

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

LAST TIME FOR 'OLD HOMESTEAD' TONIGHT
Denman Thompson's 'The Old Homestead' will be the last of the Imperis Theatre tonight after a run on Christmas Day and this afternoon which delighted thousands of adults and children.

Tomorrow, Lillian Walker and a high-class Vitaphone will appear in the super-feature 'The Blue Envelope Mystery' which will be quite in keeping with the wonderful productions emanating from the Vitaphone studios during the last few months.

GOOD ONES AT GEM
There is a delightful programme at the Gem for tonight, the last two showings of the Christmas bill. The feature is an outstanding five reel Fox release and the vaudeville is excellent.

PATRIOTIC FUND
Single—Sheriff Amon A. Wilson, \$20; Major L. P. D. Tilley, \$50; Pelepscott Paper Company, New York, \$500; Francis & Vaughan, \$50.

MILK DEALERS' REPLY TO COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON
Tabulated replies to the council's list of questions from eighteen milk dealers will be submitted to the common council at the weekly meeting this afternoon.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50c.
BIRTHS
McDONALD—On December 26, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McDonald, Jr., 188 Waterloo street, a daughter.

DEATHS
QUIRK—In this city on the 23rd inst. Bridget, widow of the late William Quirk.
Funeral took place on the 26th inst. from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robinson, corner Orange and Sydney streets.

KNOWN HERE
The schooner Roger Drury has been sunk off Great Point, Mass., and the Ravola wrecked on southern end of the Rip.

IN MEMORIAM
GREEN—In loving memory of Geo. H. Green, who died December 26, 1911. WIFE AND FAMILY.

LOCAL NEWS

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER
Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses—K. W. Epstein & Co., 193 Union street. See our adv. on page 7.

THE ST. JOHN PROTESTANT ORPHANS HOME
The following additional amounts for the Christmas season are thankfully acknowledged:—The A. R. Williams Machinery Company, \$25; 'D', \$50; St. John church, United Presbyterian Christmas service, collection, \$18.76.

VICTORIA RINK
Good skating tonight. Band Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday nights, also Saturday afternoons.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE
Friends of the Seamen's Institute are kindly requested to send cake or doughnuts for the sailors' entertainment Wednesday evening. About 500 sailors are expected to be present.

LOST—On Sunday, black buffalo robe from Queen street and Haymarket square via Carmarthen and Waterloo streets. Finder please communicate with W. Edgar Campbell, Phone Main 1161.

PLUMBERS, WAKE UP
Attend the regular meeting of your union tonight in the Market building. You are needed.

CHRISTMAS TREAT
There will be a Christmas treat at Girls' Club, 92 Princess street, Friday evening at eight. It is hoped all members and all who attend the club will be present to enjoy the evening.

ENJOYED CHRISTMAS
A visitor to Rockwood park yesterday spoke of how much real pleasure many boys and girls seemed to enjoy in skating. On enquiring from some of the skaters about the condition of the ice he was told that not only the good ice and brisk air were the reason they enjoyed the skating, but that they were wearing proper fitting and durable hockey boots, which they had secured at Wiesel's Cash Stores, Union street.

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HOW MUCH LOUDER IT SOUNDS
When some children fear the dark as much as some men fear the light.

USE THE WANT AD. WAY

NEW FEELING THIS YEAR IN ALSACE AS CHRISTMAS OBSERVED

People See Themselves Coming Into Their Own Again—Confidence is Marked

Alsace, via Chantilly, Dec. 25.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Never in the history of Alsace, reconquered by the French, has Christmas been celebrated with such fervor and hopefulness as this year. Every village church and chapel was filled to overflowing for midnight masses—services at which the clergy in some instances offered public prayers; that the national councilors might be guided aright in considering the situation.

Patriotic Bout Here New Years

First of Series in Imperial on for Patriotic Purposes—Kid Burns and Eddie Giroux, Well-Known Feather-weights

Joe (Kid) Burns, the featherweight who has been making a name for himself lately in Montreal battle circles, knocked out such good ones as O'Leary, Collins, Keyes, and Rogers, all of New York, to say nothing of many other victories, has been matched to box Eddie Giroux, twelve rounds, in the Imperial theatre on New Year's night.

As was announced some time ago several prominent citizens and local organizations have hit upon the scheme of bringing to this city several noted boxers and having them give exhibitions in order to raise funds for patriotic purposes and the first bout will be New Year's night. Every ten days or two weeks, will no doubt cause considerable interest in sporting circles in this city.

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LOCAL NEWS

FROM THE 26TH
Lieut.-Colonel J. L. McAvery is in receipt of two telegrams from Lieut. Col. A. E. G. McKenna of the 26th Battalion. They read as follows: "Best wishes for season and good luck to you and your command." "Please convey to friends in New Brunswick the thanks of my battalion for generous contributions."

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED
Mr. and Mrs. William McCrea of 199 Metcalf street announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Lee Verne, to W. D. Crawford of this city. The marriage will take place in February.

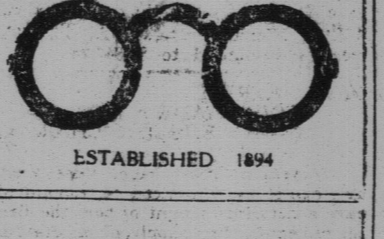
HOPE-EARLE
The wedding of Miss Viola Earle, daughter of Charles Earle of Pokok road, and Willard Lowell Hope of Albert county, a member of the 3rd C. G. A., was solemnized last evening at the residence of the bride's parents by Rev. R. P. McKim.

SOLDIER ARRESTED
Detectives Barrett and Duncan placed under arrest this afternoon Pte. Harold Delaney on suspicion of theft of a suit of clothes, valued at \$25, knife and some small articles from the store of W. E. Ward, King street, some days ago. The soldier was in the Military Hospital when arrested.

POLICE NOW HAVE CASE
One week ago today the purse of a young lady who was making a purchase in an uptown store was stolen. It contained more than \$20. She placed it on the counter while looking at some goods, and when she turned around to pick it up again it was gone. Two women who had been standing close by were also missing. Thinking that perhaps it had been picked up by mistake she advertised for it, but as she received no response she has placed the matter in the hands of the police.

GREETINGS FROM SONS.
B. R. Macaulay received a cablegram yesterday from his three sons, Lieut. Robert A., Donald A., and Norman A., bearing Christmas greetings. All three boys are now in France, Donald A. and Norman A. with a siege battery and Lt. Robert A. with the 27th Battalion. Lieut. Macaulay enlisted in the west and on arrival in England with his unit was drafted to the 27th Battalion in France. The boys are all well. Mr. Macaulay is justly proud of his three fighting sons, as is also their home city.

If in doubt as to what to buy for Christmas either for a Lady or Gentleman, drop into THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street. We will be pleased to show you our stock of High-Class Goods at right prices.



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POPULAR AVIATION WEDDING IN LONDON



Lt. Charles H. Bell, R. F. C., and his bride. Note the liberal amount of confetti which was showered upon them above by Aviator Hill, as they left Hendon Parish church. Lt. Bell has since been wounded in action.—S. N. S.

WHAT AM I OFFERED?



Lady Alexander Tree is shown in this photograph auctioning bunches of grapes to raise funds for the British Red Cross. Miss Ellaline Terris is selling baskets of fruit.

SERBIAN SOLDIERS AT GRAVE OF COMRADE



These Serbian soldiers, who have been victoriously fighting on the Balkan front, are visiting the grave of a comrade whose steel helmet hangs on the cross between them. The fallen heroes were buried by night.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

FOR MILITARY HOSPITALS
Additional donations for Christmas cheer for soldiers in hospitals—Mrs. Monts Chapter, I. O. D. E., \$10; Mrs. W. White, \$5; Mrs. Carleton Lee, \$5; Mrs. A. M. Rowan, \$5; Alexander Wilson, ten Christmas trees; Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory, greenery; St. Mary's church greenery; St. John's (Stone) church greenery; Mrs. C. S. Paterson, Christmas tree decorations; Miss May McArthur, Christmas tree decorations; Gray & Richey, push-pins; Waterbury & Bling, crate of oranges; Mrs. W. L. Robson, plum pudding; Mrs. Alfred Rowley, two plum puddings; Mrs. S. McDiarmid, two mince pies; Mrs. John Keefe, four mince pies; Mrs. F. B. Schofield, two mince pies; Mrs. Fred Peters, two mince pies; Miss E. Skinner, mince pie; Mrs. H. A. Austin, mince pie; Mrs. A. L. Fenlon, three mince pies; Mrs. W. M. Angus, two mince pies; Mrs. J. A. Coster, pie and cake; The V. A. D., figs, nuts and grapes. (Sgd.) EDNA AUSTIN, Quartermaster V. A. D.

LONDON STILL IS DEEPLY INTERESTED

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have no moral strength with the inhabitants."
The Temps summarizes his report, in which he says that batches of deported persons numbering thousands on their departure from Armenia, were reduced to two or three hundred on their arrival in the south. The Temps then quotes the Turkish president of the committee on deportations as saying: "We want to destroy the name Armenia the same as the Germans desire to allow the survival of none but Germans. We Turks want none but Turks."

Professor Pollard's View

London, Dec. 26.—Professor A. F. Pollard, who holds the chair of English history in London University, writes to the Times urging that, while it is clear that somebody blundered regarding the phraseology and presentation of President Wilson's note, it is also clear that the people here are also blundering in interpreting it.
"We have to remember," he writes, "that it is addressed to our enemies as well as to ourselves and has therefore to observe the diplomatic conventions and to assume the sincerity of enemy professions. Secondly, we should remember our own procedure before the war. We addressed the question of inquiry respecting German neutrality to France and Germany. France gave prompt and satisfactory assurances. Germany evaded the question and invaded Belgium."

A Russian Opinion

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—M. Shingaroff, chairman of the defense committee of the Russian Duma, in commenting on President Wilson's note, said: "The commercial interests of America will probably be every more by the military. America's adherence to one or the other of the belligerents is very improbable, especially to Germany, which would result in complications between America and Japan."
Berlin, Dec. 26.—Via Sayville—The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted today to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador.

WARSHIPS IN FIGHT IN STRAIT OF OTRANTO

(Continued from page 1)
Berlin, Dec. 26 (via Sayville)—Two allied patrol boats, evidently of the Italian class, were sunk and four other allied warships were damaged in the recent naval engagement in the Strait of Otranto, the Austrian admiralty announced. Two Austrian destroyers were hit.
Berlin, Dec. 26 (via Sayville)—Today's army headquarters' statement is as follows: "Western front: In some sectors of the Ypres salient, on both sides of La Bassée Canal and west of Lens the activity of the artillery increased. Advances by strong British patrols were repeatedly reported."
French Report.
Paris, Dec. 26.—"There was nothing to report last night, with the exception of rather lively artillery fighting in the region south of Liégeois," says today's official report from the French front.
"Ten of our aviators yesterday bombed the railroad station and barracks at Neale and enemy encampments in the Chapitre Wood and at Ourscamp."
Paris, Dec. 26.—Following is the official announcement of today regarding the Macedonian campaign: "There is nothing to report aside from artillery fighting which continues in the Cerna Bend and in the region of Monastir."

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DIVIDED WE FALL

The growing demand for competent and aggressive leadership in Canada is justified by what one reads in the newspapers. We read, for example, that on Saturday Mr. R. B. Bennett, director of national service, held a conference at Ottawa with the executive of the trades and labor congress. The report says:

"Among at least some of the unions, east as well as west, there is a good deal of suspicion that the inventory of man-power of the country which is to be taken next week is a primary step towards conscription, and consequently we are not inclined to view it with favor. Mr. Bennett, at considerable length, explained the situation and did much to remove any idea that the national service plan has as its ultimate goal obligatory military service. No conclusion was reached. The conference will be resumed on Tuesday, when it is expected Sir Robert Borden will attend."

And while Mr. Bennett at Ottawa was endeavoring "to remove any idea that the national service plan has as its ultimate goal obligatory military service," Sir Sam Hughes, at Lindsay, was talking in an entirely different strain. The report of his speech says: "The immediate calling out of all single men from 18 to 45 years of age, not exempted under the law, for active service training under the Canadian militia act, was the recruiting policy advocated by Lieut.-General Sir Sam Hughes at a large meeting here last night. He declared that the national service commission was more or less of a failure. Four months of valuable time had already been lost, and four months more, at least, must elapse before the returns of eligibles would be in. It would be a year before the commission could begin to operate with any effect, and even then action on the basis adopted would be chaotic. One good thing, however, was that the public seemed to be interested. Prompt and decisive action, however, must now be the mandate. The calling out of single men could now be done under the act, he said, but in order to remove all doubt regarding compulsory service for overseas, the act should be amended so that the militia might be sent abroad for the defense of the empire. Under this plan he would undertake to have at least two to three hundred thousand men ready for the front within four months from the inception of the scheme."

Of course Sir Sam Hughes does not speak for the government, but he lately loomed so large in Canada's military affairs that he may be presumed to have a considerable following. He says the national service commission is more or less of a failure, and that valuable time has been lost, and more will be lost. Therefore he demands the obligatory military service which Mr. Bennett says is not contemplated. And while the doctors disagree the patient suffers. The patient in this case is the Canadian army at the front and the cause for which that army is fighting. It is not a situation the Canadian people can regard with complacency. Sooner or later they will demand in unmistakable terms that they be given the leadership the time and the occasion so urgently demand. A national service that does not demand more than the conscription of men is no national service at all. In England they have learned that the whole nation must be impressed into service, and a system adopted under which the whole of the national resources can be mobilized for war. There must be as near as may be an equality of sacrifice for the national cause. In Canada we are still marking time and tolerating the patronage committee. There must be an end of this sort of leadership.

THE CARE OF DELINQUENTS

The state school for boys at South Portland, Maine, is a reformatory institution which appears to be doing a most valuable work. The report of Supt. Dunn says: "The average daily attendance at the school for the past year was 170; new commitments for the year, 49; returned from parole during the year, five; paroled during the year, 54; escaped during the year, five; discharged by vote of the trustees, 12. The commitments for the past year were for the following offenses: Larceny, twenty-eight; truancy, seven; common law, four; assault, seven; vagabondage, one; breaking and entering, five; injury to property, one. The largest number of commitments during the past year were from Portland, with Bangor second, and Biddeford third."

The superintendent in his report urges that a proper industrial training building be provided. Of the health of the boys he says: "The health of the boys during the past two years has been quite remarkable in its freedom from all serious sickness and contagious disorders; and at no time have we had any considerable number of boys confined to the house by illness, and for the most of the time there has been no illness of any kind whatever. Certain small physical disabilities which boys bring into the school,

with them are sought to be relieved by Dr. Drummond by means of small operations, which have frequently resulted in allowing the boy to have a normal development which had hitherto been arrested by his disability."

The last sentence is of particular interest. Among children committed to the care of the Children's Aid Society in St. John, there are always some who need special treatment. That society has sent quite a number of little patients to the public hospital, and has had two older ones placed in the provincial hospital for nervous diseases, one mentally deficient and the other really insane. There can be no doubt at all that much of the delinquency and arrested mental development of children is due to causes that could be removed by proper care, and it is clear that those who are really feeble-minded should have institutional treatment.

The time must come when society will so organize itself in self-defence it will see to it that proper care is given to children in their homes, but in the meantime the necessity for institutions presses more and more strongly and ought to be met in a generous way by every community.

A Social Service Congress is to be held in St. John toward the end of January. It will be for the province of New Brunswick. The presence of outstanding authorities on Social Service from Toronto, Chicago and elsewhere will make it of special interest, and it will undoubtedly be one of the most important conventions held in recent years. It will be undenominational in character, and should result in such an organization for the city and province as will give community welfare work a new meaning and a splendid impetus. They have a Social Service Bureau in the three prairie provinces which is doing a splendid work, with provincial and municipal aid and encouragement. We greatly need organization in New Brunswick.

Now that the Christmas festivities are a thing of the past, the people must centre their thoughts more and more upon the stern task of seeing to it that Canada does her full duty in the war. The Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson warns the English people of the spiritual battle they must wage, in order to remain true to their ideals and prosecute the war till right shall triumph, and we have the same battle to wage in Canada, where there are the added temptations of an abounding prosperity.

The day after Christmas there came to the Times office the story of a young widow with two children who must find a temporary home for the little ones and work for herself, in order to support them. It is believed satisfactory arrangements can be made. Christmas giving does not solve our social problem. It is an all-the-year problem, and calls for constant and organized treatment in order that all the little children may get a fair start in life.

A Canadian exchange says: "The development of the paper-making industry in Canada will be one of the marvels of the next decade. The proprietors of newspapers in the United States will be forced to protect themselves against the extortionate prices charged for news print by building mills in Canada on a co-operative basis."

Never was the Christmas season in St. John marked by such an universal desire to contribute to the happiness of the poor and the shut-in, and of those in the various institutions, as was in evidence during the past week.

Every steamer that brings its quota of wounded men to our port reminds us of the duty we owe to those who are still at the front, and to the cause for which they are fighting.

The universal testimony of city merchants is that their Christmas trade surpassed that of any former year. Money was amazingly plentiful.

INVERTED-CROWN PAVING NEEDS ON CURB

The streets of a new residence district in Cedar Rapids, Ia., have been improved recently with an inverted-crown concrete paving. That is, the centre of the street is a trifle lower than the sides, so that the water drains down through the middle of the thoroughfare. This makes curbs unnecessary and is said to have proven very satisfactory. In case a pavement that is laid without curbs has the usual curved crown the water will eventually wash away the earth under the edges.—From the January Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Modesty of the Engineers

It is a tradition of the sappers that they always do their job and never make a fuss about it. The London Times special correspondent narrates that a commanding officer of troops which have borne a heavy share in recent operations complained to me that, in making up his list of recommendations for honors, he couldn't get the engineer officers to give him any names. "Oh, they have all done well," they said, "that's all right." "And," said the commanding officer to me, "it was all right. They had all done well, but somebody must have done particularly well, and I wanted names! Extraordinary chaps," he added meditatively, "marvellous chaps!"

LIGHTER VEIN

Mark Twain as a Samaritan. Here is a new Mark Twain story that sounds as if it actually might have happened.

It dates back to the period when Mark was living in Hartford, on the next block from Harriet Beecher Stowe and her husband, Professor Stowe. One cold and blustery winter morning, after an unusually heavy snow-storm, a neighbor, meeting Mark in the street, slowly plowing his way through the drifts, with a cornucopia pipe in his mouth, and a snow-shovel over his shoulder, asked him where he was bound. "Oh, just around the block—an errand of mercy," drawled Mark, removing the pipe from between his teeth and pointing over his shoulder with the stem of it. "Mrs. Stowe has just telephoned me that Professor Stowe is under the weather this morning, and I'm on my way around there to shovel him out!"

Scribblem, the editor of the Mudville Scrapper, was a modest man. He believed in modesty—even in journalism. He thought it paid no better for a newspaper than for a man continually to be bragging.

A prospectus was once drawn up for him. There were several blatantly boastful paragraphs in it, and Scribblem ran his pencil through them all. "If I let this go," he said, "it would be pretty nearly as bad as the epitaph that the young widow carved on her aged husband's tomb. This epitaph read: 'Sacred to the memory of John James Greer, aged eighty-four, who departed this life bitterly regretting that he must leave forever the most beautiful and best of wives!'"

A man who had just finished a comfortable meal at a restaurant the other evening suddenly rose from his chair, caught up his hat and umbrella, that stood against the wall, and rushed out of the building. "Stop him!" exclaimed the proprietor. "That fellow went out without paying."

"I'll stop him," said a determined-looking man, who rose up hastily from a table near where the other had sat. "He took my gold-headed umbrella. I'll stop him and I'll bring him back in charge of a police officer, the scoundrel!" Without a moment's hesitation he dashed out of the house in hot pursuit of the conscienceless villain. And the proprietor, a cold, hard, unsympathetic kind of man, has somehow begun to suspect that neither of them will ever come back.

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LORD DEVONPORT FOOD DICTATOR Farmer's Son and Then an Errand Boy FORTUNE IN GROCERIES Made His Name as Chairman of Part of London Authority—A Close Friend of Lloyd George, Whose Parliamentary Secretary He Was

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) Although Mr. Asquith said in the House of Commons that he did not like that word "dictator," his government had already decided that there should be a food dictator in England. The trouble was to find the man. It was said generally that he would be the most unpopular official in the United Kingdom, and that no man with any political ambitions would accept the task. Finally Lord Devonport was induced to take the office, and then it was suddenly remembered that he had vast experience in the dictating business. For several years he has been in control of the Port of London, and in dictating the duties of his position had won for himself the name dictator. He won national and even international fame at the time of the dockers' strike in 1912, when the shipping business of the port was paralyzed and London threatened with famine. The utmost pressure was brought to bear upon Lord Devonport to yield to the demands of the strikers, pressure comparable to that brought upon Sir Edward Carson three years ago, but Devonport would not yield, although some labor leaders eventually advocated his assassination, and eventually he won the strike, and established the principle for a generation at least that the Port of London is of too vital importance to the British empire to be at the mercy of professional labor agitators. As Secretary to Lloyd George Lord Devonport's close association with Lloyd George pointed to the certainty that he could if he chose occupy a high position in any government that contained the brilliant Welshman. For years the two worked side by side. When Lloyd George was president of the Board of Trade, Lord Devonport, then Hudson Kearley, was his parliamentary secretary. It is an open secret that it fell to the lot of the secretary to put into practical business shape the brilliant imaginings of his chief. So well did he perform this difficult task that he was created a baronet, and was put in charge of the work of organizing what is now known as the Port of London Authority. Up to 1909 the control of the Port of London, with its forty miles of quays and its docks occupying many thousands of acres, was divided among many different corporations, public and private, including the Admiralty, the City of London, the London County Council, the Board of Trade, Trinity House, the Thames Conservancy and numerous guilds, wharfers and bonded warehouses. These bodies worked independently, and sometimes at cross purposes, with the result that the river was not properly dredged and the re-export trade was seriously interfered with. A royal commission having decided that all authority should be concentrated in one body, the act of parliament was passed and the Port of London Authority came into existence. The Port Authority fixes the port rates and dock charges, polices the river, borrows money for improvements and controls the Thames from its mouth to Teddington Lock. There are various delegates and representatives on this board, but Lord Devonport as chairman has been the virtual dictator of its policy for the last seven years. The point is made by Cunliffe Owen, an American writer, that Lord Devonport's acquaintance with shipping will be of advantage to him in his new position. But more greatly to his advantage will be his intimate knowledge of the grocery business, for he was a grocer and tea merchant that he built up his huge fortunes. He has branch stores all over England and what he does not know about the food supply, about normal profits, take-offs and so forth is not worth knowing. The fact that he has become a millionaire through this knowledge, plus tremendous energy, is sufficient qualification on this score. His conduct of the London dockers' strike is evidence that he is a man who is not to be turned from his purpose once he makes up his mind. He will be quite as much a dictator as the English people will tolerate. How Peers Are Made—Sometimes As noted, Hudson Kearley was made a baronet because of the fine work he had done as parliamentary secretary to Lloyd George. In 1910 it was suggested to him that he would make a suitable peer. He was willing, but instead of the matter being then and there settled there was an awkward pause. Then it was gently hinted that a large contribution to campaign funds would be in order. Sir Hudson dissented, and finally, we are told by Mr. Owen, he was informed that if he did not "come across" he would remain a baronet like his competitor in business, Sir Thomas Lipton. Sir Hudson pointed out that his work with Lloyd George, his services to the Port of London, including his refusal to take a penny of the \$20,000 annual salary attached to the post, and his handsome contributions to the party in the past ought to be sufficient reason for his promotion. It appears that some of the negotiations had been carried on by correspondence, and at the proper moment Sir Hudson made the handsome offer of submitting the whole matter to the general public through the newspapers. The suggestion was repudiated with horror, and presently he was raised to the peerage. He received the sanction of the sequester of Devonport, which he had represented in the House for eighteen years, and selected as the title of his barony that of Lord Devonport. Not a Strong Partisan Like many other men prominent in public life before the beginning of the war and reckoned a strong partisan, Lord Devonport has been no partisan in the last two years. He has been a rather severe critic of the Asquith government, and has asserted that through unbusinesslike methods the government has lost the country millions of pounds. Especially was he severe upon war office methods, and it is understood that he has been able to impress his views upon Lloyd George, to the end that great economies have been made in the last few months. It is intimated that Lord Devonport's control of the food of the country will extend to include the drink. He is by no means a fanatic upon the subject of temperance, but he realizes that the alcohol which is now being converted into whiskey might be more wisely converted into materials of war. To become the arbiter of what the British Isles shall eat and drink is a considerable promotion for the son of an English small farmer, and later an errand boy in a grocery store. Lord Devonport's career is one more example of the truth that one does not need to be the man born to attain the greatest heights in the old country. Getting a Lawyer A Denver lawyer tells of a man arrested in that town on a serious charge to whom was assigned a poor lawyer. The crude appearance of the man detained to defend him distressed the prisoner. "Is this my lawyer?" he asked. "Yes," replied the judge. "And he is going to defend me?" "Yes." "If I should die, could I have another lawyer?" "Yes." "Then, your honor, I request the privilege of seeing him in the back room for a few minutes."

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THE DUMB SPEAK

(Halifax Chronicle) So long as Sir Sam Hughes is in charge of the militia department and Canada's war operations, the government organs could not last. His ways and his works too highly. Everything that he said or did was glorified. If any person ventured to suggest that there was need for reorganization or reform, he was immediately denounced as a traitor. But now that Sir Sam has been displaced, some of the organs are recovering their powers of utterance. Thus the Toronto News makes bold to say with reference to the management of the Canadian forces in England: "There is necessity for active prosecution of reorganization. In England strong measures are needed to correct a situation which has never been fully satisfactory. Sir George Perley has a hard task before him. It will require all his patience and skill and strength. He will need the loyal support of the army and the active assistance of the minister of militia. The reconstruction of the military machine demands thorough consideration. There has been neglect in reinforcing battalions. The whole English-Canadian establishment has lacked adequate organization, direction and authority. With thousands of men in England, battalions in France have sometimes been under strength, and the improvement even after the Somme, while needed, was not sufficient. Adequate and constantly trained reserves should be held in constant readiness for active service. This, mark you, is the admission of the chief Conservative organ. It confirms in every particular all that Liberal newspapers have repeatedly urged as to the imperative need of reform, and the lamentable failure of the government's administration. They cannot unload their responsibility on Sir Sam Hughes."

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HON. J. A. MURRAY HOME

Hon. J. A. Murray, acting premier of the province, returned yesterday to his home in Sussex, after spending three weeks in England presenting to British authorities a policy proposed by the New Brunswick government for after-war settlement. This plan provides for an empire wide scheme of low rate loans to enable soldiers especially to settle on

lands throughout the different states of the Empire, thus allowing them to return to pacific employment, profitable to themselves and most valuable in developing the Empire's resources. An interesting experience occurred on the trip back to America. The American liner New York, on which Hon. Mr. Murray was a passenger, was held up, he said, by a disguised German raider, of which so much has been heard during the last few weeks. The raider stopped the New York about mid-Atlantic about 5 o'clock in the morning.

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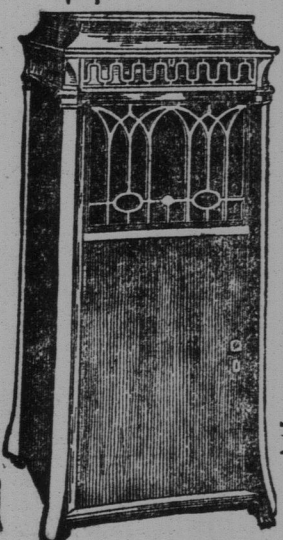
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More Soldiers Needed

An Appeal to All These Not in Army or Already Engaged in Work of National Importance to Enroll Voluntarily as War Workers

London, Dec 26—The Daily Chronicle gives prominence to an article which purports to outline the government's scheme for utilizing all the man power resources of the country, with a view to the more vigorous prosecution of the war. It says that the plan is of a very bold and far-reaching character. More men are needed for the army, for the manufacture of munitions, and for productive employments like agriculture. The government will therefore appeal to the whole manhood of the country that is not in the army or already engaged in work of national importance to enroll voluntarily for service as war workers. Men between the ages of seventeen and fifty-six are wanted. They must place themselves at the disposal of the state for the duration of the war and consent to be transferred to occupations or localities where their services are most required in the interest of the country.

Can Transfer Workmen

At present, except in the case of munitions workers, there is no power to transfer workmen from a factory where there is a sufficient number to one where there is a serious inadequacy of labor, nor, when a man is released from the army for, say, agricultural work, is there any guarantee that he will take up the work on the land. It is essential in order to stimulate production and make the best use of man-power resources that the state should have power to control and direct the mobility of labor.

Full Rate of Wages

The full trade union rate of wages for skilled or unskilled work, as the case may be, will be paid to war workers, and in addition to this pay a substantial allowance at the rate of 2s. 6d. (sixty-two cents) a day for seven days of the week, will be paid to men who, owing to the system of transfer, will be under the necessity of maintaining two homes.

There is to be a register in every locality of war, industrial or productive requirements, which, of course, will vary from time to time. A schedule of indispensable and non-essential trades is to be drawn up. Non-essential industries will be shut down without compensation, so that the labor employed in them may be available for munitions or productive industries. The war workers are needed to release fit men for the army, to supply the expanding needs of munitions factories, and to help in creating national wealth by occupation in productive employments.

Stimulate Mobility

To stimulate the mobility of labor is nearly as important as to add to the quantity of labor. It is estimated that at any given time 40 per cent of the men engaged on war work in this country are either idle or not occupied to their full capacity owing to the lack of mobility. One of the chief functions of Neville Chamberlain will be to stimulate mobility by transferring men in batches to places where they are most urgently required. In order to reduce the housing difficulty to a minimum, power will be taken to billet war workers in private houses in the localities where they will be employed.

Catarrh Leads To Consumption

Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the digestion, and breaks down the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla goes to the seat of the trouble, purifies the blood, and is so successful that it is known as the best remedy for catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and tones the whole system. It builds up. Ask your druggist for Hood's, and insist on having it. There is no real substitute.

PARIS IN WAR TIME

Louis Bernardini-Sjoestedt in Cartoons Magazine:—The color of Paris in these days is "bleu horizon." There are constantly in the city some fifty thousand permissionnaires, a regular wave of them, beginning at the front and culminating at the busy railroad stations. The wave renews itself every six days, and since the rest of the male population is at work, it is the pale-blue uniforms that almost exclusively attract attention along the boulevards and in the public promenades.

Not are these soldiers alone. Most of the time you will see them surrounded by the members of their family, proud to show them off. You will see many of them walking arm in arm with a wife or a sweetheart. Here and there a soldier-father pushes a go-cart or proudly carries in his arms a bouncing member of the class of 1904—a function which among the bourgeoisie is assumed naturally by the head of the family on outings.

Of these blue uniforms that crowd the streets some are worn and faded; others, worn by young or boyish fellows, are still bright. Aristocrats and plebeians alike wear on their sleeves certain hieroglyphics which the women in passing eyes sympathetically and curiously. If on a top spotless uniform such a symbol is lacking it will sometimes call forth an ill-composed gesture of disdain.

For these badges constitute a sort of military record which each soldier carries open to the view of all. A "brisque" for instance, an inverted "V" worn high on the right sleeve, has the glorious meaning, "Wounded." It is not unusual to see three or four of these emblems on the same sleeve. Fastened right side up on the same arm, the "V" means, more humbly, "Sent home on account of sickness"—a justification only not an apothecial.

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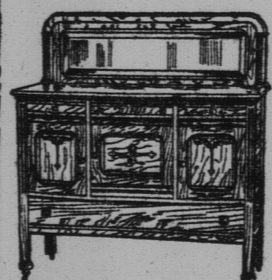


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Germany Has Saved England!

Opinion Expressed by Thomas A. Edison

War Has Redeemed Nation

General Analysis of British Character Not Flattering But is Strongly Pro-Ally—Can't Stop the British

There is no private American citizen prouder of than Thomas Alva Edison. They regard him as the greatest inventor of all history, and are always ready to listen respectfully to what he says, whether he speaks about electricity, upon which he is a world's authority, or upon Christian Science or pyrotechnic poisoning, long engagements, or the high cost of living. The fact that he has not up to the present declared himself upon the issues raised by the war, and that he and Henry Ford have been photographed together has conveyed the impression that he is a neutral or a pacifist, who believes one of the belligerents is as bad as the other. A long interview with Mr. Edison which appears in the New York Sun dispels that idea. Mr. Edison is definitely pro-Ally and anti-German. Of France he says: "To me the war has proved that France is the banner nation of the world. To my mind the French are proving themselves to be the real people of the world, the most splendid people, perhaps, that the world ever has known, for they are combining wonderful efficiency with an absolute devotion which rises to heights of almost fanatical self-sacrifice."

Not Blind to British Faults. Edison is not so unreserved in his praise of the British people. He is not blind to their faults any more than the British people are blind to the faults of Americans, and "this means pretty good eyesight." If it had not been for this war Mr. Edison thinks the British people would soon have been lost beyond redemption. Germany has saved them. Germany has given England a soul. What saved England from becoming like Germany, and what will always save her, he says, is one significant omission from her educational system, otherwise greatly inferior to that of Germany. "Nowhere were Englishmen instructed in the Divine rights of kings," he says, "everywhere they were and are instructed in the inalienable right of the individual to work out his own destiny as long as in so doing he does not interfere with the similar rights of other individuals." The Germans failed to understand the British character. They wrote more and knew less about psychology than any other race on earth. They thought Britain too slow, too sodden, to get into the war before Belgium had been stolen, France defeated and Russia checked. Cannot Stop the Englishman. Mr. Edison has more to say upon the subject of the British people being a sodden, drunken race than British people will agree with, and his general analysis of British character is not flattering. He says: "I analyze the British character as cold, unfeeling, brutally practical, incredibly averse to changes, even for the better; greedy to do every big job itself in its own way, and impatient of suggestions from others, even though they be equally concerned; too much given to sport; short on nerves—principally because of climate, too much food and too much drink—tolerant of unlimited exploitation of the poor by the rich, willing to endure too many \$1.50 clerks and too many benches full of beer barons in parliament." Drink, he believes, was at the bottom of most of Britain's failures before the war. "The workers were kept sodden and were the more easily exploited by the wealthy classes. There was a general aversion to machinery, and therefore Britain was falling behind in the race for commercial supremacy. Mr. Edison continues: "But though the Englishman is slow when he starts he can't be stopped. He is heavy. Momentum will carry him much further than it will the Germans or the French or the Americans. It has been this which has made everyone but the stupid, arrogant and king-ridden German militarist realize that England is now as dangerous to the aggressor as the ever war."

Edison believes that the war has finally solved many problems for the British Empire. It has drawn her colonies and self-governing dominions together in indissoluble bonds. It has solved the woman suffrage problem, for he assumes that women will be granted the vote in recognition of what they have done in the war. Never again will there be the old low wages, although there will undoubtedly be a decrease from the present war rates. No more will there be a prejudice against labor-saving machinery, and great temperance reforms are to be expected. "The old caste system has broken up. Of the European governments, says only three will survive—the British, the French and the Swiss, because they are the only three democracies. Of sea power he has this to say: "British sea power has been a good thing for the United States. It has been as valuable to us as it has to Britain. It has been valuable to all mankind, including the very nations which are now fighting against it. Personally I hope, and I am sure the best Americans hope, that it never will wane in force or in morale. To me the Jutland battle was one of the most glorious in all British history. Beatty's grim fearlessness in tackling German dreadnoughts with light cruisers was magnificent."

The great inventor said that as far as the future was concerned he did not believe any definite "understanding" would be necessary between Great Britain and the United States, because to all intents and purposes the people of the British Dominions are "Americans." In the sympathy and convictions of the two people there is already a treaty more binding than anything that could be put on paper. "I believe," he said, "that every really good American realizes the fact that Britain and France are fighting our battles, and I think that those who do not believe this are not good Americans." Personally, he expressed his humiliation that the American people have not been able to do more for the Allies. A powerful American navy would, he believes, have prevented most of Germany's naval outrages. While not wishing to violate Washington's injunction about "standing alliances" he was convinced that the United States would have to take her stand with the Allies after this war in order to prevent future world confagurations.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Mott-Macdonald. At the First Cambridge Baptist church, McDonald's Corner, Queens Co. (N. B.), on Christmas morning Miss Anna Lillian Macdonald, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Macdonald, was united in marriage to H. Claire Mott, architect of St. John (N. B.). Rev. R. Durkie officiated, using the double ring service. The bride, who was attended by her cousin, Miss Beulah Humphrey, was given in marriage by her brother, Charles Macdonald, of Boston, and wore a gown of ivory satin and georgette crepe, bridal veil caught with orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Harold H. Titus, of St. Martins (N. B.), cousin of the groom, was best man. The church was decorated by evergreens and banks of flowers and the ceremony was performed under a floral arch. A number of friends of the contracting parties were present and immediately after the service luncheon was served at the home of the bride's uncle, H. Humphrey. Mr. and Mrs. Mott left for a short stay at Norwood the summer home of the groom's parents and later they will reside at 18 Germain street, this city.

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Thomas Cochran Will Resign Presidency of Liberty National Bank

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The richest plum in the American banking field falls this year to Thomas Cochran, now president of the Liberty National Bank, at 120 Broadway. On Jan. 1 he will resign to become a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

HOW CHRISTMAS WAS CELEBRATED

In Homes, Churches and Public Institutions
MANY PRESENTATIONS
Poor of the City Were Well Remembered and Exchange of Gifts Demonstrated Good Will and Prosperity of Citizens
The celebration of Christmas in St. John was observed with all the usual formalities and festivities. In preparation for the holiday the city stores did a record breaking business and Christmas gifts and Christmas dainties were purchased in great quantities. On Sunday special music marked the church services, and yesterday special services were held in honor of the day. Many presentations marked the occasion.

ARCHBOLD-MILLIONS ALL GO TO FAMILY

Estate Estimated as High as \$100,000,000 Now Reported as \$25,000,000 or Less
No Public Bequest Made—Will, Notable for Its Brevity, Gives Everything to Widow and Three Children
The will of John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who died on Dec. 5 last at his country place at Tarrytown, leaves his entire estate to his wife, Annie M. Archbold, his son, John T. Archbold, and his daughters, Mary A. Van Beuren and Annie Sanderson.

RECENT DEATHS

Edwin W. Barlow.
The death occurred yesterday morning of one of St. John's oldest and best known citizens in the person of Edwin W. Barlow. Mr. Barlow, who was in the eightieth year of his age, was born in this city in 1837, and was a son of the late Thomas Barlow, a gentleman who occupied a prominent place in the early life of the city, he having been prominently identified with the establishment of many enterprises which latterly reached considerable proportions, including the Phoenix Foundry and the Harris Car Works.



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in summer camps. Twenty-five boys have been sent to learn dairy work and fruit farming and other work so later. As Serbia is an agricultural country the education will best fit them for building up their devastated country to which they will all return after the war.

WHEN WILSON WAS ANGRY.

One of Brotherhood Leaders Told President That if He Secured Passage of 8-Hour Law "We Will Re-elect You Sure."

How President Wilson "lost his temper" during the conference with the heads of the railroad brotherhoods just prior to the passage of the Adamson eight-hour law, when one of the dealers told him his support of the measure undoubtedly would mean his re-election, was related at New York the other day by Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

"When we went to see the president," said Mr. Stone, speaking before the Society for Ethical Culture, "he asked us what we were trying to do. We explained our side and told him that we were working for an eight-hour law and on that point we could not arbitrate. He said he agreed with us and would endeavor to get us that eight-hour law. Then one of our party said: 'Mr. President, if you get us that for us we will re-elect you sure.'"

"That was the only time I ever saw the president lose his temper. He grew very angry, and said: 'Don't speak to me in that fashion again. I would rather have history say that I was right on the eight-hour question than be re-elected.'"

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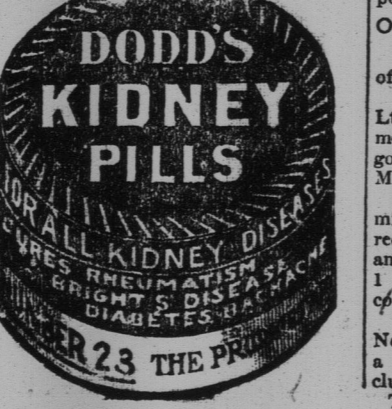
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Other Gifts
The St. John Street Railway gave each of its employes a piece of gold. W. S. Gilling, of No. 3 hose company, Ltd., received a fountain pen from the men of his department and a purse of gold was presented to Foreman Hugh H. Murphy of the department.

The proprietors of the Grand Union, Victoria and Park hotels remembered their employes with money gifts. I. C. R. Policeman Roberts was made the recipient of a meerschaum pipe by the cookhouse of the Grand Union Hotel. Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. King of the Lansdowne House were made the recipients of electric lamps and a small set of cut glass dishes by several of the guests of the house.

The Broad-Headed German is A Lower Type of Humanity

Address Before the Canadian Club By Dr. John Cameron, Professor of Anatomy at Dalhousie University—A Large Audience Enjoyed Address

(Halifax Herald) The Canadian Club heard a most interesting address last evening from Dr. John Cameron, professor of anatomy in Dalhousie university. His subject was "The influence of ancestry in the present war." John W. Regan was in the chair and on the conclusion of Dr. Cameron's address a cordial vote of thanks was passed on motion of Hon. E. H. Armstrong and Dr. M. A. Curry. The human brain, Dr. Cameron said, during its development, passes through various progressive phases, each of which, according to the Darwinian theory, is comparable to the brain of certain of the lower animals. The expansion of the human skull is essentially due to the demands made upon it by the developing brain. Therefore, in lower types both of mankind and of the animal kingdom in general, one finds low types of skulls commensurate with the stage of evolution which the enclosed brain has reached. As a reminder of this fact one regularly meets with cases of human reversion to lower animal types. Microcephalic idiots are perhaps the best examples of this "throw back." In these half human creatures, what really happens is, that both the brain and the skull cease to grow, and remain in a primitive state almost comparable to those of apes. Darwin, in order to support his theory of evolution made the assertion that the "missing link" between man and the lower animals would be found somewhere. As a matter of fact bones of a very low type, so low indeed as hardly to be called human, were discovered in the island of Java in 1892—ten years after Darwin's death. These remains are now known as those of the Java man ape. Another "missing link" was unearthed in Neanderthal in Germany in 1868 at the time when Darwin was hard at work on his theory of evolution. Of course it was inconvenient that these remains should have been found in Germany and accordingly the German professors were called upon to deplore that the Neanderthal skeleton represented one of the "missing links," which they no doubt felt ought to have been discovered elsewhere. Their finding as to be expected, was to the effect that the Neanderthal man was a sporadic example representing an extreme departure from the normal condition. Virchow, then a well known professor of pathology in Berlin, declared that the skeleton had been modified by disease. His report, however, was a deliberate misrepresentation, for the bones have since been proved to be normal in every respect. Moreover, the discovery in late years of several other specimens of the Neanderthal type, has completely refuted both the sporadic and the pathological theories of the German professors. Unfortunately these professional reports, absolutely attained their object at the time, for they totally misled such a shrewd observer as Darwin. He adapted their finding and ignored the Neanderthal man entirely, though it was exactly one of the "missing links" he was searching after to prove his evolution theory. The other traces of Neanderthal man were unfortunately not discovered until some years after Darwin's death. The Neanderthal cranium belongs to the lowest type of primitive man covered so far, and is only slightly better than that of the fossil ape-man of Java. It is very inferior, both in its shape and in its position, which may represent the British ancestral type. Neanderthal man never penetrated into Britain. Traces of his remains have been found in France; but there is strong evidence to show that he was exterminated here by the more recent Cro-Magnon race, which represented a highly evolved type with artistic tastes, and was well worthy to found the ancestry of the French people. On the other hand there are no definite signs of a race corresponding to the Cro-Magnon having existed in Germany. That is to say, there are no remains representing the transition stage between the Neanderthal man and the modern German. Moreover geologists have not absolutely proved that Neanderthal man was blotted out during the ice age. The modern Neanderthal man is regarded as the product of innumerable crossings of his country by the Goths and Huns, with a touch of the ancient Neanderthal strain. Indeed, the savagery of the German soldiers both in the Franco-German campaign in 1870, and in the present war serves to convince one strongly that the evil Neanderthal taint is not yet destroyed, and can still make its way to the surface in certain instances. This tendency to reversion to ancient ancestral types is freely recognized and acknowledged by all biologists, and that is the only explanation one can offer from the biological standpoint for such an outbreak of animalism at this advanced stage of the world's history. Fortunately the Germans are not all vitiated by the evil Neanderthal strain, so that one of the manifest duties of the allies is to stamp out this vicious element. There is a very striking difference in the configuration of the British and German types of skull at the present day, for the German approximates to the broad headed order, and the British to the long-headed order. This suggests a difference in the relative degree of development of the various brain centres, and one can therefore assume that mentality must vary considerably in the two races. One reaches the interesting conclusion that the present tendency to reversion to the primitive and death struggle for world domination between the long-headed and the broad headed races. We must see to it that the long-headed race wins. The residence of David Wells, located on the Bay Shore to the rear of the Martello Tower, was burned to the ground last evening around 7 o'clock.

Switzerland Supports The Wilson Note

Washington, Dec. 25—Switzerland, in a note to all of the warring powers, has announced its support of President Wilson's appeal for a discussion of peace terms, saying "It would consider itself happy if it could act in any way, no matter how modest a way, for the rapprochement of the peoples now engaged in the struggle, and for a lasting peace." The note was sent to the belligerents Saturday by the federal council and Dr. Paul Ritter, minister of Switzerland here, sent a copy to the White House. London, Dec. 25—Emperor William will give special audiences on Tuesday to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and to the Swiss minister, Dr. A. De Claparede, says an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The emperor and empress spent Christmas day at Potsdam Palace.

Paris, Dec. 24—The unanimous vote of the senate affirming that France cannot conclude peace with an enemy who occupies French territory, coming at the same time as the peace note of the Swiss government, has stirred anew the French press and public. The action of the senate gave further indication of the attitude of the Allies towards President Wilson's proposal, while confidence voted in the British ministry was regarded most favorably. The foreign affairs committee of the chamber devoted a large part of the session yesterday to an examination of President Wilson's note.

AUSTRIA FORCED KAISER'S HAND

Peace Movement Began With Germany's Ally

FEAR KAISER'S DOMINANCE

New Emperor of Austria Willing for Peace if He Would Be Allowed to Hold What He Has

Germany's offer of peace is being discussed by the newspapers of the world to the exclusion of all other incidents of the war. In no quarter is there a belief that the terms as laid down will be accepted. The only difference of opinion is as to whether they will be rejected flatly or a dozen decisive words or will draw from the Allies a more formal declaration of their terms than has yet been made. Those who recommend the latter course say that such a recent respect for the opinion of mankind, especially neutral mankind, the Allies should not permit themselves to be placed in the position of carrying on the war when Germany is ready to end it. Those who hold this view are also of opinion that Germany's offer of peace is merely a preliminary bid, that she is ready now to make far greater concessions than she has yet announced, and that by negotiating the Allies might get nearly all they want. But so long as the Allies stand by Mr. Asquith's declaration, and insist upon the destruction of Prussia's military domination, it would seem impossible that any dickered could lead to a settlement accepted by all. The government of Austria has already declared its willingness to accept the terms of the Allies, and finally rejected the German offer. Austria's Move More interesting than the discussion of the answer the Allies will make is speculation as to the position Germany has made her offer at this time. In the opinion of the New York Times there is evidence to show that the pressure brought upon the Kaiser was from Austria rather than from Germany. It will be recalled that at the time of the death of the late emperor an article suggested that the new emperor would be more inclined to peace than the old; that he feared German dominance in the affairs of his empire should the Central Powers win and that he feared that a war that would go to the limit and result in a Teutonic defeat would destroy Austria and destroy the dual monarchy. It was all very well for Franz Josef after a reign of sixty odd years to look philosophically upon the situation, once he had fallen under the spell of the Kaiser. But the present emperor is new to the job. He is like a poor man who has suddenly come into a huge fortune. He wants to enjoy it, and has no desire to toss a coin whether it shall be taken away from him or be doubled in size. Nothing would suit the present Austrian emperor so well as an assurance that he would be permitted to hold what he has. There is glory enough left in Austria for an emperor who has been on the throne only a few weeks. Berchtold's Influence Readers who recall the former article will remember that emphasis was laid upon the fact that Count Berchtold was the emperor's former tutor and now his intimate friend and adviser. Berchtold was the Austrian minister of foreign affairs at the time of the Sarajevo assassination. There is no evidence that he was less desirous than any other Austrian statesman to quarrel and humiliate and perhaps devour Serbia. There is evidence, however, to show that at the last moment when a European war seemed certain he was ready to accept the principle of European arbitration, and that Austria's belated acceptance of this principle was not permitted to reach London, Paris and Petrograd until it was too late. Austria might be likened to the burglar who entered a house, evaded the owner and at the last moment chose flight to murder. But Austria was in the grip of Germany, and had to go through with the game. Berchtold may have felt that he had been betrayed by Germany. His relations with the German authorities after the beginning of the war were not cordial, and German influence at Vienna is held responsible for the fact that he resigned. Berchtold resigned in January, 1915, and rumor has it that at a cabinet council he and the present emperor made a strong protest against the growing domination of Austrian affairs by German officers. An outsider might say that until there was domination of this sort the Austrian armies were consistent losers and that a stiffening of German troops and German generals was necessary if they were to make a stand against the Russians; but Austrians, we may be sure, would have other and more self-satisfying reasons for their military retreat. When Berchtold made his protest, however, Russia was in possession of more than half of Galicia, and his protest was disregarded. His resignation followed and then a general astonishment he accepted a post in the household of the Archduke Charles, a position that was tantamount to a mere court appointment. It was then understood that he was really to "coach" the future emperor, and that his influence with him would be in the direction of a peace that would rescue Austria from German thrall. Those who believe that Berchtold's influence is working with the Allies to bring about a peace offer from Germany to make the peace offer under threat of Austria concluding a peace on her own account. Nor is the fact without significance that the Austrian government has resigned. The Austrian parliament is the only parliament of a belligerent that has not resigned since the beginning of the war. The government feared to meet the representatives of the dozen races that make up the polyglot population of Austria-Hungary. The Hungarians are sick of the fight. As one of their leaders said last August: "There is no good reason why Hungary should remain in the war another day." Hungary has been called on to do more than her share of fighting. A great Russian offensive will fall heavily upon Hungary, and upon Austria. Hungary, as the bread basket of the dual monarchy, has already felt the effects of the great problem that the late emperor had to deal with was the problem of keeping Hungary a satisfied partner in a dual monarchy. The problem will be more difficult for his heir. Emperor Charles feels that Hungary is likely to break away from him unless a speedy peace is made, he is extremely likely to break all speed records in making peace.

GERMANS SENTENCE 20 BELGIANS TO DIE Eleven Shot, Forty-Four in Penal Servitude, Sixty-Four Ordered Deported—Citizens Slain on Somme. Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—Of twenty Belgians who had been sentenced to death by a German court-martial at Maastricht, eleven were shot, says the Associated Press. Forty-four other persons were sentenced to various terms of penal servitude and sixty-four others ordered deported to Germany. The newspaper adds that another court-martial was begun to hear the cases of 192 Belgians who were charged with espionage. The frontier correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraph asserts that many citizens of Ghent who were deported to the Somme front were killed or very seriously wounded recently by French machine guns. The correspondent adds that a thousand men from Ghent are compelled to work on that front, and that 4,000 more are about to be sent there. Les Nouvelles says a large number of young people from villages in the Belgian province of Luxembourg have been deported from the Commune of Vinton, among them children between the ages of twelve and fifteen. The correspondent adds that a large number of women were deported from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and that at Aix-la-Chapelle 800 Belgians are reported to be imprisoned.

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PROMINENT MEN ARRIVE HERE ON THE S. S. METAGAMA

Soldiers, Civilian Passengers and Mails on Board—Some Local Men in Khaki

The C. P. R. liner Metagama spent Christmas eve anchored off Partridge Island. Early Christmas morning she made her way up the harbor and docked at West St. John, bringing a large military party, quite a number of civilian passengers and a very heavy mail. The mail consisted of 4,000 bags for Canada, 4,000 parcels post for Canada, 935 bags for Russia and 160 for Japan. The maritime province mail totalled 400 bags. Several distinguished passengers were included in the list, including Auditor-General Fraser, Major (Rev.) C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), Captain Father O'Gorman, and others. Two divine services were held on board the big ship on Sunday, the morning service being conducted by Major (Rev.) W. C. Gordon and the evening service by Captain Father J. J. O'Gorman. The men for the maritime provinces were: Pte. Edward Boutiller, 40th Battalion, Calcutta Mines, Cape Breton; Pte. William Beck, 53rd Battalion, Halifax; Pte. Wallace Diamond, 108th Battalion, Charlottetown; Pte. Stephen Dorrion, D. A. C., Charlottetown; Pte. Robert Hemming, 68th Battalion, Halifax; Cpl. Spurgeon Keith, 1st C. M. R., Cornwall; Pte. George Landry, Lake-

DRUMMER BOY V. C. IS DECORATED BY THE KING

The story of the dauntless bravery of Drummer Ritchie of the Seaforth Highlanders, which resulted in the killing of warring units during an attack on enemy positions, was related to the King at Buckingham Palace when His Majesty decorated the hero with the V.C., says an English exchange of November 26. The Seaforth Highlanders, during an attack on the German positions, many of the leaders of the attacking forces killed or wounded, and in the face of terrific machine gun fire and showers of bombs, our men were wading through the fire, and mounting the parapet of a German trench, stood exposed to the deadly fire of the enemy, valiantly beating the charge. The warring units responded to the call valiantly, and with a cheer they broke into the strongly-held enemy positions. Not content with this gallant action, Ritchie during the day continued to run backwards and forwards over fire-swept ground with messages. After planning the V.C. on the young hero's breast, His Majesty, in the presence of Sir Pertab Singh, the Rajah of Ratanam, and several Indian officers who are spending a short leave from the front in England, shook hands with him most cordially, and heartily congratulated him upon his gallant deed.

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CANADIANS RAID GERMAN TRENCHES
London, Dec. 25 - Further official details are given in the war office statement, issued under Sunday's date, of the daylight raid recently conducted by British troops on the France-Belgian front, north of Arras, and in which Canadians participated.

SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD
BILLIARDS.
Moore Retains Title.
New York, Dec. 22 - George Moore of this city clinched his title as world's three cushion crown billiard champion Thursday by defeating Alfredo De Oro of Cuba by a total score of 180 to 128 in a three block match.

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Players Will be Treated Fairly
Maggates Will Not Cut As Many Salaries as at First Believed
New York, Dec. 22 - The belief prevailing in baseball circles that the club owners, now that they hold the upper hand through the passing of the Feds, are all prepared to reduce salaries in wholesale fashion appears to be far from the facts.

GREAT FIGHT FOR SUNDAY BASEBALL IN NEW YORK STATE
Newark, N. Y., Dec. 22 - A bill to have Sunday baseball by professional clubs legalized in the State of New York, with the backing of many thousands of fans in Greater New York and up the state as well, will be introduced at the next session of the legislature at Albany, and those who are pushing the measure feel confident that there is enough public sentiment behind them to get favorable action.

POOLING WORLD SERIES MONEY NOT PRACTICABLE
New York, Dec. 23 - If the World's Series money should be divided among all clubs in the two leagues, as the National League club owners have suggested, what about the money taken in at city series by some other than the pennant winners? Some provision would have to be made along these lines or the club finishing second might get more money than either of the pennant winners.

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Les Darcy, the Australian middle-weight boxing champion, whose arrival in the United States has been anxiously awaited for the last two months, by all interested in boxing, has finally set foot on American soil, and is at present safely tucked away in his suite of rooms at the Hotel Brozelli, in East twenty-seventh street, New York.

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ROUMANIA DETERMINED
A despatch from Jassy says that the Roumanian parliament was opened there on Dec. 25 by King Ferdinand. The dispatch said that the king in his speech said that the war had shown to Austria-Hungary could no longer exist as a factor in the equilibrium of Europe. He was enthusiastically received when he signed the declaration of determination to fight to the end.

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The Royal Northwest Mounted Police is to be withdrawn from western Canada and will form a unit, 2,000 strong, for overseas service, according to a statement made to the Telegraph on Saturday by Mounted Policeman T. J. Tierney, of Lethbridge (Alta.), who was here en route to his home in Charlottetown (P. E. I.), on a short vacation.

ON LONG VACATION
(Amherst News.)
Amherst as a whole regrets the departure of F. A. Cain, at an early date, Mr. Cain, who for the last seventeen years has interested himself in the social and business life of the town, is leaving on an extended vacation, and has sold out his equipment to the Amherst Laundry here, buying out the present Globe Laundry from M. B. Vail. Five years later Mr. Cain bought out Mr. Wetmore's shares and since, until the present time, has conducted the Globe Laundry personally, with every degree of satisfaction to Amherstonians.

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TREAT FOR LITTLE ONES OF RETURNED SOLDIERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN WAR

To the Editor of the Times:
Sir,—We are giving a treat to the returned soldiers' kiddies on New Year's Day and will help you by giving this ad a good heading to help us to get the correct numbers we may expect.
To the returned soldiers' wives, also wives of men who have died on service—We want to entertain you and your kiddies.
On New Year's Day the European War Veterans, 38 Charlotte street, will hold a Christmas tree and entertain-

ment for the children of the returned soldiers and children of our departed comrades and we want the mothers to send us a card to let us know how many they will send so we can provide for all alike. The entertainment and treat will start at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and we welcome mother as well as her children.

E. W. V. Assn.,
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President.

THE STEAMSHIPS
The steamer Manchester Inventor arrived this morning from Manchester via Halifax with general cargo.
The Furness liner Kanawha arrived at Halifax on Saturday afternoon from London with a general cargo. As she was overdue fears were beginning to be entertained for her safety.

A CHRISTMAS STORY TO DELIGHT A DICKENS

All the Elements Were There, and it happened in the City of St. John on Saturday

If Charles Dickens had been at the elbow of the secretary of the Children's Aid Society, Rev. W. R. Robinson, on Saturday, he would have found material for a Christmas story of absorbing interest. There was a homeless little girl of ten years to be transferred from the poor house to a happy home before Santa Claus arrived. There were two brothers, turning gray, one sympathetic and prosperous, and the other poor, addicted to drink, and neglectful of his children. There was a landlady who took the shivering children into her own home to warm and feed them. There was the secretary of the Municipal Home, who had sent in food and fuel, and who later granted the permit which ensured for the children a share in the Christmas festivities at the Municipal Home. There was the devoted aunt who had remained and cared for her nephews and nieces for three years, until the father's growing neglect of the home broke her spirit, and led to the appeal to the secretary of the Children's Aid Society, and to her abandonment of a hopeless task. There was Chief Justice McKown, graciously consenting to close a busy day with a hearing of the case at half past five in the afternoon. There was a visit by the prosperous uncle and Police Matron Ross to the Municipal Home to see the little girl to the judge's chambers. There was the search of crowded saloons and other resorts by Rev. Mr. Robinson, Detective Barrett, police officials, to locate the father and bring him to the hearing.

And then, in the judge's chambers, in presence of the chief justice, the president and secretary of the Children's Aid Society, Police Matron Ross and Sgt. Hastings, Secretary Wetmore, the land lady, the children's aunt, and the little girl, there was the dramatic meeting after years of separation of the two brothers, the one sad and purposeful, the other with something of defiance, and the arguments of a gentleman, as the sordid tale was read by the witnesses and he was asked to make a statement in his own behalf.

LOCAL NEWS

C. P. R. POLICEMAN
Michael Kane, of Chipman, has joined the C. P. R. police at West St. John.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
The Christmas collection in the Cathedral, taken yesterday, for the benefit of the orphans amounted to \$763.05.

NEW JAPANESE STAMPS
Samples of a special issue of Japanese stamps, issued to commemorate the installation of the crown prince of Japan, have been received in the city.

CONGRATULATIONS
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. D'Arcy of West St. John are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son in their home on Christmas Day.

A KIND REMEMBRANCE
E. P. Smith, one of the tool-room boys of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., who has been quite ill, wishes to thank Superintendent H. G. Evans and employees for a substantial gift and hearty wishes wishing him returned health and a prosperous New Year.

MUNICIPAL HOME TREAT
This is the big day of the year for the children in the Municipal Home in East St. John. The annual Christmas treat is being held this afternoon and the annual distribution of gifts will take place in the presence of a large number of citizens who are interested in the welfare of those there.

STREET PAVING PROGRAMME
Commissioner Fisher is at work on the details of his street paving programme for next year. His tentative proposals did not receive the entire approval of the other members of the council and he has been revising his plans and endeavoring to form a policy which will satisfy his own ideas of what should be done and which also will receive the support of the other commissioners.

AN APPRECIATION
A very pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. Murray Long yesterday afternoon, when Rev. E. Westmoreland called at her home in Lancaster avenue and on behalf of the congregation of the Carleton Methodist church made her the recipient of a substantial sum of money in recognition of her services as leader of the choir. The recognition was duly appreciated by Mrs. Long, who has been acting as leader of the choir since her husband went overseas as bandmaster of the 104th Battalion band. Mr. Long, up to the time he enlisted, was choir leader. Mrs. Long has just received three Christmas letters from her band from England. He writes that the 350 men that have been drafted for service at the front have left for the firing line and that their places have already been filled, so that the battalion is still up to strength and has not lost its identity.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S
Solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Peter's church at midnight on Sunday. Rev. Peter Costello, C.S.S.L., officiated and was assisted by Rev. D. McDougall, C.S.S.R., as deacon; Rev. P. O'Hara, C.S.S.R., as sub-deacon, and Rev. Fred Coghlan, C.S.S.R., as master of ceremonies. An eloquent sermon appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Rev. P. McPhail, C.S.S.R. The church was crowded to its capacity and special Christmas music was enjoyed.
More than 700 children wreathed in smiles and carrying bags well filled with candy, oranges and nuts wended their way from St. Peter's church on Christmas morning. The little ones had received the gifts from Rev. Peter Costello, C.S.S.R., rector of the church, and that they appreciated them was evident. Prior to receiving the gifts, teachers of the Sunday school made Rev. Father Costello the recipient of a purse of gold on behalf of the children and themselves.

CHARGED WITH MURDER OF WIFE

Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 26.—From a panel of eighty talsmen, mostly farmers from Little Carroll County towns, summoned to the courthouse here today, will be chosen a jury which will listen to the evidence in the case of Frederick L. Small, charged with the murder of his wife, Florence Ariene Small.
Small's cottage at Mountainview, near here, was burned on the night of September 28. Mrs. Small's body was found in the cellar with a cord about the neck, a bullet wound over one eye and wounds on the head. Small was in Boston when the fire was seen, but immediately returned.

SPECIAL TIME-IN THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school of the Central United Baptist church held a special service on Sunday afternoon which was marked by the presentation of "White Gifts to the King." The entry was filled to overflowing with the members of the school and their friends and the service proved interesting and impressive. Christmas trees had been erected on the platform and, as the service progressed, these were laden and surrounded with gifts from the various classes for distribution to the poor of the city.

The superintendent, L. A. Belyea, conducted the exercises and the pastor, Rev. D. J. MacPherson, led the school in Scripture reading. The little tots of the primary department then marched to the platform and decorated the trees with their gifts and also gave their gift of money. The other classes followed with gifts, all wrapped in white, some in baskets, some in filled stockings, some placed on sheets and banners. The "Live Wires," a boys' class, brought their presents in a white ship deeply laden. They also gave \$10 as a missionary gift. The Chinese scholars presented to the school a framed picture of the pastor, with suitable inscription. The presentation was made by one of the Chinese boys in an appropriate address.

The programme included recitations by Emma Bibbee, Wendie Belyea, Glorvina Jenner, Violet Scaplan, Roy Smith, Austin MacPherson, Ray Chisholm, Audrey Cheyne, Edna Dibblee and Esther Lope. Miss Wills' class also recited the Shepherd's Song, with musical accompaniment.

The pastor referred to the valuable services of Miss Maud Stillwell as superintendent of the primary department for many years in the Brussels street church and recently in the Central church. She is to resign at the end of the year.

Much of the credit for the success of the service on Sunday is due to Mrs. D. J. MacPherson.

NEED OF FACILITIES HERE MENTIONED IN GREETINGS TO ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE

The St. John Board of Trade has received telegrams of greeting from Vancouver, Toronto and Halifax boards. From the Quebec board came the following:

"Quebec board of trade heartily reciprocates your Christmas greeting and wishes you a prosperous shipping season and success in your efforts for better port facilities. If St. John, Halifax and Quebec had the ample grain storage and docks for which we have urged since four years, Halifax and St. John would be doing the vast Canadian and Imperial shipping trade which is taxing the terminal facilities of New York to handle this winter."
T. LEVASSEUR, Sec'y.

HIGH SCORING MARKS THE OPENING OF NEW ALLEYS
The bowling alleys in connection with the new Y.M.C.I. in Cliff street were officially opened yesterday afternoon. Physical Instructor Magee was on hand and the alleys were declared officially opened. Some high scores were made on the first day, the highest being 187. The alleys are said, by those who know, to be very fast, in fact as fast as there are in Canada. A movement on foot to have an eight league team is meeting with success and already nearly all the teams are filled. The league will open on New Year's Day.

PRESENTATION TO A. B. FARMER
On Saturday evening, A. B. Farmer, manager and owner of the Star Theatre, was the recipient of a handsome set of gold mounted pipes, a gift from his staff of employees. The presentation was made by Mrs. McKay. Mr. Farmer expressed his appreciation in a short address, after which the following programme was carried out by the members of the theatre—Mr. Buchanan and Mrs. McKay sang a duet, "Wacka Wacka Wacka Woo," also "Comin' Thro' the Rye"; Arthur Farmer, Jr., danced the Fisher's dance; Horpimp and Genling, the treasurer, supervised the wedding of Sandy McNab; and danced the Scotch reel. Refreshments were then served by the Misses Farmer.

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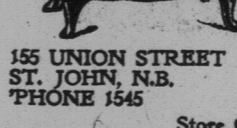
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