

FRENCH ARTILLERY HAMMERING GERMANS; BRITISH REPULSE ENEMY IN MESOPOTAMIA

CABINET CRISIS OVER CONSCRIPTION QUESTION

Two Hours' Special Session Yesterday Revealed Grave Differences of Opinion and Adjournment Until Today Necessary.

RUMORED LLOYD GEORGE WILL QUIT
UNLESS GOV'T FORCES SINGLE MEN TO ENLIST

Political Situation Delicate and May Become Critical Unless Handled With Firmness, Times Correspondent Says—Churchill Back in London.

London, Dec. 25.—That the proceedings of the British cabinet have not been going smoothly is seen in the fact that after a two hours' sitting yesterday (Monday) the council was obliged to adjourn until today, no decision having been reached, and the discussion having revealed grave differences of opinion.

The Times' parliamentary correspondent asserts that the position is undeniably delicate, and may become critical today, unless handled with firmness and decision.

The Daily Mail asserts that Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, and Lord Kitchener, the war minister, have not yet made their position clear, while A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, resolutely opposes conscription, in which he is supported by a majority of the ministers. But David Lloyd George, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Curzon, Sir Frederic Smith, J. Austen Chamberlain, Walter Hume Long, and the Earl of Selborne, advocate immediate conscription.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Mail adds, before the sitting of the council, made his position clear to Premier Asquith, in a message intimating that unless Mr. Asquith's pledge to married men be kept, in the strictest sense, he could not continue as a member of the government.

General Election Possibility
The Morning Post, equally with the Times and the Daily Mail—all conscriptionist papers—sees the possibility of several cabinet resignations, or the other alternative, a general election.

The Morning Telegraph and the

STALL IN PEASANTS' BARN SERBIAN KING'S BED IN FLIGHT THRO' ALBANIA

Only Refuge From Storm Attendants Could Find for Brave King of Brave People

Berlin, via London, Dec. 28.—The Telegraph's Sofia correspondent dramatically describes the flight of King Peter of Serbia through Albania, as told by an Albanian physician in a letter to a friend at Uskup.

The physician reached a miserable little Albanian village during a furious snowstorm, and could find no sleeping quarters better than a stall in a peasant's barn. At the very height of the storm four cavalrymen appeared and demanded admission to the cottage.

Two of the riders almost tenderly lifted a third man from his horse and bore him into the barn, while the fourth brought up the rear guard with boxes of provisions. The third man, seemingly a wounded Serbian officer, was laid on a couch. He weakly closed his eyes and turned his head as lights were brought. Then, for the first time, the physician, who had come to the house from the stable to watch the operations of the strangers, recognized in the apparently sick man, King Peter of Serbia.

As his companions prepared the semblance of a bed for him, the king, between groans, thanked them, but declined food. One of his companions, a physician, forced the king to take a little liquid nourishment, which the whole party sat for a gloomy silence, then made a dash at sleeping. They resumed journey before daylight.

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Bulgars Withdraw Six Miles From Greek Border

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BRITISH DEAL TURKS HARD BLOW IN MESOPOTAMIA

Enemy Lost Slight Advantage Won at Kut-El-Amara and Driven 900 Yards Behind His Own Front Line of Trenches Leaving 700 Dead and Wounded on Field.

London, Dec. 27.—The Turks, in an attack on the British forces in Mesopotamia, succeeded in entering the northern bastions of one of the forts at Kut-el-Amara, but were driven out, an official statement issued this evening says. The official statement follows: "On the 24th Gen. Townshend reported that the enemy had fired heavy guns throughout the previous night, but had not attacked. Later, he sent a further report as follows: "From ten a. m. until past midday the position was heavily shelled. The enemy, having breached the fort, effected an entrance, but were driven out. Two hundred dead were left inside the fort."

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RUSSIA TO FLOAT LOAN IN UNITED STATES

Stockholm Banker Arranging with Guarantee Trust Company of New York—The Amount Said to be \$60,000,000.

Stockholm, via London, Dec. 28.—Confirmation has been received here that Russia is to negotiate a loan in the United States for \$60,000,000 for the purpose of paying for supplies ordered in that country. The loan is being arranged by Olaf Aschberg, a Stockholm banker, with the Guarantee Trust Company of New York.

The agreement has not yet been perfected, M. Aschberg is now in Petrograd.

Announcement was made in the latter part of November in New York that a \$60,000,000 five per cent. loan to Russia was in negotiation with the Guarantee Trust Company. The loan was to run for ninety days. It was said, but would be renewable up to eighteen months on the payment of one per cent. interest additional for each ninety days extension. The report had it that the arrangement was to be purely a bank transaction, and that no securities would be offered to the public.

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A STAY-AT-HOME XMAS IN LONDON

Fewer Left Town than in Past Years Owing to Absence of Holiday Rates on Railways.

London, Dec. 2.—One feature that marked Christmas this year was the fact that people stayed at home in the absence of cheap fares on railways, and restricted train service which had an effect.

London has been usually quiet. There was no papers on Saturday. The chief activity today, which is also one of the public holidays, were the big crowds awaiting for the first pantomimes.

There has been a marked decrease in drunkenness this holiday season.

ARCHDEACON MADDEN, OF LIVERPOOL, DEAD

London, Dec. 27.—Rev. Thomas J. Madden, archdeacon of Liverpool, who died yesterday in his 63rd year, was well known in Canadian church circles as a delegate to congresses, and an active figure in social reform work. His only son, who was mentioned in despatches, was killed at Giverny in March last.

Rio Cameras and Maggie Torrant let to successful encounters with the enemy, in which we took some prisoners.

"On the Carso the enemy attempted during the night to attack our positions on Monte Seibul was promptly stopped by the fire of our troops."

MORE THAN HALF MEMBERS AT FRONT UNITED EMPIRE CLUB CEASES TO EXIST

London, Dec. 27.—(Gazette Cable)—The United Empire Club, a Piccadilly creation of recent years, was struck off the register last Friday on the ground that it had ceased to exist. The secretary explained that more than half the members were away on active service.

MISS CAVELL'S MURDER ORDERED BY KAISER?

London, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegram Company from Copenhagen says a rumor is in circulation there to the effect that Maximilian Harden's newspaper, Die Zukunft, published in Berlin, was suppressed recently because it published a statement that Emperor William had ordered that Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse, executed by the Germans in Brussels, should be pardoned.

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Petrograd, via London, Dec. 27.—The financial statement covering the operations of the federation of provincial councils for the care of the sick and wounded, from the beginning of the war to December 15, has just been published, and has brought to the notice of the Russian public, for the first time, the enormous extent of these activities. The total turnover amounted to 691,199,156 rubles.

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GERMAN "U" BOATS ACTIVE IN MEDITERRANEAN

ANOTHER NOTE FROM U.S. MAY BE NECESSARY

If Proved Passenger Killed When Jap Steamer Yasaka was Torpedoed was American.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The sinking of the Japanese steamer Yasaka Maru will be made the subject of diplomatic negotiations with the United States, if it is established that an American citizen was on board, when, as described in official despatches, received today, a submarine of unknown nationality torpedoed the vessel without warning. This became known to the state department after the state department had officially announced that it had no record of an American passport having been granted to W. J. Leigh, a survivor of the disaster, who had been called in consultation with despatches of an American citizen.

Should it develop that Leigh actually is an American citizen, the state department will feel justified in addressing inquiries to Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey, in an effort to establish the nationality of the submarine. It is considered practically certain, however, that the craft was Austrian, as it is said in "Tonic" quarters that there were no German or Turkish submarines operating in the Mediterranean near where the Yasaka Maru was attacked.

State department officials are waiting information in regard to Leigh with considerable anxiety. He is entitled to the protection of the United States, the fact that he was aboard the liner undoubtedly will complicate the negotiations with Austria over the sinking of the Italian steamer.

There have been no developments in the Ancona negotiations, and none are expected before the reply of the Vienna foreign office is received, probably some time this week. Officials here do not seek to minimize the seriousness of the situation, as there has been no indication that Austria will accede to the American demands. On the contrary, a strong intimation has come from an authoritative source that the reply may not meet with the approval of the United States.

Japan's Future Policy May Depend on Issue

The consul's dispatch, which came in response to Secretary Lansing's call for reports on the disaster, was the first official information on the incident, which probably will be the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with the Japanese government.

Today's report said the submarine was not seen until after the liner had been torpedoed, and that then only her periscope was visible. This ship sank in forty-two minutes and the survivors—120 passengers, including an American named W. J. Leigh, and the 162 men of the crew—were picked up by a French cruiser and landed at Port Said, from where the first reports of the sinking came last week.

The general assumption is that the submarine must have been German or Austrian. Renewed efforts will be made to determine its nationality, and instructions to that effect probably will be sent out today by the state department. If it can gather the necessary information on which to proceed, the United States is prepared to include the incident in its diplomatic representations against the sinking of non-combatant ships without warning.

The outcome of the Yasaka Maru case is generally regarded by officials and diplomats here as surrounded with wide possibilities regarding Japan's future course in the war. It has been suggested that she might answer the challenge to her shipping by a wide participation in the war, even to the extent of taking part in the operations in Europe.

At the Dardanelles, Constantinople, via London, Dec. 27.—The following official communication concerning the fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula was issued today: "Dardanelles front: On the night of Friday our artillery forced a torpedo boat which had bombarded the landing place at Avburnu, to withdraw. Near Seddul Bahr, the enemy fired a considerable number of bombs and aerial torpedoes. Our artillery destroyed enemy bomb mortars and caused important damage to the first and second line enemy trenches.

"An enemy cruiser, which had repeatedly bombarded Alchehale and its surroundings, was hit four times. Our batteries in the narrow effectively bombarded the landing places of the Seddul Bahr troops, the concentration places near Morio Liman, enemy trenches near Kerevedere, reserves, west of Eski Hissarlik, and a howitzer battery, causing visible damage, and sank two armored boats.

"Near Morio Liman, Saturday, one of our water planes made successful reconnoitering flights over Tenedos, the Isle of Mavro and enemy positions near Seddul Bahr, and hit with a bomb a torpedo boat south of Seddul Bahr.

The Constantinople communication relating to the fighting near the Tripoli front, as received in London, is identical with that sent out from Berlin by wireless.

HELD IN SPY PLOT



Edmund Justice, employed as a watchman by the Atlas line, was arrested in New York on a charge of violating the neutrality law of the United States by spying, or attempting to spy, on military operations in Canada.

ONE 26TH MAN IN CASUALTIES

Ralph Howlett of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, Nfld., is Reported Wounded.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The casualty list issued at midnight includes the name of one member of the Twenty-Sixth Battalion, Ralph Howlett, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, Nfld., who is reported wounded.

Third Infantry Brigade Headquarters. Dangerously wounded—Captain E. Bristol, Hamilton, Ont.

First Battalion. Wounded—Charles A. Rowland, Sarina, Ont. Wounded slightly—Frank Roberts, Rhode Island. Wounded severely—Harry Hickey, Georgetown, Ont.

Second Battalion. Wounded, has since rejoined unit—James Hayes, Richmond, Ont.

Third Battalion. Dangerously ill—Corporal John E. Tripp, Mount Dennis, Ont. Unofficially prisoner of war—Corporal John Cody, Spokane, Wn. Previously reported missing, now killed in action—Sidney J. Watts, England.

Fourth Battalion. Suffering from shock—James V. Dunphy, North Sydney, C. B.

Fifth Battalion. Wounded—John A. Kidd, Medora Station, Man. Wounded slightly, but on duty again—Lieut. Kenneth L. T. Campbell, Toronto.

Twenty-Sixth Battalion. Wounded—Ralph Howlett, Woods Island, Bay of Islands, Nfld.

Thirty-First Battalion. Wounded—John Richardson, Fairbairn, Edmonton, Alb.

Thirty-Fifth Battalion. Seriously ill—Geo. R. Burns, Toronto.

Thirty-Ninth Battalion. Seriously ill—Sergt. Harry Tattersall, Toronto.

Died—Arthur Morris, Oshawa, Ont. Forty-Second Battalion. Died of ill health—Bruce Hilliard, Ont.

Forty-Ninth Battalion. Wounded—Geo. S. Angus, Edmonton, Alb. Royal Canadian Dragoons. Dangerously ill—W. Bloxham, Holy, Ont. Lord Strathcona's Horse. Died—Thomas A. O'Reilly, Philadelphia, Pa. Reserve Artillery Brigade. Died—Wm. Cooper, Scotland.

DANISH GOVT WILL PROHIBIT FORD PEACE MEETINGS

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 27.—The Danish government will prohibit the members of the Ford party to hold meetings here under a decision rendered after the recent visit of Berling Bjornson, son of the late Norwegian dramatist, who endeavored to deliver a lecture on European war. The decision rendered at that time was that no foreigners would be permitted to lecture on the war or the belligerent powers.

DIED. MANINGTON—At Philadelphia, Penn., on the 28th inst., Susan, beloved wife of Arthur H. Manington, Fredericktown papers please copy.

FRENCH STMR. SUNK, EIGHTY LIVES LOST

Torpedoed by Enemy Submarine in Mediterranean Without Warning.

BRITISH STEAMER BOUND FOR U. S. SUNK.

Steamer Yeddo With \$2,000,000 Cargo For Boston and New York also Victim of Hun Pirates.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The French steamer Ville De La Clotat, with passengers on board, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24th. The ministry of marine announced today. Most of the passengers and members of the crew had been rescued. The statement follows: "The steamer Ville De La Clotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine without warning. A majority of the passengers and crew were picked up by a British steamer. Details have not been received.

The Ville De La Clotat was one of the largest of the steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 6,378. She was 487 feet long and fifty feet beam. She was built at La Clotat, France, in 1892, and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles. She was last reported on her arrival at Saigon on December 1, on a voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

Eighty Lives Lost. London, Dec. 27.—Eighty of the passengers and crew of the Ville De La Clotat lost their lives. The remainder of the persons on board were saved.

No Americans Aboard. Washington, Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned in the destruction of the French liner Ville De La Clotat, the consul at Malta reported today to the State Department. No Americans were aboard. The ship, he reports, was torpedoed without warning at 10:15 o'clock on December 24 and sunk in fifteen minutes.

The American consul reported that the rescued were picked up by a liner after they had been in small boats two hours. The torpedoed ship, the consul reported was on her from Japan, China and Hawaii to Marseilles. The list included one woman, a first class passenger, a stewardess and two children.

British Steamer Sunk. London, Dec. 27.—The 4,500 ton British steamship Yeddo, from Calcutta, November 24, for Boston, and New York, has been sunk. Her crew was saved. \$2,000,000 Cargo.

Boston, Dec. 27.—The cargo of the steamer Yeddo, bound for this port and New York from Calcutta, was valued by A. C. Lombard & Co., the local consignees, at more than \$2,000,000, although its exact nature was not known, as the bills of lading have not yet arrived. When last here, six months ago, the Yeddo was commanded by Capt. Brennan and carried 16 officers and a crew of 60 men.

It is believed she had on board a large amount of silks, tea and other Indian products.

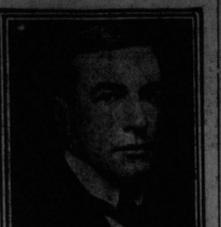
London Lights Are Burning Low

Messrs O'Grady, London lights are burning low. London's courage rises high. To meet the terror of the night, The terror of the beast that go Dark and dread and from the sky Drop disaster venturously. London lights are burning low, Burning low.

London lights are burning low While London's watchers of the sky Send their sudden flood and flow, Sudden streams that come and go. But still the hideous monsters fly, And London lights are burning low.

London lights are burning low, But comes the day when, fury-fanned, Our hosts shall march with fiery brand. To that foul land. Where these beasts welter in their lair; And soon their shapes will mop and mow, Distorted, in the burning air: No more the London lights burn low, No more the terrors of the night. Stand out and fly. Drooping death from hidden heights.

NEW ENVOY TO MEXICO



HENRY PRATHER FLETCHER Henry Prather Fletcher, now Ambassador to Chili, was nominated by President Wilson for Ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Fletcher's nomination restores diplomatic relations between the two countries, severed nearly three years ago.

WAR REPORTS AND HOW TO READ THEM

By Captain C. E. W. Bean, official press representative with the Australian Forces in the Dardanelles. Dardanelles, Oct. 12.—Every day there reaches us, wired specially from the war office, a short summary of what is happening in all the fields of the war. It is printed on a single foolscap sheet and posted upon most of the notice boards at the Base, so that most of the men in one way or another sooner or later reads what is happening in France and Russia. I often used to wonder before we left Australia what exactly it meant "Progressed in Argonne; in Champagne consolidated our position."

When once you have learned what each of them does mean, then they describe the situation as well as pages of word pictures. "In the district of Hartmannswaldkerk our trench mortars have seriously damaged the enemy trenches. One can see now a small group of Australians who had gradually made themselves into experts bending over a squat instrument which looks—what you can see of it in the night—like an early piece of medieval artillery, if not actually invented by Archimedes. A red rod is rammed down the barrel, the iron bomb at its end protrudes out of the muzzle like the head of a club. There is a flash—a line of sparks rockets high, ever so high, in the air, slowly turns and makes a line straight down towards the darkness some distant aqueduct—a hubbub—then your parapet stands out against an ugly, wide flash like that of summer lightning, and becomes shooting at you from a simultaneous ch-runk of high explosive.

And then "Our aeroplanes dropped bombs on the enemy headquarters. Do not we see them almost every day? First a distant purr, which you in Australia would at once diagnose as a motor car; here in Gallipoli it always means an aeroplane. You look up and see blue sky, and nothing else. Presently there is a very distinct report, and you realize, one, two, three, four woolly cloudlets unfolding themselves within half a mile, and somewhere within half a mile, there will probably be the aeroplane they are shooting at. You watch her care makes a line straight down towards the darkness some distant aqueduct—a hubbub—then your parapet stands out against an ugly, wide flash like that of summer lightning, and becomes shooting at you from a simultaneous ch-runk of high explosive.

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zoo to a single doubtful instance; there is the German officer who shot the stretcher-bearer who was dressing his wounds. There is so much real heroism and outstanding self-sacrifice in the history of Anzac, and so much true drama, that it goes against every one's grain to see so much that is purely imaginary pass, as I suppose it stands a good chance of doing, into the nation's history.

AN ITALIAN FORT ON THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER



CUPOLA GUNS IN A FORT ON THE TYROL FRONT. These huge instruments of destruction are masked from view by dead boughs of trees obtained from the surrounding woods, which was partially cleared for this fort.

IRON TRENCH The Br...

Glimpses of Life at Sea in a Battleship During War Time—Something of the Human Side of the Navy.

By H. C. Ferraby. (London Daily Express Naval Correspondent.) In a seventeenth century chap-book you will find a poem, written not a score of years after one of England's most disastrous experiences at sea, which begins: We seamen are the bonny boys That cheer no storms nor rocks-a. Whose music is the cannon's voice, Whose sporting is with knooks-a.

It was trebly reminded of this cheery rhyme as I sat in a room which the very handsome and intimate picture of life in a battleship on active service, which the temporary chaplain of the ill-fated Triumph has drawn in "With the Fleet in the Dardanelles." We have seen the life of the human side of our navy, and Mr. Price gives us a glimpse into the happy heart of the sea, which are very precious. The illustration is wonderfully stirred by such little notes as these: "Darken ship," all deadlights are closed that no gleams may penetrate the scuttles, casemates are closed in, deck lights are covered with iron hatches. No one may speak a word on deck. He must light his pipe by the smoldering pipe and hidden in the bucket.

Each morning, upon the mantelshelf in the wardroom sticking out of a curious bamboo vase, which recalls one's thoughts to Christmas, a packet of cotton-wool is to be found. Each officer as he drops in to breakfast tears off a piece and places it in his pocket. A strange bit of ritual, yet nowadays it excites no comment. That wool is useful. It has been placed there in the wardroom. When the bugles sound "General Quarters" you will see the officers as they go to their battle stations, extract from their pockets their supply of cotton-wool, roll up small wads, and insert them in their ears. If one has ever heard the boom of a 14-inch gun or the ear-splitting bark of a fourteen-pounder, an explanation of this proceeding is necessary. . . . But one must not only guard one's ears, it is necessary also to keep the teeth parted if standing near the gun.

A new light, that, on the "music of the cannon's noise"! Moreover, Mr. Price tells us that once in a small group playing "booby bridges" with some very grubby cards, under the lamp is a youngster reading with evident interest a scrap of newspaper every week. On my right a sick-bay showed a man of a staidness with range of lyddite shell for a pillow. The staff-surgeon, divested of his white coat, is carrying on a subdued argument with the paymaster on the subject of ventilation—a most apposite subject.

Another delightful cameo of the New Year's officers: The fore-control officers had a particularly nerve-racking time in their exposed position, several shells having passed quite near. As we were standing away after the action, the Triumph found time to make the following signal to her sister-ship: "Fore-control officers Triumph to ditto Swiftsure: Do you bob?" Shortly a reply was received: "Fore-control Swiftsure to ditto Triumph: No; we only bob."

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At 12:35 shrapnel shells burst all around us. Every one automatically hastened to his battle station. The indignation of the men was intense. As I passed down the ladders I overheard much of their views, expressed in the choicest lower-deckese. A great deal is unprintable, but their chief complaint was that the enemy should have chosen the dinner hour for this exhibition of frightfulness.

In eighty seconds every man was around us. Not a fox with pieces of salt and hunks of bread in their hands. The less fortunate in their hurry had only succeeded in grabbing slabs of "duff." Within three minutes the men had been found, and an effective fire of 7.5 inch salivars was returned, silencing their guns and blowing up a magazine. At 12:37 the main drew the ship out of range to give the ship's company to enjoy rest of their dinner hour.

It seems to me a perfect little of doing things on the run. And look is full of such delightful

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Iron Trenches Of The British Fleet

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Under Fire Below.

Here is an unexpected picture of the scene below deck while the Turkish forts were being bombarded:

Tonder on the port side there is a group playing "ho-mum's bridge" with some very grubby cards. Under the lamp is a youngster reading with evident interest a scrap of newspaper seven weeks old. On my right a sick-bay steward snores in sleep with a 7.5-inch lyddite shell for a pillow. The staff-surgeon, divested of his white coat, is carrying on a subdued argument with the paymaster on the subject of ventilation—a most apposite subject in a weather deluged with rain.

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SAYS KOENIG PAID VISITS TO VALCARTIER

Chauffeur throws light on movements of German spy while in Quebec — Nocturnal visits to docks.

Quebec, Dec. 27.—That Paul Koenig, the German agent, came to Quebec and here had the aid of at least one accomplice, in the course of the fall of 1914, is the story given out here by Laureat Leclerc, a local automobile chauffeur and garage man, who says he drove scores of men about Quebec, Valcartier and the harbor front, a foreigner who used the name of Koenig, and some times aliases, some of which are the same Paul Koenig, the indicted German agent in New York, is alleged to have used. Leclerc says that the Koenig, held in New York, in connection with the attempt to blow up the Welland Canal, came to Quebec in September, 1914, and that he drove him himself in his car.

Koenig, according to Leclerc, came here and met other Germans, among them Siegfried Mundheim, a local German who has since been interned in Ontario. Koenig, says the chauffeur, rode about town mostly at night and on many occasions went along the waterfront, visiting the docks as late as one and two o'clock in the morning.

Leclerc says he met another foreigner whom he knew under the name of Muntler, and who claimed to be the son of Henry Menier, the French chocolate king.

On one particular instance, the chauffeur said, Muntler ordered him to drive the car to Valcartier, and then to the ammunition testing camp, where at both places Leclerc says, Muntler sketched something on a scrap of paper, and took photographs.

New York dispatches state there is a German agent named Metzler, held by the American authorities in connection with the Welland Canal plot, and it is surmised here that Leclerc and the other parties who are alleged to have had dealings with the German agents in Quebec may have mistaken the name Metzler for Muntler, as they called the alleged Koenig associate.

FUNERALS

The funeral of William Harper took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Fleming, 1 Elliott Row, to the Cathedral. Rev. M. P. Howland conducted services and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of James McKinlay from his late residence, 83 St. Patrick street. Services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Lane. Burial took place in Fernhill.

episodes, crisply told. The account of the quarter-deck game of sandbagging, of the lower-deck sing-song in a casemate by the light of a solitary candle lamp, of rough weather and the havoc of battle—all are the work of a man who, though he only entered the service after war began, has sensed the spirit of those modern "honny boys" who sport with the knocks of shell or torpedo or mine.

Mr. Price has the right to call to us all, as he does:—"People in England! rightly do you think of 'the men in the trenches.' The phrase has become a simile for hardship and determined endurance. Think, too, sometimes of 'the men in the casemates,' the men who are spending these days and nights in the iron trenches along the broadsides of our battleships. Their lot has its peculiar difficulties and dangers, and it gives them confidence and courage to know that the folk at home think of them and say an occasional prayer for them."

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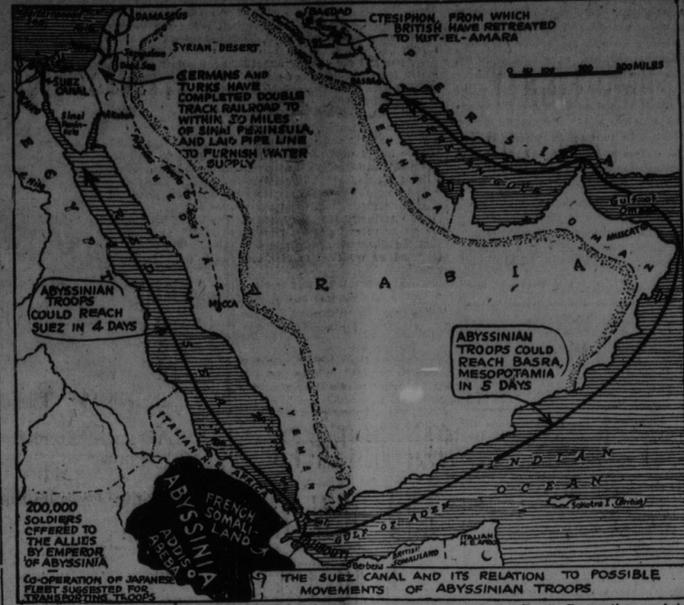
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HOW BRITAIN AND GERMANY MAY STRUGGLE FOR SUEZ CANAL



According to late despatches, Britain and Germany are preparing for struggle over Egypt. Preparations are being made by both sides for a campaign along the Suez Canal which will decide possession of the waterway.

FORD TO BUILD PEACE PALACE AT THE HAGUE

Bryan postpones trip to Europe owing to Ford's return to America.

New York, Dec. 27.—Reports that William Jennings Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed today; but because Mr. Ford himself is returning to this country, Mr. Bryan will not go to Europe.

It was learned here today that he had booked passage for himself and Mrs. Bryan on the steamer Rotterdam sailing tomorrow. But today he telegraphed that because of Mr. Ford's return he (Bryan) had indefinitely postponed his trip to Europe.

Peace Palace at the Hague.

London, Dec. 27.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company reports that Governor L. B. Hanna, of North Dakota, has arrived at Copenhagen severely ill of influenza and has gone to a hospital.

"William J. Bryan has cabled that he will meet the Ford party at The Hague," the correspondent adds. "Mr. Ford is reported to have told friends he expects to build a peace palace at Copenhagen."

Another Deserter

New York, Dec. 27.—Robert B. Berman, the first member of the Ford peace party to return to America, arrived here today, aboard the steamer Stockholm. He left the party at Kirkwall, Scotland.

Berman was "press censored" for the Ford peace party, passing up on newspaper copy written aboard ship. He estimated Ford's bill for wireless messages alone at \$50,000. Berman's column of despatches, telling of discussion among the peace delegates while crossing.

WOMEN TO-FILL PLACES OF CIVIL SERVANTS WHO GO TO FRONT

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—General Sir Sam Hughes is getting the names of women qualified for clerical positions such as stenographers, bookkeeping and accounting who may be able to take the places of men who go for active service and who are now in the service of the militia department. The idea is to replace with women those male clerks who are qualified for service. It is understood that other ministers are likely to do the same.

SUPPLIES FOR BELGIANS WERE NOT SEIZED.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Mr. Maurice Gooz, Belgian consul-general at Ottawa, has received a cabled denial from Paul Hymans, Belgian minister to the court of St. James of the story sent out from Rotterdam a few weeks ago to the effect that 150,000 pounds of cheese from Bruges had been seized by the Germans, and that the International Relief Committee supplies the Belgians, who, in turn, are compelled to feed the German army.

In reply to a query from Mr. Gooz, the Belgian minister at London, cables:

"All foodstuffs handed to Belgian civil population through commission for relief remain strictly in hands of Belgians."

NEW CHIEF AT GALLIOLI



SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY

Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro as British commander at the Dardanelles.

TWO AMERICAN SHIPS CONDEMNED BY PRIZE COURTS

Washington, Dec. 27.—The steamer Solweig, owned by the American Transatlantic Company, has been condemned by the French prize court. The owners will appeal. Flying a Norwegian flag the Solweig was seized while in a French port. Her American papers reached the commander a few days later. Suspected German ownership was given as the cause for detaining the vessel.

Official advices announced the condemnation by a prize court in Hamburg, Germany, of the American sailing ship Pass of Balemahra reached the State Department today. The department will take no action in either case until it has been passed on in appeal.

GET RANK OF COLONEL

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—R. B. Bennett, M. P. has been granted the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel in the militia. J. J. Carriek, M. P. has been made a temporary colonel on the headquarters staff.

WEDDINGS.

MacKay-Crosby

Captain Malcolm MacKay of the 104th Battalion was united in marriage to Miss Daphne Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Crosby, yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. The groom is a popular officer of the 104th Battalion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. S. Dowling at St. Andrew's church. Special music was provided for the happy occasion and many friends present congratulated the newly-married pair, with expressions of hope for a prosperous future. Mr. and Mrs. MacKay left for New York for a honeymoon trip.

Sold Liquor to Soldier.

Food Kilroye was arrested by Police Constable Gibbs yesterday afternoon on the charge of selling liquor to a soldier in uniform.

BULGARIAN GOVT TAKING CHARGE OF CONQUERED TERRITORY

Paris, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Temps from Saloniki says:

"Sofia newspapers announce that Bulgaria has decided, pending a return to normal conditions, that all property belonging to the state, church and schools in occupied Serbian regions, shall be administered by the Bulgarian government. At the same time, the 'minister of public property' will, by circular, indicate to the presidents of municipalities and prefects and administrators of the former kingdom of Serbia the manner of handling public property and property without owner."

According to information given by the official Bulgarian finance department, Bulgarians will accept Serbian silver money at sixty-five per cent, and nickel at fifty per cent. The Austrians are giving only fifty centimes for a dinar (in normal times a dinar is equal to a franc).

"Bulgarian financiers fear that Bulgaria will be flooded with Serbian silver. The finance minister has decided not to accept Serbian paper money, because, it is declared, the Serbian national bank quit the country with a stock of 61,000,000 dinars, leaving 350,000,000 of dinars in paper money among the population. In order to relieve the misery of the population, the Bulgarian government has applied to Austria and Germany with a view to a settlement of the Serbian monetary question, but the exchanges of views thus far have been without result. The offer of a Sofia bank, saying it is ready to accept Serbian paper at sixty per cent, is being considered."

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Somewhere a Voice is Calling John McCormack 64405

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King Thanks Indian Troops on Eve of Their Departure From France

London, Dec. 27.—A British Indian army corps has left France for another field of operations, it was officially announced tonight.

At the parade of the Indian army corps before it left France, the following message from their king and emperor was delivered to the men by the Prince of Wales:

"More than a year ago I summoned you from India to fight for the safety of my empire and the honor of my pledged word on the battlefields of Belgium and France. The confidence which I then expressed in your sense of duty, your courage and your chivalry you since have nobly justified."

"I now require your services in another field of action, but before you leave France I send my dear, gallant son, the Prince of Wales, who has shared with my armies the dangers and hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name for your services, and to express to you my satisfaction."

"British Indian comrades-in-arms, yours has been fellowship in toils, hardships, courage and endurance, often against great odds, in deeds nobly done in days of ever-memorable conflict. In the warfare waged under new

conditions, and in peculiarly trying circumstances, you have worthily upheld the honor of the empire, and the great traditions of my army in India.

"I have followed your fortunes with the deepest interest, and watched your gallant actions with pride and satisfaction, and I mourn with you the loss of many gallant officers and men. Let it be your consolation, as their pride, that they freely gave their lives in a just cause for the honor of the sovereign and the safety of my empire. They died gallant soldiers and I shall ever hold their sacrifice in grateful remembrance."

"You leave France with just pride in honorable deeds already achieved, and with my assured confidence that your proved valor and experience will contribute to further victories in the new fields of action to which you go."

"I pray God to bless and guard you and bring you back safely, when final victory is won, each to his own home, there to be welcomed with honor among his own people."

The King's Daughters' Guild acknowledges with thanks the following contributions:—Mrs. Charles F. Woodman, \$25; Mr. James F. Robertson, \$20.

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

GERMANY'S DOOM SEALED

There is now no doubt that before entering this war the average German statesman had fully agreed in his own mind that his country could easily defeat France and Russia should those nations decide to support Serbia's refusal to accede to the Austrian demands. There was little risk then in defying the Czar and French President to the point of open warfare, for, if the worst happened, it could only mean a few months of conflict and after that the collection of war indemnities by a triumphant Germany.

It is also well assured that if the Kaiser had imagined that Great Britain would espouse the cause of Belgium he would not have permitted his troops to violate Belgian neutrality; Britain was expected to remain temporarily quiescent, lulled into security by the prospect of trading expansion at the expense of her warring neighbors. But the Kaiser did not understand the British character. Content himself to sink all considerations of honor under the cloak of emergency he believed that the British people would submit to anything short of actual insult rather than enter the lists of war against an enemy so powerful, particularly when all material considerations could have been better served by holding aloof.

Britain, however, kept to her plighted word, as every one outside of Germany expected she would do, and therein Germany's doom was sealed, for the entrance of Britain into the war promptly transformed the whole situation. Instead of an easy victory such as expected, the Germans were brought face to face with the knowledge that in the British Lion and her Whelps they faced a foe who would fight to the end, but would not surrender or admit of a drawn battle.

The New York Tribune points out that Britain's entrance to the war meant German defeat inasmuch as it robbed Germany of the opportunity of achieving her main purposes. The British army, at the outset of the war, was a comparatively small force, but the British navy was more than sufficiently powerful to overcome any disparity in the land forces and early in the struggle it became apparent that no matter how successful German land operations might be the Teutons could hope for no real triumph so long as Britain held the control of the seas. In losing control of the sea, or, rather, in losing the ability to use the sea, the Tribune claims that Germany lost a decisive battle far more serious than that at the Marne and then continues:

"The final suppression of the submarine campaign, which survives now only as sporadic raids succeed in sinking an occasional ship of relatively small importance, ended the naval phase of the war and brought what is, so far, the only decision in any campaign that has been opened.

"Here one strikes at the heart of the real disaster that this war has already foreshadowed for Germany industry. Before the war Germany dominated Russian markets; she was able, through the terms of the Treaty of Frankfurt, to sell advantageously in France. But both Russia and France have taken back their economic freedom and both have strongly indicated their purpose to discriminate hereafter against German manufactures. Unquestionably, British products, and those of the United States conceivably will receive more favorable tariff treatment than German when the war is over. As a result up to the present moment Great Britain has competed with Germany on a parity in her home markets and in those of her colonies. Nothing is more certain than that after the war there will be imperial preference, and probably international preference, between France and Great Britain and their respective colonies.

"Now, taking the war as a contest between France and Great Britain on the one hand and Germany on the other, what has happened? First of all, Germany has occupied some 2,400 square miles of French territory. That area had a population of some 2,500,000 before the war, but all the men were cleared out before Germany came, by the mobilization. It contained the busiest industrial plants, the richest coal and iron mines. The possession of both has been of great advantage to Germany, and France has suffered severely by the loss of them. But, on the other hand, Germany has lost all of her colonies; most of them have been actually conquered; only German East Africa is still practically intact, and even here

the British have occupied the coast. All German colonial investments have been swept away. This is, however, only a relatively minor loss compared with the loss of the use of the seas. Germany is above all else a country highly industrialized, which lives by exporting its products of German efficiency to all parts of the world. She is not self-supporting in the sense that France is, but, like Great Britain, she is primarily a factory, her national income depends on the returns she gets for her manufactures, plus the freight her great merchant marine earns in transporting these products and bringing back raw materials and food."

But two ways remain by which Germany can regain what she has lost. One is by crushing the British navy—a task utterly beyond her powers; the other by accepting whatever concessions Britain chooses to give her and on terms to be dictated by British authority. In the latter event it is certain that Germany and her allies will be forced to relinquish any territory gained in France or Belgium, restore Alsace and Lorraine to France and make mighty concessions to Russia and Italy.

Then, the question of war indemnities would require settlement, and, no matter how she might protest, or how long the settlement could be delayed, in the end it would have to come just as Britain decreed it. Otherwise Germany would not be one step nearer to the freedom she enjoyed before commencing hostilities.

To continue isolated from the remainder of the world would mean for Germany industrial paralysis. To gain conditions under which she could hope to develop and expand commercially, she must abandon forever all ideas of military aggression and become, from a standpoint of war preparedness, a second or third rate power.

However it goes Germany has failed. She cannot bring the war to a triumphal conclusion and if it goes against her the best terms she will be able to make will give her but a shadow of her former status in the world. "A suicidal policy resulting in certain national and commercial death," is the manner in which a French writer appraises Germany's errors, and that he is correct is evident to all who have followed the progress of the war. Germany's doom is sealed.

REMEMBER BELGIUM.

It is admitted that at this season of the year,—particularly of this year,—the demands upon the purse of the ordinary citizen have been unusually heavy. In addition to "the war cost of living," as one writer has termed it, there are numerous deserving objects to which all should contribute. Of these the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds naturally come first in popular affection but while they should be liberally supported there is also a duty on every Canadian to remember the plight of Belgium as well as the service the heroic people of that little nation have rendered to the cause of Empire.

In Great Britain there is a special effort just now to attract attention to Belgium's needs and one of the most striking presentations of the case is made by John Galsworthy, the noted English writer. Mr. Galsworthy pictures the Belgian people as saying to the world, and particularly to the people of Great Britain, "We stood to our guns for you, are you going to leave us in the lurch?" To that question an emphatic "no" should be returned from every quarter of the Empire.

In the early days of the war, when time meant the difference between the success and failure of the German plans the heroic Belgians blocked the way against the Hun invaders. With no thought of themselves or their future they threw their slender forces across the path to Paris and so effectually kept the Germans in check that opportunity was afforded the British and French commanders to gather their men and, eventually, to check the onslaught. The days of struggle before Liege, Namur and Antwerp spelled the difference between defeat and victory for the Kaiser's armies and success or failure for the plans of the Kulturists. Had the Belgians yielded, the German armies in overpowering force would have poured to Paris and that chapter of the war might have been written with a different pen. But they did not fall; when the test came they stood to their

guns" for the Empire, and the men of the Empire should see to it that the Belgians are not forced to bear alone the whole weight of penalty for that action.

Vengeful Germany has swept Belgium clean. Hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in that unhappy country are without the necessities of life, except insofar as these are supplied through the kindness of the world at large. There is a moral obligation upon every man in the Empire, and particularly upon every man in Canada, where as yet the effects of the war have been scarcely felt, to respond to that Belgian appeal with a generosity that at least will show our appreciation of those gallant men who in the hour of dire peril literally kept the enemy from our gates, Belgium's need and Canada's duty should be synonymous terms.

AS SEEN THRO' EYES OF THE GERMAN PRESS

London, Dec. 24.—In pursuance of those social studies of English life which form so entertaining a feature of their columns, the German newspapers have at last arrived at the Special Constable.

During the twelve months or more that these enlightening essays have been in course of publication we have learned quite a formidable number of surprising things about ourselves. All our menfolk, we are told, are either unscrupulous tradesmen or shady company promoters; our country houses, like our West End clubs, are merely gambling dens; none of our women are chaste, except the ugly one, and they are all miscellaneous little-tattlers; while the corruption of our politicians is only excelled by that of our statesmen.

Our judges, according to these German authorities who have interested themselves so keenly in our daily doings, are one and all so venal that "it is a common thing for a prisoner, when things are going badly for him, to ask to see the judge in his private room, there to pass over to him a certain sum in banknotes in order to ensure a favorable verdict."

The police (teill) according to these German essayists too, "tinged with the same dark stain." One shilling "buys a common policeman; higher ranks in proportion," and the objection that if this were the case there would be no prisoners to offer bribes to judges is thoughtfully anticipated by the statement that "only the innocent omit to pay these street guardians," and thus find themselves "cast summarily into goal without trial."

Venial to the Last
Still, even with all this, there seemed some chance that our special constables, who are ungrudgingly doing such excellent service, might escape from this avalanche of exposture. It was not so to be, however; the Cologne "Volkszeitung" has them on its list: "At night in Piccadilly, Oxford-circus and other distinguished localities of the British capital there are now, day by day to be seen a number of curious figures. They are well-dressed elderly, as well as youthful, gentlemen, monocled, gloved, and generally well groomed, who are exercising the function, so novel to them, of policemen. They are, however, it should be well understood, not real, but only amateur policemen, who have undertaken the office of guardianship of public behaviour for the duration of the war."

While the English by their shameless deeds constituted themselves the lords of the world—and England today is the most shameless representative of barbarism—we have by our worship of all that is foreign made ourselves the laughing stock of all nations. Let us see if henceforth we, too, cannot be shameless in ruthlessly plucking up by the roots everything that is un-German from our soil. This war must be used as the lever to raise Germanism high above all sections of humanity. If the noblest and the best among us have fallen, then so much the more intense must be our crusade against foreignism, that noisome weed that has too long choked the pure source of our noble nationalism.

The German crusade must be preached with the fervor of a thousand Peter-the-Hermit voices in our schools and colleges, so that the coming generations after our death be

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.
Alexander and Potts, Printers, being me and my cousin Artie, Artie's name coming first on account of it being his printing press, got a order from Mr. Smit yesterday, Mr. Smit being the butcher and the order being for a sine saying on it, Today, Apples 25 a half peck, prunes 12 a pound.

Artie and me worked about 2 hours printing a sine without to much ink on it, and then we took it around to the butcher store and showed it to Mr. Smit, and he looked at it and sed, Nothing doing, boys, nothing doing.

Wy not, wats the mattir, sed Artie.
Wats the mattir, wy not, I sed.
Yave went and spelled a vend rong, sed Mr. Smit. It awt to be prunes instad of prunes, the sine is all rite outside of that, but I cant put a sine in my window with prunes on it instad of prunes, ulthirwise I like the sine first rate.

But nobody ever ses prunes, evvrybody ses prunes, I sed.
Sissity peepil always say prunes, sed Mr. Smit.
So Artie and me took the sine back to the printing ortas, being a little empty room in Artie's house, and on the way back we passed Flatfoot the pieceman, and Artie sed, Lets ask Flatfoot.

And we went up to him, and I sed, Will you tell us how to spell prunes.
Wat do you think this is, skool, sed Flatfoot. Not being a cop with a very good dispostahn, and Artie sed, Well will you tell me wich is rita, prunes or prunes.

It wout be very good for the persin I catch saying prunes on my beet, thats all I got to say, sed Flatfoot.
We can ask your modtir, to, I sed to Artie. Wich she wasent in wen we got there, so we asked Della, being there cook, and she sed, Sure its prunes, ehnybody that ses it aint is a Ignorint dummy.

Proving prunes is proberly rite, but we made anuthir sine sed the same with prunes on it, on account of if Mr. Smit wuntid it spell rong, wat did we care. And we took it around to him and he gave us each 3 cents.

body of Wilzewski, who, however, happily had the presence of mind to snatch the knife from the man's hand, and with it to stab him in the face before he himself lost consciousness. Both men were eventually taken to the hospital. Wilzewski is not expected to recover from his injuries.

It is not time that a change be made in the distribution of the bread tickets, in order to prevent the recurrence of such lamentable incidents?

ready to retire from the bloody field until Germany's position as the leader of all peoples be established on a foundation of iron and adamant.

This noble nationalism is vividly illustrated by the Hamburg "Fremdenblatt," whose reference to the "presence of mind" which enabled one man to stab another in the face is an inimitably happy touch.

A regrettable dispute about a bread ticket has led to the mortal injury of a man named Adam Wilzewski and the serious wounding of Gustav Heilrich, a fifty-eight-year old mechanic.

The latter, a lodger in Wilzewski's house, who had been ailing for some time, asked to be supplied with a bread ticket of which his landlord had taken charge, and which in the ordinary way he could have exchanged for bread on the following day.

Feeling hungry after dining exclusively on potatoes, Heilrich demanded his ticket, so as to obtain his ration of bread the same evening. This Wilzewski demurred. Thereupon Heilrich, seizing a bread-knife, inflicted two severe cuts with it on the

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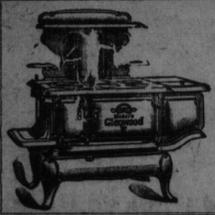
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If you are tired, nervous, sleepless, have headache and languor, you need Dr. Hamilton's Pills; they tone the stomach, assist digestion, brace you up at once. Taken at night—you're well by morning. Stomach and tired feeling disappear instantly. Vim, sprits, hearty health, all the joys of life come to everyone that uses Dr. Hamilton's Pills. No medicine so satisfactory. Get Dr. Hamilton's Pills today, 25c per box at all dealers.

Christmas on "The Island." The members of the 3rd Regiment and No. 4 Siege Battery stationed on the Island received during the Christmas season a number of generous donations from friends in the city. J. G. A. Kurling and the Willett Fruit Co., and Mrs. L. W. Barker were among those sending donations to the Island, while a number of friends through the instrumentality of Mrs. G. A. Kurling forwarded contributions to the discharge depot on the West Side for the comfort of soldiers stationed there. The men of the Island enjoyed at noon on Christmas Day an exceptionally fine dinner made possible through the residential funds and the gifts of friends. The number of the men enjoying the spread was very much smaller than the total now stationed on the Island, because of the fact that the majority had been given leave for Christmas.

Blocked For His Chowder. George Seely was given in charge of the police yesterday afternoon by the proprietor of a restaurant on Water street for refusing to pay for a clam chowder after he had eaten the same.

THE CHRISTMAS EXERCISES IN LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

Boys' Industrial Home, Municipal Home and Home for Incubates all held happy gatherings yesterday—Appropriate programmes and gifts for all.

Christmas exercises were held yesterday in the Boys' Industrial Home, the Home for Incubates and the Municipal Home.

Boys' Industrial Home. The annual Christmas entertainment for the inmates of the Boys' Industrial Home took place last evening and the thirty-five boys there who had been looking forward to the occasion had an enjoyable time. There was a bountiful supply of provisions for the boys and full justice was done to the bill of fare carefully arranged under the supervision of Mr. McDonald. There were not so many visitors as in former years and no member of the board was present.

W. F. Burditt gave a short address which was much appreciated, and Dr. McLeod recited a poem. Among other present were Dr. Ferris, Miss Hall, matron of the new St. John County Hospital, and Miss Magee, the latter giving piano selections which added much to the enjoyment. Miss Marjorie Knight sent a box of candies for each boy.

Prizes consisting of books were given by W. S. Fisher, Mrs. E. A. Smith and Lady Tilley, these being presented by Mr. Burditt to the following boys: Arthur Kelly, for general good work; Arthur Lockhart, for trustworthiness; George Oram, for excellence in work; Jack Wilson, for good behavior; Edw. Coombe, for geography; and Robert Cobham, for grammar and general good conduct. All the boys gave thanks in a suitable way. The programme of entertainment and exercises was as follows:

"We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall" by the school; recitation, "Stockings at Christmas," George Oram; song, "Just Before the Battle," school; specially, "The Three Christmas Boys," Jasper Caples, John Smith and Edwin Ferris; "We're Touting in the Old Camp Ground," school; "A Star," twenty boys helping to form it, each one giving a short recitation; dialogue, "The Day after Christmas," Edw. Coombe and William McClaverty; song, "Christmas Bells," school; song, "What's the Meaning of the Presents on the Christmas Tree?"; Christmas gun drill with "Tipperry," introduced as a chorus; national songs of the Allies, and also the United States; "Rule Britannia," "O Canada," and the National Anthem.

The Municipal Home. The annual festival at the Municipal Home was held yesterday afternoon. There were not so many visitors as in former years, but the men,

RESTIGOUCHE LEADS IN RECRUITS FOR WEEK

St. John forced to be content with third place this time.

Capt. Tilley, recruiting officer for the province, received the following report from the different centres yesterday. Restigouche county leads with Westmorland second, Saint John has to be satisfied with third place. Restigouche, 52; Charlottetown, 41; Carleton Place, 31; Westmorland, 21; Northumberland, 18; Saint John, 23; Victoria, 10; Gloucester, 19; Albert, 1; Madawaska, 6, making a total of 186 for the province for week ending December 25th.

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS ASSOCIATION MAKE SPECIAL APPEAL

Owing to the urgent and constant appeals from our Overseas Contingents now in the trenches for socks, the above Association has decided to hold a "Special Sock Week" commencing January 3rd, 1916, when it is hoped that every town and village throughout the Province will make a special effort to assist by donating Socks or Money to buy the same. Our hearts are so much in sympathy with those who have gone to fight on the front that this effort seems a worthy and fitting way to enter on the New Year. Please do your best, as by this special effort we hope to be able to have enough to provide a pair of socks to every man in all the Battalions from the Maritime Provinces. Please address all parcels to Soldiers Comforts' Association, C. P. R. Building, Corner Germain and King St., St. John, N. B.

GRIG-GEN, SEELY'S FIRST HOLIDAY IN NINE MONTHS. London, Dec. 27.—Brigadier General Seely, in command of the Canadian cavalry brigade, spent Christmas in his little of Wight home, this being his first holiday from the front in nine months.

JURY JUSTIFIES POLICE ACTION IN SPITTLE CASE

Mrs. Mary Spittle's death due to shock sustained by jumping from window, is decision reached at Coroner's Inquest.

"We the jury empaneled to enquire into the death of Mary Spittle find that she died of shock sustained by jumping from the window of her residence, 120 Queen street, on the 21st of December, 1915, the cause of her death being shock resulting from fracture of the thigh bone, as a result of having jumped from a window in her residence, 120 Queen street, while trying to avoid arrest. And in our opinion the police were justified in making the arrest in the interest of public safety.

Sized: "G. W. Colwell (foreman), Walter C. Bauer, John A. Brooks, Charles Wanamaker, Harry R. Coleman, Michael Colohan, Walter Chase." The above was the verdict returned at last night by the jury in the inquest held before Coroner W. F. Roberts into the death of Mrs. Mary Spittle. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared at the hearing in the interest of John Spittle, husband of the deceased.

Dr. P. T. Dunlop was the first witness and testified that the deceased died at the hospital on the 22nd ult. On holding a post-mortem examination on the remains he found no fracture of the skull, there was a fatty degeneration of the heart muscles, the bladder was ruptured and congested. The left leg was broken three inches from the hip, and there were several abrasions on the right leg. The cause of death was shock following injury to the broken leg, and to the bladder. Deceased also had a weak heart.

Dr. G. A. B. Addy, visiting surgeon at the hospital, testified to attending Mrs. Spittle on the morning of the 19th and finding a fractured thigh bone. He could not locate any other fracture. Her death was due to shock.

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PERSONAL. Mr. W. J. Sutherland, one of M. R. A.'s retail buyers, sailed on Christmas for the European markets.

Mr. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, came to the city yesterday from Sussex.

James H. Pullen returned yesterday from New York.

Mrs. D. W. Kestley, of Winchester, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Crosby, Germain street.

Arthur McLaughlin, sales manager for the Calgary office of the Canadian Cement Company, has returned to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuire, Dorchester street.

Harry Burns, Joseph Owens, Lee Atkinson, Ernest Driscoll, and others have returned home from St. Thomas College, Chatham, to spend their vacation.

Joseph Clarke of New York is spending his vacation with Joseph McMillan, Wentworth street.

The Misses Sherman, Fredericton, spent Christmas the guests of their mother, Rev. Ralph Sherman, curate of Trinity church.

John P. Hegan of Sudbury, Ont., is spending the Christmas holidays in St. John.

J. P. Carrille is spending his Christmas vacation in St. John.

Allison Wishart of Halifax, N. S., is a guest at Mrs. Fleming's, 66 Hazen street.

Miss Annie L. Balfour has returned from Montreal to spend the Christmas vacation in St. John.

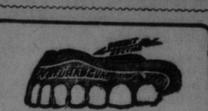
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This is the last month before the big drawing which takes place Dec. 31-15. Now is the time to get your teeth and incidentally get a free opportunity to win a big trip or \$100 in gold. Consultation free. BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS, 527 Main St.—245 Union St. Dr. J. D. Maher, Proprietor. Tel. Main, 683. Open nine a.m. until nine p.m.

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Will you close your eyes to the beckoning, the hearts that are broken by you?

For every tear that is falling, and for all the blood that is split,

Blame only yourselves, oh ye slackers! for the guilt is mostly your guilt!

Then buckle your armor and follow, over the ways they have won.

Tread, if you can, in their footsteps: their voices are urging you on.

Think! You could join battalions, and they are so pitifully few.

Their King and their country have claimed them, and now they are calling on you!

—JOICE M. NANKIVELL.

A Smooth White Skin That Defies Weather

During the coming months of biting winds and intense cold, you who would keep your skin smooth, white and velvety, should turn your attention to mercolized wax. Nothing else will so effectively remove a chapped, roughened or discolored surface. By gradually absorbing the weather-beaten cuticle, the complexion is kept in perfect condition, and even the beauty of expression appears more pronounced.

If your skin be blotchy, pimply, freckled, coarse, sallow or over-rede, why not shed it? One ounce of ordinary mercolized wax, to be had at any druggist's, will completely transform the most unjustly complexion in less than a fortnight. Use the wax nightly, like cold cream, washing it off mornings.

If weather, age or poor health has marred your face with wrinkles, here's good news. You can quickly remove every line by using a harmless, refreshing face lotion prepared by dissolving 1 oz. powdered saocite in 1/2 pt. witch hazel. The firmer, smoother skin, the more youthful appearance, even after one application, will astonish you.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS
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Jemseg, Dec. 28.—Mr. Harry Springer from St. John is now at home. Miss Jetta Springer and Miss George Ginter from the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, are spending their Christmas holidays at their homes.

APONAQUI

Apohaqui, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Herbert S. Jones is enjoying a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ward of Quincy, Mass., who arrived last week to spend Xmas with her.

HILLBOROUGH

Hillborough, Dec. 21.—On Friday evening last the closing exercises of the Hillborough High School were held in the "Globe" Hall, which was crowded to its utmost capacity.

WELSFORD

Welsford, Dec. 22.—On Tuesday morning last the body of John Brittain of 38 Patrick street, St. John, was brought to Nerepis on the Boston train for interment.

SUMMERSVILLE

Summersville, Dec. 20.—The closing of Summersville school for the holiday period took place on Friday afternoon when a very entertaining program was carried out in an able and efficient manner by the teacher, Miss Hattie Puddington and pupils.

SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton, Dec. 24.—The death occurred on Wednesday, December 5, of Mrs. Freeman Fox, a much loved resident of this place. Deceased was seventy-two years of age.

PORT ELGIN

Port Elgin, N. B., Dec. 21.—Miss Hope Haywood, student at Mt. Allison University, arrived home on Monday to spend her vacation with her parents here.

SHEDDIAK

Sheddiak, Dec. 23.—One of the most highly successful entertainments to take place here in some time occurred on Friday night, when the pupils of the Central School building, Sackville street, put on "Beauty and the Beast."

MARYSVILLE

Marysville, Dec. 24.—Mr. Herbert Markey was the victim of a painful accident last Friday in Fraser's lumber camp when a boiler full of scalding hot tea was upset on his right leg and foot.

WASHADEMOAK

Washademok, Dec. 24.—Mr. John West is engaged in extensive lumber operations on the property of Richard Hetherington where he has a crew at work.



CONAN'S PEARL BUBBLES

Suprise Soap advertisement featuring a clock and the text 'The Surprise way is quick and easy, its action is gentle not harsh'.

Classified Advertising advertisement with the text 'One cent per word each insertion. Discount of 33 1-3 per cent on advertisements running one week or longer if paid in advance'.

PUBLIC NOTICE advertisement regarding the construction of the Saint John and Quebec Railway.

WANTED advertisement for a high school graduate desiring to become a nurse.

PUBLIC NOTICE advertisement regarding the undersigned having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John.

WANTED advertisement for a teacher for the primary department of Jacques River School.

AGENTS WANTED advertisement for a salesmen \$50 per week.

FOR SALE advertisement for a Ford Roadster, 1915 model.

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Hotels advertisement for Clifton House, The Prince William, and Queen Hotel.

Hotels advertisement for Royal Hotel, Victoria Hotel, and Hotel Dufferin.

Wines and Liquors advertisement for Richard Sullivan & Co., Mackie's White Horse Cellar, and Lawson's Scotch Whisky.

Wholesale Liquors advertisement for William L. Williams successors to M. A. Finn.

Elevators advertisement for The Union Foundry & Machine Works, Ltd.

Watch Repairers advertisement for W. Bailey, the English, American and Swiss watch repairer.

Patents advertisement for J. Fred Williamson, MACHINISTS AND ENGINEERS.

Our Wives' Proves Excellent Vehicle advertisement for a car.

Large audience in Opera House advertisement for a performance.

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Why Piles? advertisement for a medical treatment.

Hotels: LIFTON HOUSE, PRINCE WILLIAM, QUEEN HOTEL, ROYAL HOTEL, VICTORIA HOTEL, HOTEL DUFFERIN, RESTAURANTS AND LIQUORS, WHOLESALE LIQUORS, ELEVATORS, PATENTS, WATCH REPAIRERS, ENGRAVERS, NERVES, ETC., ETC.

News of The St. John Theatres

"OUR WIVES" PROVES EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR HARKINS PLAYERS

Large audience in Opera House last evening enjoyed good performance of Company.

A good sized audience was present at the Opera House last night to witness the W. S. Harkins Players present "Our Wives." This is the comedy which made such an impression on Christmas afternoon.

In the hands of the W. S. Harkins Players last night, it is nothing of its brilliant lines, and the audience showed their approval by hearty laughter and very generous applause.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY. Notice of New Train Service for Xmas Week.

FRENCH LINER IN TROUBLE. New York, Dec. 27.—A wireless message received from the French line here today from the freighter Strathalian, under charter to the line, stated that the vessel was putting back to the port for "necessary repairs to machinery."

Why Piles? A Free Trial of Pyramid Pile Treatment Will Answer the Question Emphatically.

FREE SAMPLE COUPON. Pyramid Drug Company, 104 Pyramid Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

"MODERN ADAM AND EVE" A DARING PICTURE PLAY, UNIQUE'S STAR FEATURE

Handsome Grace Valentine Plays leading part in novel film production—Mutual Weekly.

Few more novel and interesting picture plays have been photographed than the new Mutual production "The Modern Adam and Eve" featuring the clever and handsome Grace Valentine.

Opening with a picture of Oakland, California's new million dollar harbor and the docking of the U. S. S. Milwaukee, the first ship to enter the harbor and ending with King George of England reviewing the French Cavalry, taken in France, the week's issue of the Mutual Weekly is just crammed with intensely interesting news items.

SENSATIONAL SUBJECT HEADS LYRIC PROGRAMME; GLASSY VAUDEVILLE ACT

Flo. Labadie and Mignon Anderson are featured in "The Price of Her Silence"

The Thanhouser Company has undoubtedly excelled even its remarkable record in producing the splendid master picture "The Price of Her Silence," which was the means of crowding the Lyric from orchestra to gallery, afternoon and evening yesterday.

On Wednesday and Thursday the 6-part Universal Indian mystery story, "The Campbells Are Coming," will be the great attraction.

CAPACITY AUDIENCES SAW FEATURE BILLS IN IMPERIAL YESTERDAY

Charlotte Walker in Lasky Production—Travel Tour—War Story tomorrow.

The Imperial played to absolute capacity business yesterday in presenting its patrons with a galaxy of entertainment, custom if ever surpassed by that notable fount of good programmes.

The Lasky production "Kindling" was of course of first importance. Miss Walker made her bow to St. John theatre-goers and established herself a favorite at once.

SUSSEX LODGE A.F. & A.M. MAKES PRESENTATION TO W. D. TURNER

Special to The Standard. Sussex, Dec. 27.—The following officers for the ensuing year were installed this evening at Zion Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M.:

W. B. McKay, W. M.; C. H. Perry, I. P. M.; John Knox, S. W.; J. D. McKenna, J. W.; J. T. Kirk, treasurer; A. B. Pearson, secretary; Rev. Mansel Shevan, chaplain; Charles Nesbit, S. D.; W. N. Robinson, J. D.; W. E. Eden Myles, S. S.; J. J. Crane, J. S.; Linus Crawford, D. of C.; V. P. Wilbur, I. G.; Thomas Coggon, Tyler.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN

"Fruit-a-tives" Now Known as Woman's Best Medicine.

"FRUIT-A-TIVES," the famous fruit medicine is particularly well suited for the use of women, because of its mild and gentle action and its pleasant taste.

As a tonic, "Fruit-a-tives" is invaluable to purify and enrich the blood and build up strength and vigor.

SARAH BERNHARDT'S CONDITION CRITICAL BUT NOT HOPELESS

New York, Dec. 27.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt is critically ill, but her condition is not entirely hopeless, according to a message from Paris received here today by a motion picture company, which has made several films of the actress.

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FORMER FREDERICTON MAN DIES IN COLORADO

Wm. Henry Brewer passes away at Sterling, Col.—Had been braten up by highwaymen couple of years ago.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 27.—Word has been received here of the death of Wm. Henry Brewer, a native of this city, who passed away recently at Sterling, Colorado.

He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Smith. There is one grandson, Harlan Smith.

ONE RELEASED, OTHERS HELD. PENDING INQUIRY.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Wm. Garbe, of Brooklyn, pursuer of the American steamer Borinquen, taken off by the French cruiser Descartes in Porto Rican waters December 15, has been released. Advice today to the French embassy says the other men taken from American ships by the cruiser are being held pending investigation of their liability to military service in the German army.

A NEW CONTEST For Boys and Girls

First Prize—A Silver Watch. As you seemed to enjoy the last "Jumbled word" contest so much I am letting you have another.

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STANDARD COMPETITION. For Boys and Girls. Full Name..... Address..... Age Last Birthday.....

A New Kind of Drawing Contest. As there are so many Boys and Girls, who read the Children's Corner of The Standard, very clever with their pencils, it has been decided to introduce quite a different style of drawing contest, to those usually held.

Can any boy or girl draw a man's face, by using SIXTEEN STRAIGHT LINES, or less? Only STRAIGHT LINES MUST BE USED, and the prizes of a beautiful Silver Watch and pretty brooch, or jack knife, will be given to the two kiddies who send in what is considered the most original and best drawn face.

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LATEST FINANCIAL AND SHIPPING NEWS AND NOTES

COPPER INDUSTRY MAY SOON BE ON A PAR WITH STEEL

Selling at 21 cents and going up - Enormous order from the British Government.

One of the important happenings most directly affecting the stock market last week was the entrance at last of copper into the arena, fully equipped for a grand performance. The price of copper has been for some time hardening, and lately even advancing a little, but the announcement on Tuesday that the British government had contracted for 134,000,000 pounds at better than 20 cents a pound delivery of this huge tonnage to be spread throughout next year, was the emphatic demonstration forecasting large business and swelling profits in the copper trade. In addition to this large transaction in a single block, an enormous business is reported to have been done for account of other countries, both foreign and domestic, and the Boston News Bureau says that the total volume last week has far exceeded the 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 pounds of June. It quotes the representative of a large copper company as saying:

"It would not surprise me if the copper industry worked itself into a condition similar to that of steel. In other words, we will have to withdraw quotations as foreign countries if the demand continues as brisk as it has been. We cannot sell more copper than we can produce.

There is no spot copper, and the trade will have to look out for its domestic consumers. Europe realized the tremendous consumptive power of the copper-consuming plants of the United States and simply safeguarded itself by buying a large amount of copper in advance. It is of other countries are being paid 33 cents an hour for day work on general cargo and 50 cents an hour on light work. A committee from the longshoremen have conferred twice with the steamship managers and another conference will be held on Wednesday next, at which time an amicable arrangement of the difficulty will probably be reached.

U. S. COAST GUARD CUTTER The United States coast guard cutter Androscoogwin will heretofore make headquarters at Shelburne, N. S., with the exception of the time spent in making occasional trips to the fishing grounds off Nova Scotia. By so doing the fishermen know exactly where to find the cutter, and in case of sickness or accident on board the vessels will be at once head in that direction. Maine has quite a fleet of vessels engaged in the Newfoundland herring fishery this season, five of the T. M. Nicholson fleet, Bucksport, and one from Bangor.

At this writing the metal is selling above 21 and advancing. From the very start of the complications with Austria have had little effect, as it has been concluded that there could positively be no trouble, considering present conditions. Every effort has been made to put the market into reaction, but this far without avail, and from the present strength manifested, it would look as though the second of the two theories on which the market might advance, outlined by us last week, was to materialize; namely, that large buying by investors of real securities and the re-entrance of cash speculators, convinced that their commitments on the other side of a break would lead to the long expected rise.

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SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Table with columns for Sun, Moon, and various astronomical data for the month of December.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boothbay Harbor—Arr Dec. 23, scho Nettie Shipman, Beaver Harbor; Odell, Calais; Robert Pettis, Rockport. Calais, Dec. 22, sch Charles C. Lester, New York. Rockland—Arr Dec. 23, sch Silver Spray, Nova Scotia. Calais—Arr Dec. 22, sch Charles C. Jefferys, New York. Boston—Arr Dec. 22, str Canadian, Liverpool; sch Sunbeam, Kennebec; 23rd, sch Cora May, St. John; 24th, str Cambrian, London; schs James I. Maloy, South Gardner, Jessie Ashley, Sabenz. Sid Dec. 22, schs Anne Lord, Windsor, N. S.; Mary Langdon, Rockport, Me. Sid Dec. 24, str Bay State, Liverpool; sch Mills Louise, Mulgrave, N. S. Portland—Arr Dec. 24, strs Tredgar Hall, Algiers; Carthaginian, Glasgow; Transporter, Carthaginian; 22nd, str Andragroch, Beveridge, North Shields; sch Colin C. Baker, Griffin, St. George, N. B. for Norwalk. Sid Dec. 24, str Michigan, Liverpool.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

West Penobscot Bay, Me.—The following buoys reported out of position December 18 will be replaced as soon as practicable. Mathews South Breaker Buoy, H.S. 1st-class nun. Inner Breaker Buoy, 2, spar.

MARINE NOTES.

Boston Longshoremen The longshoremen employed in loading and discharging foreign

STEEL CENTRE OF INTEREST WITH DEALINGS IN ENORMOUS VOLUME

U. S. Steel quoted at 87 1-2, highest in five years - Market opened with greater breadth and buoyancy than for weeks.

New York, Dec. 27.—The final week of the year on the stock exchange opened with greater breadth and buoyancy than any recent period. Sentiment seemed to derive much encouragement from the movement in the United States. Steel which rose to 89 1-2, its highest quotation since 1910. Dealings in steel were in enormous volume, ranging from individual blocks of 1,000 to 7,000 shares. Steel's advance was accompanied by the usual variety of optimistic rumors regarding dividend prospects and trade conditions. Activity in Great Northern Ore on its rise of 2-3/8 to 51 3/8 was a material factor in the advance of steel and allied shares. Another advance in refined copper to 32 cents per pound gave added strength to the metal group, and high grade railways were moved to better prices on publication of the very favorable November statements on such representative systems as Union Pacific and Atchafalaya. Other active and strong issues included Mercantile Marine, common and preferred American Smelting, Anaconda Copper, Colorado Fuel, Baldwin Locomotive and Mexican Petroleum. The latter making a new record on its rise of 2 1/4 to 108 3/4. The recognized war shares were up 1 to 3 points, and miscellaneous issues registered similar gains. The one disconcerting feature of the session was the renewal, on a very extensive scale, of liquidation in Anglo-French war bonds, which fell to the new minimum of 84, although much of the trade was at slight fractions over that quotation. Numerous theories were offered in explanation of the weakness of this issue, but no official statement was vouchsafed. Sales of the bonds amounted to \$2,165,000 par value. Profit-taking caused some slight recessions from highest prices in the later trading, but the market's tone at the close was strong. Total sales of stocks aggregated \$75,000,000. Atchafalaya's gross increase of November was \$1,968,000 with a net gain of \$1,142,000, while Union Pacific gained \$1,797,000 and \$1,155,000 respectively. Coal shares were strong, despite the grave outlook in that industry resulting from the labor situation. Firmness of sterling and French rates denoted renewal of purchases of finance bills on London and Paris. Bonds were irregular at the outset, in sympathy with the decline in Anglo-French 5's, but hardened later. Total sales, par value, amounted to \$5,975,000.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Table with columns for High, Low, Close prices for various grain and produce items like Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns for High, Low, Close prices for Montreal transactions including various stocks and commodities.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES

Table with columns for High, Low, Close prices for New York cotton market sales.

RECEIVED WRIST WATCH AND FOUNTAIN PEN

The friends of Leslie Hughes met at his home in a military wrist watch and fountain pen, as a slight token of remembrance. After the presentation, which was made by Miss Puddington, on behalf of his friends, a very enjoyable evening was passed, at the close of which refreshments were served. He has enlisted with the Siege Battery now stationed on Partridge Island.

PRODUCED CHRISTMAS CHEER TO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL

To aid in providing Christmas cheer for the patients of the Provincial Hospital, the following contributed liberally: Baird & Peters, G. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., Barnes & Co., Ltd., Chas. F. Brown, E. Clifton Brown, Chas. L. Bustin, Canadian Consolidated Bazaar Co., Ltd., Canadian Oil Co., Ltd., John A. Carey, The Christie Wool Working Co., Ltd., Samuel T. Cougle, Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., C. E. Everett, Ltd., Ganong Bros., D. J. Hart, H. H. Haywood Co., Ltd., Donaldson Hunt, Hutchings Co., Ltd., The Imperial Oil Co., Ltd., Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., The McClary Mfg. Co., C. H. Peters' Sons, Ltd., W. A. Quinlan, C. B. Pidgeon, Randolph & Baker, Ltd., Ready's Breweries, Ltd., Geo. A. Riecker, St. Croix Soap Mfg. Co., St. John Mercantile Co., Ltd., J. W. Shaw, Ship & Fowling, Bloem & Ferris, A. C. Smith & Co., Ltd., R. P. & W. F. Starr, Ltd., W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., Union Foundry & Machine Works, Ltd., Yawart Bros., Waterbury & Hines, Ltd., Harry Weiton, The Willett Fruit Co., Ltd.

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Table with columns for High, Low, Close prices for Montreal market produce including various types of flour, wheat, and other grains.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

Table with columns for High, Low, Close prices for various stock quotations on the New York Exchange.

MONTREAL MARKET

Table with columns for Bid, Ask prices for Montreal market items like Ames Holden Com., Canadian Car, etc.

PEDICODIAC MAN WEDS IN WEST.

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 15.—A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Mr. McEwen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robertson, Tynehead, B. C., when Miss Margaret C. Smart was united in marriage to C. R. Geldard, local manager of the C. P. R. Telegraphs, formerly of the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robertson, Tynehead, B. C. The happy couple left on the evening boat from Vancouver for a honeymoon in the Sound cities. The social feature of the evening was supplied by Miss Olive Atchison who played the wedding march and entertained the party throughout the evening with songs and musical selections. The bride wore a blue serge travelling suit trimmed with Ermine and Ermine furs. She was supported by Miss Olga Green of Vancouver. The groom was accompanied by G. H. Leishman of Victoria, B. C. Only the relatives and immediate friends were present. The happy couple will reside at 402 Third avenue.

THOSE TURKEYS.

There was enquiry of the keen kind yesterday round and about the city market and such other places where turkeys used to be sold at some distance in the neighborhood of twenty-eight cents per pound as to why, this time, as much as 48 cents, and even 52 cents per pound was claimed. The dealers said yesterday that they did not sell turkeys at high prices, and that almost all their customers had been able to buy at from twenty-eight to thirty-six cents, though those who postponed buying until late in the week had to pay the top price because of scarcity. It is now said that turkeys will be on sale at reasonable prices during the next few weeks.

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Live Sports

INTERNATIONAL WILL BENEFIT BY BASEBALL TRUCE

New York, Dec. 27.—The playing strength of the clubs of the International League, more than any other minor league, will benefit from the peace settlement between the Federals and organized baseball. The majors will get several of the former Federals, but International League clubs will have the pick of sixty-five per cent of the talent. The International League can use to advantage dozens of Federal League players who will be available, and there will be many players, now with major league clubs, who must be turned back to make room for the Federals who are to be taken into the National and American Leagues. Each league as it takes talent from the organizations of higher classification will in turn give smaller leagues, especially the Internationals, the opportunity to strengthen. From the two majors down to the class D leagues, the brand of ball to be played in the coming season will be much superior to that shown during the past two years. The athletes, too, will show more spirit than under conditions where there was no game to be hustling. In the future the ball player showing a tendency to loaf will soon find that he has been supplanted by another man.

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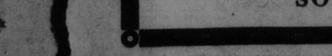


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Live Sporting News and Notes

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NO RATING OF GOLF PLAYERS NEXT SEASON

New York, Dec. 27.—Frank I. Woodward, of Denver, president of the United States Golf Association, says there will be no official rating of golf players for next season. According to Mr. Woodward, who is here today, there will be two names at the head of the list, those of the open and amateur champions. All the others will be grouped alphabetically.

"While the minor bodies will undoubtedly have a pretty good idea as to where their leading golfers belong, they will, because of local pride or sentiment, naturally be inclined to be liberal with their findings, and as a result include players who may be doubtful in the opinion of the executive committee, which, of course, must be the final court. With the new plan of starting with an eighteen-hole elimination round on Saturday, it will be possible to take care of a good many players. A tournament held around September 1 ought to be able to handle close to 300 players."

"The United States Golf Association is not going to let up in the least in its effort to keep the game free from taint. Amateurs must be pure if they are to remain as amateurs. Certain ones who have been playing with fire have been spoken to by the committee and they have given assurance that in future they will keep entirely within bounds."

TWO EX-U.N.B. FOOTBALL STARS DON THE KHAKI

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Dec. 27.—Two graduates of the University of New Brunswick, who have been engaged in engineering work in the West, have enlisted with one of the heavy artillery units being recruited at Montreal. The two graduates are Mr. Hayward Kinghorn of this city and Mr. G. Bruce Dixon formerly of Albert, N. B., and for the past three years a resident of Vancouver, B. C. Both young men are in Fredericton today and will leave in a few days for Montreal to join their unit. Messrs. Dixon and Kinghorn are both former captains of the U. N. B. football teams and were among the best football players that ever wore the red and black. Mr. Dixon was one of U. N. B.'s best forward players, while Mr. Kinghorn figured on the U. N. B. half line for four successive years and was a star at the gridiron game.

THE RETURN OF THESE FED STARS WILL HELP BASEBALL



That the quality of baseball that will be played in the National and American leagues next season will be much better than that of last season is assured. The return to the "fold" of the stars who jumped from organized baseball to play with the Feds and the advent of the many young players developed to major league ability by the Feds will make the game better. In the layout there are four who are worthy of prominent mention. They are "Benny" Kauff, the hard hitting outfielder, who led the independent organization for two years; Lee Magee, who jumped from the Cardinals to manage the Brooklyn Feds and whose playing at second base stamped him as one of the leading second basemen in baseball; "Tom" Seaton, who while with the Phillies was a capable working mate for Grover Cleveland Alexander, and Claude Cooper, who while being developed by John McGraw slipped away to perform with the Feds. Cooper has developed into a fast outfielder, as McGraw predicted he would. He is a young player and still has several years of major league baseball ahead of him. Some doubt has been expressed as to the ability of Seaton to come back. He did not have a very good year. In this regard "Dick" Carroll, one-time Yankee pitcher, later of the International League and still later one of the promoters of the Federal League and most recently business manager of the Brookfolds, said:—"There is not the slightest doubt Seaton can come back. He needs a little rest; that is all. He will pitch good baseball for some time to come."

HITCH-OVER WILLARD FULTON FIGHT REMOVED

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The situation involved in the proposed Willard-Fulton fight for the world's championship at New Orleans, March 4 next, was further clarified today by the receipt by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, from Tommy Burns, co-promoter with Domiek Tortorich, of the exhibition, of the following telegram:

"Tortorich did not want to go through with the match, so I have taken over his interests, and I will go through with the Willard-Fulton match myself. Get here yourself as soon as possible. We can sign new articles when you arrive."

The past week the telegram public remarked:—"Don't see the need for new articles, but I will be in New Orleans Wednesday morning. There will be no quibbling."

A telegram from Tortorich confirmed that sent by Burns.

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EIGHT ROUNDS ENOUGH FOR M'GOORTY

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27, via London.—Les D'Arcy, the middleweight champion of Australia, easily defeated Eddie McGoorty, an American middleweight, in the eighth round of their match. McGoorty was punished so severely that his seconds threw up the sponge. The fight was witnessed by 16,000 persons.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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WHITLOCK GOING BACK TO BELGIUM AS U.S. MINISTER

New York, Dec. 27.—Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, will sail tomorrow on the Holland-American liner Rotterdam to resume his duties abroad.

Mr. Whitlock was the guest at luncheon today of Alexander Hempel, treasurer of the commission for relief in Belgium. He praised the work of the commission, declaring that if it should be interrupted for one week, the suffering of the Belgian people would become a calamity.

According to Mr. Whitlock, shoes and cloth from which to make clothing are vital necessities in the stricken kingdom. He said that the long isolation of the country had resulted in using up the clothing of the people, and all raw material.

Mr. Whitlock will carry back with him a purse of \$5,000 subscribed by friends in Toledo, to be distributed under his personal supervision.

Injured by Fall.
William Garter fell on Water street yesterday and cut his face badly. He was attended by Dr. Dunlop and then conveyed to his home on Main street.

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THE WEATHER

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Toronto, Dec. 27.—Pressure is lowest tonight in Alberta and highest in the middle Pacific states. Light snow has fallen in a few portions of Ontario and Quebec; otherwise the weather has been fair generally.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature (Min. Max.). Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Regina, Battleford, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and Below zero.

Around the City

Adjustment of Fire Loss.

The fire loss at Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co. and Messrs. T. McAvilly & Sons through water damage is under way, but it is not expected to be complete for some days.

Cartridge Exploded.

Yesterday afternoon an eleven year old boy named Bashara, residing at 73 Erin street, was fatally injured in the face by the explosion of a cartridge. It is said the young fellow found the cartridge frozen to a piece of board that had been removed from the ruins of the W. H. Thorne and Co. building, Market Square.

Baseless Rumors.

The Standard has been shown a letter written by a well known business man who is now in uniform in Halifax preparatory to going overseas. In this letter the remark is made that the writer had, at different times, heard suggestions of improper dealings in connection with the administration of military affairs in the way of food and clothing and other supply contracts, and that he had made it his business to look for any evidences of wrong doing of this nature.

To Practice Law in West

Leslie G. Bell, B. A., L. L. B. of Medicine Hat, Alberta, has been in the city completing his examination requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the St. John Law School, under the direction of Dean Elias Alward, L. L. D. Mr. Bell is a graduate of the Universities of Michigan and Dalhousie, and in his examinations here passed with high honors. He was admitted to the bar of Nova Scotia at Halifax last week, but intends to practice his profession in the west. His many friends in the Maritime Provinces will wish him every success.

ARRANGING FOR THE NEW YEAR'S PARADE

Citizens Recruiting Committee reports that plans are well in hand.

The Citizens Recruiting Committee held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms when the different sub-committees to arrange for the parade on New Year's Day reported progress. The band committee reported that the City Cornet and Temple bands had offered their services and they expected others.

Capt. Tilley reported enlistments for the week from the different centres to be 186. Number from the 4th of September to the 18th of December, 2,658. A vote of thanks was tendered to the estate of Dr. James Walker for the use of the store on Prince William street while the King street quarters were being got ready.

Col. Danereau promised to have the 69th Battalion turn out in the New Year's parade.

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