

ALLIES' OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IN WEST GAINS IMPETUS; THE DRESDEN REPORTED AROUND

THE DRESDEN REPORTED STRANDED OFF THE ARGENTINE COAST

Fate of German Cruiser Which Escaped in Fight off Falkland Islands, in Doubt—Argentine Government Hears She has Reached Punta Arenas—Despatch from Puerto Gallegos Says Vessel Seen Near There Surrounded by English Ships Had Disappeared and Probably Sunk.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 13.—The German cruiser Dresden, one of the squadron engaged by the British warships off Falkland Islands, and which took to flight, has stranded on the Argentine coast, near the port of Gallegos.

The Argentine government has received word that the German cruiser Dresden has arrived at Punta Arenas, on the Straits of Magellan. A despatch from Puerto Gallegos says that a vessel has been sighted near there, surrounded by English ships. The despatch indicated that this vessel probably was a German and said that in appearance she resembled the Nürnberg. The Nürnberg, however, was reported by Vice-Admiral Sturdee to have been sunk by the British squadron.

A later despatch received from Puerto Gallegos said the vessel had disappeared, and that it was believed she had sunk.

The fate of the Dresden, the last of the squadron of five German cruisers have been converted into cruisers.

SERVIANS DRIVE ENEMY BACK ACROSS THE DRINA

Paris, Dec. 13.—The Nish, Serbia, correspondent of the Havas Agency has forwarded the following Serbian official statement: "On December 10, on the north and northwest fronts the Serbian troops continued in pursuit of the fleeing enemy and occupied Balna Basta, Rogozhitza and Kamenitza. In the direction of Milanovatz and Belgrade the enemy's attacks have been unsuccessful. Along the front the enemy has commenced to retreat, and our troops are advancing. "On the Danube front there is no change. "On December 11, we took prisoners seven officers and 4,770 soldiers, several of whom were wounded. We also captured three quick-firers, eight field guns, mortar and machine weapons, several automobiles, a searchlight and a large quantity of war material."

RUSSIAN LOSSES AROUND LODZ WERE 150,000, GERMAN PRESS BUREAU SAYS; MUST NOT BE TAKEN AS OFFICIAL

Berlin, Dec. 13, via London.—In the battles around Lodz, in Russian Poland, the Russians suffered greater losses than they did in their defeat at Tannenberg, East Prussia, according to a statement issued by the German official press bureau Saturday, announcing the evacuation by the Russians of the city of Lodz. The statement reads: "The evacuation of Lodz took place secretly, in the middle of the night, and remained unnoticed by us at first, but it was the result of the previous three days' battles. "In these engagements the Russians suffered severely from the fire of our artillery. The trenches evacuated by the Russians were literally filled with dead. Not even after the battle of Tannenberg did our troops have to march over so many Russian corpses as they did in the battles around Lodz and Lowitz. "Although we attacked, our losses were much smaller than were those of the Russians. We lost comparatively few men killed. The Twenty-Fifth Reserve Corps, in breaking through the Russian lines, had only 130 killed. "It is significant that on a height, to the south of Lutomiersk and west of Lodz, no less than 387 Russians were buried. "According to our estimates the Russians lost 150,000 men, including 80,000 men captured."

BIG STEEL PLANT AT LONGUEUIL, P.Q. IS OPENED

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The formal opening of the big new steel plant of Armstrong, Whitworth, of Canada, Limited, at Longueuil, took place yesterday, when the vice-president, George K. Foster, K. C., threw on the switch that connected the electrical energy of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., Ltd., with the machines in the huge concrete buildings. The product of the plant will be almost exclusively high grade steel tools and supplies. Many of them will be used in the manufacturing of war materials in England, and the crucible steel will be used for making shells and other munitions of war here.

More Heavy Fighting Around Ypres — French Claim Progress — Battle in Poland Still Undecided — Russian Forces Hold Passes of Carpathians and Austrians Unable to Get Relief Through to Their Army in Galicia — Serbia's Victory the Wonder of the War — Bulgaria Notifies Triple Entente of Desire to Remain Neutral.

London, Dec. 13.—Both the French and German official reports refer to Saturday as a quiet day. They contain evidence, however, that the Allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus and is meeting with stubborn resistance from the German troops who have been left to hold the western line while their comrades are battling with the Russians in the east.

The French have been particularly active in the Woevre region, where they have been trying to cut off the German force which projects like an arrow-head to St. Mihiel on the Meuse.

The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, so they must have gone across the German line of communications, but they lost six hundred men in prisoners and a large number killed and wounded.

In the same region the French claim to have made substantial progress. There also has been more fighting around Ypres—that bone of contention in Flanders.

AUSTRIANS UNABLE TO SEND VIA THE CARPATHIANS

The battles in Poland continue almost without intermission, and while both Russians and Germans announce successes and the capture of prisoners and guns, apparently no decisive result has been obtained in any series of contests. The Germans are still delivering heavy blows at the Russian centre, where they assert they took 11,000 prisoners and forty machine guns; while to the south of Cracow, where the Russians are on the offensive, Grand Duke Nicholas records the capture of four thousand prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns.

Another Russian force is holding the passes of the Carpathians and is thus preventing the Austrians from sending relief to their army in Galicia. There is no news of the German troops who are advancing south of Mlawa, with the object of attempting to turn the the Russian right since Petrograd reported a partial success over them.

The marvellous recovery of the Serbians and their defeat of four Austrian army corps which had penetrated half way across Serbia, remains the wonder of military men. The Crown Prince, in an address to his troops, told them that they had "beaten and pursued the enemy with a rapidity unheard of in military history."

The shattered Austrian right wing crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Vlasograd and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed and wounded and war material.

The pursuing Serbians also picked up another five thousand prisoners and some guns and munitions.

The Austrian army from Belgrade has again essayed attacks against the Serbian right wing, but, meeting with no success, retired. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

That the former German cruiser Goeben, now owned by Turkey, was not so seriously damaged in her brush with Russian cruisers as has been reported, is shown by the fact that she took part in the recent attack on Batum, the Russian seaport, which, according to the Turks, resulted in a serious fire, but which the Russians say caused little damage.

Bulgaria has, according to a Paris report, expressed to the Powers of the Triple Entente her desire to remain neutral, and that Roumania, if she so wished, would be able to join the Allies without fear of being attacked by Bulgaria.

AUSTRIANS DENY GREAT SERBIAN VICTORIES.

Amsterdam, Dec. 13, via London.—A semi-official statement issued in Vienna today depreciates the reports of extensive Serbian victories, explaining that strong Serbian forces made necessary "the regrouping of our Balkan army, and the retirement of our right wing. "The Serbian telegram," the statement adds, "also exaggerates considerably our losses."

ANOTHER WAR PRIZE TAKEN TO HALIFAX

Suspected Ship's Cargo was Intended for Re-exportation Released on Assurance of Italian Government.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—The steamer Maracasa, which sailed from New York for Genoa was brought in here late Saturday by a prize crew from a British warship. It was suspected that some of the ship's cargo was intended for re-exportation, but the naval authorities received assurances from the Italian government that it would not be, and the ship was released and sailed for Genoa today.

LOSS OF \$150,000 BY FIRES AT MONTREAL

Letourneau College; Conducted by Christian Brothers, Burned to Ground.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Damage roughly estimated in the neighborhood of \$150,000 was done by the fires in Montreal on Saturday, the more serious one resulting in the destruction of Letourneau College, Maisonneuve, belonging to the Christian Brothers. The other was a fire that broke out in the three-story building 1276 to 1284 St. Lawrence street, occupied by half a dozen firms. The loss on the Maisonneuve fire will be about \$120,000, while the fire in St. Lawrence street will entail a loss of about \$30,000.

The fire at Letourneau College broke out about eleven o'clock last night. While the cause could not be

IMPORTANT GAINS BY FRENCH TROOPS IN THE FOREST OF LA PRETRE

Germans Direct Three Violent Attacks Against Allies' Lines South of Ypres But Were Driven Back—Repulsed Also to Northwest of Senones.

Paris, Dec. 13.—An important advance by the French troops in the forest of La Pretre, in France, and the repulse of three violent German infantry attacks to the southeast of Ypres, Belgium, were the outstanding features of the French official communication issued this afternoon. The text of the statement reads:

"The day of December 12 was particularly quiet. The enemy's activity was shown, especially by an intermittent cannonade at different points on the front. In the region to the southeast of Ypres there were ventured, however, three violent infantry attacks, which were repulsed.

"In the woods of La Pretre we have made important progress.

"The extreme Serbian left wing, pursuing the enemy, has forced him to recross the Drina, near Balna Basta. On the remainder of the front the Serbian armies continue to drive back the Austrians to the north and northwest."

U. S. NEUTRAL BUT FAVORABLE TO BR. BRITAIN GERMAN PAPER SAYS

Cologne Gazette Says German People Cannot Have Confidence in Americans Which They Should be Able to Repose in Neutral Power, and U. S. Can Never be an Arbitrator in Fight Between Britain and Germany.

Amsterdam, Dec. 13, via London.—A long article dealing with the possibility of the United States playing an important role in the conclusion of peace among the European powers, the Cologne Gazette continues, "but one can be neutral in an indifferent way, and, on the whole, American neutrality has been favorably against Great Britain."

"The newspaper then says: "In view of all this, we cannot have in America the confidence which we ought to be able to repose in a Power which would act as an impartial arbitrator in regard to an arrangement of peace. "We cherish no feeling of irritation against America because she is friendly to Great Britain. Such a feeling is only natural, as Great Britain is America's motherland; but it is just for this reason that we fear prejudice, and we must, in a friendly but firm manner, reject America as an arbitrator."

Such language, the newspaper says, is likely to be misconstrued as an indication that Germany is exhausted by the war, and it adds, such views and notions only tend to injure German credit with neutral states.

Despite all friendliness with America, the Cologne Gazette continues, "Germans must not allow themselves to be deceived, and they must look in the face the fact that America cannot be an arbitrator in the fight between Germany and Great Britain. It would be an ostrich policy, the

MINES IN GULF OF BOTHNIA WERE LAID BY GERMANS

Sinking of Three Swedish Steamers Led to Investigation.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 13 (via London)—The Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs today gave out a statement with regard to the recent sinking of three Swedish steamers, as the result of striking mines in the Gulf of Bothnia. "The Germans," the Foreign Minister says, "declare that the mines were Russian, as no German mine-laying had been done up to the time of the disaster. Official investigations made by Finland disclose that several groups of anchored mines were German, and not Russian, and that they had been laid during the war in the Gulf of Bothnia. No floating mines, it was stated, had been found."

FOUR MORE DEATHS AT SALISBURY PLAINS

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Four more deaths are officially reported from Salisbury

MAY BUILD SUBMARINES IN CANADA

An Official of the Western Dry Dock Company at Port Arthur, Ont., Says Plant Can Undertake the Job

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Submarines for the British government are likely to be constructed in the plant of the Western Drydock Company at Port Arthur, Ont. Representations are being made to the Imperial authorities by the Dominion government that facilities are available at Port Arthur for the speedy assembling of the underwater craft.

Mr. E. A. Christy, a director of the company and chairman of the American Shipbuilding Company, a \$20,000,000 corporation, interviewed Sir Robert Borden and other members of the government Saturday and represented that the plant at Port Arthur could easily undertake the erection of submarines. The Imperial authorities have been cabled regarding the offer.

Plains, George Durnett, Divisional Engineer; Pte. F. G. Ross, Gunner E. H. M. Penn and Pte. John Ivers.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN CAUCASIA REGION SUCCEEDS ALL ALONG FRONT

TURKISH WARSHIPS BOMBARD BATOM RUSSIAN PORT ON BLACK SEA

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—An official statement telling of the bombardment by Turkish warships of the Russian fortified port of Batum, in the Black Sea, was issued today by the headquarters of the Caucasian army.

"On Saturday, December 12, toward 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the former German battle cruiser Goeben, accompanied by the Turkish torpedo gunboat Berkli Savet, approached Batum and attempted to bombard the fortress of the city.

"The forts, however, opened fire, and the Goeben after firing fifteen shots, rapidly withdrew. The damage caused by the fire of the warship was insignificant.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS SINK SMALL CRAFT LOADED WITH AMMUNITION.

A Turkish steamer, loaded with wheat, bound for Constantinople, has been captured near the mouth of the Danube by Russian Black Sea cruisers, which have brought the vessel to Odessa, says a despatch from that port.

Russian torpedo boat destroyers, it is also reported, have sunk several Turkish sail-boats loaded with ammunition near the coast of Asia Minor.

According to information reaching here a large Turkish division has attempted in vain to enter Russia through Persian territory. The Turks have been repulsed, in spite of assistance rendered by the Kurds.

BADEN-POWELL EXPECTS KAISER WILL ATTEMPT INVASION OF ENGLAND

Hero of Mafeking Believes Germans Will Endeavor to Land 90,000—Will Raid Commercial Centres of North, if Successful in Landing.

London, Dec. 13.—General Baden-Powell shares the opinion of many other English military experts who believe that Germany fully expects to invade England, if possible, and will direct its activities toward the commercial cities in the north of England, rather than toward London and the resort cities of the south. In the opinion of Gen. Baden-Powell, the German Emperor will endeavor to land at least 90,000 troops in England.

"I know that the general idea," said Gen. Baden-Powell, in a recent interview, "is that the attempt to invade England will be made on the coast of Norfolk or Suffolk. Personally I think that the Yorkshire coast is more likely for the Germans will first desire to invade the industrial centres of the north. They appreciate what effect that would have, if they succeeded. Once let them get hold of some of the big manufacturing towns, factories would be smashed up and ruined, and I estimate that they could then throw fourteen million persons out of employment, rendering them destitute and starving. It is certain, that even by a short, sharp raid they could do a tremendous amount of damage."

Gen. Baden-Powell is far less optimistic about the war than many of England's public men. The hero of Mafeking, in discussing the present crisis, said:

Every Man Must Put His Shoulder to Wheel Now.

"There are still many persons in country districts, and even in some of our large towns, who do not realize what this great war means—that Britain's fight is one for her very existence. We receive encouraging reports that we are doing well, but we mustary to remember that one side or the other must go under, and go under forever. At present, it looks as if the wind is blowing on our favor, but there is always the unexpected to consider. You can never tell. The right thing to do is to try to smash the Germans now, with men that every man must put his shoulder to the wheel."

The Germans, it is pointed out by the general, have nine places from which they could embark with troops in an effort to make a landing in England. He estimates that a greater force than 10,000 would probably not be sent from each of these points, making a total of less than 100,000.

Lowestoft and other towns along the east coast of England, which are regarded as likely landing places for an invading army, have made preparations to receive the Germans. The Mayor of Lowestoft has issued a statement to the citizens of that town, advising them how to act in case the Germans land. A special force of one hundred and fifty constables has been named and civilians have been advised to follow the directions of these officers explicitly, should the Germans enter the town.

Walter Long, a member of parliament, has advised that all foodstuffs stored in large quantities in east coast towns should be moved inland, where they can be guarded against seizure.

General Baden-Powell says the 15,000 older Boy Scouts of England are doing everything in their power to assist in the present struggle. These scouts are sixteen years of age or more and would be available as a second guard, in case the military authorities lower the age standard. All these boys are fairly well drilled and would be effective in almost any sort of military discussion had been abandoned for the present time, but he would say to the Liberal party: "Do not be disheartened."

As to the talk of a possible early election, he said there was no political issue just now, and he did not think the government would appeal to the country.

Mr. A. R. MacMaster, K. C., also spoke. Mr. J. H. Perron, president of the Montreal Reform Club, was in the chair.

DOES NOT LOOK FOR GERMAN INVASION

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Guest of Montreal Reform Club at Banquet on Saturday.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was entertained at a banquet by the Montreal Reform Club in the club rooms last night, and he gave an address, dealing chiefly with the war. "The moment Great Britain is at war Canada also is at war," Sir Wilfrid declared, and throughout his address he emphasized this point. He expressed entire accord with Premier Asquith's war policy, and while he professed not the slightest fear of a German invasion he thought there might be some danger on the frontier.

However, he took it that the government at Ottawa was alive to any danger.

On the question of supporting the Dominion government during the war, Sir Wilfrid said he would prefer to retire from public life rather than embarrass the government at the present time. "So long as the war lasts," he said, "the Liberal party will support the government in any effort to provide for the defence of the Empire."

Referring to the German ambassador at Washington on the Monroe Doctrine, Sir Wilfrid said the doctrine was not international, and he would not attempt to apply it. Said he, "If Canada had to be saved, we would not have recourse to the Monroe Doctrine, although we might accept assistance from our neighbors."

Touching very gingerly on political matters, Sir Wilfrid said that all political

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Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 80 cents per box, 3 boxes for \$1.25, at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

ARMORED MOTOR CAR BRIGADE TO MOBILIZE AT MONTREAL

Type of Car to be Used, More Heavily Armored than Those Sent With First Contingent.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Sir Robt. Borden, and Major General Sam Hughes on Saturday inspected the sample armored motor car sent for the Minister's approval before the brigade of eight similar cars are sent to Montreal for the second contingent. The original car being equipped by Montreal gentlemen, including Mr. H. V. Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal; Mr. C. B. Gordon, Mr. Huntley Drummond, and others, and will be commanded by Major E. J. Holland, V. C.

The cars are much more heavily armored than those sent with the first contingent, and the eight which will comprise the brigade will each carry a crew of one officer and four men. When the shields are up the crew is entirely screened by three-sixteenths inch steel, which cannot be penetrated by a rifle bullet at fifty yards distance. Each car contains one rapid fire. The mobilization of the brigade will take place in Montreal, and will all possible speed.

The inspection passed off satisfactorily.

KAISER LIKELY TO EAT CHRISTMAS DINNER IN BERLIN

Doctors Consider it Inadvisable to Return to Battleground Before Couple of Weeks.

Amsterdam, Dec. 13, via London.—Emperor William has made so much progress towards recovery, telegrams received here today from Berlin state, that he will be able to leave the capital this week for the battlefield.

Another Report.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—A report reached Basel from Berlin this morning that Emperor William will be obliged to undergo an operation of the throat when he has sufficiently recovered from his present illness, which is not considered serious.

The doctors, however, consider that it would be inadvisable for His Majesty to return to the front for several weeks and he probably will spend Christmas at home.

Crown Prince Frederick William, the report from the capital says, has arrived in Berlin.

LAND FOR INDIANS WHO DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES IN WAR

75,000 Acres Set Aside in Punjab Canal Colonies.

London, Dec. 13.—(Through Reuters Ottawa.)—A special despatch from Delhi, India, says: "For some years it has been the practice of the government to reward deserving Indian military pensioners with grants of valuable land in the Punjab Canal colonies, where the extensions of irrigation facilities have brought into cultivation enormous areas of new land, for which there has been no competition."

"Recently the Punjab government, with the approval of the government of India, have, in the case of the latest colony, decided to increase the allotment of 103,000 acres which has been set aside for grants to army pensioners, to 178,000 acres. These grants will be made at the close of the year, and besides that part of the 103,000 acres which will be given as rewards for services in the present war, an additional area of 75,000 acres will be especially reserved for this purpose, and be distributed to Indians who distinguished themselves in the present campaign, or to their heirs."

"This liberal policy will meet with the widest approval in Punjab, which is the best recruiting ground for the Indian army."

TORONTO FREE MASONS SEND \$12,500 TO HELP THE BELGIANS

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Free Masons of Ontario have sent \$12,500 to the Belgians to be distributed by King Albert among his distressed subjects, "as in his wisdom he may decide."

"We hope to send other sums," says Grand Master W. D. McPherson, M. P. P. A special messenger of the Bank of Commerce will convey the gold from London to the King of the Belgians.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 13.—The following official communication was issued by the French War Office tonight: "It is announced that two German attacks at the two extremes of the front have failed. One was to the northwest of Ypres and the other against the railway station at Aspach (Alsace)."

RUSSIA

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—A statement from the Russian general staff says: "In the Mlava region we have brought our offensive to a successful conclusion on the whole of the front."

"On the 12th instant we captured a German position in the region of Pzanasz and Taskhanoff and the retreating enemy towards his frontier."

"In this district also our cavalry made a successful charge and inflicted very heavy losses upon the enemy."

"On the front of Lovicz-Llow the Germans, clinging stubbornly to the attack, suffered important losses at the hands of our troops, who captured in this region another position to the north of Buzza river."

"In the other regions on the left bank of the Vistula nothing has occurred but unimportant encounters."

"To the south of Cracow the situation is unchanged. The battle there continues."

"In the Carpathian our troops and the Austrians continue their manoeuvres."

AUSTRIA

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—The following Austrian official statement, dated Saturday, has been received here from Vienna: "Despite all the difficulties encountered because of snow and inclement weather, our troops are continuing to advance and victoriously capturing over 2,000 Russians. The passes, west of Suplek Pass have been occupied by us. Yesterday several Russian attacks were repulsed by our artillery. During the last sortie from Prosznyal the garrison captured 700 Russian and eighteen machine guns and much ammunition."

"The situation in Poland is unchanged."

GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 13 (by wireless to London).—Today's German communication issued by the German army headquarters, announces that several Russian positions in North Poland were stormed and 11,000 prisoners taken, and that an attack made by the French troops over a wide area in France yesterday was repulsed by the German army. The text of the statement reads: "Following their unsuccessful attack on Apremont, December 11, the French again attacked yesterday afternoon over a large front by way of Flerys, (Clery). The attack ended in the loss to the enemy of six hundred prisoners, a large number of men killed and wounded. Our losses in this engagement amounted to about seventy wounded. The rest of the day passed quietly in the western theatre."

"In Northern Poland we captured a number of the enemy's positions, taking 11,000 prisoners and forty-three machine guns."

"There is no news from East Prussia or from Southern Poland."

Berlin, Dec. 12, via London, 5.22 p. m.—The German official statement issued today says: "On the East Prussian frontier our cavalry repulsed Russian cavalry, taking 350 prisoners."

"South of the Vistula and in Northern Poland our operations are developing."

"In Southern Poland Russian attacks have been repulsed by Austro-Hungarian and German troops."

"In Flanders the French yesterday made attacks in the region of Langemark which, however, were repulsed."

"They lost 200 men in killed and we took 340 prisoners."

"Our artillery bombarded the Ypres railroad station to interfere with the movements of the enemy's troops."

"We have made some progress near Arras."

"French troops again attacked us near Souain-Perthes, but without success."

"In the Argonne forest the French for weeks past have limited themselves to very weak attacks and they everywhere have been repulsed. On the other hand German troops have again taken possession of an important French position of support by means of the explosion of a mine. The enemy has suffered heavy losses in killed, and many of their troops have been so severely shaken as to be unable to fight any longer. Moreover we took 200 prisoners near Apremont. South of St. Mihiel repeated stubborn French attacks were repulsed as were also other attacks in the vicinity of Markreth."

GOV.-GEN. ATTENDS MEETING OF BOY SCOUTS COUNCIL

New Brunswick Has 323 Scouts—Census of Dominion Shows an Increase for Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts' Association, held here Saturday afternoon, the present condition of the movement in the Dominion was discussed. The following returns as disclosed by a census recently taken of the membership by provinces were reported:—Ontario, 6,979; Manitoba, 1,318; Quebec, 1,423; Alberta, 1,389; British Columbia, 893; Saskatchewan, 499; New Brunswick, 323; Nova Scotia, 200; Prince Edward Island, 100.

The figures show a slight increase over last year. The council paying special attention to organization work in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and some of the western provinces.

Lieut. Col. E. A. Stanton, military secretary to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in succession to Lieut. Col. Farquhar, who left Canada in command of the Princess Patricia's Regiment, was elected honorary Dominion Treasurer. His Royal Highness attended the meeting.

+ GEN. HUGHES EXPECTS +
+ TO LEAVE TODAY FOR +
+ MARITIME PROVINCES. +
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+ Ottawa, Dec. 13.—General +
+ Hughes was unable to leave for +
+ the Maritime Provinces today +
+ but hopes to be able to go to +
+ morrow. +
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HAS CREW OF BRITISH SUPPLY SHIP ABOARD

Callao, Peru, Dec. 13.—The German steamer Rhakotis of the Kosmos Line arrived here today but did not communicate with the shore. The government is reserved as to what action it will take in the case of the steamer which brings the crew of the British coal ship South Wales, which was sunk off the coast of Chile some time ago by the German cruiser Dresden, after the Dresden had appropriated her coal.

A despatch from Valparaiso, November 18, said the Rhakotis has on board the crew of the British supply ship Corn of Galicia, which had been sunk either by her own crew or by German warships.

DUTCH STEAMER ASHORE, TWENTY FIVE LOST

London, Dec. 13.—A Lloyd's despatch from Oporto says that the Dutch steamer Bopoz, from Amsterdam for Buenos Ayres, is ashore north of Leixoes, on the Portuguese coast, and is a total wreck. It is believed that twenty-five lives were lost.

The Bopoz, built by the Rotterdamse Lloyd line, was of 3,621 tons, and was built at Hamburg.

DECIDE TO PAY WAR TAX IMPOSED BY GERMANS

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 13.—A Berlin despatch says that Brussels and suburbs have decided to pay the war tax of 45,000,000 marks (\$11,250,000) imposed by Germany, by means of special taxes payable up to June 15, 1915.

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REBURIAL OF MONTREAL MAN IN PROTESTANT CEMETERY ON COURT ORDER

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Re-burial of the body of Hornildus Lafond in the Belle-Riviere cemetery took place quietly yesterday afternoon, as a result of an order of the courts for exhumation from the Roman Catholic cemetery at St. Scholastique, the deceased having been a Presbyterian.

Rev. Dr. Campbell of the Montreal Presbytery, who spoke, and nine other ministers were present at the re-burial besides relatives of the late Mr. Lafond, Catholic and Protestant.

DIED.

HAMM—In this city, on Dec. 12th, Andrew M. Hamm in his 70th year, leaving his wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn. Funeral from his late residence, 15 Middle street, West St. John, Monday, at 2.30 p.m. Service at two p. m.

RICHARDS—Suddenly at Ottawa on Saturday, December 12th, Nettie F., wife of J. Fred Richards. Interment at Fredericton on Tuesday.

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"SAFETY"

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GERMAN ADVANCE

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MORE FOOD

The Committee all relief supplies has It is estimated that give these starving Brunschwick has done \$12,000 in cash has now made by the quantities at wholesale "region" sailing from Hull.

The Committee foodstuffs at once, but starving and we must what you can? Send John, Treasurer, and Secretary, P. O. Box.

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Nothing of Pooriasis for which told by physician not to cure Mrs. Massey writes—"I am so glad to hear that you are all well, and I will wonder that the writer is so enthusiastic in praising this ointment."

Mrs. Nettie Massey, Concession, Ont., writes—"I am five years in suf-

"SAFETY MATCHES" PROVED TO BE GERMAN OFFICER

Large Box marked Matches, being shipped from England to Rotterdam, contained officer of Kaiser trying to smuggle his way back to Germany.

London, Dec. 13.—A Reuter despatch from The Hague says that the government has protested against the seizure of Dutch ships and the arrest of civilians of military age, but not of the active service, from Dutch ships, and against the expansion of conscription and the closing of the North Sea. The government points out that although it is in agreement with Scandinavian governments regarding these questions, it did not think it necessary to co-operate with other neutral states.

London, Dec. 13.—The German officer whom a customs official at Gravesend Saturday found concealed in a huge box which was about to be shipped to Rotterdam, told an alien immigration officer that his name was Otto Koehn, and that he was a lieutenant in the German army, according to a despatch from Gravesend to Lloyds News. The lieutenant said he had been in America recently, continues the message, and returned aboard the S. S. Potsdam shortly before the outbreak of the war. Subsequently he was arrested at Southampton and interned in the camp for aliens at Dorchester.

The box in which the officer was found was among the luggage of a number of elderly aliens who were being sent from the camp at Dorchester to Germany. On arriving at Tilbury from Dorchester, they were transferred to a ferryboat for Gravesend, where they boarded the steamer Batavia, bound for Rotterdam. Porters handling the baggage found beneath the pile of packages a huge packing case on which were stencilled the words "Non Poisonous Safety Matches."

The case was so heavy that the porters had to roll it over and over on the deck tender to the rails separating it from the Batavier. The bumping of the box apparently stunned the occupant, and forced the lid of the case partly open, causing an arm to protrude. This was noticed by a Dutch seaman who called the attention of the ferryboat skipper to it. An armed guard in charge of those being deported was called, and found the man in the box in a semi-conscious state.

It is believed, concludes the despatch, that the alien in the Dorchester camp, when they learned that a number of men over military age were to be sent to Germany, plotted to hide Koehn in a packing case which contained Swedish matches. Although Koehn, who was taken to a police station declared that nobody assisted him, elaborate preparations had been made for his comfort, arm rests, an air cushion, a bottle of cocoa, and bananas were among the things provided for him.

The Dorchester correspondent of Lloyds News sends the following despatch concerning the affair:

"The railway authorities here disclaim all knowledge of a box answering the description of that found at Gravesend, nor are the police and military authorities cognizant of the escape of a prisoner from the Dorchester camp, where the roll is called thrice daily. There have been considerable movements of the prisoners during the last few days, however, and it is possible that the man captured at Gravesend contrived to escape during those operations."

WELDON FLEMING VICTIM OF PAINFUL ACCIDENT IN MILL

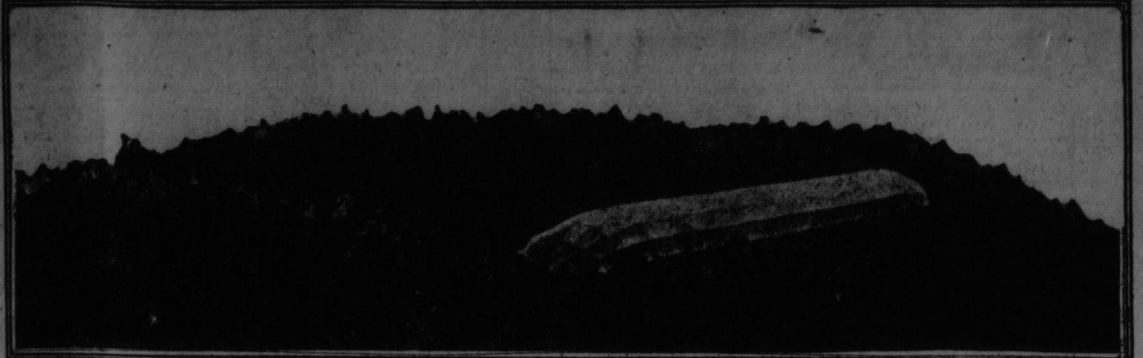
Son of Hon. Mr. Fleming badly injured — Woodstock man found dead in bed.

Special to The Standard
Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 13.—Preston Huntley, aged thirty-five years, was found dead in bed in the lumber camp of Wallace Smith, at Bloomfield, yesterday morning. Coroner Lindsay of Woodstock held an inquest on the body yesterday afternoon and the jury decided death was due to heart failure. Deceased was the son-in-law of John Craig, of Weston, and leaves a wife and four children.

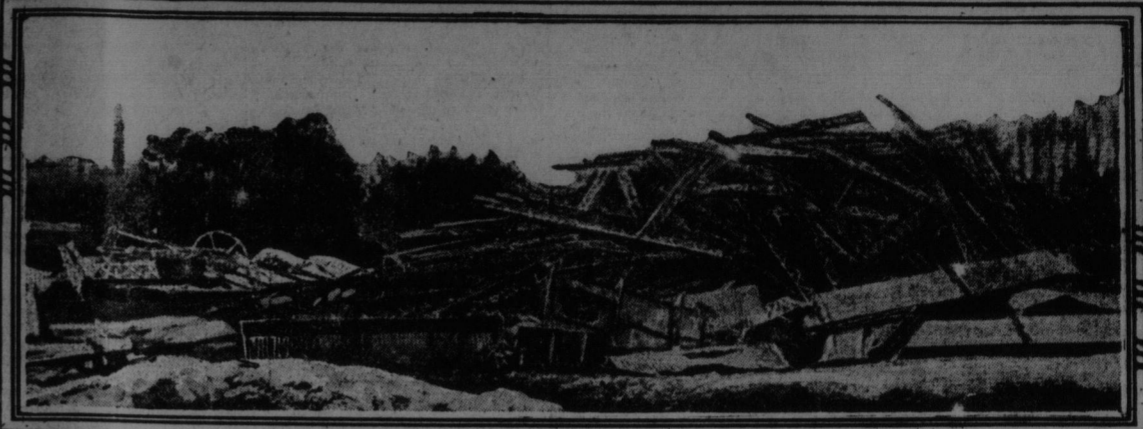
Weldon Fleming, second son of Hon. J. K. Fleming, was badly injured in an accident at Gibson and Fleming mill, seven miles from town yesterday. The boxing of the saw broke and the saw cut a gash eight inches long and three inches deep in his shoulder, besides other cuts on his head and face and limbs. It took two hours to reach Woodstock where he is at the home of his father, and unless complications arise he will recover.

Mrs. W. B. Belyea fell while skating yesterday afternoon and broke her left arm in two places.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF DESTRUCTION TO GERMAN ZEPPELINS



WOUNDED ZEPPELIN FALLING INTO FOREST OF BADONVILLER.



ALUMINUM FRAMEWORK OF WRECKED ZEPPELIN AT GRANDVILLERS.

Many telegraphic accounts of the destructions of Zeppelins have appeared in the daily press, but have hitherto lacked the corroborative evidence of the camera. We can now put before our readers the first direct evidence of the destruction of German Zeppelins. The uppermost view was taken near Epinal about August 20 last. The airship, it will be seen, is a genuine Zeppelin. The ship was flying very low, at a height estimated at about 2,500 feet, and had the misfortune to cross a road where one solitary field gun, one of the famous "soixante-quinze" type, had been left behind "en panne," presumably with a damaged wheel or something of that kind, and was awaiting repairs. The gun section took the chance that was offered to them and fired on the Zeppelin, hence the abrupt descent. The machine came down in the forest of Badonviller near Epinal, all the crew escaping, but the Zeppelin was burned next morning by the local peasants. The picture was taken by a sapeur-mécanicien of the French army.

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS IN ADVANCE ON WARSAW

Berlin official report says vigorous offensive is in progress in East and Prasnysz has been taken, but Kaiser's army is meeting stubborn resistance both in Poland and in Serbia.

Berlin, Dec. 13. (By wireless to Sayville).—Occupation by the German forces, which have been advancing on Warsaw from the north of the city of Prasnysz, recently reported unambiguously, was said definitely by the official press bureau Saturday to have been accomplished.

"This is the most important factor in the latest developments from the eastern theatre of war," the press bureau statement continues, "and while in itself it is not important, it shows that the Germans have begun active offensive operations north of the Vistula. Prasnysz lies on the direct line of communication between Willenberg, East Prussia and Warsaw. This shows that the advance is directed against the fortified line along the Narw river. If this line were broken the Germans would be in the rear of Warsaw, which would exercise a deciding influence on the Polish campaign."

"News from South Poland and Galicia makes it clear that, notwithstanding certain successes achieved by the Germans and Austrians, severe resistance is being encountered everywhere.

"Evidently the Austrian forces in the Carpathians are too small to clear Hungarian territory of the enemy at once, and must attack and repulse one column after another.

"The Austrians report that ten thousand Russians have been captured, but they fail to say within what period, making the report meaningless.

"Operations in Serbia also are meeting with dogged resistance at some points, but are proceeding to the south of Belgrade.

"The loss of the cruiser squadron from the Falkland Islands is the occasion of general regret, but it is hardly a surprise, since the most optimistic had not dared to expect that the ships could escape from their pursuers."

Beware of teas that are dusty and full of broken leaves—as these are injurious in use and unpleasant in the mouth. Generally put in sealed packets at 35c, 45c, 55c, 65c per pound.

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BROTHERHOODS HELP FREE KINDERGARTEN

At the meeting of the Brotherhood of Centenary church yesterday afternoon the following committee was appointed to deal with the matter of raising funds for the Free Kindergartens: President, George E. Barbour, W. E. Earle, T. H. Bullock, E. T. C. Knowles, and the name of J. M. Queen being added subsequently. After the meeting had closed a few of the members pledged themselves to raise \$200, but more will be forthcoming, it is expected. As one result of the general campaign on behalf of the Kindergartens it is hoped that the Kindergarten at Marsh Bridge which had been conducted by the Brotherhood of Centenary will be re-opened. Other brotherhoods have pledged themselves to assist in the movement, although no formal announcement can yet be made as to exactly what they propose to do. The idea is to raise through the agency of the different brotherhoods at least \$1,000 to relieve the Free Kindergarten Association of its financial burden for the coming year.

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and well looked after, in fact most of them are new and some partly built anew the past year, so that altogether the roads of Chipman and vicinity have been in better condition during the past season than for several years previously.

Thanking you Mr. Editor in advance for the space in your valuable paper, I am, yours truly

FAIR PLAY.

MORE FOOD REQUIRED FOR STARVING BELGIANS

The Committee in Belgium which has charge of the distribution of all relief supplies has made another appeal for food for these people. It is estimated that it will take \$6,000,000 per month until spring to give these starving millions two meals of soup and bread per day. New Brunswick has done well, over twenty cars of food and clothing and \$12,000 in cash has already been sent forward, but a special appeal is now made by the Provincial Committee for cash to buy food in large quantities at wholesale prices to load the Admiralty steamer "Treneglo" sailing from Halifax about December 25th.

The Committee has on hand about \$11,000 which will be invested in foodstuffs at once, but more is urgently required. The Belgians are starving and we must redouble our efforts promptly. Have you sent what you can? Send cash contributions to James H. Frink, Mayor, St. John, Treasurer, and address all communications to James Gilchrist, Secretary, P. O. Box, 204, St. John.

LORD WIMBOURNE MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE LORD LIEUTENANT

London, Dec. 13 (Gazette Cable).—Commenting upon the resignation of Lord Aberdeen, the Globe says that Lord and Lady Aberdeen have not added to the respect felt by the people generally for Vice-Royalty in Ireland, one of the chief reasons being that they departed from the good rule that the Viceroy and his consort should keep outside of party politics. Notable instances in which they failed to do this were Lord Aberdeen's pronouncement upon Home Rule, and Lady Aberdeen's accusation that the Red Cross was being used as a party organization.

Among the names of well known Liberal peers who are being mentioned as possible Lord Lieutenants of Ireland is that of Lord Wimbourne, better known in Canada as Hon. Ivor Guest, who succeeded recently to the barony. He is at present Lord-in-Waiting, and has had charge of Irish affairs in the House of Lords.

POSTPONE MEETING

The meeting, which was to have been arranged between residents of East St. John and the city commissioners for today, will not likely materialize. Mayor Frink has a heavy cold and will likely find it necessary to remain at home during today at least. It was suggested at the last meeting of the council that the residents of that portion of the Parish of Simonds, who had petitioned for annexation with the city, and those opposed, should meet with the city commissioners and talk over the situation with the idea of coming to some understanding in regard to becoming part of the city. It is likely that the meeting will be held later in the week.

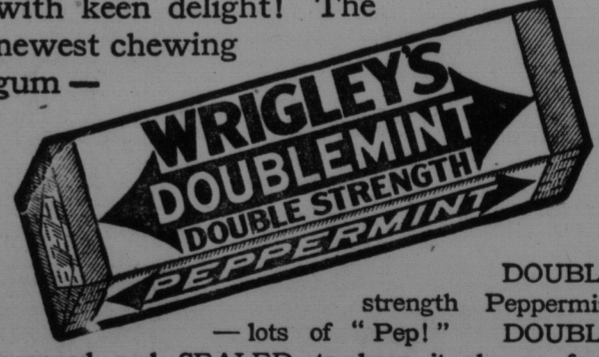
ST. STEPHEN MAN HURT WHILE ALIGHTING FROM STREET CAR

Special to The Standard
St. Stephen, Dec. 13.—Frank Todd, the well-known lumber operator, met with a serious accident this evening. While alighting from a street car near his residence he had a severe fall; he was thrown violently on the frozen street, and was picked up unconscious. He was taken to his home, where the doctors restored him to consciousness. It was found that he had a bad cut on his nose and eight other cuts on his face. So far as is known Mr. Todd did not receive internal injuries or break any bones.



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Mrs. Nettie Massey, Concession, writes:—"For five years I suffered with what three doctors called psooriasis. They could not help me, and one of them told me if anyone offered it guarantee a cure for \$100 to keep my money, as I could not be cured. The disease spread all over me, even on my face and head, and the itching and burning was hard to bear. I used eight boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and I am glad to say I am entirely cured, not a sign of a sore to be seen. I can hardly praise this ointment enough.

Can you imagine a more severe test for Dr. Chase's Ointment? This should convince you that as a cure for eczema and all forms of itching skin disease Dr. Chase's Ointment stands supreme. Put it to the test, 50c a box, all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.



MRS. MASSEY.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pugsley, Sherbrooke street west, Montreal, are leaving on Monday for St. John, N. B., to spend the Christmas season with Hon. William Pugsley.—Montreal Star

A. C. Smith, of St. John, N. B., has arrived in Montreal. Sir Thomas Tait is in Montreal from Toronto, where he and his family will reside in the immediate future. Miss Snowball, of Chatham, N. B., who has been the guest of Mrs. Henry Rawlings, has left to spend a few days in New York.—Montreal Star.

Miss Minnie Davis, of Moncton, spent the week-end in this city, the guest of friends.

Seth Jones, of Sussex, was at the Victoria Saturday.

Miss A. Bellairs, of the staff of the Bernardo's Boy Home, arrived in the city on Saturday by the new C. P. R. boat. She will visit the branches in Canada.

Will the three young ladies who passed through the city on the boat, on Market Square, at 9:30 Friday evening, Dec. 11th, please make themselves known. Address, Box 12, The Standard.

O. H. Arnold returned from New York on Saturday.

The many friends of William Ryan will be sorry to learn that he was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis on Friday night and has undergone an operation, which was successful.

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his city, on Dec. 12th, Hann in his 70th year, wife, two sons and two to mourn.

his late residence, 15 West St. John, Monday, Dec. 13th, at 2 p.m. Service at two p.

Suddenly at Ottawa on December 12th, Nettie F. Fred Richards, Fredericton on Tuesday

FOR WINNIPEG OFFICER. Man, Dec. 13.—Major Steele, inspector general forces, is the new rank of the popular officer company Number 10. Word was received in Winnipeg at night, and official ap- of the promotion will be orders shortly.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1914.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

SPEED "THE DAY"

The splendid work done by the British navy in this war is emphasized by the fact that as soon as the news of the destruction of the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau reached London the rates at Lloyd's were substantially reduced. As far as traffic is concerned the Atlantic is now as safe for British vessels as if no state of war existed. As far as known Germany's sole representative anywhere in Atlantic waters is the cruiser Karlsruhe, a vessel of slightly less than 5,000 tons and of ordinary armament. A report which filtered through to the Boston Post and other papers in the United States had it that the German battle cruiser Von Tann, of 19,100 tons and armed with heavy guns had succeeded in breaking through the line of British war vessels in the North Sea and was on her way to the south. Apparently she was late, but if the British squadron now in the south, and which succeeded in winning the battle off the Falkland Islands the other day, should meet the Von der Tann it is believed they would make short work of her and send her to join the Von Spee ships though not in the manner she intended.

That after four and a half months of war British commerce is able to move practically as in times of peace is a wonderful tribute to the efficiency of the British navy. The German merchant flag has practically been removed from the seven seas, and it is doubtful if it will ever again resume its former position there. In the meantime the greater part of the German fleet hugs the Kiel Canal and dares not venture forth. If it could have been induced to come out into the open sea and fight, the end of the war would probably have been in sight by now but, unfortunately, it took refuge in its hiding place a few days after the opening of hostilities and although a strict patrol has been maintained by the splendid fighting machines of the British navy, in the hope that some of the German war vessels might be tempted, it refuses to come out. Because of this and this alone the German fleet is, as yet, practically intact.

With her fleet gone Germany would have been at the mercy of the Allies, for no matter how good a showing she could have made with her land forces inability to defend her coasts and keep her flag afloat somewhere at sea would have been fatal to her. As it is, with her submarines, her Zeppelins and her fleet practically undamaged save for a distance from the home waters that those destroyed in the battle of Heligoland, Berlin can succeed for some time in keeping up the courage of the German people. The mere fact that the German fleet still rides the waves, even though afraid to fight, stands in the way of a speedy conclusion to the war. The greatest blow for peace which could now be struck would be the destruction of the Kiel fleet. That it will be destroyed is undoubted, but those who desire a speedy termination of hostilities will pray that "the day" may soon come, as with the splendid land work of the Allied armies are now doing, a naval victory of importance should break the back of the war.

WHAT RUSSIA HAS DONE

At a loss to the Russian government of very many millions of dollars annually the sale of vodka has been prohibited throughout the Czar's domains and yet the Russian Minister of Finance is not dismayed over the prospect of having to recoup from other sources that loss. He states that "through the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquors, in accordance with the will of the Emperor, who is anxious to see his people healthy and sober, the country has been deprived of one of its most important sources of revenue; but he is convinced that, however much this may be felt by the treasury, the creative power of the sober Russian people applied to the enormous natural riches of the country will enable future budgets of the empire to be based on new principles."

Long ago, Mr. Gladstone, who made his first reputation as Chancellor of the Exchequer, and was always thereafter regarded as Great Britain's ablest financier, when asked if the liquor revenue received by the government was not indispensable, replied: "Give me a sober people, not wanting their earnings in strong drink, and I will know where to find the revenue." When a community is prosperous,

other items of taxation swell, and people can easily bear additional taxation. The Russian Minister of Finance says: "The revenue, which in the first two months of the war showed a considerable decrease, has since displayed a permanent upward tendency." No wonder. The Russian peasantry, instead of spending their spare time in stupefaction amid squalor, are now alert, thrifty and surrounded by domestic comfort.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, edited by Mr. S. D. Scott, formerly of St. John, contains the following regarding the good fortune of a well known local man: "Last week Mr. L. R. Ross, Intercolonial station or terminal agent at St. John, New Brunswick, was dependent on his modest salary of \$2,000 a year. This week he has an estate of more than a quarter of a million. The late Colonel J. J. Tucker, at one time member of parliament for St. John, who was never married, died a few days ago, leaving property valued at \$564,500. After providing some moderate bequests and remembering certain local charities, Colonel Tucker left the remainder of his estate, amounting to \$540,000, to be divided equally between a cousin in England and Mr. Ross, whom he describes as a friend who had rendered him some services. Mr. Ross is a brother of the late Wallace Ross, at one time a competitor with Hanlan for the rowing championship of the world."

Premier Borden says that to equip the contingent at Salisbury, and make partial provision for succeeding contingents, the Government had to provide 250,000 pairs of boots, 100,000 fur caps, 90,000 great coats, 240,000 jackets and sweaters of various types, 235,000 pairs of trousers, 70,000 rifles, 70,000 bayonets, 89,000 oil bottles, 70,000 water bottles, 95,000 sets of valve equipment, and so on. The magnitude of the task was matched by the celerity and thoroughness with which it was performed.

Toronto University professors of German origin are to be released to an American University in exchange for Americans of similar proficiency. Apparently the Torontonians have no more use for German "kultur" than any of the rest of us.

A despatch from Buenos Ayres says the German cruiser Dresden has been sighted in the Straits of Magellan surrounded by British warships which is merely another way of saying "good night, Dresden."

Petrograd and Berlin claim that the recent battles in Poland have resulted to their advantage. But we notice the Russians are nearer to Berlin than they were a week ago.

The Kaiser's war time-table had him scheduled for Calais on Thursday last. If that performer's itinerary cannot be more correctly arranged he should hire a new booking agent.

Ten more business days before Christmas. Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?

Politics in New Brunswick

(Beck's Weekly, Montreal.) The political developments in the Province of New Brunswick which, during the past few months have attracted general but not always flattering attention, have culminated in a peculiar situation which may have the effect of completely changing the political complexion of more than one riding in the province by the sea. It has been said that ever since the first election was conducted by the old Loyalists who settled this province that New Brunswick was cursed with "politics," that political considerations entered into every phase of ordinary life, that members of the two parties were ever at fever heat and that the political challenge was always in evidence. Possibly this is true of some portions of the province, but if so there is much excuse for it for no province in Canada in comparison to size and population can show so many able men in the front rank of Canadian affairs who own to being New Brunswickers. One requires only to recall such names as Burpee, Boyd, Tilley, Anglin, Landry, Howe, Elder, Foster, Blair, Emmerson, Pugsley, Tweedie, Hazen, Costigan, Ellis, Daniel, and more recently Carvell and Flemming to realize that politics and a liking for public life come naturally to the young men, and that when the youth of other provinces are enjoying their lacrosse, baseball or football matches, the young New Brunswickers are also finding some time to devote to a study of the political situation and history of the province. Politics are seriously regarded, and seriousness begets partisanship to a greater or less extent. There are in New Brunswick today hundreds of young men who if asked why they were supporters of the Con-

servative or the Liberal party would answer as they would if asked regarding their religious affiliations: "because my father was." Possibly not a good satisfying answer, but none the less true in many cases.

This being the case it is not surprising to find whose families were a staunch adherence to one or other of the political parties is regarded as a source of pride, and the member of that family who for reasons of his own may change his political allegiance becomes ever after to his immediate relatives a subject for pity as lacking the essentials of wisdom. In such an atmosphere it is natural that more or less political bitterness should be engendered, and this is the reason why elections in this province are always so keenly fought. There is no such thing as holding aloof, except perhaps in the larger cities and towns of the province, but in the rural districts every man is an adherent of one or the other party, and the questions are not ordinary questions to change their allegiance. At the same time the New Brunswicker has more than his share of the spirit of fair play, and to this may be attributed the fact that the Hon. J. K. Flemming, who recently resigned the Premiership, and who has been nominated for the House of Commons, is probably as strong a man today as at any time in his career.

While the Premier was technically convicted on one of the charges made against him, and was not altogether exonerated by the court, although the verdict was that there was no evidence that he directed the expenditure of payments from the lumbermen of the province, yet there is a general belief that Mr. Flemming was made to suffer unduly for his error, that the money raised from the lumber operators and from the Valley Railway contractor whose evidence figured so largely in the case, was intended for campaign funds only, that he did not personally benefit to the extent of a penny, that no public money was diverted from its proper destination, and that the revenues from the Crown lands of the province under the administration of the Hon. J. D. Hazen, and later as collected by Mr. Flemming, have given a greater return to the province than the case under any previous government. As the lumber cut is no longer there is only one inference, and that is that the men who are now in power, while they are not more culpable, while one wrong does not excuse another yet the prevalence of an opinion such as this has done much to secure for Mr. Flemming a vast deal of sympathy, especially in his own county, where he could probably whip Sir Wilfrid Laurier tomorrow if an election were called on.

It was generally recognized, however, that with these charges, even partially proven against him, Mr. Flemming could not remain in the office of the province. As soon as the charges were launched and the investigating body appointed he resigned his office, and he has not since been invited to re-accept his seat, as well as thus retire from provincial politics without withdrawing completely from public life. The opportunity came early in the present month, when he was selected as the Federal candidate in the joint counties of Carleton and Victoria, his nomination being unanimous at the largest, most enthusiastic and noisiest convention ever held in the two counties.

Mr. Flemming's selection brings the situation up to another interesting point, for Carleton County has been represented in the Federal House by Mr. F. B. Carvell, who throughout the Flemming investigation, was the leader of the forces opposed to the Premier; the two men have been political enemies for years, and his speech of acceptance Mr. Flemming stated that it was an opportunity he had long sought. In 1911 Mr. Carvell was elected by a majority of eleven votes over Mr. F. Frank Smith, who was regarded as the logical candidate for the Conservatives on this occasion. But Mr. Smith was at the convention of last week, and in a voice choked with emotion, he openly charged that the decision against him was the result of the activities of John Farley, a Liberal returning officer appointed through the Carvell agency who, declared Mr. Smith, "threw out twenty-two ballots, bearing my name." Mr. Smith continued, "I to you people of Carleton County, that Frank B. Carvell stole my seat, stole the seat to which you elected me as your representative, and he has been misrepresenting you ever since." Mr. Smith announced that under other circumstances he would yield to no one right to meet Carvell in open fight, but that as Hon. Mr. Flemming's good name had been dragged in the dust largely through the activities of Mr. Carvell, he cheerfully stepped aside and would take his coat off and fight for Mr. Flemming to the very best of his ability.

Mr. Flemming being chosen for the Federal candidacy it was but natural that Mr. Smith should be elected as his successor for the local fight, and this was done amid much enthusiasm. A thrilling and unexpected incident occurred just at that juncture. In a front seat among the delegates was an aged resident of Carleton County, a respectable God-fearing farmer, who had followed for years the fortunes of the Conservative party. When the result of the nominations was announced this gentleman arose and, turning to the delegates, raised his hands and in a voice choked with emotion, said earnestly, "Thank God, men, we have now got this man Carvell just where we want him!"

On the same day as the convention in Woodstock there was another gathering of political importance in the town of Fredericton, sixty miles away, in the constituency represented in the Federal House by Hon. H. F. McLeod. That gathering was composed of friends and supporters of the Liberal party, and the reason for its being held was to tender a banquet to Mr. Carvell, Mr. Dugal and others concerned in pressing the charges against Mr. Flemming. Hon. Mr. Pugsley was a conspicuous figure both at the banquet and at the convention held the following day, and when the Flemming nomination in Woodstock was announced he was expected Mr. Carvell would transfer his activities to the provincial field and accept the leadership of the provincial party. This was the opinion on Thursday night and well into Friday, but some-where there was a hitch and the re-

Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE. Us fellos was seeing which wun cood jump the ferrest awn a stand this afternoon, and Mrs. Winkle esm out to her front door saying, Boys, Mrs. Winkle being satijerthan any 4 utbir ladys awn the block put together. She wunts anybody to go a errand, lets pertend we aint lissaning, sed Sam Krawas. And we kepp awn seeing which wun cood jump the ferrest awn a stand, which Skippy Martin cood awn akkount of his legs, and Mrs. Winkle kepp awn calling for wic and then she calm down to waw we was jumping, saying, Boys, my little canary has escaped from his cage and hes awn the shed roof and I dont no how to get him and im afrayed ill lose him and hes 9 years old, O deer, wout wun of you boys climb up and get him for me, Id give anything rather than lose my little Willie, Id give anything, anything.

Ill get him, we awl sed. And we awl ran around to the back street and by the time we got there Mrs. Winkle was looking out of her setting room window, saying, Only wun of you, now, only wun of you. Willie has very nervous temperament and I dont want him fritted eny moar than necessary, Benny Potts, sippose you climb up. Wich I startid to do, the follos awn saying, Haff awn watervir she gives you, haff awn watervir she gives you, and I climbed ovr the fons and up the rane spout, and the first thing I did awn the shed roof was to tare a big hole in my pants awn a nale, and the canary was setting awn the roof rite undir the window looking around as if he didnt no how he got there, looking pretty dum for anyting 9 years old, and Mrs. Pugsley and I crawled alange the roof and picked him rite up in my hand and handid him to Mrs. Winkle and she startid to kiss him dukasting as anyting. Wait a minit and ill reward you for rescuing my Willie, sed Mrs. Winkle.

I toar my pants, to I sed. And I wated awn the shed roof and Mrs. Winkle calm back with 3 marblis and handid them to me, saying, Heers sum nice marblis for you, my little newfuss must of left them heer. Wich I took them, saying, Did you no, I toar my pants. Yes, sed Mrs. Winkle, but maybe ill find 2 or 3 moar marblis and if I do ill save them for you. And I climbed down agan and the fellos was still wating out in the alleys, saying, Wat did she give you, wat did you get.

3 comminal I sed. And I showed them the marblis and they startid to go around holding thare hands up to thare heds and saying, Good nite, good nite. And Puds Simkins had a pece of hawk and he rote awn Mrs. Winkles fents, she sed she wud give anyting and she gave 3 comminal. And then we awl went around front agan, me with a big hole in my pants, result was that the party selected as the provincial leader the Hon. C. W. Robinson, formerly Premier of the province, whose government was turned out by the Conservatives under Hon. J. D. Hazen in 1908. A better choice could not have been made. Mr. Robinson is a gentleman of personal honesty and unimpeachable private character. The only canvass which can be made against him is that he accepted full responsibility for the actions of the government he led and which, during the regime of Mr. Pugsley, was especially corrupt. The corruption continued after Mr. Robinson assumed office, and while he did not share in it, he did not rebuke those responsible, and in that way stultified himself. However, he is the leader of the party, and the ensuing contest, when it comes, will be the most exciting this province has ever known.

TO HELP THOSE OUT OF EMPLOYMENT. Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The Minister of the Interior has been authorized by order-in-council to grant free permits for the cutting of wood on Dominion lands in order to give employment to men out of work.

This action is taken on the petition of the city of Winnipeg.

MEANWHILE THE NEW BRUNSWICK GOVERNMENT WILL BE REORGANIZED, WITH THE Hon. George J. Clarke, at present Attorney-General, as Premier, and a Cabinet containing some new members. This government will depend largely on its record, will disavow responsibility for Mr. Flemming's actions, and in this will be honored by the findings of the Royal Commission, which declared that no member of the government "except Mr. Flemming was in any way connected with the matters being investigated, or had knowledge of them."

Briefly the situation is that Mr. Flemming and Mr. Carvell will be opposing each other in the coming election in the county which gave both of them birth and where they have lived all their lives. The Government formerly led

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While the great European struggle may dampen our spirits to some extent, yet Christmas will be a merry one for all that.

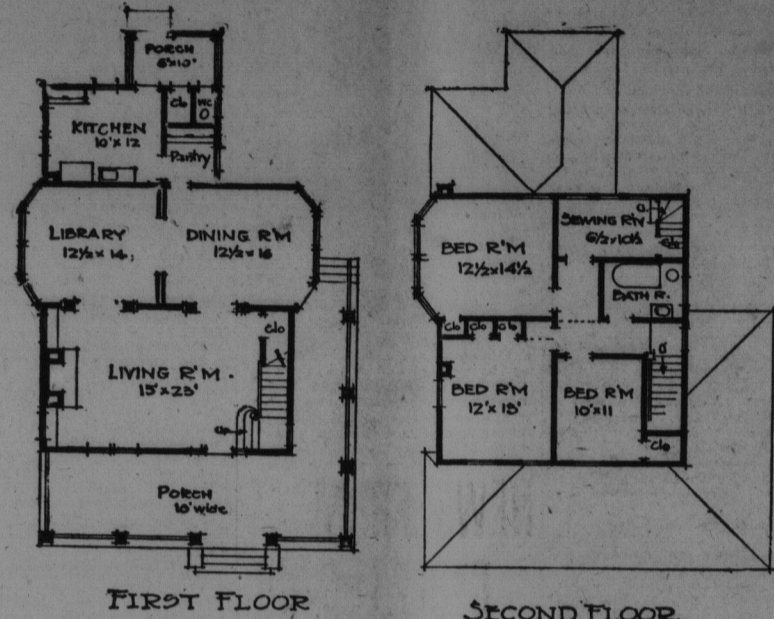
The exchange of gifts will be carried out practically on the same scale; we will have the best things to eat and delicious things to drink, which will include that superlative Scotch

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Plumbing, etc.	310
Hardware	90
Hot air heating	200
Range	50
Total	\$4,000

Clyde Smith Adams, Architect.

Study these plans and read the announcements of business houses appearing on this page. Then act.

SUCCESSFUL ST. JOHN CANDIDATES IN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The following were the successful candidates at the qualifying examination for the outside division of the civil service held on Nov. 11 and 12.
At St. John—J. F. Ashe, J. D. Brown, H. J. T. Lajoie, K. S. Lynch and T. A. Robinson.
At Charlottetown—W. W. McCarthy.
J. D. Northrup, St. John, has passed the examination for clerkship in subdivision B, of the inside service. Another successful candidate is D. L. Hogan, Hope River, P. E. I.
Miss Mabel K. Donald, St. John, has passed the examination for stenographers for the third division inside service.

FIVE YEAR CONTRACT FOR STALLINGS

Boston, Dec. 13—George T. Stallings, who lead the Boston Nationals to the world's championship this fall, will continue as manager of the club for at least five years, according to word received here today.

LOOKS BRIGHT FOR LONDON CHANGE OPENING EARLY IN NEW YEAR.

London, Dec. 13 (Gazette cable)—The re-opening of the Stock Exchange early in the new year is now confidently expressed in the city, and the conditions which will govern transactions are now being carefully arranged, with the advice of leading financial and legal authorities.

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Special to The Standard
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Another order has been passed amending the embargo on certain articles exported to Mediterranean ports so as to allow asbestos to be exported to Italy to named consignees.

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NEWS IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD

DRYGOODS TRADE GETTING SOUND

Reductions were steep, but business was stimulated at the lower figure, and more confidence was expressed in merchandise bought for spring.

New York, Dec. 12.—Business in the dry goods trade showed some improvement during the week, owing to the action taken by the leading interests toward getting down to a business basis.

In the West many lines of bleached and brown cottons were reduced, while according to the belief of merchants, will result in a substantial improvement in trading conditions in cotton goods. Though reductions were rather steep, business was stimulated at the low figures and more confidence was expressed in merchandise to be bought for spring.

The fact that only stock goods are to be had at these prices and that no future orders will be booked has been taken to mean that the bottom on these lines has been hit and a rise may be looked for before any other sort of merchandising action follows.

Some of the largest eastern dress gingham mills are declining further business for delivery this side of March and April, not because of the scarcity of certain colors, but because recent orders received from the jobbing trade have brought about a solid-up condition in certain of the choice styles. Instead of a price revision being regarded as probable on some of these finer lines, it is quite possible that advances will be made when darker styles are offered for the full trade.

There continues to be considerable uncertainty regarding heavy colored goods because of the limited supplies of dyestuffs in sight. Interest in the men's wear trade now centres around the accuracy of the reports concerning the placing of orders for khaki for foreign use. One thing is certain and that is that business of considerable volume has been placed with Massachusetts mills that declined to quote on foreign orders a month ago.

Very silk at Yokohama is firmer in consequence of the reduction of dealings in Japan and the lighter offerings of raw silk in the primary markets.

The activity in pulled wools and other low grade wools available for foreign army business continues as one of the noteworthy features of the raw wool markets. Prices are very high and very firm. Ultimately this condition is bound to be reflected in higher prices for domestic materials of wool.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

(McDougal & Cowans Wire.)				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Am Copper	59 1/4	52	49 1/2	52
Am Car Ferry	42 1/2	43	42 1/2	43
Am Smelting	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Am Tel	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2
Aitchison	91 1/2	94	91 1/2	94
Am Can	35 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2
Brook Rap T	85 1/2	84 1/2	85	85 1/2
Cons Gas	116	116	115 1/2	116 1/2
Erte Com	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
Leigh Valley	132 1/2	134	132 1/2	134
Le and Nash	125			125
Ma Pacific	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
N.Y. NH & H'd	51 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2
Nor Pacific	98	101 1/2	97 1/2	101 1/2
Pennsylvania	105 1/2	108 1/2	106 1/2	108 1/2
Reading Com	145 1/2	148 1/2	144 1/2	147 1/2
Repub Steel	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
St. Paul	86	91	86	91
Stones	21	21 1/2	21	21 1/2
Sou By Com	16			16
U.S. Rub Com	51	51 1/2	51	51 1/2
West Elec	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 12.—CORN—American No 2, yellow, 73 to 74.
OATS—Canadian Western, No 2, 60 to 60 1/2; No 3, 58 1/2; extra No 1 feed, 59 1/2.

WHEAT—Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, \$6.70; seconds, \$6.20; strong bakers, \$6; winter patents, choice, \$6; straight rollers—blis, \$6.50 to \$6.60; bays, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

MILLFEED—Bran, \$25; shorts, \$27; middlings, \$30; moullie, \$32 to \$38.

HAY—No 2, per ton, car lots, \$19 to \$20.

POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, 55 to 60.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat, No 2 red, 1.16 1/2 to 1.18 1/2; No 2 hard, 1.17 to 1.18 1/2.

CORN—No 2 yellow, new, 64; No 3 yellow, new, 62 1/2 to 63 1/2; Oats—No 2 white, 48 to 49; standard 48 1/2 to 49.

RYE—No 2, 1.08 1/2.
BARLEY—40 to 75.
TIMOTHY—3.75 to 5.50.
CLOVER—12.50 to 14.50.
PORK—16.50; lard, 9.75; ribs, 9.12 to 9.57.

Wheat			
	High	Low	Close
May	122 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2
Dec	118 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2

Corn			
	High	Low	Close
May	69 1/2	69	69 1/2
Dec	63 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2

Oats			
	High	Low	Close
May	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Dec	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2

Pork			
	High	Low	Close
May	18.52	18.47	18.50
Jan	15	12	12

TRADING ON A MODERATE SCALE MARKED REOPENING

Course of the Market justified resumption of dealing on floor at this time.

New York, Dec. 12.—Limited dealings in stocks on the floor of the Exchange were renewed today, after an enforced suspension of over four months, due to the European war. The course of the market, which was strong throughout, seemed to justify the action of the authorities in ordering a resumption at this time.

Trading was on a moderate scale, most of the transactions being in lots of 100 to 300 shares, with some odd lots of 25 to 50 shares. Inasmuch as all dealings were strictly for cash, except in those issues selling at or under \$15 today's business represented a larger overturn in actual money than is indicated by the amount of stocks bought and sold.

Official figures of the session were not obtainable, but stock sales aggregated about 114,000 shares, with bond sales (par value) approximating \$1,900,000. Gains in active stocks were over 70 per cent, ranging from three points in Amalgamated Copper to ten and fourteen and a half in Reading and Lehigh Valley, respectively.

General Motors was the feature of this group, with an advance of 27 1/2 points, and Texas Company was next, gaining almost 22.

Advances of five to thirteen points were made by Alaska Gold, American Beet Sugar, American Can, common and preferred, Smelting, American Telephone, Bethlehem Steel, Brooklyn Transit, Central Leather, St. Paul, Goodrich, International Harvester, National Biscuit, Pacific Telephone, People's Gas, Tenn. Copper, United States Rubber and Western Union.

There were no notable declines, except in Southern Railway, the common and preferred losing one and a quarter, and three and a half points, with minor recessions in a few other stocks of a less importance.

In a list of stocks furnished by the Clearing House, Canadian Pacific and New York Central were fractionally under yesterday. Union Pacific was 1 1/4 and United States Steel was not quoted.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET PRICES

	High	Low	Close
May	7.37	7.28	7.37
Oct	7.52	7.42	7.52
July	7.81	7.71	7.81

LABOR MEMBER GONE TO FRONT

London, Dec. 12.—James Ramsay MacDonald, member of parliament for Glasgow, has gone to the front with the labor party, has been elected to the Leicester and Leicestershire Post. Mr. MacDonald, for a time, was bitterly opposed to the war. He accused Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, of being responsible for England's participation in the war.

BELGIAN FUND.

The following additional subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund were received Saturday morning: St. Stephen's Church Guild, per Mrs. A. McQuarrie, \$12.00; John B. McIntyre, per Mrs. J. B. McIntyre, \$25.00; Residents of St. Stephen as follows: Mrs. G. F. Baskin, \$10.50, additional \$2.00, 12.50; Mrs. Y's, 5.00; Basswood Ridge, 18.88; St. Andrew's Society, 15.34; R. H. Morrison, 5.90; Bloomfield, Carleton Co., bean supper, per L. H. London, 35.90.

DEMAND FOR STEEL RAILS IMPROVING

New York, Dec. 12.—The demand for steel rails has shown improvement recently, and several railroads are arranging specifications for delivery next year. As the unsettled business conditions and the delayed freight rate decision have caused the roads to enforce a curtailment in the purchasing of equipment, it is quite certain that their rail orders will be considerably below those placed last year. But, however small, they will nevertheless be welcomed by the mills at present.

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad has placed 15,000 tons with the United States Steel Corporation and the Leigh Valley has bought 3,000 tons for quick delivery from the Bethlehem Steel Company. This has bought 5,000 tons of standard sections from the United States Products Company and the rails will be rolled at the Edgar Thomson mills of the Carnegie Steel Company. An inquiry from Australia is for 5,000 tons of standard section rails. It is denied that Russia has yet placed an order in this country for 30,000 tons of steel rails, but the inquiry is still pending. The new demand for light rails is better, some lumber companies placing orders, but business from coal mining companies is quiet.

The Carnegie Steel Company received new orders and specifications in the past week for close to 2,000 tons of light rails. Rail sales in November were better than in October, aggregating about 50,000 tons as compared with 30,000 tons in October, 40,000 tons in September, and 70,000 tons in August. Total orders to the year to date aggregate about 1,300,000 tons, about a fourth of the steel rail capacity.

NEWS FROM CARLETON CO.

Bishop Richardson to officiate at Ordination at Woodstock on Sunday.

Hartland, N. B., Dec. 8.—The contract for Hartland R. F. D. No. 4 has been let to Mr. S. H. White of this place, he being the lowest tender.

The service will not be in operation before the first of the year. The route is from here after the arrival of the northbound train at noon up south side of the Beaguacum stream to Coldstream, and return by the north side to Hartland. The service will be daily.

The banquet at Smith's Hotel and he was presented with a travelling case. F. T. Atkinson of the N. B. Telephone Co., was the toastmaster and the guests included all the local business men, clergy and a number of farmers. Mr. Bogg is succeeded by Mr. J. A. Maurice.

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MONTHLY CREDITS IN FRANCE TO CARRY ON WAR

French Parliament to Open in Paris on Dec. 22.

Paris, Dec. 12.—President Poincare presided over a meeting of the French cabinet this morning at the Palace of the Elysee. All the ministers were present with the exception of the Minister of War, Alexandre Millerand, who is at Bordeaux. A decree was signed setting Dec. 22 as the date of the opening of both Houses of Parliament.

The Minister of Finance, Alexandre Ribot, explained the bill referring to provisional monthly credits, after which the cabinet decided to request Parliament to vote six provisional monthly credits in order to avoid the national defence having to exist from hand to mouth, and so that the armed forces may be able to continue the war with necessary energy.

Agricultural Society was held in Burt's Hall on Saturday last and there was a good attendance. As a result of a delegation to St. John to the Agricultural Societies of New Brunswick united the local organization now has on order enough raw material to make 150 tons of a 3-5 fertilizer at a price that will mean something to the farmers who buy it. This week two buyers are out after pure bred stock and their purchases will probably be here in time to be sold on Wednesday, Dec. 16, after the regular meeting of the society, which is held on the third Wednesday in each month.

On account of the poultry judges being otherwise engaged the local poultry show scheduled for the latter part of this month has been postponed until some time in January.

On Thursday, the 24th, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Connolly will celebrate the fifth anniversary of their wedding, and have issued invitations to their friends.

At Avondale on Friday last a social was held at which the sum of \$50 was netted for Belgian relief.

The marriage is announced of Miss Jessie May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. West of Centerville, to Rev. Wilder Williams, pastor of the Centerville United Baptist church, the ceremony to take place Wednesday, Dec. 22.

At East Florenceville, last Friday evening a number of friends entertained Mr. H. P. Berg, who has been manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia there and is being transferred to North Sydney, C. B. The affair took the form of a banquet at Smith's Hotel and he was presented with a travelling case.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. J. Fred Richards. The friends of Mrs. J. Fred Richards will be grieved to learn of her death which took place after an operation in Ottawa on Saturday last. Mr. Richards is in the customs department in Ottawa, and is brother of Mrs. Fen Fraser, of this city. Mrs. Richards was a native of Fredericton, and the remains will be taken to that city tomorrow for interment.

STEAMSHIPS.

New Zealand Shipping Co. Limited. Montreal and St. John to Australia and New Zealand.

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LIGHTWEIGHT AND BANTAM CLASSES SHOW ONLY RING SURPRISES

With the approach of the end of 1914 the broad browed sporting writers who delve in things pugilistic are beginning to sum up the noteworthy events that have featured the past twelve months in the domain of pugilism.

First and foremost in the category of history making happenings is the fact that only two ring championships have changed hands.

Willie Ritchie has been stripped of his lightweight title and the crown now adorns the curly pate of slim limbed Freddie Welsh of Wales.

Kid Williams, a heavy handed Dane of Baltimore, has succeeded Johnny Coulson as the reigning ruler of the middleweights in pugilism. Williams won the bantam championship when he stopped Coulson with a punch in the third round of the scheduled twenty round contest at Los Angeles, June 9 last.

So far as the other ring classifications are concerned the picture has practically unchanged from what it was when 1914 dawned.

Opinion at Variance

Jack Johnson still is the king among the heavyweights and his rule is likely to continue indefinitely. There is serious talk of a championship match between Johnson and Jess Willard, but so far the negotiations have not progressed beyond the signing of articles. Jack Curley, famous as a wrestling promoter, Tom Jones, manager of Willard, and two or three eastern sporting men are interested in the plan to bring about a title bout between the big smoke and the giant Kansan, and it is possible that they may succeed in staging the match before many more months elapse. Light now the men in the project are looking for a fertile spot in which to put on the bout.

Concerning the probable outcome of such a match public opinion is widely at variance. It is the general belief that Johnson has wasted his strength through loose habits of life and many experts are freely predicting that the sturdy, youthful opponent that faces Lil Artha will beat him without trouble. Whether Willard is the man destined to bring back the championship to the white race is an open subject for debate. Willard is a giant both in stature and strength, and his punching power is tremendous, but in the science of boxing he is merely a raw novice. True he is showing signs of improvement in each succeeding contest, but even at his present day development he would not be an equal match for Johnson. If the black champion were anywhere near the form he enjoyed four years ago the doubt that prevails over Johnson's condition is the only reason why Willard is conceded a possible chance to whip the negro. The Kansan is young and can hit a fearful blow, but whether these qualifications are enough to make him an even match for Johnson only the test of actual battle will determine.

Clabby Looks Like Best

In reviewing the year's events in the heavyweight division the careful historian will call passing attention to the sorrowful and untimely downfall of the accepted white hope champion, Gunboat Smith. Sam Langford definitely disposed of the Gunner when he laid him low in the third round of a contest at Boston a few weeks ago.

In the light heavyweight division there have been no startling developments. Jack Dillon of Indianapolis has performed the most consistently, but Dillon wishes it understood that he still is a middleweight. The contender and he has no idea of advancing to a heavier class.

Among the middleweights Jimmy Clabby of Hammond, Ind., now is looked upon as the legitimate successor to the throne left vacant by the peerless Stanley Ketchel. Clabby has whipped all the leading 158-pounders, except Dillon, and so far as the latter concerned he will not be considered by Clabby for a championship match unless Jack will agree to scale in at the accepted middleweight pouce. Increasing weight makes it very doubtful if Dillon ever can get down even as low as 160 pounds. Clabby's chief claim to the title is based on the fact that he has beaten such star boxers as Eddie McGoorty, George Chip, Billy Murray and Mike Gibbons. The only blot on Clabby's escutcheon was plastered there by one Jeff Smith of Jersey. In far away Australia last summer Smith was given credit for having beaten Clabby on points in a 20-round tussle. Clabby contends that he was not in the best of shape for that match, due to the fact that he held Smith too cheaply, and he is eager now for a rematch to wipe out the stain of that trouncing. Jimmy hopes to get the chance before long.

So far as the welterweight class is concerned it looks as if this one time notable division of pugilism is passing into oblivion. The reason for this is attributed to the lack of high class performers. There are fewer good walters than is the case in any other classification. At the present time Kid Graves Philadelphia and Mike Glover of Boston are looked upon as the best boys among the 142-pounders, and many critics contend that Graves is the nearest approach to the legitimate champion.

In the lightweight class the reign of Freddie Welsh is not received with favor because he is not the type of champion that finds approval from boxing followers. Welsh, undeniably, is a marvel of ring skill, but he does not cart the heavy punch to make him a popular idol. There is only one boxer that is likely to beat Welsh and he is Paddy McFarland of Chicago. At the weight of 135 pounds at 3 o'clock, which McFarland claims he can make, and at which Welsh now seems willing to defend his title, these rivals would put up a scrap that would be worth travelling to see. It is scarcely probable, however, that McFarland will return to the ring.

BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Following are the results of Saturday's football games:

First Division.
Blackburn 2, Newcastle 3.
Bolton W, 4; Middlesbrough, 0.
Bradford, 1; Liverpool, 0.
Everton, 4; Manchester City, 1.
Manchester United, 1; Sheffield Wednesday, 3; Bradford C, 3.

Second Division.
Woolwich A, 1; Preston N. E. 2.
Birmingham, 1; Huddersfield, 0.
Clapton, 2; Clyde, Forest, 0.
Derby, 2; Bury, 1.
Fulham, 0; Wolverhampton, 1.
Grimby, 2; Blackpool, 0.
Hull, 2; Barnsley, 1.
Leeds, 7; Leicester, 2.
Lincoln, 3; Bristol, 1.
Stockport, 2; Glossop, 1.

Southern League.
Watford, 4; Gillingham, 0.
Northampton, 2; Brighton, 1.
Southampton, 1; Cardiff, 1.
Reading, 1; Exeter, 0.
Croydon, 1; Luton, 1.
Bristol, 1; Portsmouth, 2.
Millwall, 0; Swindon, 2.
Queen's Park, 4; Southend, 2.
Plymouth, 2; Norwich, 2.
West Ham, 1; Crystal Palace, 2.

Scottish League.
Celtic, 5; Queen's Park, 1.
Third Lanark, 3; Hibernians, 2.
Partick Thistle, 3; Aberdeen, 0.
Morton, 2; Clyde, 0.
Motherwell, 4; Falkirk, 0.
St. Mirren, 1; Hamilton, 0.
Kilmarnock, 0; Glasgow Rangers, 1.
Heart of Midlothian, 1.
Dunfermline, 2; Ayr, 3.
Rath Rovers, 1; Dumbarton, 2.

LIVE NOTES OF LIVE RING STARS

Now that Mike Gibbons has polished off Bob Moha in two rounds his success may inspire him to make a serious attempt to corral the middleweight honors. Moha was the first dangerous man the St. Paul streak has tackled since his affair with Eddie McGoorty at Madison Square Garden two years ago last week.

Although Gibbons won on a foul he deserves the full credit for an actual knockout, for Moha's action was tantamount to an acknowledgement of defeat.

This victory seems to indicate that Gibbons has learned to maintain his form, even when his opponent has a "reputation." Lack of confidence was all that cost him in the decision in the McGoorty match. It was plain that Gibbons was the better man, but he was too nervous to prove it.

Perhaps Gibbons was not altogether to blame for the course he has pursued since that defeat. At any rate now that he has dropped his manager and is looking after his own affairs he seems to be willing to make matches in which his opponent figures to have a chance.

In the match with Moha, the latter was allowed to weigh in at 160 pounds at three o'clock. At one time it would have been a waste of breath to suggest such an arrangement, for Gibbons never scales over 154. Jack Dillon may be the next to be taken on at catch weights. Dillon has given out that he is matched with Gibbons for six rounds at Philadelphia on December 14th.

In casting off all weight restrictions Gibbons is showing more nerve than Jimmy Clabby, his one real rival for the title. Clabby asserts that he will have nothing to do with any fighter that cannot make 158 pounds ring-side. As this bars McGoorty, Dillon, Chip, and in fact all the light heavy-

weights, it means that he will have to fight Gibbons or confine his attention to unknowns.

As matters stand it seems to be up to Clabby to make the next move in regard to this match. Gibbons repeatedly has announced that he is willing to sign articles, but expects an even split of the fighters' share of the proceeds. Clabby is holding out for a guarantee of \$10,000 for his end. Of course no club can afford to pay this sum and satisfy Gibbons also.

No doubt when the men decide that the match has been advertised enough they will get together. However, it is possible to overplay this feature until the public sours on the whole affair. This continual airing of the fighters' greed for gold is probably more of a detriment than an asset for all concerned. In fact it has come to be a rule that such affairs invariably end up in disappointing bouts. Therefore Gibbons and Clabby would be wise to accept one of the many offers made, and to do so without any more delay.

COOMBS RELEASED
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CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE CONTEST.

The prize of \$10,000 will be given by the man, woman, or child who writes the most acceptable solution of the mystery, from which the last two reels of motion picture drama will be made and the last two chapters of the story written by Harold MacGrath.

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A board of three judges will determine which of the many solutions received is the most acceptable. The judges are to be Harold MacGrath, Lloyd Lonergan, and Miss Mae Tince. The judgment of this board will be absolute and final. Nothing of a literary nature will be considered in the decision, nor given any preference in the selection of the winner of the \$10,000 prize. The last two reels, which will give the most acceptable solution to the mystery, will be presented in the theaters having this feature as soon as it is possible to produce the same. The story corresponding to these motion pictures will appear in the newspapers coincidentally, or as soon after the appearance of the pictures as practicable. With the last two reels will be shown the pictures of the winner, his or her home, and other interesting features. It is understood that the newspapers, so far as practicable, in printing the last two chapters of the story by Harold MacGrath, will also show a picture of the successful contestant.

Solutions to the mystery must not be more than 100 words long. Here are some questions to be kept in mind in connection with the mystery as an aid to a solution:

No. 1—What becomes of the millionnaire?
No. 2—What becomes of the \$1,000,000?
No. 3—Whom does Florence marry?
No. 4—What becomes of the Russian countess?
Nobody connected either directly or indirectly with "The Million Dollar Mystery" will be considered as a contestant.

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Stanley Hargrave, millionaire, after a miraculous escape from the den of the gang of brilliant thieves known as the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for eighteen years. Hargrave accidentally meets Braine, leader of the Black Hundred, knowing Braine will try to get him, he escapes from his own home by a balloon. Before escaping he writes a letter to the girl's school where eighteen years before he mysteriously left on the doorstep his baby daughter, Florence Gray. That day Hargrave also draws \$1,000,000 from the bank, but it is reported that this dropped into the sea when the balloon he escaped in was punctured.

Florence arrives from the girl's school. Countess Olga Braine's companion, visits her and claims her as a relative. The Black Hundred then see a means of making Florence a target for their attacks. They are after the \$1,000,000, and Braine, their leader, sets traps for Florence. The Black Hundred, after a number of attempts, fail, due to the wisdom of Jones, the Hargrave butler, and Norton, a newspaper man.

CHAPTER XXI.
A PACKET OF PAPERS.

JIM said nothing at first about his adventure to Jones, whom he met half an hour later.

"Was it necessary to keep that invisible letter?" he asked.

"No," said Jones.

"Would it have given our affairs a serious turn if it had fallen into alien hands?"

"Decidedly," answered Jones. "It would mean fight for the Black Hundred or a long time under cover, if our friend Braine learned that Russia was now taking an active interest in the doings of the Black Hundred. And eventually all our work would have to be done over again."

"Ah!"

"You look a bit mused up. Anything happened?" asked the keen eyed butler.

"Nothing much. I made a cigarette out of the letter and smoked it."

Jones chuckled. "I see that you have had an adventure of some sort; but it can wait."

"It can."

"Because I want you to pack off to Washington."

"Washington?"

"Yes. I want you to interview those officials who are most familiar with the extradition laws."

"A new kink?"

"What I wish to learn is this: Can a man, formerly undesirable, take out naturalization papers and hold to the protection of the United States government? That is to say, a prisoner, manacled by Siberia, becomes an American citizen. He is abducted and carried back to Russia. Could he look to this government for protection? That is what I want you to find out."

"That will be easy. When shall I start?"

"As soon as you can pack your grip."

"That's always packed," replied the reporter. "You see, I'm eternally shunted hither and yon, at a moment's notice, so I always have an extra grip packed for quick travel."

"The Russian agent wants Braine, Vron, and the countess; and tonight I'm going to try to point them out to him. It would satisfy me more than anything I know to eliminate this precious trio in Russian fashion. It's thorough; and once accomplished, good-day to the Black Hundred in America. The organization in Russia has still some political significance, but on this side of the water it is merely an aggregation of mercenary thugs."

"I'll take the first train out. But you will tell Florence?"

"Surely."

"And take care of your own heels. You were watched at the hotel."

"I know it; but the watcher could learn nothing. Henri Servan as a name will suggest nothing to the fool who followed me. Besides, we both know that he was trying to peek through the keyhole. That hotel, you know, still retains the old-fashioned keyholes."

"To keep the maids in good humor, I sup-



WHOSE HANDS ARE THESE?

posed," laughed Jim. "Well, I must be on my way to make that flyer."

The two shook hands and Jim hurried off. The butler watched him till he disappeared down the subway.

"He's a good lad," he murmured, "and a brave lad; and money is only an incident in human affairs after all. I'll be a good angel and let the two be happy, since they love each other and have proved it in a thousand ways."

For a long time the leather box across which was inscribed "Stanley Hargrave"



BRINE AND HIS ACCOMPLICE PLAN THE CAPTURE OF HENRI SERVAN

lay in peace undisturbed. A busy spider had woven a trap across the handle to the quaint lock. The box was still badly stained from its immersion in the salt water. At a certain time it was quietly withdrawn from its hiding place. It was stealthily opened. A hand reached in and when it withdrew a packet of papers was also withdrawn. The box was again locked and lowered; and presently the spider returned to find that his cunning trap had been totally destroyed. With the infinite patience of his kind he began the weaving of another trap. Perhaps this would be more successful than his predecessor.

Later Henri Servan received a telephone call. He was informed that his purpose in America would be realized by his presence at such and such a box that night at the opera. Further information could not be given over the telephone. Servan seemed well satisfied. He dressed carefully that evening, called up the office clerk and inquired if his

"We are near the end?" whispered Florence.

"Very near the end."

"And I shall see my father?"

Jones bent his head. "If we succeed."

"There is danger?" thinking of her lover.

"There is always danger when I leave this house. So be good," the butler added with a smile.

"And Jim?"

"He has proved that he can take care of himself."

"Tell him to be very careful."

"I'll do so, but it will not be necessary;" and with this Jones set forth upon what he considered the culminating adventure.

The usual brilliant crowd began to pour into the opera. Braine took his stand by the entrance. He waited a long time, but his patience was rewarded. A limousine drove up and out of the door came his man, who looked about with casual interest. He dismissed the limousine, which wheeled slowly round the corner where it could be conveniently parked. Then Servan entered the opera.

Braine hurried round to the limousine. The lights, save those demanded by traffic regulations, were out. The chauffeur was huddled in his seat.

"My man," said Braine, "would you like to make some money?"

"How much?" listlessly. The voice was muffled.

"Twenty."

"Good night, sir."

"Good night and good morning!"

"A hundred!"

"Now you're got me interested. What kind of a joy ride do you want?"

"No joy ride. Listen."

Briefly the conspirator outlined his needs, and finally the chauffeur nodded. Five twenties were pressed into his hand and he curled up in his seat again.

Servan entered his box. In the box next to his sat a handsomely gowned young woman. He threw her an idle glance, which was repaid in kind. Later, Braine came in and sat down beside Olga.

"Everything looks like plain sailing," he whispered.

Olga shrugged slightly.

During the intermission between the first and second acts, Servan took the rear chair of his box, near the curtains. Braine, watching with the eyes of a lynx, suddenly observed the curtains stirring. A hand was thrust through. In that hand was a packet of papers. With seeming indifference Servan reached back and took the papers, stowing them away in a pocket.

Braine rose at the beginning of the second act.

"Where are you going?" asked Olga nervously.

"To see Otto."

"A bold attempt was made to rob Servan while in the box, but the timely arrival of Jim frustrated this plan. So Braine was forced to rely on the chauffeur of the limousine.

As Farrar's last thrilling note died away Braine and Olga rose.

"Be careful. And come to the apartment just as soon as you can."

"I'll be careful," Braine declared quietly. "You can watch the play if you wish."

When Servan entered the limousine he was quietly but firmly seized by two men who had been lying in wait for him, due to the apparent treachery of the chauffeur. Servan fought valiantly, for all that he knew what the end of this exploit was going to be. One of the men succeeded in getting the documents from Servan's pocket.

"Done, my boy!" cried the victor. "Give him a crack on the coco and we'll beat it."

"Just a minute, gentlemen!" said a voice from the seat at the side of the chauffeur. "I'll take those papers!" And the owner of the voice, backed by a cold, sinister looking automatic, reached in and confiscated the spoils of war. "And I shouldn't make any attempt to slip out by the side door."

"Thanks, my friend," said Servan, shaking himself free from his captors.

"Don't mention it," said Norton amiably. "We thought something like this would happen. Keep perfectly quiet, you chaps. Drive on, chauffeur; drive on!"

"Yes, my lord! To what particular police station shall I head this omnibus?"

"The nearest, Jones; the very nearest you can think of! Some day, when I'm rich, I'll hire you for my chauffeur. But for the present I shall expect at least a box of Partagas out of that hundred."

Jones chuckled. "I'll buy you a box out of my own pocket. That hundred goes to charity."

"Here we are! Out with you," said Jim to his prisoners. He shouldered them into the police station, to the captain's desk.

"What's this?" demanded the captain.

"Holdup men," said Jim. "Entered this man's car and tried to rob him."

"Uh-huh! An' who're you?"

Jim showed his badge and card.

"Oho! Hey, there; I mean you!" said the captain, leveling a finger at Otto. "Lift up that hat; lift it up. Sure, it's Fountain Pen Otto! Well, well; an' we've been lookin' for you for ten months on the last forgery case. Mr. Norton, my thanks. Take 'em below, sergeant. You'll be here to make the complaint in th' mornin', sir," he added to Servan.

"If it is necessary."

"It may be against Otto's pal. I don't know him."

"Very well."

And Jones and Norton and Servan trooped out of the station.

At last Jones and the reporter entered a cheap luncheon and ordered coffee and toast.

"You're a wonderful man, Jones, even if you are an Englishman," said Jim as he called for the check.

"English? What makes you think I am English?" asked Jones with a curious glitter in his eyes.

"I'll tell you on the spot; we put the rollers under Braine and company."

Jones stared long and intently at his young partner. What did he really know?

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