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| Peas 9c. can, 3 cans 25c., 9c. doz. | 8 lbs. Baking Soda 25c. |
| Peaches 2's 15c. can | 2 cans Reg. 15c. Sardines 25c. |
| Peaches 3's 15c. can | 3 Bot. Tomato Catsup 25c. |
| Plums 12c. can | 6 pks. Bee Jelly Powder 25c. |
| Choice Pink Salmon 12c., 3 cans 30c. | 2 lbs. Buckwheat Flour 25c. |
| Best Red Salmon 16c. can | 5 lbs. Farina 25c. |
| | 2 pks. Reg. 15c. Macaroni 25c. |
| | 3 Cans Lye 25c. |

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| 7 Bars Yerxa Soap 25c. | 6 pks. Cow Brand Soda 25c. | 7 lbs. Gran. Corn Meal 25c. |
| 6 Bars Asepto Soap 25c. | 6 Med. Chimneys 25c. | 9 lbs. Common Corn Meal 25c. |
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| 3 Bot. Lemon Extract 25c. | 2 pks. Shredded Wheat 25c. | 2 cans Reg. 15c. Sardines 25c. |
| 3 Bot. Vanilla Extract 25c. | 3 pks. Puffed Wheat 25c. | 3 Bot. Tomato Catsup 25c. |
| 2 lbs. Pul. Sugar 25c. | 6 lbs. Rolled Oats 25c. | 6 pks. Bee Jelly Powder 25c. |
| 3 pks. Lipton's Jelly 25c. | 6 lbs. Buckwheat Flour 25c. | 2 lbs. Buckwheat Flour 25c. |
| 2 Bot. White Liniment 25c. | 5 lbs. Farina 25c. | 2 pks. Reg. 15c. Macaroni 25c. |
| | 6 lbs. Graham Flour 25c. | 3 Cans Lye 25c. |

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OBITUARY

James Charlton.

Greer, N. B., Dec. 8.—James Charlton, one of Greer Settlement's much respected citizens, passed away at his home here on Dec. 1, aged 73 years. He had been in failing health for some time. He leaves, besides his widow, one son, Henry, at home, and one daughter, Mrs. John McManis, of Hampton; also one sister, Mrs. Sarah Cleveland, of Toronto.

The funeral services will be conducted on Thursday by the Rev. E. E. Fyche, interment in the Methodist cemetery.

Jan. A. Baylis.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Jan. A. Baylis, chief engineer of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, died this morning at his residence, 400 Dorchester street, West Montreal. He was born in this city in 1859.

James Dowling.

The death of James Dowling occurred at an early hour this morning at the home of his wife, Mrs. M. Dowling, 190 Union street, after a lingering illness. He was sixty-eight years of age and was a native of Bayswater, Kings County. He spent fourteen years of his life in the western states, returning to the city on 17th years ago. He leaves to mourn one brother, Andrew, of Boston City, Idaho; and four sisters—Mrs. Patrick Warnock, Mrs. John Warnock, of Golden Grove; Mrs. Michael Collins, of Minneapolis; and Mrs. Michael Dawson, of Washington. Interment will be made at Golden Grove on Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Rice.

Frederickton, Dec. 9.—The death took place at New Maryland, yesterday, of Mrs. Thomas Rice, widow of Thomas Rice, aged 82 years. The deceased, who had suffered a paralytic stroke, left a widow, Mrs. William, of New Maryland, and two daughters, Mrs. Oliver Gray, of New Maryland; Mrs. James Gilmore, of Millville (Mass.); Mrs. Thomas Graham, of this city, and John Graham, in the west, and one sister, Mrs. Abram Segee, of New Maryland, also survive.

James F. Garden.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 9.—(Special)—J. A. F. Garden received word today that his brother, James W. Garden, died suddenly this morning in Vancouver of paralysis. Mr. Garden went to Vancouver in his early days and was very prominent in civic and political life, being mayor of the city at one time, and also a member of the legislature some years ago. He was born at Upper Woodstock and was in his 88th year, and is survived by three brothers, Mr. Garden never married.

Thomas Hennessey.

Thursday, Dec. 10.—The death of Thomas Hennessey occurred at the Home for incurables yesterday. The deceased leaves one sister, Mrs. John Dacey, of this city. The funeral will take place from the Home this afternoon at 2.30.

Miss Mary Jane McLeod.

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Miss Mary Jane McLeod, a highly respected citizen of this place, died very suddenly last night at the home of Winslow McLeod, a sister of the deceased. She retired last evening in her usual good health, and was found dead in her bed early this morning. Deceased was 70 years of age, and was a sister of William McLeod, former town marshal, and Eliza McLeod, railway mail clerk, St. John, and aunt of Sheriff Fress, Hampton.

The body will be brought to Sussex, where the funeral will take place from the late residence, the Fress home, on Friday, at 1 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Penobscot cemetery, Rev. B. H. Nobles, of St. John, officiating.

WEDDINGS

Mitchell-English.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. English, Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, was the scene of a very pretty home wedding on Saturday, Dec. 6, when their daughter, Alma Victoria, was united in marriage with Judson Ray Mitchell by Rev. I. G. Shaw.

At the bridal party entered the parlor the wedding march was played by Miss Myrtle Stuart. The bride, who was unattended, was gowned in cream color, with silk embroidery and crystal trimmings. Her costume was relieved by touches of pink, the same effect being carried out in her bouquet, which consisted of pink roses and asparagus fern. Her veil was caught up with a spray of the same flower. After congratulations, refreshments were served to about twenty guests. In addition to numerous gifts from a large circle of relatives and friends, the bride received substantial checks from the groom and her brother, also gifts from relatives of the groom in Portland (Me.).

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left by Monday's boat for a short trip to St. John. The bride travelled in a costume of navy blue serge with white plush hat with ostrich plume. On their return they will make their home for the winter with the bride's parents.

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP

SAILS FROM NEW YORK WITH \$300,000 CARGO

New York, Dec. 10.—Laden with a \$300,000 cargo of food for the relief of Belgium, the steamer Masakongue sailed from New York tonight, after a special flag-raising ceremony had taken place on the pier under the direction of the American commission for relief in Belgium, which chartered the vessel.

The flag was designed especially for the commission to insure safe transit for neutral vessels on errands of mercy. Flown at the foremast, and bearing the words, "Commission Belgian Relief," in red letters on a background of white, it marks the neutrality of the steamer, and insures its safety. The Masakongue was further protected by safe-conduct papers issued by the German consular general of this city, acting upon instructions from the German embassy at Washington.

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FAITHFUL GATHER HERE; SOME OF THE RUMORS

Mr. Clarke Has More Applicants For Cabinet Jobs Than He Knows What to Do With.

There was a gathering of the faithful of the Conservative party from all parts of the province in this city yesterday. The nominal cause for the presence of many of them was the opening of the new docks but it was noticed that others of the lot took little interest in the proceedings in West St. John. It is intimated that other matters engaged the attention of a large number of these gentlemen during the time they had at their disposal and the presence of so many Tory politicians in the city at the same time is at least enough to cause folks to wonder a bit.

There are various stories to account for the real object of the gathering of the clans but one of the most interesting relates to the resignation of Mr. Frank Smith of Carleton county to secure a place in the provincial government. Mr. Smith was nominated recently for the seat of Carleton county in the House of Commons. He is said to have a fixed determination to enter the cabinet and to have the support of enough members to ensure consideration of his claims.

It is said that Mr. Smith and his friends were in the city to endeavor to secure the support of Hon. J. D. Hasen, who ranks as leader of the party in this province, and this made it necessary for some of those who do not see things in the same light to be on hand to present their views to Mr. Hasen.

It has been generally understood in this section of the province that the new member of the government was to be B. M. Baxter, but it is said that Frank A. Black, of Westmorland also is somewhat more than merely willing to seek a seat in the lower council.

Both of these gentlemen can command substantial backing and the three-cornered fight which seems to have developed might very easily require the services of some one higher up in the capacity of referee.

The latest official report from Berlin says the German emperor's health is much improved. It is believed the bronchial attack to which he is subject at this time of the year, was well under control before the fact of his illness was made public, and that he will probably make a quick recovery.

CONNAUGHT'S NEW SECRETARY BEARS THE SCARS OF BATTLE

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—A long signal scar on his head, extending from his forehead almost to the crown, is the testimony of what happened to Major A. A. Duff, of the Gordon Highlanders, in the fighting at Cambrai, France, recently.

Major Duff arrived today from England to act as military secretary to the Duke of Connaught. He is a fine, soldierly man, proud of his wound, and ready to go back to the front, if needed.

OFFICERS FOR 26TH BATTALION AND AMMUNITION COLUMN

Announcement Made Wednesday of Great Interest—The Regiments Drawn From—All is Now Ready For Effective Drill.

Thursday, Dec. 10. Names of officers for the 26th Battalion second Canadian overseas expeditionary force were yesterday received in St. John from the divisional headquarters in Halifax and the list was so much what had been anticipated that it caused little surprise. The choice made by the officer commanding, Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity, was therefore a tribute to his ability as a leader of men for these are the officers on whose skill and co-operation he will have to depend for the efficiency of the battalion. The regiments in the province drawn from are the 62nd St. John Fusiliers and the 78rd and 74th (New Brunswick Rangers) Regiments. There have been no selections from the 67th Carleton Light Infantry or the 1st York Regiment.

The appointments include: A. E. G. McKensie, of Campbellton, as senior major, and T. Malcolm McAvity, St. John, junior major. Major Arnold, of Sussex, is appointed paymaster, and Major Murray, of Sussex, medical officer. Capt. W. R. Brown, formerly of the imperial service, is confirmed in his position as adjutant, in which capacity he has been serving for some time, and Capt. F. H. May, St. John, is appointed quartermaster, and Capt. A. O. Dawson, St. John, as signalling officer (a staff appointment).

The list also includes: Capt. Kinnear, Sussex; Capt. D. D. McArthur, St. John; Capt. G. L. Dandale, St. John; Capt. F. H. Elliott, St. John; Capt. W. H. Belyea, Newcastle; Capt. G. F. Keefe, St. John; Capt. A. McMillan, St. John.

The 26th Battalion will now go ahead with the work of getting the recruits up to efficiency. Already a good start has been made and the new unit shows a remarkable readiness to take the instruction which is so marked a feature of any first class voluntary army. A march out was arranged yesterday and that with physical drill will form the programme for the next week or so.

Notification of the No. 1 section of the ammunition column commanded by Major W. H. Harrison was also received in Halifax yesterday. They are: To be captain, George A. Gamblin, of the No. 8 company (Portland) 3rd New Brunswick Regiment; to be lieutenant, W. Yarnall (of the corps reserve), and S. K. L. McDonald, No. 1 company.

None of the other corps in the city has any news to report. The 1st Army Service Corps had a march out, which was completely devoid of food. The population quit the town on Monday, fearing the Germans; thousands proceeded on foot.

Accounts of the fighting between Lodz and Nowy Soltz show that the Germans attacked in close formation in the twilight and a fog, hoping to catch the Russians unawares. The Russians, however, were forewarned, and allowed the Germans to advance close, then swept the Germans with a hundred searchlights.

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South African Rebellion Ended. General Louis Botha, premier and commander of the defence forces of the Union of South Africa, announces that the rebellion is practically at an end. Since the capture on Dec. 8 of 100 rebels, and the surrender of 200 others, five additional rebel leaders and their commandoes have unconditionally laid down their arms. Only one rebel leader is at large—Pol. Maritz.

General Botha, in making the announcement, warns the people against holding any vengeful feelings, and concludes: "Maritz and Kemp, who were corrupted while officers of the Union Defence Force, have succeeded in escaping to German Southwest Africa, and from there, equipped with fresh arms and artillery by their German allies, will seek to invade the union. Our next duty is to deal with this danger, and make it a hope and a trust that the people will deal with this danger as energetically as they dealt with the internal rebellion." The Indian office reports that 1,100 Turkish prisoners, exclusive of wounded, and nine guns, were captured at Kurun, on the Persian Gulf, which was occupied on Dec. 8.

At Loda. London, Dec. 11, 8.44 a. m.—A Petrograd despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company says the Polish town of Loda, at the time of its evacuation by the Russians, was completely devoid of food. The population quit the town on Monday, fearing the Germans; thousands proceeded on foot.

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SERVIAN ALLIANCE

Austrian Army

Belgium

London, Dec. 14.—The candid admission of the Austrian army, in Serbia, at the invasion of the

While attributing to war office announces "New measures will be taken against Serbia will be announced, the occupation of an unofficial despatch, however, reports to "Belgrade."

The progress of the German wireless report spoke of the "severe" encountering in Serbia, to clear the Russians off, they are driving down valleys, where last mountain range.

POLAND SUFFERS Poland is fast being opposing armies driving cities and villages to those that have been France.

More than five hundred accounts from the night episodes of the line as a repetition of and the sacking of the. A distressing feat against each other, and Austrians.

The Germans admit although they are not indicated. On the other hand, forces in that field were occupied the important line south of Przemyty near 9,000 prisoners.

The main issue is and Austrian armies from Przemyty and MUD AND DAMP The day has shown French war office report of the Germans and neighborhood of Ver famous scheme of "the But the German The troops in France which causes them to November, with its votes any movement before, since they spend more than two without rest or an of a time.

The Turkish army great battle. Enver Talaat Bey has succeeded of growing hostilities, which may lead to the rest of the when peace negotiators intermediary.

ALLIED ATTACKS WINNING GROUND Paris, Dec. 14, 10.45. lowering official communique by the war office. "In Belgium seven French troops have along the Ypres canal of Hollebecq. Several attacks have all been troops.

"The railway station (Department of Meuse) yesterday by batteries great distance, but it was done. "In Alace an offset assumed by the enemy (Cray), has been reported. "On the rest of the ing to report."

REPORT BAVARIAN MUTINY IN ANT Amsterdam, Dec. 13. m.—A despatch from Antwerp says in Antwerp of a mutiny in the Bavarian troops. While the story is a fact that the Bav heavy fighting in UPPER ALSACE Berlin, via The H. 14, 9.50 p. m.—Des violent artillery due Sunday in Upper ally from an attempt advance in the direction. The firing lasted