

It Is the Duty of All Good Citizens to Come to the Aid of the Red Cross Today in Campaign for Funds

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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24, 1918.

FAIR AND COLD.

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## NEARLY NINETY COAL MINERS LOSE LIVES AT STELLARTON

### Japan Will Loan Great Britain Forty Million Dollars, Buying Notes

Transaction Will Work to the  
Advantage of the Two  
Governments.

LOAN WILL DRAW  
6 P. C. INTEREST

Japanese Government and the  
United States Also Make  
an Arrangement.

RUSSIAN BONDS  
CAUSE TROUBLE

Bolshevik Government Seizes  
Ural Mt. Mines with Capital  
of \$1,600,000.

Special to The Standard.

New York, Jan. 23.—Arrangements  
are being perfected by which Japan  
will lend to Great Britain the sum of  
\$40,000,000, the funds being available  
in New York. The transaction com-  
pletes the purchase by Japan of  
short term 6 per cent discount notes  
of the government of Great Britain.  
The loan is said to be attractive to  
Japan by reason of the fact that Japan  
has unusually large banking balances  
in the United States at the present  
time, and because of the war embargo  
is unable to ship gold to Tokio.

An interesting feature in connection  
with the latest triangular operation  
between London and Tokio and New  
York is that the British treasury is  
paying some high rates of interest to  
the Japanese government as is paid in  
New York on weekly issues of the  
British treasury bills by J. P. Morgan  
and Co.

Bankers pointed out today that the  
transaction works to the advantage of  
both governments. It provides the  
British government with \$40,000,000  
banking credit in New York, while at  
the same time the Japanese govern-  
ment is able to obtain 6 per cent in-  
terest on its investment in treasury  
bills.

This is not the first time that finan-  
cial operations of this character have  
been arranged between London and  
Tokio. In the summer of 1916 Japan  
bought \$30,000,000 of British treasury  
bills, paying for them in New York  
funds. Another transaction of this  
kind was made in the fall of the same  
year.

Protest on Russians.

London, Jan. 23.—Holders and ac-  
ceptors of Russian treasury and com-  
mercial are protesting against the  
government scheme of giving British  
twelve year three per cent exchange  
bonds at par in exchange. These  
bonds being quoted at present around  
82, the holders of Russian treasury  
bills are assured against loss at the  
cost of 18 per cent. The objection is  
of course to sacrifice 18 per cent. until  
the twelve year exchange bonds mature.  
The amount involved is £17,500,000.  
Russian securities are weak on  
confession by the Bolsheviks of the  
important Kyshtim mining prop-  
erties in the Ural mountains.

The capital involved, £1,200,000, is  
entirely British and is held in small  
lots.

New Japanese Plan.

New York, Jan. 23.—Negotiations re-  
cently concluded between the Japan-  
ese financial and economical mission  
to the United States and the federal re-  
serve board have resulted in the es-  
tablishment of mutual relations with  
the Bank of Japan for the transaction  
of such business as may develop from  
time to time, it was announced at  
the federal reserve bank today.

This action is in line with a policy  
of the reserve board which already has  
led to the establishment of similar re-  
lations with the governmental banking  
systems of other countries, among  
them the Bank of England.

### IRISH REBELLION?

Dublin, Jan. 23.—Declaring they  
wanted weapons "for the next rebel-  
lion," twenty heavily armed and dis-  
guised men raided several houses  
near Galway and seized all arms and  
ammunition, according to reports re-  
ceived here today.

### WITHDRAWS SECESSION RESOLVE

J. W. Francoeur Decides Not  
to Trust Motion to  
Vote.

DEBATE IN QUEBEC  
LEGISLATURE ENDS

Sir Lomer Gouin Announces  
That He is Believer in  
Confederation.

SAYS NOVA SCOTIA  
VOTED TO QUIT

Premier Says English-Speak-  
ing Minority Never  
Molested.

Quebec, Jan. 22.—After Sir Lomer  
Gouin stopped speaking in the legis-  
lature this afternoon, Mr. J. N. Fran-  
coeur commented briefly on the var-  
ious speeches of the debate and with-  
drew his motion, expressing the readi-  
ness of the province to retire from  
the confederation pact if other sister  
provinces regarded it as an obstacle  
to the unity and development of the  
Dominion.

It has been said, Sir Lomer Gouin  
stated in his address, that Quebec felt  
spite as a result of the recent federal  
elections. It had been claimed that  
there was disloyalty in Mr. Fran-  
coeur's motion. He thought the  
charge of disloyalty was unjust.

Quotes Fielding.

Sir Lomer Gouin then recalled that  
on April 8, 1886, Hon. W. S. Fielding  
proposed in the legislature of Nova  
Scotia a resolution that meant noth-  
ing less than the separation of that  
province from the Canadian federa-  
tion. Mr. Fielding had justified his  
proposal by showing the financial em-  
barassment of Nova Scotia as a re-  
sult of its union with the rest of the  
Dominion. Mr. Fielding said he had  
concluded that it was an absolute ne-  
cessity for Nova Scotia to secede that  
it might promote provincial railway  
enterprises and industries.

The Fielding resolution was adopt-  
ed by a majority of fifteen votes to  
seven.

Conscription Issue.

When the conscription issue came  
up, said Sir Lomer, it became a crime  
for Quebec to discuss it and to vote  
against it. Why was it not a crime  
for the Maritime provinces to take  
similar action?

The premier said that the stand  
taken by the Dominion against Que-  
bec on the conscription issue was un-  
just. It was not giving the province  
fair play.

Discussing his refusal to introduce  
the motion presented to him by Arthur  
Sauve, leader of the opposition, in  
which the imperial authorities were  
petitioned to repeal the military  
service act, Sir Lomer said Mr. Sauve  
did not dare introduce it himself and  
had not treated him fairly. He (the  
premier) refused the amendment be-  
cause it would have been out of order  
and because he was not in the habit  
of giving the people of Quebec hopes  
that could not be fulfilled.

Favors Confederation.

The province of Quebec went on  
record against conscription at the last  
election. That was sufficient.

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### FEARFUL DISASTER AT ACADIA MINES, STELLARTON, N. S.

Indications at Early Hour This Morning Were That Upwards of Ninety  
Coal Miners in No. 4 Allan Shaft Had Lost Their Lives in Explosion  
Which Occurred Shortly After Five o'clock Yesterday Afternoon  
When Night Shift Went into the Mine—Eleven Men Who Were on High-  
er Level Than the Others Escape in Safety.

In All There Were About One Hundred Men in the Colliery—Draeger Men  
up to Early Hour this Morning Able to Bring Out Eight Bodies—Judg-  
ing from Condition of Letter it is Believed All Others in Pit Perished  
—Many Harrowing Scenes by Moonlight at Pit's Mouth.

Stellarton, N. S., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Indications at an early hour this (Thursday)  
morning are that upwards of ninety miners perished in an explosion which occurred  
shortly after five o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Allan shaft of the Acadia Coal Com-  
pany's collieries here. About one hundred men were in the pit at the time of the disaster  
and had just relieved the day shift. Eleven of the men, who were on a level higher than  
that on which the others were working, were able to emerge from the mine in safety, but  
no person on the 1,200 foot or lower level escaped.

Draeger men, physicians and others from Stellarton, New Glasgow and Westville are  
at the scene and with emergency apparatus worked all night.

The relatives of the victims of the disaster flocked to the mouth of the pit, in the  
moonlight and the scene was a harrowing one. It is thought that the explosion was a re-  
currence of the trouble which occurred at the Allan shaft some time ago.

Special to The Standard.

One Hundred in the Pit.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 23.—An explosion occurred at the  
Allan shaft of the Acadia Coal Co. in what is known as No. 4 pit  
this afternoon about five o'clock. Definite details are as yet meagre, but it is supposed that about one hundred men were in the pit  
at the time the explosion occurred. It is reported that only eleven  
men have been brought to the top. Experienced miners say that it  
is possible that this explosion may be followed by another in the  
course of a few hours, but late tonight nothing further in the way  
of an explosion has occurred. The entire staff of the Allan shaft  
are working with might and main to rescue every man possible.  
This is the first explosion of any consequence to occur at this mine  
for over two years.

New Glasgow Sends Help.

New Glasgow doctors and two Stellarton doctors are at the  
scene of the explosion in readiness for any victims that are taken  
from the mines. Late tonight only eleven men out of ninety-eight  
had escaped from the mines and three of these were dead. The  
draeger men and the entire staff of the Allan shaft together with  
all outside available help are doing everything in their power to  
bring the men to the surface. It is not yet definitely known just how  
many are killed or injured as the draeger men can only remain  
down a short time each trip. The work of rescuing the men is still  
in progress.

The cause of the explosion can probably be traced back to  
the old trouble which occurred at the Allan shaft mine some time  
ago. There is intense excitement in New Glasgow, Stellarton and  
Westville over the awful affair.

Fearful Disaster.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 23.—The  
Allan shaft, midway between Stellarton  
and New Glasgow were the scene  
at 5.45 this afternoon of a terrible  
explosion which it is now feared may re-  
sult in one of the most disastrous ex-  
plosions in the coal mining industry of  
Nova Scotia. Over 100 men were said  
to be in the mine. Eleven of these es-  
caped from a higher level and accord-  
ing to estimates at midnight 89 men  
were entombed with but faint hope  
that any of them will ever be rescued  
alive.

Up to midnight eight bodies had  
been recovered. Most of them were  
singed by fire and some of them were  
badly mutilated. The first body to be  
recovered was that of Fred MacKenzie,  
blacksmith. He had gone down half  
an hour before the explosion occurred  
to shoe a horse and was killed at the  
bottom of the shaft. His body was not  
found until 9.30 o'clock. He was a  
married man with a large family.  
The eleven men who came out alive  
were on the 500 foot level. They did  
not hear the explosion, but smelling  
smoke they ran for the cage. When  
the cage was lowered, with a lighted  
lamp on it, these men entered it at the  
500 foot level and were hoisted to the  
surface. The only other person to  
come out alive up to this hour was a  
Belgian boy, Joseph Lahey, who was  
found at the bottom of the shaft, the

explosion blew the boxes into the bot-  
tom of the shaft and for some time  
the cage did not get beyond the 500  
foot level. It was after nine o'clock  
before the bottom of the shaft was  
reached. Fred MacKenzie's body was  
first recovered and then the draeger  
crew, who went promptly to work  
brought up Lahey. The pulmotor kept  
him alive but he died shortly after be-  
ing brought to the surface.

Violent Explosion.

That the explosion was of a violent  
character is indicated by the fact that  
it blew the bottom of the cage up the  
huge shaft and drove mine timbers  
200 feet along the levels.

The night shift had just gone below  
and started work when the explosion  
occurred.

From the nearby homes of the min-  
ers, women and children ran in frantic  
haste to the mine head, mad with  
anxiety for the safety of husbands and  
fathers trapped below.

The underground manager of the  
night shift was Robert Whinton and he  
is among the missing. Of the men en-  
tombed, 67 belonged to Stellarton, 13  
to Westville and 4 to New Glasgow.  
The rest are Belgians.

The draeger crew worked in shifts  
and made heroic efforts to reach the  
imprisoned men. On the last trip be-  
fore midnight five of the ten men of  
the crew went down without masks, in

### STOCK EXCHANGES WILL BE CLOSED HEATLESS DAYS

New York, Jan. 23.—The Board  
of Governors of the New York  
stock exchange today decided to  
close the exchange on the remain-  
ing heatless Mondays imposed  
under the fuel administrator's  
orders.

This action rescinds a previous  
decision to keep the exchange open  
on these days. It was announced  
that it had been found possible to  
arrange on these holidays that the  
call loan market would not be dis-  
turbed.

The governors also decided to-  
day to remit the dues of Novem-  
ber, 1917, of members who are  
alone in business and in active  
military or naval service of the  
United States or exclusively em-  
ployed in any public service grow-  
ing out of the war.

The board of managers of the  
coffee and sugar exchange have  
decided to close next Monday. It  
was not announced whether suc-  
ceeding heatless Mondays would  
also be observed as holidays.

### WILL BE MANY U. S. SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Likely to Be Twice as Many  
Go Over as Originally Plan-  
ned.

Washington, Jan. 23.—While de-  
clining to comment directly upon the  
statement attributed to President  
Wilson that there will be twice as  
many American soldiers abroad next  
June as had been originally planned,  
Secretary of War Baker said today:

"The programme of the department  
has been a constantly developing one  
and many difficulties and limitations  
have been removed or overcome.  
cannot discuss numbers or men in  
France or anticipated to be in France  
at any particular time, but we have  
made substantial progress."

### Greater Activity On The Western Front By Belligerents

### LABOR PARTY SUPPORTING WAR POLICY

Small Encouragement for Ger-  
man Emperor and Central  
Powers.

SUPPORT OF WAR A  
MEANS OF PEACE

President Wilson Figures as  
One of Labor Party's  
Prophets.

LABOR EXPECTS  
ENORMOUS VOTE

An Important Amendment  
Moved by Mr. Arthur  
Henderson.

Nottingham, Jan. 23.—There has  
been small encouragement for the Ger-  
man Emperor and the Central Powers in  
proceedings of the British labor  
party thus far. The leaders of the  
party show a determination to take a  
strong line in support of the war as the  
only means of obtaining a democratic  
peace, and in this they appear to have  
the loyal support of a majority of the  
delegates.

Each delegate as he arrived at the  
convention yesterday or today was  
handed a circular entitled "British  
labor's war aims" which was a copy of  
the message sent to Russia in the  
name of British labor a few days ago.  
This message is the keynote of the  
whole present policy of the labor  
party. Its war aims show no very  
great divergence from the statements  
by President Wilson, Premier Lloyd  
George and other allied statesmen.

President Wilson Quoted.

The pacifist minority will make  
strenuous efforts to win over the con-  
ference during the discussion of the  
Russians dealing with the question of  
peace, but there is no reason to believe  
that the conference will go any dis-  
tance with them.

President Wilson figures as one of  
the labor party's prophets at this  
year's convention. In the opening  
session today his name was mentioned  
no less than six times, in each case in  
connection with his recent war aims  
speech, which was described as essen-  
tially the same point of view as the  
British labor party's.

The fraternal delegate of the French  
Socialists gained hearty applause  
when he said: "President Wilson has  
declared on behalf of the common peo-  
ple of the whole world the terms  
which the common people want. This  
statement has now been agreed to by  
every allied government, including the  
Russian Bolsheviks. In the face of this  
unanimity of opinion the central gov-  
ernments are silent, but their peoples  
are restless and disturbed and before  
long they, too, must come into agree-  
ment."

Ask For War Aims.

The conference unanimously adopt-  
ed a resolution welcoming the state-  
ments of Premier Lloyd George and  
President Wilson, and calling upon the  
Allies to formulate their war aims at  
the earliest possible moment.

President Purdy in his address said:  
"Will Germany agree to evacuate  
Belgium, northern France and the  
other territories over which she holds  
sway?" There were cries "Yes and  
Ireland."

"If the German people and the Ger-  
man government," Mr. Purdy contin-  
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Manoeuvres Now in Progress  
Preliminary to a Mighty  
Struggle.

BIG GUNS ROAR  
ALL ALONG LINE

Germans Gain Footing in the  
French Trenches East  
of Neuport.

FIGHTING GREATER  
IN LENS VICINITY

Austro-Germans Fail to Im-  
prove Their Positions in  
Italy.

With the reported amelioration in  
the political unrest in Austria-Hungary  
and a continuation of silence as re-  
gards the internal situation in Ger-  
many, the notable feature in the world  
war is the apparent resumption, and  
on a somewhat larger scale, of the  
military operations on the western  
front in France and Belgium.

Although for the moment these op-  
erations, viewed from the cold facts as  
announced by the various war offices,  
do not transcend in importance the  
usual small operations by raiding and  
reconnoitering parties which have  
been in progress since the severe win-  
try weather began, reading between  
the lines of the communications it is  
not difficult to see that the manoeuvres  
now in progress on various sectors are  
in the nature of trying-out processes  
of a marked character.

Are Getting Ready.

From the North Sea to the Swiss  
frontier, the lessening in the rigors of  
winter has permitted the belligerents  
again to send forth their men in enter-  
prises which seemingly forecast the in-  
tension shortly to resume fighting  
activity more extensively.

For weeks the big guns along the  
entire battlefield have been roaring  
in intensive duels on numerous sectors,  
but the infantry has lain idle owing to  
the deep snows and later to the moras-  
ses which formed as a result of the  
thaw.

On their extreme right in northern  
Belgium the Germans have carried out  
an "important raid" and gained a foot-  
ing in French advanced trenches east  
of Neuport, while along nearly all of  
the front in Flanders the artillery  
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### ONLY 6 SHIPS SUNK IN WEEK

Germany's Submarine Cam-  
paign Falls Down During  
Present Month.

London, Jan. 23.—Again the sink-  
ings of British merchantmen by mine  
or submarine have been held at a  
low point. Only six vessels of 1,000  
tons or over and two under that ton-  
nage were destroyed in the past week  
according to the admiralty report to  
night.

The sinkings of British merchant-  
men for the past week duplicate the  
sinkings for the previous week—six  
large ships and two small ones. In  
the previous week two fishing vessels  
also were sunk; in the past week the  
fishing craft escaped entirely.

The admiralty reports of January  
23 and January 9 gave the sinkings as  
21 merchantmen, of which eighteen  
were over 1,000 tons in each case.

Arrivals 2,555, sailings, 2,542.  
British merchantmen of 1,600 tons  
or over sunk by mine or submarine,  
6; over 1,600 tons, 2; fishing ves-  
sels, none.

British merchantmen unsuccessfully  
attacked, 6.



# MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED LOST ON TWO STEAMERS

## FRANCE EXPECTS GERMANS TO MAKE GREAT DRIVE ON WESTERN FRONT SHORTLY

Nation Awaits Onslaught with Calm Confidence—British Have Encounter Near St. Quentin—Bread Rationing System in France and Englishmen Prepare to Eat Horseflesh.

Two Steamers Sunk in Mediterranean, and 718 Lives Lost According to Official Announcement Made in British House of Commons Yesterday by Thomas J. McNamara, Financial Secretary of the Admiralty.

London, Jan. 23.—By the sinking of two steamers by the enemy in the Mediterranean about three weeks ago, 718 lives were lost, it was announced officially today.

The announcement was made in the House of Commons by Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty.

A despatch from Tokyo on January 4 showed that an attempt had been made by hostile submarines to attack British transports conveyed by warships in the Mediterranean on Jan. 30. The Japanese admiral's announcement stated that the submarines were repulsed and that the warships were not damaged.

The German Drive.

Paris, Jan. 23.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Today France is awaiting the German offensive, awaiting it with calm confidence, awaiting it almost with gladness. Rightly or wrongly, the nation believes that a huge drive against the western front is impending; rightly or wrongly it believes that the coming battle will be the greatest—perhaps the last—of the war.

For weeks the principal newspapers have emphasized the subject. Each day their warnings have grown more definite and insistent.

It is true that the suggestion has been made that press insistence on the probability of an attack is meant to distract attention from the Châlons and lesser scandals, but the very

## HALIFAX BARELY ESCAPED ANOTHER GREAT DISASTER

James Hall, Chairman of Halifax Pilotage Commission, Tells Court of Enquiry That He Had Heard Munitions Ship, Piloted by MacKay, Narrowly Escaped Collision with Another Vessel Recently—Do Pilots Disobey Orders?

Halifax, Jan. 23.—That the naval department here having charge of the examination of ships entering Halifax harbor before the disaster had absolutely no rules especially regulating the movements of munitions ships was admitted today by Commander Wyatt, R. N., chief examining officer, testifying before the court now investigating the fatal Mont Blanc disaster of December 31st, last.

The probe took on a new phase, two of the witnesses being naval officers. Captain Pasco, Captain of the Mont Blanc, and Commander Wyatt, who was on duty the morning of the disaster, "I saw the Mont Blanc manifest," he told the court, but I did not realize how dangerous the cargo was.

The only other witness of the day was George Dickson of Tufts Cove, an eyewitness of the collision. Mr. Burchell, counsel for the Mont Blanc, requested the court to postpone the cross-examination of Commander Wyatt until tomorrow morning. Both Captain Pasco and Commander Wyatt had indicated that the Mont Blanc had left Bedford Basin the morning of the disaster without permission.

He had drafted another set of rules and sent them to Ottawa two weeks ago for approval, which had not yet been given.

Narrow Escape.

Later in the day James Hall, chairman of the Halifax pilotage commission, told the court that he had heard "in a general way" that since the disaster a munitions ship coming up the harbor and piloted by Pilot Mackay, who was on the Mont Blanc on December 31st, had narrowly escaped collision with another vessel. Mr. Hall was cross-examined as to the pilotage system here and admitted to Judge Drysdale that there was "quite a bit of haphazard" in the training of the pilots.

Commander Wyatt, whose duties as examination officer brought him in frequent contact with the pilots, told the court that they had not been in the habit of carrying out his instructions and that several ships had been stopped by him.

Disobeyed Orders.

Pressed to give the names of the pilots who had disregarded his orders, witness declined to do so, but stated that Pilot Mackay on one occasion

## BRITISH AIRMEN ARE HAMMERING AT THE GOEBEN

Naval Service Machines Making Attempts to Destroy Craft.

## TURKISH TUG ALSO BOMBED

Berlin Denies that the Famous Cruiser is Seriously Damaged.

London, Jan. 23.—Several attacks by day and night have been made by British naval airplanes on the Turkish cruiser Goeben, stranded in the Dardanelles, and two hits with heavy bombs. They have also bombed one of the tugs which is secured alongside the Goeben. In every case heavy anti-aircraft gunfire was encountered but all our machines returned safely.

The attacks are continuing.

Berlin's Explanation.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—Via London.—An official statement issued by the German admiralty today regarding the naval action between British and Turkish forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles January 20, says that the Turkish cruiser Sultan Yavuz Selim, formerly the German Goeben, grounded lightly on entering the Dardanelles. The admiralty says the vessel was not stranded owing to heavy damage as was asserted by the official British report.

French Statement.

London, Jan. 23.—There were no encounters during the night southwest of St. Quentin between our troops and hostile parties and patrols, the war office reports. "Three of our men are missing. A raid attempted by the enemy against our posts south of La Bassée was driven off."

French Rations.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The government has decided to apply the bread rationing system to the Paris district on January 23, extending it gradually throughout the country. Every man, woman and child will be entitled to ten ounces of bread daily.

M. Boret, minister of provisions, explained that the government had been impelled by imperative necessity to take this step, so as to free as much tonnage as possible for the transportation of American troops. He urged every effort by the farmers.

May Eat Horse Meat.

London, Jan. 23.—At a meeting of butchers of Harrow yesterday, one said that shortage of meat was so great that the authorities had asked him to start killing horses, and he was beginning this week with 100.

## LABOR PARTY SUPPORTING WAR POLICY

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"are sincere in their desire for peace based on the principles of righteousness and justice, the way is open to them, but it must be a peace which will leave no Germans behind of future war. At present the military party in Germany is in the ascendant."

Peace by negotiation while Germany held the territories she had conquered, the speaker declared, would strengthen militarism more strongly on the people of Germany, the British Empire and the whole world.

The action of the United States in joining the Allies was appreciated, he said, not so much for the help as because the unity of the English-speaking people the world over had been demonstrated thereby.

Moves Amendment.

At the conclusion of President Purdy's address the labor conference proceeded to deal with the proposed amendment to the party constitution. Mr. Henderson, former member of the British war cabinet, on behalf of the executive moved that the membership of the party should consist of all organizations together with those men and women who were individual members of a local labor party and that they should subscribe to the programme of the party.

On moving the resolution Mr. Henderson said that the representation of people's bill now passing through parliament would have an effect on democracy which could not be exaggerated. He said that the labor movement had to organize itself from top to bottom, as only by that means could it secure the reins of government. It must be broad enough, he added, to include all those who were in the "decision," which he predicted would come in the summer, came 18,000,000 electors would be able to vote for labor.

## GEN. LAWRENCE IS CHIEF OF STAFF

Other Changes in France Made by British War Office.

London, Jan. 23.—James Ian MacPherson, parliamentary secretary to the war office, announced in the House of Commons today that Lieut. General Sir Herbert Alexander Lawrence had been appointed chief of the general staff in France, Col. E. W. Cox, to be a brigadier general on the general staff of the intelligence department, and General Travers Clarke, quartermaster general. These changes, Mr. MacPherson added, had nothing to do with the report to the war council on the recent operations at Cambrai.

TERRORS OF THE SCOTTISH LANGUAGE.

Housemaid in Glasgow Hotel—Ye canna gang to the bathroom the noo, Sassenach—Why not?

Housemaid—There's a body in the bath.—Punch.

## THE KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL VOTES TO PROTECT SHEEP

Provincial Act Will Become Effective and Dogs Taxed—Steps Taken to Bring About Increased Production—Chief Asbell Re-Elected Scott Act Inspector—Much Important Business Transacted by Businesslike Council.

Hampton, Jan. 23.—The business of the annual session of the Kings County Council has been completed and adjournment made. A number of important measures have been dealt with and consideration given to other matters which will no doubt be dealt with at a future and more opportune time. The weather has been ideal and while there have not been a large number of spectators or visitors there has been a full attendance of councillors with the exception of Councillor Sharp of Springfield, who is absent in Vancouver, and Councillor Gilliland of Rosedale, who was detained at the bedside of his wife and is now bereaved by her death, which occurred this morning.

County Auditor, the Hon. O. Hudson Plessing, who has been doubly bereaved during the year first by the death of his wife and very recently by the death of his daughter, is himself in poor health and was unable to be present.

County Auditor Resigns.

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The Morning Session.

The morning session opened at ten o'clock, Warder Keith in the chair. After roll call it having been learned that the date of the meeting of Mrs. Gilliland, wife of Councillor Gilliland, a resolution of sympathy was moved by Coun. Gilbert, seconded by Coun. Gilchrist, and unanimously passed.

The secretary-treasurer submitted the parish assessments for the support of pauper lunatics which was duly passed. The assessment is as follows: Cardwell, \$104.00; Greenwich, \$104.00; Hammond, \$23; Hampton, \$12; Havelock, \$61; Kara, \$52; Kingsport, \$20; North, \$11; Rosedale, \$104; Springfield, \$104; Studholm, \$50; Sussex, \$52; Sussex town, \$52; Uplam, \$81; Waterford, \$104; Westfield, \$29. The secretary-treasurer read the letter from County Auditor the Hon. O. Hudson Plessing, regretting his inability to attend the session and that his year's report is not yet completed, also that he feels it to be his duty to place his resignation in the hands of the council. Mr. Oty explained that the audit could not have been completed in any case as the returns are not all in and expressing appreciation of Mr. Plessing's long term of service to the municipality.

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eastward along the Chemin Des Dames, past Verdun and thence to the Swiss border the French and Germans are continuously engaged on various sectors in artillery fighting and infantry activities considerably above the normal, as compared with the early days of the war.

On the front in Italy the change in the high command evidently has not resulted as yet in any betterment of strategic position of the Austro-German armies. From the Asiago Plateau eastward to the Piave river and thence southward to the Adriatic Sea the Italians again have been victorious at numerous points, even though in minor operations, against the enemy forces, raiding positions and bringing back prisoners, machine guns or material.

In Germany some reorganization is being evinced by newspapers of pan-German leanings, over the situation in Austria and the possibility of the peace treaty. The Socialist newspaper Vorwarts of Berlin has announced the solidarity of the German proletariat with Austrian labor in the peace move-

### GREATER ACTIVITY ON THE WESTERN FRONT BY BELLIGERENTS

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have increased the volume of their fire.

Fighting Around Lens.

To the south, around Lens, Arras and St. Quentin, the fighting, although still by comparatively small forces, is growing in strength, while

### CANADIENS LOSE TO OTTAWA MEN

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Something of a surprise to the Canadians was the victory of Ottawa at the Jubilee Rink here tonight, when the visiting team won the national hockey league scheduled game by 4 to 3.

The Senators outplayed the Puckstons from start to finish. The Canadians, apparently keeping in view the fact that they have clinched the hockey championship with the first half of the season's schedule, and are liable to play off with the winner of the second half, if either Toronto or Ottawa should come in this category, did not play in form tonight, but seemed rather listless.

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Harry B. Hays of Digby, who has been visiting the city since Saturday, will leave tonight for Digby on the Empire.

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

## TALK OF PEACE.

The impossibility of genuine compromise between Russian democracy and Prussian autocracy is being gradually established. Having done this service to the principle of self-determination of their status by the peoples of the occupied territories, the German militarists proceed to destroy it. These territories cannot be permitted to become "irresponsible countries," says the statement recently issued at Berlin. In other words, independence must be denied to the Baltic provinces and Poland. Relying on the continuance of the process of integration which has supervened since the destruction of the despotic, centralized government of Imperial Russia, the Central Powers imply that the autonomous states which have sprung into existence have no claim to be regarded as "responsible countries."

The proposal that the business men of the United States should institute an economic boycott of Germany, last until that country shall have ceased to be an "outlaw," brings a very powerful weapon to bear upon the public opinion in Germany. After the war the German people must resume their commercial relations with the world from which they are now cut off if they are ever to recover from the consequences of the war and to renew their industrial prosperity. Their success will depend more upon the attitude of private traders than of governments.

In certain European countries there will inevitably be considerable reluctance to restore commercial relations with Germany on the old basis and it will be some years before even a democratic Germany can live down the opprobrium of the frightfulness and wanton barbarity of its methods of warfare. If, in addition, there should be an organized boycott, carried out not by tariffs or treaties, but by private agreement among the traders of the civilized world, the economic prospects for the German people would be dark.

This phase of the situation cannot be ignored by the powerful financial and industrial interests in Germany. They know that the resumption of trade relations after the war is essential to their future prosperity. When they realize, as the proposed boycott will compel them to realize, that the existence of a military autocracy ensures the economic hostility of those with whom rests their ability to recover their lost commerce, they will throw their influence upon the side of democracy in Germany.

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could so readily?" inquired Jenkins of his neighbor.  
 "Why, they've just laid a cornerstone for the new workingman's club across the road, and she's trying to make the neighbors think she did it!"—Chicago Herald.

AN OPTIMIST.  
 A food conservation man went into a public house in England and called for a glass of whiskey and water. Having tasted it, he exclaimed: "Which did you put in first, the whiskey or the water?" "The whiskey, of course," the publican replied. "Ah, well," said the man, "perhaps I'll come to it by and by."—The Argonaut.

"FOOD" CONSERVATION.  
 "Say, John?" "Well?" "Did you feed the furnace?" "You could hardly call it feeding. I did give it a little light lunch, so to speak."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FINANCIAL DEPRESSION.  
 Neighbor—"Got much money in your bank, Bobby?" Bobby—"Gee, no! The depositors have fallen off something fierce since sister got engaged."—Boston Transcript.

## FRENCH MAN POWER MORE POTENT THAN EVER, SAYS OFFICER

Imperial Officer in St. John Speaks of Cambrai Incident and Conditions on Western Front.

An Imperial officer, who for military reasons requested that his name be withheld, a visitor to the city, commenting upon the recent incident at Cambrai, where the British were compelled to yield some ground, stated that the area given up did not amount to any extent, but the strategic gain in favor of the enemy was considerable. This matter is now under investigation by the Imperial government and has received severe criticism from the pen of Lord Fraser in the London Daily Mail. The officer himself participated in the fight, but did not disclose the reason advanced for the giving up of the Cambrai area. Referring to the anticipated well-planned offensive of the German army, he said that it was likely to be launched on the western front, the officer said that the Allied Armies were in a position to meet the expected attack. He was in his admiration for the French Army, and stated that the man power was far from mis-spent and if anything, was more potent now than at anytime in the history of the war. This was due to the care taken by French physicians, who are numbered among the best in the world. In speaking of the army now on the field was most efficient, and had already acquitted itself admirably.

## PROSPECTS FOR A WINTER SPEEDWAY

Will Be Located in the North End and Known as Portland Speedway—Work Started Today for First Meeting.

It will be good news to the horsemen of the city to know that the prospects for a winter speedway where the last ones can be let out are at present bright. So far this season, the local horsemen have been without a suitable place in which to indulge in their favorite sport and just now the prospects for a straightaway path at their door is a pretty sure thing. The new speedway is to be located in the North End and will be known as the Portland Speedway, and will give better than a half-mile, the usual distance for winter racing. Some of the North End horsemen have had this speedway for some time and through their efforts it looks now as though it was going to be an accomplished fact. Work is to be started today in preparing it for the first meeting, which is expected to be held very shortly when some outside horses are expected to be here to take part.

The particulars regarding the winter racing will be made known at a meeting of the horsemen of the city which is expected will be called at once.

## Heart Beat So Fast Could Not Sleep.

HAD TO SIT UP IN BED.

Heart trouble has of late years become very prevalent. Sometimes a pain catches you in the region of the heart, now and then your heart skips beats, palpitates, throbs, or beats with such rapidity and violence you think it will burst. You have weak and dizzy spells, are nervous, irritable and depressed, and if you attempt to walk upstairs or any distance you get all out of breath.

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## Little Benny's Note Book

Me and Simkins was wawking along, and we was passing a plant store, wat did we see in the window but a funny looking flag stuck in a pot. Puds saying, G, if that aint some kind of a Germ-in flag ill say shert.  
 G, ill say too, I sed. And we stood there looking at it, Puds saying, Sumbaw, wat to go in and pull it down, you cant be arrested for pulling down a flag, I dare you to go in and do it, Benny.  
 I dare you, I sed.  
 I dubble dare you, sed Puds.  
 I triple dare you, I sed. Wich Puds coodent think wat comes after triple dare, and he, I tell you wat, lets call a plectman.  
 And we started look for one, and pritty soon we saw Flatfoot the cop standing inside, fonograf place to keep out of the cold, and we went in, me saying, res a man around the corners got a Germ-in flag up in his window, and Puds saying, Me and him saw it.  
 Wat, rite on my? Show me ware, sed Flatfoot.  
 Wich me and Puds lok him around and showed him, and Flatfoot sed, Wat, that? Dont know the Japanese flag wen you see it? This heers the Japanese planore. You 2 kids go home and tell your mother she wants you.  
 And he went back, and in the fonograf place agen me and Puds kepp on wawking, as saying, Aw heck, wats the use of being lars he jest sed it was a Japase flag because he was afraid to go in and pull it down.

## DISLIKE FOR FOOD

Every healthy man and woman should have a natural desire for food at meal times. This means that digestion is in working order and the blood is in good condition. But you feel a dislike for food—if the sight and smell of wholesome food repels you, or if you feel that it is indigestible, or if you feel that you are not getting proper nourishment from food and impart it to the system. The stomach tries to refuse food the nutriment from which the blood cannot absorb, and this causes the lack of appetite. If you force yourself to eat, the undigested food becomes a clog to the system. Nature is warning you. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills alone give the blood the richness and purity that it requires to perform its natural function. That is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure the most obstinate cases of indigestion, why they will cure any trouble due to poor blood. You can get these pills through any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## BOWLING THE CITY LEAGUE.

In the City League on Black's alleys last evening the Ramblers took all four points from the Wanderers in a high scoring contest. Coughlan, of the Ramblers, headed the scoring list with an average of 109.23, which was one of the highest scores made this season. Beatty and Duffy, also of the Ramblers, made an average of over 100. The following is last evening's score:

Beatty	103	99	98	300	100
Coughlan	112	120	85	244	98
Duffy	118	87	99	304	101.3
Coughlan	105	104	120	327	109
Riley	95	88	82	265	88.23
Wanderers.	512	498	482	1490	
Wright	93	86	96	275	91.23
Crowell	72	84	85	241	81.13
MacCaw	100	104	95	299	99.23
McLeod	92	94	81	267	89
Logan	100	87	94	271	90.13

## THE SENIOR LEAGUE.

In the Senior League of the Y. M. C. I. last evening the Owls and Autos split even, each taking two points. Cleary of the Owls cleared up a large score, his average being 104.13. He also made the highest single strike, having a total pin fall of 123. The scores made follow:

McCafferty	90	89	85	264	88
Pitpatrick	94	93	80	267	89
Cleary	107	83	123	313	104.13
Howard	90	87	85	262	84
Gavin	116	82	93	291	97
Autos	497	454	486	1417	
Harrison	84	89	85	258	86
Jarvis	104	82	88	274	91.13
McShane	96	98	106	294	98
Bohney	85	82	85	252	85.13
McKean	98	93	105	296	98.23
Falcons	467	454	466	1397	

## COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

The C. E. Barbour team captured all four points from the W. F. Hatheway team last night on the Y. M. C. I. alleys. The teams and score was:

McDonald	83	82	89	245	81.23
Raguel	47	53	56	156	52
MacDonald	68	74	85	227	75.23
McCrath	79	64	71	214	71.13
Maxwell	85	74	91	250	83.13
G. E. Barbour.	362	347	383	1092	
Cosman	84	80	85	249	86.13
Brundage	78	80	88	246	75.13
Seely	97	77	73	247	79
Stuart	73	77	74	224	74.23
Stamers	103	85	78	266	88.23
W. F. Hatheway.	495	399	388	1216	

## HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

A match between the Maple Leaves and Loyalists of the High School Bowling League, was rolled yesterday afternoon. The Maple Leaves won all three points. The score follows:

Jordan	61	74	135	67%
Coater	88	88	176	87
Napier	67	78	145	72%
Milidge	77	69	146	73
Smith	94	74	168	84
Maple Leaves.	486	283	768	

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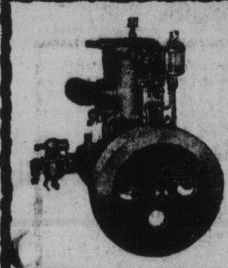
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SHORTS 40.  
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## WOMAN AND CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Gas Furnace in Ford City House Explodes with Serious Results.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Fred Priestman and her three-year-old son were burned to death under tragic circumstances in their home on Ottawa street, Ford City, this morning. Mr. Priestman lit the gas furnace shortly after six o'clock, and was returning up stairs when a sharp explosion occurred. He rushed to the bedroom where his wife and son were sleeping and attempted to carry them down to safety. By this time the house was filled with smoke, and he was forced to relinquish his burden and jump through the window. Although badly burned and choked by smoke he tried to gain entrance to the house, but it was a mass of flames and he was forced to stand in the snow and watch his wife and son burn to death.

Priestman is now in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, suffering severely from shock and injuries.

## HUN HEAD CENTRE DIES IN GENEVA

Jellinek Mercedes Maintained Elaborate Spy System in Switzerland.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The death is announced at Geneva of Jellinek Mercedes, former Austrian consul at Nice, who was charged by the French press with having been the centre of the Austro-German spy system on the Riviera, where he entertained lavishly. He went to Switzerland at the outbreak of the war, sending his magnificent yacht to Monaco.

Herr Mercedes was arrested in Switzerland last October on a charge of espionage for the Central Powers, but was released on bail owing to ill health. He possessed a large fortune, much of it in the form of property in Nice, which was sequestered by the French government.

## BERLIN VORWAERTS AGAIN SUPPRESSED

Vienna Newspapers Resume Publication and Factories Reopen.

London, Jan. 23.—The Berlin Vorwaerts, which recently contained interesting news and leading articles on the situation in Austria, has been suppressed for three days, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Published in Vienna.

Vienna, Jan. 23.—(Via Amsterdam)—The newspapers of Vienna reappeared today and the workers in a majority of the factories resumed work.

## MAYOR Hylan Fires NEW COMMISSIONER

It Was Twenty-Three for Frederick H. Burger.

New York, Jan. 23.—After serving twenty-three days as police commissioner of New York under Mayor Hylan, Frederick H. Burger was asked to resign the position today by the mayor on the ground that he had failed to place on trial a motor cycle policeman for dereliction of duty in the Ruth Couger murder case as recommended by a grand jury.

Richard Knight, a lieutenant, succeeds Burger as acting police commissioner.

## MORE DEMANDS BY CENTRAL POWERS

Want Preferential Treatment for Officer Prisoners.

London, Jan. 23.—Under penalty of recalling the delegations now in Petrograd for discussion of the question of prisoners of war, the Central Powers are demanding preferential treatment for officer prisoners, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd. In the name of the Central Powers, the correspondent states, General Hoffman of the German delegation, made at Brest-Litovsk, the threat of withdrawal unless the Russians refrained from insisting upon the same regimen for officers prisoners of war as for private soldiers.

## CHARLES ARCHIBALD HEADS BANK OF N.S.

John T. Payzant, Who Has Held Presidency Since 1890 Retires—Two St. John Men Directors.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 23.—Charles Archibald of Halifax was elected president of the Bank of Nova Scotia at the annual meeting held here today. John T. Payzant, who had held the presidency since 1890, and who is spending the winter in the southern states, retired from the position.

The directors elected are: John T. Payzant, Charles Archibald, George S. Campbell, J. Walter Allison, Hector McInnes, K. C., Hon. N. Curry, Montreal; James Macdonald, St. John, N. B.; W. W. White, St. John, N. B.; S. J. Moore, Toronto; W. D. Ross, Toronto; M. C. Grant, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

George S. Campbell and J. Walter Allison were elected vice-presidents.

## HUNS DESIRE TO STRANGLE RUSSIA

Leon Trotsky Says German Terms Preponderantly Favor Annexations.

London, Jan. 23.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, who returned to Petrograd on Monday night from Brest-Litovsk, is quoted by the Exchange Telegraph Company correspondent at Petrograd, in a despatch dated Tuesday as saying that the German terms preponderantly favored annexations, their object being to strangle Russia, economically and politically.

The Austrian delegates, the foreign minister added, played no very active role in the negotiations merely assenting to every German proposal.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. (Capt.) George H. Perry.

The many friends of Mrs. Perry, wife of Capt. George H. Perry, of 3 Clarendon street, North End, will regret to learn of her death which occurred late yesterday. Mrs. Perry became ill three weeks ago, suffering from gangrene. A leg was amputated last Friday at the hospital, but the disease continued unabated.

Mrs. Perry was a daughter of W. S. and Mrs. C. C. Cady, and was popular among a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She leaves to mourn a husband, one son, "Hiram C.", at home, and her parents.

The funeral will be held, with a service at the house, at 1.30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The interment will be at Cedar Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Eleanor McLean.

After an illness, lasting some weeks the death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Eleanor McLean, widow of Donald McLean, of this city. Mrs. McLean was in the 72nd year of her age. She leaves three sons, Harry, at present in the Western States; Captain Arthur, in Vancouver, B. C.; and Roy M. McLean, in New Haven, Conn. Archibald W. Dunham, Fred Dunham and H. Hall Dunham, of this city, and A. L. Dunham, of Fall City, Nebraska, are brothers.

One sister, Miss Florie Dunham, resides in Newton, Mass. The funeral will take place from her late residence, 44 Durham street, Friday at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. T. W. Gilliland.

The death of Mrs. T. W. Gilliland of Hammond River, wife of Councillor Thos. W. Gilliland, occurred yesterday at her residence. She was fifty-nine years old and leaves her husband and two sons.



## OAK HALL'S 29th Anniversary Sale

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How is your boy's wardrobe? Needs replenishing like most boys? Let us suggest that you go through his furnishings and see just what he needs. Saturday will be the last day for Anniversary Sale Prices on

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## FERRY ESTIMATES UNDER DISCUSSION

Subsidy Wanted for Indian-

town Ferry.—Kane and Ring to Be Heard This Morning.

The ferry estimates were again under discussion at the council meeting yesterday morning but no action was taken; Heber Vroom, president of the Lancaster ferry commissioners, appeared before the council and asked for a city grant; the light estimates were read and passed and the report of Chief Blake received and ordered printed.

Mayor Hayes presided at the meeting and all the commissioners were present. Heber Vroom appeared before the council and asked if they would grant a subsidy for the Lancaster-Indian-town ferry. At the present time it was being operated at a loss of \$20 per week. The commissioners had the power to release Mr. Leonard, the present lessee, from his agreement and they might possibly do so under the circumstances. No action was taken.

Mayor Hayes read a letter from Kane and Ring asking for an opportunity to present their side of the case in the recent controversy over the repairs to the sub-structure of No. 5 shed, as statements made had placed them in a bad light.

It was decided to hear them at 11.30 this morning.

The ferry estimates were again taken up and the suggestion made that the amount necessary for repairs to the wharves be bonded for as this action would reduce the appropriation considerably. Commissioner Russell will obtain a report from the engineer on the wharves.

Commissioner McLean presented his estimates for light for 1918. He asked for \$22,306.75 as against \$23,822.88 for 1917, a decrease of \$1,516.13 for this year. On motion the estimates passed.

Commissioner McLean presented the report of the Fire Chief and on motion it was received and ordered printed. The report contained recommendations for more hose and motor apparatus and the appointment of an electrical wiring inspector. It also made appropriate reference to the loss of District Chief John P. McAndrews.

## \$200,000 FIRE IN BRANDON, VT.

Brandon National Bank and Western Union Office

Burned.

Brandon, Vt., Jan. 23.—Four buildings in the center of the block in which were located the Brandon National Bank, the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company and several stores, were destroyed by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

## CANDY PRICE ADVANCED.

The price of candy has been advanced. Large manufacturers in St. John, St. Stephen and Halifax are said to have been obliged to increase prices because of the increased cost of materials.

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# WORLD OF FINANCE

## GOVT MAY TAKE PAPER MILLS

Failure of Agreement Between Newspapers and Paper Trust May Lead to Drastic Action.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—It is officially estimated that transactions to a value of \$200,000 have been effected in the initial trading in Victory bonds.

The new machinery set in motion to conduct marketing operations in new bonds was said to be working smoothly and as the secondary market, to redistribute the floating supply of the bonds, gets in full sailing it promises to be fully occupied for some time to come.

The experiment of carrying on trading through a committee, with fixed prices for the bonds, will be watched with a good deal of interest. So far as the issue is something entirely new in the billions of financing incident to the war.

The object of the plan is the main to assure the small subscriber of the money invested in war bonds, without the loss that might be entailed by depreciation in value due to technical market conditions, should necessity arise for him to sell. In this connection it is pointed out that the price of 98½ and accrued interest fixed for the initial trading equals the par price at which the bonds were issued last November.

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Leave Grand Manan Thursdays at 7.30 a.m. for St. John, via Campbell, Eastport, Cummings Cove, and St. Andrews.

Returning, leave St. Stephen Fridays at 7.30 a.m. for Grand Manan, via St. Andrews, Cummings Cove, Eastport and Campbell (tides and ice conditions permitting).

Leave Grand Manan Saturdays at 7.30 a.m. for St. Andrews.

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# CARSON TO AD

## IRISH ISSUE?

Dublin Has Report Ulster Leader Resigned in Interest of Harmonizing Factions—Edward Lysaght Resigns.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily News, which always has been hostile to the politics of Sir Edward Carson, points prominently to a statement from its Dublin correspondent confirming the suggestion that Sir Edward resigned from the cabinet, not to strengthen Ulster's opposition to a settlement, but, on the contrary, to try to bring about harmony. The correspondent's statement follows: "In an exceptionally well informed quarter outside the convention I am assured that Sir Edward's intention, now that his hands are free, is to throw the whole weight of his influence on the scale on the side of an immediate settlement that shall include Ulster."

The writer adds that the resignation completely surprised the Belfast delegates, who are as anxious as any to learn its precise significance. He mentions a passage in the Irish Times the official organ of Southern Unionists, welcoming Carson's return to Irish politics at a most vital moment of his country's need, and expressing confidence that Ireland will find in Sir Edward Carson an "advocate of an early settlement which will unite all Irish parties, a foe of sectional prejudice, a vigilant champion of Unionist Ulster's reasonable claims and a mediator who will shrink from no toll or sacrifice in trying to remove the Irish obstacles from the path to victory."

Belfast Unionist papers, on the other hand, take it for granted that Sir Edward resigned to fight for their claims.

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## GOVT PROTECTS BOONDOGGERS

Trading in Victory Bonds Opens and Price Holds at 98 7-8 with Accrued Interest.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The Citizen suggests the possibility of the government taking over of paper mills in view of the unlikelihood of the newspaper manufacturers and the consumers of newsprint coming to an agreement as to price.

"The proposal," says the Citizen, "as yet has taken no very definite form, but it is learned that it has been discussed and is understood to be viewed with favor by some of those connected with the government inquiry into the newspaper situation."

## MASS. MOULDERS ARE ON STRIKE

Plant of Former Gov. Foss Involved in Walkout—Men Want Advance.

Boston, Jan. 23.—Moulders employed in many foundries in Eastern Massachusetts struck today for higher wages. Labor leaders said 75 plants, many of them engaged in war work, were affected and that 2,000 men were out. At the plant of the B. F. Sturtevant Company at Hyde Park, the property of ex-Gov. Foss, it was said, 250 moulders had quit. E. B. Freeman, general manager of the company, said the men had asked for an increase of \$1 a day and refused to accept a compromise offer of 50 cents.

William H. McLeod, died on Tuesday, aged 85 years. He left four sons and three daughters—Thomas E. and Harry H., of St. John; Robert and Mrs. Peter Hoffman of Torrington, Conn.; Mrs. D. A. McAllister of Boston, and Mrs. V. J. Woodrow of Carleton. Mr. McLeod was a ship-builder by trade, one of the few who remained from the old days when St. John was a centre in that industry. He was a member of the fire department on the West Side for 54 years and for 22 years was a district fire chief.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late home at Market Place.

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## MANY VESSELS IN NEW YORK COALED

Of Two Hundred Steamers Only 71 Remain to Be Bunkered.

New York, Jan. 23.—But 71 ships remain to be coaled of the 200 or more in New York harbor which had empty bunkers a week ago, according to J. F. Parsons, director of fueling of vessels, in the field.

here representing the United States shipping board. "Of these 71 ships none of consequence is being prevented from sailing for want of coal," said Mr. Parsons today. "Many of them are waiting cargoes and would not depart even though they had been coaled. Seventeen ships were bunkered yesterday. We consider the coal situation satisfactory, considering the weather and other abnormal conditions with which we have had to contend."

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Every song in this wonderful book has had some sacred memory—some touching experience—some sweet and hallowed association—connected with it in the hearts of thousands. It is their song of joy—of sorrow—of thanksgiving—of love—of bereavement—of home-coming—of re-union—of all the tender sentiments that lift the human heart in worship to its Maker. It is for this—by inspiration—that this unique volume is entitled "HEART SONGS!"

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Girls—if you want plenty of thick, beautiful, glossy, silky hair, do by all means get rid of dandruff, for it will starve your hair and ruin it if you don't.

It doesn't do much good to try to brush or wash it out. The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use comb to loosen the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all of your dandruff will be gone and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single grain and trace of it.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop, and your hair will look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive and four ounces is all you will need, no matter how much dandruff you have. This simple remedy never fails.

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## MANY VESSELS IN NEW YORK COALED

Of Two Hundred Steamers Only 71 Remain to Be Bunkered.

New York, Jan. 23.—But 71 ships remain to be coaled of the 200 or more in New York harbor which had empty bunkers a week ago, according to J. F. Parsons, director of fueling of vessels, in the field.

here representing the United States shipping board. "Of these 71 ships none of consequence is being prevented from sailing for want of coal," said Mr. Parsons today. "Many of them are waiting cargoes and would not depart even though they had been coaled. Seventeen ships were bunkered yesterday. We consider the coal situation satisfactory, considering the weather and other abnormal conditions with which we have had to contend."

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# MORE MONEY TO DEPENDENTS

## Canadian Patriotic Fund Arranges to Raise Payments to Soldiers' Relatives.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—A number of important changes to the schedule of allowances allotted to dependents of soldiers have been made by the executive committee of the Canadian patriotic fund.

By the new regulations the maximum allowance for dependents in eastern Canada has been raised to \$40 per month instead of \$35 as formerly. This increase, which amounts to \$10 within the last three months, is due to the increased cost of living and will assist those wives of soldiers who have large families.

## SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY Expected in Divorce Trial at Fredericton.

Fredericton, Jan. 23.—The divorce suit of Charles Fitz Randolph against his wife, Elizabeth O'Brien, was begun here this afternoon. The libellant alleges intoxication and unfaithfulness.

Three co-respondents are named, including two prominent men of St. John. A greater part of the afternoon was given over to the reading of depositions from Boston parties. These were to establish the marriage, that event having taken place there in 1903.

Mr. Fitz Randolph while on the stand gave a recital of his marital trials. He told Justice Crockett of his wife's alleged frequent spells of intoxication and his efforts to get her to stop such actions.

He feelingly referred to his response to the call to duty, how he hesitated to enlist for service because of his wife's fondness for liquor, of her promise to desist and care for the children, and of how finally he went into the army.

After he went to France his wife became more heavily addicted to liquor and it was then he first learned of her infidelity. Several witnesses, including hotel people and detectives, will appear in the case as witnesses.

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Tomorrow, the defense denies the allegations of unfaithfulness. Tomorrow is expected to produce testimony of a sensational nature.

**THE POLICE COURT.**  
In the police court yesterday one of the girl thieves was sentenced to a term of four years in the Home of the Good Shepherd. Her four companions were sent to appear before Chief Justice McKeown.

The men arrested in East St. John, parish of Simonds, on a charge of drunkenness appeared and were remanded without any evidence being given.

## ANOTHER HEART SONG

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The Old Oaken Bucket

WRITTEN BY Samuel Woodworth, the son of a poor Massachusetts Farmer. His fame rests on his exquisite portrayal of the old-fashioned well on the home farm at Scituate, Mass. "The Old Oaken Bucket" was composed one summer day when living on Duane Street, New York.

He came home one afternoon overcome with the heat and drinking a glass of cold water said to his wife, "That is very refreshing, but how much more refreshing it would be to take a good long draught from the old oaken bucket I left hanging in my father's well at home." Thus inspired, he gave the world that matchless poem and song, "The Old Oaken Bucket," one of the "heart songs" which will live as long as the English language is spoken.



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

### N. Y. PEACE PARTY SENDS MESSAGE TO LABOR CONFERENCE

New York, Jan. 23.—The women's peace party of New York announced tonight the sending of a cablegram to the women delegates of the recent British labor conference in Nottingham, England, congratulating the British labor party on "its generous and intelligent statement of British peace terms" and pleading "our newly won political power to work with you for a league of nations based on free markets, free seas and general disarmament."

It was stated that the message was in answer to a resolution of the women delegates of the British labor party, "calling upon the enfranchised women of America to join with them to work for the league of nations."

### LITTLE GIRLS RECEIVE THANKS

In November last four little girls, Helen Gorrle, Olive Compton, Margaret Holly and Isabel Gaskin held a bazaar the proceeds of which they forwarded to Major E. B. Hooper "The Padre" for his work among the sick and wounded soldiers.

Yesterday the following letter was received by Miss Isabel Gaskin from Major Hooper:

My Dear Little Friends:

Thank you all so much for the money you sent me for the wounded soldiers. It did a great deal of good, and I was able to get "smokes" and nice things to eat for them.

I was very much pleased with your letter, too, and had it published in the Canadian Hospital News. I am sending you a copy so that you can all see how nice it looks in print.

Thanking you again very, very much.

I am,

Yours affectionately,

E. BERTHMAN HOOPER (Major)

"The Padre."

### RED CROSS DAY

Those who stand the shock of battle. Know its sound and smoke and smell. Are agreed that Sherman called it. When he grouped it all as Hell.

For the trail of wartime glory is a ghastly one, and red, built upon the holy highway of the dying and the dead.

And this heart-supported pavement. In its final frenzied toss. Knows its only need of comfort. In the ever near Red Cross.

Is it fair that they should suffer. As we here in safety stay? Just consider and remember. That it's here—the Red Cross day.

Y. W. P. A.

Annual meeting Y.W.P.A. at Great War Veterans' rooms, Union street, tonight at 7.30 sharp.

### BASEBALL NOTES.

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—Johnny Lavan, former shortstop of the St. Louis Americans and now of the Washington club, said today that he would not sign with Washington until he settled his suit against I. Hill Ball, president of the St. Louis club.

Derrill Pratt, who yesterday was traded to the New York Americans, said he would not withdraw his suit against Ball and that he would not sign with New York until it was settled. Both sued Ball for slander.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York, Jan. 23.—Arthur A. Irwin is the latest candidate for the presidency of the International League. The Irwin boom originated in Newark yesterday with the assertion that already he is able to command the votes of four of the eight clubs.

Irwin, who is the business manager of the Toronto Club, has been identified with baseball for more than thirty-five years, but this is the first time that he has been named for the presidency of any league. So far three candidates have been suggested for Edward G. Barry's place—Irwin, James R. Price and Edward Hanlon.

Hillsboro, Jan. 23.—Clarence Payne, of Albert, section foreman on the Salisbury and Albert Railway, had his hand badly injured in coupling the snow plough to the engine, Friday, Jan. 18. Dr. Kirby was out of town and

Paris, Jan. 20.—The Senate will hold its first session tomorrow as a high court of justice in the case of Louis J. Malvy, former minister of the interior, accused of treasonable intercourse with the enemy and whose impeachment had been demanded by the Chamber of Deputies.

However, M. Malvy himself proposed his own trial on a treason charge. A committee of the chamber, after examining the charges, recommended M. Malvy's impeachment. The chamber, on November 28, adopted this committee's report and transmitted the charges to the Senate.

M. Malvy's case has passed through several stages since early October last when he was accused by Leon Daudet, editor of L'Action Francaise of betraying secrets to Germany. M. Malvy denied the charges and they were later declared by Professor Paul Painleve, then premier, to be unfounded. M. Daudet insisted upon his accusations.

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### MONCTON HERO BELIEVED DEAD

Lieut. R. McL. Armstrong Missing Since Last November — Was Recommended for Victoria Cross.

Letters recently received from Major Brown and Capt. Anglin of the "Fighting 26th" by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Armstrong of Moncton, hold out little hope that their son Lieut. R. McL. Armstrong, who has been missing since the Passchendaele fight of November 6 last, is still alive. Both express their belief that Lieut. Armstrong succumbed to wounds received in the fight and his body was never recovered.

In his letter Major Brown who wrote on behalf of Lieut. Col. McKenzie, O. C. of the battalion, states that the missing hero was recommended for the Victoria Cross for gallantry at Vimy Ridge, where he was wounded the first time.

Lieut. Armstrong is a nephew of R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the St. John Board of Trade and enlisted while attending Mount Allison University.

Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the St. Stephen branch of the Retail Merchants' Association was recently held and the reports showed that the year had been a prosperous one. The election of officers resulted as follows:

W. G. DeWolfe, president; Parker Grimmer, 1st vice-president; Fred Sears, 2nd vice-president; Chester Gregory, treasurer; H. E. Boek, secretary; R. D. Ross, W. A. Mills, Alex. Boyd, executive.

### ST. ANDREWS AND CARLETON BROKE EVEN LAST NIGHT

Three Rinks Aside Tied on Carleton Ice—Similar Number Tied on St. Andrew's Ice—Grand Total 86 to 86—The Rinks and Score.

One of the most peculiar curling matches ever staged in St. John was played last night between the Carleton and St. Andrew's curling clubs. At the close of the match it was found that the three rinks played in Carleton had made a tie score, and also that the three rinks a side playing on St. Andrew's ice had tied, the score on Carleton ice was 44-44, and that on St. Andrew's ice was 42-42, making the grand total 86-86. These scores illustrate how closely the match was contested all through, and until the last stone was curled the outcome remained in uncertainty as to the outcome. The individual rink scores were as a whole very even, the difference, with two exceptions, being one or two points. These two exceptions occurred on St. Andrew's ice where the Carleton players lost four points on one rink and on the adjoining rink gained four points. The scores by rinks were as follows:

On Carleton Ice.

Carleton H. Roxborough 13 St. Andrew's Ralph Cummings 14  
G. K. Purdy 13 J. K. Blenkinsop 14  
J. M. Belyea 13 A. G. Stevens 14  
J. P. Belyea 13 B. Stevens 14  
C. Bailey 13 M. Dunlop 14  
F. T. Belyea 13 H. G. Lynam 14  
H. Belyea 13 J. M. Magee 14  
H. Lingley 13 W. K. Haley 14  
R. Belyea 13 W. J. Wetmore 14  
C. Ruddock 13 J. P. Chisholm 14  
J. Scott 13 J. U. Thomas 14  
M. P. Mooney 13 A. H. Merrill 14  
Skip 15 Skip 16  
Total 44 Total 44

On St. Andrew's Ice.

E. Howard 13 H. R. Dunn 14  
L. Jenkins 13 Dr. Sewall 14  
S. Irons 13 H. F. Rankine 14  
H. S. Bissett 13 E. J. Willard 14  
Skip 11 Skip 16  
S. M. Wetmore 13 F. M. Mannsall 14  
C. R. Clark 13 W. B. Tennant 14  
J. M. Wilson 13 P. A. Clark 14  
Skip 16 Skip 11  
C. A. Emerson 13 J. A. Clark 14  
D. S. Roxborough 13 S. P. McCavour 14  
S. M. Beattie 13 F. C. Macneill 14  
Skip 15 Skip 15  
Total 42 Total 42  
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### DEMONSTRATIONS TO GET FOOD IN ENGLAND

London, Jan. 20.—Demonstrations to demand a better distribution of food were held at Brighton, Erith in Kent and at other places in England Saturday, while men, women and children stood in queues in many cases in vain, for a Sunday roast, margarine, butter or tea.

At Erith 3,000 workers from one of the big war factories formed a procession and marched to the local food committees office to protest against their wives and children to wait long hours outside the shops of the grocers and butchers and then being obliged to come away empty-handed. The men say that owing to the scarcity of food they are unable to work, and the percentage of sickness has been high.

Shops A're Closed.

Meanwhile the butcher shops were closed and the grocery stores were virtually sold out this morning and the men were waiting in the streets for the food committee to take some action.

Food demonstrations and queues in London and in many other parts of the country were bigger and more numerous than ever on Saturday. Everywhere in London crowds gathered at the butcher shops at an early hour, there being at least a thousand persons at nine o'clock waiting to be served in the retail section of the Smithfield market.

Most of these got limited portions and were luckier than the people in the suburbs, many of whom were unable to get any meat, the retailers having received only a fraction of their supply. This was due not so much to the shortage of cattle and sheep as to the weather, which made it impossible in many districts to bring live stock to the market, and to the faulty distribution of the meat available.

The supplies of margarine are also increasing, but here again distribution is complained of, some sections being well supplied, while others had only the scantiest of allowances.

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To describe the Fox Picture The Slave which is the attraction at the Star Theatre for today would be almost as difficult as to attempt to describe the scenes worn during the scenes by Valesca 'Surratt'. To say that they are many and unique is mild—they are wonderful, some wonderful, beautiful others like the ideas of a crazy person or a futurist painter.

During one part of the picture, the actress is seated, attired in a white costume dotted with black polka dots. You can hardly tell where Miss Surratt's costume ends and the walls begin.

The story is of a shop girl trying to live on eight dollars per week, strongly tempted to marry an old rich man. Whether she does or not and how the happy ending comes is the story which I am not going to tell.

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A Fox Film Comedy featuring Tom Mix was also shown. It was funny in spots (like the above described sitting room) and contained some marvellous riding. There was also a very funny donkey who played quite a prominent part.

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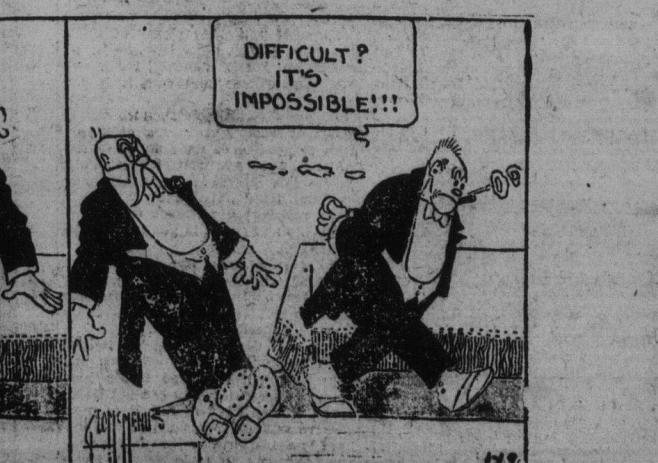
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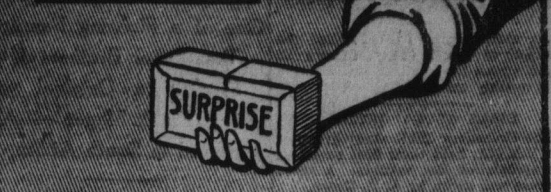
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McPhail was elected warden and on Friday evening he was host to the other members of the council and sev- eral friends at a banquet at Johnston's Hotel. The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gillett on Tuesday. The members have recently forwarded \$14.40 to aid the blind at Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Moore spent part of the week at Edmundston. Mrs. Bertha Waite is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. S. P. Waite. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. H. C. Alcorn entertained at a pleasant thim- ble match at the home of Mrs. W. A. The ladies of the Presbyterian W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Harry Gillett Tuesday afternoon for a social evening. Mrs. Alfred Morley, St. John, was here the past week. Miss Mary Henderson is the guest of Miss M. C. Curry. Mr. and Mrs. Guy G. Porter has gone to Boston to spend a few weeks. Mr. J. W. P. Dickson spent part of the week with friends in Edmundston. Mr. F. A. Dixon of the agricultural department, Fredericton, visited the schools of Andover and Park the past week. The Round Table Literary Club met with Mrs. W. A. Gillett on Thursday evening. On Friday afternoon Mrs. Herbert Baird was hostess at a delightful win- ting party when her guests were Mrs. Harry Tibbitts, Mrs. S. B. Waite, Mrs. Wm. Curry, Mrs. Wm. Waite, Mrs. Allen Perley, Mrs. A. B. Kapke, Mrs. Ben- Beveridge, Mrs. James McPhail, Mrs. Wm. Waite, Mrs. Harry Morley, and J. P. Tweeddale, minister of agricul- ture, was in town last week. Miss Edith Mackenzie of St. Stephen is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. Ryan and children have returned from a visit to St. John. Mrs. H. Lee Bedell entertained on Saturday evening for Mr. Maurice Be- dell. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Beveridge, Mr. and Mrs. Bedell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peat, Hoy, Rankin, Porter, Grant and Messrs. Stevens and Lawson. Mr. George Lockhart, St. John, spent part of the week here. Mr. and Mrs. John Miles were in Woodstock during the week. Mr. L. Sayer of Port Fairfield is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bruce McLaughlin. Miss Florence Graham has returned home after a visit with Miss Lucy Dionne. Mr. Maurice Bedell, who has been visiting relatives here for the past month, left on Monday on his return to Missoula, Montana. Mr. Lee Reed and Mrs. Hershey of St. John, were guests of Miss Frances Tibbitts during the week. The Misses Allen and Jennie Wat- son entertained a few friends at lunch- on at the noon hour on Monday. Miss Olla Graham spent the week- end at her home. Miss Cecil Sisson is home from a visit with relatives in Port Fairfield. <b>HOPEWELL HILL</b> Hopewell Hill, Jan. 22.—Clarence Payne, one of the section men on the railway, and Albert Ratway, had the misfortune to have his left hand crushed while coupling the engine and snow plow at Baltimore siding, on Fri- day. After first aid had been rendered at Hillsboro the young man was driven to his home in Riverview, where sur- gical aid was rendered by Dr. J. E. M. Carnwath with the assistance of Miss Lena Jones, nurse. The thumb and forefinger were saved it is hoped. Mrs. Ingram Bishop of Boston re- ceived her friends on Wednesday last at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jos. McEneaney, from three to five p.m. The bride was most becomingly dressed in a handsome dress of blue silk with overdress of nixon, heavily beaded with pearls. The bride received the guests at the door, while in the dining room Mrs. Wm. Peck poured and Miss Deborah Milton served. Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Smith spent Sunday at her former home in Law- son. Miss Julia Brewster has been con- fined to her home with an attack of grippe, Miss Orpah Russell taking charge of the primary department. Private Percy Wilks of Waterville of the 26th Battalion, has returned from the front, suffering from shell shock and is visiting friends in Albert and vicinity. Mrs. James Hunter of Riverside re- ceived word that her son, Roy, who en- listed in Amherst in the 25th Batta- lion, had been accidentally wounded in the eye and had been admitted to hos- pital in France. Private George Crocker, who was wounded some time ago, is doing well and expects to sail for Canada in the course of a month or so. Private Crocker was wounded by shrapnel in the leg and is the son of W. C. Crocker, customs officer of Albert. Lucien McLeod, Claude Melton, James Crossman have received orders to report to St. John for military service. <b>BLOOMFIELD</b> Bloomfield, Jan. 21.—Gunner E. Rays, of the 9th Siege Battery, Par- ticulars, was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. S. Wetmore.
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## Around the City

### FAIR AND COLD.

**SLIGHT FIRE.**  
An alarm from box 151 called the firemen to the Fleming foundry on Pond street for a slight blaze which was quickly extinguished.

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

The Crusaders' Bible study group of the Y.M.C.A. held their first social at the association last evening. A short address was given by A. M. Gregg.

### CARPENTERS MEET.

A meeting of the Carpenters' Union was held last night in the Old Fellows building with the president, W. Williams, in the chair. Only routine business was transacted.

### RETAIL MERCHANTS.

The provincial executive of the Retail Merchants' Association met yesterday. The reports of the acting secretary, Miss Alward, and the treasurer, A. A. McIntyre, were read, which showed the association to be in a good healthy condition. Several matters of routine business were transacted.

### CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Lim King was arrested yesterday and is charged with assaulting another Chinaman. The defendant became quite prominent in the following case when he was raised by the police.

### PROBABLY A RUMOR.

Although a careful inspection has been made of the area near the cemetery for the dead body of an infant supposed to have been seen there by a young lad yesterday no signs of a body have been discovered by the detectives.

### LEG AMPUTATED.

Mrs. Thomas Penney, of 75 St. Patrick street, has been advised by the director of records, Ottawa, that her son, Gunner Stanley Hatfield Penney, who was recently reported wounded, was admitted to the London War Hospital, Epsom, England, on December 13, suffering from severe multiple shrapnel wounds in the left arm and leg.

### ILLUMINATED DRAWING.

The illuminated drawing of the names of the officers of the New Brunswick Grand Lodge on it, and which was unveiled Tuesday was a drawing on parchment 15 by 20. It was drawn and colored in the art department of The Flowering Press and framed by Holman and Co. It is a piece of master work and reflects much credit on these St. John firms.

### PRIVATE BARNES.

Miss Marion Barnes of 81 Spring street yesterday received word that her brother, Private Norley Barnes, had been admitted on Jan. 16 to No. 11 Field Ambulance suffering from accidental contusion of the leg. Private Barnes enlisted with the Canadian cyclist battalion and went overseas with the 1st Canadian contingent. He is twenty-two and single. His father is J. Titus Barnes of Apohaqui.

### MEN'S TRIANGLE CLUB.

The men's Triangle Club of the Fairville Baptist church met in the church Tuesday evening and after their regular business meeting there was a most interesting and helpful address on the life of some of the wild animals of our province by Mr. Hieker, which brought forth a lively discussion, and some very funny experiences. Refreshments were served. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

### AWARDED BRONZE MEDAL.

Miss Helen M. Smith, has been awarded a bronze medal for an essay she wrote on national thrift. Some time ago Mr. Haney of Toronto offered prizes to all the provinces for the best essay on the subject and she submitted one. This morning her father received a medal with the following engraved on it: "Helen, National Thrift Essay, won by Miss Helen M. Smith, New Brunswick." Miss Smith is a student in Mount Allison University.

### PRISONER IN GERMANY.

Pte. P. P. Lawson, who is overseas with the first contingent, and who on October 28, 1916, was taken prisoner by the Germans is generally in good health and is now in the use of his leg after having been treated for a wound received in action. The advice in regard to his condition was contained in a letter received yesterday and written October 14 last to Commissioner Wigmore from Kriegsgefangenen-Sendungs, Pte. Lawson formerly worked in the Custom House.

### AWARDED MILITARY CROSS.

A letter from Capt. Arthur N. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Carter of this city and Robeson mentions the fact that he was awarded the military cross in the New Year's honors. He was the Rhodes scholar from the University of New Brunswick at Oxford when the war broke out. He was given a Lieutenantcy in the York and Lancaster regiment and served in France for a long time. His work with machine guns earned him promotion to the rank of Captain and the military cross comes as an added honor.

### ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

An enjoyable concert given Tuesday evening in the school room of the Fairville Baptist Sunday school by a number of the scholars. There was a large attendance. Much credit is due the leaders, Miss H. Camp and Miss H. Sims for the success of the entertainment. The following programme was carried out: Piano duet, Misses Bevan and E. Bates; "Story of the Christmas Chimes," Miss H. Camp; vocal solos, Miss Ruby Splane; reading, Miss F. Scott; piano solo, Miss Edith Estey; Christmas play, leaders, Misses Camp and Sims; National Anthem. The proceeds are to be sent to Miss Edith Sims who is serving as a Red Cross nurse in a hospital in France, to provide a few extra comforts for the men under her care.

## THE KING HONORS GNR. H. PIKE WITH MILITARY MEDAL

One of a Fighting Family—Two Other Brothers at the Front—An Original with Col. Frank Magee—Also Served in South Africa.

The many friends of Gunner Harry Pike will be pleased to learn that he has been honored by the King, who has awarded this brave young soldier with the Military Medal.

His mother, Mrs. J. Wesley Pike, of Queen street, West St. John, received a letter from France, Wednesday, in which was the original letter from General Weston in which the latter states that he had much pleasure in congratulating Gunner Pike, that the King had honored him with the award of the Military Medal for brave conduct performed on the morning of November 30th last.

The game of fighting for his King and Country is nothing new to Gunner Pike. When quite young he spent two years in South Africa fighting in the Boer war.

When this present war commenced, and there was a call for men from Canada, Gunner Pike enlisted with the artillery under the command of Col. Frank Magee and was one of the first to report for duty on Partridge Island. One of the first Canadians to cross overseas, he has been constantly a member of a Canadian artillery unit that has made itself famous, for Col. Magee has won distinction and honor and it is a credit to the city of St. John when it is learned that the men under such a commander are also being decorated by the King.

At last reports from Gunner Pike he was in a French hospital being treated for a cold contracted, and the citizens of his home town only hope that such a brave young soldier, who has spent over three years in battle, will be able to return home again and receive the grand reception that is due to such a heroic person.

Sergeant Stachhouse and Gunner Charles Ingraham, of West St. John, who are under command of Col. Magee and are of the originals, like Gunner Pike, have also received decorations of military medals. The heavy artillery battery above mentioned has made a name second to none in this present war, and the majority of the unit were members of the old 3rd Canadian Regiment Artillery. Col. Magee was one of that number and the excellent work at the front, only goes to show that the training at home in peace times is responsible for the efficiency shown by the men in actual warfare.

Many other local men are members of this unit of originals, and others in addition to the ones mentioned have won honors in the same manner, viz. for brave conduct while in action, and the Loyalist city should be proud of having such brave sons.

A few months appears a long while on the front line, but to put in over three years of continual hard grind with the very heavy guns like Col. Magee and his originals, every one a "Real One," nothing more should be expected but that the time would come when one of their many brave deeds would be taken notice of.

As for the Pike family, the only male portion at home is the father of three brave boys who are overseas for many months. Like his brother Harry, who has won the medal, Joseph was a South African veteran, and also a member of the Carleton Place Battery of Artillery. He answered to the call from the mother country and enlisted in the 55th Battalion. After reaching England many months ago he was drafted to another unit and at last reports was still going strong on the western front.

A third brother, Fred Pike, is a sergeant who left St. John with Major Barker in the Siege Battery. Sergt. Fred has been "Carrying On" for a long time at the front and like the other boys from this city and the province are doing well when last heard from.

Col. Magee and other officers under his command have been decorated for their excellent work at the front, and when it is known that the men under command are receiving royal recognition for bravery, it goes without saying that the soldiers who follow the first lot to go overseas have a blessed privilege that would be worthy for any hero to follow and make good.

## RED CROSS DRIVE ON THIS MORNING

Luncheon to Collectors Last Evening—Prospects Good for Raising Amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Last evening the collectors for the Red Cross drive which will be undertaken today were entertained at lunch at Bond's through the generosity of T.H. Estabrooks, after which they received their carrying blanks and instructions and will be on the job bright and early this morning.

F. A. Dykeman presided and in a short address outlined the reason for their coming together and explained fully the procedure to be adopted in the canvass for funds. The gathering was most enthusiastic and the prospects for a successful campaign are most bright. Already a number of \$500 subscriptions have been received and it is hoped that if each citizen does their bit today the sum of \$20,000 will be exceeded when the results are announced.

This morning at ten o'clock a parade will start at ten o'clock from the rooms of the Great War Veterans' Association on Union street and this will pass through the principal streets just to remind the people that the big drive is on. The parade will be headed by the military band, following this will be the Red Cross ambulances and members of the G.W.V.A. in auto and carrying banners.

The territory to be covered is large and the committees ask that everyone have their subscription ready when the canvasser calls in order that the returns may be in as early as possible.

## COAL SHORTAGE IN DIGBY RELIEVED

Schooner for W. E. Van Blarcom Now Unloading—Shortage Alarming During Cold Spell.

Apparently St. John is not the only community in the Maritime province to suffer from the shortage of soft coal. W. E. Van Blarcom of Digby who is the only coal dealer in that town informed the Standard yesterday that during the real cold spell he was obliged to send not more than a barrel to each of the consumers in order that all might be treated alike. Like other sections of the Dominion he was obliged to await the arrival of coal from the mines, and in some cases the coal was confiscated by the railways, who have been granted this privilege in case of expediency. However matters are somewhat better at present and he has a schooner of soft coal unloading at Digby.

The schooner was loaded at Parrsboro with coal drawn down from Springhill Mines.

Mr. Van Blarcom is accompanied by Mrs. Van Blarcom and will leave this morning on the Empress for Digby.

## KING'S LAW STUDENT TO BECOME AVIATOR

Roland O. Trentowsky, 20, Left with Party to Toronto to Enter Upon Preliminary Training.

Among the St. John boys to leave last evening for Toronto to enter upon the preliminary training in the Aviator Corps was Roland O. Trentowsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Trentowsky of 13 Garden street. Notwithstanding the fact that the young man had commenced to study law at the St. John Law School, where he was making rapid progress, he thought it his duty to throw in his weight in the battle of high ideals against German autocracy. As a member of the Law School society he was one of the most energetic workers and played a major part in the social activities of school life. It was the intention of the society to give him a farewell banquet before his departure, but the sudden call of duty thwarted the plans.

During his spare hours he was engaged in journalistic work with the Globe Publishing company. On Christmas day the Siege Battery was also in the party which left St. John last night.

## BONDING A STREET RAILWAY

Fort William's Expedient to over Deficit of \$225,000 in Its Municipal Street Railway—Assessment for Street Car Service.

The city of Fort William, which is so enamored of public ownership that it not only lets its citizens ride on municipal trolley-cars and read by municipal electric street lights, but also municipal electric stoves, voted on Monday to make a bond issue of \$225,000 to cover the deficit of the municipal street railway. It is not, apparently, proposed to sell the bonds at the present time, but the mayor announced at a meeting last week that he knew "where we can finance this deal at 5 p. c. once the by-law is passed." For the sake of Fort William we hope that the prospective lenders will not wake up too soon.

It is this kind of financing which makes one almost thankful for the intervention, whether constitutional or otherwise, of the Dominion Government. It was high time for doing something to prevent municipalities from loading upon posterity the deficit of this careless generation.

In this connection the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board is to be congratulated upon, recently, Fort William to a sense of its business obligations, not-in regard to losses already incurred, as to which the Board is powerless, but in regard to the prevention of losses in the future.

The Fort William Council (under the Board's pressure) actually proposes to estimate the street railway deficit of 1918 and meet it by a tax levy! The taxpayers of Fort William may have to pay a mill on the dollar for the privilege of owning trolley-line which does not pay its way! When they recover from the shock they may find that an even more satisfactory method is to raise fares to a productive level—Financial Times, Montreal.

## A PRE-INVENTORY SALE AT DYKEMAN'S.

This sale is an annual event with us, and is eagerly looked forward to by hundreds of St. John's thrifty shoppers. Thursday will be the rounding-up day, the gathering together of hundreds of odd lines, and in many cases only sufficient for one or two days selling remains. There are two large counters full of remnants which will interest you.

Wonderful values in coats, both for Women and Children. The women's line ranges from \$5.00 up. We unquestionably believe that we are offering you the greatest values in coats in the city of St. John. Our Winterwear Sale, too, is in force. The assortment may be broken, but you will still find sufficient to please you.

## ENCOURAGING REPORTS OF YEAR'S WORK

St. David's Congregation Hold Adjourned Annual Meeting—Good Work of Red Cross Circle.

The adjourned annual meeting of St. David's Presbyterian Church was held last evening when the reports of a number of the various organizations of the church which were not received at the meeting a week ago were read and adopted. The report of the Red Cross Circle showed that splendid work had been done by this organization and all the reports evidenced growth during the year.

Rev. J. A. MacKegon before reading the report of Miss Jennie B. Robb missionary to Korea referred to four of the outstanding features of the work of the church. These were the deaconess work which he said had meant much in the moral and social uplift work in the city; the boys work under the direction of A. R. Cruikshank; the work among the soldiers which had made the name of St. David's known on two continents and their missionary in Korea.

The report of the Red Cross Circle was a most interesting one. From October 1916 to the end of 1917 in addition to goods made up the sum of \$392.16 had been raised. The list of goods made and handed over to the Local Red Cross Branch is: 691 pairs socks, 335 pyjama suits, 123 hospital shirts, 435 bed socks, 1519 towels, 213 binders, 24 T. bags, 38 P. S. bags, 84 winners, 39 operation socks, 106 handkerchiefs, 16 P.P. bags, 24 bandages, and for the Halifax Relief Work, 270 hospital shirts, 400 bandages, 606 towels and 100 children's garments.

Reports were received from: Miss Jennie B. Robb, The Jennie B. Robb Committee, Knights of King Arthur, Soldiers' Committee, Willing Workers, Victoria's Missionary Society, Y. P. A., St. David's Brotherhood, Tennis Club and Young Women's branch of the W.M.S.

The following were appointed a committee to have the reports of the year printed: Robert Reid, N. J. Morrison, R. E. Armstrong and Rev. J. A. MacKegon.

## GIRLS COMMITTED IN THEFT CASES

Homes in St. John Receive Two—Other Members of the Party Committed to Truro Institution.

The case of the five girls who were recently taken into custody by the police department for thefts involving a considerable amount of money and several pieces of jewelry, was disposed of by Mr. Justice MacKeown in chambers yesterday afternoon. One of the girls was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd for four years; two ordered to the Maritime Home for Girls at Truro for three years; and one for four years; the last to the Evangeline Home in the city for two years.

It will be remembered that the young girls in question obtained access to different hotels in the city on the pretense that they were selling tickets for a concert. Having gained entrance to the rooms, they removed articles belonging to the guests. This had been their practice for some time before they were discovered. The eldest girl is fifteen years of age, and the youngest twelve.

**PRESENTATION TO SOLDIER.**  
Gunner E. Gilbert of the 9th Siege Battery was made the recipient of a set of military brushes, beautifully engraved, last evening at the residence of I. Webber at 16 Harding street. About fifty of the young man's friends gathered for the occasion and all entered into the spirit of the evening's enjoyment. The presentation was made by I. Webber, who took occasion to say a few cheerful words to the recipient. Gnr. Gilbert, although taken by surprise, replied in a few well chosen words.

## SONG BOOKS ARE HERE.

Our shipment of "Heart Songs" which have been on the way for over a month, arrived yesterday. More than two hundred mail orders which have been accumulating during the past ten days will be sent out at once.

## TRAINS CANCELLED ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.

Until further notice the night trains between St. John and Halifax will be cancelled. The last trip of No. 10 from St. John will be Saturday, January 26. The last trip of No. 9 from Halifax to St. John will be Friday, January 25. Commencing Monday, January 28th, numbers seven and eight will run between Halifax and Sydney. Number seven will leave Halifax 7:10 p. m. daily except Sunday, arriving Sydney 8 a. m. No. 8 will leave Sydney 8:10 a. m. daily except Saturday, arriving Halifax 11:50 a. m. Trains numbers 11 and 12 between Halifax and New Glasgow are also cancelled.

Three packed houses greeted Edna Goodrich in the big War picture "American Maid" last night at the Nickel Queen Square. Last time to night.

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COAT SWEATERS—Very Special Values. Light, Medium and Heavy Weights, Convertible Collars. Also V-neck No-Collar Style. Grey, Khaki, Brown, Navy, Slate and Maroon. Sale prices \$3 to \$5 Each  
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WEIGHTED WOOL HOSE—Heavy Weight. Black. Sale price ..... 25c and 35c  
SAMPLE HANDKERCHIEFS—Remstitched, with Pretty Colored Borders. Sale Price ..... 3 for 25c  
LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Real Irish Linen, 2-16 in hem, warranted Pure Linen Boxed 6 in a box. Sale price \$1.50

NECKTIES—Odds and two left from Christmas trade. Sale Prices ..... 50c, 75c, \$1.00  
WOOL MOTOR SCARFS—Various Colors. Sale Prices ..... 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25  
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