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Germans Reported To Have Rejected The Russian Peace Terms

Unofficial Report From Petrograd — Roumania True to Allies, Says Minister to France, Though Reports from Front Conflicting

KERENSKY AND FORMER GRAND DUKE REPORTED LEADING ARMIES

Former Said To Be Marching Against Moscow

CIVIL WAR SPREADING

Opposition to Bolsheviks Reported Increasing — Fighting Between Trotsky Troops and Ukrainians

London, Dec. 20.—A belated despatch from the Bolshevik agency at Petrograd announces that the ultimatum to the Ukrainians was accompanied by a proclamation recognizing without conditions or reservations the right of Ukraine to separate from Russia and form its own republic.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Haparanda reports that Kerensky with an army is now marching against Moscow, while Grand Duke Nicholas has gathered a great army of Royalists in the Caucasus.

London, Dec. 20.—A Reuters despatch from Odessa dated Dec. 18 says there has been three days' sanguinary fighting between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainians owing to the refusal of the latter to allow the passage of reinforcements for the suppression of the Don Cossacks.

There is the greatest danger in the harbor, the despatch adds, where the crews of the naval units are divided between the two factions.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The Rada, in its reply to the Bolshevik government, suggests that conflict can be avoided on certain conditions, which are not stated, including non-interference with the affairs of the Ukrainian public or the administration of the right of Ukraine and recognition in peace negotiations. It further suggests that Ukraine is entitled to representation to the extent of one-third in the federal government.

The commissioners, in reply to these suggestions, express readiness to adjust differences amicably, but emphasize that the real issue is the Ukrainian support of Kaledin's counter-revolution and declares that an understanding is possible only on condition of the immediate abandonment of Kaledin.

Spread of Civil War.—The correspondents in Russia continue to emphasize the growth of the opposition to the Maximilianist government in parts of the country and the consequent spread of civil war. The rejection of the Bolshevik demand on the Ukrainians presumably adds the resources of the entire Ukraine to the forces combating the Bolshevik rule.

The position of General Kaledin, lieutenant of the Don Cossacks, is reported to have become very much stronger, and his close association with the Ukraine is generally conceded.

A despatch from Petrograd confirms the previous reports that Rostov-on-the-Don is in the hands of the Cossacks and that the entire anti-Bolshevik movement is causing serious anxiety to the Bolshevik commissioners.

With regard to the reported presence of Allied military missions in the Ukraine, it is asserted that Lenin, Trotsky, foreign minister, visited the French embassy and made representations that the rescue of French officers in the Ukraine was impossible, while the Rada as disarming the Bolsheviks, openly supporting General Kaledin and disorganizing the general front by recalling Ukrainian troops from the Russo-Roumanian front.

M. Noulens, French ambassador to Russia, replied that the French mission was in the Ukraine at the request of Russia to supervise the formation of the Ukrainian national army, but they had been ordered not to interfere in internal political affairs and would not participate in the fighting in the event of a struggle.

The despatch did not mention any other members of the Entente being in the Ukraine.

Little news regarding the peace negotiations has reached London. Foreign Minister Trotsky is said to have told M. Noulens that if Germany rejects a peace without annexations and indemnities it will end the negotiations.

It is noteworthy that in the Petrograd despatches every government act is attributed to Trotsky.

German Control of Russia.—A long article to the Morning Post from Petrograd, dated Tuesday, is published.

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms. The Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires this under date of Thursday.

Roumania's Position.—Paris, Dec. 21.—V. Anoniesco, Roumanian minister here, has issued the following statement concerning the situation on the Roumanian front:

"The armistice was simply a measure of military order imposed on us through the Roumanian front being entirely enclosed within the Russian front. It would be a mistake to make a political deduction from it. Roumania intends to remain faithful to her alliances and to work until the end with the Allies."

Other Reports.—London, Dec. 21.—The Roumanians on the southwestern Russian front have joined the Ukrainians and Lieut. General Schechter, commander of the Russian forces in Roumania, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole Ukrainian front, according to a report received in Petrograd and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Bolshevik and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three versts apart.

A Petrograd despatch to the Daily News says that the staff of the Russian army on the Roumanian front has joined the Ukrainians, which report is declared to be more probable than that the Roumanians have taken such action. The Daily News reports confirm the appointment of General Schechter as commander of the Ukrainian front.

Vice-Chancellor to the Parley.—Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The Berlin correspondent of the "Kochische Volks-Zeitung," a copy of which has been received here, says that Dr. Karl Helfferich, former German vice-chancellor, is also going to Brest-Litovsk for the peace parley between the Teutonic allies and the Bolshevik government.

Berlin "Peace Bureau."—Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—A German government bureau for "studying the situation relating to peace" has been opened in Berlin. Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice-chancellor, is at the head of the bureau, with Privy Councillor Albert, former commissioner to the Panama-Pacific exposition, as his assistant.

LIEUT. H. J. MANNING WILL BE HERE TONIGHT

Coming With 125 Men—Landed at American Port—He Has Been Wounded Twice

Dr. James Manning of 108 Germain street, received a telegram this morning stating that his son, Lieutenant Harold James Manning from an American port to the effect that he would arrive in St. John tonight in company with 125 men. Lieutenant Manning went overseas with the 140th battalion, and on the breaking up of that unit he was transferred into another, and with that unit crossed to France. At the battle of Vimy Ridge he was wounded in the arm. After spending about two months in hospital he returned to France, where he was only about three days when he was wounded in the leg. He is coming home on a three months furlough.

CURLERS ARE AT IT—Members of the Hampton Curling Club have been enjoying their favorite pastime for the last week. They were successful in making a good sheet of ice, and if weather conditions are favorable, they anticipate many thrilling matches during the holiday season.

lished today. It elaborates on the recent report that the Russian throne is to be re-established. The gist of the article is that Germany is determined to restore the throne and place Nicholas Romanoff, or another member of the Romanoff family, as an autocrat. The newspaper says it is confidently expected that a German pronouncement announcing this will be issued soon in Petrograd, where the arrival of a body of Germans to negotiate future arrangements is impending. The writer predicts that Germany in the future will control all of Russia and oppose the vast power thus acquired against the democracies of the west.

A Bolshevik Victory.—London, Dec. 21.—A Bolshevik force commanded by released German and Austrian officer prisoners, has defeated the anti-Bolshevik at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post.

The despatch also says that it is believed that a force of released enemy prisoners equivalent to two army corps commanded by their own officers, is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

Courtesies to Couriers.—Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The British, Danish, French and Belgian consuls have visited Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, and arranged to exchange with Russia courtesies to official couriers.

DEATH TOLL IN WRECK IS FORTY-SIX

Passenger Train Crashes Into Rear of Accommodation in Kentucky and Cars Are Demolished

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 7 from Cincinnati to New Orleans crashed into the rear end of the Louisville-Bardonia and Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railroad station had reached forty-six today.

The wreck, which is said to be the worst in the history of the Louisville & Nashville, occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here. It had gone only a short distance when the other train came into sight traveling at a high rate of speed. Before it could be halted it had crashed into the slower moving train ahead and made kindling wood of the two wooden passenger coaches.

Blame for the disaster seems to hinge upon whether or not the fast train had been given a clear block.

SYMPATHETIC, BUT AGAINST SENDING MEN

Montreal Trades and Labor Council's Action Re Halifax

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A motion pledging the Montreal Trades and Labor Council to extend aid in the reconstruction of Halifax was turned down at a meeting of that organization last night. A resolution of sympathy was accepted.

The aid motion was defeated because, it was argued, Montreal men should not be sent to Halifax at lower wages than obtained here. The local labor unions also did not want to take work away from Halifax men.

Delegate Lynch said that the call that was being sent out for mechanics should be paid fifty cents an hour, or fifteen cents lower than the Montreal rate.

PLENTY SUGAR IN COMING YEAR, SAYS BABST AT INQUIRY

Against Limiting Home Consumption—Boston Gets Nine Million Pound Louisiana Cargo

Washington, Dec. 21.—A plentiful supply of sugar for the American people during the coming year was predicted today by Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testifying before the senate investigating committee. He opposed placing a limit on domestic consumption, contending that any such plan would result in a sugar surplus that the sugar was expected to be shipped abroad.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A cargo of 9,000,000 pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received this month, landed in Boston on Thursday. Refiners said it probably would be the last of the Louisiana product to be sent here this season, but that Cuban sugar was expected to move northward within the next ten days and further relieve the situation.

A FOOL MOTION IN QUEBEC LEGISLATURE

Quebec, Dec. 21.—At today's sitting of the legislature, N. Francis, a member of the opposition, introduced the following motion:

"That this house is of the opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federal pact of 1867, if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is believed that the said province is an obstacle to the union, the progress and the development of Canada."

BOGUS PRIEST GETS 23 MONTHS IN PRISON

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Solomon Daniels, bogus priest and confidence man, who obtained \$2,000 in this city last spring by pretending to be a Syrian gave a mission to Canada to raise funds for a new church in Syria, was sentenced today in the court of special sessions to imprisonment for twenty-three months on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM.—Boston, Dec. 21.—Counsel for the Royal Arcanum, against which two petitions seeking the appointment of receivers have been filed, yesterday asked Judge Hale in the federal district court to enter a decree dismissing the petition of William Cummings of New Hampshire. The court will give a hearing on the matter on Jan. 9, at which time counsel for the order will endeavor to show that it is solvent and that no receiver is necessary.

Petrograd Streets Red With Wine; Soldiers Drink To Death

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars. A mob raided one distillery where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death. Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored motor car attacked the distillery, which was set on fire. Rowdies prevented the fire department from extinguishing the blaze and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control.

The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorder.

TODAY'S NEWS FROM THE BATTLE FRONTS

Paris, Dec. 21.—Active artillery fighting on the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, is reported by the war office. The artillery is active also at points on the eastern end of the line, especially in the vicinity of Hartmannswillerkopf and east of Thann.

Germans Lose More Airplanes.—London, Dec. 20.—(Delayed)—The British war office tonight issued the following statement on aviation activities in France:

"Three hostile machines were brought down in the course of the day. Others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

Another Army for France.—Paris, Dec. 20.—A decree authorizing the formation of a Czech-Slovak army in France appears in the official journal. One such army numbering 80,000 men already has been formed in Russia. It will be attached to the French army, which is being supplied by the arrival of recruits from the United States. The entire army will be placed under the political control of nationalities of the Czech-Slovak countries. The headquarters will be Paris.

Berlin Statement.—Berlin, via London, Dec. 20.—Increased mine firing and artillery activity on the western front is noted in the official communication from general headquarters today.

London Silent.—London, Dec. 21.—Today's official communication says there is nothing of importance to report.

TERMS OF ALLEGED SECRET TREATY OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN

"Joint Armed Demonstration Against America and Britain in Far East"

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—Under the heading "Secret Treaty Between Japan and Russia for Joint Armed Demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Ivestia publishes what it says is the text of a secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China. The treaty dated July 1, 1916, and was signed by the Russian minister at Buenos Aires, and Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister.

The treaty stipulates that the "agreed" Russia and Japan shall maintain a deep secret for all except the contracting parties.

MORE OF VON LUXBURG DESPATCHES GIVEN OUT.—Buenos Aires, Dec. 20.—The Argentine government today published fifty-seven of the 400 or more despatches exchanged between Count Von Luxburg, former German minister at Buenos Aires, and the Berlin government, explaining that only these have so far been received from the legation at Washington.

The nature of the despatches has caused surprise and pessimism, despite an official note accompanying them declaring that the telegrams contain nothing but the text of the despatches, however, is much commented upon because of Von Luxburg's affirmations coincide with known facts and events.

Phelix and Pherdman WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The weather has been cloudy and mild with light local rains from the great lakes eastward, while in northern Ontario it has become somewhat colder. There has been very little change in the western provinces.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—Fresh wind from northwest winds, colder tonight with local snow flurries; Saturday, fair and moderately cold.

Lower St. Lawrence.—Cloudy with local rains today; colder on Saturday. Gulf and North Shore.—Fresh south-west winds, colder; light rains tonight and on Saturday.

Rain.—Maritime.—Moderate to fresh winds; cloudy, light local rains tonight and on Saturday.

Superior.—Fair and cold today and on Saturday.

All western provinces.—Fair today and on Saturday, stationary or a little higher temperature.

New England.—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; colder Saturday; moderate west to north winds.

WAR COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON

Goethals Leads an Army Bureau; Senate Holds up Crozier Appointment

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Baker has moved forward the organization of his newly created war council by relieving from their present duties three of the five officers assigned to that body. This will leave them free to devote all their time to the council's task of coordinating all war department activities in such a way that the time heretofore believed to be necessary for sending to France an army of sufficient size to insure the defeat of Germany will be materially reduced.

Mr. Baker announced that Major General George W. Goethals had been recalled to active duty, and would become acting quartermaster general, releasing Major General Sharpe for service with the council. Major General Weaver will be relieved by Brig. Gen. Barrett, who becomes acting chief of coast artillery, and Major Gen. William Crozier by Brig. Gen. Charles Wheeler, who becomes acting chief of ordnance.

General Bliss, chief of staff, and Major Gen. Crowder, the other officers on the council, will retain their present posts, the former as chief of staff and the latter as judge advocate general and provost marshal general. General Bliss will retire on Dec. 31 for age, but probably will continue on the council. Preparations being made for the council indicated that General Crowder might be able to devote only a small part of his time heretofore to other duties.

As a result of charges of delays and shortage in the ordnance outfitting, the senate just before adjourning for the holidays indefinitely postponed action on the nomination of General Crozier for re-appointment. The nomination was made by the senate committee on military and naval affairs, which had unanimously recommended his confirmation. Several senators, including committee members, have expressed action sharply criticizing General Crozier, and Senator Chamberlain agreed that it was advisable to postpone action until the results of the investigation were fixed.

WENT RIGHT AHEAD WITH ORDER FOR THE CLOTHING FOR TROOPS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Without waiting for congressional appropriations, the war department authorized orders for clothing equipment for one million troops before the United States went to war, it was brought out today in the testimony of Quartermaster-General Sharpe before the senate military committee.

SATISFACTION OVER THE AMERICAN PREPARATIONS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct assurance of the confidence of both British and French commanders in General Pershing's ability and their satisfaction with the breadth and soundness of his preparations to make American army effective on the western front have reached Washington with the return of Major-General Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff, from Europe. He was in conference today with Secretary Baker and other war department officials.

FEARED BACK IS BROKEN

Michael Nyhan was very dangerously injured on the west side of the harbor this morning when, as he was occupied in his work as a "longshoreman," a big deal fell on him and injured his back. He was rushed to the General Public Hospital, and it is feared that his back may be broken. He is in a critical condition.

George Longwood was slightly injured at the new elevator on Water street this morning when he suffered a fractured ankle.

GENERAL LOOMIS HOME; THREE YEARS IN WAR

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Brigadier-General F. W. Loomis, whose relatives reside at Sherbrooke, has arrived home after three years of war service. He commanded the second brigade of the first Canadian division. He was received by a large crowd of military and civilian friends.

TODAY IN WALL STREET.—New York, Dec. 21.—Wall street prominent stocks yielded one to two points in today's early dealings, fresh selling resulting from overnight advices which suggested further heavy war financing and attendant trade restrictions.

Shoe, shippings and active rails led the decline, with equipments and oils. The few gains included Baltimore & Ohio, American Tobacco, Inspiration, Copper, Studebaker and Pullman.

PRODUCTION AND PRICES DISCUSSED BY MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

Farmers Working Fourteen Hours a Day But Output Declining; Manipulation of Combines Criticized; Montreal Mayor Says "Organized System of Robbery"

Toronto, Dec. 21.—"Farmers are working fourteen hours a day, and yet production is falling off. Why? Because the rural population has declined by thirty, fifty and, in some cases, to the extent of seventy per cent."

This statement was made by President Stonehouse, of the Milk Producers' Association, at yesterday's session of the United Farmers of Ontario.

Mr. Stonehouse continued: "To take one skilled laborer from the farm means adding one more to the body of consumers. It does more. It removes from the land one who is in a position to provide food for six or eight others as well as himself. We must have a system of registration under which labor can be placed where needed, under which non-essential industries will be closed and more labor provided for industries which are essential."

"If the law of supply and demand were left alone, and the manipulation of combines eliminated, I do not believe price fixing in any line would be necessary," said R. W. Eburnaby, of Jefferson, speaking on the fixing of prices of farm products.

John Kennedy, second vice-president of the United States Grain Growers' Association, said: "The profits of the United States Grain Growers and the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, combined, last year amounted to a million and a quarter. But if private corporations had handled the same amount of farmers' business their profits would have amounted to four or five million dollars."

"Organized Robbery," Says Mayor Martin.—Montreal, Dec. 21.—Mayor M. J. Martin believes there is an organized system of robbery in Montreal, and has written to the food controller asking him to take action without any further delay to bring about a reduction in the price of bread here.

SEES FURTHER GAIN FOR UNION

Hon. Mr. McLean Expects Nova Scotia Seats—Some More Also From Ontario

Montreal, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa, says: Prediction that a number of Ontario and Nova Scotia constituencies, now listed as carried by the Laurier Liberal candidates, would be brought into the government column by the votes of the soldiers overseas, were made by ministers who returned to the capital today. Hon. A. K. MacLean, who arrived from Halifax, was of the opinion that the soldiers' votes would return E. H. Rhodes, in Cumberland, N. S., and Unionist candidates in Pictou, Hants and the two seats in south Cape Breton. Halifax, he was confident, would elect two Unionists at the deferred election on January 28, and that the final result in Nova Scotia would be twelve Unionists and four Laurierites.

CALGARY NEWSPAPER BRINGS SLANDER ACTION

Calgary, Dec. 21.—A writ was issued yesterday against G. L. Munns, real estate dealer, at the instance of the Morning Albertan. The newspaper asked for unstated damages on the ground of alleged slander, Munns having declared, in answer to a question of Rev. G. Falls during a service at the Central Methodist church last Sunday that he believed the Albertan had been bought by the union government forces.

CORN AND OATS

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Corn today showed a tendency to react from yesterday's bulge. Buyers were somewhat scarce, and the attention of the trade seemed to centre on advices that Eastern roads had been ordered to return to the west a total to date of 17,000 empty box cars. Clear, cold weather likely to improve the quality of the crop helped also to ease the market. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 7-8 cent lower, with January 124-4 to 125, and May 128 to 129-4, were followed by a moderate decline all around.

Oats paralleled the action of the corn. Signs of a removal of export demand from the Gulf, however, operated as a check on the bears.

TWO FIRE CALLS.—The North End fire department was called out at noon today for a small chimney fire in a house in Paradise row. When the firemen arrived the fire had been practically extinguished. Shortly after returning to the station a still alarm was sent in for another chimney fire in a house in Cranston avenue. This was also very slight.

THE CASE OF M. CAILLAUX

Special Session of Chamber To Be Held Tomorrow

Believed That Former President Will Make Three Hour Speech Defending His Policy Before and After War

Paris, Dec. 21.—The chamber of deputies will hold a special session on Saturday to discuss Deputy Pisan's report on the decision of the committee of eleven to suspend the immunity of former Premier Caillaux and Deputy Loustolot. It is understood that M. Caillaux is preparing a three hour speech in which he will expound and defend his entire policy before and during the war. M. Pisan's report concludes with the following words:

"From the foregoing facts there are sufficiently grave presumptions against Deputy Caillaux as a result of his having, during the war, worked for the destruction of our alliances, thus aiding the enemy's progress, which is a crime under articles 76 to 79 of the penal code."

The report of Deputy Pisan, in the name of the committee, was published last night. It points out that the committee of eleven was not empowered to investigate whether Deputy Caillaux and Loustolot were guilty of the charges brought against them or what jurisdiction was applicable to them, but merely if the facts alleged were sufficiently grave to necessitate the opening of legal proceedings. In deciding to authorize the investigation demanded by the government the committee says it intends in no way to prejudice the question of culpability.

Former Premier Caillaux is quoted by the report as protesting against the accusations as untrue and affirming his patriotism as shown by speeches at Mamers. M. Caillaux declared that the man who at the present moment would for personal ends propose a traitorous peace in defiance of alliances and treaties would perjure French honor and commit a crime.

The report declares that at a time when any form of secret diplomacy is opposed vehemently, a man, however highly, who arrogates to himself the right to undertake mysterious negotiations for peace, commits a most formidable attack on the safety of the state.

Premier Clemenceau explained to the committee that it would be the duty of the judges to decide whether investigations led to a charge of treason or not. The case would then go before a court martial, or if it led to a political crime it would be tried by the high court.

BURGES IS BOMBED

London, Dec. 20.—A British official statement today says that naval aircraft dropped large quantities of explosives on works at Burges Tuesday night, getting direct hits. Large fires resulted. Airplanes also bombed the "Vilsehem" air-drome yesterday, securing direct hits. One enemy machine was destroyed and another driven down. One British machine failed to return.

MCCARTON, TAKEN OFF SHIP AT HALIFAX, PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO SINN FEIN CHARGE

New York, Dec. 20.—The federal authorities were informed by Dr. Patrick McCarton's counsel today that the only objection which the "Ambassador to the United States of the Irish Republic" had in trying to return to Ireland last October was to resume his professional practice there. Nevertheless McCarton, whose real purpose, the government alleges, was to engage in Sinn Fein activities, was held in \$7,500 bail when arraigned today charged with falsely representing himself to be an American citizen when he shipped on a Belgian relief ship in his effort to get back to Ireland.

McCarton was taken off the ship at Halifax and later brought here. He entered today a plea of not guilty.

LOAN STORY DENIED.—Washington, Dec. 21.—Published reports that the third Liberty Loan would be for \$8,000,000,000 at 4½ per cent, in interest, one-half per cent, above the rate on the second loan, were denied today by Secretary McAdoo.

GOOD THINGS COMING
TO THEATRES OF
ST. JOHN

OPERA HOUSE, ONE
SHOW TONIGHT; THE
NEW BILL FOR SATURDAY

One show only at the Opera House tonight, starting promptly at 7.30, the second show being given up for a concert for the Halifax Relief Fund. Last time to see Jewett and Peckleton, that dandy dancing offering—four other good acts and "The Red Ace" serial drama.

Tomorrow comes the regular weekly change of vaudeville programme with five big feature acts, including Nestor and Vincent in a comedy variety act; Capt. Powers & Co. in a comedy ventriloquist skit that is entirely different from any act of its kind ever seen here before; Ivanhoff and Varvara, splendid singers and pianists; Louis London, English character singing comedian who has been a sensation in England, Australia and the United States; Vercé and Vercé, in a comedy sketch, "Twentieth Century Elopement"; and Eddie Polo in a new chapter of "The Gray Ghost." Two shows, tomorrow afternoon, at 2 and 8.30; evening as usual, 7.30 and 9.

MARGUERITE CLARK
AT IMPERIAL

"Bab's Diary," the first of the Paramount series of Saturday Evening Post stories by Mary Roberts Rinehart, will be the unusual attraction at the Imperial Theatre tonight and on Saturday. This is a succession of the most delicious thrills of humor and novelty. Little Miss Clark as the "kid" sister, who wanted to wear low-neck gowns and all that is at the height of her comedy art. Then there will be the eighth chapter of the Vitagraph serial, "The Fighting Trail," Signor Guarino, Italian tenor, and the Solimine Children in their piano and violin recitals. The show closes with a roaring comedy. Tomorrow the new musical offering will be "Eva & Adele" in grand selections on big concert accordeons and piano. Look out for the Christmas bills, they're going to be stunners.

HEAR GEM TENOR AND
ENJOY A FINE SHOW

The Gem's programme will be all changed tomorrow afternoon so that the performances at 7.15 and 8.45 tonight the talented tenor singer who has made such a sensation, will be heard for the last time. To miss this is to miss a treat. Rest of the bill also big. Come and enjoy.

Smith-Carr.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Delong, Fredericton, on Wednesday, Miss Etta Carr of Geary and Sterling Smith of Prince Rupert, B. C., were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Addison.

DEATHS

BLACK—At the General Public Hospital, on the 20th inst., after a long illness, Eliza, widow of the late James Black, of St. Martins, in the seventy-seventh year of her age, leaving one brother, Joseph McColgan, to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday from the residence of Fred McColgan, 106 City road. Service at 2.30 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHENS—In loving memory of my beloved husband, A. Stephens, who was called to his heavenly home above on Dec. 21, 1915.

Gone, but not forgotten.

You are not forgotten, Husband, Dear, nor will you ever be; So long as life and memory last, We will remember thee.

You suffered much, you murmured not; We watched you day by day, Until at last with broken hearts, We saw you pass away.

WIFE AND FAMILY.

AWARDS IN THE
EXCHEQUER COURT

Suits Brought In Connection With
St. John and Quebec Railway
Right of Way

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—Judgment has been given in all but one of the suits before Sir Walter Cassels in the exchequer court which were brought in connection with the right of way of the St. John and Quebec Railway in Fredericton. The case in which judgment is still to be given is that of the King vs. The Palmer McEwan Shoe Pack Co. Argument has not yet been heard in that case.

In but one of the four cases in which judgment has been given was the original offer of the crown exceeded to any great extent. In the King vs. Torrance, argued on October 9, the award to the defendant was \$1,007, plus ten per cent and \$50 costs. The original offer was \$1,007.50 and the claim of the defendant was \$61.60.

In the King vs. the New Brunswick
and British Colonization Company for
lands taken in Scully's Grove, the
award made by the judgment was \$9,000.

The offer of the crown was \$2,815, and the claim was \$5,750.

In the King vs. Montgomery Campbell and the Northfield Coal Company, judgment awarded \$500 to the company and \$1,000 to the Northfield Coal Company. The offer of the crown to the two defendants was \$1,978. The claim was respectively \$2,970 and \$6,845.

In the King vs. Montgomery Campbell, judgment awarded \$2,109.08 to the defendant. The offer of the crown was \$1,412, and the claim \$8,949.10.

Owing to the delay in the sending of one of the ballot boxes from Fredericton Junction the totalling of the polling results in York-Sunbury did not take place this morning, and Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne, returning officer, set three o'clock as the hour. Unofficially the totals are: McLeod, 5,916; Brown, 2,889.

PRICES RALLY
IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall Street noon prices rallied briskly soon after the opening, the improvement being coincident with reports of a rupture in the negotiations between Russia and the Central Powers. Trading brightened on extensive short coverings, many issues participating in the rise which extended from one to three points among leaders to two to four among specialties. The further rise in international bonds was another stimulating feature. Domestic bonds also hardened.

PERSONALS

Capt. W. J. Davis, formerly master of one of the Standard Oil Company's fleet, has now entered the service of the United States government and is captain of a transport plying between United States and France. Captain Davis is a brother-in-law of Rev. H. E. Thomas of Sackville.

A. B. Copp, M. P. elect for Westmorland, is in the city today.

Mayor R. T. Hayes is in receipt of a Christmas card from Capt. W. G. Frisby of Toronto, who was in this city with the Canadian Buffs. He is at present in Witley Camp, England.

Mrs. E. J. Fritz of West St. John left for Montreal last evening.

Miss F. Powers of Providence, Rhode Island, arrived in the city today and will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. F. Powers.

Walter J. McKibbin of Exmore and Miss Dorothy Hamilton of Sillikers were united in marriage Wednesday at the manse, Redbank. Rev. J. F. McCurdy officiated.

SCROFULA AND ALL
HUMORS GIVE WAY

There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors, which produce eczema, boils, pimples and other eruptions, can be most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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SACRIFICES ASKED OF
ITALIAN PEOPLE

Rome, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—"All the property we possess individually and nationally must be consecrated to the war," declared Minister of the Treasury Titti, in making his annual statement by the chamber of deputies today. "The people must be convinced of this solemn fact. They must also economize, must get along with the least possible, must subscribe to the war loans and must understand that whoever refuses credit to the government will, among other things, automatically increase the amount of paper money, increase the cost of living and decrease the value of Italy's money abroad."

"The great faith that Italy's people have in her future is by the fact that savings deposits have increased 1,500,000 lire during the past year and that there is also plenty of capital available for private industry. It is true that during October there was a panic, but it was largely limited to the bank depositors in the districts nearby the invaded territories."

"We are now enduring trying hours, and others are coming, but they will be met with the spirit of sacrifice."

The estimates for 1917-18 show an increase of eight and one-third billion lire above the normal government expenses of three billion lire, with an income of 4,750,000,000 lire.

The minister said that Italy had spent from January, 1916, to October, 1917, 16,750,000,000 lire, of which the sum of 8,500,000,000 lire was obtained by various loans and 8,250,000,000 by extraordinary means.

SAYS LAST BATTLE OF WAR
WILL BE DECIDED IN AIR

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Lincoln Eyre in a special London cable to the Mail and Empire says:

"It is on one of the spring days soon coming that in the air the last battle of this war will be decided."

So reads the end of a long article written by Deputy Lias of Paris, published this morning by Le Matin. The writer starts his story by remarking that the Germans have often attacked the French lines at Charleroi, Muberge, on the Marne, the Yser and at Verdun by aerial forces, but that the next big battles will be due largely to aircraft.

Russian-Japanese Treaty

London, Dec. 21.—The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Times, prints the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan, signed in July, 1916, agreeing to co-operate against the interference of any third power in the affairs of China.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Railroads desiring to withdraw from joint rate agreements must obtain specific approval of the interstate commerce commission if the withdrawal would mean an increase in rates. The commission so ordered.

FRENCH REPRESENTATION
IN DOMINION CABINET

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—According to the Morning Citizen, French representation in the cabinet, when provided for, will include two Unionists and two Liberals, the appointments not to be made, however, until after the final result of the election is known.



For Christmas

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| 4 lbs. Oatmeal..... | 25c. |
| 1 lb. block Pure Lard..... | 31c. |
| 1 lb. tin Crisco..... | 35c. |
| 1-2 lb. tin Baker's Cocoa..... | 22c. |
| 12 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... | 5c. |
| 16 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... | 12-12c. |
| 15 oz. pot MacLaren's Cheese..... | 10c. |
| CANDY | |
| Special Mixed..... | 15c. lb. |
| National Mixed..... | 25c. lb. |
| St. Croix Mixed..... | 30c. lb. |
| Frank White's Mixed..... | 30c. lb. |
| Frank White's Creams..... | 50c. lb. |
| French Cream Mixed..... | 35c. lb. |
| Assorted Kisses..... | 25c. lb. |
| Barley Toys..... | 25c. lb. |
| Barley Toys (selected)..... | 30c. lb. |
| Turkish Delight..... | 30c. lb. |
| Butter Scotch Wafers..... | 40c. lb. |
| Special Mixed Caramels..... | 50c. lb. |
| Mixed Chocolates..... | 40c. lb. |
| Special Mixed Chocolates..... | 50c. lb. |
| Marie Saunders' Chocolates..... | 60c. and 70c. lb. |
| QUALITY CHOCOLATES, 80c. lb. | |
| TABLE RAISINS..... | |
| 15c., 20c. and 30c. lb. | |
| MIXED NUTS..... | 25c. and 35c. lb. |
| COSSAQUES or CRACKERS..... | 35c. to \$2.00 a box |
| FILLED STOCKINGS..... | |
| For the Kiddies, 10c. to \$2.65 each | |
| Corn for popping..... | 10c. pkge. |
| Popeorn Balls..... | 20c. doz. |
| REELY-TRUOLY DOLLS..... | |
| To cut out, six in box..... | For 27c. |
| BIG BARGAINS IN DOLLS..... | |
| Extra values at \$1.33 each | |
| These Dolls are 15 inches high, | |
| nigely dressed, in large variety. | |
| Special Sale price until Xmas, | |
| \$1.05 each | |
| CANDLES FOR THE TREE..... | |
| 10c. box | |
| CHOW CHOW..... | |
| Special Home-made..... | 35c. bottle |
| CANNED CHICKEN..... | |
| Boneless, in 1-2 lb. tins..... | 65c. |
| Boneless, in 1 lb. tins..... | 95c. |
| Breasts in glass..... | \$1.15 |
| PLUM PUDDINGS..... | |
| In Sealed tins, extra quality. | |
| 45c., 60c. and \$1.00 each | |
| GREENING..... | |
| Wreaths, etc. | |
| GILBERT'S GROCERY..... | |

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Rocking Horses, Hobby Horses, Swing Horses, Dolls' Carts, Kiddie Cars, Kindergarten Sets, Blackboards, Express Carts, Sleds, Framers, High Chairs, Morris Chairs, Rockers, Tricycles, etc. etc.

Order Your Gift Now and We Will Deliver Xmas Eve

J. Marcus, 30 Dock St.

LOCAL NEWS

Band at Victoria Rink tonight.

Frame pictures at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

Christmas bargains, sleighs, — Edgecombe's, City road. 12-24.

Xmas shoppers should do all their shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Bargains in dolls at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

Best Christmas cards at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

MOCHA GLOVES
Wool-lined, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-23.

Do all your shopping and all your buying at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Poyas & Co., near Imperial Theatre, the store with the Christmas spirit in full control.

XMAS TIES
25c., 30c., 50c. and 75c., all nicely boxed.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-23.

CARD OF THANKS
Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney wish to thank the doctors and nurses for kindly treatment to their child, Joseph Leo.

Buy talking machines at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

Shop—Shop and shop your Christmas shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Buy fancy china at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

For jewelry, moderately priced, quaint table articles and bric-a-brac, silverware, etc., the place to shop is Poyas & Co., near Imperial Theatre.

Useful and durable gifts for everyone. Shop at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Band at Victoria Rink tonight.

Now is your chance to save the coupons and buy your Xmas presents at Louis Green's, 84 Charlotte street, cigars 50c. box upwards; pipes for 25c. up; tobacco of all kinds. Everything is guaranteed.

JEWELRY
A choice assortment of diamonds and watches for Christmas; also well supplied with the usual line.—Ernest Law, 3 Coburg street.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
The Seamen's Mission Society wishes gratefully to acknowledge a subscription of \$50 from Royal Standard Chapter to special Christmas Treat Fund.

SUGGESTIVE ARTICLES.
That bring to mind a friend who would appreciate them. Our store settles the gift problem by suggesting the appropriate remembrances.—Poyas & Co., near Imperial.

NOTICE!
Commercial travelers! Your 1918 certificate can be had at 61 Dock street, any time, commencing Monday, Dec. 24. W. V. McKENNEY, Secretary. 12-24.

On Wednesday afternoon Olive, eldest daughter of Alfred and Ella Orr, Lewisville, was united in marriage by Rev. S. W. Stackhouse to William Tait of Salisbury.

THEY HELPED ST. JOHN.
Bangor Commercial: In October, 1877, Bangor was quick to respond to the need of St. John, as recently stated in the Commercial, in connection with the Halifax relief train from here. There were at least four survivors of the 1877 relief party—Thomas White, Franklin W. Cram, Edward M. Blanding, then city editor of the Commercial, and Edward P. Boutelle, then city editor of the Whig and Courier. The train was loaded with goods that were welcomed with gratitude by St. John, which was devastated by a fire.

BELIEVES TEUTON DID IT.
Bangor Commercial: There is little reason to doubt that it was a Teuton hand that placed the bomb intended to destroy the life of Governor Stephens, of California as well as the executive mansion of that state. The governor had just returned from a tour during which he had aroused the Californians to great patriotic ardor. Then came the attempt upon his life. What other belief is there than that this was the act of an alien enemy, the contribution of the German campaign of frightfulness upon American soil? The great misfortune is that the criminal and would-be murderer was not caught.



Are the Proper Levine Expressions of
Good Will This Year

when enmity has become the watch-word of our nation. In a sense, making a practical Xmas is another way to "Do Your Bit." Why not make your gift one that will bring comfort and well as happiness.

One Thing You May Be Sure Of

THE prices at our store are decidedly lower than uptown dealers, who are under more expense in staff and rentals. Look over their Christmas lines, then price ours, and you will be astonished.

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| FOR WOMEN | FOR MEN |
| The time-honored gifts of a pair of comfortable SLIPPERS are being used this year more than ever. Our price in Felt lines run from 95c. to \$1.85 (All sizes and varieties) | FELT SLIPPERS —Cozy and comfortable. Enticement sufficient in themselves to coax a man to spend the evening at home. Our Prices, 75c. to \$1.85 |
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| BOYS | Besides, our line of regular Shoes unexcelled in quality and value. |
| His Heart's Desire, the ever popular SKATING BOOTS. Sizes 11 13 at a Special Price, Only \$1.98 | FELT SLIPPERS —Attractive colors and good style..... 49c. and up |
| HIGH CUT SPORT BOOTS \$2.65 to \$3.25 | SKATING BOOTS —Always acceptable. Sizes 11 to 2..... Special Price, \$2.85 |
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| Diamond Rings | Bar Pins and Brooches |
| Bracelet Watches | Cameo Brooches |
| Gold Lavallieres | Mess Bags and Coin Purses |

FOR MEN

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| Gold and Gold-filled Watches | Gold Scarf Pins |
| Signet and Set Rings | Waldemar Chains and Knives |
| Military Wrist Watches | Cigarette Cases |

FOR CHILDREN

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| Leading Spoons and Pushers | Rings |
| Silver Mugs | Locketts |
| Bracelets | Bib Holders |

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LOCAL NEWS

PROTECT YOUR CAR.
We will rent you storage space, jack up wheels, oil and grease parts, etc., at half usual rates. J. A. Pugsley & Company, 92-94 Duke Street. 12-24

We've the greatest Christmas slipper display in town. We have slippers for everybody. Wier's Cash Store, 248-257 Union Street.

A pair of good overalls make a nice Christmas gift and you can get the best quality at McRobbie's, 80 King Street. t.f.

DON'T MISS
Amdur's Department Store, W. E., this week; highest values and lowest prices. 12-28

Wouldn't mother enjoy a pair of our comfortable felt house slippers? They would make a splendid Christmas gift. Wier's Cash Store, 248-247 Union St.

AT AMDUR'S, W. E.
Special attractions for Christmas week in men's, women's and children's goods; all lines at the lowest prices. 12-28

LADIES' HATS ON SALE
Latest style hats for women and children; regular \$6 for \$2.75 and \$8 for \$1.98, at Amdur's, West End. 12-28

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
The finest Christmas novelties and toys at Amdur's, 258-60 King Street, W. E. 12-28

SALE
In our millinery department this week. Amdur's, W. E., 258-60 King Street. 12-28

200 five-pound caddies English Breakfast Tea \$2.25 while they last. Elmore & Mullin, 21 South Wharf. 12-26

Call at Hatheway's Cash Stall, City Market, for your Xmas turkey, 85 cts lb. No more, No less. 12-24

An overcoat or raincoat make a good Christmas gift. A large assortment at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. t.f.

Bargain Sale China Samples, Linton & Sinclair's, 87 Dock, Royal Worcester, Minton, Wedgwood, Shelly, Aynsley and Royal Doulton. 12-24

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Regular meeting Friday evening, Dec. 21. Full attendance requested. 12-22

Ladies' tailor made suits \$20 up to \$35 at Morin's, 82 Germain. 12-24

Men's felt slippers, 75c pair, at C. J. Bassen's, cor. Union and Sydney. 12-22

See the Christmas table at McRobbie's for pretty plaids and other dainty felt house slippers. t.f.

DRESSED DOLLS
At McLaughlin's, 42 King square. 12-22

DRESSED DOLLS
At McLaughlin's, 42 King square. 12-22

Ladies' sweaters, waists, fancy neckwear, children's woolen sets, sweaters, at C. J. Bassen's, cor. Union and Sydney. 12-22

Baby dolls, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25, at C. J. Bassen's, cor. Union and Sydney. 12-22

Commencing Tuesday, the 18th, the McRobbie Shoe Company's store will be open every evening until Christmas. t.f.

You can get genuine English plaid felt slippers at McRobbie's, 80 King Street. t.f.

Men's tailor made suits, \$20 up to \$35, at Morin's, 82 Germain. 12-24

Have you tried Duval? Will you try Duval? Try Duval, 17 Waterloo. 12-24

Stetson, new styles just in—King, the Hatter, Union Street. 12-28

McMILLAN'S STORE
Will be open every evening until Christmas. 12-23

FLOOD OF GERMAN GOODS.
Best Chance Taken to Capture Russian Trade.

London, Dec. 20.—There has been an unusual lack of news from Russia of late, and what has been received gives no indication of any important happenings. A Petrograd despatch, dated Sunday, to the Morning Post, says that large numbers of German war prisoners are coming from distant parts of Russia to Petrograd and that a public meeting of enemy prisoners was held at Moscow Sunday for the purpose of electing a temporary committee to watch their interests.

The same correspondent reports that the Germans long ago arranged to flood Russia with their manufactures at the earliest opportunity, which has now apparently come. Trading has begun on sections of the front, and the Germans are reported to be bartering every kind of manufactured goods for foodstuffs on a large scale. Orders are being taken at Petrograd for German goods, the shopkeepers promising that they will shortly be able to satisfy the demands of customers for commodities they have long been without.

The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent cites as an instance of the steadily disintegration of the country that the Moldavians in Bessarabia have decided to form their own army with a view to proclaiming their independence.

While it is reported from Berlin, by way of Amsterdam, that non-committal preliminary peace discussions have begun at Brest-Litovsk, there is nothing on this subject from Russian sources. Meanwhile, it is reported from Stockholm that Austrian, as well as German, Socialists, who were not allowed to go to Brest-Litovsk, are sending emissaries to Stockholm to debate the peace question.

Despatches from the Swedish capital are already full of contradictory rumors and interviews. It is stated that Bolshevik agents will confer there with Austro-German Socialists during the progress of the main peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. The return to Stockholm of Philipp Scheideemann, the German Socialist majority leader, is reported to be in connection with these conferences.

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High Chairs, Low Chairs, Rocking Horses, Kiddie Cars, Etc.

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"NO CATHOLIC SLACKERS."

Twenty-one thousand spectators lined the route of the parade in New York the other day of the Color Guard of the Knights of Columbus. Holy Name societies, the Alumni association, and the graduating class of the Ascension Parochial school, the Color Guard being 2,000 of the members of these organizations now in the military or naval service. At the end of the parade the service flag of the Ascension Roman Catholic church at 107th Street, near Broadway, was raised with ceremonies. It carries 477 stars. Monsignor Edwin M. Sweeney, who spoke at the flag-raising, said:

"There can never be a Catholic slacker. The church would disown any man who would prove treacherous to his nation as unworthy of our religion. There is no room in our midst for any who carries either the taint of the slacker or of the traitor."

"An engine is a paradoxical sort of a proposition. 'How so?' 'It is hottest when it's cooled.'—Baltimore American.

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Sweet Florida Oranges, 25c, 35c, and 40c. doz.
Fancy Seedless Navel, 35c, 45c, and 48c. doz.
Fancy Grapefruit, 9c, 3 for 25c.
Best Lemons, 40c. doz.
New Mixed Nuts, 27c. lb.
Shelled Walnuts, 65c. lb.
Xmas Mixed Candy, 25c. lb.
Barley Toys, 25c. lb.
Best Cream Mixture, 25c. lb.
Turkish Delight, 25c. lb.
Bishop Pippin Apples, 50c. and 60c. peck
Blenheim and King Apples, 60c. peck

CANNED GOODS
Tomatoes (3s.), best quality, 20c. can
Corn, best quality, 18c. can
Peas, best quality, 15c. can
Strawberries, best quality, 25c. can
Peaches, best quality, 20c. can
Plums, best quality, 18c. can

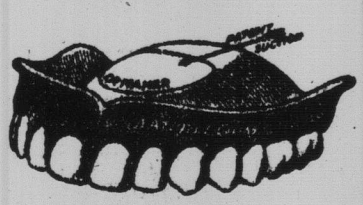
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Five Roses, \$12.50 bbl.
Five Roses—98 lb. bags, \$6.15
Ivory, Manitoba—98 lb. bags, \$6.00
Victor, Blend—98 lb. bags, \$5.90
Royal Household, \$12.50 bbl.
Royal Household—98 lb. bags, \$6.10
Choice Delaware Potatoes, 39c. peck
6 lbs. Onions, 25c.
Minicemat (bulk), 18c., 2 lbs. 30c.
Wittley's Minicemat, 18c., 2 pks 25c.
Baking Powder, Jersey Cream, 22c. can
3 cans Old Dutch, 25c.
4 pks. Bee Jelly Powder, 25c.
Choice Dairy Butter, 45c. lb.
2 bottles Worcestershire Sauce, 25c.
Blue Banner Tea, 50c. lb.
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"What did you answer?" asked mother.
"I simply said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan,' and walked off and left him," was the triumphant response.

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98 lb. Bags Royal Household, 6.10
98 lb. Bags Five Roses, 6.10
24 lb. Bags Royal Household, 1.65
24 lb. Bags Five Roses, 1.65
24 lb. Bags Forest King, 1.55
2 pks Raisins, 25c.
2 pks Not-a-Seed Raisins, 25c.
2 lbs. Table Raisins, bulk, .18
15 Ounce pkg Fancy Table Raisins, 2 for .35
2 lbs. pkg Table Raisins, 2 for .35
2 lbs. Dates, 25c.
Orange and Lemon Peel, per lb., .33
Mixed Nuts, per lb., .25
3 lb. Pails Domestic, 1.25
5 lb. Pails Domestic, 2.50
Choice Country Butter, per lb., .46
Choice Creamery Butter, 48c.
FOUND—Your last chance to buy tea at the old prices!
Red Rose, King Cole, Salads, per lb., 50c.
Cheese, Waxed, per lb., .28
Oranges, Grapes, Apples, Candies, Cereals, at lowest prices.
Goods delivered all over the city, Carleton, Fairville.
Stores open evenings. Our big sale continues all this week.

Specials For Christmas

10 lbs. Gran. Sugar (with orders), \$1.00
R. H. Flour—24 lb. bags, \$1.65
Purity Flour—24 lb. bags, \$1.70
Choice Country Butter, 48c. lb.
Pure Lard, 30c. lb.
Royal Excelsior Currants, 23c. pkgs.
Wetley's Minicemat, 2 for 25c.
Lipton's Tea, 45 lb. 1.50
Golden Ribbon Raisins, 2 pks. for 25c.
Royal Excelsior Currants, 23c. pkgs.
Wetley's Minicemat, 2 for 25c.
Jello Jelly Powder, 3 for 25c.
Gold and Surprise Soap, 4 for 25c.
Campbell's Soups, 15c.
Solid Tomato Paste, 15c.
Canned Lobster, 27c.
Clark's Baked Beans, 18c.
Gold Cross Beans, 16c.

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Purity Flour, 24 lb. bag, \$1.70
Star Flour, 24 lb. bag, 1.65
Cream Corn, per can, 20c.
Tomatoes, per can, 22c.
Peaches, per can, 18c.
Gold or Surprise Soap, 4 cakes, 25c.
Jello, 3 packages, 25c.
Extracts, 3 bottles, 25c.
Turkeys, etc., now in Stock.

MEATS.
Choice Western Roasts, 22 to 28c. lb.
Steaks, Stew Meat, etc., at prices to suit your pocket.

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Saturdays Till 11:30 a.m.

LOCAL NEWS

A St. David's church soldiers' social held in St. John church was well attended last night. Sergt. E. J. Puddy gave an illustrated lecture on the war in which he showed many pictures, taken by himself, in France.

Scout Walter Allen of the Queen square Methodist troop, who saved a little girl from drowning in the harbor last June, was presented the silver cross of the Boy Scout Association by A. C. Skelton last night. Mr. Skelton, who is president of the Provincial Boys' Scout Association of New Brunswick, accompanied by Provincial Secretary Gibson, and Deputy Commissioner B. C. Waring visited Queen square Methodist Boy Scout headquarters and while there the presentation was made to Scout Allen. After the presentation the three visiting officers congratulated both Scout Allen and the troop of which he is a member.

FINAL RESULT IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS

May Announce All Soldiers' Votes Together—Begin the Counting After New Year

Returns of the overseas and North American naval and military vote will not be available for five or six weeks. Votes cast on the continent of Europe will be allocated to the various constituencies and counted at the office of the Canadian commissioner in France at Paris; those cast in England will be allocated and counted at the office of the high commissioner for Canada in London.

The results will be reported by cable to the general returning officer at Ottawa. Military votes cast in Canada will be counted at Ottawa. The counting of military votes as received, whether at Ottawa, London or Paris, will be done by special returning officers, assisted by an equivalent number of clerks, appointed half on the nomination of the government and half on that of the leader of the opposition. Each military ballot is enclosed in a different envelope, endorsed in such a way as to make allocation to a particular electoral district possible. The first process will be the allocation of the envelopes. Then will come the counting.

Under the terms of the military voting act, counting of military and naval votes is to begin thirty-one days after polling day; but this provision is modified in another clause, which enables counting to be begun earlier if all the ballot boxes have been received. W. F. O'Connor, general returning officer, said that it was unlikely the allocation and counting of the North American naval and military vote would be begun before the New Year. "The result of the whole military voting will probably be announced at one time," he added. "But that is unlikely to be in less than five or six weeks."



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Anglicana, 60c.
Crystallized Pineapple, 60c.
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Almond Meal (bulk), 85c. lb.
Almond Paste (tin), 20c.
Shelled Almonds, 65c. lb.
Shelled Walnuts, 65c. lb.
Mixed Peels, 35c. lb.
Dates, 15c. pkgs.
2 pks. Raisins, 25c.
2 pks. Seedless Raisins, 25c.
Table Raisins, 25c.
Mixed Apples, 30c. doz.
Mixed Nuts, 25c. lb.
Seedless Sunbust Oranges, 40c. and 60c. doz.
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ROCKWOOD PLAYGROUND.

The present discussion in regard to the Rockwood Playground should bear good fruit. Ex-Mayor Frink is quite right in saying that the old council secured the privilege of laying a large sewer from the Marsh Creek under the railway tracks to the playground, and that the sewer was laid and is now there to take the drainage, or part of it, from the large area available for recreation purposes. The secretary of the playgrounds association and members of the Rotary Club had the ground looked over by Mr. Woods and Mr. Reek, of the agricultural department, during the past year, and they agree that the question of drainage is not a serious one. There was a previous report by G. G. Murdoch on the same subject. Mr. Reek offered to come down and take some levels and report further on the scheme, but the season was then so late that this was not done.

It is possible for St. John to have at the entrance to its beautiful park one of the finest recreation fields in America. It would even be possible to have a pavilion with shower baths, bringing the water by gravitation from Lily Lake. It would be worth while to bring an expert from the Playgrounds Association of America to lay out the whole area, indicating the proper location of baseball, cricket, football and tennis fields, running track, outdoor gymnasium and children's playground. Then the field could be developed from year to year in accordance with the general plan.

The first need is for a baseball field and running track, and these should be provided as soon as practicable. If the citizens could but realize what proper facilities for athletic sports would mean to the young manhood and womanhood of the city, they would urge in the strongest manner the importance of beginning the work of development next spring.

A PASSING HUMOR.

The Moncton Transcript, the day after the elections, mildly observed:—"In New Brunswick, a disgraceful creed and social campaign, conducted with unblinking effrontery by a clique of Protestant clergymen, who hesitated not to use the pulpit for the blackening and defamation of the loyal reputations of supporters of their churches, because they differed with them in their politics, was not without its influence. The unwelcome adoption of such a policy cannot be without regrettable influences. Men will forgive the ordinary appetites of party politics even when introduced into the pulpit, who will not forgive attacks upon their loyalty even by clergymen. No self-respecting Liberals will take the hard of one of these brazen Tory thieves for their reputations for loyalty, whether he be in the pulpit or out. It is the infamous insults, the lying attacks upon their loyalty, which have stirred Liberals to their very souls. Men who have worked unceasingly and ungrudgingly for the Empire's good, who have broken out, feel so bitterly at the insults in the Tory newspapers of their being pro-Germans, of the malicious slanders circulated by the Tory women canvassers, that many of them, so long as God gives them breath will never take the hands of these Tory assailants of their reputations, again even in ordinary social friendship. They will never work with them in any common cause. So far as the leaders, made of female, in this infamous campaign of vilification and slander upon Liberals whose loyalty is as deeply-seated as theirs and possibly more so, are concerned, there can be no co-operation based upon mutual confidence and respect. The friendships of the past are with many broken, the animosities and resentments borne of the Tory campaign attacking their loyalty as British subjects, will long linger. The vilification, publicly and privately, passed all forgiveness."

The St. John page of the Transcript suddenly disappeared the same day. Perhaps the loss of it worried the editor and got on his nerves. But the mood will pass, and the Transcript will eventually overlook the shortcomings of its opponents, and join with them in the promotion of many good causes.

INTOLERANCE.

The Imperial League of this city has a fine Tory flavor, which has been quite noticeable from time to time. The League has now gone on record as "unalterably opposed" to even the "rumored admission" of Sir Wilfrid Laurier into the union cabinet. The Times has no reason to believe Sir Wilfrid would at present consent to enter the cabinet, but there is no more reason why he should not be acceptable than in the case of Joseph Howe when the latter decided to enter Sir John Macdonald's cabinet after the country had endorsed confederation, which he had so bitterly opposed. If now Sir Wilfrid Laurier should feel free to pursue a similar course it would be a great gain for the cause of Canadian unity.

All the intolerance is not confined to Quebec province—more's the pity. One of the finest things said since the result of the elections was announced was said

by the Hon. N. W. Rowell, Liberal-Unionist, in Toronto. He said:—

"This is now the hour for reconciliation. If Quebec really accepts the decision of the Canadian people and co-operates in carrying out the law of compulsory military service, national unity will be re-established in Canada, and if the sons of Quebec go forth to fight with the sons of the other provinces in the common cause, there will be developed such a spirit of unity and co-operation as will bind together races and provinces in the Dominion as they have never been bound together before. Let us all earnestly hope that this result will be achieved."

Quebec will not be conciliated by a boycott, nor by an exhibition of intolerance equalling or surpassing her own. This is a time for kindly counsels and the larger view of national duty and responsibility.

THE OTTAWA OUTLOOK.

The Toronto Star says of the new government and the new house of commons:

"The government has received a majority which will render it free from all anxieties and cares except those connected with the prosecution of Canada's part in the war. Its duties will be onerous, and its responsibilities grave. The war has again reached a critical stage, and it will be necessary for the allies to put forth every ounce of their strength pending the arrival of the American armies in full force. In order that Canada may do its share it will be necessary not only that the needed reinforcements of men be sent, but that the resources of the country shall be organized in a far more systematic way than has hitherto been done. To this purpose we may now expect the union government to give its undivided attention. Hardly less important will be the duties and responsibilities of a new parliament, in which for the first time the western provinces are adequately represented or nearly so. The parliament will be fresh from the people. It will contain many new members, and we may hope that it will be fruitful in suggestion and constructive criticism. The country and the cause have need of all its wisdom."

The Halifax Chronicle puts the case clearly and strongly when it says:—"The government has a great opportunity before it, coupled with grave responsibility. There are many things, apart from what it has declared to be the imperative duty of the hour, which call for action. There is pressing need for a cleaning up all around, for the abolition of the curse of patronage and graft, for the elimination of wasteful expenditure and extravagance, for the weeding out of the parasites in the military and other branches of the public services, for the establishment of efficiency and for the galvanizing of all the departments of the administration into new life. The people have taken the Union Government to task on faith, and faith must be justified by works—not political and partisan, but practice."

A visit to the stores reveals the fact that the spirit of Christmas prevails despite the war. The display in the shops was never more attractive, and the number of customers would seem to indicate a brisk trade. The children are not to be forgotten, and though the price of meats and poultry is very high there appears to be an excellent supply. Apart from high prices we do not feel the pinch of the war, and that should be a cause of thankfulness, and of gratitude to the gallant men overseas who hold the Hun at bay.

The Bangor Commercial, which describes the victory of the union government in Canada as "a victory for the Allies," says:—"It was difficult to believe that there could be any other result or that Canada would refuse to back up the efforts of the Canadian soldiers who have won great glory for their valor in France and Flanders."

BELIEVED VICTIM OF TONG MEN IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 21—Believed to have been the victim of Tong men, George D. Gee, a Chinese employed by the United States government as an investigator of the opium law, was stabbed to death in his home here. His body was found by his American wife. The slayers left no clue.

Four nights ago Gee led internal revenue agents in a raid on a Chinese opium den in Newark, N. J. Federal authorities alleged that for some time one of the Chinese secret societies had placed a price of \$500 on Gee's head. Gee first entered the federal service several years ago. His face was familiar to Chinese the country over, government agents said, because he appeared recently in a moving picture film which depicted the opium traffic and the precautions the government takes against it.

Former Premier Calliaux defended himself before the Committee of Eleven, appointed by the Chamber of Deputies. "I have been too friendly with all sorts of people. My wife often warned me, saying, 'Be careful, you will end by getting yourself assassinated.'"

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Ladies' Woollen, Felt Sole, Slippers in dark colors and plaids... \$1.00, 1.25, 1.35, 1.65

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Ladies' Felt, Fur Trimmed Julietts with leather sole and heel; grey, brown, and black, \$1.85, 2.00, 2.25

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Ladies' Kid Strap Slippers, \$1.95, 2.50, 2.65 up to 5.00

Men's Kid Everett Slippers in black or brown, \$1.95, 2.75, 3.50, 4.50

Men's Woollen, Felt Sole Slippers in dark colors and plaids, 80c, \$1.25, 1.35, 1.50, 1.75, 1.90

Men's Felt Slippers with leather soles and heels, \$1.35, 1.50 and 2.25

Children's Felt and Woollen Slippers... 65c. to \$1.00

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Men's Kid House Slippers, \$2.25 to \$4.50

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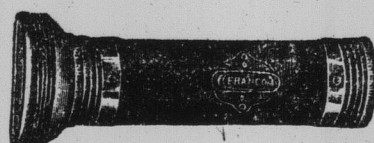
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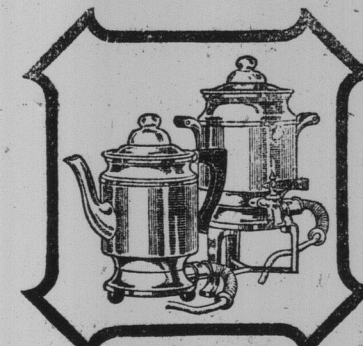


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Knives.....\$10.50 to \$12.00
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and Table Knives and
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Electric Percolators.....\$15.00 to \$17.00
Electric Chafing Dishes.....\$15.00 to \$20.00
Electric Egg Broilers.....\$6.50
Electric Irons.....\$4.50
Electric Toasters.....\$4.50 to \$5.00
Electric Grills.....\$6.00 to \$8.50
Electric Heating Pads.....\$4.50
Electric Lamps.....\$4.00 to \$10.00
Electric Flashlights.....85c. to \$5.00

Casserole Dishes.....\$1.75 to \$3.00
Bake Dishes.....\$6.00 to \$10.00
Butter Dishes.....\$2.50 to \$6.00
Pickle Dishes.....\$3.00 to \$6.00
Bread and Cake Trays.....\$2.00 to \$7.00
Toast Racks.....\$2.00 to \$5.00
Tea Sets.....\$25.00 to \$30.00
Toilet Sets.....\$7.50 to \$12.00
Cake Baskets.....\$5.75 to \$8.00

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FIRST RETURNS FROM AUSTRALIA AGAINST CONSCRIPTION ACT

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 20—A special cable to the Vancouver World from Sydney, Australia, states that the first returns of the conscription plebiscite give a majority of 120,000 against conscription with more than a million votes counted. Another million votes remain to be counted, including the soldiers vote.

May Not Mean Defeat.
Sergeant-Major Ungar, of the Arzacs and well known as one of the prominent conscription orators in Vancouver during the recent election, speaking this evening on the partial returns of the

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Australian elections, said that while these looked unfavorable, it was probable that the returns came largely from New South Wales, which was one of the "anti" strongholds. There were 750,000 voters in the state and in its previous opposition it was supported by Queensland and South Australia. The states that favored every man doing national work were Victoria, Tasmania and the Northwest Territories, the lead of 179,000 of the anti would be easily wiped out by the soldier vote, which totals about 380,000, which will be practically solid for conscription. To defeat the measure, the "anti" must, therefore, overcome a lead of 100,000 votes on the last million yet to be heard from.

In the present election 65,000 aliens are disfranchised.
In the conscription election in Australia last year, the issue was defeated by a margin of 61,000 votes, 1,085,000 ballots being cast in favor of conscription and 1,146,000 against it. Women voters estimated place the number of Australian soldiers who were entitled to vote in the election this year at between 300,000 and 350,000.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 20—(Special)—A very pretty home wedding took place at noon today at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Mollins, Prince street, when their daughter, Miss Marcella Jean, became the bride of Robert Hoar, also of Moncton. Rev. E. H. Cochran, pastor of Highland street Baptist church, performed the ceremony. They left this afternoon for Montreal, Quebec and Niagara, and on their return will reside in Moncton.



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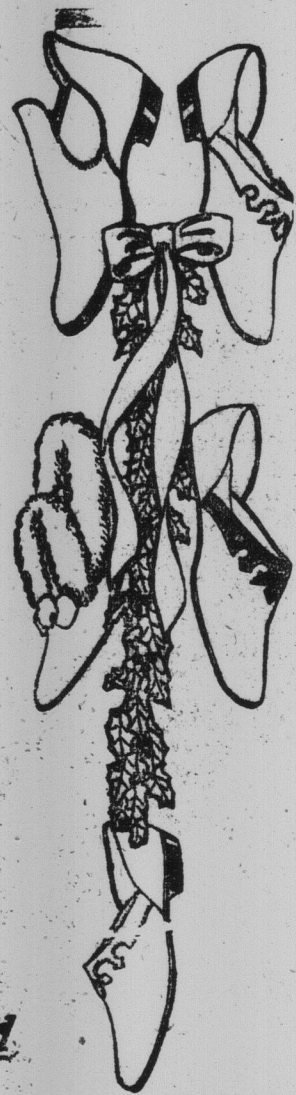
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Platinum Photo Frames...	85 to 1.50	Afternoon Dresses in Satin, Taffeta and Georgette...	10.75 to 42.00	Colored Velvet Bags...	3.00 to 7.50
Jewel Cases...	3.00 to 5.00	Cape...	18.75 to 42.00	Fancy Beaded Bags...	2.00 to 15.00
Ivory Mirrors...	3.25 to 8.00	Cloth Dresses, latest styles...	18.75 to 42.00	Patent and Leather Strap Purses...	65 to 7.50
Ivory Hair Brushes...	2.00 to 6.00	Winter Cloth Coats...	18.75 to 37.75	Black and Colored Silk Bags...	1.20 to 5.00
Separate Pieces (Ivory)...	30 to 6.00	Winter Plush Coats...	32.00 to 52.75	Mesh Bags and Vanity Cases...	80 to 1.65
Mahogany Candle Sticks...	.40 to 2.00	Cloth and Velvet Coats...	10.75 to 50.00	Leather Writing Tablets...	30 to 1.65
Silk and Linen Shades...	.20 to 3.15	Taffeta or Satin Skirts...	15.00 to 27.00	Children's Leather and Silk Bags...	15 to 1.65
Mahogany Piano Lamps, complete...	28.50 to 30.00	Plain and Fancy Cloth Skirts...	5.75 to 24.00	Beaded Mocassins...	1.50 to 1.75
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Bud Vases...	.75	Wool Sweaters...	4.50 to 15.00	Shopping Bags...	30c, 65c, \$1.00
Many other handsome pieces in Glass, China and Silverware, including the well known Community Silver, Sheridan and Georgian Patterns, in odd pieces, 1/2 dozens, or cases.		Black and Colored Spencers...	2.25 to 2.75	Apron Lengths...	25c, 40c
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Genuine Red Cedar Chests...	16.50 to 28.00	Moiree Underskirts...	.95 to 2.00	Dainty Waist Lengths...	\$1.95 to \$2.50
Oak Chests, cedar lined...	35.00	Silk Underskirts...	2.00 to 3.75	Bath Robe Blankets...	\$4.95
Down Quilts...	7.75 to 20.00	Raincoats...	9.25 to 18.00		
Wool Blankets...	4.00 to 7.50	Cotton House Dresses...	1.25 to 1.50		
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Crestone Sofa Cushions...	1.75				
IN MEN'S DEPARTMENT		IN FRONT STORE		IN LINEN ROOM	
Leather Hand Bags...	\$ 4.00 to \$26.00	Plain Linen Handkerchiefs...	.15 to .35	Linen Centrepieces...	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Men's Suit Cases...	9.00 to 19.25	Emb'd. Linen Handkerchiefs...	.20 to 1.10	Japanese Linen Centrepieces...	75c to \$1.00
Visiting Cases, equipped with fit all pads...	5.50 to 14.00	Initial Handkerchiefs...	80c to \$1.30 box	Battenburg Centrepieces...	.75c to \$1.00
Wardrobe Trunks...	22.00 to 48.00	Real Lace Handkerchiefs...	\$1.00 to \$9.00 each	Pillow Cases, Madeira Emb'd...	\$6.40 pr.
Traveling Shawls...	7.50 to 15.00	Kid Gloves...	1.40 to 2.25 pr	Pillow Cases, Irish hand emb'd...	\$2.50 pr.
IN WHITEWEAR DEPARTMENT		Cape Gloves...	1.50 to 1.90	Jap. 5 O'clock Tea Cover...	\$1.25 to \$1.75
Dainty Whitewear Pieces...	25 to 12.00	Washable Kid Gloves...	1.75 to 2.75	Hand Emb'd Tea Cover...	\$2.35 to \$4.00
Pretty Kimonos, long or short...	89 to 14.00	Washable Doeskin Gloves...	1.50 to 2.00	Madiera Tea Cover...	\$6.75 to \$9.00
Dainty Boudoir Caps...	50 to 3.40	Suede Gloves...	1.00 to 1.10	Madiera hand emb'd Towel...	\$2.60
		Chamoisette Gloves...	.50 to 1.75	Hand Emb'd Damask Huck Towel...	\$2.35 to \$2.70
		Lined Mocha Gloves...	1.60 to 2.00	Terry Bath Towel, bordered...	\$1.25 to \$1.40
		Fur Lined Gloves...	2.50 to 5.00		
		Cluney Lace Centres...	1.50 to 2.35		
		Cluney Lace Runners...	2.30 to 12.00		
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SECOND FLOOR		GIFTS—IN ANNEX	
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Silk Hosiery, black and colors...	1.65 to 3.00 pr	Windsor Ties...	.25 to .75
Cambré Hose...	.35 to 1.25	Collar and Cuff Sets...	.25 to 2.00
Gaifters...	1.25 to 2.00	Motor Vails...	.75 to 3.50
Fashionable Neckwear...	.25 to 6.00	Towel Racks...	.50 to 1.00
Silk Scarfs...	1.00 to 9.00	Tie Racks...	.35 to .75
Satin Stoles...	3.50	Vanity Boxes...	.40 to 1.00
Real Lace Collars...	1.50 to 6.00	Work Boxes...	.40 to 6.00
Fibre Silk Bags...	1.35 to 3.50	Doyles...	.6 to .25
		Luncheon Sets...	1.75 to 3.50
		Knitting Bags...	.50 to 10.00
		Gift Novelties...	.25 to 2.35
		Hand Emb'd. Tea Cosy...	.75 to 3.50
		Hand Emb'd. Pin Cushions...	1.75 to 3.25
		Hand Emb'd. Centres...	3.50 to 5.00
		Glove Boxes...	.75 to 1.00
		Fitted Work Boxes...	.45 to 9.00
		Hand Emb'd. Cushion Covers...	2.25 to 8.00
		Emb'd. Table Covers...	.65 to 1.15
		Emb'd. Chair Backs...	.45 to 1.10

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GOVERNMENT COUNTS ON SIR WILFRID'S AID

Opposition Leader to Counsel Against Any Policy of Passive Resistance to Conscription

STILL TO CARRY ON AS LIBERAL LEADER

Will Party Be Re-Established Once More Under His Leadership?—Government to Go Carefully in Quebec—Laurier's Aim to Checkmate Bourassa.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will continue to "carry on" as the leader of the opposition in the new parliament with two main motives, first to do his utmost to counteract the process of division between the two races in Canada, and restore, if possible, something of the unity and concord which prevailed prior to the upgrowth of Nationalism under Bourassa in his own province; and second, to re-establish the broken lines of Liberalism in Canada on the common basis of fundamental principles and loyalty to British traditions of responsible government.

He has no intention of giving up the Liberal leadership or of entering the union cabinet. There is in the opposition ranks no successor to "the Old Chief" at present in sight. Nor, as far as can be learned, is there any prospect of Sir Wilfrid either being offered or accepting a place in Sir Robert Borden's cabinet.

The problem of Quebec representation in the cabinet is a big and a serious one. It is one of the most unfortunate after-effects of the election. What will be done by the government to deal with an isolated Quebec no one knows. The government realizes, however, that the situation cannot very well be left as it is at present. Sir Wilfrid himself, although undoubtedly feeling somewhat bitter at the character of the campaign waged against him, especially during the last two weeks prior to election day, will endeavor to assist the reaching of a solution that will tend to bring Quebec into line behind continued and more en-

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thusiastic war effort and national concord.

Going to Montreal.
He will go to Montreal next week to advise with his friends there as to what is the best and the most moderate course to pursue in achieving the ends he has always had in view.

As to the Nationalist attitude, Sir Wilfrid believes that despite the defeat of every Nationalist candidate in Quebec and the return of an almost solid Liberal phalanx from the province, Bourassa will still head a formidable anti-British party, in the country if not in the house, and may make headway again. There is no love lost between Sir Wilfrid and Bourassa notwithstanding the latter's attitude of semi-support of the Laurier candidates on the election campaign. It is interesting to note in this connection that Armand Lavergne sought Sir Wilfrid's endorsement as a candidate, but was turned down. Lavergne's policy in regard to the war was practically that Canada had done the latter's attitude of semi-support of the Laurier candidates on the election campaign.

In regard to the enforcement of conscription in Quebec, the Liberal leader sees a danger of passive resistance possibly leading to serious disturbances unless the situation is dealt with wisely and diplomatically by the government. The government will consider all phases of the question very carefully before resorting to any drastic coercive measures, and it is probable that the advice and assistance of Sir Wilfrid will be sought and freely given.

Sir Wilfrid was confined to his bed today suffering from a cold contracted during his western trip. He received a few callers and talked with them philosophically over the moral of the election. He deplored especially the appeals to racial and religious passion and attributed the result in western Canada largely to the operation of the restricted franchise of the war times election act.

Cabinet in Session.
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—With the return of ministers to Ottawa the holding of daily cabinet council meetings has been resumed. Accumulation of routine business was disposed of yesterday and this afternoon the cabinet again met in session. The prime minister and every other member of the government has been deluged with telegrams and letters of

congratulation. These and other accumulated correspondence are demanding much time. When they have been dealt with, the union government will definitely settle down to work.

Hon. Martin Burrell is the first of the western members to return to Ottawa. Hon. F. B. Carvell has arrived from the maritime province and Hon. T. W. Crothers from West Elgin. Sir Robert Borden will probably leave for a short holiday when pressing business has been dealt with.

Minister's Majority Doubled.
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Official figures for the constituency of Leeds received here today, show that Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, had a majority of 2,147. Previous unofficial figures had the majority as 1,280.

Some Winnipeg Figures.
Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Thomas Boyd, returning officer for Centre Winnipeg, this afternoon officially announced the majority of Major G. W. Andrews, Unionist, over R. S. Ward, for the Centre Winnipeg constituency, as 18,340. The figures were: Andrews, 17,639; Ward, 4,299.

FIVE MILLION FOR RELIEF OF HALIFAX

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The government has decided to vote five million dollars for relief of the Halifax sufferers. This includes the appropriation of one million dollars already made. Announcement of the government's intention is described in a statement issued by Sir Robert Borden tonight which reads:

"Including the million dollars already appropriated for immediate aid to those who have suffered from the recent appalling disaster at Halifax, the government intends to make a total contribution of five million dollars. As the calamity was the result of conditions arising out of the war, it is felt that a special duty rests upon the government to afford immediate aid in this large measure."

"The minister of railways, the minister of public works, the minister of naval service and the minister of militia and defence will visit Halifax immediately after Christmas and will confer with the provincial government, the civic authorities of Halifax and Dartmouth and the relief committees for the purpose of agreeing on arrangements as to the expenditure and distribution of the amount thus appropriated. It is possible that a commission may be appointed for the purpose."

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FOR SALE—A BEAUTIFUL PORTER, made of California Eucalyptus seeds and beads, 11 Ann street, City. 70491-12-24

FOR SALE—BEDCOUCH, TWO 2nd Arm Chair, reasonable. Apply 115 Carmarthen, left door. 70350-12-24

ROCKING HORSES, SKATES, Frames, Flyers, Carts, Doll Carriages, Express Wagons.—Duval, 17 Waterloo. 70347-12-24

FOR SALE—RARE OLD MAHOGANY furniture, Nyberg, 122 Mill street. 70191-12-14

ROLLER TOP DESK, TELEPHONE M. 2084-31. T.F.

FOR SALE—NEW CAST IRON water pipe 10 inches diameter, 12 ft. long; also 30 or 40 tons of second-hand pipe same size as above, first class condition; sold cheap. Frank Gurnson, 8 St. Paul street. 69262-12-24

HORSES, ETC.

DELIVERY PUNG FOR SALE, 25 Merritt street. 70469-12-29

FOR SALE—NEW AND SECOND hand Ash Pungs, Delivery Sleds, Coal Dump Sleds. Xmas bargains. Edgecombe's, 115 City Road, N. 547. 70267-12-21

HORSE FOR SALE—ONE BAY Horse, 1400 or 1500 lbs. Will sell reasonable. Tobias Bros., 71 Erin street. N 1746-21. T.F.

RECENT DEATHS

The Late Richard Heffer.

Sad circumstances surround the death of Richard Heffer, city constable, which occurred Wednesday night at his home, 205 Ludlow street, West St. John, at the age of eighty-three years. On Sunday last his daughter, Mrs. Albert A. Smart, fell down stairs at her home, Wilkinsburg (Pa.), and fractured her spine. On Monday the family at West St. John received a message acquainting them with the seriousness of the accident. Another message was received Wednesday that her condition was critical. Her sister, Miss Emma Heffer, left on the Boston train at 6.45 Wednesday night. She had not been gone two hours when her father passed away.

Mr. Heffer, who was a well known figure about the city, having been a constable for several years, leaves his wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth M. Bissett, daughter of the late Captain Thos. Bissett. They were married on May 15, 1854, and three years ago they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Besides his wife, Mr. Heffer leaves two daughters—Mrs. Smart and Miss Emma; also one son, Odber W. of Cantago, Chi.; and three grandchildren. One of the grandsons is a lieutenant in the imperial forces at the front, and another has joined the United States army. One brother, Henry Heffer, of Orange (N. J.), also survives.

In the General Public Hospital yesterday afternoon Mrs. Eliza Black, widow of James Black of St. Martins, passed away. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the residence of Fred McColgan, 108 City road.

WOMEN CONDUCTORS ON NEW YORK SURFACE CARS.

New York, Dec. 21.—Women are acting as conductors on the surface car lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, taking the places of men who have joined the colors. Women have been employed as guards on subway trains for some time and the company is said to be satisfied with their work.

Give Something Electrical This Christmas



Electric Toasters.....	\$6.50 to \$9.50
Electric Irons.....	4.50 to 6.00
Electric Percolators.....	8.75 to 22.50
Electric Chafing Dishes.....	15.75 to 19.50
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FOR SALE—NEW \$300 PIANO FOR \$200 cash. 29 Carleton street. 69830-1-6

STOVE PIPE, 25c. A JOINT, 12c. Mill street. 69087-1-3

FOR SALE—2 SHOW CASES, \$4.50 each; 1 bed and spring, \$4; 1 wardrobe, \$5; 1 parlor set, \$20; 1 bureau, \$6; chairs, 25c up; 1 sofa, \$2.—McGrath's Furniture Store, 274 Union street, St. John, N.B. Phone 1846-21.

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—FACTORY OR OFFICE and warehouse or livery stable. I have property can be made suitable for same. Sell or convert for tenant or join a company to do business. H. G. Carey, 45 Carleton street. 70492-12-29

AUCTION FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.—There will be sold at Public Auction, Chubb's Corner, Saturday, December 22, at 12 o'clock noon, freehold lots No. 169 to 179 City road, known as Hazlehurst property, having frontage of 100 feet and 50 feet depth. There are two large houses having five tenants. Apply Eastern Trust Company or H. F. Puddington, F. L. Potts, Auctioneer. 69890-12-28

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—MINK MUFF. REWARD IF returned to 89 Broad street. 70515-12-24

FINDER PLEASE RETURN THE parcel taken from street car No. 92 on Thursday, the 20th, at 1 o'clock, to railway office, West side, at once. 70514-12-24

LOST—SUM OF MONEY EITHER in the Dominion express office or in J. & A. McMillan's store, Thursday afternoon. Finder please leave with cashier in Dominion express office. 70505-12-24

LOST—A BLACK FUR COLLAR on Sunday night in St. Patrick street. Finder please return to 56 St. Patrick street. Reward. 70525-12-24

WILL THE PARTY WHO FOUND the small brown pocketbook on 440 ferry to Carleton return Times office. 70485-12-22

LOST—WEDNESDAY, SMALL purse containing \$5, ticket to Fredericton. Finder return 161 Princess. 70471-12-22

LOST—WALLET CONTAINING 8 books of tickets. Finder please return to Lancaster Dairy, 3 Brussels street. 70477-12-24

LOST—TUESDAY EVENING, SUM of money at Victoria park or via Garden, Charlotte, King square, Leinster street to Central church. Return to 59 Queen street, or ring A. P. Hughes, 1083. 70468-12-29

LOST—VIA OF CARLETON, Nurse's Silver Watch in leather wristlet, monogram J. M. H. Reward on return to F. B. Schofield, 48 Carleton street. 70884-12-22

THE BRITISH SOLDIER.

(London Telegraph.)

Through it all, the British soldier comes smiling and cheerful, loathing it as dirty senseless work and eager for it all to end, yet determined that it shall not end without victory, and that this was his suffering—as he would put it, the sufferings of his fellows—shall win him peace. Success does not make him boastful, reverses do not depress or dispirit him. He does not talk or sing of glory or of patriotism. But he does glorious deeds, and the best proof of true patriotism is a cheerful readiness to give all duty. The British soldier, and the best proof of true patriotism is a cheerful readiness to give all duty. The British soldier, and in that word, of course, we include every fighting man of the empire, wherever his home, is as indomitable, as patient, and as chivalrous a man-at-arms as the world has ever seen.

Sir Arthur Yap, director of food economy, to a meeting of domestic economy teachers—"Some say there is no such thing as a food shortage. There is plenty of food in the shops. There may be plenty of food in some parts of the world, but the difficulty is to get it here."

ARE YOU GOING TO MOVE; OR HAVE YOU A HOUSE OR FLAT TO RENT?

This page of the TIMES is the city directory for the home seeker; and for the landlord who wants a tenant.

FLATS TO LET

ROOMS TO LET—THREE ROOMS, electric lights. Apply 288 or 166 Carmarthen street. 70449-12-27

UPPER FLAT TO LET, 11 SUMMER street. 70396-12-26

TO LET—BRIGHT MODERN FLAT, six rooms, electric. Lancaster avenue west. Phone Mrs. C. W. New, Main street. Telephone Main 2738. 70406-12-26

TO LET—UPPER FLAT NO. 18 Clarence street. Kenneth A. Wilson, 45 Carleton street. 70410-12-28

UPPER FLAT 128 SYDNEY, RENT \$8.75. J. W. Morrison, 99 Prince Wm street. 70370-12-24

TO LET—FLAT, COLORED PEOPLE wanted, 8 St. Paul street. 69965-1-10

HOUSES TO LET

SELF-CONTAINED HOUSE, PARTLY furnished, to let. Phone 2718-11. 70432-12-27

TO LET—WEST END HOUSE, South Market wharf. Immediate possession. H. C. Schofield, 169 Prince Wm street. Telephone Main 2738. T.F.

A PLEASANT SELF-CONTAINED house to let or for sale, near East St. John Post Office. Apply W. Parkinson, 147 Victoria street. T.F.

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THE CANADIAN ARMY

(Toronto Star.)

"The Canadian army is a school of character and of manners. The life is one of poverty, temperance, obedience, and chastity. If lives are being lost, souls are being saved. No man comes out of the army a worse man. All men who come out will be better men, and for them the war between good and evil will have been won."

So writes Dr. Andrew McPhail in the University Magazine after two or three years in the medical service overseas. The men who served in the Canadian army, which company and flow from it.

"This spirit of the front has worked its way back to the Canadian base in England; or rather, it is the spirit of the soldier, who is now in command. The spirit of the soldier is a just and honest spirit, and there is not now in the world a man, powerful enough to obtain from Canadian headquarters in London a concession or favor apart from the merit of his case. It is also a spirit which demands, and will have, efficiency, abhorring waste, practising economy in respect of material and of men."

This testimony to the new standards of character and efficiency that have come into effect throughout the Canadian establishment in England, supports similar assurances received from many quarters. For some time past the officers and men who were giving services more seeming than real, who were not engaged in nor actually forwarding the real business of an army, which is fighting the enemy, have been arriving back in Canada in large numbers. In the phrase of Gen. Meuburn, the military management has been "getting down to brass tacks." With a non-partisan administration the war organization can be made as efficient as those in command have the ability to make.

A GERMAN ON PRUSSIA.

(Tepelen Capital.)

If the most popular of German lyrical poets lived in the day of the present Kaiser, carried away by the ingrowing egoism so long painstakingly cultivated, he would long ago have been cooling his poetic heels behind iron bars. It was Heine who wrote with a sanity now almost extinct in the empire of the Kaiser: "I do not trust this Prussian, this tall and canting white-gaitered hero, with his wide mouth and his rapacious stomach and his corporal's stick, which he first dropped in holy water before laying it on. I dislike this philosophic military despotism, its mixture of small beer, lies and sand. Repulsive beyond expression is to me this Prussia, this stiff, hypocritical Prussia, this Tartuffe among the nations."

Pity that the race of Heines and of Goethes has almost run out, giving place to drillmasters and Big Business. They were never half as badly needed by the German people.

FURNISHED ROOMS

FURNISHED ROOM FOR GENTLEMEN. Phone 1108-31. 70456-12-29

FURNISHED ROOMS, 14 GERMAIN street. 70398-12-26

ROOMS WITH BOARD, 7 DORCHESTER street. 70407-12-26

ONE ROOM TO RENT, 40 LEINSTER street. 70402-12-26

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HEATED ROOMS, 25 PADDOCK. 70410-12-28

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TWO AND THREE FURNISHED rooms for light housekeeping with stores and water. Inquire 10 Waterloo street. T.F.

GOVERNOR'S WILL DISPOSES OF A LARGE ESTATE

Hon. Mr. Ganong Left \$698,870; Large Number of Public Bequests

The will of Hon. Gilbert White Ganong, late lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick, was admitted to probate before Judge N. Marks Mills in St. Stephen on Dec. 18, and left a testamentary estate worth \$698,870, of which the bulk was personal and \$5,575 real estate.

The following are some of the public bequests:—Trustees of Union street Baptist church, St. Stephen, \$8,000; Baptist ministers' superannuation fund, \$2,000.

Chipman Memorial Hospital, \$3,000, to provide accommodation for those suffering from infectious or contagious diseases requiring isolation.

Society of young ladies at St. Stephen known as the Y's, \$1,000, to be used for the benefit of the Y's.

To each of the named employees of Ganong Bros., Ltd., \$100 each. To four other named employees \$50 each.

To each and every person in the employ of the company at the end of the fiscal year of the company in which the testator's death occurred who shall have been in the employ of the company not less than ten years, the sum of \$50.

To each employee who shall have been seven years but not ten years in the employ of the company.

To each employee who shall have been employed five years but not seven, \$25.

To each employee who shall have been in the employ two years but not five, \$10, such employment having in each case been continuous to the end of the fiscal year in which the testator's death occurred.

To the St. Stephen library, thirty shares of Ganong Bros., Ltd. After bequests to a large number of relatives and friends the balance of the estate, real and personal, is devised and bequeathed to his widow.

The will is all in the handwriting of the testator and is dated January 15, 1917.

Barahall, Ewing & Sanford of St. John are the executors.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—Speaking today to a numerous delegation of trades and labor men, the Hon. Alex. Taschereau, provincial minister of labor and public works, made the important announcement that it was the intention of the present session legislation that would fix a minimum of one thousand dollars as the wages of all classes of labor men and to substantially raise the annual indemnity which is at present \$2,000, and that also the law would be amended so that a man with children whose son is killed in a labor accident may have recourse even if that child be not his sole support.

Sir Lomer Gouin was present and concurred in the statement made in the name of the Quebec government.

The delegation also asked for the appointment of a deputy minister of labor who would be a labor man. This suggestion has met a hearty reception on the part of the government.

Sir Auckland Geddes—"Avoid all forms of corruption, especially the subtle. There is no more difficult thing in the whole sphere of our duties than to avoid being corrupted."

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SMALL FLAT, FURNISHED, CENTRAL. Address Times. 70293-12-29

WANTED—SMALL FURNISHED flat, heated preferred; two in family. Telephone M. 1508-41. 70365-12-24

NOTICE

The application filed this day with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities by the New Brunswick Power Company praying that the Board may approve of a new and revised toll charge and tariff for its street railway, electric light power and gas services—to go into effect on the first day of January next, will be heard on Thursday, the 27th day of December next, at the hour of 10.30 of the clock in the forenoon—at the Government Rooms, in the City of Saint John, when all parties interested may attend and be heard.

The proposed schedule of rates is on file at the office of the Board of Commissioners, where the same may be inspected.

Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1917.

By the Board,
FRED P. ROBINSON,
12-28 Clerk.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Moncton, Dec. 20.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Styles, Lewisville, today at noon, their daughter, Miss Mary Styles, was united in marriage with Harold Joseph. Rev. Mr. Saunders, River Glade, performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends of the young couple. They left on a trip to Boston, and on their return will reside in Moncton.

Gordon-Scott.—At the home of the bride's parents, 82 Broad street, last night, Rev. H. A. Cody united in marriage Robert McKinley Gordon and Margaret Sarah Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott. James Pollock supported the groom. The bride was given away by her father and was becomingly attired in fine crepe de chene. Following the ceremony a dainty supper was served.

The groom was a member of the 14th Battalion and was wounded at the Somme, 1916. For some time he has been a patient at the convalescent home. The bride was formerly an employee of the N. B. Telephone Company. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will reside at 170 Sydney street.

Smith-Carr.—Fredericton, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Miss Rita Carr, of Quary, and Sterling Smith, of Prince Rupert (B. C.), were united in marriage Wednesday night in this city. Rev. Milton Addison performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Smith went to St. John where they will spend a few days prior to their departure for Prince Rupert where they will make their home.

Fredericton, Dec. 20.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Everett, Marysville, was the scene of a very happy event yesterday afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Isabel Vera, was united in marriage to Henry Allan Carman, of Barker's Point, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carman. The bride was attended by Miss Hazel Shaw, while Edgar Everett, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Rev. E. J. Barnas officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Carman left by C. P. R. for St. John. On their return they will reside in Marysville.

He Didn't Belong.—The man who had built up the new town and was showing a prospective settler about the place, pointed with pride to a pretty little church just completed.

"Do you belong to the church?" the visitor asked.

"I should say no," replied the head man with an air of injured pride; "the church belongs to me."

HELP WANTED

WANTED-MALE HELP

Ships' Carpenters to contract for dubbing and plank-ing vessel. Apply The Marine Construction Co., Straight Shore Road, St. John, N. B. 70476-12-24

WANTED—CLERK FOR COUNTRY store. Apply to F. E. Sayre & Co., Ltd. 70507-12-29

MAN WANTED—APPLY Watson's Stable, Duke street. 70495-12-29

LABORERS WANTED—30 CENTS per hour; board \$5.50 per week. Transportation free if party work 30 days. Apply Hamilton's Hotel 74 Mill street. 70512-12-29

WANTED—MAN CARE FOR horse. Apply 70 Wentworth street. 70522-12-24

WANTED—YOUNG MARRIED FARMER, maritime province born and bred, good all round man. All year position with opportunity for advancement and share in improved conditions produced by him. Tel. Rothery 19-71. J. S. Gibbon, No. 1 Union street, St. John, N. B., or Riverside, Kings Co. 70475-12-24

WANTED—MAN. WATSON'S Stable. 70495-12-29

WANTED—SMART STRONG BOY to learn automobile repair business. McLaughlin Carriage Co., Ltd., 144 Union street. 70387-12-26

WANTED—MEN, 205 CHARLOTTE street West. 69211-12-23

AGENTS WANTED

AMAZING SELLER TABLETS that wash clothes spotlessly clean, without rubbing. Promise to solicit orders with ten cents will bring samples for four washings. Make dollar an hour. Washington Tablet Distributors, Brandon, Ont.

WANTED—SALESMEN AND CANNASERS to travel. Good weekly pay. Expenses advanced. N. B. Portrait Co., Ltd., 609 Main street. 70433-12-22

WANTED

WANTED—IN EXCHANGE FOR real estate, used car, Ford preferred. Genuine proposition. Apply 1-22, Times. 70436-12-22

WANTED—IN HAMPTON, OR vicinity, all-year-round house with plot of ground. Address, Suburban, Times.

WANTED—SINGERS, BASS AND TENOR. Apply K. J. MacRae, chairman Knox church trustees, Pugsley Building, 408 N. Wolfe street, Baltimore, Md. 70305-12-22

WANTED—OLD FALSE TEETH; Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2 to \$15 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. F. Teri, 408 N. Wolfe street, Baltimore, Md. 70305-12-22

"Byron's tree," in Harrow parish churchyard, has been destroyed by fire, wrongly caused by visitors. Byron made it famous in a letter from Italy in 1822, saying he used to sit under a large tree in the churchyard. "Lines written beneath an elm in the churchyard of Harrow" are his.

COAL

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REASONABLE PRICES

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SHOPS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Designed to Place Before Our Readers The Merchandise, Craftsmanship and Service Offered by Shops and Specialty Stores

BRASS PLATING

ELECTRIC LIGHT FIXTURES RE-finished in all colors. Brass beds re-finished and made as good as new. Ornamental goods repaired. Refinished in their original colors at Grondines the Plater.

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BIG BUSH FOR CHRISTMAS GOODS at Wetmore's, Garden street. See our window display.

TOYS! TOYS! WE HAVE THE boys to delight their hearts, dolls, trains, teddy bears. We have a line of shell novelties, as boxes, bureau. J. Stekolsky, 625 Main street.

BARGAINS—TOYS AND GAMES. Pocket Knives, Lamp Goods, Carving Sets, Gift Cans and Sauces, Glass Sets, Shaving Mugs, Strops, Razors and Brushes, and a thousand other things—Duvall, Waterloo.

FULL RANGE OF THE FOLLOWING winter lines: Men's and boys' sweaters; Standfield, Penangle; fleece lined and Merino underwear; heavy wool and medium socks; shaker and wool blankets, etc.—J. Morgan & Co., 625-638 Main street.

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NOW LANDING, FRESH MINED Reserve Sydney Coal. Tel. 42. James S. McGivern, 5 Mill street.

BURN OLD MINE SYDNEY screened coal in grate and range. Jas. W. Carleton, corner Duke and Market Place, West 82.

T. M. WISTED & CO., 142 ST. PATRICK street. American anthracite, all sizes; Springfield, Reserve Sydney soft coal also in stock. Phone 2145-11. Ashes removed promptly.

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F. C. WESLEY & CO., ARTISTS AND engravers, 89 Water street. Telephone V. 982.

FILMS FINISHED

FILMS DEVELOPED AND PRINTED by hand at Watson's, Main street. No machine work. Enlargement 8 x 10 or 35c.

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TABLEWARE OF ALL KINDS RE-paired and plated. Knives, forks, spoons, cake baskets, castors, teapots, etc. Mesh bags repaired and plated. All so jewelry repaired and plated, gold or silver, at Grondines the Plater.

HATS BLOCKED

LADIES' VELOUR BEAVER AND Felt Hats blocked over in latest styles. Mrs. T. R. James, 280 Main street, opposite Adelaide.

HAIRDRESSING

MISS McGRATH, N. Y. PARLORS, Imperial Theatre Building. Orders taken now for new hair, colorings, hair work a specialty. Gents' mancutting—Floor 2. Phone M 2695-31. New York graduate.

IRON FOUNDRIES

UNION FOUNDRY AND MACHINE Works, Limited, George H. Waring, manager, West St. John, N. B. Engineers and machinists, iron and brass foundry.

MEN'S CLOTHING

MEN'S CLOTHING—WE HAVE A few Boys' Suits that we will sell at a reduced price to clear. W. J. Higgins & Co., Custom Tailors. Ready-to-Wear Clothing, 182 Union street.

NOW SHOWING—A BIG RANGE of men's overcoats, from \$12 to \$24; also a large assortment of hats, all guaranteed. Call early and make your selection. Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main street.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY TO LOAN ON CITY FREE-hold or leasehold. Apply Leonard A. Conlon, Solicitor, Ritchie Building.

NICKEL-PLATING

AUTOMOBILE PARTS RE-NICKEL-ed, made to look like new. Bicycle parts, sewing machine parts, stove fittings, bath-room fittings, etc., re-nickel-ing at Grondines the Plater.

PHOTOS ENLARGED

SNAPSHOTS ENLARGED—SNAP-shots enlarged, size 8x10 for 50c; post card size, 2 for 25c. Send us the films with price. Enlargement from prints, 50c extra. Watson's, 711 Main street.

STENOGRAPHY

L. C. SMITH TYEWRIE AND Multigraph Office. Letters typewritten or multigraphed on new machines. Addressing circulars, copy work, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed, 167 Prince William street. Tel 121.

SECOND-HAND GOODS

SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold. Nyberg, 122 Mill street. 70162-1-19

WANTED TO PURCHASE—GENTlemen's cast off clothing, boots, musical instruments, jewelry, bicycles, guns, revolvers, tools, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Call or write L. Williams, 18 Dock street, St. John, N. B., Telephone 825-21.

SECOND HAND BAND SAW. Planer, Ship Gear, all kinds mill gear, lifting chains, etc. Small rails, pipe 1 in. to 8 in.; canvas and cork life belts.—John McGoldrick, 65 Smythe street.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—GENTlemen's cast off clothing, fur coats, jewelry, diamonds, old gold and silver, musical instruments, bicycles, guns, revolvers, tools, etc. Best prices paid. Call or write H. Gilbert, 24 Mill street, Phone 2892-11.

TAILORING

LADIES' AND GENTLE MEN'S clothes made in any style at lowest prices by expert tailor; we also remodel, press, clean and repair. Phone Main 187-41 and have them called for. A. Morin, 52 Germain street, up-stairs. 69582-12-20

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FIRST CLASS, SECOND-HAND and rebuilt. Rental allowed on purchase price. South Typewriter Co., Ltd., 167 Prince Wm. street, Tel 121.

WATCH REPAIRERS

WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRING a specialty. Watches, rings and chains for sale. G. D. Perkins, 48 Princess street. T.F.

W. BAILEY, THE ENGLISH AM-erican and Swiss expert watch repairer, 188 Mill street (next Hygienic Bakery). For reliable and lasting repairs come to me with your watches and clocks. Prompt attention and reasonable charges. Watches demagnetized.

FOR RELIABLE CLOCK AND D watch repairs go to Huggard, 67 Peters street. (Seven years in Waltham Watch factory.) T.F.

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FOR FREEDOM FROM DRAFTS, saving in fuel, and for comfort, equip your windows and doors with Cham-work a specialty. Gents' mancutting—Floor 2. Phone M 2695-31. New York graduate.

WALL PAPERS

GREAT BARGAINS IN WALL Paper at H. Baig's, 74 Brussels. 69983-12-23

WOOD

FOR SALE FOR GOOD DRY CUT wood phone Main 2592-21.

DRY SLAB WOOD, KINDLING AND deal ends, \$1.25 per load in North End. Phone Main 9471-11. 69943-1-8

EQUITABLE FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
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A useful gift, a lasting gift—one that brings the giver to mind every day.
193 UNION STREET

OLEO PRICE NOT FIXED.

(Ottawa Journal-Press.) The price of oleomargarine has not yet been fixed by the Food Controller, but it is expected that Hon. Mr. Hanna will take steps to that in the immediate future.

Much misunderstanding exists on this point, and statements have been made to the effect that local retailers were violating the law by charging thirty-seven cents per pound for the butter substitute. However, no measure has yet been enacted to regulate the selling price of the product.

The Swift people here are charging the local dealers 22-1/2 cents per pound, and the latter are retailing it at thirty-seven and thirty-eight cents.

WHEN WINTER FRINGES EVERY BOUGH.

When winter fringes every bough With his fantastic wreath, And puts his seal of silence now Upon the leaves beneath;

When every stream in its pent-house Goes gurgling on its way And in his gallery the mouse Nibbles the meadow hay;

methinks the summer still is nigh, And lurketh underneath, As that same meadow-mouse doth lie Snug in that last year's heap.—Thoreau.



WHAT'S THAT!

You Can't afford Xmas Gifts this year?—Why of course you can! Go Right Up To See ALEX. LESSER'S Cash and Credit Store

He will gladly sell you the gifts you want and let you pay on the bill at \$1.00 per week and a small deposit.

Ladies' Coats..... From \$10.00 to \$35.00
Ladies' Plush Coats..... From \$18.00 to \$35.00
Ladies' Suits..... From \$15.00
Girls' Coats..... From \$5.00 to \$35.00
Men's Overcoats..... From \$13.50 up to \$26.00
Men's Suits..... From \$15.00 to \$27.00
Boys' Suits..... From \$7.00 to \$13.50
Boys' Overcoats..... From \$7.00 to \$14.00

SPECIALS IN FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT:
Black Wolf Sets (large)..... From \$11.98
Others up to..... \$25.00
Natural Wolf..... From \$25.00 up

We have Red Fox, Muskrat, Taupe and other Fur Sets too numerous to mention.
See My \$17.98 Plush Coats for This Week and Next Only.
Ladies' Waists, One-Half Regular Price.

Alex. Lesser's Cash & Credit Store
(Formerly The People's Cash & Credit Co.)
553-555 Main St. Phone Main 2909
Store Open Evenings

THE STORY OF OTHER ELECTIONS

(Toronto Star.) In 1867 the issue was confederation. This must be qualified by saying that George Brown and some others who had worked for confederation, or approval of it were opposed to the coalition government, holding that the work was done, and needed no support at the polls. The result was that the government was sustained by 101 to 80.

The majority came from Ontario and Quebec, chiefly from Ontario, which stood forty-five to twenty; the election fund for it was twenty; Ontario forty-six to thirty-six, New Brunswick seven to eight, Nova Scotia, which had been dragged into confederation against its will, three for and sixteen against.

In 1872 the Conservative government, by this time no longer a coalition, went to the polls much weakened by the events connected with the insurrection on the Red River. The ghost of poor Scott, says a historian, rose against it. The government was believed to have shown weakness in allowing Riel to escape. The treaty of Washington was unpopular. Restless government opposition.

The collapse was at hand. In 1878 the government was defeated on the Pacific scandal—having accepted contributions to its election fund from the men who had obtained a charter for building the Canadian Pacific Railway. Alexander Mackenzie formed a Liberal government, went to the country in 1874, and was returned by 133 to 78.

In 1878 the issue was the National Policy, as protection was called. The country was suffering from severe depression. It was part of a world-wide depression, but the government was blamed, and the people, eager for a remedy, approved of protection and defeated Mackenzie by 137 to 69.

In 1882 the issue was the N. P. again—let prosperity be continued, do not discourage the capitalists who are waiting to invest money in manufacturing industry. A gerrymander of Ontario also helped. The Liberals attacked the gerrymander, and also took the Ontario

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Quotations furnished by private wire of J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N. B. New York, Dec. 21.

	Previous Closing	Today's Opening	Close
Am Car & Fdy.....	62	62	63
Am Locomotive.....	47 1/2	48 1/2	50
Am Beet Sugar.....	65	65	65
Am Can.....	34	34 1/2	35
Am Smelt.....	98 1/2	98 1/2	99
Am Tel & Tel.....	99	99	99
Am Woollens.....	88 1/2	88 1/2	89
Anacostia Mining.....	55 1/2	55 1/2	56
Atch. T. & S. Ex.....	77 1/2	77 1/2	78
Brooklyn R. T.....	87 1/2	87 1/2	88
Balt & Ohio.....	40 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
Baldwin Loco.....	53	52 1/2	54 1/2
Bell & Superior.....	12 1/2	12 1/2	13
Beth Steel.....	68 1/2	68 1/2	69
Chino Copper.....	88	87 1/2	88
Chicago & N. W.....	86	86	87
Ches & Ohio.....	47 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
Colorado Fuel.....	33	33	34
Canadian Pacific.....	129	129	129 1/2
Central Leather.....	55 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2
Cruible Steel.....	47 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
General Electric.....	120 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2
Great North Pfd.....	81	80 1/2	80 1/2
Inspiration.....	80	80 1/2	81
Int'l Marine Com.....	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Int'l Marine Pfd Cts.....	78 1/2	78 1/2	79
Industrial Alcohol.....	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
Kennecott Copper.....	29 1/2	29 1/2	30
Lehigh Valley.....	51 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2
Midvale Steel.....	41 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
Maxwell Motors.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	29
Mex Petroleum.....	25 1/2	25 1/2	26
Miami.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	31
Northern Pacific.....	77 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
Nor & Western.....	95 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2
Nevada.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	11
N. Y. Air Brakes.....	110	110	111
N. Y. Central.....	64	64 1/2	65 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	41 1/2	41 1/2	42
Pressed Steel Car.....	61 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2
Reading.....	67 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2
Republic I & S.....	73 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2
St. Paul.....	87 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2
Sloss Sheffield.....	84	84	85
Southern Ry.....	23 1/2	23 1/2	24
Southern Pacific.....	76 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2
Shattuck Arizona.....	15 1/2	15 1/2	16
Shubert.....	43 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
Union Pacific.....	108 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2
U. S. Steel.....	82 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.....	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
United Fruit.....	107	107 1/2	108 1/2
U. S. Rubber.....	47 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
Utah Copper.....	72	72 1/2	73 1/2
Vir Caro Chem.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	31
Western Union.....	77	77	78
West Electric.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	36

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Members Montreal Stock Exchange).

Montreal, Dec. 21.
Dominion Steel—100 at 22 1/2, 100 at 23.
Smelters—1 at 25.
1st War Loan—2,000 at 95 1/2.
3rd War Loan—500 at 92.
Unlisted Stocks.
Tram Power—15 at 24.

FIGHT IS ON TO SAVE OUR VALUABLE PINE

Current and Gooseberry Bushes Spread the Pine Blister Disease

(Conservation.)

That the pine blister disease constitutes an extremely serious menace to the white pine forests of Canada and the United States is indicated clearly by the large amounts of money which are being expended in its control. In Canada, \$200,000 has been appropriated by the Dominion government, to be expended by the department of agriculture, which is co-operating with the provinces of Ontario and Quebec in the work of detection and eradication. The expenditures of the two provinces on this work will probably amount equal those of the Dominion. That the cost of fighting the disease in Canada this year will be approximately \$50,000.

In the United States, the Federal government has made an appropriation of \$800,000 for the current fiscal year. Appropriations aggregating nearly \$2,000,000 have been made by the states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Of this amount, \$141,500 is available during the current year, the balance being expendable next year, under biennial appropriation. The largest single appropriation is that of Massachusetts, which is spending \$80,000 this year. As the pine blister disease has secured a very strong foothold in that state, stringent measures are imperative if its white pine is to continue as an important forest tree.

Unquestionably the expenditure of large sums of money is both necessary and justifiable to ensure the future and the present of our white pine forests. The threat to the large areas of young forest growth of this species is especially serious, since the small trees are particularly susceptible to the disease. In Quebec, the occurrence and spread of the disease is proving less serious than had been feared, in view of the situation to the south of the international boundary. Thus far, after careful work throughout the summer, it has been found only in the counties of Nicolet, Arthursville, Lotbiniere, Jacques Cartier and Two Mountains, and there only on

had nearly expired by effluxion of time, and the measure was abandoned. The government was defeated by 117 to 89.

The Laurier government revised the tariff, introduced the British preference, and inaugurated a vigorous immigration policy, which resulted in speedy settlement of the west. On this record it went to the country in 1900, while the opposition criticized its conduct in regard to the South African war. The government was returned by 128 to 78.

In the elections of 1904 and 1908 there were no distinct issues. The government relied upon its record, the prosperity of the country, and the growth of the west, and won, in 1904 by 139 to 75 and in 1908 by 133 to 85.

We need not describe the election of 1911, in which the Laurier government was defeated by 138 to 86 on reciprocity. Some of the districts against the United States entered rather amusing reading today, and the principle of reciprocity was accepted by the Borden government a few months ago.

Christmas Gifts For Men

DESIRABLE AND APPROPRIATE MEN'S NECKWEAR

The manufacturers of this line of men's dress aids seem to have outdone themselves this season and the seeker for quiet effects—as well as the searcher for something more gorgeous—will find every requirement met here, 50c. to \$1.50.

MUFFLERS

Fresh stock—just in, and a varied selection. The designs are not only attractive, but they are the latest conceptions, \$1.50 to \$7.00.

RAINCOATS

Practical, stylish and appreciated. Special values at \$9.00 and \$11.00.

Shirts in novelty patterns, Sweaters, Suspender Sets and other lines. Open Evenings

BABIES "GOT MIXED UP"

When the romance of the Waterford inheritance came again before the London courts recently, a curious story was brought from the house where the birth took place to the house of Mrs. Jones, where he has been ever since.

Mr. Hume Williams said that the claimant wrote to Mrs. White, saying: "In your last years pray God to show more mercy than your confederate, Christina, showed to poor Florence (Lady Waterford), the mistress you so cruelly betrayed, who died as you meant she should, with nurse or doctor."

You were bought over by wicked old Christina to do her bidding. Before long the name of Priscilla White will stink in the nostrils of the British public."

The position, said counsel, became intolerable. The claimant was arrested, and at the Old Bailey his counsel apologized. The appeal was allowed—Daily Chronicle.

LOCAL NEWS

For dainty boudoir slippers in soft kid and cosy felt go to McKibbin's, 60 King street.

Give your boy a suit for Christmas. You'll get the best at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

Bedroom slippers for men, women and children, at C. J. Bassen's, cor. Union and Sydney. 12-22.

Fancy handkerchiefs, arm bands, braces in fancy boxes, at C. J. Bassen's, cor. Union and Sydney. 12-22.

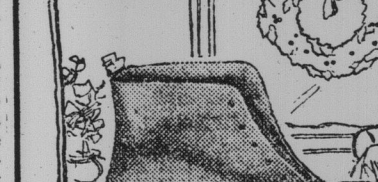
Do all your Christmas shopping at C. J. Bassen's, cor. Union and Sydney. 12-22.

NOTICE
A set of furs, a coat, or a suit is a present everybody appreciates. Come and inspect our goods, which we are offering at special prices for our Christmas trade. Store open evenings.—The Parisian Clothing Store, 51 Brussels street, J. Tanzman, prop. 12-22

Crokinole boards, rocking horses.—Duvall's, Waterloo. 12-24.

NEW YORK NECKWEAR
We are showing a beautiful range of American ties in all the new colors.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-22.

Fancy armlets, 25c. and 35c.—At King's, Union street. 12-24.



FOR MEN

A Little Suggestion on Christmas—'Buy It Yourself'

YOU know how it is every Christmas. You get a number of gifts, but how often can you say, honestly, "Just what I wanted?" Now here's the solution—Make yourself a real present of a pair of real shoes. You will then get just your size and the style you want.

And speaking of style—you will see the neatest, snuggest footwear at WIEZEL'S—Shoes for all weather and for every occasion, from heavy tan waterproof boots to neat dress shoes.

This new recede toe, illustrated above, is the hit of the season. The dark red shade of leather is sure to make a hit with you. Price \$7.00 and \$8.50

You know how good it feels to slip on a pair of comfortable Slippers when you get home.

Your friends will feel the same way about it when they receive a pair of our Slippers as your Christmas gift.

WIEZEL'S CASH STORE
243-247 Union St.

FRENCH IVORY

This attractive Toiletware is very popular for Gift purposes. Our stock is complete, including Hair Brushes, Cloth and Hat Brushes, Mirrors, Combs, Trays, Manicure Pieces, Clocks, Perfume Bottles, etc., etc.

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Entrances King and
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Open Noon Till Midnight
and on Sundays.

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OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL 10 O'CLOCK
Until Christmas Eve.

PLAY-THINGS

And Christmas Tree Ornaments

Here is a partial list of new arrivals in
our already well supplied Toy Department:

"Wonder Blocks," amusing and instructive,
introducing Doodle-dum and
Dinkle Dee..... \$1.50
"Cock o' the Walk" Coaster..... \$1.50
Folding Coaster..... \$3.00

Also
CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMINGS
From 5c. to 75c.
Tinsel

SEE SANTA CLAUS in our King Street Window every
afternoon, from 3.30 till 5 o'clock.

Market Square **W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd.** King Street

LOCAL NEWS

TWO HOURS LATE.
The Montreal train was two hours late in arriving in the city today.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Daniel Kiley took place this afternoon from Messrs. Fitzpatrick's undertaking rooms, to the Cathedral, where burial services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Coughlan. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

SUDDEN DEATH.

James Ross, aged sixty-two years, formerly of Hampton but who had been living in Torbay for the last seven years, was found dead in his home on last Tuesday evening. Death is supposed to have been due to heart trouble. Mr. Ross leaves his wife (one daughter) and six sons to mourn. The funeral will be at Hampton tomorrow afternoon.

HARBOR FIRE BOATS.

In the published report of city hall proceedings yesterday Commissioner McLellan, in speaking of fire boats in the harbor, was made to say in reference to two available tugs that they did not have sufficient power to throw more than five or six thousand gallons of water a minute. He added that it would be advisable to procure a boat which could pump about 25,000 gallons.

MUSICAL FOR HALIFAX SUPERHEROES.

Eight talented children wishing to send Xmas cheer to some suffering family in Halifax, gave a charming musical at the home of N. S. Springer, 308 Douglas avenue, last evening. The young musicians performed with much skill, and the talents of the young readers would do credit to many of riper years. The sum of \$14 was raised. Those taking part were:—Piano, Phyllis Barbour; Dorothy Stewart, Muriel Tapley; Harp, old Springer; violin—Bruce Holder; readers—Vesta Roberts, Norman Magnuson; vocal—Muriel Curran.

HAD CLOSE CALL.

A small boy had a narrow escape from being run over by a street car in Paradise row this morning. He was crossing down Millidge street and crossed Paradise row as a street car came along. Fortunately the motorman saw him and threw on the brakes. The boy just grazed the street car and the boy escaped with a bad fright. Policeman Hogg, who is stationed at the corner of Main and Mill streets, has been kept busy trying to chase the boys away from this hill, but whenever they get a chance they resume coasting.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

In Hampton yesterday afternoon a crowd of youngsters celebrating their freedom from school, started a huge bonfire on the ice. In their sport one of the number, Edward Conway, aged about seven years, son of M. J. Conway, Canadian Press operator, was pushed into the flames and fell, burning the side of his face. His clothing caught fire and he would have been beyond human aid in another instant but for the prompt action of a boy named Jenkins in pulling him from the fire. The child was treated by Dr. Smith of Hampton and, though his clothes were practically all burned off him he himself suffered little injury, beyond the burn on his face.

HERO OF LIEGE IS ON SWISS SOIL

Brings Out of Captivity Two Faithful Friends, Hope and Faith

Zurich, Dec. 20.—General Leman, a Belgian officer, who commanded the Liege forts when the Germans invaded Belgium, arrived here today. He was met at the station by the Belgian military attaché, the French and British consuls and several compatriots, among whom were interned soldiers who had fought under him in the Liege garrison. General Leman in talking with the British consul, said:

"I have undergone three years' captivity, but I have had two faithful companions which I bring back with me to Switzerland—hope and faith."

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New York, Dec. 21.—Federal Reserve Bank announced increase of half per cent in all its discount rates except for agricultural paper.

German peace plan about the same as that proposed last August. Mercantile Marine sells one half of its holdings in Holland-America line for \$800 a share, approximately highest market price which stock reached. No special significance to sale.

LORD CECIL AGAINST AN ECONOMIC WAR AFTER THIS ONE OVER

London, Dec. 20.—Speaking in the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said he did not advocate, and he did not believe any member of the government advocated, an economic war after the war, but he could not agree that Great Britain should go short of raw materials for the sake of supplying Germany. He could not state the ultimate terms of peace that the British seek, but was convinced that Britain would never abandon undertakings given to the Allies. He looked forward to a stronger alliance of Great Britain and the Allies, with the United States.

A league of nations must be one object of a peace, the minister declared. He would not remain a member of any government which did not make the establishment of such a league one of its main objects.

A LOCAL PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE HALIFAX DISASTER

Mayor Hynes, who is chairman of the local Halifax relief committee, is confronted with a problem with reference to Halifax refugees in this city. Some came here soon after the catastrophe and are without money or clothing. There was no provision made to furnish these people with anything but this matter will be taken up and dealt with in the near future. There is a large supply of clothing, boots and shoes being held pending advice from Halifax authorities. Some of these could be given to the needy ones. The mayor has been notified not to send any more goods to Halifax until such time as the committee are up/able to handle any more at present.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSING

Exercises This Morning in Simonds Street Institution

The spirit of Christmas prevailed in Simonds street kindergarten this morning, when the little ones assembled to demonstrate to their parents the benefits they have derived during their course of training. Their handwork was exceptionally good and evoked well merited praise from parents and friends who were present at the closing exercises. The hall was artistically decorated with flags of the Allies, colored paper chains and pictures of Santa Claus and his reindeer. These were made by the children and were the subject of much favorable comment.

Following the exercises, which consisted of songs, recitations, marches, etc., the Christmas tree, which had been trimmed with fancy cards, etc., was stripped and the various articles given to the parents of the children. The little ones then retired and when they returned to their rooms they found the tree once again laden, this time with candy, dolls and other toys for them. Miss Edith Stephens was in charge and was assisted by Miss Ross and Miss McKinn. Among those present were Mrs. Vincent, president of the kindergarten committee, and Rev. Neil J. McLaughlin, pastor of Portland Methodist church.

RECEIVES DECREE IN HER DIVORCE CASE

Miss Elizabeth Craft, daughter of Arthur E. Craft of 140 Acadia street, has just received from the court clerk in Nashua, N. H., the papers granted her in divorce proceedings which she brought against her husband, Harry E. Father. The case was heard on Sept. 18 and divorce granted her on Oct. 20, with the right to resume her maiden name. They were married in St. John on Jan. 21, 1915, by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson and have been living in the United States.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:

Emma T. Henderson to Lottie E. wife of A. C. Kelley, property corner of Carleton and Duke streets.
W. J. Johnston to F. J. Johnston, property in Simonds.
A. B. McDerrott to Andrew McDermott, property in Simonds.
Beatrice J. and J. E. Wilson to F. R. Taylor, property in Princess street, Kings County.

R. H. Arnold to H. E. D. Golding, property in Sussex.
Cornelius O'Donnell to Walter Casman, property in Havelock.
W. T. Sleep to J. M. Sleep, property in Kingston.

POLICE COURT

At the police court this morning Ernest Hawkins, colored, of 594 Main street, was fined \$20 for hitting his wife. Mrs. Hawkins said that one evening the husband went out and after a few hours returned. "He was under the influence of liquor, your honor," she said, "and he struck me twice because I was singing my sister's baby to sleep." On being questioned she replied that she did not know whether it was the music or the words to which he objected. Magistrate Ritchie remarked that it did not seem necessary to bring all private quarrels to the court and said also that if the wife had informed him privately that her husband was drinking he would have settled the whole thing quietly.

"Why didn't you phone me?" he asked.

"Your honor will excuse me," was the reply, "I didn't know you had a phone." On being asked what she wished done in the matter she replied, "That is your business, your honor, you can suit yourself." His honor thereupon said that he would strike a fine of \$20 and allow it to stand. "Now go along home with your husband, madam," he said. But the answer came quickly and heatedly, "I guess my husband can get along the street without me. He can just go home by himself."

Frank Bushfan, Allen Bushfan and John Day, colored, were charged with working a horse which was not in a fit condition for use. The report was brought by S. M. Wetmore on behalf of the S. P. C. and testimony was given by Mr. Frink and Policeman McFarland. After much discussion it was agreed that a veterinary should examine the animal and the owner be guided by his advice, the matter to be reported to the court on next Monday.

A charge against the Foggles-Bellows Construction Company for maintaining an obstruction in Water street near the new elevator after the permit had expired was brought up. Commissioner Fisher said that the city would be satisfied if the obstruction and several others were removed by Monday night. The case was deferred until then.

J. H. Doody was reported for stopping his car on the wrong side of the street. He said that he had just crossed over to speak to a man for thirty seconds. A fine was allowed to stand.

BOSTON GETS WOOL FROM AUSTRALIA

Boston, Dec. 21.—A cargo of Australian wool valued at \$7,800,000, reached this port yesterday. It is the first lot to be released by the British government since last spring. The cargo consisted of 84,000 bales of high grade wools weighing nearly 12,000,000 pounds.

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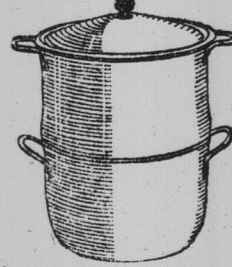
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Griddles.....	45c. to 65c.	Jappaned Bread Boxes.....	\$1.50 to \$5.75
Bake Pans.....	15c. to 50c.	French Grey Cake Boxes.....	\$1.40 to \$2.50
Roast Pans.....	25c. to 60c.	Self Basting Roasters.....	\$1.40 to \$2.50
Bake Pans.....	25c. to 50c.	Model Tea Kettles.....	\$2.10 to \$3.00
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Boys' Knitted Caps.....	50c. to \$1.00
Boys' Mackinaws.....	\$7.50 to \$10.00
Boys' Rubber Coats.....	\$4.75
Boys' Silk Ties.....	25c.
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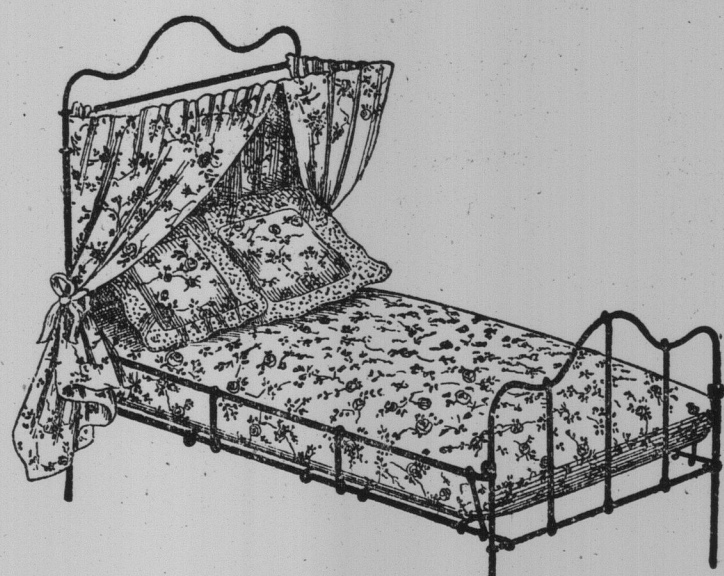
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ONLY TWO WAYS FOR JAPAN TO ACT SAYS GERMAN NEWSPAPER

Become Vassal of Entente Opposing Own Interests or Play Role of False Ally

Is Seeking Friendship—Germany, Seeing Japan's Big Interests in Future History, Now Wants Rapprochement

The Hague, Dec. 21.—The question of Japan continues to monopolize the columns of the German press, especially Japan's interests versus those of America. At present it is difficult to say with what intention these articles were written, but it is possible that Germany is hoping for a rapprochement with Japan, and is preparing the people.

The Frankfurter Zeitung points out that Japan's refusal to send troops against Russia is comprehensible, as Japan will need friends in the future to further her interests if the European powers weaken themselves by a long war, although she has little direct interest in lengthening the war, as she no longer is delivering war material to Russia, and big masses of Japanese are suffering from the war.

The paper argues that Japan is also menaced by a loss of American trade, because, as America becomes involved in war, the more nationally economical she is becoming owing to tonnage and questions of exchange, and she will soon be obliged to do without Japanese silk. It is argued also that if Japan continues to pursue her present policy, only two ways are open to her—either to become a vassal of the Entente in opposition to her own interests, or to play the role of a false ally, refusing to share the work of the Entente Allies.

No Obstacles to Peace.

"Perhaps politicians in Tokio understand that it is now time to deliberate and recognize a turning point in history," the Frankfurter Zeitung continues. "Japan will, under no circumstances, make a separate peace, but she will not put obstacles in the way of peace. Peace will come from the east as Russia and South China desire it."

The paper points out that it is to Japan's advantage to please these two powers, and concludes that debates in the Japanese parliament will be followed with interest.

The Holsteische Volkszeitung also deals with the question of America's interests in Russia, and concludes that Japan, pointing out that besides all the American capital invested, Russia is such a good client of America's that America cannot afford to quarrel with Russia. The paper contends that America's important interests in the east are practically all at the mercy of Japan unless she can get a stronger foothold there, and that Japan realizes her stronghold, which is unsalable.

The Volkszeitung considers it remarkable that Japan has refused to send troops against Russia, and asserts that

this is another sign of the big role eastern questions will play in the future. It continues:

"For America important and actual questions are at stake, but still more important are those of the future. If she becomes energetically involved in war she loses her footing in the east forever."

The paper argues that America has made many mistakes already, and that it remains to be seen whether she intends to spoil her Russian market, a possibility which no one would desire more than Japan.

NEW YORK VIEW OF CANADIAN ELECTIONS

(N. Y. Times Editorial.)

The decisive triumph of the Unionists in the Dominion elections is proof of the resolution of the mass of Canadians to stand united, without thought of party names or politics, until the war is won. For that reason, it is most welcome to Americans, even to those who have been the warmest admirers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his great career. In the fifteen years of his premiership he furthered fruitfully the growth of Canadian trade and transportation and agriculture, and of Canadian national feeling, of a Canadian state bearing strongly and with increasing power of initiative her part in the British Empire. His was the most engaging and impressive colonial figure at the commemoration of Victoria's sixtieth year upon the throne and at King Edward's coronation.

At the beginning of the war, and afterwards, he supported with voice and vote its prosecution, and he urged his fellow-citizens of French Canadian extraction to enlist. He is a thoroughly loyal and patriotic leader; but he was unfortunate in some of his allies in this campaign. The Bourassites and extreme Nationalists of his province of Quebec, the separatists and disloyalists everywhere in the Dominion were on his side, not because their purposes and his are alike, but because they wished to break up the Union ministry and to make trouble to hinder the war. Sir Wilfrid proposed to submit the Military Service measure to a popular referendum. He said that conscription was not the main issue, and he had many strings to his bow, but popular opinion, not the opinion of even the subtlest politicians, makes issues. Conscription was the main issue, and it has won.

The popularity of Sir Wilfrid, economic policies upon which in other times he might well have won a verdict, the lingering attachment of many Liberals to their old leader and party, the inevitable dissatisfactions and personal disappointments caused by a long parliament and Sir Robert Borden's long continuance in office, the natural grumbling at war measures and conditions, all the shades of discontent and opposition were powerless to carry out the enterprise which the wonderful old man undertook under a misapprehension of facts singular for so accomplished a judge of men and politics.

Especially notable are the Union gains in the western provinces, where the economic theories of Liberalism are strong. Sir Wilfrid, equally eloquent in French and English, was heard eagerly by the western crowds. They admired him, and then voted against him. Ontario, of course, was enormously Unionist, Quebec enormously Liberal and Laurier in

TO HELP GERMAN PEOPLE THROW OFF YOKE OF JUNKERS

Appeal Made To American Citizens of Teutonic Birth or Descent

World Freedom Menaced—Friends of German Democracy Urge Whole-Hearted Support of America's War Aims

New York, Dec. 21.—An appeal to American citizens of German birth and descent to join its campaign for helping the United States to win the war is made public by the executive committee of the Friends of German Democracy. Franz Sigel, son of General Franz Sigel, of civil war fame, is president of the organization.

"This was not a war on the part of America against the German nation," the appeal stated. "It is rather a war against a peculiar system of society and government. This system of society and government unhappily dominates the German people to their own and the world's undoing."

The committee declared that "a majority of the German people, if properly informed about their own government and its misdeeds, will not wait until the German nation is completely crushed by force of arms, but will sooner or later rise against the Kaiser and the Junkers and establish a democratic government in Germany."

"President Wilson has very clearly pointed out," the statement added, "that the war must go on until the triumph of democracy is complete. This matter is no longer doubtful. American citizens of German birth or descent must now realize that they are face to face with a known fact, and not with an open question. America and her Allies are going to win this war against the Emperor and the ruling classes of Germany."

"During the last seventy years over five million Germans have come to America. We find that the principles for which many of our immediate ancestors, or we ourselves suffered exile, are threatened by the very powers which forced us as a people out of Germany. We must rally with our fellow Americans against the tyranny which has so long cursed the country of our fathers, and which now rises as a dangerous threat against the liberty of the whole world."

"The friends of German democracy urged our German people in America, by every means in their power, to assist themselves on the side of right in this conflict."

Perhaps after all it is wise to have all those holes in some kinds of cheese. Those kinds apparently need all the fresh air they can get.—Vancouver Sun.

form, anti-British in fact. The execution of the Military Service act in that province will be the most delicate task of the Union government.

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Gloves.....	75c. to \$6.00	Suit Cases.....	\$1.50 to \$30.00
Neckwear in fancy boxes.	35c. to \$2.50	Travelling Bags.....	\$2.50 to \$35.00
Men's Umbrellas.....	\$1.25 to \$10.00	Military Brushes.....	\$2.00 to \$6.00 per pair
Canes.....	\$1.00 to \$5.00	Travelling Rolls.....	\$5.00 to \$10.00
Silk Half-Hose.....	75c. to \$2.00	Fitted Cases.....	\$2.50 to \$12.00
Cashmere Half-Hose.....	50c. to \$1.00	Smoker Sets.....	\$1.00 to \$ 2.50
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs.	\$2.00 per 1-2 dozen	Gillette Razors.....	\$ 5.00
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs.	25c. and 50c. each	Manicure Sets.....	\$1.50 to \$ 6.50
Khaki Handkerchiefs, 15c. to \$1.00 each		Travelling Rugs.....	\$6.00 to \$15.00
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They fell where the Ganges is flowing;
They lie 'neath the Russian Redan;
Their dust o'er the desert is blowing.
In the whirlwinds of fur Khorasan;
The sons of Glen Orchy and Ramoch
Sleep sound by the slow-moving Scheldt,
And the bones of the men of Loch Fannoch
Are white on the veldt.

But the Lews and Lochmahon and Gairloch.

Still march to the battle array,
And the fighters from many a fair loch,
Like their fathers, leap forth to the fray;
Red flame tears the darkness asunder
Where the curtain of battle is drawn,
Where the clansmen through death-cloud and thunder
Go over at dawn.

In the strength of the hills and the heather,
With the salt of the sea in their blood,
They sweep from the trenches together
With the force of an onrushing flood,
Like the billows that beat upon Moirdart
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The final capture of Jerusalem is another instance of the fact that Great Britain seldom starts anything she can't finish.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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PANEL 1: A man in a striped shirt and nightgown sits up in bed, looking startled. A man in a suit and vest sits in a chair, holding a book and looking at the man in bed.

PANEL 2: The man in the striped shirt is now lying back in bed, looking relaxed. The man in the suit is still sitting in the chair, holding the book.

PANEL 3: The man in the striped shirt is sitting up in bed, looking at the man in the suit. The man in the suit is holding the book and looking at the man in bed.

PANEL 4: The man in the striped shirt is sitting up in bed, looking at the man in the suit. The man in the suit is holding the book and looking at the man in bed.

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PANEL 6: The man in the striped shirt is sitting up in bed, looking at the man in the suit. The man in the suit is holding the book and looking at the man in bed.

Panel 1: "MUTT, IT SEEMS THAT MOST OF OUR GREAT MEN IN HISTORY IN ADDITION TO MAKING THEMSELVES FAMOUS ALSO SOWNED CONSIDERABLE WILD CATS!"

Panel 2: "NOT NECESSARILY! JUST WHO HAVE YOU IN MIND?"

Panel 3: "OLD CHRIS COLUMBUS!"

Panel 4: "IF MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT, COLUMBUS WAS A MODEL MAN, ONE WHOM ANY BOY COULD SET UP AS AN IDEAL."

Panel 5: "AW, HE MUST HAVE BEEN A GAY OLD BIRD - A REGULAR SON DODGER. WE DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT HIS DAY LIFE, BUT -"

Panel 6: "WELL -"

Panel 7: "EVERY DAY ONE HEARS SOMETHING ABOUT THE 'NIGHTS' OF COLUMBUS, BUT NEVER A WORD ABOUT THE DAYS!"

Panel 8: "KNIGHTS?"

Panel 9: "GOOD NIGHT!"

Panel 10: "ASHES"

Panel 11: "LARRY"

10,000 TO BE CALLED IN MONTREAL DISTRICT

Montreal, Dec. 20.—It is calculated that 10,000 men will be called from military district No. 4 to the colors on January 3 next, and Major-General E. W. Wilson, G. O. C., said today that all arrangements had been made locally for the enforcement of the Military Service act and for taking over the men and giving them the necessary training at the Guy street barracks and the Peel street barracks.

While the application of the Military Service act lies with the civil authorities, owing to the shortage of policemen in this city, it is understood the military police may apprehend deserters, who can be tried just the same as if taken into custody by the civil police. However, military headquarters here assumes that all the men called by the act will report for duty on the date in question.

Naval School Goes to Esquimaux

Victoria, Dec. 20.—Owing to the disorganization of affairs in Halifax as a result of the explosion the big naval instructional school located there may be removed to the Pacific coast, probably to Esquimaux, it was learned here unofficially today.

Vice-Admiral W. O. Storey said he had received confidential information on the matter but declined to make a statement until the situation is more definite. The naval school is the only one of its kind in the dominion and has several hundred students.

THE TEACHERS

Profitable Afternoon Session Of Institute Here

The second session of the Teachers' Institute of St. John city and county held in the assembly hall of the High school yesterday afternoon Miss Eva McKeaglin read a paper on the "Teaching of Arithmetic" and A. Gordon Leavitt read a paper on "Nature Study." Miss McKeaglin's paper was very interesting and instructive and at the conclusion of the reading, Mr. Reicker opened a discussion on the subject. Dr. Bridges and W. J. S. Myles, principal of the High school, also expressed their views on the teaching of arithmetic.

At the conclusion of the discussion on this subject A. Gordon Leavitt was then introduced by the president, W. J. Shear. Mr. Leavitt said in part: As I am addressing my remarks to teachers and I know something regarding the New

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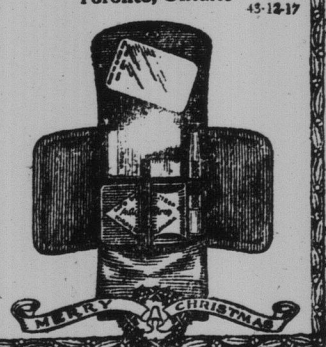
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Clearing Depot in Calgary

Calgary, Dec. 20.—Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a casualty clearing depot in Calgary. Military authorities are endeavoring to find a suitable place in which men returning from overseas can be housed during the time that their payers, medical and otherwise, are being fixed up.

Instructions have been received by the local military headquarters to the effect that the work of the casualty clearing depots at Halifax, St. John and Quebec is to be decentralized, and that in future the work formerly done at these depots will be done at the headquarters of the various military districts.

Brunswick curriculum and what it imposes on the members of the profession let me say that it must be expected that they should be expert in the teaching of grammar, arithmetic, algebra, geography, history, geometry, Latin, chemistry, botany, geology, etymology and the other "ologies" still I fear that is exactly what many of the teachers feel the introduction of nature study really means one more of these. It is just here that they are entirely wrong and I suggest as a reason the fact that they themselves never engaged in nature study and are confounding it with natural science. That there is about the same difference between nature study and natural science as that there is between the bill of fare served up to the pupil in grade one of our schools and that of a student taking the Arts course at the U. N. B.

Work of the Pupil

Nature study should be the work of the pupils and not the teacher, the latter of course directing attention to the point of interest. If a teacher should state to a class that the seeming dust on the wings of a butterfly or moth is really composed of very beautiful and varied shield like forms and the children should believe it, they would then have acquired knowledge in the same way that their master history, namely, accepting some other person's statements as facts, and memorizing them. That is not nature study. Place the wing of the butterfly or moth under a microscope and let the children observe for themselves and they will then know exactly what the wing dust is. The bookworm is usually willing to accept the writings of others as facts, but the real nature student takes all such "cum grano salis" until such time as he may be able to verify them.

Objection has often been made to nature study on the ground that it is not thorough enough, but from a purely scientific point of view cannot it be so labeled, for should the child in any district be able to recognize all the birds, beasts, and trees, to say nothing of other forms in his immediate vicinity, I think that the study will be considered quite thorough enough, but even should it be considered short on thoroughness, it will surely be acknowledged long on exactness, for no one is ever asked to believe or remember that which he has not actually seen. The nature student sees with his own eyes, hears with his own ears, touches with his own hands, smells with his own nose, tastes with his own mouth, and forms an opinion regarding the subject examined, with his own brain, and such opinion is entirely independent of what any other person thinks.

He has his knowledge at first hand and does not depend for his information on the writings of others, who, either through ignorance or for some reason best known to themselves publish twisted and distorted reports. There are many books which it is safe enough to read providing that the reader knows more about the subject than the writer, in which case, he will accept what he knows to be correct and reject the rest.

Warning as to Books.

In speaking on the subject of books I should like to advise all teachers to avoid reading Old Country publications, and then applying what they read to American forms, remembering that the birds bearing the same common names in different countries are often entirely different species; for instance, the English yellow hammer is a hunting or fishing bird, while the American is a woodpecker. The English blackbird is a thrush, the American a grackle. The English partridge is the real partridge, while the American, atridge, in the New England States, is the same as in the maritime provinces, is really the ruffed grouse, but in the southern states the latter bird is called pheasant, while their partridge is called the quail or bobwhite of New England.

Let me endeavor to point out the difference between nature study and natural science study, and I cannot possibly do so in less or better words than by quoting from Nelson's Encyclopedia.

"Nature study is, primarily, the simple observational study of common natural objects and processes for the sake of personal acquaintance with the things which appeal to human interest directly and independently of relations to organized sciences."

Natural science study is the close analytical and systematic study of natural objects and processes, primarily for the sake of obtaining knowledge of the general principles which constitute the foundations of natural science."

Nature study, as previously claimed, should start with the objects in the child's immediate vicinity, and it will be a long time before it will be necessary to go far from home for material of interest, and there is, I think, little room for argument, but that geography and history should be treated in a like manner.

Useful Knowledge.

In concluding, Mr. Leavitt said: In connection with the study of domestic cattle, if the teacher is satisfied to stop when her pupils have learned to recognize the several breeds, and know that the cow furnished us with milk, when alive, and that her flesh is used as food, under the name of beef, there this study stops, but, should it be pursued further, it may well consider the conversion of the hide into leather and the various uses of the latter. The uses of the horse, of

CANADA'S HEROES WON GUN USED FOR VICTORIA CROSSES

The "For Valor" Badge to be Moulded From Bronze Gun Captured by Gallant 58th—Soldiers Have Now Completed Voting—Enemy Nervous.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A bronze gun, captured by the Canadian troops overseas from the Germans, will be used by the British authorities for the manufacture of Victoria Crosses. The gun in question was captured by the 58th Canadian Infantry Battalion, and Sir George Perley, in a letter to General Mewburn, minister of militia, states that he has agreed to its being turned over to the British authorities. Sir George says that it has been in the past the invariable practice to manufacture Victoria Crosses from bronze guns captured from the enemy.

Modern guns, however, are necessarily all made of steel, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the older weapons of bronze.

Sir George Perley, in authorizing the handing over of the captured gun, pointed out the desirability of letting it be known that Canada, and particularly the Fifty-eighth Battalion, had provided the trophy. In response the British war office wrote a letter explaining the warm thanks of the Army Council to the dominion government for having met its wishes in the matter.

Voting Practically Completed.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Dec. 20.—(By W. A. Willson, special correspondent of the Canadian Press)—With ground covered with snow in the biting weather of a Canadian winter, the Canadian troops polled their final votes today. When the polls opened this morning over ninety-six per cent of the available vote within the Canadian ranks had been taken and numerous polls in various units had been closed with a full vote reported. By 8 o'clock tonight, when the voting ceases, it is expected the number not having exercised the franchise will be practically negligible. Attention is now centered upon Canada and today's decisions.

While the front is quiet, that quietness is only comparative. The morale of the enemy troops, on the whole, is good at present. Their attitude during the past fortnight has been aggressive though general indications still point to a continuation of a defensive policy on their part. Indeed, while Germany is undoubtedly concentrating additional forces in the western theatre and is reported to have brought new troops from Russia to this area, prisoners captured on our front declare that the enemy is apprehensive of an offensive by us.

The chief superintendent of education, Dr. W. S. Carter, who recently returned from the Canadian West reported upon free text books and other matters which came to notice during his visit. His report contained certain recommendations. A special committee composed of Premier Foster, Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. W. F. Roberts and Dr. Carter was appointed to deal with these recommendations.

The board, considering the matter of text books, authorized the text book on Algebra now in use in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Replicas of the medals given by former lieutenant-governors were brought to the attention of the board. It has not yet been possible to obtain those of the late Hon. A. R. McLellan and the

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 20.—The board of education of the province met this afternoon in connection with the sitting of the provincial government. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley presided. A large quantity of routine business was transacted. An addition of much interest to many of the teachers of

the province was made to Regulation 28, sub section 8, as follows:

"It shall form no part of the duties of any teacher or pupil to make the fires, sweep or clean the school room. Though any teacher or pupil may be employed by the trustees to attend to any or all of these matters at a suitable compensation."

I do not think that you will leave the realms of nature study while you use specimens which will tell their own story or illustrate yours. I am a firm believer in this study, and claim that it will not only prove interesting and instructive, but that it will do much to make the average child careful and observing and that the same care will be applied to other studies.

In conclusion, I would offer to all engaged in nature study this advice: use all the specimens possible and, first of all, exhaust the resources of your own immediate locality.

At the conclusion of his paper, Mr. Leavitt exhibited many interesting specimens that he had collected near the city.

W. L. McDiarmid, seconded by J. F. Owens, moved a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Leavitt for the very interesting and instructive paper that he had read to the institute.



late Hon. J. B. Snowball as the dies have not been found. The replicas secured were ordered placed in the receptacle provided for them in the legislative library.

Dr. W. C. Kierstead tonight addressed the members of the teachers' institute of York and Sunbury counties on food conservation.

KILLED IN ACTION

Word was received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Mason, of this city, that their son, Gunner James Walter Mason, had been officially reported killed in action on Dec. 11. Gunner Mason

left St. John with a 9th Siege Battery draft. He was twenty-four years of age. Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers, three of whom are in khaki, and five sisters. The brothers are Privates H. H. and Robert M., in France; Sergeant Frank H., of the home guard, and George and Willie, small boys residing at home. The sisters are Mrs. E. J. Belding, Mrs. Charles Brown, of St. John; Margaret, of Chatham, and Pearl and Ina at home.

The Canadian Imperial League, Ltd., at its regular meeting last night, voted unanimously to place itself on record as being unalterably opposed to the rumored admission of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the union cabinet. The league was the first to propose that soldiers' wives be given the franchise and considers itself the originator of the plan. The league expressed its thanks to the ladies for taking an active interest in public affairs and is gratified that their recent efforts in behalf of Canada and the empire were successful.

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RESTORATION; COMPENSATION

Lloyd George Speaks of Allied War Aims

A FRANK STATEMENT

Situation on Land and Sea Spoken of—The Food Problem—More Men Needed—Turks Will Never Get Back Jerusalem

London, Dec. 20.—Complete restoration of the territories taken by the enemy, together with compensation, was demanded by Premier Lloyd George in explaining the war aims of the government, in a speech today.

Great Britain did not seek territorial aggrandizement for her-

self or for any of her allies, when she entered the war, Mr. Lloyd George said, but entered into the hostilities merely for the sake of her honor. As to Germany's colonies, all of which are now in the hands of the entente, Mr. Lloyd George said their disposition must be determined at the peace congress. Jerusalem, however, the premier declared, would never be restored to the Turks.

Food Problems.

The premier's speech was delivered when adjournment for the holidays was moved in the house of commons this afternoon. He dealt first with the problem of food. Two circumstances, he said, had contributed lately to the gravity of the situation—the failure to obtain margarine and butter from Holland and Denmark, and the fact that England had been required to make sacrifices in order to supply deficiencies of her allies. Owing to the efforts of the food controller, an improvement was visible in circumstances which had caused so much anxiety in the last few days. More tea was coming in and it was hoped by increased manufacture to improve the situation as regarded margarine shortly. The government, said the premier, would confer next week with trades unions on the man power proposals.

Enemy Much Worse Off.

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WOULD BE RESTORED TO THE TURKS.

The premier said that the losses in shipping had been lighter by hundreds of thousands of tons than he had anticipated in his August estimate.

He said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinkings by submarines, he declared, were decreasing, while shipbuilding was increasing.

The premier said the sinking of submarines was increasing. Although the merchant tonnage was down 20 per cent he added, the loss should only be six per cent of imports over that of last year.

Regarding the military situation, Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had been realized. This disappointment he attributed to day when facts were given to us as to the deteriorated physical quality of the German workers as a result of the blockade imposed by the British navy.

The German workers have so deteriorated that the output of Germany per man has gone down by something like thirty-three per cent, compared with the first year of the war.

Not One-Fourth of Enemy Loss.

"What are the prospects?" asked the premier. "France's losses no doubt, have been serious. Despite the reverses which Italy has endured, their losses are not to be compared with those of Austria, and, despite the losses inflicted on us, the permanent loss to the British army is not more than one-fourth or one-fifth the permanent losses endured by the Germans. If we take the reverse against Germany it will be found to be more than twice as great as that of Germany and her allies."

Since Russia has entered into separate peace negotiations, Mr. Lloyd George said, she must be responsible for the protection of her own territory and that also disposed of any question there was about Constantinople.

He continued: "We have conquered no country where the population belonged to the governing race. We have not acquired a single yard of territory where there is a German population. With regard to the captured German colonies the peace conference must settle about them on the principle of respecting the desires of the people of those colonies themselves. We have laid that down and we stand by it."

"We did not enter the war to annex a single yard of anybody's territory. We entered the war because we believed that the honor of Britain was involved in standing by her word."

The premier declared that the war was forced upon the world by the arrogance of the military caste in Prussia, which, he added, were prepared to overthrow their own ruler and set up another who was more in sympathy with their aims.

"Until that temper is broken there can never be peace in the world. That is why we said—whether it was President Wilson or Mr. Asquith—that victory was essential. It was not because it satisfied some low vindictive sense in the human nature merely to punish, but because we realized that victory was the only thing that could give reality to peace terms. A league of nations, in which Germany was represented by a military caste triumphant, would be a hollow farce. The people of Germany must be heard. That is why victory itself is more important than mere terms."

"Victory alone will give reality to terms and that is also the reason why the government, after mature reflection, decided to ask to be equipped with greater powers to enable us to increase the means we needed."

France Short of Wheat.

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The food needs and resources of France for the coming nine months were dealt with before the senate today in a statement by Victor Boret, the minister of provisions, in which he pointed out that there was a deficit of 35,000,000 hundredweight in wheat.

"The United States and England will only give us tonnage to supply this deficit if we ration strictly," said the minister. "For the civilian population I have a stock of only 307,000 hundredweight, or three days' consumption. Oats are no better and the ration of animals must be reduced. Saccharine will replace in part the sugar ration, next month, and there will be no more sugar for the candy makers or the cake makers."

"France's new bread rations still remain larger than that of many enemy, neutral and allied countries. The situation in Italy is so critical that I had on one occasion to supply wheat to the Italian government and was glad to do so. I am considering new regulations for potatoes regarding which I shall say nothing as yet lest speculators might profit."

M. Boret concluded by expressing his determination to secure an intensification of production as well as to enforce the department's restrictions.

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GRAND DUKE IN ACTION?

London, Dec. 20.—An unofficial report through diplomatic channels brings the information that former Grand Duke Nicholas, one of the military geniuses of the war, has rallied a strong army of Royalists about him in the Caucasus, and is preparing to descend upon the revolutionary factions—the minimalists and the maximalists now engaged in deadly combat against each other.

CAROL SINGERS IN AMHERST.

(Amherst News.)

The first appearance of the carol singers on the square was made last evening. At 7.30 the Boy Scout Band under the direction of Bandmaster Hilcoat led the music and members of the Baptist choir aided by the Sunday school scholars sang the carols. The idea is an excellent one and brings back the real thought of Christmas and all that it means. The effect was delightful in every respect and as the sweet voiced singers sounded forth their hymns of praise it brought to the immense crowds that gathered there the real truth of their meaning and coupled with it the earnest prayer for "Peace on earth, good-will toward men."

The thoughts of many could not but turn to our boys overseas whose Christmas will perhaps be spent on the battlefield or in the lonely hospital, trench and in training camps and while the Christmas spirit is in the air

SQUIRRELS KNOW HIM.

(Augusta Kennebec Journal.)

William D. Mendenhall of Bath, the veteran retired bank cashier, has two intimate friends in two grey squirrels which inhabit the trees of the Bath city park. They look for him every morning as he crosses the park on his way down town about 7.30 and have a difficulty in distinguishing him from the hundreds of others who cross the granite walk daily. They seem to anticipate his coming and have no hesitancy in crawling all over him in their eager search for a breakfast which Mr. Mendenhall thoughtfully provides in the form of nuts which he carries in his pockets.

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Can Desperate Germany Break Through?

Germany's protest contempt for America's war preparations is somewhat belied by evidences of her desperate determination to win before our soldiers arrive in force. Thus despatches tell of westward-moving German troop-trains congesting the roads to Flanders, of Austrian forces shifted to the French front, and of a growing intensity of Teutonic artillery-fire along the whole Western line. Advices that leak out from Germany all indicate that the Kaiser's only hope of victory lies in delivering a "knock-out" blow, before American forces can get into the field.

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 22d, one of the leading articles deals with the possibilities in the German drive on the Western front, and how it may affect the Allies' chances of victory. Other features are:—

Turning The Light On Our War Activities

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Is the U. S. Government Competent to Run the Railroads?

Germany's Deep-Laid Plot Against U. S.

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German Waits Over Submarine Failure

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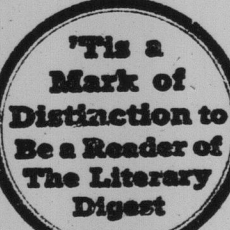
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London, Dec. 21.—It is difficult to speak of the position of the submarine campaign, as cabinet ministers have discovered, without immediately coming in conflict with the statements of somebody else. If the public realized, however, that the submarine campaign is a wrestling match, in which the British and German admiralties are closely locked, they would successfully steer a course of understanding through many apparently conflicting statements.

To say one side is on top does not mean that the bout is over. The wrestler underneath will come to the top perhaps, and again go under. What will determine the result will be the potential and realized resources of the wrestlers, directed by the moral reserve they can call upon.

Recognize What They're Facing.

With this preface, to avoid erroneous assumption, it may be said that the British admiralty officials now consider they know the full possibilities of the submarine campaign. If they have not overcome it, they now take the measure of it, and that is a big factor in determining future plans.

If the parallel of the wrestlers is remembered, it is clear that the moment when the Allies are getting the upper hand is the moment when building effort and economy should be increased. The Germans, for the moment, are sinking more ships, but the British are building them, and simultaneously sinking submarines through their increasing output of destroyers, sloops and other anti-submarine craft, through improved mining schemes, and by all other methods developed from time to time.

If it were possible to mention the figures representing the total of German submarines actually sunk, it would encourage those who know the British admiralty's difficulties, even if it disappointed those whose imagination does not correctly estimate the concrete facts which have to be reckoned with.

Shipyard Work Begins to Tell.

As to the output of new ships, definite figures cannot be given except that this country's building programme is only now about to count as a serious factor against the Germans. It may be said that last month the building was within 8,000 tons of the sinkings, that is, within one fair-sized ship of the sink-

ings. November, of course, was a good month as regards sinkings, but the building position, it may be said, progressively improves.

What of the building of German submarines? Admiral von Capelle claims an output of twelve submarines per month. That is a rarely attained maximum. Ten would be a more accurate figure. This year the Germans have made their great submarine effort, and have probably laid their plans for a still bigger effort next year on the basis of this year's achievements, and with a bigger submarine fleet.

May Smash German Morale.

One of the incalculable factors is the varying morale of the German submarine commanders. Supposing that in the month ten submarines are built and eight are sunk; that means that of 400 German sailors 320 are drowned. The injurious effect on the German morale is certain, and when, eventually, the sinking of submarines surpasses their building their morale will probably break down with progressive rapidity.

One problem, however, looms ahead, namely, the question of the submersible cruisers which Germany is building, and which will probably be able to maintain themselves for two months across the Atlantic.

ALLEGED BANDITS CAUGHT.

Believed to Belong to Organized Gang

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 20.—Niagara district of late has been terrorized by a gang of robbers, believed to be black-hand foreigners, who robbed their compatriots by the wholesale, securing between \$5,000 and \$6,000 at Port Weller, near St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, etc.

Niagara Falls police have two men in custody who are believed to be members of the gang. They are Spaniards, Benjamin Alvarez and Bartholomew Palmer. Early Sunday morning, it is alleged, these two and another, who has escaped, held up two other Spaniards on a lonely road in the outskirts of the city and relieved them of \$1,100. One man had his money in his boots, while the other carried his in the breast of his coat.

In a statement to the police the victims said one of the prisoners, who boarded at the same house as they, offered to show them safely to the bridge, as he had a passport, but instead of taking them to the bridge he led them to the city outskirts and two masked men suddenly poked revolvers in their faces and demanded money. The two fought the robbers till almost beaten into insensibility. Alvarez and Palmer were arrested at their boarding house, later. They had no money on them.

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NO PERMANENT ESTRANGEMENT

(Toronto Star.)

Some of the remarks made about Quebec are unduly pessimistic, and point to a permanent condition of hostility or estrangement. We do not apprehend such a relation, and certainly every good citizen will do his best to prevent it. In the present case we must simply agree to differ, casting our votes, not as an act of hostility, but as an expression of our own convictions. When the election is over, we expect that the verdict will be loyally accepted. Time may be depended upon to heal the breach, and nothing should be said now to make the healing process more difficult.

Our aim in this war is to make Canada, with the rest of the world, safe for democracy. Apparently the people of Quebec do not perceive that democracy is in danger from Prussian ambition. Yet if democracy loses the battle, no part of the world will suffer more than Quebec, and if democracy wins Quebec will share in the advantage of security for free institutions.

The Military Service Act does not discriminate against Quebec, and does not call upon Quebec to bear more than its fair share of the burden imposed by the war. In fact it will not nearly bring Quebec up to the level of the other provinces, owing to the fact that for three years and more these provinces have been contributing large numbers of men by voluntary enlistment, many of them married or over the age specified in the first call. Quebec is being asked simply to co-operate with the other provinces. And co-operation will be the watchword of the future.

It is out of the question for one province to remain permanently isolated from the rest. We are bound together by common interest in the growth and prosperity of Canada. As to purely Canadian questions, our common interests are vastly more important than our differences. At present the difficulty is that we in Ontario and the west regard the war as a Canadian question and Quebec does not. Quebec looks upon the war as something remote and shadowy, a conflict of European nations that are always quarrelling and fighting about something. We have learned that the ocean is no such defence as it was in the days of sailing vessels, and that we cannot afford to allow Europe to become the domain of a power whose ambitions are boundless.

We want Quebec to be with us, and we are thinking and working for Quebec as much as for any other part of Canada. Unfortunately the decision must be concluded before anything like a complete understanding is reached, and we must go our different ways for the present. But as to the future, we refuse to give up the hope of a united Canada.

BEER AND THE GERMAN

To the Editor of the Times:—
Sir:—Reginald Aldworth Daly, professor of geology in Harvard University, writing in the New York Times, (a paper not exhibiting special prejudice in favor of prohibition, but on the contrary, its talk about drink has been unfriendly towards total abstinence and hostile to prohibition), named some of the acts of German officials since the war began and suggested that mild, eternal intoxication is a partial but very real explanation of those unforgettable crimes.

He quotes Kneipelin, perhaps the greatest authority on the effects of German beer, as showing that there is no qualitative difference in the physiological effects of beer and spirits so far as the alcohol contents are concerned. Persistent use of beer, a 4 per cent. solution of alcohol, like whiskey a 50 per cent. solution produces a loss of self-control and he declares that "a man who drinks beer even quite moderately is never quite sober."

While the effects of steady beer drinking are not as striking as in the case of persons poisoned with whiskey, rum, or absinthe, yet he ventures the hypothesis that life-long drinking of mild beer has been one of the more potent causes for the amazing brutalities of official Germany.

"The Germanic peoples are the only group who feed alcohol to the babies or very young children of middle and upper classes. . . . The child grows to manhood, drinking alcohol and continually handicapped in his development of cerebral, and therefore moral, con-

scious, who, day in and day out, are kept irritable by the national drink."

Admitting that other factors enter into the fearful problem, Prof. Daly urges that "some part of its solution may be found in the relations of chronic alcoholism to the human soul," and closes his remarkable article by asking: "Was the great Von Moltke right when he said: 'Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France?'"

J. H. HAZLEWOOD,
Department of Social Service.

They had a terrible scrap over whether the Bible should be in or out of the schools. Finally it came to a vote. It was a tie. The president of the school board was a Swede. Both sides were afraid of him. Neither side knew which way he would vote. A school trustee against the Bible, suggested that the president take a week to think it over before casting the deciding vote. A Baptist minister, on the other side, a school trustee, jumped up and offered a Bible he had in his pocket to the president with the suggestion that he read it and see if there was anything objectionable in it. The next week the board asked for the president's decision. He replied: "My wife and I sat up five nights to read that book. It is a good book! Not one word about Minneapolis in it. I read a lot about Saint Paul. I vote no."

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CHINESE TAKE TO ATHLETIC SPORTS; DON'T LIKE BASEBALL

U. S. College Stars Have Worked Wonders in the Far East—Olympic Games Now Being Held

Peking, China, Dec. 19.—Until a decade ago the idea in China that men, especially of the upper class, might profitably indulge in any form of athletics at all, was unthought of. Exercise was a degrading action, people said, to be abhorred, unless it was necessary to earn one's bread. This idea still prevails in the inner and remote regions of the republic, but in Peking and the other large cities an entirely new conception of athletics has recently arisen.

About seven years ago an organization was formed in Peking, with A. N. Hoagland, the famous end of the 1906 Princeton team, athletic director of the Princeton centre in Peking, as its founder. For a year this isolated athletic association had a hard row to hoe, but as soon as the Chinese really found out what athletic sports were they soon jumped at the opportunity to learn more, and inside of two years this little club had grown into the North China Athletic League, and shortly thereafter it was influential in promoting the first great Far-Eastern Olympic Games, with four Asiatic nations competing.

Every Two Years. Since then these Olympic games have been held once every two years. Japan, Philippines and China having each won one contest. In addition to this, a Chinese national meet is held every two years and a North China meet annually. The records made by the athletes are often extremely good and, on the whole, compare favorably with those of Americans. Princeton is the dominating American university in Peking. Owing to the fact that the Princeton Centre, the Y. M. C. A. of Peking is situated there, it has been a gathering place for Princeton men for seventeen years. Big Bob Galle, all-American centre in '97, is at the head of the Princeton Centre; Hoagland is athletic director; Heyniger, '16, the short putting giant, has just spent a year there, and this year only the war prevented the coming of "Bill" Moore, captain of the track team and football star, and a couple more of Princeton's best athletes.

With a personnel such as this, the way was made easier to show the Chinese the meaning of clean sport. Intercollegiate events were established, football being the favorite sport. Tennis, basketball and volleyball championships are also competed for, baseball not being over popular with the Chinese. Incidentally, the yellow men are excellent swimmers.

Much More Real. The similarity between the intercollegiate sports here and in America is becoming more real every day. Athletics are taken as much care of here as at Princeton or Yale, with their rubbers and trainers and special food, and men stand a better chance of being popular men in their schools if they are athletes in China just as the case is in America. The interest of the general public is not so great, there are no large grandstands and no professional problem. The Chinese seem to play more for the real sport of the game than for the sake of victory.

Professional coaches are the rule, but they do not command nearly such large salaries as their brothers in the States. Most of them, of course, are in China because of missionary zeal and not because they are anxious to make money. They are interested more in teaching the Chinese the benefits to be gained from athletics, moral and mental as well as physical, than in making a name for themselves. Though professional in reality, the spirit of the amateur in China is that of the amateur. America has much to learn in this connection from the Chinese.

There is no doubt that athletics is one of the great democratizing forces in China, and when the new China comes, one of the most important reasons for its arrival, no one will be able to deny, will be the stern lessons which have been taught by clean sportsmanship and friendly rivalry in athletics.

Knockout Brown Called. Chicago, Dec. 20.—George ("Knockout") Brown, middleweight boxer, of Chicago, has been called into the national army and will be included in a group of selectives which will leave soon for San Francisco.

SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING.

In the city bowling league on Black's alleys last night the Ramblers defeated the Spectals three points to one. The highest average for the evening was 108 and this was made by McCann of the Spectals. The game tonight will be between the Maples and a new team which is taking the place of the Tigers. The Tigers are dropping out of the league because they have lost several of their men who have left the city. The individual scores last night are as follows:

lows:				
Ramblers—			Total.	Avg.
Beatty	86	86	99	90-1-3
Colby	97	112	106	315
Duffy	85	101	87	273
Coughlan	89	110	101	300
Riley	82	95	101	278
	439	504	490	1487
Specials—			Total.	Avg.
Irvine	105	102	80	287
Dunham	86	91	77	254
Fitzgerald	87	81	93	261
McCann	104	94	111	309
Wilson	83	99	93	275
	455	467	444	1976

WRESTLING.

Lewis Defeats Dr. Roller.

Ed (Strangler) Lewis, the Lexington, Ky., grappler, who defeated Wladek Zbyszko Monday night, added another to his list of victims Tuesday in the international wrestling tournament in New York, when he compelled the veteran Seattle, Wash., grappler, Dr. B.K. Rodder, to admit defeat after thirty-three minutes and one second of wrestling. Dr. Rodder retired from the match when he was caught in the Southern's favorite head hold and admitted later that he had conceded his opponent the fall rather than run the risk of being injured from the pressure of Lewis's dangerous hold.

Up to the time Rodder quit, the match was interesting, with Dr. Rodder apparently outclassing the young man from the south. It was evident, however, that Lewis was watching his chance to clamp on his favorite hold, and he stood the buffeting about by Dr. Rodder without complaint. Shortly before the half-hour mark Dr. Rodder caught his rival in a body scissors and arm hold, which engaged Lewis for three minutes. After forty seconds before he was able to break the hold. During that time Lewis's shoulder came dangerously near touching the mat. Breathing the hold, Lewis applied his head hold before Dr. Rodder had a chance to gain his feet, and after an application of about ten seconds, Dr. Rodder capitulated.

BASEBALL.

Baker Led Yankees.

Frank Baker, third baseman of the Yankees, has the highest rank among the New York players in the American League fielding averages, which were announced yesterday. Baker is tied with Bud Weaver as the leading third sacker of the organization with a mark of .949. Joe Gedeon, who played in only thirty-one games, has the highest ranking among the second basemen, but Eddie Collins of the White Sox is the real leader.

Scott of the Boston Red Sox is the best of the shortstops. Peckinpaugh of the Yankees being fifth in the list. Chick Gandil of the White Sox ranks as leader among the first basemen with an average of .95, while Walter Pipp of the Yankee is third with .940. John Henry of Washington is the best fielding catcher. Numamaker of the Yankees ranking eighth on the list. John Collins of Chicago has the best fielding average among the outfielders with a mark of .966. New York's best fielding pitcher was George Mogridge, while Walter Johnson topped all the flingers with a fielding mark of 1.000. Boston led in team fielding, five points ahead of the champion White Sox, the latter having a mark of .967. The Yankees were third in team fielding with an average of .965.

Majors Taking Men.

New York, Dec. 18.—The major league clubs no longer worry about playing material for next year. The International League has practically exploded and will probably not resume, unless the war ends before spring. If the nearly 100 players will be thrown on the market when the International League's demise becomes assured.

The major leagues already have snapped up these men from the International circuit: Gregg, Ross, McTigue, Hoyt, Thormahlen, Blackburne, Cooney, Rehg,



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BILLIARDS.

Morningstar Now Leads.

Detroit, Dec. 20.—Ora Morningstar of this city outplayed Walker Cochrane, of Chicago, in two blocks of 182 ball line billiards here today, and went into the lead, 1,200 to 1,184 in the 1,800 point match they are playing.

THE RING.

Welsh to Get Another Chance.

New York, Dec. 20.—Freddie Welsh is to get his return match with Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship of the world. John E. Doherty, better known as "Honest John" Doherty, manager and matchmaker of the National A. C. of Providence, R. I., has allowed to become known that he had practically clinched the match for his club for the second week in January.

The bout is to go twelve rounds to a referee's decision.

Freddie is preparing himself for the match at his health farm at Long Hill, Summit, N. J., and is confident that he will make ring history by regaining his title when he meets Leonard.

"I've lived a clean and sober life and I ought to be able to do it to do it again. You know I was beaten for the title by one Hugh McEgan when I held the championship of England, but I regained the title. Stanley Ketchel regained his laurels from the man who took them from him by a knockout. "I've lived a clean and sober life and I ought to be able to do it to do it again. At any rate, I'll make a great stab at it. I think I am at least the best man in the world next to Leonard, and I ought to be the logical one to beat him. We'll see, however, we'll see."

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CADDOCK DEFEATS VETERAN DR. ROLLER

Claimant of Heavyweight Championship Eliminates Opponent in Wrestling Tourney

Earl Caddock, conqueror of Joe Stecher of scissorhold fame and claimant of the heavyweight wrestling championship, made his first appearance in the east at Lexington Theatre, New York, on Monday night, and in defeating Dr. B. F. Roller, lived up to the excellent reputation which preceded him out of the west. The youthful grappler is a fine looking, clean cut fellow, of a type far different from that of the average wrestler. He is well muscled, weighs about 185 pounds, and is as quick as a flash in action. There is nothing tiresome about his work, he is constantly on the alert, is always on top of his man trying for new holds and he is such a clever defensive wrestler that it is well nigh impossible for his opponent to obtain a grip put upon him.

Roller proved a worthy opponent for the powerful youngster. The Doc, veteran of the mat game and possessed of as much knowledge of the ancient art as any man in the game, forced Caddock to the extreme limit of his endurance during the defense of the match he fastened a head hold on the Doc which, when he slipped down, became a strangle hold. At such times Roller's eyes popped out, but of course Caddock was compelled to relinquish the hold.

When the men had wrestled for fifteen minutes Caddock seized his opponent in an arm and scissors hold, and it appeared that Roller was about to lose out right there, but he managed to wriggle free of the young westerner's clutch. Then at the expiration of thirty-five minutes of strenuous tussling, Roller was caught in the grip of an arm scissors and bar hold, but freed himself with another mighty effort just when it seemed certain that he must succumb. The Doc struggled gamely to the finish and it required all of Caddock's strength to pin him to the mat.

Roller Praises Caddock.

At the conclusion of the contest Roller made a brief speech to the crowd, in which he admitted that Caddock was without doubt a better man than he, and he extolled the prowess of the young wrestler.

"It's a pleasure to meet such a man as Caddock," he said. "I thought I knew something of the wrestling game, but this young man, who has now beaten me twice, has caused me to change my mind. I believe that the rise of Caddock marks the beginning of a new era in wrestling."

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U. S. HOUSE AGREES TO A PROHIBITION AMENDMENT MOTION

Alteration to Constitution Will Be Submitted to Every State Now—Big Vote Made

Seven Years Accorded—State Legislatures Are Given This Time in Which to Approve the Amendment

Washington, Dec. 17.—Nation-wide prohibition won in the House today and only the adjustment of a slight difference in resolutions between the House and the Senate now stands in the way of submitting to the state legislatures an amendment to the federal constitution forbidding the manufacture, sale or importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States or its territories.

The vote in the House, taken after a day of debate before crowded galleries, was 282 to 128, with the parties dividing almost evenly. The margin for prohibition was just over twice more than the necessary two-thirds of the membership of the House required for adoption, and twenty-six more than two-thirds of those voting.

Both wets and dries had been predicting victory all day, and it was not until the last few names had been called that the anti-prohibition forces conceded their defeat. When Speaker Clark announced the result the victors were joined by the galleries in such demonstration as is rarely permitted in the House. Former Secretary of State Bryan, an interested spectator, nearly all day, appeared on the floor, and joined in receiving congratulations with Representative Webb of North Carolina, who had led the fight.

The resolution adopted by the House is identical with that passed by the Senate last August, except that it gives the states seven years instead of six in which to ratify the amendment. Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, predicted tonight that the Senate would accept the amendment tomorrow. He said he had assurances that the seven years period would be approved, and that he did not believe a roll call necessary.

As a Christmas Present.

The president's approval is not required and the state legislatures may act as soon as they please, after the signatures of the vice-president and Speaker Clark have been attached to the resolution.

"It will be submitted tomorrow as a Christmas present to the American people," said Senator Sheppard, "and I believe it will be ratified within three years."

Every attempt today to put on amendments to except light wines and beer was beaten and 141 Democrats stood aligned with 187 Republicans and four Independents to win the final victory for the prohibition amendment.

Following is the resolution as adopted: "Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives that the following amendment to the constitution be, and is hereby proposed to the states, to become valid as a part of the constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several states as provided by the constitution:

"Article—Section 1—After one year from the ratification of this article, the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from, the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

"Section 2—The Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

"Section 3—This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the constitution by the legislatures of the several states, as provided in the constitution, within seven years of the date of the submission to the states by the Congress.

BAKER EXPLAINS ALEXANDER SALE

New York, Dec. 20.—President Baker, when he announced the deal to the Philadelphia newspaper, said "I realize fully what this means to Philadelphia, but it is the only course I could adopt. No doubt the fans will criticize me, but I will prove in time that I am right. When I traded Lobert to New York I was concerned and you know what happened when Sherwood Magee was released. Did those deals turn out poorly? Did the Philadelphia ball club lose anything? Stock and White were Demaree and Adams. The team was not weakened; on the contrary it was strengthened.

"I do not think Alexander and Killifer have seen their best day. They still are good or I would not have accepted the large sum of money Mr. Weeghman paid for them. But I believe they have outlived their usefulness in Philadelphia and the change will do both of them a world of good. Every dollar of the money we received will be put back into young and prospectively good ball players. The fans of Philadelphia demand first class baseball, and we are going to give it to them.

"I had some trouble with Killifer and he eluded me at our last meeting that he was dissatisfied and would not play with the Phillies next year. Not caring to go through the same experience I had with him on two previous occasions, and as he and Alexander work well together, both were included in the deal. I know what is going to happen now, but I am sure that I have made no mistake. I will take my medicine and prove some day that my action will help the Phillies and not wreck the team."

AMERICAN DEPARTMENT IN FRENCH GOVERNMENT; CAMBON IS DIRECTOR

Paris, Dec. 20.—A new American department in the French government in which Jules Cambon, formerly French ambassador to the United States, will be the director, has been formed to assist Premier Clemenceau in giving direct attention to the requirements of the American expeditionary force and to any other American activities in France.

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Berlin by the notorious Count Luxemburg,
former German charge in Argentina,
made public today by the state depart-
ment.

In one of the messages, of which
there are some forty, Luxemburg reports
that he induced President Irigoyen, of
Argentina, to enter into a secret agree-
ment with Chile and Bolivia, a "mutual
reproachment for protection, versus
North America" and did his utmost to
have Peru included in such an agree-
ment.

The correspondence deals largely with
efforts made by the German minister to

prevent any rupture of relations with
Argentina and throughout the despatches
there was a warning to his government
to flatter the Argentinians and to word
the note in reply to the Argentine pro-
test against the sinking of the steamer
Toro in such way as not to offend them.
Evidence of the apparent pliability of
the Argentine president and of the op-
position of Minister of Foreign Affairs
Puerreydon is disclosed in many of the
despatches. Frequent reference is made
by the charge to the difficulty he was
having in dealing with the foreign min-
ister, but emphasis is placed on the ease

with which he communicated with the
president.
An indication of the means used by

Count Luxemburg to evade detection in
communicating with his government is
found in one despatch where reference is
made to his fear that the "secret wire"
had been discovered. Another refers to
an interruption of his wire to Mexico.
Not According to Fact.

Translations of the despatches were
given out by the state department in
agreement with the Argentine minister
of foreign affairs, who in an accompany-
ing statement gave general denial to
Luxburg's account of the negotiations
with his government.

"The telegrams show a number of in-
accuracies so surprising that no epithet
will fit them," said the foreign minis-
ter's statement, "as they are at complete
variance, both in substance and form,
with the terms in which the negotiations
were entered into, carried on and brought
to a conclusion."

The message referring to the South
American alliance merely said that the
president at last had made up his mind
to conclude such an agreement with
Chile and Bolivia and there was nothing
in the correspondence to clear up
just what negotiations were carried on
with those countries.

A telegram dated July 20 last an-
nounced the completion of a "freewire
plant" and asked for the wave length of
the great wireless station at Nauem.

The concluding message, dated July
19, said: "As long as Chile is neutral,
Germany will be able after the war to
carry out her South American policy just
as well, if not more easily, in opposition
to an infatuated and misguided Argen-
tina, as with Argentina on her side."

Mexico Explains.

Mexico City, Dec. 20—According to
unofficial information today, the sudden
and unheralded departure from Wash-
ington of Luis Cabrera, Mexican finan-
ceman, while he was engaged in nego-
tiations looking to free importation of
foodstuffs and gold to Mexico from the
United States, was due to the fact that
he was under definite instructions to go
to Buenos Aires for the conference of
neutral Latin-American nations. He is
president of the Mexican delegation to
attend the Latin-American conference.

The departure of Senor Cabrera shows
the importance attached by the Mexican
government to the deliberation at Buenos
Aires. Keen interest in the possible de-
velopments at the conference is shown
in governmental circles, although no of-
ficial statement has been given out here
regarding the purposes of the meeting.
It is understood, semi-officially, that the
recent declaration of several Latin-
American nations for the Entente Allies
may result in a change from the original
purpose, which was to align all Latin-
America for neutrality. In view of the
growing sentiment in favor of the En-
tente, it is believed possible the confer-
ence may issue a call to the nations rep-
resented to unite in a declaration of
benevolent neutrality in favor of the
Allies.

Refused Exemption.

In the official list of exemptions in
Montreal the name of Glen Hillier, Mc-
Gill's champion 100 yards sprinter, ap-
pears among those whose claims have
been refused by the exemption tribunals.
Hillier won the 100 yards dash in the
intercollegiate championships which were
held in 1914, while since the war he has
never had any trouble in winning this
event in the university sports. Hillier
is a medical student at McGill. The
name of Frankie Fleming, Canadian
featherweight champion, appears among
those refused exemption.

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man soldiers, tutored by their officers,
have always been in war. But that this
should have extended to the expedition-
ary forces of the powers sent to quell
the Boxer uprising in China, which the
one avowed object was to protect the
legations and the compounds where na-
tionals were gathered, is amazing, particu-
larly in the form it took. This was in
1900, and the story is told from the
files of the American State Department
and authenticated by living persons who
were participants in the facts. Finding
the Germans were thieving from the an-
cient Peking observatory, General Chaf-
fee, in command of the American con-
tingent, sent to Count Walderssee, the in-
fated, pompous German in general com-
mand, a letter of information and pro-
test. He said: "I have the honor to in-
form Your Excellency that my govern-
ment would vehemently denounce an of-
ficer of its service who might enter upon
spoliation of this sort, and it will sin-
cerely regret to learn that any nation
with which it co-operated to relieve the
besieged legations in Peking authorities
or permits its troops to injure or remove
any instruments or other parts of the
observatory."

This letter the Hun returned with
furious refusal to receive it. The mat-
ter was referred by him to the Kaiser
and that fine sample of German gentle-
man sought to have General Chaffee dis-
ciplined. But, as the latter's report
reached Washington first, it is needless
to say that he was unqualifiably upheld.

To give the incident the full contem-
porary flavor, Capt. James P. Drouil-
lard, who was lieutenant in the United
States infantry participating, is quoted
as saying that the German soldiers en-
gaged in rape and outrages, and in the
poisoning of wells exactly as they have
done in Belgium, Northern France and
Serbia, and elsewhere during the present
war. What a pity for the world that
Germany became cultured before it be-
came civilized!

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CHICAGO HEARS KAISER'S CHRISTMAS PEACE TERMS

Chicago, Dec. 20.—What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's much advertised, "Christmas peace terms" has reached here through the same neutral diplomatic channels which earlier in the week received information to support intimations from abroad that a new peace offer is coming.

In the main the terms as described follow the lines of those said to have been written by Foreign Minister Von Kuhlmann last summer. At the time they were denounced as having been written purely for political purposes.

The so-called terms, which must be appraised only at their face value are said to include the following:

To leave the distribution of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of inhabitants.

England to pay Germany for her lost African colonies and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and Northern France.

Russian provinces bordering the Baltic, the Black Sea and Prussia to become independent under a German plan.

Poland to be called an independent state under Austrian suzerainty.

Disarmament, freedom of the seas and commerce to be left to the peace conference.

Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia.

Turkey to remain intact.

Sincerity or Not.

Whether such a proposal of terms is merely another step in the German propaganda to impress the public mind that the allies are responsible for a continuance of the war, or whether it is really a feeler for peace is a subject for the estimate of governments concerned.

At first glance some are inclined to regard them as the Kaiser's much advertised Christmas peace terms, probably designed in large part to keep the German people under the illusion that they are fighting a really defensive war against foes who insist on the dismemberment of their country.

There is a very decided impression in competent quarters, however, that Germany having gained great advantages in Russia, might think it to her advantage to yield to allied demands in many other directions which in the estimates of her own statesmen would strike a balance. This is one of the reasons why some close observers believe an offer of peace, coming at this time has probably more real intentions of peace behind it than the previous ones.

No one here believes Germany's best terms would be put on the table at the first offer and those inclined to this view think a proposal of peace now is at least an attempt to start a discussion of terms.

From what may be gained of the war aims of the allied governments as expressed by their statesmen and President Wilson, such an offering of terms as outlined in the foregoing could not be considered as the basis of a satisfactory peace, although it might contain some of the elements.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Foreign Secretary Balfour made a spirited reply in the house of commons this afternoon to attacks by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal member from Stirlingburgh, a pacifist, regarding the war aims of Great Britain and her allies, the published versions of which Mr. Ponsonby said, did not tally with the proposals of the secret treaties.

Mr. Balfour, in his response declared that President Wilson's statements on war policy were absolutely identical in spirit with those of the leaders of thought in Great Britain. He did not think there had been in the whole history of the war, more powerful state documents than those issued by the President of the United States.

When Mr. Ponsonby sneeringly charged that the Allies were sheltering themselves behind the President's reply to the pope, continued Mr. Balfour, he presumed the member meant no more than that when a statement of policy was admirably made by the head of the great American republic it might not be necessary and very often was unnecessary that it should be at once repeated on this side of the Atlantic.

The British government, he continued, had not refused a conference on war aims, but the problems presented enormous difficulties and it was his belief that friendly conversations were better than a formal conference for the discussion of these delicate matters.

In any event, added Mr. Balfour, all the Allies, including Russia, were strongly of the opinion that this was an inopportune moment for such discussion. What was desirable was a discussion of war methods rather than of war aims.

Mr. Balfour defended at length the government's procedure with regard to the agreements between the Allies concerning Constantinople, Persia, etc. He declared that Italy properly deserved some re-arrangement of territory in her favor.

Great Britain, continued the foreign secretary, never desired or encouraged the idea that a bit of Germany should be severed from the parent state and erected into a sort of independent republic or buffer state on the left bank of the Rhine. The government, he declared, had never been aware that such a proposal was seriously entertained by any French statesman, and he protested against the British government being charged with lack of faith or honesty on such a flimsy foundation.

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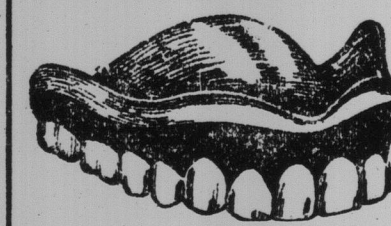
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the crippled conditions of things," were Captain Black's words.

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Captain Black added that the work of reconstruction was steadily being pushed ahead, several of the dwelling houses were now fit to live in and some of the lightly damaged business places were running again. However, a citizen of the northern section of the city could not make his way about at night with safety, so great was the upheaval in that centre.

Speaking of cadet work in New Brunswick he said that he had just received authorization for the organization of the cadet corps of the Rothery Consolidated school. He remarked that all the cadet corps of the outlying districts of Halifax had volunteered for relief work in Halifax during their Christmas holidays. This would also act as a source of relief for the cadets in Halifax had been on the job since the accident.

Captain Black said that he was personally touched by the number of despatches and other messages received from St. John as to his safety. He wished to express his thanks through the press to all his kind friends and enquirers and hopes that the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one for the many cadet corps in the provinces.

The Keith Cann, the new steamer recently built at Yarmouth for the St. John-Yarmouth line, will make her first trip on January 1.

LOCAL COUNCIL ALLOTS TERRITORY IN BOOK CANVASS

At a meeting of the executive of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith presiding, yesterday further arrangements were made for the sale of the latest book success, "The Glorious Story of the Fighting 26th" by the organizations affiliated with the council.

Announcement was made of the offer by C. A. Munro of the St. John News Company, general agents for the book, of a prize of \$50 for the organization taking the most orders. Allotment of the West Side and Fairville to Mrs. E. A. Young, of the Field Comforts Circle, Queens ward to Mrs. H. Colby Smith for the Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary military Y. M. C. A. campaign, and Kings ward to Mrs. W. E. Raymond, representing the Natural History Ladies' Auxiliary was confirmed.

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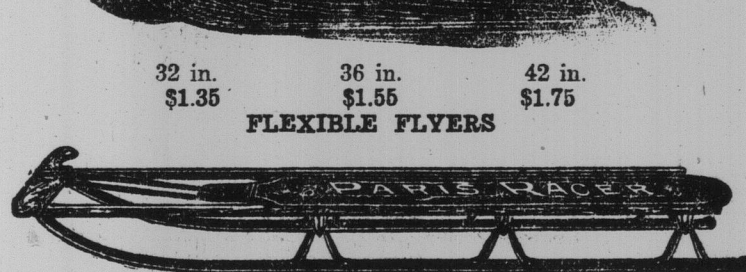


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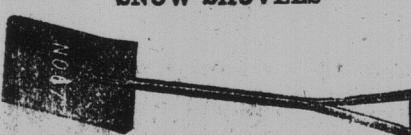
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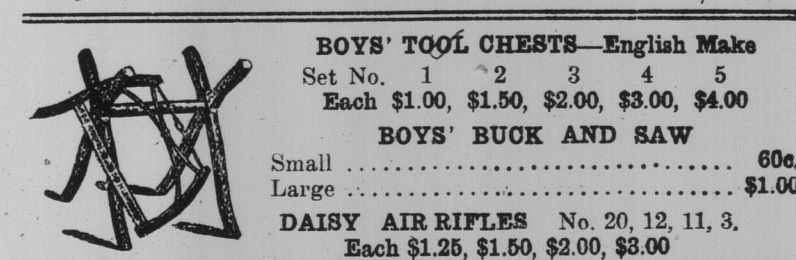
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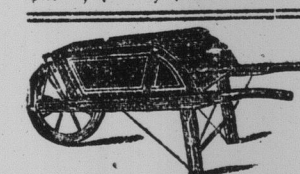
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