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## THE WORLD EAGER FOR LASTING PEACE THAT HONOR, JUSTICE AND RIGHT MAY PREVAIL

President Wilson Praises the Allied Armies and Says it Now Rests Upon Others to See That Lives Were Not Lost in Vain—There Must Be a Powerful Group of Nations, an Overwhelming One, to be the Trustees of the Peace of the World—Londoners Mightily Pleased With President's Utterances.

London, Dec. 28.—President Wilson made his last public appearance in London. Officials of the city of London presented him with an address of welcome in the ancient Guild Hall, where other famous Americans, including General Grant and former President Roosevelt have been received. Afterward he was the guest at a luncheon in the Egyptian Hall of Mansion House. The drive from Buckingham Palace and return was witnessed by immense crowds. The day's official events were not limited to the two functions in the city. The President received and spoke to various delegations, which presented addresses at the American Embassy, and tonight he dined at the Premier's residence in Downing Street with the members of the cabinet. After the dinner he entrusted to Carlisle, whose tomorrow he will visit his mother's birthplace. On Monday he will be in Manchester, the great Midland commercial centre. The President will make an oration in the "Free Trade Hall" at Manchester, which holds four thousand persons, and another speech at a luncheon, where other delegations will be present. The President's two speeches, that at Guild Hall, a formal oration having as its text that the world is eager for a lasting peace of justice and right.

## INTERNATIONAL COURT TO TRY HOHENZOLLERN FOR CRIMES URGED BY DR. HENRY VAN DYKE

One Time Minister to Netherlands, Now Chaplain in Navy, Addresses Soldiers and Sailors in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—The late Kaiser should not be assassinated, but should be tried by an international court and if convicted he should be punished, declared Lieutenant Commander Henry Van Dyke, before an audience of soldiers and seamen and their friends in the Brick Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and Thirty-seventh street. "It would be absurd and horrible to give a martyr's crown to a criminal," stated Dr. Van Dyke, and "the boys," as he addressed the audience, "don't you think so, boys?" he asked in a conversational tone. Of course we can talk about boiling in oil and all that kind of stuff, but it comes out of the navy, we had better leave the punishment to judicial courts. "I may say in passing that the execution of kids down through history has not as a rule resulted favorably. Often the result has been a worse king in the place of the one executed. And fortunately you and I have not the duty of sitting on that bench. We want to see righteousness vindicated tearfully. "If Germany is penitent, if she makes reparation and restitution, she may be forgiven, but her offences must not be forgotten. There is no command in the Holy Bible to forget." The Lieutenant Commander was fresh from a tour of all the navy stations in the United States. He wore his uniform. It was not the same Rev. Henry Van Dyke, doctor of divinity, who preached in the Brick Church twenty-four years as pastor. It was not the Henry Van Dyke, professor in Princeton University. It was not even Henry Van Dyke, United States Minister to the Netherlands. It was Commander Henry Van Dyke, of the navy, and with the boys uniform. He told them he had learned "many things." His vocabulary was not that of "Little Rivers" or any of the other literary gems of which he is the author, it was Chaplain Henry Van Dyke, with a vocabulary full of slang and also strong language.

## Russia's War Casualties Now Total 9,150,000 Men According to Returns

Copenhagen, Dec. 26, (by the Associated Press).—Russia's war casualties total 9,150,000 men, according to a telegram received here today from Petrograd. Of this number 1,700,000 were killed. The disabled men number 1,400,000, while 3,600,000 other soldiers were wounded. The Russians taken prisoner total 2,600,000. Estimates of the Russian casualties in the war, made last week by the Russian Information Bureau Director, A. J. Sack, in New York, figured the total at "not less than 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,000 disabled for life." Figures compiled by the Cologne Gazette and published November 25 placed the total German casualties at more than 6,000,000. Of this number it was estimated that about 2,000,000 were killed. The French soldiers killed in the war, according to a statement made in the French Chamber of Deputies on December 20 by Lucien Vailin, a socialist Deputy, number 1,400,000. Italy lost 500,000 men in killed or dead of wounds. A statement to this effect was made in Paris December 1 by Salvatore Barabbi, one time a member of the Italian Cabinet, who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel on his trip to the French capital. The British army official losses in killed total 658,704.

## STORM BREAKS IN FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Some Time Evident That Opponents of Premier Clemenceau Were Determined to Obstruct Voting of the Budget.

### FRANKLIN BOULLON STARTED THINGS

Since Thursday Government Has Maintained Obdurate Silence, Refusing to Answer Enquiries.

### PICHON ANSWERS ENQUIRIES TODAY

While He Was Reading Clemenceau's Instructions Pandemonium Broke Loose on All Sides.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The storm which has been threatening in the French Chamber of Deputies for the past four days, broke this afternoon, when Stephen Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, amid violent interruptions by the Socialists and counter demonstrations by the government supporters, outlined France's peace terms. The minister declared that France is absolutely in agreement that the peace conference should be held in Paris, and that it would be of a defensive character so far as French troops were concerned and that offensive operations were undertaken it must be by Russian troops. It had been evident for the past week that the opponents of Premier Clemenceau were determined to obstruct in every possible way the voting of the budget of 10,500,000,000 francs for the first three months of 1919 unless the government stated its peace terms either through Premier Clemenceau or M. Pichon. But it was not expected that the opposition would do so before Monday.

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## Demobilization To Be Speeded Up

London, Dec. 28.—(British Wireless Service)—Sir Edward Kemp, Minister for the Overseas Military Forces of Canada, says that by the end of January 55,000 soldiers will have returned to Canada. These are made up of 15,000 in November, 20,000 in December, and 20,000 in January. These officers and men have been drawn from the various branches of the service in France since the 1st July. Of the 20,000 to be returned in January, 17,500 will come from France. After February 1, the rate of return to Canada will reach approximately 30,000 per month. It is understood that the British War Office has agreed to the demobilization of two divisions of the Canadian corps at an early date.

## PATHETIC SCENE AT HALIFAX

Father and Daughter Laid to Rest in Same Grave—Carmichael Arrives Too Late to Dock—Two Hundred and Fifty Lamps Not Working.

Special to the Standard. Halifax, Dec. 29.—The funeral of George E. Davidson, and his seventeen year old daughter, who yesterday were buried in the one grave in Camp Hill cemetery, was a pathetic scene. Rev. Dr. Allen Simpson, of New Glasgow, who more than forty years ago became minister of the church at which the funeral was held, was present, and remarked that the scene was the most solemn he had witnessed in that cemetery in those forty years. Mr. Davidson many years ago was a well known commercial traveler, and for a long time since then has been an important member of the staff of A. & W. MacKinnon of this city.

## WOMEN RALLIED TO THE SUPPORT OF COALITION

Liberals Seek Consolation in the Fact That Hardly Fifty Per Cent. of the Electorate Polled, But the Result is Emphatic.

### GREATEST LANDSLIDE IN BRITISH POLITICS

In Scotland, Stronghold of Liberalism, Its Candidates Went Down Like Nine Pins, Coalition Getting Huge Majorities.

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## SWEEPING VICTORY OF LLOYD GEORGE AND ASQUITHIAN ROUT FEATURES OF BRITISH ELECTION

Not a Coalition Minister Defeated and Most of Them Re-elected by Extraordinary Majorities—Majorities of Over 10,000 Quite Common Among the Coalitionists, While Pacifists in Every Case Were Ignominiously Defeated—Labor Fared Badly, But Were More Fortunate Than the Asquithians—Asquith's Defeat a Surprise.

### LONDON, DEC. 29. (By the Associated Press)

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of the foremost in the women's movement, were rejected by their constituencies. Christa Pankhurst came nearest to being elected, being defeated only by a narrow majority by a laborite.

The Sinn Feiners, as expected, not only swept Ireland, but gained their seats with enormous majorities, leaving the Nationalist representation in the new parliament a bare seven members. John Dillon, the Nationalist leader, was defeated by E. DeValera, Sinn Feiner, for East Mayo by a majority of over four thousand. Joseph Devlin, however, defeated DeValera at the West Belfast seat. DeValera also was a candidate in the South Down constituency.

A prominent feature of the poll, revealed by the count, is the impressive smallness of the polls compared with the registered number of electors. No figures are yet available as to what extent the army and navy voted. It should also be noted that the defeat of the Asquithians, especially by the former minister, in most cases can be attributed, in part, to split votes in three cornered constituencies. Not only has no coalition minister been defeated, but most of them were re-elected by extraordinary majorities. For instance, Premier Lloyd-George's majority is about 12,000; Winston Churchill's 15,000, and Andrew Bonar Law's 13,000.

### UNITED STATES PAID TWENTY FOUR BILLIONS FOR WAR WORK

Senate Committee on Appropriations Has Compiled Figures to Show Just What Congress Provided for Prosecution of War Against Germany.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Senate committee on Appropriations has compiled figures to show just what Congress provided for the prosecution of the war against Germany. The appropriations and contract authorizations amount to \$55,087,256,031.11 for the fiscal years 1918 and 1919. This includes authorizations of loans to the Allies up to \$10,000,000,000, of which \$8,464,542,702 have been extended.

### TORONTO SOLDIERS CONFIRM REPORT

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Toronto soldiers who reached this city today, after crossing on the steamer Northland, confirmed the reports of shocking conditions on board that vessel complained of by the men when they departed at Halifax on Thursday. They "all told similar stories of bad sanitation conditions, insufficient of poor quality, and profiteering ships stewards."

### MONTENEGRO AIMS OUTLINED CLEARLY BY KING NICHOLAS

Paris, Dec. 29.—King Nicholas, of Montenegro, speaking to the Associated Press today, said: "The aspirations of Montenegro are in common accord with those of the other peoples of the same race—to become a part of the Jugoslav confederation, but preserve its autonomy, independence, and customs. Montenegro wishes Europe to make it possible for it to have its own intellectual life, although maintaining cordial and fraternal relations with neighboring peoples. Montenegro might be called the dean of the Jugoslav peoples. It was first to insure its independence, fighting for five centuries against Muslin oppression for the liberty of itself and its neighbors.

"Montenegro has never ceased to shed its blood and in the beginning of the great war showed its solidarity with Serbia's cause. In 1914 the whole Montenegro population took up arms. It provided 45,000 soldiers, which, considering the number of its inhabitants, is the largest proportion of men given by any nation during the struggle. Every Montenegrin citizen from 18 to 65 years of age is a soldier.

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Newcastle West—Irish Secretary Short, 12,912. Adams, Labor, 6,111. Gordon Hooper, Labor, Pensioners Minister, 13,000. White, Independent, 10,055. Murphy, Socialist, 3,304.

Under the provisions of the new Franchise Act every candidate, who fails to obtain one-twentieth of the votes polled in his constituency forfeits his deposits of 100 pounds sterling.

It is difficult to compare the results of this election with that of 1910, owing to the numerous rearrangements of constituencies under the last reform act.

The returns in Yorkshire are no less astonishing. Of the 23 constituencies, 18 returned to the coalition...

Blackburn (2 seats)—Sir Henry Norman, Coalition Liberal, 8,571. Independent Liberal, 1,140.

George Nicoll Barnes, labor member of the war cabinet, in a statement issued in Glasgow expressed the opinion that the labor party has lost a great chance by trucking to the pacifists and Bolsheviks.

Westminster St. George's—Lord, Coalition Liberal, 10,453; Bell, Liberal, 1,140.

Results by Constituencies. The following are some results of the British elections by constituencies:

Mrs. Samuel Matheson. Newcastle, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Burton Gomers has received word that her sister, Mrs. Samuel Matheson, had died in Middleboro, Mass.

WON'T PUBLISH WHITE BOOK

Rome, Dec. 29.—(Havas)—The Giornale d'Italia asserts that the Vatican has decided not to publish the white book dealing with the Pope's diplomatic action during the war.

PREMIER BORDEN ATTENDS BANQUET

Was Honored Guest at Informal Dinner Given by Prime Minister Lloyd George to Meet Head of U. S. Nation.

London, Dec. 29.—President Wilson concluded a strenuous day of conference with a dinner at the prime minister's residence tonight at which were gathered the members of the War Cabinet and other government and diplomatic officials.

THE WORLD EAGER FOR LASTING PEACE

(Continued from page 1) "I do not believe that it was fancy on my part that I heard, in the voice of welcome uttered in the streets of this great city and in the streets of every other city, the cry of peace."

TO COMPEL LEGISLATION FOR GOOD OF PEOPLE AS A WHOLE

Northumberland County People Unite to Use Head and Hand to Capture Control of All Governments, Municipal, Provincial and National — Resolution Passed Embodying Recommendations to Benefit All — Provincial Government Called on to Make Good Its Pledge.

Doaktown, Dec. 28.—The second quarterly meeting of the Blisfield and Ludlow branch of the Northumberland County People's Union was held in Carroll's Crossing public hall, parish of Ludlow, last night.

RIOTING IN POSEN RESULTS IN DEATHS

German Firing on an Automobile Flying an American Flag Starts the Trouble—One Hundred and Thirty-Eight Persons Killed.

London, Dec. 29.—Firing by German officers on an Allied automobile, carrying an American flag, was the cause of the rioting in Posen last Friday.

Steamer Texas Breaking Up

Stavanger, Norway, Dec. 29.—The Swedish steamer Texas, from Halifax, N. S., November 20 for Gothenburg, which was reported ashore December 18, near the Lister Lighthouse, off the Northwest Coast of Germany, is breaking up, on account of a storm and will be a total loss, according to advices received here today.

Josh Billings

once said: "I have seen several articles on milk, I have read some facts written on milk, but the best thing I ever saw on milk was cream."

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—Storm Saturday morning, an important disturbance has passed northward from Nova Scotia, accompanied by rain and snow, and in the western provinces the weather turned colder.

WAR'S APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE

Total Dead from Conflict Now Numbers 5,936,504—Russia Suffered the Heaviest Death Toll—Complete Returns to Date.

London, Dec. 29.—(British Wireless)—With the issuance of the official French losses in the war, it is possible to arrive at the approximate estimate of the appalling loss of life.

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FAVORS BRITISH CONTROL PALESTINE

New York, Dec. 27.—At the Free Synagogue in Carnegie Hall, recently Judge Julian W. Mack of the United States District Court, Chicago, spoke on Jewish Rights and the Peace Conference.

SOMEWHAT PREMATURE

Fris, Dec. 28. (Havas)—A German wireless despatch carried a report that Marshal Foch has authorized elections for the National Assembly to be held in the Rhine region of the Rhineland.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring a bottle image and text: 'GASTORIA For Infants and Children. Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co. In Use For Over Thirty Years GASTORIA'.







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POST-DISCHARGE PAY.

Scarcely has announcement of the government's plan of increasing post-discharge pay of soldiers been made public, than objections are offered. From all quarters in Upper Canada come complaints from men who have not seen service overseas, that the new system is unfair to them, that they will now receive minimum allowances for serving, through no fault of their own, in Canada alone, and that the spirit which prompted the overseas men to offer is the spirit which has actuated those whom the fortunes of war detained in Canada. There is, of course, something to be said in behalf of the man who tried to go across and could not get there, but the plan now announced seems to be as fair an arrangement as could be devised. Any other system would involve individual application and a consequent investigation of the mental processes and physical weaknesses of all soldiers, which of course would be not only impossible but unwise, even to the extent of suggestion. If a man, physically unfit for overseas service, has in spite of his desire to go across, been forced to serve in Canada, then he is compelled to suffer to a certain extent financially because of his disability. In this regard the physically fit is paid for his strength. Again the new scale of pay varies according to "length of service" and while there is also some cause for complaint on the part of those who, by reason of their youth, were unable to offer their services during the earlier years of the war, still there will be general approval of the principle which maintains that the volunteer is entitled to more generous consideration than is the man enrolled under the military service act.

No possible plan could be adopted which would prove satisfactory to all, and the present scheme, generous almost to a fault, may, in spite of criticism, be regarded as about as fair a plan as can be devised. It has the merit of not reducing by one cent what any enrolled man was led to expect would be paid him, while on the other hand it increases very largely the bonus payable to those who have been exposed for the longest time to the most severe hardships.

THE MILK QUESTION.

No legislation can be effective unless backed by strong popular approval, and there can be no clearly defined public opinion without knowledge. Thus it is useless to attempt by fair price committees, civic by-laws or other methods to bring about improved conditions in respect to the sale of milk in St. John, until the people of St. John actually know what they are paying for. At the present time milk is sold at retail here at fourteen cents per quart. There are some who consider this price too high; there are others possessed of a more or less accurate idea of the cost of production, who believe it too low. Opinion, however, is general, that altogether too great a difference exists between the price paid by the consumer and the amount received by the producer. But even an investigation, it will not doubt be found that the possible variation in price by improved methods of handling and distribution will amount to only a few cents per gallon. It is not in this direction that reform is particularly needed, but in respect to the product itself as now actually sold in St. John. Anyone who buys a quart of milk at fourteen cents, has the right to expect that he will receive a quart of milk of the original article a quart of water has been added, then the purchaser of the quart of mixture is paying not fourteen, but twenty-eight cents for his milk, and obtaining a very inferior article. If on the other hand the food-values of the original milk are taken away, and the residue, the skimmed milk sold at fourteen cents, while the cream is sold separately, at fifty or sixty cents, the consumer is merely a victim of deliberate theft. This is, in reality, the feature of the milk business, which is deserving of attention. For whether by fair-price committees or otherwise we cut one cent per quart of the present selling price, is relatively unimportant so long as we are compelled to continue paying what now amounts, in some cases, to forty cents per quart.

New Brunswick has a department of Public Health suitably equipped for the investigation of matters such as this, and endowed by legislation with ample powers to promulgate such regulations as may be deemed advisable. Why should not our city council at once request that provincial department to frame reasonable regulations governing the sale of milk in St. John, and to immediately thereafter hold an exhaustive investigation into the sale of milk here? That department is at present in possession of information which proves conclusively that in this city watered milk and skimmed milk possessing less than twenty-five per cent of the recognized value of whole milk, are being freely sold as the whole product.

Evidence now on record demonstrates that in the cases of certain grades not fourteen cents but more than fifty cents per quart is being

obtained; that mothers of babies, and invalids, who are depending on the food values of the milk they are sold, are suffering through the unchecked dishonesty of someone. Certainly this condition does not exist generally, but the fact that it exists at all is ample reason for immediate action. The health of the people—a very considerable number of them—is affected by this condition, and the provincial department of public health, which so far has failed to show any good reason for its existence, might, at least attempt to justify its creation by assuming responsibility for an inquiry such as this.

THE POTATO ENQUIRY.

Public hearings in the potato enquiry which, while an unavoidable necessity, were looked upon by the investigating bunch as such a beastly bore, are now over. Mr. Peter Hughes who has been running things to suit the ideas of those who are paying him, and Mr. McQueen who knew it all from the start, may now go through the presence of preparing the report which they have had ready for presentation since before the enquiry opened. Everyone knows what this report will be. There have been so many intimations by the commissioner since the hearing began, that anyone with even the slightest conception of the bitter passion which has prompted the whole affair, can read Mr. McQueen's report in his attitude towards witnesses, in his apparent disbelief in the honesty of anyone politically opposed to his employers, and in the evident pre-judgment which has marked his whole attitude during the enquiry.

Based on the evidence produced by an unlimited authority—though, of course, the report will not be so based—there has been almost nothing which could in any way justify condemnation of the actions of anyone connected with the potato business. It is true, and this has been freely admitted, that those business methods marked the conduct of one or two of those engaged in the work. The responsible minister of the interested department was at that time busy in looking after the affairs of several departments—possibly trying to prevent such stunts as were pulled by the gentlemanly Mr. Currie—and was not able to devote his close personal attention to every detail of the transaction. And a loss was sustained to the province, a straight business loss of thirty odd thousand dollars. Instead of showing this—and it was in reality nothing to be ashamed of—certain persons undertook to make good this deficit out of party funds. This was done, and the province was not called upon to meet the loss which it should have met. There is room for criticism in the method by which this end was achieved. One or two of the people involved agreed at a moment's notice to advance a sum, though a legitimate loss incurred through adverse conditions in a perfectly straight business transaction were something to be ashamed of. It was nothing of the kind and the fact should be borne in mind that as a direct result of the purchase and shipment of certain potatoes during a time of great confusion, New Brunswick met a financial loss, which loss has not been called upon to pay. The total result of this enquiry—which had as its sole object the hope of involving some member of the previous administration—has been to prove conclusively that New Brunswick is not out one cent, but that the province has been recouped from party funds an actual loss sustained in a transaction about which no criticism has been offered. The source of the funds so employed is an entirely different matter, a matter now before the courts, and out of the sphere of investigation in which Mr. McQueen has gloried. He will, of course, attempt to exceed his authority in this particular direction, but so his great regret he is unable to find that any of his political opponents can be accused of dishonesty or that in the whole affair unduly investigation there has been anything on which he can hang an excuse for condemnation.

WHAT THEY SAY

"Must Hang Together." Boston Transcript: "Doubtless the former Kaiser and Crown Prince feel that they have about reached the ends of their ropes and come what will they must hang together."

"History Repeating Itself." Troy Times: "A German army of 200,000 men is marching home from Russia through storm and cold, now and then suffering from attacks by enemies. The conditions recall Napoleon's flight from Moscow."

"A Dejected Don Quixote." Tampa Tribune: "So! Stripped of samour, the band of of Benoit stands before us a dejected Don Quixote, with lance shattered against the windmill, the diseased brain shaped into a cattifoo."

"A Poor Service." Springfield Republican: "In this country one hears little bragging about America's part in the war, and it may be hoped that there are not many foolish Americans abroad who talk in a way to create ill feeling among the Allies. To give publicity

to idle talk of that sort does this country a poor service."

"A Sex Problem." Los Angeles Times: "Seems tough for a warrior to come back from France and fight a woman to get his job back. But lots of them will have to do it. The girls who have made good and like it will not want to let go. There are quite a number of little problems in this readjustment business."

"Selling of the Good Ship Juneteer." Philadelphia Inquirer: "Had the President announced that he and his peace commissioners were going to France unaccompanied except by the necessary clerical forces, an air of stern business would have been given to the expedition. It seems that the vessel selected is to transport various wives, daughters, sweethearts, cousins and aunts. One cannot escape the impression, therefore, that the excursion is largely of the pleasure variety. May we not be allowed to suggest that the name of the George Washington be changed temporarily to that of the Juneteer?"

A BIT OF VERSE

DAME WILKINS.  
Harry Edward Warner, in Richmond Times-Dispatch:  
Quoth good Dame Wilkins: "I do despise  
All folks that's gifted with peepin' eyes  
And I got no use for 'em peepin' kind  
With no affairs of their own to mind!  
That Cynthia Gray—whom I ought to know  
And I won't take long to tell her so,  
I caught her peepin' at Smithers' door  
That lives downstairs on 'th' second floor!"  
Quoth good Dame Wilkins:  
"Now Smithers, he is so dot'd in love  
With Mrs. Brown on 'th' floor above  
That Martha Black, in 'th' third floor  
back,  
Just keeps her eye at 'th' blessed crack  
'Til livelong day, in 'th' hope that she  
Ther ridiculous gals on will see!  
I know 't's no, becuz didn't I  
See her through the keyhole with my  
own eyes?"  
Quoth good Dame Wilkins:  
"I got no cause for to make complaint,  
But they's some folks right and some  
that ain't."  
And I got no use for to tell that Smith  
Has got a wife he ain't livin' with!  
I got no call for to say how Brown  
Ain't paid a creditor in this town;  
And 'tain't my place, though it ain't  
no lie,  
To tell how Mrs. Smoot got 'th' eye!"  
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And I got no use for 'th' peepin' kind  
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PEACE IN FLANDERS.

(Dedicated to Col. John McCrae, M.D.)  
Sleep, rest, be hearts  
In Flanders field,  
Ye willied to die,  
And not to yield,  
Soon learned the truth  
Of life, to know  
That sacrifice  
For what is right  
Shall still triumph  
Over might,  
True to this faith  
Ye fought the fight,  
On fields where poppies grow.  
Sleep on, brave lads,  
Bright sunrise glow  
Beams o'er the land  
Where poppies blow;  
A land where Freedom lives,  
Where red did brother,  
Fried and free,  
Fair land that lives  
Because ye died,  
Ye loved of Britain's  
Fate, Her pride,  
Far fields of Flanders,  
Glorified,  
Where red the poppies grow.

A BIT OF FUN

"You are looking badly broken up." "I feel badly broken up. Didn't have any sleep last night." "How was that?" "When I got home I couldn't find my latch key and had to sit on the doorstep all night. Didn't find it till this morning." "Where was that?" "Where was it?" "In my hand."

The fair young thing threw her arms round the bridegroom-to-be another twenty-four hours.

"Oh, Walter," she gasped, "Dad's going to give us a cheque for a present!"

"Good!" said the man. "Then we'll have the wedding at noon instead of 2 o'clock!"

"But why, dear?"

"The banks close at 3!"

A famous actor tells a story of a friend of his who returned to New York after several years' absence in the west. As they walked down Broadway on a sight-seeing tour the actor asked:

"You remember Grace Church, I suppose?"

"Let's see," replied his friend; "what company was she in?"

A party of sportsmen had been out all day big-game hunting, and as they rested after their day's labor they spun yarns.

"Last time I was out here on this game," said the quiet man, "I met a magnificent lion face to face. With a terrific roar, the beast sprang at me, but just missed his aim by jumping two feet too high. Disappointed, it flung away into the woods. The next day we set out to track the beast down, and at last came upon it in an open space in the jungle—practically low jump."

Mrs. Fatpurse—"You paint pictures to order, don't you?"

Great Artist—"Yes, madame."

Mrs. Fatpurse—"Well, I want a landscape, with lots of deer, and ducks and quail, and reed birds, cattle, pigs

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE  
The door bell rang today, being 2 ladies to see ma, one being a little fat lady with big diamonds on her fingers and the other being a big skinnin' lady with little diamonds on her ears. And they sat down in the parlor and I went up to tell ma, and won I got as far as the setting room, ma was in there but our cat Fluffy chasing a fether around the floor as if he thawt he was having more fun than little, wich he probably was, me standing there watching him and forgetting all about the 2 ladies, and after a while ma came in the setting room door with her hat on, saying, Benny, im going shopping, in case enybudy wants to know.  
Yes, man, if you bring home eny candy will you bring home chocklits? I sed.  
Youre not supposed to eat chocklits in war time, sed ma. Meaning she probably woudnt, and she went downstairs and out the front door, and I watched the cat some more and then I looked out the back window at a huckster yelling, bannanans without selling eny, and all of a suddin I thawt, G gosh, G, I forgot to tell her about the 2 ladies.  
And I went down in the parlor agen and the 2 ladies was setting there as if they thawt it was time sumthing happened, no saying, Ma aint home. Well for goodniss sake, did you ever hear the beet of that? sed the little fat one. Meaning wy didnt I tell them long ago.  
Its outrageous, children nowadays have no sents and fewer manners, sed the big skinnin' one. Meaning me, and they both went out looking as if they didnt care if they never came back, and after a while ma came home without the chocklits, me saying, 2 ladies was hear to see you, ma. No saying when they got hear, and ma sed, Who were they? and I sed, One was a little fat one and one was a big skinnin' one.  
The little fat one and that terrible Mrs. Jones, heven be praised I missed them, sed ma.  
Yes man, I sed.  
Proving I couldnt of did better if I had tried.

POTATO ENQUIRY ENDED SATURDAY

(Continued from page 3)  
Mr. Baxter's name has been dragged into the enquiry. Few public men occupy with respect to matters under investigation with which their names are connected, the enviable position that Mr. Baxter occupies with respect to this potato transaction and the transaction with respect to Mr. Tennant. Without being a party to or knowing in any way the alleged transaction between Mr. Clarke and Mr. Tennant, which resulted in the donation by the latter gentleman to party funds, without having anything whatever to do with the potato situation, Mr. Baxter occupies with respect to the interests of A. C. Smith & Co., if there was such use, he stepped into the breach financially and paid over his own money that his colleagues might not be obliged to stand the odium which might attach in the mind of the public to a bungled business transaction.  
Mr. George Jones has been drawn into the enquiry. Nothing appears against Mr. Jones other than this. He was an ardent supporter of the Clarke administration, assumed great municipal burdens for his party, and acted as the party treasurer and distributor of funds.  
It is reasonable that corruption is resorted to in elections, and the interests of the state are imperilled about the use of the public credit in the control of elections. The day

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD LAST EVENING

A memorial service was held last evening in the Waterloo Street Baptist Church in memory of a former member and deacon in this church—the late Edmund H. Duval, who died a short time previous.  
Rev. F. H. Wentworth, pastor of the church, gave a special sermon voicing the numerous characteristics of their late member. He then read the special text from Saint Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 31st to the end, the same having been requested by the late Mr. Duval to be read at his funeral services. Special music of the choir was a pleasing feature of the service.

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WEDDINGS.  
Marcell-Davis, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murphy, 310 Codman street, Dorchester, Mass., the marriage took place of Mr. Stephen C. Morrell, formerly of Bellisle, N.B. to Miss Annie L. Lewis, formerly of Avonmore, Kings County. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Riddout, and was witnessed only by their immediate friends, Mr. and Mrs. Morrell will reside in Dorchester, Mass.

OBITUARY  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gillen.  
The death took place yesterday morning after a short illness of Mary Elizabeth, wife of John Gillen, a well known resident of the North End. She is survived by her husband, two sons, James and John, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Duryley and Mrs. Catherine Campbell, all of this city. The funeral will be held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Campbell, 24 Harding street, Tuesday morning at 8.30, to St. John the Baptist church.  
James M. Foohy.

Frederick Sullivan.  
The death occurred yesterday morning at the General Public Hospital at 5.45, of Frederick Sullivan, a well known resident of the North End. He was a middle-aged man and had been in poor health for some time. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mark O'Brien, a resident of the city. The repose of the soul of the late Mr. Sullivan was prayed for at the masses in the Cathedral yesterday morning.  
Thomas B. Perry.

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The death of Thomas B. Perry occurred at his home, 30 Wellington Row, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Perry, who was representing in these provinces the Munro Adding Machine Company of New Jersey, contracted a heavy cold while on a business trip to Halifax which developed into pneumonia. A young business man of great promise, genial and unassuming, he numbered a wide circle of friends who will sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family.  
Mr. Perry is survived by his wife, who was Miss Helen Wobbi of Wintrop, Maine, his mother, Mrs. Ruth Perry of Cole's Island, Queens county, and five brothers, Hason of Portland, Me.; George of Boston, Arthur of the American Aviation Corps, now in France, and William and John, at Cole's Island. He was thirty-seven years of age.  
The body will be taken to Young's Cove this morning and the funeral will take place at Cole's Island this afternoon, interment being made there.  
Robert Law Lennox.  
Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, N.B., Dec. 29.—The death of Robert Law Lennox occurred this morning at his home here after an

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LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

MINIATURE ALMANAC. December—Phases of the Moon. New Moon, 3rd 11h 3m a.m. First Quarter, 10th 10h 31m p.m.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N.B. December, 30, 1918. Cleared Saturday.

Foreign Ports. Portland, Me.—Sd Dec 27, sch Wm. D. Marvell, St. John, for New York.

A Fine Schooner. Barnhill Brothers, Two Rivers, N.S., successfully launched a few days ago.

Crew Arrived Safe. The crew of the schooner Eva C. which was abandoned in mid-ocean.

RECEIVED. Received at the office of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

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AROUND THE CITY

FAIR AND COLD

ALL VOTERS shall vote in the wards in which they lived in 1918. Telephone Main 3800 for information.

A HEAVY LOSS.

It is estimated that the loss to the Partridge Island buildings by fire early Saturday morning will reach \$50,000.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court Saturday morning George Padock was charged with a serious offence. After some evidence was taken the prisoner was remanded to jail.

THE BEGINNING.

Preliminary surveying in preparation for the laying of new surface on Prince William Street, was begun on Saturday morning by the road engineers assistants.

WILL ERECT A LIBRARY.

It is the intention of the governing board of Mount Allison University to erect a library, costing in the vicinity of \$50,000, as a memorial to the loyalty and heroism of the graduates and undergraduates of the institution in the great war.

PROGRESSING FAVORABLY.

Reports received from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, are to the effect that Rev. J. V. Young, of the Mission Church, is progressing favorably, but he will be in hospital for several weeks yet. His congregation presented him with a substantial sum at Christmas.

HAD LEG BROKEN.

Friends of Lewis Connor, 221 Germain street, will regret to learn that he is confined to his home with a broken leg. The break is said to be a bad one, and was caused by his stepping through a bridge while on a business trip a short time ago in Black's Harbor, where his factories are located. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

SPECIAL SUNDAY MEETING.

A special Sunday meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors yesterday morning over thirty junior members attending, to look back over the activities of the past year and the creation of plans for the coming one. In the evening the regular monthly meeting of the Mentors' Association was held, the members being addressed by the Rev. J. A. MacKinnon of St. David's church on "The Boy's Mind."

CASE POSTPONED.

The cases against Fleming and Tennant, instituted by the province, did not come up Saturday morning, owing to the absence of Chief Justice McKinnon from the city. Judgment will be given at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning as to whether or not the points of law relative to the legislation enacted at the last sitting of the legislature would be decided before the trial of the facts.

SATURDAY MORNING FIRE.

About five o'clock Saturday morning the firemen were called out by an alarm from Box 143 for a fire in the dwelling house 570 Main Street, owned by H. J. Pratt. The fire caught round the fire in the centre of the house and about \$400 damage was caused. The house was occupied by W. Barton, Mrs. Teresa Walsh, and Walter Stone. Considerable damage was done to the furnishings of the tenants.

NEWSBOYS TREATED.

The newsboys of the city had the time of their young lives Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. when one hundred and fifty of them gathered to partake of the annual celebration held under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Y. M. C. A. A boy was helped to a heaped plate of sandwiches, cake, fruit, nuts and candy, which, washed down with a cup of steaming coffee, put them in a trim for the festival of fun and sport which followed in the gymnasium.

SEAMEN'S SERVICE.

There was a large attendance of sailors at the service last evening in the Seamen's Institute, Prince William street. The address was given by Rev. Mr. Penna and was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Joseph Seymour presided and Miss Thompson was pianist. The choir of Carmarthen street Methodist church rendered several numbers, and Mr. Kelsell, of St. S. Durassa gave three violin selections which were much appreciated. Coffee, cake and fruit were served the men at the close of the service.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION.

The forty hours' devotion in Saint Peter's Parish was concluded last evening when His Lordship the Right Reverend Bishop LeBlanc officiated, singing the Pontifical Benediction. Rev. Wm M. Duke, rector of the cathedral parish; Rev. Father W. Hogan, rector of Saint Peter's, and Reverend Father Wood, C. S. S. T., acted as assistants. After the service Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held, the choir boys presenting a beautiful appearance. The devotions mark the conclusion of an exercise which the members of the parish attended in very large numbers.

Mrs. Alice M. Linton.

The many friends of Mrs. Alice M. Linton will be relieved to learn of her death, which occurred at 12:30 o'clock this morning at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sullivan, 310 Prince William street. Besides her husband, who is overseas, and her parents, deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Louis McDonald, of Halifax, and two brothers, Walter J. of this city, and H. J. of Montreal. The latter was at the home, having come to the city to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. The late Mrs. Linton had only been sick for three or four days with pneumonia. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from the home of her parents to St. James' church for service.

The sympathy of a very wide circle of friends is extended to the bereaved family on the sudden death of a young and popular lady.

Playing at the Victoria rink Band every night and Saturday afternoon.

GRUESOME FIND MADE YESTERDAY ON COURTNEY'S HILL, WEST SIDE

Alfred Rawlings, a Youth, Found Body of Said Hassan, a Seaman from Steamer Manchester Brigade—Deep Wound in Throat Caused by Razor—Remains Identified by Unfortunate Man's Nephews—Case of Suicide—Inquest This Evening.

A most gruesome find was made yesterday about noon hour on Courtney's Hill, near Albert School, West Saint John, when Alfred Rawlings, a youth of the West Side, in crossing the heights to Prince Street from Duke Street, noticed a dark object lying on the ground directly in front of him. On nearer approach the boy noticed that the object was the body of a man, who was lying dead, with a most ghastly wound in the right side of his throat.

The lad immediately went to the residence of W. E. Brennan, 120 Prince Street, and notified that gentleman of the find. Mr. Brennan in turn notified Coroner F. L. Kenney, who visited the scene. Upon reviewing the remains he gave permission for the body to be removed to the undertaking parlors of Mr. Brennan, 103 Prince Street, West End. The police were notified the same time as the coroner, and Sergeant Journey was immediately on the scene, with other officers. All viewed the remains, and the place where the body was found. At first it appeared a mystery to the police who the unfortunate man might be, and investigation was commenced from a clue found in the coat pocket of the deceased, relative to his being a seaman on a vessel. The officials visited the docks, but the liner mentioned on the credentials carried in the pocket of the man, was not in port at the time, and had not been in for some time. Pursuing their investigation they found another clue relative to his being a former seaman on the "Manchester Brigade," a ship at No. 5 berth, Sand Point. Further investigation disclosed the fact that one of the crew of this vessel is a missing man. Two members of the crew, Sultan Hussak and Ahmed Abubakar, nephews of the missing member of the crew, accompanied the police and officials to the undertaking parlors of W. E. Brennan. They identified the remains as those of their uncle, Said Hassan, a Chukchi Indian, and a member of the crew of the Manchester Brigade, now awaiting taking care for overseas.

The two nephews of the deceased, in their broken English, informed the officials that the deceased in company with them, were in the city on Saturday evening last. They visited the shoe store in King Street of Waterbury & Rising, and there the deceased purchased six pairs of men's shoes. He intended to return to the ship, as he intended following later. This was about 8:15 o'clock that evening when they left him and returned to the vessel. The deceased did not return, and his whereabouts were quite unknown to them. So far this is the only evidence relative to the unfortunate man, and whether he leaves other relatives than the two nephews above-mentioned is not known definitely, but it is believed he leaves relatives in India.

The theory advanced is that Hassan may have been crossing from the two streets, or again that he became lost in his wanderings and finally reached the heights where the terrible deed was perpetrated, some time on Saturday night or in the early hours of Sunday morning. When found, the deceased was lying on his face with the right side of his throat slashed. The wound was very deep and death must have overtaken him in a few short moments. Lying in a pool of frozen blood, with hair disarranged, the body frozen stiff, with eyes of a ghastly hue, and in the near vicinity—perhaps six feet distant—lay the awful instrument of his destruction, a sharp straight-blade razor. On the remains at the time of their being found were four four-pound notes, some foreign monies, all coins, and some ship's papers, the only articles of material worth. The body was dressed quite comfortably, being clothed in a dark suit of clothes, presumably bought in the Old Country, including from their feet, heavy woolen scarf around his neck; and on his feet a brand new pair of Canadian shoes, presumably one of the six pairs purchased in the local shoe store on Saturday evening.

The inquest will be held in the City Hall, West Saint John, under the direction of Coroner F. L. Kenney, at eight o'clock tonight, and some further light may be thrown on the subject. Soon after the find yesterday a report circulated at once that a young colored boy was found nearby with his cheek and nose severed from his body. However, this was found to be utterly untrue. Another report was circulated that soon after a colored man being held for information regarding a contract for the purchase of the information that such was not true, as officials believed the sad occurrence was presumably the work of the murderer. The incident in the late sad occurrence caused the people in the nearby vicinity of the action to become greatly disturbed but all on the part of the police is believed, as did all others, that it was merely a case of suicide, perhaps committed when the unfortunate man was in a state of despondency.

REV. DR. BORDEN AT CENTENARY

President of Mount Allison University Preached at Morning Service—Preparation for Reconstruction Was Touched on.

The Rev. Dr. B. C. Borden, president of Mount Allison university, was the speaker at the morning service of the Centenary Methodist church yesterday.

Concluding, the doctor said: "Our boys on the firing line the veil that hides the things beyond must grow very thin. The no man's land into which they plunge is a dreary, strife-torn country, but beyond the German trenches is a sweet and blessed land, the home of men who die for men, whose are stored the limitless resources of those who are rich toward God. Again I would urge you to measure values and choose God's best gifts."

VITAL STATISTICS.

Twenty burial permits were issued last week by the Board of Health—eight for pneumonia. The number of permits last week was thirty-four—pneumonia eight.

Owners of motor vehicles are reminded that it will be necessary to secure licenses for 1919 in order to legally operate automobiles or motor trucks or other motor vehicles after Tuesday, December 31st, 1918.

In order to avoid the delay which results from last minute applications, owners of cars and trucks should fill out the necessary forms and remit license fees at once.

W. H. McQUADE, Provincial Tax Inspector, St. John, N. B., Dec. 26th, 1918.

ACADIA NIGHT WAS ENJOYED

Graduates, Undergraduates, and Senior Class of High School Participated in Entertainment Saturday Evening.

The eagerly looked for "Acadia night" was held in the Grand Street Baptist Institute Saturday night, when Acadia graduates, undergraduates and the senior class of the high school participated in a typical Acadia entertainment which was presided over by the Rev. S. S. Poiré.

The programme included several songs, including a solo by Paul Cross, selections by G. H. Estabrook and a vocal solo by Mrs. George K. Bell.

The nature of the evening was a most interesting address by the Rev. G. E. Cutten, D. D., president of the university, who spoke on democracy and the world war and the part that college education has played in shaping men for national service.

TRAP SHOOTING NEW YEAR'S DAY

A trap shooting match open to all comers will be held on the Rifle Range, Grand street, North End, on New Year's Day, commencing at 10 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. Suitable prizes are offered and all those interested in trap shooting are requested to bring their guns and come along.

GET YOUR LAUNDER TICKETS TODAY.

The Imperial Post office will be open again at 10 o'clock this morning for the booking of seats for Harry Land's three performances—New Year's, (two), and Thursday evening, the 2nd. Immediate attention will enable the securing of good seats downstairs for both evenings, also good ones on the balcony. The matinee offers a wide choice. Upwards of three hundred seats have been purchased by merry parties coming from Moncton, Fredericton, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Woodville, Sussex, Amherst and elsewhere. The great comedienne's coming is being made a gala occasion by everybody.

St. John Business College Classes to open Thursday, Jan. 2nd. College office will be open every morning from 10 to 12, till New Year, to meet inquirers.

ST. JOHN OFFICER'S GRAND VICTORY

Brig.-General C. W. Weldon McLean, D. S. O., Elected as Unionist Member to British Parliament on Saturday.

A cable was received yesterday by Brig.-General H. H. McLean from his son, Brig.-General C. W. Weldon McLean, D. S. O., stating that he had won a seat in the British parliament as a Unionist. He will represent the riding of Brigs, Lincolnshire and scored the magnificent majority of 3,500 over the nearest candidate.

The news of the young St. John officer's victory will be received with great satisfaction by a host of friends, being his election to a more coveted position. As a fighter there is none more noble and brave in the British army than Brig.-General C. W. Weldon McLean. It was at the time of the Boer war when the empire called for volunteers to fight in South Africa, that this distinguished soldier, a mere youth, was one of the first to offer his services and was accepted. He was a Lieutenant and went to battle as an officer in "G" company, which was mobilized in this city. After serving throughout the war in Africa, the then Lieutenant McLean accepted a commission in the Imperial Army and has carried on ever since in a manner which is most worthy and a great credit to the land of his birth.

In the great world war during the past four years and more this gallant soldier has distinguished himself as a hero. He has been severely wounded and his gallantry while in action has been recognized and won most coveted honors.

PRESIDENT OF ACADIA COLLEGE

Rev. G. B. Cutten, D. D. Gave Eloquent Address Yesterday Morning to Congregation of Germain Street Baptist Church.

The congregation of the Germain Street Baptist church were favored by a most eloquent and interesting address yesterday morning, the speaker being the Rev. G. B. Cutten, D. D., president of Acadia College. The doctor spoke of democracy and the world war, saying that if the true definition of democracy is that which is for the benefit of the people, then there has not been much of it practiced, for though there is government of the people there has not been government by the people, for the people have not been consulted in the making of laws.

Education is the hope of democracy, an example of an uneducated government of the people by the people being the worst of governments. Education should begin at home and should naturally follow through to schools and colleges. There have been those who have said the colleges talked too much on theories and ideals but the fallacy of this statement was shown by the noble response the undergraduates have made to the call to the colors. In Acadia college alone 500 students left the halls to enter active service, fifty of them the supreme sacrifice. Fifty received decorations for bravery and valuable services at the front, and over one hundred and fifteen of the Acadia graduates have received the seal of the colors. In Acadia college alone 500 students left the halls to enter active service, fifty of them the supreme sacrifice. Fifty received decorations for bravery and valuable services at the front, and over one hundred and fifteen of the Acadia graduates have received the seal of the colors.

The doctor then spoke of the Acadia college of the future, with an augmented teaching staff and a memorial to the students who have fallen in battle, which will open to be in the form of a memorial building.

The evening services in the church were favored by another distinguished minister, when the Rev. H. E. Boyer gave a most illuminating address on the Bible study movement.

Handsome Skirt Models Are Now Showing

If you have been looking for the right kind of skirt to wear with your fur coat, you can easily procure it now from among our big selection.

Stylish models in Velour, Coverts and Tweeds, made in plain tailored styles, featuring side pockets in many novel shapes. The colors are Taupe, African Brown, Plum Sand, Green, Reindeer, Grey, as well as Novelty Plaids, Checks and Stripes. Little touches of braid are again in use and soft, ruffled wide girldes of material used in skirt.

Prices range from \$15.00 to \$27.00. Splendid variety in Black and Navy. SERGE SKIRTS showing in many popular styles. Prices from \$6.50 to \$14.75. New skirt models in Taffeta, Poplin and Baronette Satin, in shades of Green, Pink, Belgique Blue, Black and gray stripes and plaids. Prices from \$14.25 to \$33.50.

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