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## ENTENTE ALLIES REJECT THE OFFER OF CENTRAL POWERS

### WITHOUT GUARANTEE PEACE IMPOSSIBLE

Premier David Lloyd-George Delivers Epoch Making Speech In Commons—"We Must Insist That There Must Be Most Complete Guarantee Against Prussian Military Caste Ever Again Disturbing Peace of Europe."—"Prussia Bad Neighbor."

"Now that War Has Really Been Undertaken it Would be Folly Not to See to it that this 'Swash-Buckling' Through the Streets of Europe and this Disturbance of Peaceful Citizens Should Not be Dealt with Here and Now."

London, Dec. 19.—England and the Allies do not propose to enter into peace negotiations without knowledge of Germany's proposals. This was the decision announced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Premier Lloyd George.

"Britain has endorsed every word of Russia's and France's answer," the Premier declared, amid cheers.

Not since the tense days when England was preparing to wage war back in 1914, has there been such a crowd in parliament as there was today. The Premier's announcement was awaited with intense interest.

#### Epoch-making Address.

"Opening his epoch-making address the British Prime Minister alluded to the terrible responsibility which he felt as the chief adviser to the Crown in the most gigantic war in the history of the world. He spoke carefully in measured terms and was accorded the most intense interest by his vast audience.

"Without reparation, peace is impossible," Lloyd George declared. All the outrages on land and sea cannot be liquidated by a few pious phrases about 'humanity,' he continued.

#### Proposals As a Noose.

The Premier compared Germany's peace proposals to a noose, wherein England and the Allies were asked to put their heads, while Germany held the loose end of the rope.

The British Premier announced that a formal note responding in this way to the German peace proposals would in a few days be completed and given to the American embassy for transmission to Berlin.

#### Will Recognize Venizelos.

Premier Lloyd George announced it had been decided to give recognition to the agents of former Premier Venizelos of Greece.

Speaking of the western front, Mr. Lloyd George referred to the growth of the British armies there, and continued:

"I am convinced ultimate victory is sure if the nation shows the same spirit of endurance and readiness to learn as the mud-stained armies at the front."

Turning to the more purely political side of the domestic problems before the new ministry, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"We are anxious to avoid all controversial questions. The functions of the Premier and leader of the House of Commons have been separated because it was believed the double tasks were too much for one man."

#### Suffered Disaster.

"The organization of the new cabinet is best adapted for the purpose of war. In war you want prompt decision, and the Allies have suffered disaster after disaster from tardiness of decision.

"Premier Lloyd George said the time had come when the Dominions should be consulted more formally as to the war. An imperial conference would be summoned at an early date to discuss vital questions.

"The speech of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg before the German Reichstag was characterized by Mr. Lloyd George as constituting in substance a denial of the only terms upon which peace was possible.

The premier analyzed the German chancellor's speech and then declared emphatically:

#### Lacks Guarantees.

"Without reparation peace is impossible. Moreover, what guarantee is there that subterfuge will not be used in future to overthrow any treaties of peace whereto we might now enter?"

"We must keep a steadfast eye on the purpose for which we entered the war. We entered it to defend Europe from aggressions of the Prussian military caste. We must insist that there be the most complete guarantees against this caste ever disturbing again the peace of Europe.

#### Opposes "Swash-buckling."

"Prussia has been a bad neighbor. Now that the war has really been undertaken it would be folly not to see to it that this swash-buckling through the streets of Europe, and this disturbance of peaceful citizens was dealt with here and now as the most serious offense against the law of nations.

#### Excessive Profits.

Announcement was made by Mr. Lloyd George that more drastic steps would be taken regarding excess profits.

### SOME PUNGENT REMARKS BY PREMIER LLOYD-GEORGE

London, Dec. 19.—The following are a few of the most striking sentences from the latter part of Mr. Lloyd George's speech:

"An absolutely new army. The old had done its duty and spent itself in the achievement of that great task. This is a new army. A year ago it was ore in the earth of Britain—yes, and of Ireland. It became iron. It has passed through the fiery furnace, and the enemy knows that it is now fine steel. An absolutely new army. New men, new officers taken from schools, boys from schools, from colleges, from counting houses, never trained to war, never thought of war; many perhaps, never handled a weapon of war; generals never given an opportunity of handling great masses of men.

#### Great German Army.

"They have faced the greatest army in the world, the greatest army the world has ever seen, the best equipped, the best trained, and they have beaten them, beaten them, beaten them.

"Battle after battle, day after day, week after week, in the strongest entrenchments ever devised by human skill, they have driven them out by valor, valor which is incredible when you realize the story of it. . . . I have no doubt that the old cabinets were better adapted to navigate the parliamentary river, with its shoals and shifting sands, and perhaps for a cruise in home waters. But a cabinet of twenty-three was rather too heavy for a gale. I do not say that this new craft is best adapted for parliamentary navigation, but I am convinced that it is best for war.

#### Meaning of Cabinet of Five.

"It is true that in a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom. That was written for Oriental countries in peace time. You can't run a war with a Sanhedrin. That is the meaning of our cabinet of five, and of its members doing sentry duty outside, manning the ways and defending the council chamber against attack, while we are trying to do our work inside.

"You can't have absolute equality in sacrifice. In war that is impossible. But you can have equal readiness to sacrifice from all. There are hundreds of thousands who have given their lives; there are millions who have given their blood.

great. I simply stand here to give clear and definite support to the statements they have made."

#### Fighting for Life.

"The nation is fighting for life," said Mr. Lloyd George, and is entitled to the best services of all citizens. The government has been fortunate in inducing Neville Chamberlain, lord mayor of Birmingham, to accept the post of director-general under this scheme. He will immediately proceed to organize a system of enrollment for industrial purposes.

"In reference to the mobilization of labor Mr. Lloyd George said it had been decided to adopt the principle of universal national service, and that a new department of two sections, military and civil, would be created. It was proposed to have a scheduling of industries, certain trades being regarded as indispensable and labor being provided for them.

"Volunteers would be asked to come forward for this work but if they did not do so the government would not shrink from asking for compulsory powers.

"In the course of his speech Mr. Lloyd George referred briefly to his break with Mr. Asquith, saying:

#### No Quarrel with Asquith.

"It is one of the deepest regrets of my life that I parted from Mr. Asquith, and some of my friends have known how I strove to avert the parting. I am proud to say we never had a personal quarrel. It was with the deepest regret that I found it necessary to send my resignation."

"After making his announcement in regard to the nationalization of shipping, Mr. Lloyd George said the shipping controller was now conferring with the admiralty, and that he hoped it would be possible shortly to announce not merely the plan for more effective use of ships on the register, but for the construction of ships to make good the wastage of war.

#### The Food Problem.

"Turning to the food problem, the premier said: 'The main facts are plain. The harvests of the United States and

### WAR WILL GO ON UNTIL HUNS MAKE REPARATION

"There Must Be Ample Returns For All Sacrifices," Says Earl Curzon In Announcing Government's Policy In House of Lords.

Government's Aim is That Peace of Europe Shall Be Re-Established on Basis of Free and Independent Existence of Nations—Germany Apparently In Desperate Str. its.

London, Dec. 19.—In presenting the policy of the government in the House of Lords, Earl Curzon, who is a member of the new war council, said:

"The policy of the new government is that the war must be conducted with the utmost prosecution; that there must be an ample return for all sacrifices; that full reparation must be made by the enemy for his countless crimes, and security given that these crimes will not be repeated and that the sacrifices made shall not have been in vain.

"The government's aim is that the peace of Europe shall be re-established on the basis of the free and independent existence of nations, great and small, and as regards this country it shall be free from the menace which the triumph of Germany and the German spirit would entail.

Answer to Germany. "Our answer to Germany's latest move must be swift and sure. It is not too much to ask the people to take upon themselves, for a few months, the obligations which Germany has imposed on herself. The nation is fighting for its life, and is entitled to the best and fullest service of its sons.

Alluding to the position of Roumania, Lord Curzon said that Germany's success was by no means as important as she was trying to make out.

"Evidence is forthcoming of the desperate straits of Germany at home and in the field," he said.

"The position of the Central Powers is not so good as they would have the world believe. Our attitude should not be one of despondency or alarm."

Lord Curzon spoke for an hour and twenty minutes, and was followed by the Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council in the last government, who approved in general terms, the policy outlined by his successor, Lord Curzon, touching peace. He said:

"We have not much hope that Germany's peace offer will lead to anything. The offer, however, seems an indication of the strength of the pressure of our blockade. If peace were made on German terms, while the present age may not see war again, nobody can say that our children will not witness another war, with greater horrors. We must carry it on to the last man and the last shilling."

### BOSTON REJECTS SUNDAY'S ADVICE AND VOTES FOR LICENSE BY 23,462 MAJORITY

#### Special to The Standard.

Boston, Dec. 19.—The impassioned appeals of Billy Sunday, the spectacular fire-eating evangelist, to make Boston "dry" fell on deaf ears, apparently. Boston, at the annual city election today voted for licensing the sale of intoxicating liquor, \$3,459, against 23,997.

The vote last year stood; yes, 46,115; no, 31,877.

#### Sunday's Methods.

Last night Sunday delivered a series of diatribes against the saloon. One of his drives was: "Every barroom is a recruiting station for a hell, a rat hole into which the working man shoves his wages. But the saloon will be put out of business and by the men who have patronized it."

Billy was a disappointed man to-night when he heard the returns. The campaign for no license in this city of 750,000 persons has been pushed with an energy never previously approached.

Evangelistic services conducted by Sunday have been devoted largely to lectures on temperance and his "trial bitter" at many meetings have been pledged to vote "No." The Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League, which has charge of the no-license activities, kept a big force of orators, moving picture exhibitors and pamphlet distributors at work for weeks.

#### License For 41 Years.

Those favoring continued license have pointed out through the press and at public meetings, that Boston has been a license city for forty-one consecutive years, that the annual revenue from licenses amounts to approximately \$2,000,000 and that 15,000 persons are employed in the business by dealers who pay annual rentals amounting to \$10,000,000.

The narrowest margin ever recorded on the liquor question here was in 1892 when the yes majority was 11,400.

### ENTENTE ALLIES WILL SEND ANSWER TODAY, SAYS BRIAND

Paris, Dec. 19.—Premier Briand announced in the senate today that the Entente Allies would send, tomorrow, a concerted reply making known to the "Central Powers" that it is impossible to take their request for peace seriously.

M. Briand deprecated reproaches against the government at this grave period, "because the men in power must be able to work with the necessary freedom of mind, have uninterrupted confidence at home and for their actions abroad, and our allies must not be allowed to think that our government is under suspicion and the menace of interpellation.

"I am ready," Mr. Briand continued, "to make way at any time for he who may be judged more worthy than I."

SCHOONER LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD

Digby, N. S., Dec. 19.—The American schooner William Mason from Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 6 for Yarmouth, with a cargo of hard coal, is believed to have been lost with all on board in the terrific gale that swept over the Nova Scotia coast on Friday night. The vessel registered 388 tons and was commanded by Captain Patterson.

The top of the cabin with the bodies of Benjamin Mathews and James Apt was washed ashore at Meteghan Bay, St. Mary's Bay.

DR. DUDLEY WITHDRAWS HIS PETITION

Will Not Now Attempt To Seek Release From Prison - Killed Pretty Houlton School Girl.

Houlton, Me., Dec. 19.-County Attorney Archibald has received a telegram from Dr. Lionel E. Dudley's counsel...

"WITHOUT REPARATION PEACE IMPOSSIBLE" DECLARES LLOYD GEORGE

"Without reparation peace is impossible. Are all these outrages against humanity on land and sea to be liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity? Germany leaves us to exact the damage for all future violence committed after the war. We must exact it now, so as not to leave such an inheritance to our children."

SENATOR M'KAY DEAD

Montreal, Dec. 19.-Hon. Robert McKay, senator, representing the division of Alma since 1901, died this afternoon at his residence, "Kildonan," this city, in his 77th year.

APOTHECARY FOUND DEAD

Bathurst, Dec. 19.-John F. McCarthy, a prominent and popular druggist of Bathurst was found dead in bed today. Death was caused by heart disease, from which he had been suffering for some time.

Mr. McCarthy was 27 years old and leaves a wife, formerly Miss Maud Nickerson of Campbellton, and two small children. He was a native of Moncton and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McCarthy, and part of the family still reside there.

AMERICAN PRINCESS OF VARIED CAREER DEAD

Princess Chimay, Formerly Detroit Girl Had World-Wide Reputation at One Time.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 19.-Princess Carman Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit, died at her villa in Italy yesterday, according to advices to the Detroit Free Press. The cause of death is not given. The Princess Chimay was born in 1873, the daughter of Eben B. Ward, millionaire shipbuilder of Detroit.

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP IN SYRIA ASSASSINATED

Rome, Dec. 19.-Ignazio D. Eftem, Rahmani, patriarch of the Syrian Catholic church in the Vilayot of Antioch, has been assassinated by a band of Turks, according to news received at the Vatican. The assassination took place in the patriarch's residence at Mardin.

GERMAN GENERAL ON FRENCH FRONT DEAD

London, Dec. 19.-General Von Fa- beck, commander-in-chief of one of the German armies on the western front, is dead, according to German newspapers. A despatch from Amsterdam says that Von Fa- beck commanded on the Somme front and that he became sick after the summer fighting.

COL. STANFIELD MAY CONTINUE IN OFFICE

Differences Between Truro Railroadmen and C. G. R. Manager May Be Adjusted.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.-Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, is in New York and there was therefore no official statement obtainable from the department today regarding the differences between Col. John Stanfield, of Truro, N. S., chief whip, and the minister regarding the appointment of an Ontario man to be assistant superintendent of the C. G. R. at Halifax instead of Frank Stanfield, N. S., man whom the Colchester Conservative Association had recommended.

RESIGNATION NOT YET IN

Incidentally Mr. Stanfield's resignation has not yet reached the speaker. He handed it to the executive of the Conservative Association of Colchester leaving it to that body to forward it. However, the executive may decide not to do so, in which case Mr. Stanfield may continue as a member of parliament.

In the absence of Mr. Cochrane it is stated at the railway department today that the chief cause of the trouble with the chief whip was the fact that Frank Stanfield, M. P. P., brother of the chief whip, who was looking after the patronage of the county had recommended Mr. McNutt, train despatcher at Truro, for the vacancy of assistant superintendent of the C. G. R. at Halifax with charge over the terminals, but F. P. Guelish, general manager appointed W. J. Matheson, formerly yardmaster at Niagara Falls, Ont.

Better Cake and Biscuits. In all recipes calling for Baking Powder use Royal Baking Powder. You will get better and finer food and insure its healthfulness. Housewives are sometimes led to use inferior baking powders because of apparent lower cost, but there is very little difference in practical use—about one cent for a whole cake or pan of biscuits—a mere trifle when you consider the vast difference in healthfulness in favor of food made with Royal Baking Powder. Royal Baking Powder is made from cream of tartar, derived from grapes—a natural food product, as contrasted with alum, derived from mineral sources, and used in the manufacture of some baking powders because it is cheaper. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., New York

of assistant superintendent at Halifax.

It is pointed out that the yard congestion of overseas business last winter was a most serious and difficult problem, and it was decided that the new assistant superintendent should not in this instance be an office man, but an expert yardmaster.

It is claimed that there was no one in sight on the C. G. R. with the special qualifications necessary and there was no time to try out men as might have been done in normal times. The railway department has undertaken to handle approximately 100,000 tons from Halifax and St. John during the present winter season. The Halifax

yard, it is said, is now greatly enlarged and the water front is a difficult one. Any failure to properly handle the yard end at this time, is a serious matter at this time.

Because of the greatly enlarged normal business under the present management and because of the abnormal war traffic the facilities have been inadequate to handle the volume of traffic, a circumstance which is no fault of the government. In war times it has been necessary to expedite the overseas service and the government has had to call into service the best available experts, regardless of local conditions in the interests of the Empire.

DIED.

REDMORE—In this city, on 18th inst., at the residence of her parents, 309 Brussels street, Mabel Isabel, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Redmore.

RUSSELL—Suddenly in this city on Monday, December 18, Elizabeth, beloved wife of James V. Russell, leaving husband, one daughter, father, two brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss. Funeral from her late residence, 190 Kings street east, Wednesday afternoon. Service at the house at 2.30.

Christmas Music on Victor Records! Christmas is not Christmas without music—it started with music and has so continued. Suitable Christmas music is found on Victor Records and is all music of merit. No more acceptable Christmas gift can be found than a good selection of Victor Records. Here are some ten-inch, double sided Victor Records at 90 cents for the two selections: Beautiful Valley of Eden Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler (Hamilton Hill) 16563. Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (with Chimes) Trinity Choir (Trinity Choir) 16996. Joy to the World Trinity Choir (Trinity Choir). Christmas on a Troopship Harrington & Scott (Harrington & Scott) 120309. A FEW LATE RED SEALS All Through the Night Geraldine Farrar 87254. Don Giovanni John McCormack, 74484. Minuet in G (2) Gavotte in D (violin) Efreim Zimbalist 74444. Hear them at any "His Master's Voice" dealers. Be sure to get a free copy of our 450 page Musical Encyclopedia listing over 6,000 Victor Records. BERLINER GRAM-O-PHONE CO., Limited 19 Lenoir Street, Montreal. DEALERS IN EVERY TOWN AND CITY ONE PRICE FROM COAST TO COAST VICTOR RECORDS—MADE IN CANADA LOOK FOR "HIS MASTER'S VOICE" TRADE MARK "His Master's Voice" St. John Dealers. C. H. TOWNSEND PIANO CO., King Street. AMDUR & COMPANY, King Street West. JOHN FRODSHAM, Royal Hotel, King Street. ALLAN'S PHARMACY, King Street, West St. John. J. & A. McMILLAN, Wholesale Distributors, Prince William Street.

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AN AMERICAN ROOM OF P AT THE Discovery is Rem rka On Very Spot W the Israelites Dr. Exodus, Chapter VII, Ver twelves: And the Lord spake unto unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall ap you, saying, show a miracle then thou shalt say unto A thy rod and cast it before and it shall become a serpen And Moses and Aaron w to Pharaoh, and they did Lord had commanded sand down his rod before Pharao for his servants and it be pent. Then Pharaoh also called man and the sorcerers; no wizards of Egypt, they also manner with their enchant For they cast down ever rod, and they became serp Aaron's rod swallowed up th The very room in which Aaron made their dramatic liberation of the Israelites found! Most remarkable of all th actions of the Biblical stor Exodus of the Jews from Eg which has just been announ Clarence S. Fisher, head o ley B. Cox, Jr., expedition eum of the University of P is. For in excavating the palac which took place in the thron room of the Pharaoh, the Dr. Fisher brought to lig first time in thousands of thron room of that ancient an amazing state of preserv Before the gladdened eye distinguished American Eg was outspurred in the act of first act of one of the great of the world's history—the the Jews from their bonda that ended in their entry Promised Land. And like a rapidly-reel picture film, the moment which took place in the thron room swept before h For there in the foregrou chamber, laden with the d tories, was the throne of th weak and vacillating l designated in the scriptural Surrounding the throne the many chambers for v poses and in the front was ing a notable vestibule wi enormous pillars, beautif And recalling the Biblica the scientist visualized M magnificent entrance into th chamber in response to Mo for his first audience after designated by the Almighty, the down-trodden and abu People. A fanfare of trumpets! dancing girls emerge from vestibule. Enter the statel the swinging incense by sphytes. Then Pharaoh hin in a litter. He descends th throne. From the side ter courtiers, officials and in a veritable swarm. The scientist turns abo moving picture of memory dust and debris from the sees Moses and Aaron, en ture of the court chamb the chattering Egyptians watch keenly Moses, wit score years of dignity enha divine inspiration, fearless chamber, with his brother and three years following. fifth chapter of Exodus he And afterwards Moses went in, and told Pharaoh, the Lord God of Israel, Le go, that they may hold a fe in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who that I should obey his voi rael? I know not the L will I let Israel go. And they said, the God brews hath met with us: I pray thee, three days' the desert, and sacrifice ou our God; lest he fall up pestilence, or with thea law. And the King of Egypt them, Wherefore do ye, Aaron, let the people works? Get you unto your Whereupon Pharaoh in tional burdens upon the H ing from them the straw had heretofore been sup manufacture of brick, and them to gather stubble pose. In Reverent Atti It was in this very thr each Dr. Fisher now sto reverently uncovered that Aaron, at the command of their second application for the liberation of their Pharaoh demands of proof of their commission. Biblical narrative fresh Dr. Fisher could easily vi consternation of Menept Aaron's serpent devoured court magicians whose r had been changed into re Again and again was room the scene of the con tween Moses and Pharao land of Egypt had been s plagues by the Almighty



DEAD CAN SEND MESSAGES SAYS SIR OLIVER LODGE

Noted Psychist Declares End of Bodily Life a Transition.—Mental Power Can Bridge Gap.—Reason to First Ancient Saying "Love Bridges the Chasm."

Psychical Research. Death is more like a part of departure where we leave a land conveyance and launch out on a new medium in that sense only can it be likened to a terminus. Death is a great adventure. It is in no sense a termination of existence.

By too many death has been thought of as an end, a cessation of existence, a sudden complete stoppage. It is not so, but it was a natural mistake to make because it has been singularly difficult to get messages back.

Way Found to Send Word. Away emigrants have sailed on the ocean of a new life and have had no means of sending back of their progress to the mourners on shore. They have found a means now. The silence is no longer unbroken. I doubt if the silence were ever quite complete, but it served. It was more than sufficient to cause despair and to constrain people to think of their loved ones as buried in the earth or sea, and lament their fate, helplessly, wildly.

This horrible blunder need no more be made. The pangs of separation are bad enough without this added torment, which is both gratuitous and false. It was torment on both sides, too, for though we might be out of touch with them they were not wholly ignorant of us.

They might know very little of what we were doing, but affection is a strong link and they could feel and be distressed by our hopelessly sorrowful.

Condemn Undue Lamenting. They do not wish to be mourned in that way. They feel strong, vigorous, active, useful; they ought not to be lamented unduly.

Sorrow that is natural and human is their due, but it should be full of love and hope and sympathy, as theirs is for us. Their messages tell us they are well and happy, and that life is keenly interesting, even more exhilarating than when spent in the bodily mechanism from which they have been liberated.

Had Awful Attacks of Heart Trouble FOR 5 OR 6 YEARS.

Diseases and disorders of the heart and nervous system have become dreadfully prevalent of late years. One can scarcely pick up a paper but he will find recorded instances of sudden deaths through heart failure, or of prominent men and women unable to prosecute their ordinary business or profession on account of a breaking down of the nervous system. We do not desire to unnecessarily alarm anyone, but to sound a word of warning.

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Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c, or three boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by THE T. MILBURN CO., LIMITED, Toronto, Ont.

Individual machinery is irretrievably damaged and discarded there is nothing left. Without further examination of specific psychological facts it might seem so, but when we come to grips with facts we find it is not so. Personality persists, memory, character and affections are all unchained.

The individual soul has entered into another region of service, and has some different, perhaps ethereal, mode of manifestation; one that does not appeal directly to our senses, so that the animating spirit seems gone altogether beyond our ken.

Beyond our ordinary physical ken, yes, but the mental link remains. The power of thought, the immaterial method of communication called telepathy continues, and this can be utilized and developed.

By its means messages have been received across the gulf, and the barrier is opaque. There must be far more personal intercourse than the world in general has been aware of, as being examined in a scientific age, but now facts—messages which come—and to any one who will really study the facts for a few strenuous years doubt no longer, in my judgment, is reasonably possible.

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Department of the Naval Service. Royal Naval College of Canada. The next examination for the entry of Naval Cadets will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1917, successful candidates joining the Commission on or about 1st August.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 19th January, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, and 12 times per week each way, between Norton C. G. R. Station and Transfer of Mails from the 1st April next.

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TEACHER WANTED—A Second Class Teacher wanted in School District No. 1, Parish of Drummond, Victoria County, for next term.

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# BISMARCK AND THE WAR.

Mr. Whitman Defends the Great Chancellor's Memory.

By Sidney Dark

Mr. Sidney Whitman was a friend of Bismarck. He was on intimate terms with the great Chancellor, and he makes no secret of his admiration for him and for the Germany that Bismarck represented. It has become our habit, in face of the amazing and appalling Germany today, to refer continuously to its essential difference from "the Germany of Goethe." Mr. Whitman finds a great gulf fixed between the Germany of Count Reventlow and the Germany of Bismarck. He denies point blank that Bismarck was ever an enemy of England. I was present when he made, like many others, some comments on the Jameson Raid, but they were not bas-

ed on petty spite or enmity to England; whereas he certainly would never have sanctioned the sending of the outrageous Kruger telegram had he been in office. Bismarck was more anxious for the internal consolidation than for the external expansion of Germany. He did not believe that Germany could prosper without a great colonial empire, nor that a fleet rivaling that of Great Britain and threatening the very existence of England was necessary for the protection of Germany's commerce, which had the free run of the British Empire. King Edward, I know on unquestionable authority, harbored feelings of friendly admiration for Bismarck, and never, down to the very last, let his birthday pass without sending him a warm congratulatory telegram; and the same applies to the Empress Frederick.

Without questioning Mr. Whitman's authority, it must be admitted that his last statement is the antithesis of popular belief. Indeed, Bismarck's ruthless persecution of the Empress Fred-

erick has been accepted as an historic fact.

No one, however, can doubt the "sanity and moderation" on which Mr. Whitman insists. Bismarck certainly had no desire for war with Great Britain, and friendship with Russia was one of the keystones of his policy. It is difficult quite to understand how he regarded France, and her miraculous renaissance after 1870 unquestionably astonished him and probably caused him some misgiving.

At the same time and in view of the "caddish" attitude of modern Germany to its enemies, Mr. Whitman does well to emphasize Bismarck's constant civility. He was far too big to be petty.

There can be no sort of doubt that from Germany's own point of view this is perhaps the greatest blunder in the history of man. The men who forced the Kaiser's hand and plunged Europe into the witch's galdron two years ago had in one vital respect departed from the Bismarck tradition. The history of the years between 1864 and 1870 was a long story of ingenious and often unscrupulous stirring up of strife between nations who might conceivably have combined to prevent the ever-increasing power of Prussia. It was the mark of Bismarck's genius that he never had a formidable league against him. It is the mark of his successors' ineptitude that Germany is today fighting Europe. Mr. Whitman is, therefore, justified in his assertion that "if Bismarck had lived and still been in power this war would never have taken place," for the only possible end of this war must be the destruction of the Chancellor's life work.

### Kaiser's Littleness

Nothing supplies clearer evidence of the essential littleness of Kaiser Wilhelm II, than his behavior to the man who had made his grandfather German Emperor. When Bismarck died his sons contrived to give the Kaiser a pointed snub. They declined his suggestion of a state funeral, and his reception when he went to Friedrichsruh was something more than cold.

An unpleasant surprise awaited the War Lord on his arrival, of which I was an eye-witness; for Bismarck's sons, as well as his son-in-law, Count Rantzau, received the Emperor in black evening dress, whereas the etiquette of clothes for which there has never been a more metisubus stickler than his Imperial Majesty—would have required that they should appear in their respective uniforms.

But a crowning rebuff was in store for the All-Highest monarch, who had evidently expected that he would be allowed to take a last look at the man to whom he owed the dazzling position of himself and his family in the world. But no, this was denied him. The coffin was already closed.

Mr. Whitman was for many years on the staff of the New York "Herald," and in this capacity he became acquainted with a host of notable men and women. His memory is good and his stories are excellent. He knew Herzl, the Viennese journalist, who founded the Zionist movement—a strikingly handsome man dowered with both dignity and courage. It is interesting to learn that Herzl's only son was educated in England and is now serving in the British Army.

Mr. Whitman was in Saloniki in 1897, and perhaps the strangest discovery he made in that strange city was "an English public house, kept by a widow, which only opened its doors when an English squadron put into the bay; did its roaring trade during its stay and then sank back at once to its silent, shuttered condition."

### Baltic Amalgam

In Russia Mr. Whitman has been particularly struck, as have so many other foreigners, by the essential democracy that can exist in an autocracy.

Naturally Mr. Whitman's most interesting chapters are those that deal with Germany and the Germans. It is to me a new and most interesting fact that many of the most violent of the Pan-German leaders come from the Baltic Provinces, and that some of them, including the notorious Professor Schieman, were born Russian subjects. Mr. Whitman tells us: "The Baltic amalgam is only too apt to accentuate the cunning, the astuteness of the Slav, added to the less desirable qualities of the low-grade Teuton."

Mr. Whitman has been on friendly terms with Professor Delbruck, "a man incapable of falsehood, servility, or deceit." And he goes on to find his friend backing a crazy imperialism. He recalls the fact that Delbruck "repeatedly warned his countrymen that if Germany were to attempt to play the part of Napoleon I, she would inevitably rouse united Europe against her and share his fate."

"Things I Remember" is a fascinating book. Mr. Whitman writes as one, having authority.

### CAMPABELLO.

Campobello, Dec. 19.—Mr. Emerson Brown who has been seriously ill for a time, is better.

Miss Elizabeth Calder who has been visiting relatives here, has returned home.

Mr. Arthur Calder is at present visiting relatives at Boston, Mass. The Red Cross Society were pleasantly entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Allingham.

Mr. Charles Cline who has been an inmate of the Chipman Memorial Hospital for a time, returned home last week very much better, although considerable time yet will be required for full recovery.

Miss Estella Townsend went to Woodland, Me., on Monday last for the winter.

Passengers from here to St. John on Monday were Austin Lank, James Cline and Lewis Calder and J. Farmer. Mrs. Philip Calder and the Misses Lena Calder and Etta Mitchell spent the past week at St. Stephen, N. B.

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My Dear Kiddie:—Quite a number of you will be having your picture taken during the Christmas holidays, I expect.

Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage---Favorites and What They Say and Do.



THOUGHTS ON THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

'A Christmas tide the open hand, Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land, And none are left to grieve alone.'

will include stars from musical comedy, the varieties, grand opera and a motion picture actress, making a complete representation of all branches of the theatre on one big programme.

A Correction. The name Mr. Leonard Smith mentioned as singing a solo at the concert given at the Congregational church on Monday evening should have been Mr. Leonard Clarke.

Russia Still Firm. London, Dec. 19.—The council of the empire today adopted an order of the day, identical with that passed by the Duma, declaring the council unanimously in favor of refusing to enter under present conditions into any peace negotiations with Germany.

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Married Yesterday.

A very quiet wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the home of the officiating celebrant, Rev. W. R. Robinson, when Fred Carl Lovett, son of Samuel and Rosa Lovett of Back Bay, was joined in marriage with Miss Susan Joyce, daughter of Richard and Susan Joyce of West St. John.

Advertisement for Ganong's GB Chocolates. Includes an illustration of a woman in a Christmas dress and a box of chocolates. Text: 'A beautiful Christmas Gift Box with a quaint and original Christmas Greeting in verse, daintily lettered on a very attractive cover. It is packed full with a delightful assortment of Ganong's GB Chocolates. The Finest in the Land!'

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## FARMER GETS LESS MONEY FOR BUMPER CROP THAN FOR LEAN ONE

That Too, Although the Handling of One Involves Infinitely More Labor than the Gathering and Marketing of the Other.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—That the farmer receives less money for his bumper crop than he gets for his lean one, although the handling of the one involves infinitely more labor than the gathering and marketing of the other, is the somewhat startling statement made by William Joseph Showalter, a Washington economist, in a paper brought to the attention of the House of Representatives by Representative Flood of Virginia in connection with the high cost of living issue. He shows how the farmers of the world received a billion dollars less for their bumper grain crop of 1912 than they got for the lean crop of 1911. In those of the United States received \$172,000,000 less for their bumper corn crop of 1912 than for their lean one of 1911, and how the wheat growers got \$64,000,000 less for their bumper wheat crop of 1906 than they did for their lean one of 1907. In his paper Mr. Showalter says: "While Congress is considering the high cost of living from the standpoint of the city consumer, it might also consider the high cost of universal bumper crops to the farmers who produce them. A study of the statistics of the Department of Agriculture will show that bumper crops, with all the extra labor they involve, bring the farmers shorter returns than the lean ones. "For instance, in 1911 the world had a lean year so far as grain crops go. Leaving out rice, the total grain yield was 13,786,000,000 bushels,

enough to load a train five times around the earth at the equator. In 1912 there was a bumper crop, the biggest yield of grain that Mother Earth, in all her history ever produced. It reached the enormous total of 16,115,000,000 bushels, practically 10 bushels for every man, woman and child upon the face of the globe. Enough to load a string of cars reaching more than six times around the earth. "And yet, based on the farm prices per bushel prevailing in the United States on December 1, of the two years, which is fairly representative of world prices, the farmer got more actual cash for his lean crop of 1911 than he got for his fat one of 1912. The average per bushel price of the five great cereals was approximately 73 cents in 1911, as compared with 55 cents in 1912. So, if you will take out your pencil and figure it up you will find that the world's farmers received approximately a billion and a quarter dollar less for the great bumper crop of 1912 than they got for the lean crop of 1911. "The same conditions obtained in 1906 and 1907. Here the former year was one of those great fat ones when the granaries of the world were overflowing, and the latter a very lean one. Yet the farmers got nearly two billion dollars less for their great bumper crop of 1906 than they received for their lean crop of 1907. "Taking our own country alone we see that the same thing happens with the American farmer in his fat and

lean years. For instance, 1912 was a bumper year in corn production. For the first time in our history we reached and passed the three billion bushel mark—3,124,000,000 bushels was the crop. On the other hand, 1913 was the poorest corn year the American farmer had encountered in a decade, producing only 2,446,000,000 bushels. And yet, the Department of Agriculture figures, reduced to comparative totals, show that the farm value of the lean crop of 1913 was \$172,000,000 greater than that of the big bumper crop of 1912.

"The same conditions obtain in the case of wheat. The year 1906 was a bumper wheat year. For the first time in our history the seven hundred million bushel mark was passed, showing a crop of 735,000,000 bushels. On the other hand 1907 was a real genuine lean wheat year with a production of only 634,000,000 bushels. And yet, although the 1907 crop was a hundred million bushels smaller than the bumper crop of 1906, its value to the farmer was \$64,000,000 greater. "The same thing happened with the bumper crop of oats in 1906 as compared with the poor one of 1907, as well as in the case of the bumper crop of 1910 as compared with the lean one in 1911. It also happened in the case of the bumper barley crop of 1906 and of 1912.

"All the world understands, of course, the law of supply and demand, and knows that big crops mean lower per bushel prices. But to take both world-wide, all crop statistics, and to find that without exception the bumper crops bring less money in the aggregate to the farmer than the very lean one, is to disclose a condition in the economies of food production that is at once surprising and important."

### "MIRACLE MAN'S" CAREER CHECKED

Alleged Healer Pleds Guilty to Charge of Practicing Medicine Without License.

Armando Dominguez, the Puerto Rican whose fame as the "Miracle Man" has been spread broadcast throughout the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands by magazine articles and press accounts of his alleged healing activities, changed his plea of not guilty to guilty yesterday before Judge Willis and was given a sentence of six months in the County Jail for practicing medicine without a license, says the Los Angeles Cal. Times. The sentence was suspended on condition that he cease violating the statutes and give up his Latin clientela. The case has been watched with interest not only locally but everywhere. Dominguez has "practised" and especially in San Bernardino and Mendocino counties, where hundreds of apparently miraculous cures have been attributed to the dark-skinned healer. His conviction is regarded by the State Medical Board as a signal victory since previous prosecutions of "Dr." Dominguez have resulted disastrously for the medical board. In June, 1915, the "miracle man" was arrested in China for practicing without a license and was tried before a jury in the Superior Court at San Bernardino. Notwithstanding the records showed and the defendant admitted that he had no State license, the defense introduced evidence show-

ing that he had cured the blind and made the lame to walk, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, holding that he had a "divine license which was manifest and inalienable."

Secure in his "divine right," the Puerto Rican healer continued to practice among the dark-skinned laborers of San Bernardino county without further molestation for practically a year. Then he crossed the county line and the Los Angeles county authorities arrested him at Puente about three months ago.

The feeling in San Bernardino county was intense during the previous trial and sensational scenes were enacted in the Superior Court when witnesses after witness took the stand and testified in behalf of the "miracle man." When Helliano Moreno, wife of a Mexican laborer, took the stand her four-year-old son Jose sat in her lap and gazed at the judge through eyes which his mother swore had been sightless for three years before Dominguez saw him.

The two-year-old daughter of J. D. Hernandez was also an exhibit, and, according to witnesses, had been blind the first eighteen months of her life, notwithstanding medical treatment from a score or more eye specialists. Dominguez, the witness testified, had cured her with one treatment. After the trial of the same testimony regarding other patients the judge practically instructed the jury to bring in a "not guilty" verdict.

Since the Los Angeles authorities arrested Dominguez papers in Puente and China have attacked the medical board editorially and written columns commending the work of the "miracle man."

It is stated that in his "practise" Dominguez has never charged a fee. He is about thirty years of age, the son of a native druggist in Puerto Rico. He was once an attendant in the government's hospital at Manila.

### FIRST HALF OF MONTH SHOWS GOOD RETURNS IN RECRUITING WORK

Three men enlisted in the city yesterday, but requested to have their names withheld for a day or two.

According to the semi-monthly report issued by the chief recruiting officer for the province, Lt.-Col. McAvity, 132 men enlisted in the first fifteen days of the present month. Of this number 102 were Canadians, eleven Scotch, twenty-two English, eleven Scotch, two Irish, and one American. It is noticeable that the Canadians are rapidly taking the place of Englishmen in enlisting for the navy. The first two or three reports showed that Canadian enlistments were in the naval branch of service, but this month shows Canadians in the lead.

A recapitulation of the men and their nationality, as well as the unit in which they enlisted, follows: 232th Battalion, 25 Canadian, 5 English and 2 Scotch; 9th Siege Battery, 13 Canadian and 1 Englishman; 65th Battery, 3 Canadian; Field Ambulance Training Depot, 5 Canadian, 4 English and 1 American; Canadian Engineers, 13 Canadian, 9 English, 9 Scotch and 2 Irish; Canadian Dental Corps, 1 Canadian; Army Service Corps, 1 Canadian; Aviation Corps, 1 Canadian; No. 2 Construction Corps, 1 Canadian; Machine Gun Draft, 2 Canadian; 12th Field Artillery Draft, 4 Canadian; Royal Canadian Navy Reserve, 9 Canadian and 3 English; Home Service, 6 Canadian; 165th Battalion, 12 Canadian.

### NEW HEAD OF DOMINION GRAIN COMMISSION

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—It is believed here that W. Sanford Evans, who for the past two years or so has been investigating the practicability of the Georgian Bay Canal project will be appointed head of the Dominion Grain Commission in succession to Dr. R. A. McGill, now secretary of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. It is not expected, however, that the appointment will be made until Sir George Foster returns from England. Mr. Evans, who formerly was for a time prominent in newspaper affairs, was mayor of Winnipeg for several years and a candidate for parliament in 1904.

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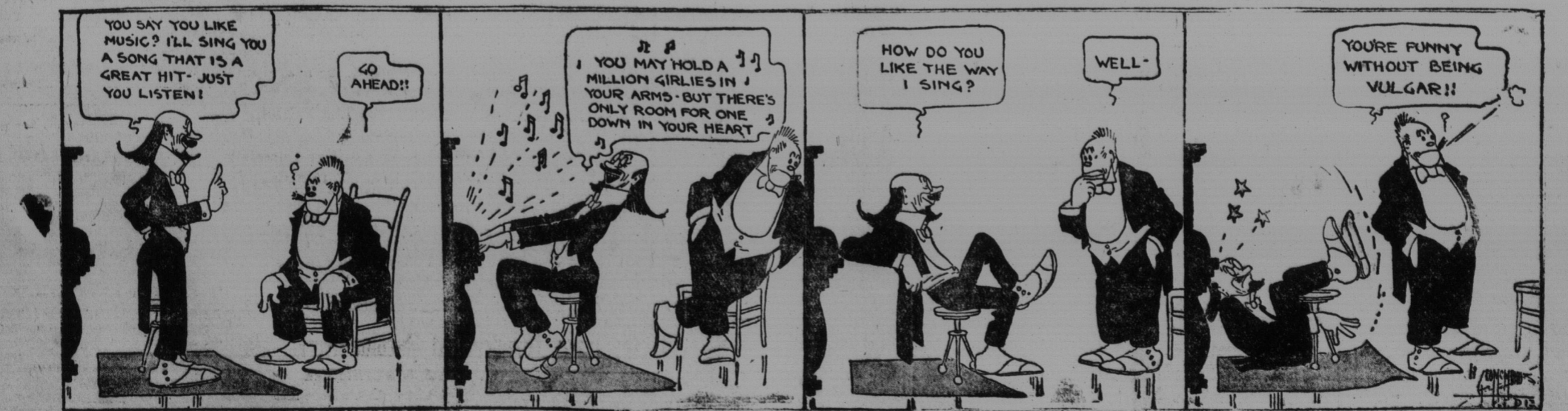
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ST. JOHN MAY GET SOME CHEAP CHRISTMAS TURKEYS AFTER ALL

Report Last Night that Quantities of North Shore Birds will be Available Saturday at a Low Figure

Although disquieting statements have been made of late concerning the likelihood of almost prohibitive prices for poultry, turkeys especially...

S. S. GRAMPAN REACHED PORT LAST NIGHT

Allan Liner Had Twelve Military Men Aboard Beside Civilian Passengers and Heavy Freight.

The Allan Line S. S. Grampian docked at 8 o'clock last night at her berth, West Side. She had on board, besides general freight and civilians...

H. R. McLELLAN HEAD OF MYSTIC SHRINE

Annual Meeting of Luxor Temple Held Last Evening—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of Luxor Temple, A. A. O. N. N. S., was held last night in their room, Masonic building...

FISH BUSINESS NOW COMING INTO ITS OWN

A. H. Brittain, of Maritime Fish Corporation Says Great Demand For All Varieties.

"The fish business is coming into its own. The fisherman is getting the highest price for his fish in the history of the Canadian market," said A. H. Brittain...

"People are realizing that fish is a cheap food, and the demand was never better. If the people of your province will eat fish when it is in season they will have no complaint to make about the high price of fish," said Mr. Brittain...

Port Hawkesbury, C. B., Dec. 19.—The ship Daylight, bound from Toledo, O., for New York in tow of a Standard Oil Co. tug, is ashore at Habitant Bay on the Cape Breton side of the Straits of Canso...

M. R. and A's stores will be open every evening until 10 o'clock for the balance of the week.

PREMIER'S VIEW OF THE PEACE TALK

Hon. G. J. Clarke Says New Brunswickers Will Commend Lloyd-George's Stand—The Forestry Survey.

Premier George J. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke are in the city, guests at the Roy Hotel. The premier is here to attend the sessions of the inquiry before Chief Justice McKeown into the claims in dispute between A. R. Gould and the government in connection with the construction of the Saint John Valley Railway...

Premier Clarke expressed himself as well pleased with the attitude of the new imperial administration in regard to the peace proposals emanating from Germany. He told the reporter that every New Brunswicker, particularly the large number who have given their sons to this great cause, would be unanimous in the opinion that there must be no peace until the outrages that have been perpetrated by the Germans had been fully satisfied and assurance given that they would never again be perpetrated.

In reply to an inquiry, the premier said that his son-in-law, Lieut. Jarvis, was now in England acting as a bomb instructor and was anxious to get to the front. Mrs. Jarvis is in the old country with her husband. Lieut. Jarvis was formerly a private in the 64th Battalion and received the well-merited promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

"Is there anything new in connection with the survey and classification of the crown lands of the province which your department has been carrying on?" asked the reporter.

"Very substantial progress has been made during the past several months, and I expect to issue a statement within the course of a few days as soon as the reports are compiled. Most of the parties have temporarily abandoned the work on account of weather conditions. But it is hoped to resume the survey about the first of the new year."

The Standard learns that the party will use snowshoes in connection with their work and that it is the policy of the department to push the survey as vigorously as possible.

BATHURST'S PULP PLANT READY SOON

Angus McLean Says Plant Will Commence to Operate in February.—Paper Mill to Employ 1,000 Men to Follow.

Angus McLean, vice-president and manager of the Bathurst Lumber Company, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. Mr. McLean, since coming to New Brunswick seven years ago, has been one of the most enthusiastic residents of the province, alive to the great possibilities of the province.

"No, there is no objection to your saying that the company had a good year with its operations," said Mr. McLean to a reporter. "We have at the present time in the vicinity of 1,200 men in the woods at Gloucester and Northumberland counties, and look for at least at average cut."

"What progress are you making with your new mill?" asked the reporter. "Very satisfactory under the circumstances. I expect that the new pulp plant will be in operation about the first of February. The 500 h.p. boilers in connection with our Kraft plant will be in readiness early in January."

In reply to an inquiry, Mr. McLean confirmed the report that it was the intention of the company to manufacture paper. They hope to start the erection of a new paper mill in the near future which will serve to employ upwards of 1,000 men. The pulp plant will afford employment for 250 men.

Mr. McLean told the reporter that there was a great scarcity of houses in Bathurst, in fact fully a hundred new houses were required. This was a healthy sign of the advancement of the town. The company were completing the erection of twelve new houses to accommodate some of the pulp mill employees and further building operations were projected. "Bathurst is making big strides and I think there will be greater development in the future," concluded Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean's visit to St. John is purely of a business character. Mr. McLean accompanies him to the city.

We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant, provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in a unique position in regard to Bracelet Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

Service First. Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading at? Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money. You may practically do as you wish in making a square trade, anything but cut the price.—The First Price is the Best Price.

PERSONAL. Mr. Henry F. Morrissey, C. E., of the Marine Department, Ottawa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, 58 Hazen street. J. L. Ryan, Bathurst, was in the city yesterday. Edgar H. Fairweather has returned from Edmundston. Mrs. William Murdoch, Crossfields, Alberta, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, St. James street.

SKATES Popular Seasonable. There is nearly always someone among relatives or friends, especially the younger ones, who would welcome a pair of skates on Christmas morning. The superiority of the old reliable STARR and WHELPLEY Skates are too well known to require mention here, and we need only quote some of the PRICES:

Angora Wool Caps, Tams, Scarves. Ribbons, Christmas Novelties, Toys, Dolls. TRIMMED HATS—For the Holiday Season or for Christmas Gifts, large assortment just received from our workrooms and every one marked at an extra special price. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd. STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

What Gift Will Be More Welcome. GIFTS THAT BY THEIR CONTINUED SERVICE KEEP YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS A LIVING MEMORY FOR YEARS TO COME. "Perkins" Combination Carpet and Vacuum Cleaner. ABSOLUTELY NEW IN EVERY RESPECT. PERFECT BRUSH ADJUSTMENT—OPERATED BY FOOT. WHEELS FLANGED—No more tire trouble. Price \$8.00. THE easiest, simplest and most practical brush adjustment ever offered. BISSELL'S CARPET SWEATERS. STANDARD \$3.00 CYCO BEARING \$3.25. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Stores Open at 8.30 Close at 10 p.m. MANGHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE. Comfort Garments For Christmas Giving. Buy your husband or brother a gift that will make him more fully appreciate his evenings at home. A Comfort Garment to wear while lounging about the house will give him more enjoyment than any other gift at the same outlay. Our exhibit of Comfort Garments for this year is better than ever, and a great variety of materials and trimmings will be found. SMOKING JACKETS—in soft wool fabrics, plain, plaid and stripes, cord and braid trimmings—greys, greens, browns and wine shades, \$6.50 to \$17.50. DRESSING GOWNS—Materials and trimmings similar to the Smoking Jackets—greys and browns, \$9.00 to \$21.00. BATH ROBES—Velours in stripes, checks and floral designs; all the new colorings, \$5.00 to \$7.50. SOMETHING NEW—Bath Robe and Slippers to match, in grey and brown plaids, \$6.50. BOYS' BATH ROBES—Ages 4 to 18 years, \$3.50 to \$5.75. MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. DO YOUR SHOPPING IN THE MORNING AND AVOID THE AFTERNOON CROWD.

THREE PRACTICAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS. LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S WARMER GLOVES FOR GREATER COMFORT. We have Gloves in all the popular makes, in weights and quality to meet the requirements of colder weather. Mercerized Seamless Gloves—Grey, brown, black, 75c. pair; white, black, 50c. pair. Chamollette Gloves—White, 75c., \$1.00 pair; grey, black, \$1.00, \$1.10 pair. Angola Gloves—Grey, black, white, 75c. to \$1.25 pair. Gauntlet Wool Gloves—White, black, grey, 75c., 85c. pair. Fur-Lined Mocha Gloves, \$2.50 pair. Boys' and Girls' Wool Gloves—Heather, etc., 25c. to 75c. pr. Boys' Tan Lined Cape Gloves, 90c. pair. Children's Mittens, 25c., 30c., 35c. pair. Baby Mittens, 15c., 20c., 35c. pair. Glove Dept.—Front Store. HAND BAGS AND PURSES. Are always acceptable and useful. Our extensive stock comprises the staple as well as the novel in shape and material. You will find everything demanded by fashion in a great range of prices. Silk Bags—Various colors, \$3.35 to \$14.75. Beaded Bags, \$2.25 to \$15.00. Black Vachette Bags, \$2.25 to \$4.35. Velvet Bags—Latest shades, \$2.00 to \$11.00. Leather Strap Purses, 40c. to \$7.50. Black Vachette Purses, \$1.50 to \$3.00. Front Store. CHRISTMAS HANKERCHIEFS. Ours are extra values, as the price has not been affected by the latest advances in linen. Finest Irish Linen, good firm weaves and rich finish. Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—With 1/2 or 3/4 inch hem, 50c. to \$2.00 per 1/2 doz. Women's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs—3 in box, 80c. per box. 6 in box, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$2.35 per box. Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—Embroidered corners, 25c., \$1.00 each. Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—Colored borders, 25c. each. Patriotic Handkerchiefs—White or khaki, 35c. each. Children's Handkerchiefs—In Fancy Boxes, 15c. to 25c. box. OUR STORES WILL BE OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.