$1,000.00, eighth payment; Thornton, Mrs., \$5.00; Somerville, T. H., \$10.00.
 Monthly: Grossett, T., \$2.00; Lingley, D. G., \$5.00; Simpson, W. J., \$5.00; Ellis, H. E., three months, \$6.00; Lordley, C. E., \$5.00; Adams, E. W., \$3.00; Stetson, Miss, two months, \$4.00; Henderson, W. N., \$2.00; Gray, Miss, M. R., 50c; "B. M. C.," \$1.00.

BELGIAN RELIEF.

Mayor Frink has received \$100 from Mrs. Horace King, of Boston, formerly of this city, for the Belgian Relief Funds. Other contributors were Mrs. A. G. Gregory, \$5; Mrs. Herbert Ward, \$5; W. J. Dean, \$2; M. K., \$2.50; a friend, \$1.
 Mrs. Sadie B. Moody, of Lepreau, has sent to the mayor \$2 for the Soldiers' Comfort Fund.
 Miss Mary M. Coburg has contributed \$15 for the base hospital under the command of Lieut.-Col. Murray MacLaren.

A DULL SESSION WITH PUBLIC INTEREST ALTOGETHER LACKING

Volume of trading only 192,000 Shares—Several important Railways and Industrial concerns expected to engage in new financing.

New York, Dec. 18.—Today's market was in the main, a repetition of recent dull and irregular sessions, operations being in very moderate volume and consisting largely of a closing of outstanding contracts. Public interest was altogether lacking, aside from a fair inquiry for certain investment issues, including the Anglo-French bonds.

United States Steel was the most active feature, though showing some heaviness. Other prominent issues included American Smelting, Republic Iron and Steel, Studebaker and Baldwin Locomotive.

Texas Company, United States Industrial Alcohol, Virginia Coal, Iron and Coke and a few others of that class were substantially higher, but the movement in these issues was without material effect elsewhere.

Rails were fairly firm, but dull, exceptions to the general strength in that division were manifested by New York Central, and Pennsylvania. Dealings fell away perceptibly in the final hour, when prices shaded fractionally from their best. Total sales amounted to 192,000 shares.

Week-end reports dealt mainly with the sustained activity in many lines of

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PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Corn—American No 2 yellow, 80 to 81.
 Oats—Canadian Western, No 2, 49; No 3, 48.
 Flour—Man spring wheat patents, 6.50; second, 6.00; strong bakers, 5.50; winter patents, choice, 6.20; straight rollers, 5.50 to 5.80; bags, 2.50 to 2.80.
 Millfeed—bran, 23; shorts, 23; middlings, 25 to 30; moult, 30 to 32.
 Hay—No 2, per ton, carted, 19 to 19.50.
 Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, 1.30 to 1.35.

SCHOONER SOLD

Boston schooner Allos has been sold for \$4,500. She will proceed in a few days for Newfoundland, where she will be under a British register.

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MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

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Morning
Montreal, Saturday, Dec. 18th—
Steamships Pfd.—50 @ 78, 50 @ 70 1/2, 10 @ 79 1/2.
Steel of Canada—25 @ 39 1/2.
Carriage—70 @ 51, 75 @ 51 1/2, 75 @ 51 1/2, 25 @ 51 1/2, 50 @ 51 1/2.
Cement Pfd.—50 @ 90 1/2.
Cement Com.—65 @ 39 1/2, 60 @ 39, 40 @ 39.
Dom. Iron Com.—25 @ 46 1/2, 10 @ 46 1/2.
Montreal Power—55 @ 233, 150 @ 233 1/2, 125 @ 234, 40 @ 233 1/2.
Canada Car Com.—5 @ 92, 35 @ 92 1/2, 25 @ 92, 60 @ 92 1/2, 92 1/2 @ 92 1/2.
Canada Car Pfd.—5 @ 106 1/2, 145 @ 106, 25 @ 107.
Lake of Woods—3 @ 125.
N. S. Steel—25 @ 100, 25 @ 99 1/2, 50 @ 99 1/2, 15 @ 100.
Quebec Bonds—1,200 @ 49 1/2.
Dom. Bridge—25 @ 230 1/2, 25 @ 230 1/2, 100 @ 230 1/2.
C. C. Cotton Pfd.—25 @ 77.
Cedars Com.—25 @ 77 1/2.
Laur. Pulp—5 @ 190, 20 @ 149, N. S. Steel Pfd.—10 @ 124.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

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Chicago, Dec. 18.—Wheat, No 2 red, 1.17 1/2 to 1.20; No 3 red, 1.13 to 1.16; No 2 hard, 1.16; No 3 hard, 1.10 to 1.13 1/2.
 Corn—No 2 yellow, nominal; No 4 yellow, 86 1/2 to 88.
 Oats—No 3 white, 40 1/2 to 41 1/2; standard, 42 1/2.
 Rye—No 2, 95.
 Barley—60 to 69.
 Timothy—5.00 to 7.75.
 Clover—10.00 to 19.00.
 Pork—16.75 to 17.00.
 Lard—9.75 to 10.25.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

High	Low	Close
Jan. 11.90	11.72	11.86
Mar. 12.19	12.02	12.15
May 44	43	44
July 57	41	54
Oct. 29	16	24

ONLY MEN FIT FOR DUTIES WILL BE CALLED HOME AS INSTRUCTORS

Special to The Standard
 Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Department of Militia and Defense desires it to be known that the officers and N. C. O's being brought back to Canada from the Canadian expeditionary force abroad are only those selected on account of their fitness for instructional duty and on account of their gallant conduct at the front.

It is useless for people to write the department, urging the return of their relatives for this duty, as only those who have rendered meritorious service and are recommended by their commanding officers as worthy and capable are required. All these men must also be prepared to return to the front immediately whenever wanted.

WILSON-GILT WEDDING VERY QUIET AFFAIR

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married here at 8.30 o'clock to-night with a simple ceremony spoken for in the bride's home in the presence of less than thirty guests, virtually all of whom were relatives. They left soon afterward for a two weeks' honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va.

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 By The "Chalmer" Jan 1 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Jan 15 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Jan 29 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Feb 12 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Feb 26 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Mar 12 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Mar 26 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Apr 9 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Apr 23 '16
 By The "Chalmer" May 7 '16
 By The "Chalmer" May 21 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Jun 4 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Jun 18 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Jul 2 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Jul 16 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Jul 30 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Aug 13 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Aug 27 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Sep 10 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Sep 24 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Oct 8 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Oct 22 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Nov 5 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Nov 19 '16
 By The "Chalmer" Dec 3 '16

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

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From Manchester, St. John
 Nov. 13 Manchester Inventor Dec. 4
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 Nov. 27 Manchester Merchant Dec. 18
 Dec. 4 Manchester Miller
 Dec. 11 Manchester Citizen Jan. 1
 Dec. 18 Manchester Shipper Jan. 3
 Dec. 25 Manchester Corporation Jan. 15
 Steamers marked (*) take cargo to Philadelphia.
 Steamers and dates subject to change.
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From London, St. John
 Nov. 12 Shenandoah Nov. 27
 Nov. 28 Kanawha Dec. 11
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THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (LIMITED).

Until further notice the S. S. Corsairs Bros. will run as follows:
 Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., on Saturday, 7.30 a.m. for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay, or Leticia, Deer Island, Red Store, St. George, returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Leticia or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor, tide and weather permitting.
 AGENT—Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., St. John, N. B.
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 This company will not be responsible for any debts contracted after this date, without a written order from the company or captain of the steamer.

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 Freight rates on application to
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Fall and Winter Time Table of the **GRAND MANAN S.S. CO.**
 Grand Manan Route—Season 1915-16
 After October 1st, 1915, and until further notice, a steamer of this line will run as follows:
 Leave Grand Manan Mondays at 7.30 a. m. for St. John, via Eastport, Campbell and Wilson's Beach.
 Returning leave Turbul's Wharf, St. John, Wednesdays at 7.30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via Wilson's Beach, Campbell and Eastport.
 Leave Grand Manan Thursdays at 8 a. m. for St. Stephen, via Campbell, Eastport and St. Andrews.
 Returning leave St. Stephen Fridays at 7.30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via St. Andrews, Eastport and Campbell.
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Live Sporting Topics

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL GAMES ON SATURDAY

London, Dec. 19.—The following are the results of the principal English and Scottish football games decided today:

- ENGLISH LEAGUE.**
- Northern Section.**
Blackpool, 1; Everton, 4.
Bury, 0; Manchester City, 2.
Liverpool, 2; Stoke, 0.
Manchester U. 1; Bolton, Wan, 0.
Rochdale, 2; Preston N.E., 4.
Stockport Co., 0; Burnley, 2.
Southport, 0; Oldham Ath., 3.
- Midland Section.**
Derby, 1; Notts County, 0.
Bradford City, 2; Lincoln City, 0.
Hull City, 1; Sheffield Wer., 3.
Leeds City, 1; Bradford, 1.
Leicester Fosse, 2; Grimsby Town, 0.
Notts Forest, 5; Derby Co., 0.
Sheffield U., 5; Huddersfield T., 1.
- London Section.**
Brentford, 1; Clapton Orient, 0.
West Ham U., 2; Fulham, 3.
Tottenham Hot., 2; Queens P.R., 1.
Chelsea, 6; Crystal Palace, 1.
Arsenal, 3; Watford, 1.
Croydon Com., 1; Millwall, 0.
- SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**
Falkirk, 0; Aberdeen, 3.
Airdrie, 1; Hibernian, 0.
St. Mirren, 1; Ayr, 0.
Partick, 0; Celtic, 4.
Clyde, 0; Rangers, 2.
Hamilton, 1; Dumbarton, 1.
Dundee, 3; Raith Rovers, 0.
Hearts, 4; Motherwell, 0.
Kilmarnock, 1; Third Lanark, 1.
Queens Park, 0; Morton, 4.

FREDERICTON MANGETS THREE FAST ONES AT CHICAGO SALE

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Dec. 19.—Four horses purchased at the Chicago sale have been shipped to Fredericton. Three of the horses are trotters and pacers purchased by Driver William Sharon for his patrons in this city and St. John while fourth is a stock horse for a Fredericton horseman. Nothing as to the identity or speed of the horses can be learned here except that it is said that none of horses have records.

FEDERAL LEAGUE TO WITHDRAW?

Chicago, Dec. 19.—According to a statement made today by a man financially interested in the negotiations, representatives of the Federal, National and American leagues signed a peace agreement at the New York meeting, insuring the withdrawal of the Federal league from the field, without the assumption of contract obligations with its players by the older organization. According to this the agreement provides that the Federal league retain its players by contract and reimbursing its backers from the sale of players to clubs in organized baseball.

Of the ball players included in the Federal league roster, 70, it is said, are under "ironclad" contracts extending a year or more. The combined salaries called for by the present contracts amount to more than \$300,000 a year.

Joke May Be Serious

Elijah Stewart, colored, was arrested on Saturday on the charge of stealing a tin of butter from the delivery team of D. J. Purdy on Main street. The butter is the property of Mr. Purdy and the stolen goods were found in Stewart's possession by

James Miller, a teamster in Mr. Purdy's employ. The prisoner's defence is that he did not steal the butter, but took it from the team as a joke, thinking the teamster was another man than Miller and a friend of his. Stewart is well known about the city and has always borne an excellent character.

Queen-Street House Raided.
Residents of Queen street have been complaining of disturbance, profane

language and disorderly conduct in a house on Queen street. Saturday evening there was an unusual amount of disorder in the house and the police paid a visit. They found the man of the house with a friend under the influence of liquor and placed them under arrest on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. The police then went in search of the man's wife and found her lying in the back yard under a window. When they picked her up they discovered that she had a broken

rib. She was conveyed to the hospital for treatment, while her husband and his companion were locked up in cells at police headquarters.

Lecture on India.
The Rev. M. E. Fletcher gave a very interesting talk to the boys of the 69th last night in the Y. M. C. E. rooms in the Exhibition building. The subject of the lecture was "India." Mr. Fletcher having spent some five years in that country, is well ac-

quainted with conditions there and held the attention of the boys all through with his description of the inner life of the people of India. The lecture was interspersed with wit, and illustrated by views taken by Mr. Fletcher during the period he lived there. Mr. Smart, who is devoting his time to military activities of the Y. M. C. E. in St. John, has arranged a series of lectures of this nature, and is to be commended for the success of his efforts. Every Sunday

night, and often during the week, there will be something along this line for the boys of the 69th.

Apricot Fritters.
Get a tin of apricots and drain them free from juice. Roll out some pastry, thin, and cover each apricot with it—as you do apple dumplings—and fry each in boiling fat until of a light golden brown. Serve them very hot. Sift powdered sugar over.

BOXERS IN TROUBLE OVER A PASSPORT

London, Dec. 19.—Fighting Bob Spencer, a featherweight boxer, who recently attracted some attention in London, and Aaron Brown, an American negro boxer, known as "Dixie Kid," were taken to Scotland Yard today. Charges preferred against the two men are connected with Spencer's application for a passport to America. It is alleged that Spencer's application represented that he was an American subject, where as it is charged he is a British subject, born in Canada. Brown signed Spencer's application, vouching for its accuracy.

RED BALL ALE AND PORTER

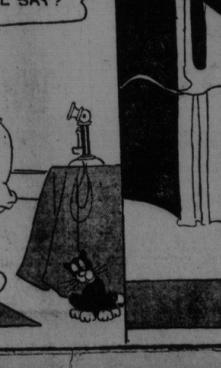


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Unfortunately very few of these methods can be shown here.

Note that all vessels, mash tubs, filter tub, kettle, cooler, fermenter, storage tanks are hermetically closed to guard against infection from the multitude of germs contained in flying dust.

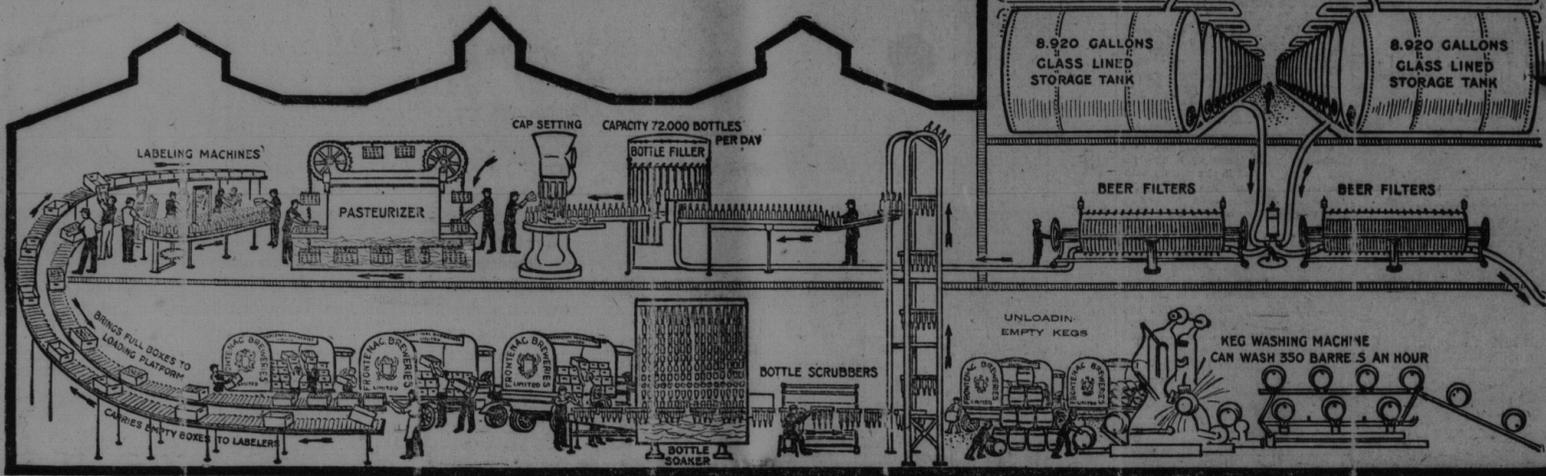
Every beer pipe, pump or vessel containing beer manufactured or in process of manufacture, is frequently flushed and sterilized.

Note also, the immense storage rooms filled with glass-lined tanks. These permit the thorough ageing of the beer, without imparting to it any resin or varnish taste as is so often the case with wooden casks.

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- 1.—The malt received in car-loads is elevated to the malt bins.
- 2.—The malt from these bins is ground in the mill and elevated to the mash-tub.
- 3.—In the mash-tub, the malt and water are thoroughly mixed by a powerful propeller turned by a 35 horse-power electric motor, and forms what is known as the wort.
- 4.—The wort flows from the mash-tub to the filter-tub where the grains are strained and sent down to the grain tank, and the extract of malt flows to the kettle to be boiled.
- 5.—In the kettle, the extract is boiled by steam and the hops are inserted there.
- 6.—After boiling, the extract is forced by a powerful electric pump to the upper story of the fermenting room and goes through the serpentine enclosed cooler and thence to the enclosed glass-lined fermenters, where yeast is added.
- 7.—After eight days in the fermenter, the beer flows to the storage tanks for ageing. Note the cooling pipes under the ceiling.
- 8.—Before going to the bottle or keg fillers, the beer is thoroughly filtered.
- 9.—The kegs used are of glass-lined steel to insure thorough cleanliness. These are mechanically scrubbed on the outside and get four powerful sprayings inside, hot and cold water alternately.
- 10.—The brewery has been most fortunate in finding on its premises an artesian well, yielding an unlimited supply of water of the very best quality that could be desired for brewing. This water is extremely cold and of great value for cooling the beer and also the ice-machine condensers.



DELEGATION FROM LABOR CONGRESS WILL WAIT ON GOVERNMENT JAN. 6

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The annual deputation of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress to the federal government will take place on Thursday, January 6, when Premier Borden and members of the cabinet will receive the deputation. A change in presentation and complexion of the deputation has been necessitated owing to war conditions, it being anticipated that no legislative matters will be presented for the coming session thus the congress will accommodate itself to the circumstances. The position of the deputation will be to advance connected directly with the furnishing of munitions and supplies to the militia. A single exception will be made in this regard on behalf of the federation of letter carriers who will, through their secretary, A. M. MacModie, of Hamilton, present a petition to the Postmaster-General setting forth several requests for the advancement of the Dominion letter carriers. The other members will deal with munitions and supplies as affecting their several crafts. The deputation will comprise President J. C. Watters and Secy P. M. Draper, for the executive of the congress; T. Moore, of Niagara Falls, Brotherhood of Carpenters; J. H. Kennedy, Toronto, Sheet Metal Workers; J. Watt, Toronto, Joiners-Tailors; W. P. Bush, Toronto, Garment Workers; J. Bruce, Toronto, Plumbers and Steam Fitters. A socialist representative may also be in attendance.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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THE TRAGIC FLIGHT OF THE SERBIANS BEFORE THE ADVANCE OF THE ENEMY



© BY THE N.Y. HERALD. SERBIAN VILLAGERS MOVING BEFORE THE INVADING GERMANS AND BULGARIANS. DRAWN BY V. PIATANIA FOR THE SPHERE LONDON. In this picture, drawn especially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, Mr. Manolin depicts the tragic flight of the Serbians before the advance of the Austro-Germans and the Bulgarians. According to a correspondent, the retreating Serbians left nothing but a desert behind them. The population—the whole nation, it may be said—retired before the soldiers, forming immense processions of ox-drawn carts, filled with women and children, while herds of cattle followed, preceding the army. The retreat was a fantastic, tragic picture, which took place in wonderful calm and silence.

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W Harrison, Jr, Halifax; W Webber, J E Parker, Montreal; D W McLeod, T G Grake, Ottawa; F W Robertson, H M Wylie, Halifax; W F Moore, Quebec; W M Johnstone, G F Hanson, R Stewart, Montreal; C Wheaton, Mrs FitzRandolph, Fredericton; A P Proctor, Edson; R Cann, Linnoxville; G S Kinneer, S J Goodlife, Sussex; Mrs Stear, Montreal; J D Ruth, St. John's, Nfld.; J W Margeson, Bridgewater; J D Ruth, St. John's, Nfld.; G Dupre, A J Luff, St. Thomas, Ont.; G Dupre, A Bashe, Meteghan, N. S.; H Warren, Desrochers, H de F French, St George, Fredericton; E M Crotty, McAdam; E Cran-diemire, Vancorboro; M Atkinson, J N Gambler, Fredericton; Geo J McClure, Worcester, Mass.; H Isaacs and wife, Montreal; A L Adair, H P Crousse, R J Lutz, Moncton; Lieut J A Inches, Sussex; D J Johnston, Moncton; G F Burtt, Hartland; R M Gross, Peticodiac, Lieut Brander, Halifax; L C daughter Nettie A. was united in marriage to Lemont G. Thorne, of Havelock, Rev. Walter S. Ryder was the officiating minister. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, looked very attractive in an ivory satin gown, white face, pearl trimmings with bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern. The wedding march was played by Mrs. A. Rouse, Annapolis. The house was tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. After the ceremony and congratulations the guests, who consisted of only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, were paired to the dining room where the wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne left on the Maritime express for a trip through the provinces followed by the best wishes of

hosts of friends. The bride was the recipient of many valuable and beautiful gifts including checks, cut glass and silver. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold pendant with a diamond and pearls. On their return to Havelock, N. B.

SOLDIERS ATTENDED THE CITY CHURCHES YESTERDAY

The members of the 69th Battalion attended divine services yesterday morning as follows: The Roman Catholic members of the battalion attended St. John the Baptist church, where service was conducted by their own chaplains. B Company attended Germain street Baptist, where Rev. F. S. Porter preached an able and helpful sermon. He based his remarks on Romans 8:37: "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." The members of the 140th, who are stationed on west side, attended service in the different churches. The Anglicans going to St. Jude's, the Baptists to Fallow street, the Roman Catholics to the Church of the Assumption, the Methodists to Canton Methodist, the Presbyterians to the First Presbyterian church. Last evening the soldiers were entertained in both Germain street Baptist and St. David's Presbyterian churches after the regular service. The entertainment took the form of a song service and was much enjoyed by all those who were present. That the soldiers appreciate what these churches are doing in their behalf is shown by the large numbers who attend.

To Solemnize Marriages.

Rev. A. Parker Hodges, pastor of the Christian church, Coburg street, has been registered to solemnize marriages.

In the Sick Room

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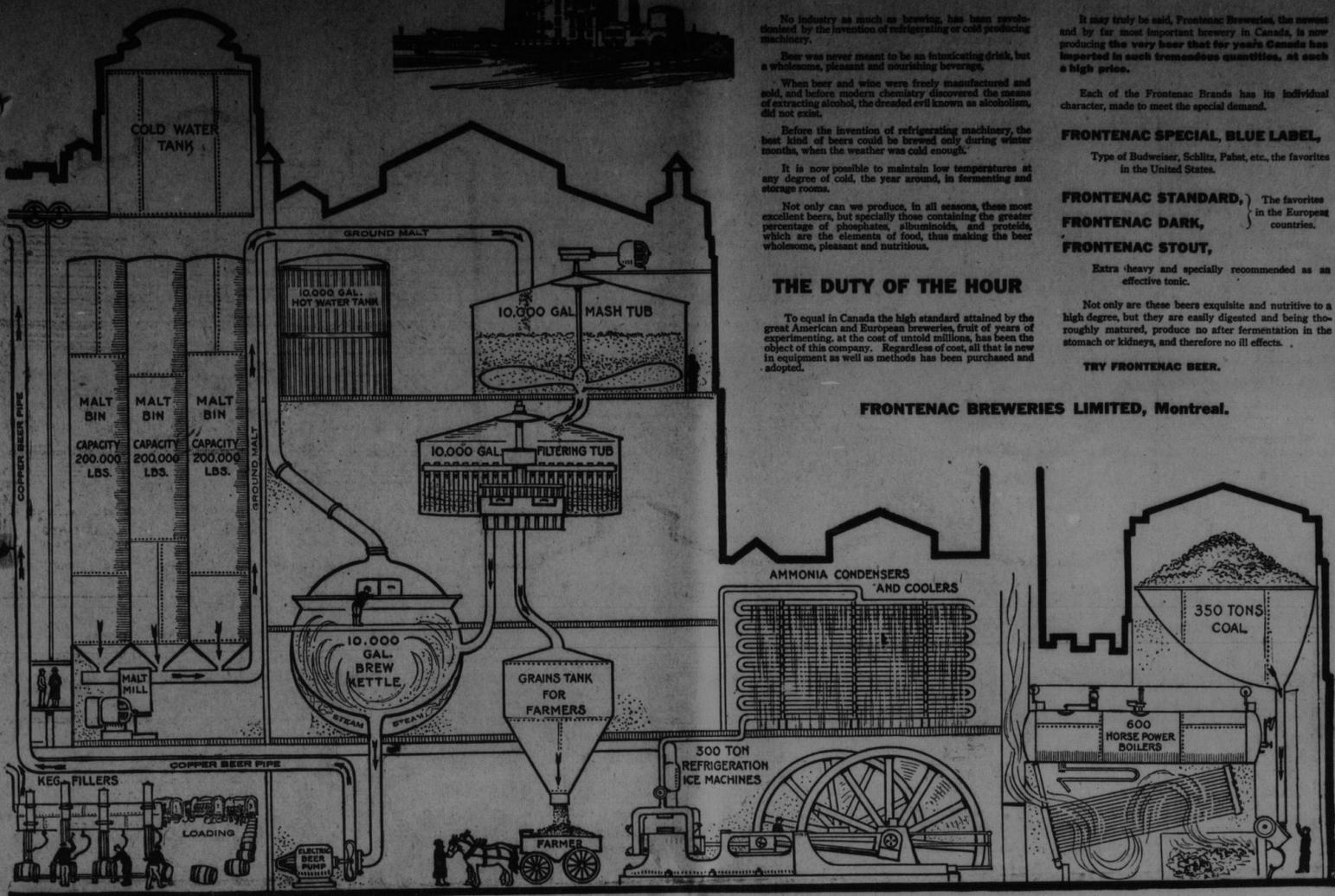
THE CHRISTMAS MARKET PROMISES GOOD DISPLAY

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LEINSTER ST. CHURCH HONORS ITS HEROES

Tablet commemorating men under arms unveiled in church last evening.

An honor roll containing the names of members of the society who have enlisted to serve the Empire was unveiled at a patriotic service in the Leinster St. Baptist church, last night. The names are engraved on parchment and are enclosed in a frame draped with the flag. The honor roll will remain in front of the pulpit until the close of the war. The roll contains thirteen names, all of which were on the list of members of the Baral Brotherhood class of the church.

The names were read at the service, and then the roll was unveiled by Arthur R. Everett, president of the class.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Wellington Camp, gave a formal and inspiring sermon on the words, "Greater love hath no man than this—when a man lays down his life for his friend." The discourse was of a patriotic nature throughout.

A number of seats in the church were reserved for men of the 69th Battalion whom Col. Dansereau sent for the occasion.

The names on the roll of honor are: George C. O'Brien, Chester Dean, Percy Manning, Ernest Vincent, Durand Fletcher, Ernest Jones, Otto Fletcher, Alonso B. Kierstead, Douglas McVair, Chas. Bennett, Harry Gannon, Kenneth Gilles and Kenneth Wilson.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Haney, Winter street, left on Saturday evening by train to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. R. S. Bowers, Boston.

Among the students of McDonald College who returned on Saturday for the Christmas vacation were Miss Ruth Coster, daughter of Arthur Coster; Miss Gertrude Coster, daughter of Charles J. Coster; Miss Dorothy Jones, daughter of G. D. Jones, and Miss Joan H., daughter of T. H. Sotherville.

Stewart McLeod, son of Mrs. Geo. K. McLeod, 101 Burpee avenue; Harold C. Barker, commander of the Siege Battery, and Fred Foster, of Dorchester, N. B., came to the city on Saturday from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., to spend their Christmas vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Edgerston of Beaver Harbor are visiting the city

A RAILWAY PRESIDENT'S VIEW

By SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY

Reprinted from Montreal "Star."

Sir—The prophet who, in olden days, was not honored in his own country, very often deserved his fate, for those people who are apt to foretell some wrath to come, or impending ruin, are not pleasant company.

In Canada, however, we are incurable optimists, and there are few of us unprepared to paint the future in colors of the rainbow. There is, indeed, a tendency to prophesy too much and do too little, waiting for the war to end and for the return of the tide which is to bring once more the flow of men and capital to our farms, our mines, our forests, and our factories. Whereas in reality our future is based on our present, and unless we have a secure foundation, the superstructure to which we put the labor and the capital must be unstable.

The potential wealth of Canada lies in her immense natural resources, but these must remain merely potential till they have been developed with the aid of human labor, which, in turn, must be paid its wages. Some day when our population is sufficiently large, and her people have put aside more savings, Canada may herself provide the capital to develop her own resources, but for many years to come a large proportion of this capital must come from outside, and be paid for in interest earned. Our credit, therefore, is our chief concern, and it is the first duty of every citizen to exact careful and economical expenditure in Government, municipal and public company expenditures, to be merciless on perpetual audit even in the days of record earnings, bumper increases and untaxed war profits. The spendthrift nation gets short shrift from the foreign banker, who, in his turn, is putting out to interest the savings entrusted to him by his own thrifty customers. Our credit now is of the most urgent importance, since the enormous cost of the war has made it difficult, if not impossible, for Great Britain and other European countries to continue that investment in Canadian securities on which the development of Canada depended so much in the ten years preceding hostilities. The sentimental interest taken by the Mother Country in Canada accounted to some extent for the readiness with which the British investor bought our securities. If, as is likely, we have to turn now for our loans to New York, we can no longer count on sentimental sympathy, but must be able to guarantee that the money we desire to borrow will be carefully and economically spent on enterprises which are immediately

productive. Extravagant promotions, born only to serve a political end, must be rigorously stifled at their birth, and those unhealthy offshoots which have been spoon-fed by too lenient subsidies or Government guarantees, must be reduced to sterner tutelage—in some cases perhaps handed over to the guardianship of an official receiver.

The business man of the United States is essentially an individualist, and never has shown much belief in state socialism or any form of commercial enterprise operated by Government officials, however upright or well-intentioned. Where, on the other hand, there is scope for a well-arranged private business or industry, with the prospect of good dividends, no one is more ready than the American to stake large sums of money without hesitation. Mortgages on farm lands are also a favorite form of more conservative investment south of the border, and such mortgages often provide the farmer with funds useful for increasing his live stock or better cultivation of his land. Our lands, particularly in Western Canada, are still assessed on a comparatively low valuation, so that the security we have to offer in this field is good. The migration of farmers from the United States to Western Canada shows no sign of falling off, and there is no doubt that considerable capital for the development of our agricultural land will follow in their footsteps.

If then we see it that our security and our credit are good, I see no reason to fear that the progress of Canada will be hampered by lack of capital, even though the European investor may be cut off by the present war. The uncertain element is the supply of labor, and till the issue of the war is decided, one can only hope for the best. It is, however, a historic fact that European wars during the past century have been followed by emigration to the North American continent. An important factor in these migrations has been the heavy taxation which resulted from war. Although there is reason for believing that the rates of wages in European countries may soon approximate to those now current in the United States and Canada, the taxation required to pay for the war will tempt many to transfer their homes across the Atlantic. Much of this movement from Central Europe will be directed no doubt to the United States, but any further immigration through the ports of Boston and New York will only increase the westward pressure of population which is already resulting in an over-

flow from the middle western states into our prairie provinces.

The future of Canada, therefore, depends largely on the ability with which we handle the incoming population, the preparedness we make for absorbing the heterogeneous elements whom we may be called upon to assimilate after this terrible racial eruption in Europe. During the past thirty years Canada has more or less successfully absorbed a very large immigrating population, but much energy has been dissipated through lack of co-operation shown between the Dominion Government, the Provincial Governments, and the trans-Canada companies. We should be busy now thinking out and formulating an organization which should place upon the land, or in the industries for which they are fitted, with the least possible friction or loss of time, those individuals or families which come to make a new home in Canada. In the past we have been apt to let the immigrant shift for himself and find his place by himself, as a result, many a good farm laborer has been lost to the land, and has helped, in times of economic stress, to overcrowd our cities. We have said to the mechanic: "Take the first job that is offered to you," instead of having a carefully organized bureau which would tell him of the place where his skill was needed. This war has accelerated many manufacturing activities in Canada, and there is a possibility of a greater demand for highly skilled labor than was the case when Canada depended more completely on her agriculture. Even in the case of the immigrant farmer from Europe, we have not always been ready with the expert advice which would enable him to adapt himself without loss of time to his new conditions. We have let men with invaluable knowledge of intensive farming go to waste on homesteads remote from the markets, and have not sufficiently posted our settlers on climatic and soil conditions, the knowledge of which is essential to their success as Canadian farmers. We have, as it were, brought seeds and bulbs and plants from Europe by the ton, and planted them indiscriminately in a garden which had not been prepared for them—a method of culture which could only result in a heavy percentage of waste. There is so much to be done to develop this Canada of ours, that any waste of energy should be avoided. We must conserve that energy just as much as we must conserve our credit, if our future is to be as great as all true Canadians hope to see.

Yours truly,
T. G. SHAUGHNESSY.

GREAT MISERY AMONG POOR IN GERMAN CAPITAL

London, Dec. 19.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam the correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company says: "Life in the poorer quarters of the German capital is described as pitiful by the German born wife of an English laborer residing in Berlin, who, after sixteen months' internment, has arrived at Flushing, Holland, on her way to England, according to the correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraph."

The German authorities, the Telegram correspondent quotes the woman as saying, are in great fear of a revolt, owing to the great discontent of the people. Several riots occurred, in which shops were plundered. Mounted police charged the crowds, which were composed mainly of women. Misery among the working class is considerable, and is increasing daily.

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A NEW CONTEST For Boys and Girls

First Prize—A Silver Watch

As you seemed to enjoy the last "Jumbled word" contest so much I am letting you have another. Below are given a number of letters which if arranged in correct order will form a very reasonable quotation.

AAACEHILLMORRRSSSTUUY.

To the boy or girl not over fifteen years of age, who solves the words correctly, and whose writing is most neatly done, I shall award a beautiful silver watch, and to the second best, a pretty Christmas present. Each entry must be accompanied by the usual coupon correctly filled up, and arrive in this office not later than Wednesday, 29th, to

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Rev. W. G. Watson, B. A., B. D., of the faculty of Mount Allison, was in the city yesterday and occupied the pulpit of Carmarthen street Methodist church in the morning and Exmouth street in the evening.

Rev. W. H. Heartz, D. D., of Amherst, occupied the pulpit of Queen Square Methodist church yesterday morning.

Miss M. C. Sutherland, of Providence, R. I., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Davidson, 76 Dorchester street.

and are guests of Capt. and Mrs. Holmes, Hazen street.

Mr. Murray MacLaren returned to the city via New York, on Saturday, after a three months' visit to England to see her husband, Lieut-Col. Murray MacLaren.

THE WEATHER
Forecast: Maritime - Strong westerly to northwesterly winds, light snow flurries, but generally fair and colder.
Washington, Dec. 29 - Northern New England - Fair day and Tuesday; moderate west winds.
Toronto, Dec. 29 - Pressure is decidedly low over Newfoundland and the northern British Columbia coast, and highest over the west and southwest states. Light snowfalls and flurries have been general today in Ontario and Quebec; elsewhere the weather has been for the most part fair.
Temperatures: Min. Max.
Victoria 38 46
Vancouver 32 44
Edmonton 15 24
Battleford 2 30
Prince Albert 0 24
Calgary 18 40
Moose Jaw 5 32
Winnipeg 3 20
Port Arthur 3 20
Parry Sound 18 32
London 24 31
Toronto 27 34
Ottawa 16 27
Montreal 22 26
Quebec 22 26
Halifax 36 40

Around the City

Births and Marriages.
Seven marriages and fifteen births were recorded at the office of Registrar J. B. Jones last week. Of the births ten were boys and five girls.
Church Sale.
A pantry and fancy sale was held in Leicester street Baptist church on Saturday afternoon by the ladies of the church. The proceeds will be given for patriotic purposes.

For Disorderly Conduct
Yesterday afternoon Police Officer Winter arrested two young men on the charge of acting in a disorderly manner on the corner of Brussels and Brunswick streets.
Seven Stalwarts in Cells
"We are seven" would be a neat little motto to head a parade from the cells at police headquarters into the police court this morning, for that is the number of drunks gathered in by the police on Saturday night.

Aiding Soldiers to Desert
For some time it has been believed that civilians have been assisting soldiers to desert, but the police have been unable to make an arrest until Saturday evening, when Detectives Barrett and Briggs placed in custody William Corrier, charged with aiding and assisting deserters. Corrier is said to be from Montreal and is now up against a serious charge. It found guilty he is liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or a term of six months in jail.

More Soldiers Coming Today.
It is expected that about 120 men will arrive this morning from Sussex to be stationed in West St. John during the winter with the 140th battalion. Among the other officers of the battalion whose names have already been published as being on duty at West St. John are: Lieut. W. H. Teed of this city, acting as assistant adjutant; Lieut. Jas. Bennett, Lieut. Calkin of Sackville; Lieut. J. E. Harper and Lieut. F. B. Young of this city, and Lieut. Good of Fredericton.

Subscriptions Acknowledged.
The treasurer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions, viz: Mrs. Silas Alward, \$2; James Myles, \$2; W. E. Golding, \$1; W. E. Earle, \$1; Mrs. Geo. F. Smith, \$1; Mrs. T. B. Robinson, \$2; J. C. Cullinan and Son, \$1; H. N. DeMille, \$1; G. Ernest Fairweather, \$2; H. F. Chad-dington, \$1; H. B. Schofield, \$1; Chas. McDonald, \$2; F. A. Dykeman, \$1; L. M. Curran, M. D., \$2; P. R. Inches, M. D., \$1; A. F. Emery, M. D., \$2; Hon. J. E. Wilson, \$2; Robertson, Foster & Smith, \$2; John Russell, \$1.

Police Visit a Yacht.
Yesterday Detectives Barrett and Briggs made a visit to a yacht lying in Courtenay Bay, near the foot of Orange street, and owned by a man named Wilson. In the cabin they found three men also a number of empty whiskey bottles, and one bottle partly filled with liquor. The detectives took the names of the three men and ordered them to get on shore. It is believed by the police that this yacht has been used for some time as a sort of club room and the officers notified the owner if he did not have a lock placed on the cabin door and keep men out of it that he would be reported. About four weeks ago two young men were arrested for stealing a saw from this yacht, pleaded guilty and had a narrow escape from being sent to Dorchester.

Ladies' Neckwear.
A large shipment of Christmas neck wear arrived at F. A. Dykeman & Co. on Saturday. Some of the very new and exclusive designs are to be seen in this lot at the price of 50 cts. and 75 cts. Many of them have a touch of fur and a large number of them are made from bolting cloth finely embroidered. There are also a lot of the Georgette silk crepe collars in the newest shapes and colors.

CATTLE "PIRATES" STOLE 30 ANIMALS BELONGING TO KINGS COUNTY FARMERS

Meat and Hides may have been sold in St. John or Moncton markets—Stock Raisers offer substantial reward for detection and conviction of criminals.

A section of Kings county is afflicted with cattle and sheep "pirates" and stock raisers have been keeping a close surveillance of the St. John and Moncton hide markets, hoping by this means to find some trace of the culprits. In the vicinity of Hammondvale seven cattle and half a dozen lambs have been shot. Nearly all of the cattle were skinned and the meat taken as well.
Devine Bros. of Hillsdale and W. P. Fowler, a well known farmer of Hammondvale, are offering a substantial reward for such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons who have committed the crimes. Conviction would mean a sentence to the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester.

The owners of the cattle fell certain that the hides have not been disposed of in Sussex. It is thought that the thieves would be too wary to attempt a sale in that town, as they could be easily traced.
It is the theory of many that both the meat and hides would probably be marketed in St. John, or possibly in Moncton. As yet little in the way of a clue of a definite nature has been found. Several persons, it is said, are under suspicion, but actual proof has thus far not been established.

Devine Lost Six Cattle
Devine Brothers lost six head of cattle. All had been shot, apparently last month. Four of the cattle were skinned and the hide and meat taken.

Stock Men Anxious
Stock raisers throughout the district are much concerned as the result of these high priced cases of cattle piracy and fear that if the thieves are not detected more cattle and lambs will be slaughtered and stolen next season. Messrs. Devine and Fowler have made public through the columns of the Standard Record offers of a substantial reward.

Will Open New Year WITH BIG RECRUITING RALLY
Citizens' Committee, at meeting in Board of Trade Rooms on Saturday, outlined programme for first day of 1916 - Plan to make Sunday, January 2nd, occasion of Memorial Services for Soldiers.

A special meeting of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee was held in the Board of Trade rooms on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of inaugurating a campaign to fill up the ranks of the 115th Battalion.
Among those present were: Lt.-Col. E. T. Sturdee, who presided; E. A. Schofield, Capt. Mulcahy, T. H. Estabrooks, G. A. Kimball, R. T. Hayes, M. E. Agar, A. M. Belting, H. H. McLellan, W. A. Lockhart, John Keeffe, A. M. Rowan, G. E. Barbour, E. L. Rising, Rev. Mr. Haughton, A. O. Skinner, R. E. Armstrong, E. W. McCready, Dr. W. L. Ellis, W. E. Clayson, C. B. Lockhart, Capt. Tilley, Lt.-Col. Wedderburn, Adjt. Sprenger, Coun. O'Brien, Coun. Golding, M. E. Mooney and Joseph Stackhouse.

Mr. Belting reported that the south end had had a really good meeting the previous night. Coffee had been served and a most instructive program carried out.
Mr. Mooney furnished some particulars with reference to the water supply at the Cushing property, near Fairville, which had been offered for the housing of troops.

Plans for New Year
Mr. Schofield then outlined the programme for the grand inaugural demonstration for the 115th Battalion, to be held on the afternoon of New Year's Day. All the men in khaki in the city, including the 69th Battalion, the Siege Battery, the 140th Battalion, and 115th Battalion, would be represented in the monster parade which it was proposed to gather from all parts of the city on that day. The several military and other bands, the Boy Scouts and the Cadet Corps would also be invited to attend. As at present suggested, this monster parade would converge at King Square, and proceed to the armory or such other building as might be decided upon and hold a big recruiting meeting therein, with special appeals to all men of military age to come forward and enlist in Col. Wedderburn's battalion. The committee want the people of St. John to start the new year right.
Committees Recommended
The following sub-committees were recommended:
Bands—A. M. Rowan, H. H. McLellan, Capt. Mulcahy, Com. Folia.
Recruiting rooms committee—C. W. Hallamore, E. L. Rising, F. W. Daniel, Signs and banners—T. H. Estabrooks, W. H. Golding, Capt. Mulcahy, John Keeffe.
Speakers—T. H. Estabrooks, E. T. Sturdee.
Armory or hall—G. E. Barbour, A. H. Wetmore, W. C. Allison, W. A. Lockhart, H. H. McLellan, Com. Wigmore.
Advertising, printing and pictorial matter—W. H. Golding, A. M. Belting, W. C. Allison, C. W. Hallamore, G. E. Barbour, T. H. Estabrooks.
Boy Scouts—Lt.-Col. Wedderburn.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK MOST ENCOURAGING

Clarence Jameson, M. P., of Digby, in city yesterday, said desire is to avoid election.

Clarence Jameson, M. P., of Digby, reached the city yesterday from Ottawa, and will cross the bay this morning.
In reply to The Standard's enquiry regarding the political outlook, Mr. Jameson said he thought there was a desire on the part of the leaders of both political factions to avoid the holding of an election during the war. The proposal has been made by the premier that the parliament of Canada ask the Imperial parliament to legislate authorizing the extension of the life of the present parliament for one year, that is until October, 1917. The leader of the opposition, as is known, has called a meeting of prominent Liberals to decide what their attitude shall be with regard to this when the house meets.

There is no doubt, continued Mr. Jameson, that a very general feeling exists throughout Canada that an election at present would be ill-timed, and the party which forced it would undoubtedly suffer at the hands of the electors. This opinion throughout the country seems to be based on the grounds that it would be a serious mistake to incur the slightest risk of "wrapping horses while crossing a stream," and that the duty of patriotic Canadians, aside from party, would be to support the government, as its defeat would be heralded by German leaders as an evidence that the people of Canada were opposed to participation in the war, and would prove a great stimulus and encouragement to the enemy. Aside from this, the energetic prosecution of the war by the Borden government, undoubtedly has the support of an overwhelming majority of the Canadian people and the government was never stronger in the country than it is now.

Any decision reached, said Mr. Jameson, will have to be assented to early in the session, as Imperial legislation will be necessary to legalize the extension, and there can be no assurance that the British parliament will not prorogue before the Dominion house rises.

MILITARY POLICE HELP RAID DISORDERLY HOUSE

Woman and three soldiers taken in charge while children are cared for by authorities.

Detectives Barrett and Briggs with the military police made a raid on a house kept by Mrs. Leslie Singer on Brussels street last night and found the most deplorable condition. Mrs. Singer and three soldiers were drunk. Two soldiers were occupying the only two beds in the house. In the house at the time were three of Mrs. Singer's children. Two of the youngsters, aged ten and twelve respectively, were taken to the Evangeline Home to be cared for, while a boy, aged fourteen years, was cared for at police headquarters.

The Singers are well known to the police, having for some time resided on Sheffield street. The husband was sent to Dorchester to serve a term for theft and was released for the purpose of enlisting for overseas duty and is now at the front.
Detectives Barrett and Briggs are doing well in breaking up these disorderly houses in the city, having cleaned out no less than four such places during the past week.
HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF BEAUTIFUL NECKTIES.
We don't believe you ever saw so many handsome neckties as you will see here now. It would be well worth your while to see this display even if you did not buy any, but neckties are a happy solution to many Christmas problems. No matter how many ties a man already has, he is always glad to get more. We are showing some beautiful silks in every conceivable shade in nice boxes at 50c, other prices, 25c to \$1.25. Store open evenings. Hunt's Busy Uptown Men's Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.
PRIZE XMAS TREE.
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WHITE CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS in tucked and hemstitched effects, both low and convertible collars. Sizes 34 to 44. Each from \$3.75 to \$8.25
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WE ARE ALSO SHOWING AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE LOT OF WAISTS in special designs, made in Nipon, Georgette, Crepe, Combinations of Lace and Chiffon, Lace and Georgette Crepe, Plain Silks and Georgette Crepes. Each from \$5.50 to \$12.00
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