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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

Italians Have 30,000 Men Now in Albania

That is Start of Large Operations—Roumania Friendly to Allies, Says Under Secretary

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Milan correspondent of the Journal says it is estimated there are 30,000 Italian troops at Avlona, Albania.

BRITISH PRISONERS OF THE BULGARIANS

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Havas Agency says that in the course of the fighting during the Franco-British retreat from Greece (Serbia), towards Saloniki, the Bulgarians captured two French machine guns and two batteries of British artillery, as well as 200 British prisoners.

THE GREEK ARMY Paris, Dec. 17.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that the headquarters of the Greek army has been transferred to Koshani, fifty-five miles southeast of Monastir.

LOST IN TRYING TO HELP TRANSPORT

Rome, Dec. 17.—Details concerning the sinking of the Italian transport Re Umberto and the Italian destroyer Intrepid in the Adriatic Sea that the destroyer was blown up by a floating mine, who was rushed to the rescue of the steamer, after the latter had struck a mine and was about to go down.

A \$5 BILL WITH A STRANGE STORY

Bank Note Received by H. H. Harvey Bears Soldier's Name and Berlin Stamp

A \$5 note of the Merchants Bank of Canada, which has a story to relate, is one which it could tell, it is in the possession of H. H. Harvey of this city, who received it with others from the bank.

MANY JOIN IN LAST TRIBUTE TO SIR FREDERIC BARKER

The body of Sir Frederic Estabrook Barker was laid to rest in Fernhill this afternoon. At 2:30 o'clock a private service was held at his late residence in Mount Pleasant by Bishop Richardson, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Raymond and Rev. H. G. Alder.

PROBATE COURT

Letters testamentary of the will of James Love Gordon late of this city, governor, have been issued to his sisters, Miss Ellen and Miss Julia Gordon.

RECRUITING MEETINGS

Rev. W. R. Robinson and John C. Ferguson will speak in the Temperance hall, St. James street, this evening, and there will be a fine general programme.

OFFERS 200,000 SOLDIERS

The Emperor of Abyssinia is ready to send troops to aid the Allies either in Egypt or Mesopotamia.

New Swiss President

Berne, Dec. 17.—Camille De Coppet, was yesterday elected president of the Swiss Republic, and Edmund Schulthess vice-president.

ALL MERCHANT VESSELS MAY BE REQUISITIONED

Hint at This Given by Marconi in Italian Senate

FIRST SPEECH AS SENATOR

Says Those Who Look on War Only as Means for Gain Must be Transformed into Great Disciplined Army

Rome, Dec. 17.—Giuglielmo Marconi made his debut as a senator yesterday. He said that of all the belligerent countries he had visited, Italy was the one where the greatest liberty was enjoyed.

CHANGE ON BRITISH FRONT A SURPRISE TO PEOPLE OF FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 17.—The employment of General Sir Douglas Haig as British commander-in-chief in place of Field Marshal Sir John French, was entirely unexpected in France, and it has made a great impression.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: Robert Ellis to S. J. Shanklin, \$140, property in St. Martins.

BELIEVES ENGAGEMENT OF KITCENER AND COUNTESS WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED

New York, Dec. 17.—The New York World's London correspondent learns on excellent authority that the engagement of Earl Kitchener to the Dowager Countess of Minto will be announced soon.

PHILIX and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

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

NEARLY HALF OF HIGHLAND REGIMENT HAS BEEN RECRUITED

Fifty-nine P. E. Islanders Joined Last Night—Judge Fitzgerald's Son Wounded

RAISE AVERAGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Myles Would Have Higher Percentage For Entrance

FEELING REFERENCE TO DEATH OF LIUT. C. M. LAWSON IN THE WAR—EVENTS MARKING CLOSING EXERCISES IN SCHOOLS

Exercises of a patriotic nature marked the programme at the close of the High School for the Christmas holidays this morning.

SOME APPLAUD AND SOME HISS BOURASSA

Matter of Schools and Religion and the War Touched Upon

Audience which listened to Henri Bourassa last night at the Monument Hall during the course of a rapid-fire two-hour speech by the National leader in his best anti-participation-in-the-war style.

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS OF SERBIAN PEOPLE, DRIVEN BY ENEMY

Paris, Dec. 17.—The arrival of A. Nitchik, president of the Serbian National Assembly, and other prominent Serbians in Athens is reported. They settled last night through the intricacies of the Balkan frontier.

SPYER AND CASSELL CANNOT BE BARRED FROM PRIVY COUNCIL

London, Dec. 17.—The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Reading, delivered judgment today and declared that Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassell, as naturalized British subjects, had all the rights and privileges of British born subjects, and therefore were entitled to be members of the Privy Council.

FURNESS, WITHY & CO. ACQUIRE JOINSTON LINE

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Furness, Withy & Company, which already has a large interest in the Johnstone line of steamers, has acquired the remaining shares and will assume control in the new year.

SAVE AUSTRIAN REPLY TO NOTE IS A QUIBBLE

Papers Declare Washington Will Not Permit Delay

FULL TEXT RECEIVED

It Will be Laid Before President and Secretary Lansing Today—Berlin Thinks it is a Very Fine Piece of Work

NEWS OF MARITIME PROVINCE MEN IN THE WAR

With Dental Corps

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Asks That London Globe be Restrained From Publishing Alleged Libels

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Americans Executed By Austrians in Gorizia

Something More to Add Fuel to the Flames—Members of Banking Firm Reported Put to Death as Spies

New York, Dec. 17.—A London cable to the Herald says—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Milan telegraphs: "Crave revelations are made concerning the reign of terror in Gorizia. Two Americans, members of a shareholders' banking firm which stopped the payments of bills, were summoned before the Austrian authorities and ordered to resume payment."

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Two former Fredericton men are members of the Canadian Dental Corps, soon to go overseas. They are James F. Shute and Lt. P. B. McNally.

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London, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the premier, appeared as a plaintiff in court today, demanding an order to restrain the Globe from the publication of alleged libels.

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THE WAR NEWS.

Italy is landing troops in Albania, and will take a hand in the Balkan struggle. If a large enough force is landed the right flank of the Austro-German army would be threatened by it and by the Serbian and Montenegrin forces. There is also the possibility of trouble on the left flank if Rumania should strike or Russia take a hand. The British and French are strengthening their position at Saloniki, and the attitude of Greece appears to be a little more favorable toward the Allies. For these reasons there is said to be a more hopeful feeling in London in regard to the Balkan situation in general. The Bulgarians have not ventured to cross the Greek frontier.

Reports of discussions, both in the German Reichstag and Hungarian Diet show that the food question grows more imperative in Germany, and that there is a peace party of growing strength in Hungary.

The feeling grows that there will be rupture between Austria and the United States over the Ancona incident.

The British are holding their own in Mesopotamia. Nothing of importance has transpired for some time along the eastern or western front, although it is again reported that the Germans are sending large reinforcements to the west, as if in preparation for more vigorous operations. The British and French, however, are absolutely confident of their ability to repulse every attack.

The news from day to day brings the names of New Brunswick men in the casualty list, showing that the Canadians are continually doing their part on the firing line.

SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS.

The appeal of Capt. Emmerson of the 6th C. M. R. for socks for the soldiers is accompanied by a statement that there is an abundance of socks at the headquarters in England for the hospitals, where they are least needed, but are not available for the men at the front who need them most. The thing to do to meet this need is to send socks through the Soldiers' Comforts' Association, addressed to the unit for which they are intended, or to send them direct, paying the charges. The 6th C. M. R. contains a large number of St. John and New Brunswick men, and up to the time it left Canada it had practically nothing to thank St. John people for. The present appeal should meet with a prompt response. When we think of men enduring winter hardships in the trenches without sufficient foot covering, it gives our self-complacency a severe jolt. The Soldiers' Comforts' Association should be very heartily supported for all its efforts are devoted to the welfare of the men in the field, and while some of them are well looked after by friends at home, there are very many who receive little or nothing beyond the ordinary issue of food and clothing. This should be supplemented by gifts from those at home, whose battles they are fighting. The unfortunate publicly given to some body's assertion that people should only contribute to two funds, the Patriotic Fund and Red Cross, was bad for the men in the trenches, who now that winter is on, are deserving of special consideration. Public grants might very well take into account this matter of necessary comforts for men in the fighting line. A soldier writing from the trenches recently said: "It is your feet you feel most, but at night it is also very cold; still we know it can't be helped and don't kick." Men who show that spirit should have a very warm place in the affections of the people at home.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

Thanks to the co-operation of charitable organizations, the Rotary Club, the Commercial Club, the Daughters of the Empire and the Women's Council, who provide the funds, Halifax is to have a Social Service Bureau. The services of Miss Ethel Bird, a trained social worker of Chicago, have been secured, an office will be provided for her, and she will work under an advisory board of ladies and gentlemen connected with charitable bodies. Miss Bird has had ten years experience in various cities. The Halifax Echo says:—

"Halifax is to have a Social Service Bureau. In other words a trained charitable worker is to spend three months here in order to find how the work carried on by the numerous philanthropic societies of the city may be co-ordinated, without interfering in the slightest degree with the independence and liberty of action of any of them; also, of course, to discover whether there are gaps in our social work not at present covered by any society, and to help generally in the solution of our philanthropic problems."

The step taken by Halifax is certain to produce good results. Social service work in cities falls to a large extent because the various agencies are not co-ordinated under a definite and comprehensive system. The universities are recognizing the importance of social service by providing courses of training. There was a movement just before the war broke out to organize a strong community council in St. John, and to secure the services of a trained worker;

and it may be hoped that some such action may be taken at a later period. The revelations in the courts show from day to day the need of well directed community work here, especially in relation to the boys and girls of the city, although the field is very much wider and involves work that would result in greatly lessening the demand for funds for institutions for delinquents and for the wretches of society.

YUAN SHI KAI.

Several years ago a Japanese writer reviewed the career of Yuan Shi Kai, who was then, as now, the most prominent figure in Chinese politics, and described him as a crafty and ambitious man who sought power for himself rather than the real welfare of his country. Yuan was made President of China some time later, and is now changing the form of government back to a monarchy, with himself at its head. In an article in the London Chronicle Dr. Carson Chang presents an even less favorable picture of Yuan than that of the Japanese writer. He charges that the great dictator had intrigued to make himself emperor, and thus become the founder of a new dynasty, and asserts that he is neither "China's strong man" nor "China's only statesman." On the contrary he expresses the positive belief that unless his designs are checked the results will be disastrous for China. Continuing, he says:—

"The real truth about him can be put simply. He is consumed with ambition, and devotes all his undoubted talents to the purpose of his own personal aggrandizement. Statesmanship implies not merely the skilful balancing of force and the adroit manipulation of events towards a foreseen and desirable end. It implies, still more deeply and insistently, that the end shall be a patriotic one. The statesman's labors and foresight should, in short, be directed to the national welfare. Statesmanship in this—the only real—sense Yuan does not possess. Throughout his whole career he has played wholly for his own hand, quite regardless of the general interest. Yuan's chance came with the first revolution. The success of that revolution was a surprise to everyone. It succeeded simply because of the weakness and disorganization of the Manchu government, but the revolutionists were politicians in embryo. Yuan held back until the Manchu government summoned him, in despair, to take charge of the northern armies. Then he played with both sides. At the same time that the Northern forces retook the revolutionary fortress of Hanyang the Imperial fortress of Nanking was evacuated by the Manchu army. This curious see-saw was deliberately engineered by Yuan. The event enabled him to negotiate with the Republicans, to whom he had demonstrated his power; the other to take a high hand with the Manchus, to whom he had demonstrated their weakness. The result was on the one hand the abdication of the Manchus on his advice; on the other the acceptance of him as president, on his insistence, by the Republicans. But the presidency was only a beginning. His next game was to get all power into his own hands. One cabinet after another fell on this issue, and then came the abortive second revolution, which he had deliberately provoked. He was now master of the situation. The existing provisional constitution was drastically amended and the amendments were entirely in his favor. They gave him the right to suspend any law passed by parliament; to determine the strength of the standing army; to nominate his own successor in the presidency; in short, he was given unlimited executive power. Yuan was sole dictator of China."

Dr. Carson Chang goes on to assert that while Yuan Shi Kai may succeed in founding a dynasty the triumph will be but temporary, and the country will soon be plunged into strife again. Yesterday the representatives of Japan, Russia, Britain and other countries asked such questions at Peking as would lead us to assume that they shared to some extent the fears of Dr. Chang. It must be said that Yuan's career thus far has been remarkably successful, but he is an old man, and after him—what?

Newfoundland, with a population of about 245,000, has given about 6,000 men to the army and naval service. This estimate includes natives of the Ancient Colony who have enlisted in Canada or gone overseas to enlist. It is a good showing and reflects great credit upon the loyalty and devotion of Newfoundland.

PIUS MICHAUD AGAIN LIBERAL CANDIDATE

At one of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions ever held in Miramichi county, yesterday Pius Michaud, M. P., was chosen as the next Liberal candidate for Restigouche-Madawaska. It was necessary to secure an additional hall for an overflow meeting.

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Grand Jury, Dec. 16—There were unlooked for developments on Saturday evening when a detective from Holyoke, Mass., arrived here to take charge of William A. Fortier, alias Henri Menard of Holyoke, who, on December 9, gave himself up to Chief of Police Blodreau, confessing to the murder of a girl in Holyoke. Menard, as the man first gave his name, turned out to be no more dangerous a criminal than one of the mildest variety of vagrants. He adopted the sensational method of confessing to a murder, of which he knew the details in hopes of getting free transportation back to Holyoke.

This story was of a real crime for which the Holyoke authorities are still seeking the murderer. Fortier knew the details of the crime and knew that he resembles Henri Menard, the man for whom the police are seeking. The description of the man who confessed himself the murderer was wired to the Holyoke police. It tallied with that of Menard, sought since September 20 by the authorities if the New England city and a man was immediately sent to take him back.

Fortier had been living in a barn in the outskirts of the town. He went to Chief Blodreau, saying: "I am a murderer and if I don't tell someone I shall die." He then launched into details of the crime and events subsequent to it, making altogether a plausible story. When confronted by the Holyoke officer who at once says that the prisoner was not Menard, Fortier broke down and admitted that he had been fooling the local police with the motive of getting something to eat, a place to sleep and eventually get back home. He was successful in a measure, for in addition to the free board and lodging which he received while waiting for the American officer, he was on Saturday arraigned at Three Rivers on a charge of vagrancy. He pleaded guilty and he will be relieved of any personal responsibility.



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The bones, the muscles, and all the organs of the body depend for their strength and tone and healthy action on pure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood. It is positively unequalled in the treatment of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling. There is no other medicine like it. Be sure to get Hood's and get it today. It is sold by all druggists.

Illities for his own welfare for the next thirty days, which time he will spend in jail. At the end of that time he will probably be deported.

Those Small Berths
Fat Passenger—There is no danger that anyone will pry into these berths, is there?
Pullman Porter—Lan' sakes no, mam. On de contrary, we generally has to pry folks out of 'em.

Cash Specials Saturday Dec. 18th Monday Dec. 20th AT CHENEY'S

- 2 lbs. Prunes.....25c
 - Shelled Walnuts (lb. only).....40c
 - Libby's Asparagus Tips (lb. tin).....28c
 - Libby's Asparagus, Large Green (2 lb. tin).....35c
 - 15c size Peasut Butter (McLaren's).....13c
 - Soaps, all kinds.....12c
 - Cider.....Per gal. 35c
 - Withey's Mince-meat, Per pkg. 10c
 - Heinz Mince-meat.....Per lb. 22c
 - Post Tavern Special—(A delicious Breakfast Food).....9c
 - 12c can Spinach.....9c
 - String Beans.....3 cans 25c
 - Charles & Co's French Mushrooms.....Per can, 28c
 - 12c tin "Golden Huddles".....10c
 - 15c tin Herring in Tomato Sauce.....12c
 - 20c tin Scallop.....16c
 - 15c can Pineapples.....12c
 - Good Florida Oranges.....35c
 - Baker's Chocolate in 1-2 lb. cakes, 22c
 - Orange Pekoe Tea (lb. only).....35c
 - Chase & Sanborn's Coffee (fresh ground, lb. only).....35c
 - Quart "Perfect Seal" Jar Golden Syrup.....30c
 - Fresh Dates.....Per lb. 10c
 - Fresh Supply of Confectionery, Nuts, Plum Puddings, Fancy Cakes, etc.
- GREENINGS**
- Wreaths.....15c
 - 10 Yard Bundles.....45c
 - Holly.....5c, 10c, 15c sprays
 - Mistletoe
- COUNTRY CLUB ICE CREAM**
- Pint Bricks.....25c
 - Quarts.....50c

Cheyne & Co.
18 Charlotte Street and Cor. Pitt and Leinster Sts.
Telephone Main 803.

A Christmas Suggestion

What better gift can you make the little girl than a nice Trimmed Hat? We have a splendid variety in pleasing styles to suit all ages, which we are offering at special week-end prices—75c. to \$1.

- Ladies' and Misses' Trimmed Hats, \$1.50 to \$3.
- Untrimmed Hats, in felt and velvet, 25c., 50c., and 75c.
- Fancy Feathers, 25c. each.
- Winter Flowers, 25c. each.

Model Millinery Company 29 Canterbury Street

Christmas Gifts In Gold and Silver

From the many Gift Pieces contained in our sumptuous stock, you will find it easy to make selections that will ensure "Lasting Appreciation" from the recipients.

We have assembled an especially attractive showing for this season of all that goes to make up "A First-class Stock of Fine Gift Jewelry" and Silver Novelties, including Table and Toilet Silverware, and a long list of seasonable articles too numerous to mention.

Early Selections Will be Cheerfully Reserved for Later Delivery.

Ferguson & Page
Diamond Importers and Jewelers - - King Street

Stores Open 8.30, Close 6 O'clock; Saturdays 10 p. m.

Bargains If You Buy Now At The Christmas Sale

Of Men's and Boys' Clothing

Continued Saturday Morning

Men's Overcoats, Men's Fur and Fur-Lined Coats, Boys' Regular and Fancy Overcoats at Sharp Reductions; also our Entire Stock of Men's Fancy Tweed and Worsted Suits, Boys' Fancy Tweed and Worsted Two and Three-Piece Suits and Fancy and Sailor Suits at Reduced Prices for This Sale.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

MORNING SHOPPING IS BEST

As There is Less Crowding and Salespeople Have More Time to Place at Your Disposal.

Christmas Gifts In Furniture



Tabourette—Oak or mahogany finish. Price.....\$2.75

Foot Rest—Spanish leather cushion. \$3.50

Work Stands—Battan \$4.25, \$4.75 and \$6.50

"Speedway" Sled—For boy or girl, five sizes. \$1.25, \$1.60, \$2.15, \$2.50, \$3.10

- Sectional Bookcases—Globe-Wernicke make, all oak finishes carried in stock, mahogany finish and solid mahogany to order. This case shown consists of four units, with base and top units. Price complete \$16.85
 - Separate Units, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.60, \$4.25; Tops, \$2.00; Bases, \$2.00; Bases with Drawers, \$1.10 extra.
 - FOLDING CARD TABLES.....From \$2.50 to \$20.00
 - FOLDING SEWING TABLES.....Each \$1.75
 - MAGAZINE STANDS.....From \$6.00 to \$10.00
 - PEDESTALS.....From \$4.25 to \$12.50
 - WOOD BASKETS.....Each \$2.75, \$3.25, \$6.00
 - BABY SLEIGHS.....\$1.85, \$2.75, \$4.25, \$6.50, \$7.25 to \$11.50
 - UMBRELLA STANDS.....From \$3.25 to \$ 7.50
 - PARLOR CABINETS.....From \$14.50 to \$30.00
 - CHRISTMAS TREE HOLDERS.....30c.
 - DESK ROCKERS.....From \$8.00 to \$30.00
 - MORRIS CHAIRS.....From \$9.75 to \$32.00
 - CHILDREN'S ROCKING HORSES.....\$1.50 and \$1.75
 - CHILDREN'S DESKS.....\$1.60 to \$6.25
 - CHILD'S TABLE AND TWO CHAIRS (Set).....\$2.50
 - RATTAN ROCKERS.....\$4.15 to \$8.50
 - PARLOR MIRRORS.....From \$8.00 to \$25.00
 - CHILDREN'S HIGH CHAIRS.....\$1.50, \$1.90 to \$9.75
 - M. E. A. SEWING MACHINES.....\$28.50
 - PIANO STOOLS.....\$2.75 and \$3.00
 - DUET BENCHES.....\$9.75
 - HALL MIRRORS.....\$5.75 to \$19.00
 - FERN STANDS.....\$9.00 and \$12.00
 - TELEPHONE STANDS.....\$7.50 to \$16.00
 - CEDAR CHESTS.....\$9.00 and \$11.25
- Also Hundreds of Other Useful Gifts Too Numerous to Mention in Limited Space
- FURNITURE DEPT.—MARKET SQUARE**

White, Black and Prevailing Shades in New Silk Hosiery

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

- This is a most attractive showing of Silk Hosiery, in white, black and a range of colors, suitable for Christmas giving. The best of satisfaction will be afforded in the good values offered and early selection is advised while assortments are complete.
- LADIES' SILK ANKLE HOSE—Black and white.....Pair 45c.
 - LADIES' SILK AND FIBRE HOSE—Black, white, champagne, fawn, suede, navy, putty. Pair 80c.
 - LADIES' SILK HOSE—With Lisle garter top and Lisle soles; white, taupe, bronze, navy, helio, pink, sky.....Pair \$1.00
 - LADIES' SILK HOSE—With Lisle garter top and Lisle soles; white, pink, sky, navy, putty sand, champagne, King's blue, grey, helio, fawn, bronze, maize, Emerald. Pair \$1.50 to \$1.75
 - LADIES' SILK HOSE—With silk garter top; white, pink, pearl, grey, champagne, suede, purple, King's blue, helio.....Pair \$2.25
 - LADIES' BLACK SILK HOSE—With white clocks.....Pair \$2.40
 - LADIES' WHITE SILK HOSE—With black clocks.....Pair \$2.40
 - LADIES' BLACK SILK HOSE—With Lisle tops and soles. Pair \$1, \$1.50, \$1.60, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50
- HOSIERY DEPARTMENT—ANNEX**

Every Department is Bright With Christmas Gift Things

- IN COSTUME SECTION**
- Suits, Coats, Afternoon and Evening Dresses, Sweaters, Silk and Satene Underskirts, etc.
- IN SILK AND FUR DEPTS.**
- White Lingerie, Crepe de Chine and Jap Silk Blouses, Feather Boas, Fur Coats, Fur Pieces, etc.
- IN CHRISTMAS SHOW ROOM**
- Brassware, Silver-Plated Ware, Depos-Art Ware, Mechanical and Building Toys, Dolls, China, etc.; also Cut Glass, Paperies, Toilet Waters and Perfumes in the Millinery Salon.
- APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS IN THE CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENTS, HUNDREDS OF PLAYTHING GIFTS FOR KIDDIES IN THE FURNITURE DEPARTMENT.**
- SHOP EARLY**
- IN ANNEX AND FRONT STORE**
- Hand Bags, Purses, Card Cases, Leather and Silk Belts, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Linen or Lace Centerpieces, Silk Hosiery, Silk Work Baskets, Neckwear, Blankets for Bath and Dressing Gowns, Ribbons, Needlework Novelties, Bandeaux and Hat Pins, Waist Lengths in Novelty Wash Fabrics, etc.
- IN WHITEWEAR DEPT.**
- Dressing Jackets, Long Kimonos, Boudoir Caps, Nightdresses, Skirts, Corset Covers, Combinations, Children's Dressing Gowns, Children's White Dresses, Infants' Robes and Long Coats, etc.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

FINANCIAL NEW YORK STOCK MARKET Quotations furnished by the writer of the...

MOST HEINOUS CRIME SINCE TAMERLANE Armenian Population in Turkey Reduced by Half—Many Face Starvation

New York, Dec. 17.—According to all the best evidence which the American committee has received, it is probably well within the truth to say that of the two million Armenians in Turkey a year ago, at least one million have been killed or forced into Islam, or compelled to flee the country, or have died upon the way to exile, or are now upon the roads to the deserts of Northern Arabia, or are already there. The number of victims is constantly increasing.

LOCAL NEWS

The Two Barkers are selling small picnic hams at 16 cents a pound. Just opened; some of the sweetest neckwear for Christmas gifts that we have ever had.—J. P. Condon's, 54 King street.

PROMOTIONS IN THE CANADIAN MILITIA

Four New Major-Generals and Four New Brigadier-Generals Announced Toronto, Dec. 17.—Major General W. E. Hodgins, Adjutant-General, Ottawa; Major-General T. Benson, D. O. C., Halifax; Major-General Henry Smith, Judge Advocate General, Ottawa; Major-General John Carson, representative of the militia in England; Brigadier-General, A. W. Loggie, D. O. C., Toronto; Brigadier-General, J. P. Condon, Toronto; Brigadier-General, The Hon. James Masson, Toronto; Brigadier-General, E. W. Wilson, Montreal.

BIRKS' GIFT SUGGESTIONS

HAVE you ever noticed the effect produced, when, on going through your correspondence you come across a letter written on fine quality paper with an initial in the corner and with the envelope to match? PERSONAL STATIONERY is as indicative of taste and refinement as household furnishings or jewellery. You can have a box of fine quality writing paper or correspondence cards embossed with YOUR INITIAL IN GOLD for 75 cents (with envelopes). Write for our Catalogue to-day. A copy will be mailed by return post.

WINTER OVERCOATS

We know the kind of an overcoat a man needs for comfort and safety in this climate, and we have the exact thing. It's long, it's warm, it's strong, and you can't go wrong in paying \$20 for it. Overcoats in every right style, \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20 and up. Our \$20 Overcoats have been selling more quickly than those at \$15. Why? SOLE AGENT 20th CENTURY GARMENTS.

HIS TRUNK EXPLODED

Red Cross Chief in Serbia Thus Wounded Several - Souvenir Shell Packed in it Went Off Vienna, Dec. 1.—(Correspondence)—Dr. Edward W. Ryan, chief of the American Red Cross Mission in Serbia, has arrived here from Belgrade, with five physicians and eleven nurses who had remained on duty until with the taking of Belgrade by the Germans and Austrians, the work of the American mission was abandoned, but Dr. Ryan did not care to remain under the altered conditions.

Remember Those Who Have Remembered You

Father's and Mother's old eyes have grown dim looking for ways and means to improve your conditions and make you happy. A pair of our Byeglasses, specially ground to suit their eyes, will enable the "Old Folks" to read and sew with all the ease and comfort of their younger days. You can make them happy with our spectacles at a very small cost.

SOLDIERS APPRECIATE THE FIELD COMFORTS

Now that our troops in France are called on to face another winter campaign, the question of "field comforts" becomes one of great importance. The government issues only indispensable necessities, and if these were not supplemented, the lot of the soldier on outpost duty for days and nights at a time would be intolerable. If the war were a matter of brief campaigns in which rapid decisions were reached, the soldier could easily submit to temporary privations, but when, as is the case in the western arena, the troops are continually on outpost duty with its constant strain and fatigue, their efficiency would suffer if they were not provided with some of the necessities of civilized existence.

THE THREE CURSES

"The three curses, morphine, cocaine and alcohol—and the worse of these is alcohol." This is the heading of an article in the last bulletin issued by the Board of Health of Toronto. It goes on to say: "Of the various habits forming drug alcohol stands out as pre-eminently the greatest of universal curses to humanity and has practically no redeeming features. In the light of modern knowledge alcohol which once occupied a ledge of honor in the treatment of disease is becoming more and more discredited every year. The role played by this drug in lowering our resisting power to disease; in the lowering of efficiency and in the actual production of organic disease of the liver, kidneys, heart, arteries and nervous system, we pointed out in our February issue as such as to make it essentially a problem of preventive medicine and one demanding immediate action by administrators of public health.

"DAD, HERE'S TO YOU"

We happened in a home the other night and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red, "Dad, here's to you." Across the door was another brief—"God bless our home." Now, what's the matter with "God bless our dad"? He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, and wipes off the prominent places in the morning. He makes the weekly hand-out for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman, and the laundry. He buys the coal, the gas, the oil, the sugar, the flour, the soap, the paper, the ink, the pen, the pencil, the rubber, the comb, the brush, the tin, the can, the jar, the bottle, the box, the bag, the sack, the bundle, the parcel, the package, the parcel, the package, the parcel, the package.

YOUR BRONCHIAL TUBES

When a cold settles in the bronchial tubes, with that weakening, tickling cough, immediate treatment is very important. The breath seems shorter because of mucous obstructions; usually feverish present, your head jars with every cough and your chest may ache. This is no time for experimenting or delay—you must get Scott's Emulsion at once to drive out the cold which started the trouble, and it will check the cough by aiding the healing process of the enfeebled membranes.

FOR MEN

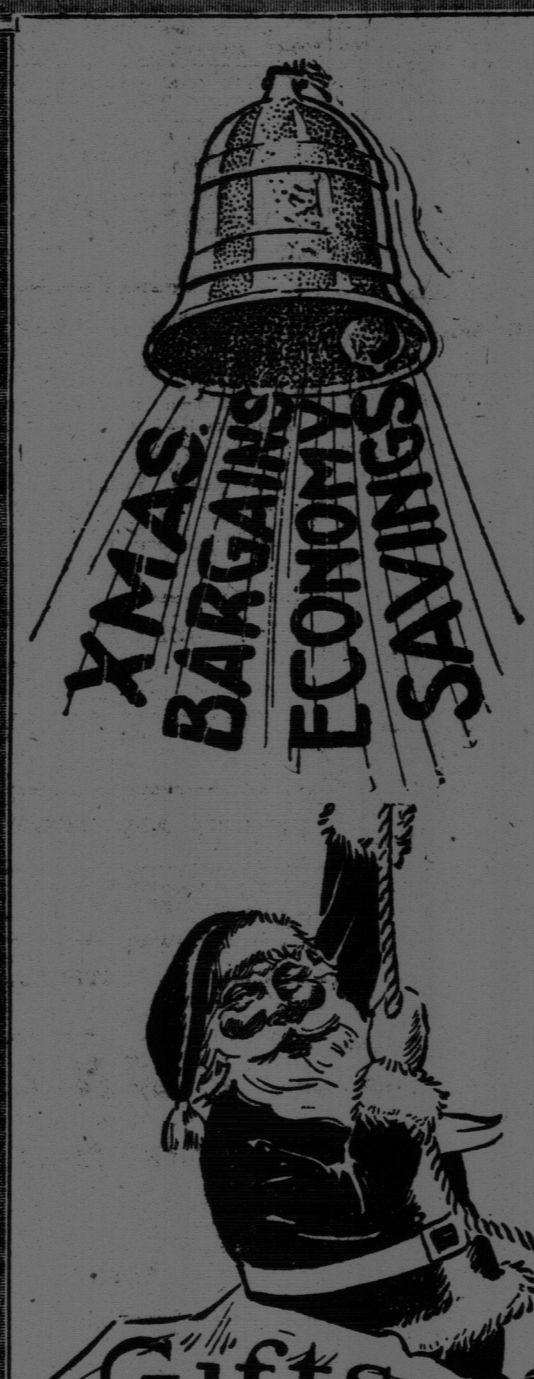
- Storm Shoes.....\$3.85 to \$5.75 Dress Shirts.....48c. to \$1.50 Dress Shoes.....\$2.25 to \$5.50 Gloves (lined).....75c. to \$2.75 Hockey Boots.....\$1.98 to \$2.95 Umbrellas.....75c. to \$1.25 Overshoes.....\$1.49 to \$2.75 Wool Gloves and Mitts, 25c. to 75c. Rubber Boots.....\$2.98 to \$4.85 Half Hose.....13c. to 50c. Slippers.....65c. to \$1.85 Handkerchiefs.....5c. to 45c. Comfort Shoes.....\$2.48 to \$6.00 Ties in Boxes.....25c. to 45c. Arch Supports.....\$1.35 and \$1.65 Silk Mufflers.....19c. to \$1.98 Overshoes.....\$6.85 to \$18.50 Gloves.....25c. to \$2.75 Suits.....\$4.45 to \$18.75 Braces.....25c. to 45c. Raincoats.....\$4.50 to \$12.50 Underwear.....45c. to \$2.75 Suit Cases.....\$1.25 to \$5.75 Caps.....25c. to \$1.50 Sweaters.....98c. to \$4.75 Soft Felt Hats.....98c. to \$2.25

FOR WOMEN

- Dress Shoes.....\$2.85 to \$5.00 Overshoes.....\$1.65 to \$1.85 Street Shoes.....\$1.98 to \$4.35 Rubbers.....48c. 65c., 75c. New Gypsy Boots.....\$2.85 to \$4.35 Hockey Boots.....\$1.98 and \$2.35 House Shoes.....\$1.10 to \$2.85 Sweater Coats.....98c. to \$4.35 Slippers.....25c. to \$2.85 Hosiery.....25c. to 65c. Overgaiters.....48c. to \$1.50 Mufflers.....19c. to \$1.98 Arch Supports.....\$1.35 to \$1.65

FOR CHILDREN

- Hockey Boots.....\$1.65 to \$2.35 Sweaters.....45c. to \$1.85 School Shoes.....98c. to \$2.85 Hosiery.....13c. to 33c. Rubber Boots.....\$1.75 to \$2.85 Underwear.....19c. to \$1.00 Overshoes.....\$1.25 and \$1.45 Wool Toggles.....19c. to 45c.



WHEN the problem of something to give for Christmas confronts you, turn to this store for relief! We offer our trade the most practical and sensible of all Christmas Gifts! Gifts for EVERYBODY

HUNGARIAN LEADER DEMANDS PEACE TERMS

According to reports received by mail a sensation was caused in the Hungarian parliament on December 7 by the speech of Count Karolyi leader of the Independent party in which he demanded that the government make peace proposals to the enemy powers, that the political units of the Hungarian nation should be recognized and that economic independence should be granted.

GOES TO MONCTON

Sussex Record—Sussex is about to lose one of her best known citizens, William D. Turner, a well known lawyer. He has accepted the position of assistant solicitor of the Canadian Government Railways, with headquarters in Moncton. Mr. Turner was for several years a member of the town council and rendered excellent service while on the board. He is a past master of Zion Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and has also served on the Sussex school board.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Lilly Mabel Boyce of Sussex, to Charles Frederick Greenwood, of Halifax, the wedding to take place on December 28.

FRANK MASON OF NEWCASTLE, DIED

Frank Mason of Newcastle, died on Dec. 14. He leaves his wife, three sons, William, Alfred, and Jack; George, who is in the 8th Battery in France; Claude, at home, and three daughters, Jean, Annie, and Jessie at home.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. CURE FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM. GRAVEL. DIABETES. BRONCHITIS. NEURALGIA. MIGRAINE. HEADACHE. BACKACHE. STOMACH DYSPEPSIA. BILIOUSNESS. CONSTIPATION. URINARY AFFECTIONS. GOUT. CALCULI. NEURALGIA. MIGRAINE. HEADACHE. BACKACHE. STOMACH DYSPEPSIA. BILIOUSNESS. CONSTIPATION. URINARY AFFECTIONS. GOUT. CALCULI.

WIEZEL'S WASH STORE. 243 - 247 Union St.

St. John's Christmas Store

This Year, Above All Others, Let Your Gifts Be of a Useful Nature and See to It That Your Money Is Spent Where It Will Give You the Most For The Outlay.



LADIES' COATS—Coats worth \$10.00 and \$12.00, can be had for \$6.95. Silk Plush Coats as low as \$14.00. Very Handsome Tweed Coats can be had, at \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$14.00.

CHILDREN'S COATS—A large assortment of these can be had from \$2.50 each up to \$7.50. Sizes from 1 year to 15 years.

SKATING SETS—From \$1.75 to \$3.25 each. These are made from brushed yarns and have a very attractive appearance.

SILK WAISTS—A very large assortment, from \$1.15 up to \$7.50 each.

LAWN WAISTS—From 75c. up to \$3.50. Middy Waists from 65c. up to \$1.75.

LADIES' SKIRTS—Some very attractive numbers which have been bought especially for the Christmas trade, from \$2.75 up to \$10.50 each.

KID GLOVES—Notwithstanding the scarcity of these goods, we have a big stock on sale from 89c. to \$1.65 a pair.

CHRISTMAS LINENS—These are of Japanese make, very fine and very suitable for Christmas presents. From the smallest up to the largest pieces 5c. to \$10.50 each.

HAND BAGS—Direct from the manufacturer to this store, 50c. to \$5.50 each.

WRAPPERS—Always a suitable present, \$1.00 to \$2.50 each.

KIMONOS—A big assortment of these, all at special prices, 75c. to \$2.98.



F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.
59 Charlotte Street



"AND THERE IS NO PEACE."

(From the New York Herald.)
So the situation is that Germany is in the position of being willing to make such a peace as will leave her the unopposed giant, but cannot find anyone else willing to talk peace with her. In other words, Germany would like to let go, but cannot.

There is a great deal coming out in connection with the speeches in the Reichstag over the censored wires that deceive no one about filled bellies, bursting copper warehouses, heaping potato bins, populous pig pens. Never did blockade work such wonders. In the name of the prophet, figs!

Meanwhile the allies are more determined than ever. The time has been reached where there are more munitions than can readily be used, when new levies are ready in hundreds of thousands—soon to be millions—for service, and the international war council is working together for pressure which is soon to be applied in new ways and with new strength on every front. There is no thought of peace anywhere in the allied countries, which are far, far stronger after more than sixteen months of the war than the final victor in our civil war was in August 1862.

DICKESON'S TEA

comes preserved in pure aluminum. It's worth while protecting Dickeson's Tea so carefully--the flavor's too good to lose.

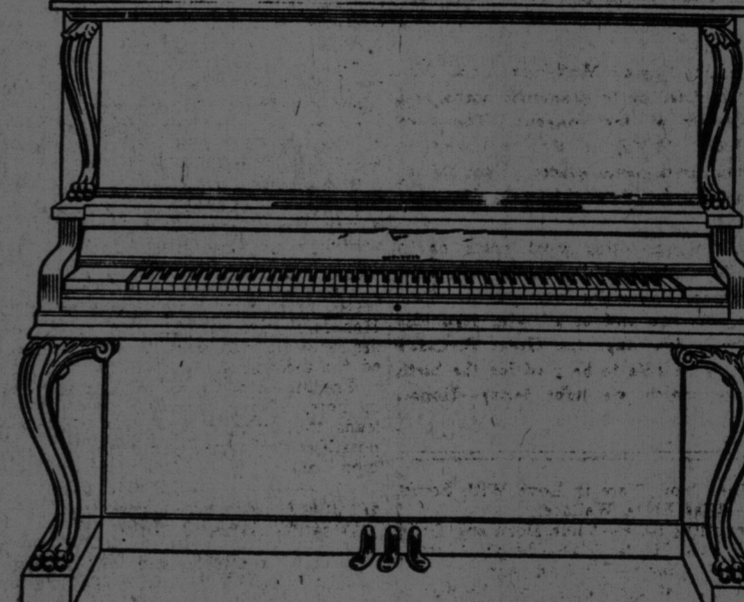


In connection with the appointment of Sir Douglas Haig as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Flanders, it may be noted that the Earl of Ashburnham, now residing in Fred-

erickton, was an officer in the 7th Hussars when Sir Douglas joined as a subaltern in 1883. The earl taught the young lieutenant the proper manner in which to groom a horse.

Take This Piano Home, Use it For Ten Days-- Absolutely Free! "It's an Amherst."

Call in any Musician, Piano Tuner, Professor of Music. Ask them about this Piano. Try it in the privacy of your own home. If the piano is not all that we claim for it and more, too, call us up, we will take the piano out at once. If you like it, begin payments, and the piano is yours.



This is the most extraordinary Piano Offer ever made by a reputable house.

This proves our implicit confidence in the world's super-piano, the far famed, mellow toned Amherst Piano.

"A Sweeter Tone as the Years Go By."

AMHERST PIANOS

From\$375 to \$600

Terms if Desired

Do Not Accept Any Substitute For An Amherst Piano. Insist on An Amherst Piano. Remember a Parrot Can Say "Just as Good," But a Parrot Doesn't Know What He is Talking About.

Here is a Fine Snap for Xmas shoppers. A Beautiful Sherlock-Manning; easy terms, \$180.00

Here is a Beautiful Mahogany Case Stainer Piano; has been used but slightly. . . . \$225.00

Here is a Beautiful Mason & Risch Piano. Look at the Price. We will take easy terms. \$225.00

Here is a Beautiful Sweet-toned Williams' Piano—Free Stool, Free Delivery, and we will hold the Piano and deliver it for Xmas. \$190.00

Here is a Wagner Piano that is worth \$450 just as it stands here on this floor. Our special holiday offer, with a bench to match, Easy Terms \$247.00

A full size, Cremona tone Player, twelve rolls of music; bench to match. Regular \$900 value. Terms-to suit. \$475.00

J. A. McDONALD PIANO & MUSIC COMPANY
7 Market Square St. John, N. B.

TRAIN EIGHT MILES LONG TO CARRY RELIEF

If Loaded With Flour This Train Would Sustain a Great Number of Belgians One Month.

When the Belgian relief committee at Montreal cast up its accounts the 18th of last May and made a recapitulation of the goods sent to Belgium it was found that \$600,662.18, given in cash by Canadians, had been spent in Canada and had purchased sufficient food, wheat and flour to fill over 350 freight cars.

In addition to this the gifts of the various provinces of Canada of clothing, food products, wheat and flour made up a total of 1,081 cars, which coupled together would make a train eight miles long.

Nova Scotia led in the quantity of food and clothing given. The donations of this province filled 278 freight cars. Ontario came second with 158 cars. Other provinces gave as follows—Quebec, 82 cars; Manitoba, 28 cars; Alberta, 27 cars; Saskatchewan, 15 cars; British Columbia, 21 cars; Prince Edward Island, nine cars.

The needs of Belgium have increased tenfold since the Belgian relief committee made the shipments mentioned above and a new effort is being made by the committee to meet this supreme hour of need in Belgium with an even more hearty response than was given last spring.

If, however, an equal number of cars are loaded this winter and each car contains 400 bags of flour, or the equivalent in wheat, more than a million of the seven million people of Belgium will be given sustenance for one month.

MEMBERS HONORED.
At the regular meeting of York, L. O. L. No. 5, last night three of their members who have called for overseas service were presented wrist watches. An address accompanied the presentation to James Donnelly, Alex. Cline and Wallace Ferroit who have joined overseas units. The installation of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: W. M. W. H. Spencer, D.M.; R. McIntyre, chaplain; E. S. Hennigar, recording secretary; Robert Jones, financial secretary; A. R. Carlous, treasurer; Charles Beers, lecturer; Alfred Webb; director of ceremonies; George A. Earle; inside Tyler.

Joseph Hazelwood, foreman of committees, R. N. Thorne, committeemen, Geo. Earle, Isaac Mercer, Hugh Milley Geo. Oldford.



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When You Buy R. M. A. Soap Products

You buy satisfaction or your money back.

You will find it only at the most reliable grocers.

Faith like that is worthy of your confidence and support.

FRANCE NEEDS COAL; MUST BUY IN AMERICA

May Have to Establish a Government Fleet to Carry Fuel—Need Estimated at 25,000,000 Tons

New York, Dec. 17.—Demand for American coal by the French government is becoming so urgent and the shortage of steamships for its transportation so acute that coal dealers here say France may be compelled before long to establish a government fleet of steamers to obtain an adequate supply of fuel. Ordinarily, they say, France consumes 60,000,000 tons of coal a year, about half of which she has hitherto obtained from Germany, Belgium and England. Reports that France now needs 25,000,000 tons from this country to fulfill her annual requirements are said by local dealers to be exaggerated, but they assert that the French requirements are far beyond any amount which this country has ever before been called upon to supply to any one nation.

With the great advance in trans-Atlantic freight rates and the difficulty in obtaining steamers for shipment of supplies, American exporters are sug-

gesting to the French government that its only safe course would be to purchase steamships or to take them on long-time charters for coal traffic. Exporters here say that not only France, but most of the European and many South American nations are turning to this country for coal.

ECZEMA

It ripples form, run watery matter which turns to crust, itching becomes painfully intense, and the disease spreads over the body. There are many variations of eczema, but all are cured by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Relief from itching is obtained at once, and gradually and naturally the new healthy skin can be seen with you own eyes. Just what is being accomplished from day to day by this wonderful healing, soothing ointment, and this will encourage you to keep up the treatment until cure is complete.

Dr. Chase's Ointment

ANNUAL December SALE

At F. A. JOHNSON'S, 40 Dock Street, For Christmas Shoppers

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| Ladies' Coats, Sale price, \$5.00 to \$23.00 | Ladies' Umbrellas, Sale price, 75c. to \$ 3.50 |
| Ladies' F-rts, Sale price, \$8.00 to \$23.00 | Silk Blouses, Sale price, \$1.10 to \$6.00 |
| Evening Dresses, Sale price, \$5.98 to \$18.00 | Silk Hose, Sale price, 39c. up |
| Serge Dresses, Sale price, \$3.75 to \$ 9.00 | Underskirts, Sale price, 45c. to \$4.00 |
| Silk Dresses, Sale price, \$5.50 to \$15.00 | House Dresses, Sale price, 59c. to \$3.00 |
| Ladies' Skirts, Sale price, \$1.50 to \$ 6.00 | Middy Blouses, Sale price, \$1.00 to \$3.50 |
| Ladies' Raincoats, Sale price, \$2.50 to \$14.00 | Fancy Collars, Sale price 23c. to 75c. |
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Mutt and Jeff--And Now There's No Head to the Irish Navy By "Bud" Fisher



HAME TAE HIS DEARIE. (Grief Alexander, in Pittsburg Dispatch) How blest is the man, be he wealthy or poor, Whose home knows a love that will ever endure, That hearkens him always, effecting a cure. For the days that are doleful or dreary, What matter if Fortune blow chilly or hot?— Or his life is a story that's lacking a plot?—

He'll e'en dree his weird, in the words of a Scot, An' gang awa' hame tae his dearie. Gang awa' hame, gang awa' hame. He'll get there a welcome that's cheery, And her smile he is sure all his troubles will cure. When he gangs awa' hame tae his dearie!

It matters no whit how the day has been spent; He looks to its close with a smile of content.

His home is his castle; his harbor, his tent; His haven, his nest; and his eye, O'er workday troubles refusing to fret, His home is a place where he learns to forget, A man and his happiness surely have met. When he gangs awa' hame tae his dearie, Gang awa' hame, gang awa' hame. With feet that no longer are weary, He goes to his tent with a smile of content. When he gangs awa' hame tae his dearie!

THE DESIRED EFFECT. Mark Currier, of Newburyport, was somewhat dead, and he had acquired a habit of sleeping at intervals throughout the sermon. The Reverend Mr. Milton made up his mind to break his worthy parishioner of that very deplorable habit, and he gave Mr. Currier fair warning of his determination. On the next Sunday he gave out an unusually long hymn, on which the bass viol sawed away so long that at last the reverend gentleman's head had fallen back on the railing of his pew and his mouth was set for a flytrap. Quietly the parson rose in the pulpit and exclaimed, in a voice of thunder, "Mark!" In an instant Currier jumped to his feet, and before he could realize where he was, answered the supposed call upon him with an equally loud "Hallo!" Perfectly regardless of him, Parson Milton continued—"Mark! I say, the perfect man, behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." You will find these words in the thirty-seventh Psalm and thirty-seventh verse.

During the sermon that followed, Mark Currier, it need not be added, was wide-awake.

VON KLUCK ON BRITISH TROOPS General von Kluck, who commanded the right wing of the German army on the west front, is quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the Vienna Zeit as saying that the bravery and tenacity of the British troops must be admitted. Anybody who knows British military history never under-estimated the British soldier. For he has proven his worth in all wars. Remember Waterloo.

Other Way Round. A Missouri farmer had ordered a fancy pig from a breeder. The pig was a mere mite of a pig and the farmer sent it back. "Dear Sir," he wrote, "From the comparative size of the pig and the bill, I am forced to the conclusion that you got them mixed. You should have sent the pig by mail and the bill by goods."

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Xmas is Xmas, money is money, good-will is good-will; but is it good business to pay large prices to stores just because it is the Xmas Season? Will your gift mean any more to the recipient just because you paid a large price for it, if you can get the same for less? I think you will say "NO." Our store is crowded with better goods at smaller cost.

<p>Skating Boots</p> <p>Men's \$3.00 and \$3.50 qualities, Only \$2.35</p> <p>Boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 styles, Only \$1.85 and \$2.35</p> <p>Youths' Sizes, 11 to 3. Only \$1.45</p>	<p>Overboots</p> <p>Make nice Xmas Gifts. We are selling Overboots from 45c to 80c, less than you can get them any where else for. You cannot get better, although you may pay more.</p> <p>Men's Two-Buckle Overboots—Regular \$2.75. Our price, \$2.15</p> <p>Men's One Buckle Overboots, Our price, \$1.35</p> <p>Ladies' Overboots—Our prices, \$1.95, \$1.80 and \$1.55</p> <p>You can save 80c a pair on the first style, and 45c on the second and third styles. That is well worth while.</p> <p>Girls' Overboots—Sizes 11 to 2. Regular \$1.75. Our price, \$1.30</p> <p>Children's Overboots—Sizes 6 to 10. Regular \$1.50. Our price, \$1.15</p> <p>Ladies' Jersey Storm Rubbers, Regular \$1.25. Our price, 85c.</p>	<p>Slippers</p> <p>Gentlemen's Vici Kid, Chocolate and Seal Brown Slippers, Only \$1.50 a pair</p> <p>Ladies' Felt Slippers—Black, Brown or Red, with high or low heels. Regular \$1.50. Only 98c.</p> <p>We have ten pair Ladies' Camel Hair Slippers, all sizes. Regular \$2.00. Now \$1.35</p> <p>If that is the size you want, get a pair at once.</p>
<p>Curler's Boots</p> <p>Made on the "Gold Bond" principle with rubber soles and heels, having the finest grade of felt lining. Regular \$7.00 Boots, Only \$5.85</p>	<p>Rubbers</p> <p>You will be buying yourself a pair of rubbers shortly. You can get a correct fit here in the longest wearing rubber at a much smaller price. What you save will do for something else.</p> <p>Ladies' Rubbers—Made to fit, 68c</p> <p>Girls' Rubbers.....35c and 55c</p> <p>Men's Rubbers.....83c and 95c</p>	<p>Ladies' Gaiters</p> <p>We have three prices, 55c, 75c, 95c, different designs, in each price.</p>
	<p>Rubber Boots</p> <p>Our prices on first quality Rubber Boots are the very lowest. We handle nothing but the highest grades, "Punched" goods.</p> <p>Men's \$4.50 Knee Length. Our price, \$3.85</p> <p>Ladies' \$2.75 Wool Lined, beautifully shaped. Only \$2.25</p> <p>Misses' and Children's—Just like the ladies. \$1.95 and \$1.75</p>	<p>Leggings</p> <p>Sizes 6 to 10.....Now 68c</p> <p>Sizes 11 to 2.....Now 78c</p> <p>Prices like these will not be duplicated in St. John.</p> <p>Whatever you do, or do not, do see that you bring your footwear wants to Steel's Shoe Sale. It will pay you to do so.</p>

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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING. City League.

The Tigers gave the City League bowling enthusiasts a surprise last evening when they defeated the Sweeps and thus placed themselves close behind the leaders in the race for championship honors.

Table with columns: Team, Total, Avg. Rows include Tigers, Lannoy, Belyea, Coughlan, Bailey, Morrissey, Sweeps, McIveen, Gambin, Jenkins, Harrison, Fashay.

Tonight the Specials and the Wanderers will do battle. The league standing to date is as follows:

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost. Rows include Sweeps, Tigers, Ramblers, C. P. R., Easterns, Nationals, Specials, Wanderers, Elks.

BASEBALL. May Be Settled Today.

New York, Dec. 16.—The future status of big league baseball will be decided at a peace conference of representatives of the National, American and Federal and International leagues here Friday.

HOCKEY. Players May Be Fined.

The free shot rule will not be adopted by the National Hockey Association this year, so President Quinn informed his referees at an informal session in Montreal.

FOOTBALL. Dave Morcy May Act as Coach.

Begton Post—Dave Morcy will be Somerville High School's football coach next fall providing the members of the Somerville High School football squad have any voice in the matter.

TURF. Marion Dillon Has New Owner.

Frederickton Glenner—Marion Dillon (2:11-4) has a new owner. This finely bred mare is now the property of Dr. B. W. Robertson, of Keswick Ridge.

McDonald Knocked Out Mello.

Halifax, Dec. 16.—Roddie McDonald, of Glace Bay, knocked out Johnny Mello, of Gloucester (Mass.), in the second round of a scheduled 15-round bout here tonight.

Manager—What do you mean by talking like that? Are you the manager here, or am I? Clerk—I know I'm not the manager. Manager—Very well, then. If you're not the manager, don't talk like an idiot!

AMUSEMENTS. Mary Pickford as Half-Breed Indian Girl in Alaskan Story.

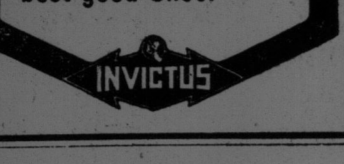
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So Says Trainer Welsh, Who is Back From Europe—Declares They Want "Stayers"

New York, Dec. 16.—Thomas Welsh, for twenty-five years a noted owner and trainer of thoroughbreds in the United States, and who has been in France for several years, is among the visitors here. He finds a changed sentiment in regard to racing in this country.

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for half-bred horses were given at the county fairs. These contests might not be much at first, but gradually a feeling of local pride would be aroused, and with premiums to be won at the various fairs there would be an added incentive to patronize the thoroughbred horses in the Jockey Club's Breeding Bureau in this state and those that are in the charge of the government in Virginia and other Eastern States.

HOW BOB FITZSIMMONS GOT PETER MAHER WORRIED

Bob Fitzsimmons tells a story that proves "goat-getting" to be an ancient art. Bob was training at Jures for his fight with Peter Maher, the river bar across from Langtry, Texas. A few weeks before the fight both Fitzsimmons and Maher went to see a great bull fight in the Jaures bull ring.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S PART IN THE GREAT WAR A successful plot was held last night in Temperance Hall, St. James street, under the auspices of the Newfoundland Mutual Benefit Association.

AMUSEMENTS. Fighting the Smugglers "JIM" is Thrown off the Bridge

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