

GERMANS HARD PRESSED IN EAST AND WEST; LEFT WING BEFORE WARSAW IN GRAVE DANGER

Allies Pressing Enemy in West and German System of Fortification In Danger of Being Demoralized—Small Advances But Every Foot of Ground Gained Brings Hour of German Retirement Nearer—Heavy Fighting Yesterday With Allied Fleet Playing an Important Role—Russians Checking Austro-Germans In Galicia—Allies' Warships Active in the Dardanelles.

London, Dec. 22.—Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts, but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium, the Allies' offensive is being pressed and while some ground has been gained at widely separated points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions. In the northern arena the artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the Allies is extremely slow, it is the belief of military experts here and in France that the gains which the general staff has been able to report are disturbing the German system of fortifications at vital points, and will, if successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

MAIN ARMIES IN EAST GETTING NEARER EACH OTHER.

In the east most of the Germans north of the Vistula have retired across the East Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and the Pilica, the Germans continue their advance and announce tonight that in a fierce battle they have succeeded in crossing branches of the Bzura and Rawka rivers at many places.

This should bring the main armies very close together, and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans are again to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia, but here, as along the East Prussian frontier, the Russians seem to have been successful in holding back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, are reported to be moving troops back to the west to meet the Allies' offensive, but it is not considered likely that this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Russians.

The Turks, like their allies, are being attacked on two sides. The Russians claim to have inflicted a severe defeat on them in the district of Van, while the allied fleets have been bombarding Kilid Bahr, in the Dardanelles, and a French destroyer has shelled their troops on the mainland opposite the island of Tenedos.

The first real view of the extent of the South African rebellion is given by the Minister of Justice, who says that four thousand rebels are now in prison, and that twelve hundred have been sent to their homes on parole. There are still a few roaming about the country, but they are without leaders, and are surrendering upon the appearance of Union forces.

The German Headquarters' Reports.

General Mackensen's Headquarters, Russian Poland, Saturday, Dec. 19 (via Berlin, The Hague and London, Dec. 23).—The Russians, in retreat before the army of Gen. Mackensen, are making an effort to effect a stand on the strong natural line between the Bzura and Rawka rivers. This line had previously been fortified and the Russians are now trying to hold it.

The Germans, however, have already broken through, and it is thought that the Russians will be obliged to fall back still further, although they are attempting to check the German advance by a counter-offensive.

The Associated Press correspondent met four thousand prisoners this afternoon east of Lovicz under a small escort, and was informed by the commanding general that he regarded the situation for the Germans as excellent. He expressed the opinion, however, that heavy fighting would be necessary before the Russians would be obliged to retire behind the Vistula.

Lodz has suffered little through the bombardment, but the unemployed workmen are destitute.

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—That in the event of the violation by a merchant ship of any of the rules bearing upon the observance of neutrality, adopted by the government of the republic, no fuel shall be supplied in Chilean ports to any vessel of the company to which the ship so offending may belong.

—That the vessels interned by order of the government by reason of violation of neutrality, and also those whose owners state their intention to maintain them in Chilean ports until the end of the war, shall be concentrated in such Chilean ports as in each case the administrative authorities may determine.

—That the quantity of coal that may be supplied in ports of the republic to merchant vessels be limited to the capacity of their ordinary bunkers, unless they desire to sail direct to European ports, in which case they may be supplied with the quantity of coal necessary for the voyage, provided always that the company to which they belong furnish a sufficient guarantee in the opinion of the government that the fuel shall be used exclusively in effecting such voyage.

The foregoing dispositions shall apply throughout the territory of the republic, reckoning from the first day of January next.

NEARLY THOUSAND AUSTRIANS KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

London, Dec. 23, 149 a. m.—Nearly one thousand Austrian soldiers are reported to have been killed or injured in a collision of two troop trains near Kalisz, Russian Poland, according to the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent. The trains are reported to have met while going at full speed, owing to the accidental opening of a switch. Many of the cars were reduced to matchwood by the impact, and the passengers crushed into a shapeless mass.

CHILE ISSUES DECREE TO THE BELLIGERENTS

Concerns Amount of Coal Ships of Warring Nations May Take Aboard.

AN AMENDMENT TO HAGUE CONVENTION.

Supply Restricted to Amount Sufficient to Take Ship to Nearest Coaling Port of Neighboring Nation.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Eduardo Suarez Mujica, the Chilean Ambassador, today transmitted to Secretary Bryan a copy of the "Supreme Decree," issued by the Chilean government, restricting the amount of coal which belligerent warships and merchant craft can obtain in Chilean ports.

The decree, which becomes effective January first next, is an amendment to the articles of The Hague convention, a privilege granted to individual powers in respect to coaling, and represents the suggestion of Chile to Pan-American nations generally as a means of excluding belligerent warships from this hemisphere.

Great Britain already has formally advised Chile that she will abide by the regulations of the decree, the text of which was announced by the State Department today as follows:

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SWORD OF FRANCE WILL REMAIN UNSHEATHED UNTIL EUROPE IS LIBERATED

French Parliament Meets in Special Session in Paris—Premier Viviani Voices Confidence of French Nation and Determination to Avenge Outraged Right and Re-unite Fatherland for All Time—Not for Conquest of Territory, but to Determine Fate of the World—Every Sacrifice Possible Will be Made.

Paris, Dec. 22.—With battles raging over ten of the northeastern provinces, the French parliament met in extraordinary session here today. The chief object of the present session is to adopt war measures and to discuss the future financial policy of the government throughout the session, which is expected to be brief, the proposals of the government will be adopted without opposition.

Fresh confidence was inspired by the gathering of the Senators and Deputies in this city, for it seemed to emphasize the fact that while the German invasion of the French soil the dangers which confronted Paris at the outbreak of the war, have now been all but eliminated.

Among the members of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies there was a feeling of quiet confidence. Predictions were made on all sides that from now on the Germans will be driven toward German soil, notwithstanding that their retirement may be stubborn and the allies advance slow.

The Chamber of Deputies, long before the hour set for the meeting, was a scene of animation. The extraordinary war session has aroused a very great degree of interest, rivalling that which was manifested in the session of August 4, held immediately after the declaration of war.

The plan of some of the members to ask for a secret session has been abandoned. A considerable number of the Deputies have pledged themselves not to stir up debates, but on the contrary, to observe a high patriotic attitude while listening to the government's declarations and to vote the necessary credits.

The full text of the declaration of the government as read in Parliament by Premier Viviani is as follows: Combat Without Mercy Until Europe is Liberated.

"Gentlemen: There is at this time but one single policy; a combat without mercy until such time as we accomplish the definite liberation of Europe, won by a victory insuring peace. This is the cry which was wrung from all lips when, during the session of the Chamber of Deputies of August 4, there became evident, as has been so well described by the President of the Republic, that sacred unity which in the pages of future history will be the honor of France.

"This is the cry that is being repeated by all Frenchmen, but only after they have put an end to the disorders which too often take possession of our minds, and which a blind emotion may mistake for differences that could not be composed. It is the cry that is being heard from the glorious trenches, where France has thrown all her youth and all her virility. In front of this rousing evidence, unexpected by Germany, of national sentiment, Germany was troubled in the intoxication of her dream of victory.

"On the first day of the conflict, Germany denied the right; she had recourse to force; she disdained history, and to violate the neutrality of Belgium and invade France she invoked the remarkable law of self-interest.

"A French report said the French position near Albert had reached the entanglements of the second line of German trenches. The headquarters' statement admits that eighty French men came this far, but that they were all captured. The French claim that the German attacks near Saint Hubert all failed, is answered with the statement that the Germans took 800 prisoners in these attacks, exterminating utterly the Ninth Battalion of French Chasseurs."

"The situation in West Galicia is clearer. The Russians there are holding the east bank of the Dunajec river to Tuchow, and another line extends southeastward and past Krosno. Heavy fighting is proceeding on both these lines, and also in the Lupkow Pass.

NEW NAVAL BASE FOR RUSSIA ON ALAND ISLES, BERLIN REPORTS SAY

London, Dec. 22.—Berlin reports say that Russia is planning to establish a naval base on the Aland Islands. The Gulf of Finland is now frozen over in parts, but the Aland ports remain free from ice.

"While the States bordering the Baltic have objected violently to the construction of fortifications on the islands, it is understood that a number of Russian warcraft, including some of her largest vessels, have arrived at the islands, and that provisions and ammunition have been stored in great quantity.

The Aland archipelago consists of eight islands at the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia. They were taken over from Sweden by Russia in 1809. They are populated by about 25,000 persons, mostly Swedes.

German Column Driven Across East Prussian Frontier Spreading to Left and Right to Gain Entrenched Position in Lake Mazur Region for Protection Against Russian Advance—Second Attempt of Austrians to Break Through Russian Line Frustrated.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The heavy German column which has been driven across the East Prussian front from Mlawa, Russian Poland, by the Russians, is spreading out to the east and west, according to reports received here from the front. The purpose of the German movement is to debouch to the right of the entrenched Lake Mazur position and to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn for protection against the continued Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Insterburg railroad, which is the main strategic line paralleling the North Polish frontier.

The Russian successes here not only threaten the right of the German Lake Mazur position but also the left wing of the army operating before Warsaw.

The Bouras Gazette calls attention to the shifting of the weight of German troops from Belgium to the Polish front, but the newspaper is of the opinion that this action means no lightening of the task of the Allies since the withdrawals of Germans from the western battle-front are from parts of the line where elaborate entrenchments proved sufficient to withhold the French and British forces.

It is stated that the heavy draft on the seasoned German troops of the first line is being filled out with the pick of the reservists and that new levies are being sent to the Polish front.

A second attempt made by the Austrians to pierce the Russian lines facing the Carpathian mountains at Sanok and Lislo failed yesterday in spite of a fierce night attack on the Russian trenches near Lislo.

The garrison of the Austrian fortress of Przemysl, seemingly informed of the movement of the Austrian Carpathian army, made a sortie coincident with the Austrian attacks though separated by thirty miles from Lislo. It is assumed that an Austrian officer, an aviator shot down at Bircha, 14 miles southwest of Przemysl, was carrying messages between the two Austrian forces.

The Austrian operations are rendered difficult by the fact that valleys, north and south of this region, cut the troops into separate columns and make a massed front impossible.

The chief scene of the recent operations is about the mouth of Mesoloboretz Pass, which is traversed by a double track railroad from Homano with the nearest railroad to the west fifty miles away. The nearest pass to the east is about the same distance and is held by the Russians.

HALF MILLION CALMUCKS TO JOIN RUSSIAN ARMY; VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Are Born Horsemen—Contribute \$200,000 in Money and 1,500 Horses in Acknowledgment of Czar's Granting of Their Request for Permission to Become Part of Russian Army.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Half a million Calmucks, members of a Nomadic, pastoral race which has always been free from obligation to furnish any soldiers, for the Russian army, have just been added to the Russian forces.

A deputation from the Calmucks recently arrived in Petrograd with a request that they be allowed to serve in the ranks during the present war, and offering to supply five hundred thousand mounted troops, if necessary. "Our tribes have volunteered practically en masse," declared the leader of the deputation.

The Emperor's reply grants them a military organization and privileges similar to those enjoyed by the Cossacks.

The Calmucks are born horsemen, and their horses are among the finest in the world, closely resembling the true Arab breeds. The number of Calmuck subjects in Russia is given as about five million. They are Mohammedans.

In acknowledgment of the Russian Emperor's granting of their petition, the delegation announced that it was empowered to deliver to the Imperial treasury a gift of \$200,000 in money and 1,500 horses.

TURKS EXPEL JEWS FROM JAFFA AT BAYONET POINT; WOMEN AND CHILDREN SUBJECTED TO BRUTALITY

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The expulsion of Jews from Jaffa was accompanied by many acts of barbarism and robbery, according to a special cablegram from Cairo, Egypt, to the Chicago Daily News today. The story says that six hundred refugees from Jaffa have just arrived at Alexandria on the Italian steamer Vicenzo Florio and added: "Thursday afternoon Bedouin police raided the Ghetto (at Jaffa), arrested 1,600 persons and drove them to the point of the bayonet to the quay. Here the Florio was forced to receive as many of them as could be crowded aboard. Scenes attending this operation were heartrending. It was after nightfall and harbor police and boatmen stole all the watches and money the refugees were carrying to the ship. They tore rings from the fingers and even earrings from the ears of women and girls, and the harbor rang with shrieks and frantic pleas. Children were separated from parents and husbands from wives.

"Several of the men, resenting the brutality to their wives, were thrown overboard by boatmen, and drowned before the eyes of the women.

"The old hotel Metropole, at Alexandria, and other hotels have been hired for the refugees by several wealthy Jews of all nationalities. Many of the refugees are nearly mad with apprehension for the fate of thousands of relatives and friends for whom

I.C.R. TO OPERATE VALLEY RY., BEGINNING WITH NEW YEAR

Arrangements Completed at Conference Between Premier Clarke and Mr. Gutelius—Seven Days Christmas Leave for Half of Artillery Column—Elaborate Programme of Elementary Agricultural Education in Schools Next Year.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, Dec. 22.—At a conference held here today by Premier Clarke and F. P. Gutelius, General Manager of the I. C. R., arrangements were completed for the operation of the St. John Valley Railway as a part of the I. C. R. with the commencement of the new year.

About 150 people, holiday shoppers, arrived in Fredericton at noon today on the Valley Railway train, being operated by the construction contractors and the new road is proving a big boom for holiday trade.

Fifty per cent. of the strength of the field batteries mobilized here are to have seven days' leave for Christmas and some of the volunteers will travel as far as Pictou and Antigonish, N. S., to eat their Christmas dinners.

J. B. Daggott, secretary of agriculture, made his report today to Hon. J. A. Murray, head of the department, as to the New Brunswick office in London. His recommendations will be placed before the government for consideration before any announcements are made. Hon. Mr. Murray also had a conference today with R. P. Steeves, director of elementary agricultural education and, as previously intimated, there will be a more elaborate programme for this work in 1915 than has heretofore been outlined.

GERMAN AVIATOR FLEW OVER DOVER, BERLIN PRESS BUREAU SAYS

Berlin, Dec. 22 (By wireless to Sayville).—The German navy aviator Lt. Stephen Von Prondzynski flew over Dover, threw bombs and reconnoitered the position of the British fleet.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT MEETS IN PARIS

Extraordinary Session—Confident Note Pervades Meeting—Some of Deputies Unable to be Present, being Held Hostages by Germans—Determination to See Heroic Belgium's Honor Vindicated.

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"Since this time, the German government has realized that it was necessary for it to consider the opinion of the world, and it recently attempted to rehabilitate its attitude by endeavoring to throw back on the Allies the responsibility for the war. In spite of this truth has appeared. It was shown rising above falsehoods that amiable credulity no longer accepts. All the documents published by the nations interested, and even yesterday at Rome the sensational speech of one of the most illustrious representatives of noble Italy, are evidence of the determination of the part of our enemies, but gratified for a long time, to endeavor to bring about an unexpected act of aggressiveness.

Peace Was Possible Had Germany Been Willing

"If circumstances required it, a single one of these documents would suffice to enlighten the world on the subject. When, at the suggestion of the British government, all the nations concerned were requested to suspend their military preparations and take part in a series of negotiations with London, on July 31, 1914, France and Russia adhered to this proposal. Peace could have been maintained, even at this very critical hour, if Germany had been willing to accept this idea.

"But Germany disrupted the situation. On the first of August she declared war on Russia, and made recourse to arms unavoidable. And if it is a fact that Germany diplomatically crushed this possibility of peace in its inception, the reason is that, more than forty years she has been indefatigably pursuing her object, which has been the crushing of France in order to effect the enslavement of the world.

"All these revelations are made before the court of history, where there is no place for corruption, and inasmuch as France and her allies, in spite of their love of peace, have been constrained to submit to war, they will make war to the end.

Sword Unsheathed Until Outraged Right is Avenged.

"Faithful to the signature that she attached to the treaty of September 4, 1914, and to which she pledged her honor, that is to say her life, France acting in accord with her allies, in spite of the word until after taking vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French Fatherland, the provinces wrested from her by force, in order to restore to Belgium to the fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed to the end, that it be possible to re-construct, on a basis of justice, a Europe finally regenerated.

"This plan of war and this plan of peace do not come to us, gentlemen, inspired by any presumptuous hope. The certainty of success is ours. We owe this certainty to our entire army; to our navy which, acting jointly with the British navy, has procured for us the mastery of the seas; and to the troops who in Morocco successfully repulsed aggressive action.

"We owe it also to the soldiers who are defending our distant flag in those French colonies which, from the very first day, turned toward France as a daughter would turn to a mother in distress. We owe it to the convicts of our army, whose heroism was guided by incomparable leaders to the victory of the Marne and to the victory in Flanders, and we owe it to the millions of men who have met this heroism with union, with silence and with serenity in the hour of crisis. Thus, there have been brought out by this impious war all the virtues of our race. We have shown initiative, spirit, bravery and togetherness, and we have been enduring, patient and stoical.

"Gentlemen, let us salute these heroes who have fallen on the threshold of victory, and also to those who, by this same victory, tomorrow will avenge the fallen. A nation that inspires such enthusiasm can never perish.

"By the organ of the Ministry of Finance, which has conveyed to you a masterful explanation of the financial situation, there has been revealed to you the resources which have accrued from the emission of treasury bonds and the advances made by the Bank of France. These have made it possible for us to meet the expenses brought about by the war, and we have not found it necessary to have recourse to a loan. The Bank of France is in confidence, thanks to its excellent standing, to furnish the Treasury with resources, and to aid in the re-establishment of the economic life of the country.

The Economic Strength of France.

All this is evidence of the vitality of France, of the surety of her credit, and of the confidence which she inspires everywhere. In spite of a war which is shaking and impoverishing the world, the French bank note is accepted at a premium; the discounting of commercial paper grows daily, and the totals obtained from indirect taxation increase. All this is a manifestation of the economic strength of a country which has adapted itself with facility to the difficulties arising from a deep seated trouble, and which, before the entire world, that the condition of its finances will permit it to continue the war until the day when the necessary compensations shall be obtained.

"Gentlemen, the day of final victory has not yet come, and until it does, our back will be one of great difficulty. The way may be long, and for this let us prepare our spirits, and be ever courageous. We have inherited the greatest burden of glory that any people can carry. Already the country has agreed to make every sacrifice that this duty entails.

These Days of Tragedy Will Be Recalled With Pride in The Peace of Victory.

"If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history, it is not because the people are hurling themselves into warfare to conquer territory, to win enlargement of material life and reform, and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world," the premier continued. "Nothing greater has ever appeared before the vision of man. Against barbarity and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany called peace; against the system of murder and pillage which Germany called war; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste which looted the scourge, France, the emancipator; France, the avenger, at the side of her allies, arose and advanced to the fray. That is the stake. It is greater than our lives. Let us continue them to have but one united soul, and tomorrow, in the peace of victory, we shall recall with pride these days of tragedy, for they will have made of us more valorous and better men."

THE FUNDS

Mayor Frink acknowledges the following for the Belgian relief fund: People of Newcastle and Upper Ainslie (N. B.), per W. A. Davidson, \$105.25; F. O. Comins, Flume Ridge, Charlotte county, \$5; C. B. N., \$5; Robert Sherwood, Otty Glen, Rothesay, \$3; sale potatoes Provincial Hospital, per James Gilchrist, \$190; Mrs. M. J. Driscoll, \$5; D. F. Brown, of Brown Paper Box Company, \$25; Mrs. Arthur F. Merrill, \$25; Miss E. E. Harrison, \$3; a friend, Hampton, \$5; Mrs. J. F. Garden, \$2; proceeds of concert at New Jersey (N. B.), per F. M. Anderson, \$42; Mrs. H. F. Smith, Moncton, \$5; Mrs. F. S. White, Moncton, \$10; proceeds of a parlor concert by pupils and friends of Miss Muriel McIntyre, \$58.50; Junior and Busy Bees branches of Andover and Perth Red Cross Society, per Mrs. G. F. Baird, \$100; Lorne Brown (sale of newspapers) \$156; J. Cameron, city, \$5; Miss Florence M. Morton, Sackville, \$5.

Contributions received this morning are as follows: People of Hillsboro, per J. L. Peck, \$19.50; "Help Along," Norton, \$2; Jacob M. Steeves, Pettitcodiac; Aphaqui United Sabbath schools, per Mrs. George B. Jones, \$10; G. F. A. Anderson, \$10; Mrs. Charles L. Caverhill, \$2; Mrs. W. E. (Belle) Humphrey, Hampton, \$10; Sympathiser, \$2.

Patriotic Fund.

Contributions from the staff of T. H. Estabrooks & Company for the month of December, totalling \$40.10, have been received by C. B. Allan, treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The individual subscriptions are as follows: H. McCarver, \$2.50; L. H. Hanson, \$1.55; J. W. Simmons, \$1; J. D. Garrett, \$2.50; H. Heron, 40c; H. O'Dell, \$1; F. S. Dingle, \$1.55; F. LeClair, \$1; Harold Dick, \$2.65; F. McRae, 70c; A. A. Corrick, \$1; A. Murphy, \$1.50; John Brivick, \$2.50; Thos. Daley, \$1; Edw. Mullaly, \$1; Murdoch Lamb, \$1; Leslie Jones, \$1; G. Gallie, \$1; Wm. Brown, 20c; J. Kelly, \$1; W. E. Melus, \$10; W. Seeley, \$1.05; L. Merritt, \$1; S. A. J., \$1.

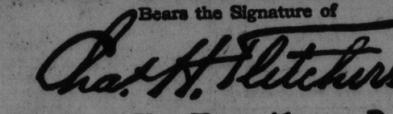
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Special to The Standard
Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 22.—About two o'clock this afternoon one of the saddest accidents in the history of the county took place at Arcadia when three young boys, the oldest twelve, and his companions, aged seven and five years, were drowned. The dead boys are two sons of Frank Burrell, and George, the adopted son of Judson Crocker, aged five years.

INCREASE IN PRICES OF SOME ARTICLES FOR NOVEMBER

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—The report of the Labor Department on prices for November shows that there were further advances in grains and fodder, dairy products and miscellaneous foods. There were declines in animal and meals, textiles, hides and leathers, metals, building material and sundries, as compared with the same month last year, the chief increases appeared in grains and fodder, miscellaneous groceries, hides, leathers, boots and shoes, drugs and chemicals. Important decreases appeared in fruits and vegetables, textiles, metals, fuel, building materials. The price of eggs was greatly increased, but early winter apples sold at only half the price of last year, and potatoes also were lower. Many lines of woolen goods advanced on account of dearer wool and greater costs for insurance, exchange, dyestuffs, etc. The index number is down from 139 to 138.2.

XMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN HUNGARY REACH BUDAPEST

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(By wireless to London.)—The portion of the shipment of Christmas gifts from the children of the United States which is to go to Hungarian children arrived at Budapest yesterday. The gifts were placed on fifty-two wagons and transported to a central station for assortment and distribution. This work will be performed by a committee of which the Hungarian Premier, Count Stephen Tizsa is a member. It is hoped that the presents will be placed in the hands of the children on Christmas Eve.

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PROBATE COURT

In the Probate Court Tuesday the matter of the estate of Chipman Boyd, formerly of St. John, but at the time of his death of Oakland, England, was taken up. The will and codicil were proved in England in July. He died in last April. He gives to his executor all his property to be divided equally among his brothers and sisters who survive him. His next of kin are John Errol Boyd of the Australian Volunteer Service; Hilda, wife of Gilbert Stevens of Victoria, South Rhodesia, Africa, and Miriam, wife of Harold Rodham, children of J. Edward Boyd, a deceased brother of the testator; Dr. Herbert Boyd of Delamere Terrace, London, England, and a lieutenant-colonel in the XIV Sikhs, retired, a brother of the deceased; Laura, wife of Colonel James Wall of Lexington Spa, England, and Albinia Dora, wife of Rev. Sidney Herbert Nobbs-Rawdon of the Island of Jersey, sisters of the deceased; Henry A. Boyd of West Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Albinia H., widow of George D. Russell, all of Portland, Oregon.

children of Henry Boyd, a deceased brother.
The will nominates his brother Stanley Boyd and his sister Laura Wall executors, and by a codicil he adds William M. Jarvis of St. John, as an executor. Stanley Boyd having died before him, Laura Wall obtained proof of the will and codicil in England, and now ancillary probate was issued to W. M. Jarvis reserving the right to Laura Wall to apply for co-adjunct probate. There is no real estate within this province; personality \$15,500. J. Roy Campbell, K. C. is proctor.
In the matter of the estate of Frederick Melville, laborer, there was return of a citation to pass the accounts of John C. Belyea, the administrator. Mr. Melville died in 1894. He lived for many years with the late Mary Roberts in Queen street doing various work such as putting in coal and was supposed to have left no money, but it turned out that he had an account in the savings bank amounting now to nine hundred and odd dollars. He had no relatives known. Claims filed were passed as presented and order made for payment of the debts. J. Roy Campbell, K. C. is proctor.

POLICE COURT

Carl Kempf, aged twenty-four, and a young lad were arraigned before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court Tuesday morning to answer a charge of breaking and entering Philip McGuire's liquor store, Mill street, and stealing several bottles of liquor and some change. The boy said that he entered the store and that a soldier and Kempf and himself took the liquor.

Mr. McGuire then testified that on the night of the 14th inst. he left his store in good order and went home. A little before twelve o'clock he received a telephone message that his store had been broken. He immediately went there, and found Policemen in charge. His front plate glass window broken and several bottles of liquor missing, also his two cash registers open and upwards of \$3 in change stolen.
An uncle of the boy said that on that night his nephew arrived home



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LEGAL SALVATION ARMY TO KEEP "CHRISTMAS AS USUAL"

While "Pots" are not "Boiling" as vigorously as last year, gifts from other sources are generous—Army plans to dispense much Christmas Cheer.

Notwithstanding the many calls made on the generosity of the public the Salvation Army authorities are, on the whole, well pleased with the response to their annual call for funds to disseminate assistance amongst the poorer folk. The pots, five in number, suspended from tripods, are boiling; but owing to the stormy weather of Monday, and to the conditions brought about by the war, there is some apprehension lest these pots be not kept at the boiling point. So far as can be seen the pot-patrons have not been so good as in former years. Besides this method of collecting funds, to help in providing Christmas cheer, the Salvation Army have thirty-five counter boxes, distributed throughout the city, in which the modest cent or the merry ten-spot may be deposited without fear of ill-use. The proprietors of the principal amusements houses have willingly consented to allow the army people to stand at the entrance armed with Christmas boxes. Last Saturday, from this source alone, about \$40 was collected.

Much Real Poverty.

Brigadier Taylor said, yesterday, that as a result of careful enquiry it had been found that there is much real poverty in the city. Many of the unemployed sort had been reached and assisted. One family had been found almost destitute. In this case food and provisions were supplied in quick order, for the case was a deserving one. As showing how the efforts of the men whose motto is "Blood and Fire" are appreciated, it may be mentioned that, quite recently, a man who was down and out, hungry, albeit well-dressed, applied for cash assistance. This form of benevolence is not always adopted, but the circumstances in this particular case warranted a deviation from ordinary practice. The man was given the money, told where he could get work, got it, and was delighted at the help given, but he did not express his thanks, but returned the cash advanced.
At the Christmas Cheer depot in

Prince William street about 125 pairs are in evidence, some empty, some partly filled with vegetables and groceries. It is hoped that 150 of these receptacles will be filled to the top with many of the things that will help to make the home happy. Tickets entitling the holders to shoes have been already issued to the extent of seventy or eighty. In some cases as many as three pairs of shoes will be provided for one family. Messrs. Waterbury and Rising have about fifty pairs of shoes ordered, and these will be ready within a few hours to the bidding of Santa Claus, who is not yet half dead. Three hind quarters of beef, at least will be distributed by the Army, 150 pounds of butter, and, in selected cases, chickens and ducks will be handed out. Tea, provided by T. H. Estabrooks in half-pound packets, jam, bread and many other things will await the caller at the Christmas Cheer Depot of the Salvation Army. Messrs. Simms and Co. have provided whitening and brushes. It is expected that many more contributions will be received both in money and kind ere Christmas day comes.

Fuel Will be Needed.

It must be pointed out, however, that the real need for aid amongst the poor of St. John, comes not at a time when all agree to try to bring cheer to those who want cheering, but during the cold months of a new year. "Fuel, especially, will be the want in many quarters of St. John," said Brigadier Taylor yesterday, "in January and February, we hope to be able to assist any needy people here, after the Christmas effort has passed into the history of good-will. We have no doubt that the Salvation Army will be able to cope with much of this work, the more serious work, in the spring, for there are many who know and appreciate the way in which we try to do good." There will be a children's entertainment and Christmas tree at the citadel in Charlotte street on Christmas eve at seven o'clock.

WANTED TO FILL GAPS IN GARRISON

Col. Armstrong wants volunteers for local Artillery Battery — Many soldiers being granted leave for Christmas.

Owing to the snow storm the special field day exercises which the officers of the 26th Overseas Battalion had planned on yesterday, were abandoned, and as nearly fifty per cent of the officers and men of the battalion have been granted leave of absence for Christmas the big field day is not likely to be held until some time after Christmas. Yesterday the work consisted of lectures and musketry and physical exercises, with a route march about the city and environs during the afternoon, with the men carrying rifles. Although the snow made hard marching the men completed the route march assigned to them in record time and were able to return to the army at an early hour.

Owing to the draft made upon the Regiment and the battery for home defence on Partridge Island by the departure of the men of the Divisional Column, the strength of the battery has been considerably reduced, and Col. Armstrong will be able to sign up quite a number of men for home defence. The inducement being held out to men to enlist with the artillery battery here is that they will be given first chance to enlist with a third contingent, if such should be required for the front. The recruiting department of the Y. M. C. A. went to the army and took part in the organization of a number of soldiers quartered there. They started a basketball game, a volley ball and a game known as the Indian club relay race. About 250 soldiers were present at the games, either as participants or spectators, and expressed in no uncertain manner their appreciation of the efforts of the Y. M. C. A. to provide them with entertainment. Special mention might be made of the work of Ray Bennet and H. R. Hill of the Y. M. C. A. who have been appointed to arrange athletic games for the entertainment of the soldiers, and whose work last evening showed they were well fitted for the tasks assigned to them.

A. F. McAllister, Maritime Field Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was in the city yesterday and was present at the sports at himself well pleased. Several prominent members of the Y. M. C. A., composing the committee appointed to arrange for athletic sports for the soldiers, were at the army last evening, among these being R. T. Hayes and E. L. Rising.
Quartermaster Sergeant Wm. Pitt and Private Gordon Penny and Robt. Turner who have left the employ of a little before twelve o'clock and had with him a pint flask of brandy. Later he went out and brought in a "long neck." Both these he said he turned over to Detective Killen. The case then was adjourned until this morning. J. A. Barry appeared for Kempf, four men and two women were brought into court on drunkenness charges. Four were fined \$3 or two months, and the other two remanded.

the St. John Street Railway Company to go to the front have been presented with wrist watches by their fellow employees, the presentation being made by G. M. O. Peters, treasurer of the company.
Lieut. Col. Massie, O. C. of the Divisional Train, has been presented with a handsome wrist watch by associates in the Montreal office of Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company.
The office and travelling staff of James Roberson & Co. have presented Capt. Geo. Keefe with a wrist watch.
Capt. F. F. May and Lieuts. Woods and Sherron having with their fellow employees of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

ALLIES' AIDS ARE DOING GOOD WORK

\$1,000 for distribution in cash to wounded soldiers will be forthcoming.

The Allies Aids now have about \$850 towards the \$1,000 that they will collect for cash aid for the wounded soldiers at the front. The punch board has been well patronized at The Sign O' the Lantern, by dint of making a hole in the board, and subsequently providing a modest sum in cash, someone will receive a handsome set of furs.

Tonight is the last night to engage the go to board, but no matter what happens, the Ladies' Aids intend having a dance programme at the new C. P. R. building in King street, on Tuesday next, in the rooms on the top floor, the proceeds of which, it is pretty safe to predict, will swell the amount in hand to the requisite sum of four figures. Dancing will begin at 8.30, and the band of the 62nd Regiment will play. The arrangements for the dance are in charge of Miss Lois Grimmor and Miss Grace Whitaker.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Daniel Ferguson.

Newcastle, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Daniel Ferguson, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the county, died at her home in Cassilis, Saturday, aged 88. She was a native of Michigan; her maiden name being Miss Elizabeth Hubbard. Her husband predeceased her by ten years. Her surviving children are Joseph Ferguson, of Cassilis; Geo., of Menominee, Michigan; Mrs. John Yye, Wilson's Pt. She also leaves the following sisters: Mrs. John Appley, Nelson; Mrs. Jared Blackmore, Cassilis; Mrs. Jessie Astles, Menominee, Mich.

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THE GREAT EFFORT TO TAKE WARSAW

Germans said to believe that this will be favorable moment to propose Peace.

London, Dec. 18.—No definite news has yet come from the Russian side concerning the great Germany victory in Poland reported in Berlin and Vienna. The Russian official headquarters report received last night give no information on the subject and the customary long Petrograd despatches dealing with the military operations in this district are absent from the London newspapers this morning, which would seem to indicate that a censorship has been imposed at Petrograd. A Petrograd despatch to the Daily Mail, dated Thursday refers to some length to the alleged instructions of the German Emperor to his staff that an attempt to capture Warsaw must be made at all hazards. Rumors of such instructions have been current for some days, and according to the Novoye Vremya the plan is connected with the idea that the capture of Warsaw would provide a suitable moment for the proposal of a peace conference. The Novoye Vremya says: "The very violence with which the German efforts are being made prove that some great gain is sought." According to other accounts, Germany is employing 750,000 men in the movement toward Warsaw. The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the Russian retreatment on Sobchaczew generally approved as wise. The position there is protected by swamps and commands the surrounding country. "Unfortunately," the Daily Mail con-

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respondent continues, "It seems as if German mobility has again given them superiority over numbers. The Russians supposed they had had sufficient men present to check the Germans at this point, but it is believed that the Germans brought troops around from Mlava, thus weakening the force there which has since been chased to the frontier. The Germans were also greatly reinforced from another quarter and the fighting is described as extremely violent."

A despatch to the Times from Warsaw, under date of Dec. 13, describes the great strength of the Russian defences between the present battle line and Warsaw and it also echoes the opinion of the authorities of Warsaw in stating that unless the Germans capture the town within a week all hope of their doing so will be gone forever, as strong Russian reinforcements are arriving. The correspondent adds that the Germans are said to be very strong in artillery, especially in heavy field guns.



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Just at this point a listener asked if the boots he wore were bought in St. John.

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Financial And Commercial News And Notes

HEAVY TONE ON N.Y. CHANGE YESTERDAY

Several well known issues quoted at bottom figures—Improvement in Steel trade looked for.

New York, Dec. 22.—That the supply of securities continues in excess of demand was again demonstrated in the heavy course of today's dull market on the Stock Exchange. The better known and seasonable issues of less importance, including the low priced coppers, were quoted at bottom figures. The weakness in the metal group appeared to be based in another severe cut in the price of the metal, due to lack of demand.

World's Shipping News

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December Phases of the Moon	
Full Moon, 2nd	2h. 21m. p.m.
Last Quarter, 10th	10h. 33m. a.m.
New Moon, 16th	10h. 35m. p.m.
First Quarter, 24th	4h. 25m. a.m.

FROM LONDON. The C.P.R. steamer Ardgarroch arrived in port yesterday from London with general cargo and docked at No. 1 berth, Sand Point.

DELATED SHIPS. About all the ships that are arriving on this side of the Atlantic during the past few days have been generally delayed owing to strong westerly gales and head seas.

CARGO OF WHEAT. The steamer Hesperos of the New Zealand and Australia line arrived in port yesterday morning and docked at the I. C. R. terminal where she will take in a full cargo of wheat in 250,000 bushels.

LOADS FOR FRANCE. The steamship Navara, Captain Taylor, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Halifax, and anchored in the harbor. She will dock at No. 7 berth, West End, this morning and will take in a cargo of hay and oats for France.

THE HEAD LINE. The steamship Bray Head sailed from the coal port yesterday for St. John to take in general cargo for Belfast. The steamer Bengore Head will sail from coal port tomorrow for this port.

STUDD WITH MINES. The only one of the several overdue transatlantic steamers showing up on Friday was the Iowa, of the Thomas line, which had been about 20 days in getting here from Sunderland, England, she having been nearly five days in getting clear of the mine fields with which the English coast is thickly studded. Rough weather was encountered on several days during the passage, a series of strong westerly gales delaying her considerably, but no damage of any kind resulted.

HER MAIDEN VOYAGE. The steamer Verdun, flying the Albanian flag, which came in about 2 p. m. Sunday, after a rough passage of 18 days from Glasgow, and was docked at the No. 6 Grand Trunk wharf. She has for a cargo about 1,000 tons of coal which will be discharged at the Grand Trunk piers, where she will be taken today, and has besides a cargo of general freight. The steamer left Glasgow in a southwesterly gale which continued almost until she made Portland harbor. She was obliged to heave to on several occasions during the worst

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 22.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 75¢ @ 76. OATS—Canadian, western No. 2, 60½ @ 61; No. 3, 59½; extra No. 1 feed, 59½ @ 60. FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, Brata, \$6.70; seconds, \$6.20; strong bakers, \$6.00; winter patents, choice, \$6.00; straight rollers, \$5.50 @ \$5.60; bags \$2.65 @ \$2.75. MILLFEED—Bran, \$25; Shorts, \$27; Middlings, \$30; Moulins, \$32 @ \$36. HAY—No. 2, per ton car lots, \$19 @ \$20. POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, 60c.

Federal Court, which declared that Lehigh Valley had not evaded the anti-trust laws in its relations with some of its subsidiaries. Bethlehem Steel preferred was another isolated instance of strength, partially as a result of a rumor to the effect that the company had secured more large orders from abroad. Among the minor specialties Central Leather rose on the increase of its dividend from two to three per cent. Announcement that the Virginian Carolina preferred dividend had been deferred because of the state of the cotton industry occasioned no surprise and failed to bring out any of the stock.

Latest war news was evidently productive of a more cheerful feeling in London, where reports of a re-opening of the Exchange early in the coming year were revived.

Bonds were irregular, with free selling of the active groups. Total sales for value were \$1,575,000. United States government coupon 3's advanced three-quarters per cent. on call.

TURKEY BORROWED HEAVILY IN FRANCE

Ottoman Empire, for 60 years, has raised its principal loans in French capital.

(From the Paris Bureau of the Brooklyn Eagle). French investors are far from happy over the appearance of Turkey as a belligerent on the German side. For sixty years the Ottoman Empire has raised its principal loans in Paris, and at present there are \$500,000,000 worth of securities which certainly will not pay the annual interest due. For sixty years the Ottoman Empire has raised its principal loans in Paris, and at present there are \$500,000,000 worth of securities which certainly will not pay the annual interest due. For sixty years the Ottoman Empire has raised its principal loans in Paris, and at present there are \$500,000,000 worth of securities which certainly will not pay the annual interest due.

The first investments were made in 1854, but it was not until nine years later, in 1863, that the Banque Ottomane Imperiale was founded and a big loan made. At that period a French and British financial syndicate obtained the concession for a State bank with branches throughout the Empire. The original capital was \$13,500,000. It was raised several times, until finally increased to \$50,000,000, divided into 500,000 \$100 shares, of which 297,500 are held in France and pay from \$5 to \$7 per share per annum.

The head offices of the bank are at Constantinople, and although it is administered by two boards of directors, one in London and one in Paris, it is regarded as a Turkish institution, and when the Porte is conquered its property may be seized by the allies. The French and English governments, however, are probably prepared to allow the business of the bank to be carried on, and for this purpose will nominate five sequestrators, who will, in fact, be five of the actual directors of the bank. In that way the interests of French investors will, in the event of victory, be safeguarded.

RECENT ADVANCE WAS TOO RAPID

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Selling today on the part of the houses that usually act for exporters had a tendency to disperse the bulls. Opinions were freely expressed that the recent advance in prices seemed too rapid and that some fresh stimulus was needed to sustain the market. A substantial increase in visible supply counted also against the bulls.

N. Y. COTTON.

	High	Low	Close
Jan.	7.50	7.40	7.50
Mar.	7.74	7.59	7.72
May	7.94	7.76	7.94
July	8.09	7.95	8.08
Dec.	7.84	7.70	7.84
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	Open	High	Low	Close
Amal Cop	53 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Am Beet Sug	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Am Loco	23	23	23	23
Am Telo	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Anacosta	117 1/2	118	117 1/2	117 1/2
Atchison	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Am Can	24 1/2	25	24 1/2	25
Balt and O	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Brook Rap T	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Can Pac	156 1/2	156 1/2	155 1/2	155 1/2
Eric Com	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Gr Nor Pfd	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Lehigh Val	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
Miss Pac	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
NY NH and H	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Nor and West	100	100	100	100
Nor Pac	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	99 1/2
Brook Rap T	107	107	106 1/2	106 1/2
Penn	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Reading Com	145 1/2	145 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Sou Pac	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	87 1/2
Sou Ry Com	82	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Ua Pac Com	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
U S Steel Com	48 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2

QUOTATIONS ON GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat, No. 2 red, 1.23 1/4 @ 1.26 1/4; No. 2 hard, 1.24 @ 1.27.	
Corn—No. 2 yellow, 65 1/2 @ 65 1/2;	No. 3 yellow, 64 1/4 @ 65.
Oats—No. 3, white, 48 @ 48 1/2; standard, 49 @ 49 1/2.	Rye—No. 2, 1.10 @ 1.10 1/2.
Barley—No. 2, 1.10 @ 1.10 1/2.	Timothy—4.75 @ 6.50.
Clover—12.50 @ 14.50.	Pork—17.50; lard, 10.45; ribs, 9.75 @ 10.37.
Wheat	129.1-4 126.1-4 128.7-8
May	120.3-4 118 120.3-4
July	119.1-2 70.3-8 71.1-2
Dec	72 70.7-8 72
Jan	65 64.3-8 65
Feb	63 62.1-4 63
Mar	53 52.1-4 52.7-8
Apr	48 48.1-4 48.3-4
May	18.65 18.45 18.65
Jan	18.65 18.45 18.65
May	19.20 18.95 18.12

MARKET IN ENGLAND FOR CANADIAN EGGS

Appreciable quantities of Canadian eggs have reached the Birmingham market during the last few weeks, but the demand is far in excess of the supply. Inquiries are being made continually for Canadian exporters, and if the latter are desirous of extending their sales, they are advised to forward a request to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, for the list of Birmingham buyers accompanying his report. (Refer File No. A547)

In 1911, eggs valued at \$37,000 were received from Canada, but last year they fell in value to \$5,000. Great Britain's annual purchases from abroad approximate \$45,000,000, the chief country of origin being Russia. Imports from the latter country last year were valued at \$23,000,000, and Denmark supplied a little more than \$10,000,000 worth.

The price of new laid eggs in Birmingham is now 75 cents per dozen. Commenting upon the scarcity of eggs, Farm and Home states in its current issue:—"Without going into details regarding exact quantities, it may be stated that the supplies of eggs now arriving from Europe are very small indeed. The figures show an enormous decrease for the month of September, especially from Russia, Austria, Germany and France. The effect that this has upon the British markets is that some produce is standing at a higher price than has ever been known before. This is a magnificent opportunity for the farmer. It is during an average year are now conspicuous by their absence. Eggs are a necessity today; therefore a shortage of this immensity is felt by every one in the country.

So far as one can judge, the scarcity will become still more acute in the near future. A large number of poultry-keepers are killing off their fowls; this is proved by the enormous number of pullets and hens that have been sent to the leading markets, but also for the future, this practice must be stopped at once. The whole poultry industry of the country will be ruined for years to come if farmers and others insist on killing off their stock birds.

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As the amount of \$225,000 of this issue has already been subscribed for, intending investors should make immediate application to the Provincial Secretary - Treasurer, Fredericton, or any branch of the Bank of Montreal in Canada. Investors would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain a safe investment paying a good rate of interest for high class securities.

Any further information can be obtained on application to the Office of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, at Fredericton.

D. V. LANDRY, Prov.-Secretary Treasurer.

Provincial Secretary-Treasurer's Office, Fredericton, 4th Dec., 1914.

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Live Gossip Of The Sporting World

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

Last night in the Five Men league on the Victoria alleys No. 5 and No. 3 team broke even, each taking two points.

The scores follow:

No. 3 Team.

Gardiner	82	77	81	240	80
Wright	86	76	79	241	80
Coughlan	106	102	88	296	98
Carlton	83	78	85	246	82
McKeen	74	83	120	277	94
Total	431	424	433	1305	

No. 5 Team.

Featherstone	93	97	89	279	93
Harding	85	72	79	236	78
Lewis	87	88	72	247	82
Teed	89	86	76	251	83
Hill	83	85	85	253	87
Total	427	427	401	1276	

The afternoon roll-off was won by (Buff) Riley with a score of 111.

THE CITY LEAGUE.

On Black's ally last night in the City league the Ramblers took four points from the Glants, and with a total pin fall of 1487 came within three pins of the maritime record made by the same team a few weeks ago.

The scores of last night's match follow:

Ramblers.

Emery	113	89	87	289	96
Jordan	80	92	105	277	91
Beattie	89	86	89	264	91
Covey	104	105	93	302	100
Wilson	83	129	95	317	105
Total	489	501	467	1487	

Glants.

Cleary	81	99	87	267	89
Hanson	84	82	68	234	78
Wheaton	85	81	93	259	86
Dever	77	69	80	226	75
White	90	92	98	280	93
Total	417	423	426	1266	

Pearl Jordan won the roll-off with a score of 116.

Tonight the Sweeps and Elks play.

MACK SAYS NO MORE CHANGES

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—It looks as though the other three-quarters of the Athletics' million-dollar infield will not be touched next season.

Fans were relieved to hear from J. Franklin Baker, who, in an interview in Troppe, Md., declared that he had no intention of jumping. Baker said he was serving under an iron-clad contract with Connie that would not expire until the end of the season of 1916.

He was emphatic in declaring that he never made one move to join the Feds, and denounced the story that he had negotiated with the St. Louis Feds as pure fabrication.

"There has never been any disagreement between Connie and myself," Baker said, "and we parted last season the best of friends. All my interests are centered in the Athletics, and I will be back next spring and try to help them win another championship."

Confirms Baker's Statements. Connie Mack last night confirmed Baker's utterances, and declared he was at a loss to know how rumors of friction between him and Baker ever were made public. He said that Baker was one of the most faithful members of his club, and that he had not thought of ever parting with him.

Mack also intimated that he contemplated no further changes in the club, and that Stuffy McInnis and Jack Barry, as well as Baker, would fill their familiar infield posts next season.

Charles S. Doolin did not see F. Otto Knabe, manager of the Baltimore team, yesterday. Doolin said he had not signed any Federal league contract, and didn't know that he would. He said that he had decided to drop out of the limelight and not talk any more about baseball. He contemplates a trip to Cuba.

While Doolin did not admit it, his remarks would lead one to believe that there has been a hitch in his negotiations with Knabe, for with the New York deal off he was prepared to sign immediately with the Feds.

Doolin also predicted that Sherwood R. Magee would not jump.

BIGGER RULES COMMITTEE.

Section one, article three, of the National Baseball Agreement has been amended by the concurrent vote of each major league and of the National Association by increasing the membership of the chief joint committee on playing rules to seven members, according to a National Commission notice issued. As amended and effective from December 16 on this agreement an article will read as follows:

"Whenever the commission certifies to the president of each major league and to the secretary of the National Commission that in its judgment the playing rules require amendment, a joint committee of three representatives from each major league and one representative of the National Association shall meet on or before October 15 of the year in which such notice is served, and adopt a code of rules for the ensuing season."

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NEEDLESS ALARM RAISED IN THE ROWLAND OLD COUNTRY OVER SOCCER TO MANAGE WHITE SOX

Many crusaders, who are opposed to games of all kinds, in time of peace and in time of war, "went to the front" in the agitation against football in the old country, a movement that seems to have spent its strength. Many well-meaning and usually well-informed also participated forward a case was that of the Earl of Dunham, whose position has roused much feeling, and stirred the Durham County association to action.

It is reported that the following had joined the forces from 359 clubs: 2,368 players, 594 officials and 2,312 other members, representing an average of 8.75 per club. Of the 359 clubs in the county, 26 had not yet sent a return. Twenty-seven referees had enlisted. It was decided to acquaint Lord Durham of the figures, and also of the amount contributed to the National fund when a complete return had been made up.

Want the Game

In Scotland, too, the worm is turning, and the misrepresentations of the crusaders are rousing the supporters of football to putting the case plainly before the public. Sir James Leishman, the head of the Scottish Insurance Act commission, who was mainly responsible for enlisting the footballers, in an interview deprecated shutting down football and other means of recreation and amusement. They must not lapse into gloom of pessimism or nerves. He wholeheartedly defended football against the charge of want of patriotism. He was informed by army officers that a large portion of the men coming forward were associated with football, and he would be astonished if it were found that anything less than 15,000 football players in Scotland had joined the forces. He condemned as utterly absurd the suggestion that any man remained at home because of professional football. An Edinburgh paper, by way of endorsement of Sir James' remarks, published some remarkable figures with regard to the enlistments from junior clubs in the Lothians and Fife, one club in a mining village sending its president, four committee-men and twelve players, while a rival organization in the next parish sent twelve players, and another sent fourteen players.

Want Enlargement

That the game is in no serious straits is evidently the opinion of its principal promoters, as it is seriously proposed to play more, instead of less football. This would be accomplished by enlarging the league sections to twenty-two clubs each, and extending the season to begin August 15 and play until the middle of May. This would give at least four more Saturdays for fixtures, but the proposition will be retained by the club in connection with its business department, but he has built up a reputation as a discoverer and developer of young ball players. Among those whose careers began on his recommendation is Larry Doyle, captain of the New York Glants. The new manager is 33 years old. Rowland's selection came as a surprise to Chicago fans, many of whom expected to see Eddie Collins to be appointed to the post.

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BUSINESS NOTICE.

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Chicago, Dec. 21.—Clarence Rowland, last year manager of the Peoria Three I league club, today signed as manager of the Chicago Americans for a term of one year.

He succeeds Jimmy Callahan, who was manager of the White Sox for the last three seasons. Callahan, it was announced, will be retained by the club in connection with its business department, but he has built up a reputation as a discoverer and developer of young ball players. Among those whose careers began on his recommendation is Larry Doyle, captain of the New York Glants. The new manager is 33 years old. Rowland's selection came as a surprise to Chicago fans, many of whom expected to see Eddie Collins to be appointed to the post.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE

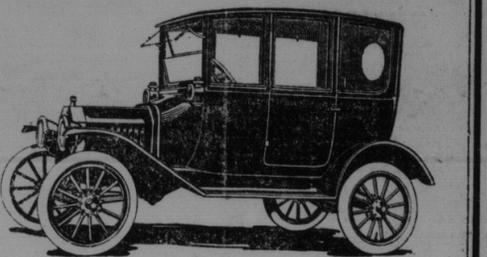
That all creditors are required to file their claims duly proven with the assignee within Three Months of the date of this notice unless further time be allowed by any such Judge as may be wholly barred of any right to share in the proceeds of the estate and that the said assignee shall be at liberty to distribute the proceeds of the said estate as if any claim not filed as aforesaid did not exist but without prejudice to the liability of the debtor thereto.

Dated at the said City of Saint John this 19th day of December A. D. 1914. AMOS A. WILSON, High Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, Assignee.

Kenneth A. Wilson, Solicitor for Assignee.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST LAND REGULATIONS.

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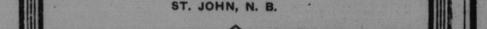
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Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick a bill will be introduced having for its object the extension of the time within which the New Brunswick Power Company is required to spend money in the acquisition of its property and in the construction of its works.

Must Re Efforts Suffe

One steamer ever tially relief mission wri distributing t

The central executive relief work for the new Belgium has received the following information: The needs in Belgium goods received up to Nov. The Commission for Belgium was entirely American but representatives have joined. The commission is in American citizens.

Agencies have been opened in New York with object of purchases and donations. 2. In Rotterdam distributing the goods. On November 21st, 14 food stuffs had crossed frontier for distribution. These goods were mainly wheat, 740 tons of flour of rice, 360 tons of beans, miscellaneous. On November 23rd the disposed in Rotterdam of food stuffs including 10,000 tons of wheat which evacuated from Antwerp. German troops were in balance of 16, come from London or France. This commission bought goods in England; cereals. The commission in Bangkok, Siam, 15,000.

Must Redouble The Efforts on Behalf of Suffering in Belgium

One steamer every day if distress is to be even partially relieved, Member of American Relief Commission writes—The difficulties encountered in distributing the supplies.

The central executive committee of the relief work for the victims of the war in Belgium has received from Europe the following information regarding the needs in Belgium and the goods received up to November 30th: The Commission for Relief in Belgium was entirely American at the start but representatives of Italy and Spain have joined. The management of the commission is in hands of American citizens.

Agencies have been opened: 1. In New York with object of gathering the purchases and donations in America. 2. In Rotterdam with object of distributing the goods in Belgium.

On November 21st, 14,150 tons of food stuffs had crossed the Belgium frontier for distribution in Belgium. These goods were mainly: 8,200 tons of wheat, 740 tons of flour, 1,000 tons of rice, 380 tons of beans and peas, the balance miscellaneous.

On November 23rd the relief work disposed in Rotterdam of 32,000 tons of food stuffs including 6,000 tons of salt bought in Rotterdam and about 16,000 tons of wheat which was the wheat evacuated from Antwerp to Holland by the Belgian government before the German troops entered Antwerp. The balance of 16,000 tons had come from London or from America.

This commission bought the following goods in England: 9,500 tons of cereals. The commission also bought in Bangkok, Siam, 15,000 tons of

cereals. Several more cargoes were to be bought.

Donations Promised on 23rd of November.

1. 12 steamer loads containing donations from United States and Canada, of which the total tonnage is 60,000 tons.

2. Besides 18 steamer loads of a total tonnage of about 86,000 tons of food stuffs coming from the United States, Canada and Spain were promised.

On November 23rd the commission had bought 24,500 tons of food stuffs and was looking for donations of 140,000 tons, the value of which is about £1,800,000 sterling. It must be noted, however, that the bulk of the donations coming from the United States and Canada cannot reach Belgium before January. From January, the commission hoped to be able to introduce in Belgium 90,000 tons of cereals monthly which are all needed.

The Central Committee which has been constituted with object of helping the poor population of Brussels has extended its work to the whole of Belgium. For this purpose, it has organized two departments: Food Department and Relief Department.

Food Department—For this department the commission was to obtain from the German authorities, through

the Ministers of the United States and of Spain, formal guarantees that the goods imported by the committee would not be seized. These guarantees have been obtained. It was also to organize the purchasing of goods in foreign countries, to import them in Belgium and distribute them in the provinces.

Financial needs—The Belgian government has put at the disposal of the committee a sum of £1,000,000 sterling.

German Requisitions. The committee has requested the ministers of the United States and Spain to negotiate with German authorities the cessation of the requisitions of food stuffs still remaining in Belgium or at least the limitation of these requisitions. Partial agreement has already been made with the German authorities for this, in consequence of which the committee has been able to purchase in the Province of Brabant quantities of wheat that have been employed to feed the population of Brussels. In Hainaut the German authorities have reserved zones in which they will make no requisitions. A similar agreement for the Province of Namur is being negotiated.

Transportation in Belgium. The transportation of the goods in the different points in Belgium is a very difficult problem. The central committee has requested the American and Spanish Ministers to negotiate with the German authorities for transportation over the railway and canals.

For the distribution of the goods the Central Committee has requested the provincial sub-committees to distribute no money, to organize the distribution in agreement with the communal authorities who pay part of the expenses.

Hereafter is a telegram dated at Rotterdam addressed by Captain Lucey to Herbert Hoover, President of the Relief Committee:

"69—Wednesday. As previously advised had had unusually severe weather last two weeks, causing intense suffering throughout Belgium—food con-

ditions daily growing worse. Notwithstanding notices to Dutch Press requesting Belgian delegations representing Committee and Provinces they must apply to head of committee in their provinces or to American Minister, Brussels, they continue coming here with terrible stories of suffering and needs of people. It is impossible to convince these people that now Americans have taken over the feeding of the entire country food is not forthcoming in sufficient quantities to meet all requirements. Our entire force putting forth every energy and device known to us to distribute supplies already forwarded, but the amount received to date, while seemingly very large, is totally insufficient to even partially supply the necessities of Belgium. Total based on lowest possible allowance on which people can exist. We have not opened up communications direct with Charleroi, Namur, Brussels, Ghent and think we will be able to make deliveries to Bruges. Have men at frontiers to expedite our shipments to Terneuzen for East and West Flanders, Hansweert for Luxembourg, Brabant, Hainaut, Hastricht and Eysden for Liege and Luxembourg, and we can tranship follow and trace shipments to all principal points in Belgium within three days from arrival of steamships. Am making this last appeal to you before your departure from London and would urge and request upon behalf of Belgium civil population that if the American and other nations are going to even partially relieve suffering and distress of a nation they must redouble their efforts. We must have a steamship arriving at least every day."

Until November 30th the distribution committee had received in Rotterdam 28,052 tons of goods, these include the cargo of the Tremorvah, and have all been dispatched to Belgium. The cargo for the Tremorvah has been distributed mainly in Brussels and Liege.

The situation in Belgium is extremely serious. The difficulty of the distribution is enormous since practically all means of transportation are lacking and all transportation must be done on small lighters. However, the committee has been able to reach a great number of centres, but it is easy

to understand that often the smallest and most distant places who have suffered most from the German invasion are the most difficult to reach. An enormous difficulty presently is the question of heating. Although Belgium possesses numerous and very important coal mines capable to suffice to all the needs of the population, the disturbance of practically all transportation means which are used exclusively by the Germans for their troops has almost stopped the shipping of coal, so that in many towns the provision of coal is absolutely exhausted. The population therefore uses kerosene, but the stock will soon be exhausted. There is an agreement between the Allies for the prohibition of the importation of burning oils in Holland. The commission for Relief in Belgium is composed as follows: The Commission for Relief in Belgium, American Commission for Relief in Belgium.

Spanish Commission for Relief in Belgium. Italian Commission for Relief in Belgium. Comité National de Secours et d'Alimentation.

Honorary Chairmen. His Excellency Senor Don Alfonso Merry Del Val Y. Zulueta, Spanish Ambassador in London.

His Excellency Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador in London. His Excellency Brand Whitlock, the American Minister in Brussels.

His Excellency James Gerard, American Ambassador in Berlin. His Excellency Henry Van Dyke, American Minister in the Hague.

His Excellency Le Marquis de Vallabrar, the Spanish Minister in Brussels.

Chairman—Herbert Hoover. Vice-Chairmen—Senor Don Jose Congo, London; Robert McCarter, New York; William Hulse, Brussels; Senor Don Jose Roura, London.

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Ethelbert Watts, Brussels. General Arsene Parrillet, New Orleans. Theodore Wilcox, Portland.

Senor Francisco Yebra, Antwerp. American or Spanish Consul.

Several newspapers have published that the Germans have imposed a tax of from \$1.30 to \$2.00 a bag on flour entering Belgium. This is absolutely untrue. The Americans of the commission declare that every facility is given by the Germans, the greatest difficulty being the transportation problem. The commission has decided to place an American citizen in each important centre in Belgium to superintend the transportation. Some American students in England have already volunteered for this duty.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE SOLDIERS

Christmas Cheer provided by Soldiers' Wives League to five hundred children

Children of soldiers, who have gone to the front, were entertained at a Christmas dinner and tree at the Centenary church yesterday afternoon. About five hundred children were present and the entertainment was provided through the efforts of the members of the Soldiers' Wives League.

Besides the dinner of turkey, cranberry sauce, etc., there were two large Christmas trees and Santa Claus in person distributed gifts to every child present. The assembly was highly successful. Mrs. George F. Smith, president of the league, Mrs. W. W. White, convener of the entertainment committee, were present and Mrs. E. A. Smith recited for the children.

Each child carried away a bag of candy and fruit besides the other presents. In charge of the tables were Mrs. J. Hunter White, Miss Scammell, Mrs. W. H. Purdy, Mrs. J. W. Daniel. In charge of the boys' tree were Mrs. D. B. McGowan and Miss Edith Skinner, while Miss Ethel Jarvis and Miss Mary Harrison looked after the girls. Mrs. Walter H. Golding and Mrs. Forbes White also assisted.

When the children entered the assembly hall downstairs they were presented with small British flags, which were provided by members of the Women's Canadian Club.

The dinner hall was tastefully decorated with flags and patriotic emblems and the handsome Christmas trees added greatly to the appearance of the room. Parents of the children had places in the balcony and thoroughly enjoyed the sight.

Mrs. George F. Smith welcomed the children and Rev. W. H. Barraclough said grace.

James Manchester, Senator Daniel, Kettle Jones, Sherwood Skinner assisted in the carving of the turkeys.

LATE SHIPPING. Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Ard stmr Meantick, New York. Glasgow, Dec. 22.—Ard stmr Pomranlan, Portland. Bergen, Dec. 22.—Ard stmr Kristianla, New York.

Buried Yesterday. The funeral of Miss Catherine Cullinan took place yesterday morning from her late residence, Main street, Fairville, to St. Rose's church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. C. Collins. Interment took place in Sand Cove cemetery.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—(Strong westerly to northwesterly winds, local snow flurries, but generally fair and decidedly cold.)

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Light snowfalls or flurries have occurred in nearly all the provinces, but the weather over the Dominion has been for the most part fair and decidedly cold.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Wednesday and Thursday. Winds, North Atlantic strong, west, diminishing.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	34	38
Kamloops	14	22
Battleford	14	24
Prince Albert	18	26
Calgary	14	22
Medicine Hat	12	24
Moose Jaw	15	22
Winnipeg	20	24
Port Arthur	14	24
Parry Sound	0	20
London	7	19
Toronto	13	22
Ottawa	4	24
Montreal	4	24
Quebec	4	24
St. John	22	34
Halifax	20	34

—Below zero.

Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION

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Phone Main 484.
G. Earle Logan, Secretary.
Phone Main 1300.

McMillan's Store.
will be open every evening until Christmas. Largest stock of Christmas Booklets, Patriotic Souvenirs and Calendars in the city. All prices.

Soldiers' Christmas Dinner.
All persons donating material for the soldiers' Christmas dinner should send it to Mrs. H. A. Powell, 29 Queen Square, not later than this afternoon.

No Special Business.
There will be a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission in the local government rooms today, but so far as is known there will be no special business before the commissioners.

Mr. Baxter at Red Head.
Attorney-General Baxter paid a visit to Red Head yesterday afternoon and was enthusiastically received by a large number of the electors.

Manitoba's Gift Here.
The Hegal Line steamer Inishowen Head will sail tomorrow for Belfast with a full general cargo among which are 50,000 sacks of flour which is the gift of the Manitoba government to the mother country.

For The Needy.
The members of the North End W. C. T. U. will receive donations to be distributed among the needy, and for this purpose their rooms in the Union Hall will be open on Thursday afternoon between the hours of two and five o'clock, for the purpose of receiving any donations that citizens might wish to offer.

It Was Councillor John T. O'Brien.
In the report of the large and enthusiastic rallies in Lancaster and Simonds in connection with the St. John county by-election, the name James L. O'Brien appeared as one of the speakers. It was Councillor John T. O'Brien, the popular representative in the municipal council from Fairville, who spoke. As far as The Standard is concerned there is no James L. O'Brien in the county.

Pleasant Social Evening.
An entertainment was held last evening in the schoolroom of Victoria street church, the occasion being a social under the auspices of the Temple of Honor Band. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson was in the chair. He gave a short address, as did George Dewart, R. G. Carson sang two solos. Bandmaster F. W. McNichol was presented with a set of pipes from the band, and Dr. Hutchinson, as its chaplain, was presented with a group of photographs, suitably framed, of the band. At the conclusion of the entertainment coffee, sandwiches and cigars were enjoyed.

Foundry on Fire.
About ten o'clock last night a fire was discovered in the ceiling of the McLean, Holt & Co. foundry off City Road and an alarm was sent in from box 231. The department responded quickly and in a short space of time Chief Blake had three good streams of water playing on the flames. The fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered and had broken out through a few sections of the roof. After almost an hour's work the firemen had the fire all out. The greatest part of the damage was done to the roof of the building and the interior was considerably flooded with water. It was estimated last night that the damage would amount to about \$600 which is covered by insurance.

PERSONAL

Lieut. Governor Wood arrived in the city last evening from Sackville and is at the Royal. His Honor is here on private business.

Felix Michaud of Bouchette arrived in the city last evening and will attend a meeting of the Public Utility Commission today.

H. V. Dickson of Jubilee who represents Kings county in the Provincial Legislature, is at the Victoria.

Lieut. Queen of Ottawa is at the Royal.

F. J. Mahoney of Melrose is at the Royal.

SIMONDS NO. 2

The Local Government Supporters of Simonds No. 2 will meet on Saturday, at 8 p. m. in Wallace's Hall, Gardner's Creek. Wm. Mawhenny, Chairman.

SIMONDS NO. 3

The Local Government Supporters of Simonds No. 3 will meet at May, all on Wednesday next at 8 p. m. G. Fred Stephenson, Chairman.

Season Tickets by Phone
Telephone Main 2511 for that season ticket. It will be sent promptly to any address in the city. Queen's Band tonight.

St. John Conservative Club
Hon. J. D. Hazen is expected to be present at the meeting of the St. John Conservative Club in the Market Building on Saturday evening. Mr. Hazen's visit to the club will be of an informal nature, but he may be called upon to make a brief speech to the members of the club and their friends.

FAIRVILLE AND MILFORD ELECTORS.

The Local Government Committee rooms, Temperance Hall, Main street, Fairville, were open last evening, and considerable progress was made on the lists. It was decided to meet on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Borden Club
The monthly meeting of the executive of the Borden Club was held last evening, when a number of matters of a routine nature were dealt with.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

RECORD CHRISTMAS MAIL BEING HANDLED AT ST. JOHN THIS YEAR

In spite of the War and stories of hard times, St. John people are celebrating Christmas as never before — Christmas shoppers spend money freely.

The spirit of the people of St. John and the Maritime Provinces generally is shown by the way they are going about the ceremony of celebrating Christmas. All over Canada "Business as usual" has been the slogan. "If we are to do our duty, and help the Empire in this crisis we must keep the wheels of business turning as usual," this is the sermon which has been preached by, for and to business men in every city in Canada.

St. John evidently has followed this advice. One of the best indexes of the general state of business in a community is the activity of the post office just before Christmas. By this test St. John, from a business point of view, is probably the brightest spot on the map of North America.

According to statements of post office officials here the Christmas mail so far this year has been heavier than ever before. Christmas week opened with a rush of mail matter such as post office officials of many years standing had never seen. A greatly increased staff is working at high pressure, and hoping the rush will not continue.

All departments of the post office report heavier business to date than last year. On Monday the St. John post office handled 600 packages of mail for England, the heaviest English mail ever sent out of here during Christmas week. There has been a general increase in the English and American mail, but the most noticeable increase has been in the local mail. Letter carriers have been overburdened with work and the superintendent of this service said he had never known such heavy deliveries.

Officials of the money order department say they have handled more business this Christmas than last, while the number of packages of registered letters is also larger than usual at Christmas times.

A big business is being done by the parcels post. Three teams are kept busy delivering parcels about the city. Yesterday the lobby of the post office was crowded all day by people waiting for their parcels. The staff worked staff the Montreal mail was about ten hours late and the Halifax mail about nine hours late.

Big Express Business
In spite of the big parcels post business the express companies report that they are doing all the work they can handle. When a reporter called at the Dominion Express Company's new office yesterday, Manager Haycock was trying to answer two telephones at once and the staff was attending busily to a long line of clients.

"You can see we are very busy," said Mr. Haycock. "We have about all the business we can handle. You would not know there was a war in progress, or talk of hard times. Our Christmas business here is as good as it ever was; perhaps a little better."

Christmas Business Good
There was a big crowd of shoppers out yesterday buying Christmas presents and many of the women had children with them, who were busily inspecting the array of gifts in the stores, and advising their mothers as to what they wanted Santa Claus to bring them. It was an ideal day for Christmas shopping, and the stores which cater to the Christmas trade did a rushing business.

Enquiries at a number of stores elicited the information that the people of St. John were spending quite as much on Christmas gifts this season as ever, and this in view of the many demands which have recently been made upon the generosity and patriotism of the people is regarded as an excellent indication of the soundness of business conditions here and the optimistic outlook of the people. Wholesale dealers who cater to the Christmas trade say that conditions in other parts of the Maritime Provinces, excepting in the extreme east, are good and that collections are as easy as could be desired.

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FOREIGN FREIGHT CHECK HELD UP BY TRAIN TWELVE HOURS

Montreal Express Arrived at Midnight — Collision West of Megantic Threw out Schedule.

The Atlantic express of the C. P. R. due here at noon yesterday did not arrive until midnight. The train was held up west of Megantic on account of a rear end collision between two freight trains. One of the train crew was seriously injured and was brought in to Sherbrooke for treatment.

The accident was said to have occurred yesterday morning. Two freight trains following one another were trying to make Sherbrooke before the Montreal came along. The head train received orders to take a siding at one of the way stations. The freight train did not know of this and crashed into the van of the other while it was attempting to take the siding. The bump threw many of the cars and both locomotives off the rails and the freight train was held up for the night of twelve hours for the passage of trains.

Only one member of the train crew was said to have been injured and it was not known by passengers, who came in on the express whether or not his injuries were considered fatal. The Montreal express when she pulled into the train shed last evening had to take the outside track. She then pulled through and came back on No. 1 track.

The Boston express last evening was about a half hour late on account of the storm. The Pacific express was only about twenty minutes late from the east and pulled out of St. John practically on time.

Last night the Halifax express was not on time and the passengers from the Boston were sent east on the Atlantic express soon after midnight.

A letter from O. E. White, who is at Salisbury Plains with the first Canadian contingent, has been received by his mother. The letter was mailed on December 1st, and Oty says that he has been appointed a staff sergeant at the Divisional Ammunition Park, and has 61 men and a clerk under him. He is in charge of the repair work of the motor equipment and is kept pretty busy. Since he has been on the Plains there have been two deaths and at the time of writing there were twelve men in the hospital. Oty says however, that he is enjoying the best of health, although the accommodations are not what he would expect.

When the Canadian contingent arrived in England the Imperial government said they were going to erect winter huts for the men to live in during the winter weather. The work of erecting these huts is going along, but owing to the scarcity of skilled workmen the huts are not being built rapidly, although the soldiers are assisting in their erection. Carpenters are wanted but these cannot be obtained, and as a result a large number of the men are obliged to reside in tents.

In another letter received recently from England a Canadian says that he feels the cold in England worse than in Canada.

The tents that they are obliged to sleep in are old and there has been a great deal of rain. It is most uncomfortable to try to sleep in the tents with the rain dripping through the canvas, while the cold winds blow into the tents, making sleep almost impossible. Another great inconvenience is the mud. Owing to the great amount of rain there is about six inches of sticky mud on the grounds, and accordingly the mud is tracked into the tent floors, while marching through the muddy ground in very heavy boots.

A visitor from London who called at the camp has termed the Canadian soldiers "Mud Larks," and the soldiers says that he would not mind the hardships if he had a chance to get into the trenches on the firing line, but where they are being encamped awaiting a chance to get to the front mud, rain and cold appears to be hardships.

CHILDREN'S DRESSES
F. A. Dykeman & Co. have on sale a lot of children's dresses marked at special prices for the Christmas trade. Dresses that are worth \$1.00 are on sale at 59 cents; dresses that are worth \$2.00 are on sale at \$1.25. See their handsome display of handkerchiefs done up in dainty boxes and booklets priced 25 cents. Handsome pure linen handkerchiefs on sale at from 15 cents to 75 cents each.

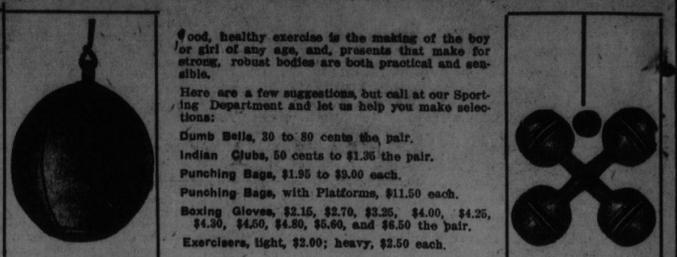
ATTRACTIONAL GIFTS IN M.R.A.'S CHRISTMAS SHOW ROOM
A considerable addition has been made to the assortment of gift things in M. R. A.'s Christmas Show Room in the last few days and now some goods just arrived and now displayed for the first time and at very reasonable prices, consisting of bright and brushed brass in jardinières, fern dishes, trays in all shapes and sizes, umbrellas stands in great variety, flower baskets in four sizes, vases, smokers' sets, tobacco jars, candle sticks, candelabra, combination jardinières and pedestals, also mosaic ware with blue and copper background in fern dishes, vases, umbrella stands, jardinières, trays, tobacco jars, etc.

BEACONSFIELD.
The Local Government Committee room, 19 Dufferin Row, will be open each evening (Christmas Eve and night excepted), from January 1st, 1915 to December 31st, 1915. Terms cash on acceptance of tender. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Fishing Privilege For Sale
Tenders will be received up to and including December 31st, 1914, for the Blue and Veil well-fishing privilege, from January 1st, 1915, to December 31st, 1915. Terms cash on acceptance of tender. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Red, white, blue, green, lavender and purple. 15 inches long, ten cents each. 10 and 11 inches long, 5 cents each.—Marr Millinery Co.

Gifts for the Athletic Lad



Food, healthy exercise is the making of the boy or girl of any age, and presents that make for strong, robust bodies are both practical and sensible.

Here are a few suggestions, but call at our Sporting Department and let us help you make selections:

Dumb Bells, 30 to 50 cents the pair.
Indian Clubs, 50 cents to \$1.35 the pair.
Punching Bags, \$1.95 to \$3.00 each.
Punching Bags, with Platforms, \$11.50 each.
Boxing Gloves, \$2.15, \$2.70, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.80, \$5.60, and \$6.50 the pair.
Exercisers, light, \$2.00; heavy, \$2.50 each.

W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. --- Market Square and King Street
OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

SLATER SHOE STORE A Good Time for Bargains

STORE to be closed up



The directors of the Slater Shoe Company have decided on closing up their retail stores and our instruction are to close out the stock immediately. With that end in view we are offering stirring bargains in new, clean, up-to-date Slater Shoes.

Holiday season is not generally selected as a time for a sale, but so that people may save some money on their Christmas shopping we are now giving them a chance to obtain gifts at bargain prices.

Slater Shoe Store, King St.

BIG SALE NOW ON

GIFTS THAT ARE USEFUL AND ATTRACTIVE

EIGHT DAY MANTEL CLOCKS

There is nothing around the house that is more useful than a clock. A clock should be attractive as well as a good timekeeper. Ours are both.

Prices \$4.00 to \$22.00

Marble, Onyx, Mahogany and Black Enamel Finish Dresser or Desk Clocks. Prices \$5.00 to \$8.25
Watches (Ingersoll) \$1.00 to \$2.25
Wrist Watches \$3.50 to \$9.00

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

M. R. A. STORES OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK

CHRISTMAS SALE OF MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS

Select Gift Garments Now and Save Money

Ladies' Umbrellas for Christmas

An Umbrella is always acceptable as a Christmas Gift, and our assortment this season includes everything that is newest in handle design and material.

Handles of Sterling Silver, Gold, Silver and Ivory, Silver, and Pearl, Silver and Ebony, Natural Wood in plain and Silver Mounted, Gun Metal, Mission Wood, Fancy Horn, etc. Coverings in all silk and silk mixtures, steel rods with guaranteed frames.

Prices, each \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.60, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.60, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.75, \$6.00, \$6.60, \$7.00, \$8.50 and so on up to \$20.00.

Children's Umbrellas—19 to 21 inch frames. Each 75c. to \$1.40
SILK DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

Gloves Are Always Acceptable Gifts

REVNIER KID GLOVES — Two-dome; black, white and the popular shades. Pair \$1.00, \$1.40, \$1.60.

REVNIER SUEDE GLOVES — Two-dome; black, tan, brown and grey. Pair \$1.50.

PERRIN'S KID GLOVES — Two-dome; black, white and colors. Pair \$1.35.

DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—One-dome; tans. Pair \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—Grey. Pair \$1.35.

DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—White. Pair \$1.40.

DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—Black. Pair \$1.60.

ENGLISH CAPE GLOVES — One-dome; tan. Pair 90c. to \$1.00.

ENGLISH CAPE GLOVES — Two-dome; tan. Pair \$1.00.

MOCHA GLOVES — One-dome; tan and greys. Pair \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.60, \$1.75.

MOCHA GLOVES—Silk-lined, two-dome; tans greys. Pair \$1.35, \$1.75.

ANTELOPE GLOVES—One-dome; tans and greys. Pair \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.60, \$1.75.

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DOE GLOVES (Washable) — White, one and two button. Price \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35.

DOE GLOVES (Washable) — White, long. Pair \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75.

EVENING GLOVES—White, long. Pair \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.00.

MISSIE'S AND CHILDREN'S GLOVES—A complete range of sizes in all makes. Pair 65c., 75c., 80c., \$1.00, \$1.20.

GLOVE DEPT.—FRONT STORE.

GIFTS AT HALF PRICE

In Christmas Show Room

This will be a golden opportunity for gift seekers as here is a saving of one half in price and there is still ample time to make good use of these articles where they will be most appreciated. A good assortment of Calendars, Pot Pourri and Lavender Boxes, Perfumed Jars, Sterling Silver in Tinked Boxes, Bonbon Dishes, Trays, etc. Brassware in Candlesticks. Ornaments in China, etc. Christmas Show Room—Second Floor.

Great Savings will also be Afforded in Dressed and Undressed Dolls in Millinery Salon—Second Floor.

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