

AN ILL;  
MEN WOUNDED

Harcourt, is the only New Brun-  
being reported seriously ill in the  
e reported seriously.

THIRTIETH BATTALION.  
iously ill—NATHAN A. WARD,  
RCOURT, KENT CO. (N. B.).  
ORTY-EIGHTH BATTALION,  
ed—Kingsley A. Evans, Beulah  
n.)

PRINCESS PATS.  
nguously ill—JOS. C. SHIFTON,  
NAPOLIS ROYAL (N. S.).  
DYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT,  
ed of wounds—Corporal John P.  
er, England.

DRD STRATHOONA'S HORSE.  
s (Man).  
verely wounded—Acting Lance Cor-  
Jack McCann, Bradford (Ont.).  
ST CANADIAN MOUNTED  
RIFLES.

ghtly wounded—James W. John-  
Beresford (Man.)  
RTH REGIMENT CANADIAN  
MOUNTED RIFLES.  
ounded—Wm. C. Eiswerth, Eng-  
ffering from shock—Richard Hook-  
England.

ELFTH REGIMENT CANADIAN  
MOUNTED RIFLES.  
nguously ill—Fred. Knight, Eng-  
land.

ST BRIGADE CANADIAN  
FIELD ARTILLERY.  
ed of wounds—Gunner Ernest E.  
y, England; Gunner John O. Fear-  
England.

ADIAN DIVISIONAL CYCLE  
COMPANY.  
nguously ill—R. Abbott, England.  
MBER THREE CANADIAN  
FIELD AMBULANCE.

erely wounded—Arthur Millen,  
land.

lets from his bed, on Codere's or-  
and with him carried the body to  
stable, where the latter bound it up  
in wire. Codere also gave a leading  
trench crop to the witness and told  
to burn it. This was found by the  
ce half consumed. Keller was also  
in a bloody carving knife, produced,  
lean.

nce Corporal Leland Desjardins,  
second orderly, corroborated the  
y, both orderlies explaining their  
re to report the affair until next  
ing on the ground of fear of Co-  
s, who took supper in the house,  
usual, with the officers.

mong other witnesses important evi-  
dence was given by Quartermas-  
ter Alphonse Martin, of the 9th  
s, who at the request of Codere,  
was packing case, four feet by three  
y, to the house.

Major Hughes, of the 41st, caused the  
et of Codere in camp. The medi-  
evidence showed the throat slashed  
care to ear, and the fractured skull,  
in 46 wounds in the head and face.

an officer of the 69th Battalion ad-  
sent quartered in this city, was at one  
s acquainted with Lieut. Codere,  
has been convicted in England for  
murder of Sergeant Oganne, of the 9th  
nted Rifles.

he officer stated that he knew Lieut.  
ere when he was consigned with  
41st, but before the battalion was  
reas they parted company, he being  
ferred to the 69th.

hat the theory that Lieut. Codere  
ht have committed the crime for  
oney, he thought hardly reasonable.  
t. Codere's father is a well-to-do  
lesale merchant at Sherbrooke and  
ted to be very wealthy.

oderre was very free with his money  
all occasions, and thought nothing of  
iding \$100 in one evening's enjoy-  
t. He was never in need of money,  
s always carried a "roll" on his person  
never had to work during his life  
for a living.

ent. Codere, the officer stated, was  
s early twenties, and had never been  
ected with military life before he  
lled for a lieutenant's commission  
secured it in the 41st Battalion.

H. BELL, P.E.I.,  
LIBERAL LEADER

urist, P. E. I. Dec. 20—(Special)—  
I. Bell, C. C. barrister of Summers-  
s, was chosen leader of the provincial  
al opposition today. He is an ex-  
cended parliamentarian, having been  
provincial and Dominion parliamen-  
s, was formerly M. P. for Prince coun-  
y. His selection adds much strength to  
Liberal party in this province. He  
take an active part in the by-  
election campaign in the first district of  
s, and spoke at the "big" opening  
ing in Souris.

ughlin McDonald, who was nomi-  
ed by the Liberals, yesterday, to op-  
e H. D. McLean, is a former member  
the provincial executive and is re-  
s as a strong candidate.

EAT BRITAIN ASKED  
FOR EXPLANATION FOR  
STOPPING PARCEL POST.  
ashington, Dec. 20—The United  
s has protested to Great Britain  
nt interference with parcel post  
ments between this country and  
den, Secretary Lansing announced  
y.

r Lansing said that the Swedish  
ister has complained to the state de-  
ment that parcel post shipments had  
held up by British ships on the  
eas. Besides filing a protest, the  
e department asked Great Britain  
an explanation, Mr. Lansing said.

CHANGE FOR HENRY TO  
SPOUT IN COPENHAGEN  
ristiania, Dec. 20—Henry Ford has  
red information that he would be  
hibited from holding meetings in  
enagen, it was learned today. He  
go there, however, to select the dele-  
s to accompany his party to this  
ue.

# The Star-Tribune

## The News

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### FRENCH VICTORY IN VOSGES BRILLIANT, 1,300 CAPTURED; RUSSIANS MAY AID IN NEW DRIVE TO CONSTANTINOPLE

#### Further Changes in Leadership With New Commander in Near East— British House Unanimous in Authorizing New Army and in Extending Life of Commons for Eight Months.

### RUSSIAN CAPTURE OF VARNA ONE OF GREATEST MOVES OF WAR

London, Dec. 22—The second American note to Austria shared the leading position in the late London newspapers with the reports of the Russian success at Varna, Bulgaria's chief seaport.

The note appeared here too late for extended editorial comment, but the headlines reflected the opinion—"note couched in sharper tones" all discussion about details swept aside; "no further discussion appears possible."

Up to a late hour there was an official confirmation of the report of the Russian occupation of Varna, which, if true, is, according to the London editors, "one of the greatest moves of the present war."

The same critics declare that the Russian assault on Varna is the prelude to a new effort for Constantinople, which is less than 150 miles distant.

On the western front the success of the French at Hartmann-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges, is regarded in the Allied capitals as not only a brilliant, but a useful, operation at a point where the situation has been most difficult for many months. The number of prisoners is the largest on the west front since the great Champagne-Loos offensive.

The English public takes much pride in the manner in which Australia has taken the withdrawal from Gallipoli. This attitude is summed up by an Australian newspaper in the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech:

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

The most important developments of the evening in Great Britain were an appeal by the leading bankers to the nation to unite in the task of meeting the war's financial requirements, and a speech by David Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, at Newcastle, to the trade union officials of the country, appealing to them for assistance in obtaining 80,000 skilled workers, which he demanded in his speech in parliament a few days ago.

The reports of the Reichstag discussions have aroused some interest in the Entente capitals, where the Socialist attitude is being closely followed, many believing that some sections of the Socialist group in Germany may prove to be the ultimate channel of peace negotiations. A Copenhagen despatch declares that the Socialist party in Germany is now completely divided, twenty-one members having seceded and formed a new party with an independent organization.

#### THIS REPORT DOES NOT CONFIRM CAPTURE.

London, Dec. 23—There is still no confirmation of the reported Russian landing at Varna. A Bosphorus despatch to the Times, dated Dec. 21, says:

"A Russian fleet of about forty vessels appeared yesterday morning (Monday) off Cape Kalliakta, and proceeded in the direction of Varna, whence a violent bombardment was heard. Nothing was visible owing to the fog."

"According to official reports, four large warships and two torpedo boats engaged in the bombardment with heavy guns. The shore batteries replied. The firing lasted from 8 to 10 o'clock in the morning, then ceased, apparently owing to the fog, and the squadron returned to Kalliakta about noon."

"Simultaneously with the bombardment two Russian gunboats opened fire on the Bulgarian frontier near Ekrene."

#### British in Artillery Duel.

London, Dec. 22—The following British official statement was issued tonight:

"During the last twenty-four hours there has been artillery activity on many portions of the front, principally about Picricourt, on both sides of La Bassée Canal, and at Ypres. Our artillery replied effectively."

#### French Victory Ends Sniping.

Paris, Dec. 22—The successful action of the French at Hartmann-Wellerkopf was made for the purpose of bringing to an end a situation which the French regarded as intolerable. On the summit of this mountain there had been incessant firing by both sides. The trenches were separated by only a very small distance. The result of this fighting was an appreciable loss of men each day.

The French success resulted from careful artillery preparation and the dashing onslaught of the troops. The Germans have been forced back some distance on the eastern slopes of the mountain.

#### 1,300 Germans Taken.

Paris, Dec. 22—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"In Belgium the artillery displayed activity in the region of Hettens and Boesinghe."

"To the south of Arras there has been incessant shelling around Bearlaire. We destroyed a mine which seriously damaged an enemy trench along the road to the east."

"At Dannecourt, in the region of the Yser, a strong German patrol, taken under our fire, fled, abandoning several wounded."

"On the heights of the Meuse, in the sector of the Bouchot wood, our batteries violently bombarded the adverse trenches and caused the explosion of a munitions depot."

"In the Vosges, at Hartmann-Wellerkopf, after a series of local actions, the enemy gained a footing in one section of the trenches which we captured yesterday and which were held by our advanced detachments. The number of German prisoners taken at this point surpasses 1,300."

"The Belgian official communication reads:

"Our batteries have been very active today. They bombarded the German posts on the left bank of the Yser as well as the entrenchments at Eessen."

"To the north of Dixmude, our heavy guns completed the destruction of the blockhouse overturned yesterday, which the enemy attempted to repair."

#### Greece Impressed By Varna Attack.

London, Dec. 23—An Athens despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company, dated Tuesday evening, says:

"News of the landing of Russian forces

### Kaiser William Suffering From Horrible Disease

London, Dec. 22—An official message received here today from Berlin announcing Emperor William's illness, gives the ailment as "zellgewebensendung," more frequently given as "hindegewebensendung."

An authoritative medical publication gives the term "cellulitis" and describes it as follows:

"Inflammation of cellular or loose connective tissue, chiefly subcutaneous, but also of that between muscles and viscera, or surrounding various organs. It is characterized by the same spreading or atonic character as erysipelas, and is circumscribed or diffuse. The swelling is marked early by branching lines of lymphangitis. Pain is tense and great, and the abscess glands and vessels are often inflamed. Constitutional symptoms are grave. The disease is often mild in degree, and the lymphatics may dispose of the poison and suppuration fall to occur."

### A GERMAN POWDER FACTORY BLOWN UP

#### 300 Women Killed in Explosion of Muenster Plant

### INCOME TAXES HIGHER IN BADEN

#### Prussia and Saxony Also Suffer— Swiss National Council Declines to Mediate at Present Stage—Ger- many Disagrees With U. S. on Frye Question.

London, Dec. 22—According to advice to the Amsterdam Telegram, forwarded by Reuters' correspondent, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up.

Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds.

Later advices from Amsterdam state that, according to accounts received there, 800 of the 600 women employed in the Muenster powder mill were killed.

#### Roumanian Grain Secured.

Berlin, Dec. 22, via London—According to a Bucharest despatch the exportation of 20,000 carloads of grain of various sorts have been finally arranged, a satisfactory agreement on the method of payment having been reached between the German and Roumanian negotiators.

#### Income Tax Increased.

Berlin, Dec. 22, via London—The movement for an increase of taxation by the German states has begun with Baden, where the Diet has just passed a bill increasing the income tax twenty per cent. on income above 2,400 marks.

It was pointed out in the Reichstag on Monday that Prussia and Saxony also intend to increase their income tax rates.

#### Austrian Consul a Spy.

Geneva, via Paris, Dec. 22—The secretary of the Austrian consulate here, Herr Taussig, has been arrested on a charge of espionage. The charge, it is said, grows out of his alleged denunciation of Mrs. Merrick Hildebrandt, of Louisville (Ky.), recently expelled from Germany after her arrest and imprisonment on a charge which she said was not made known to her, and who came to Geneva and caused a strong protest to be forwarded to Washington against what she declared to be the unwarranted treatment accorded her by the German authorities.

#### Peace Overtures Inopportune.

Paris, Dec. 22—The Swiss federal council believes that this is not the proper time to offer its good offices to belligerents for the negotiations of an armistice, or preparations for peace negotiations, according to a declaration made in the Swiss parliament today by M. Hoffmann, head of the political department of the federal council, as quoted in a Havas despatch from Berne.

M. Hoffmann's declaration was made in reply to an interpellation by M. Greulich, representing the Socialist group, who said he was satisfied with the answer of the federal council, adds the despatch, and there was no debate.

M. Hoffmann, according to the correspondent, said that the course of events would be followed with the greatest attention.

"We will be glad," he quoted remarks continue, "if, moved by sympathy for the belligerents, and faithful to its traditions, the federal council should be able to mediate between the warring parties."

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### MONROE GOES TO DARDANELLES; MONROE BACK TO HAIG'S PLACE

London, Dec. 22—Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro, as British commander at the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued this afternoon.

Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the first British army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig.

The official announcement follows:

"General Sir Douglas Haig having assumed command of the British forces in France and Flanders, General Sir Charles Monro will succeed him in command of the first army."

"Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Murray, chief of the imperial general staff, will succeed Sir Charles Monro."

"Lieutenant-General Sir William Robertson, now chief of the general staff in France, will become chief officer of the imperial general staff, with the temporary rank of general, with Major-General W. Whigham as his deputy."

"Major-General L. Kiggell, now assistant to the chief of the imperial general staff, will become chief of the general staff of Sir Douglas Haig."

#### Bills Pass Without Division.

London, Dec. 22—The house of commons today passed bills prolonging the life of the present parliament eight months, and increasing the strength of the British army to 5,000,000 men. Both bills passed without division.

The army bill was passed in committee of the whole at last night's session, after a fourteen hours sitting. The debate on this bill today, prior to its final passage, was brief and without feature, its opponents all having sufficiently aired their views during the committee stage.

The newly authorized army, of 5,000,000 men, will be raised in the first year of the war, the largest army ever raised in this country. Mr. Tennant gave interesting figures on the large reserve requirements of the army under modern war conditions, saying that it was necessary to have at home in reserve 1 1/2 men for every soldier in the field. This estimate was based on the monthly wastage of fifteen per cent, which was the experience of the first year of the war. Thus the army of 2,200,000, which figures were given by Premier Asquith yesterday as the present British force abroad, required 3,300,000 reserves in training at home, or a total force of 5,500,000 necessary for the prosecution of the war on the present basis for one year.

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### VENOT CHARGES FULLY SUSTAINED BY COMMISSIONER

#### Chandler Report Scathing Arraignment of the Accused Officials

#### Striking Evidence of Barefaced Irregularity and Wrong- doing—Lengthy Review of the Evidence Submitted by Witnesses Examined and the Commissioner's Remarks —The Case of W. H. Berry—The First Part of the Re- port in Full.

The report of Mr. Commissioner Chandler on the result of his investigation into the charges of irregularity on the part of government officials, involving three Conservative members of the Legislature, made by P. J. Veniot and E. S. Carter was given out for publication by Attorney-General Baxter last evening. The report is a scathing arraignment of the officials who were brought to book by the charges. The Royal Commissioner has not minced words and his findings sustain the charges made by Mr. Veniot—which the government tried to make light of—in practically every particular. It was realized during the hearing that the charges were being made good.

The report is very long—roughly 12,000 words. The first installment of the report follows, and the remainder will be published on consecutive days:

To the Honorable the Executive Council of the Province of New Brunswick:

Upon my appointment as commissioner, by commission issued under the Great Seal of the Province of New Brunswick on the third day of March, A.D. 1915, I entered upon the investigation which I was required to make by my commission.

At the outset of my investigation I made some enquiries into the operations of the departments of public works, of lands and mines, of agriculture and of the provincial secretary-treasurer of the province of New Brunswick and into the operations of the said departments, but I could not find any instances of inefficiency, incapacity, irregularity, dishonesty or wrong-doing on the part of any inside official or employee of the said departments or in the administration of these branches of the public service, with this possible exception.

Soon after my appointment as commissioner I took the evidence of Thomas G. Loggie, esquire, deputy minister of lands and mines, and he called my attention to the fact that steps might, in his judgment, be taken which would promote the efficiency of the department, and that some of his suggestions had been carried out and that others were being considered by the head of the department.

Under these circumstances I do not think it necessary for me to go into detail as to the suggestions made by Mr. Loggie.

Mr. Loggie's suggestions dealt with the improvement of the efficiency of the staff of the department, and he stated that no cases of actual dishonesty or wrong-doing on the part of the staff had come under his notice.

A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Port Said, received early this morning, says:

"The Yassaka Maru sunk in 45 minutes. Perfect discipline prevailed among the passengers and crew, and all lives were saved."

The Yassaka Maru was a vessel of 6,875 tons net.

#### MELBA RAISES \$5,000 FOR RED CROSS AT OTTAWA CONCERT

Ottawa, Dec. 22—More than \$5,000 will be given to the Canadian Red Cross Society by Madame Melba, the noted soprano, as a result of a concert in a theatre here tonight. Madame Melba and Edmund Burke, of Montreal, donated their services free, the former also paying for the rental of the theatre. A distinguished audience was present, including the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, and the Princess Patricia, Sir William Laurier and members of the Dominion cabinet.

#### Sarah Bernhardt, Not Ill

London, Dec. 22—The report that Sarah Bernhardt is dangerously ill is characterized in a Havas despatch from Paris this evening as unfounded.

#### Member of Ford Party Dies.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 22—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died today of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

Under these conditions Willard H. Berry very irregularly and unwisely in my judgment arranged to settle the rebate due to the Miramichi Lumber Company by taking from the Dalhousie Lumber Company the check of that company for the amount due by it to the Department of Lands and Mines. This check was accordingly drawn by the Dalhousie Lumber Company and handed over to the manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company, the check of that company for the amount of rebate due from the province to the Miramichi Lumber Company was paid to them and the province practically received the amount due to it by the Dalhousie Lumber Company.

Willard H. Berry says that this arrangement was made at his suggestion.

So far as I can see from the evidence adduced before me, the amount of \$2,908.22 was really due from the province to the Miramichi Lumber Company and the money necessary to pay this amount was obtained through this check given by the Dalhousie Lumber Company, which company thereby discharged its liability to the province. The province lost nothing by the transaction so far as I can see, but in my judgment the whole matter was very irregularly conducted, and Willard H. Berry took altogether too much upon himself in settling these two matters as he did.



FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 19.—The Christmas closing of the Hillsboro High school, was observed by a grand concert given by the scholars of the different grades, in the public hall on Friday evening, under the efficient direction of Principal Chapman and Misses J. C. Stevens, Julia Brewster, Ina Stevens and Gertrude Simmons, the other members of the staff. Principal Chapman presided and the large auditorium was packed to the doors, many being unable to obtain seats. The programme was most excellent and greatly enjoyed.

While all of the programme was exceedingly well carried out, great praise was given the boys of the Cadet Corps, who performed their drill with great precision and fine effect. The pupils receiving High school entrance certificates this year were: Pauline Stevens, Edith Stevens, Ida Collins, Gerard Thompson, Gilbert Dawson, Kenneth Stevens, May Ellmore, Burl Collins, Lewis McLaughlin. The latter is now serving with the 104th Battalion at Sussex. The presentation of the certificates was made by Rev. Mr. Sherwood, vicar of the parish. During the evening Miss Jennie Stevens, one of the teachers, was presented with a handsome fountain pen, the gift of her pupils in Grade VII. The presentation was made by C. Allison Peck, a member of the school board. The receipts from the sale of the tickets amounted to \$21.15, which will be devoted to purchasing pens, to patriotic purposes. The Hillsboro school has now the largest attendance in its history, there being about 300 names on the roll. All of the members of the teaching staff will continue the term.

Private Kenneth W. Hutt, of the 13th Battalion, reported in the papers as seriously ill, it is well known here, having lived in this county for several years, previous to enlisting. Friends here hope for this speedy recovery.

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funeral of his aunt, Miss Kate McWilliams. Rev. and Mrs. A. D. McCully entertained the members of the latter's Sunday school class at the parsonage one evening last week in honor of a member of the class, Arthur Reder, Jr., who recently enlisted for overseas service.

Charles Jones received a letter last week from his nephew, Bert Jones, who is in training at Shorncliffe. Mr. Jones expects to be sent to Saloniki next month.

Corporal Lloyd Taylor came home from Halifax last week suffering with a bad attack of quinsy but his condition somewhat improved this week and he will probably be fit for duty again in a few days.

George Chapman, principal of the Hillsboro High school, is spending the holiday season here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chapman.

APOHAQUI

Apoahqui, Dec. 20.—The closing of the school for the holidays took place on Thursday afternoon, when an entertaining programme was carried out, reflecting much credit on the efficient teachers—as well as showing the talent possessed by the pupils who so capably carried out their parts. In the primary department, with Miss Ada Conely as teacher, the pupils made a good showing in their averages—the highest in the room being made by Marjorie Jones and Malcolm Ogilvie—who each averaged 100 on their examinations. At the time of writing the standing of the pupils in the higher grades had not been ascertained. Owing to stress of work, Principal Robinson had not yet given out all the marks in his grades. A very large number of visitors were present at the closing exercises—after which a bountiful treat was bestowed on the children.

Mrs. W. A. Jones was summoned to Sussex last week, owing to the serious illness of her sister, Miss Greta Hallett. Miss Hallett has many friends here who are much grieved over her critical condition.

Mrs. M. H. Parlee, Hampton, spent Friday last with her sister, Mrs. Harley S. Colby H. Jones, of the U. N. B., who has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Annie Armstrong, who has been teaching in Sackville, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Councilor and Mrs. Armstrong.

Mrs. Robert Williams has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. I. D. Pearson, is recovering rapidly from her illness, having been confined to her home with an attack of grippe, which she contracted on Saturday evening last with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pearson.

Miss Ethel Gilchrist, student of the P. N. S., is home for the holidays.

CHIPMAN

Chipman, Dec. 18.—Miss Ida McDougall returned to her home in Boston on Saturday. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. James McDougall, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Armstrong, for the past six months.

Miss Winnifred Demings, graduate nurse of Boston, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Demings.

Misses Carrie and Ollie Morrison were the guests of friends in Fredericton over Sunday.

Rev. David Price, Middle Sackville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. King over Sunday, taking the services of the Baptist church during the day.

H. M. Armstrong, another Chipman boy who has enlisted, left on Monday for St. John, where he expects to be stationed for some time.

Miss Gustie Fulton is spending a few days with friends in Fredericton.

Rev. E. E. Mowatt was in St. John this week attending the presbytery.

Miss Helen Baird, who has been attending the Ladies' College, Halifax, was in St. John for the Christmas holidays on Thursday.

Lance-Corporal Leslie Harper of the 104th spent a few days of this week in the village, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harper.

Mrs. Harry Richard and baby daughter, who arrived on Saturday at Woodstock, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Orchard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. King spent several days of this week in St. John.

Rev. Harry King and three daughters, Elspeth, Doris and Nancy, spent the week with friends in Hampton and St. John.

Mrs. Harry Parsons left on Thursday for Fredericton, where she expects to spend the winter with her husband, Private Harry Parsons of the 104th.

A very enjoyable concert was given in the hall here, under the auspices of the Soldiers' Comforts League on Tuesday evening, December 14, at which the sum of about \$38 was realized.

Miss Viola Hasman, who is a student at the Provincial Normal school, is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Hassan.

PORT ELGIN

Port Elgin, N. B., Dec. 18.—Harry Redmond of Halifax, who spent the week end here the guests of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Spence, returned to Halifax on Monday morning.

Miss Marjorie Emma returned home on Tuesday afternoon from a visit to Amherst, where she was the guest of Mrs. C. H. Read.

Miss Gladys Graves returned home on Monday from a visit to friends in Amherst, where she was the guest of Mrs. C. H. Read.

Miss Ruby Read and Mrs. Walter Turner returned Saturday afternoon from a few days spent in Amherst.

Miss Hilda Wells is visiting friends in Point de Bute.

Miss Len Murray is visiting friends in Shemogue.

Miss C. C. Nason who for the past two years has been on the school staff here, resigned her position and left on Friday evening for her home in Fredericton. At the school closing on Friday, Miss Nason's pupils presented her with a flash light beautifully engraved. The address was read by one of the pupils, Harold Hayward.

Quite a number of recruits have signed on in the 145th Battalion. Among those who have been accepted are: Walker Knapp, John Bateman, Vincent Goodwin, Karl Berg, Winfred Goodwin, Medard Berg, Charles Kimball, Abner Goodwin.

Mrs. Charles Munro and two little children Annie, and Collin will leave on

Monday morning for Truro where they will spend Christmas at Mrs. Munro's old home.

Mrs. Carey Robinson went to Sackville on Friday evening to spend the week end at her home there.

A number from here attended the Christmas party at the Upper Cape on Wednesday. Among those who were here were Mrs. and Mrs. John Main and Mrs. and Mrs. A. R. Moore.

A Murray of Amherst, father of A. J. Murray and Mrs. John Wells, of this town, died at his home in Amherst on Thursday morning.

Miss Mayne MacIntyre, spent Monday in Amherst returning home Tuesday afternoon.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 20.—Two Austrians were arrested here on Saturday. One is charged with annoying women in the streets. He was remanded until tomorrow. Another has been acting suspiciously and has made several attempts to go to the United States.

Lieut. B. M. Murray went to St. John today to meet Lieut. Col. Fowler. He is an applicant for a commission in the 140th.

Lieut. Kay of the A. S. C., who has been stationed here for two months, has been transferred to St. John and Lieut. Underwood succeeds him.

The Board of Trade has secured a daily train service on the Fredericton-Gagetown section of the Valley Railway beginning tomorrow.

YARMOUTH

Yarmouth, N. S., December 18.—The marriage of Murray A. Treffy, of Acadia, and Miss Irene G. Pinckney, of Central, was solemnized by Rev. W. J. Berry on the evening of the 9th, at the residence of the bride's father, W. D. Pinckney. On the evening of the 13th a large number of Mrs. Treffy's friends tendered her a miscellaneous shower, a very pleasant evening being spent. The happy couple will reside in Rockville.

William Rogers, son of James Rogers, of Milton, is in a serious condition, the result of a fall in the pit at the Empire Garage and Motor Co. last Tuesday afternoon, striking his stomach on the floor, breaking three ribs and sustaining internal injuries.

Miss Margaret Edgar, employed in the post office here, met with a painful accident Tuesday evening, having the first finger of her right hand jammed so badly in a door that amputation was necessary.

Miss Arabella M. McKay, of Bradford Academy, Bradford (Mass.), arrived by steamer this morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David McKay.

Mrs. A. K. VanHorne returned from Boston this morning, after visiting relatives there.

Fred. T. Burrill and bride arrived home on Saturday morning last from their wedding trip.

Capt. and Mrs. Samuel Purdy returned to their home in New York on Saturday evening last, via Boston.

John Neville, of New York, arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday morning last, to visit his brother, Michael Neville, at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Cook and family, of Pleasant Valley, took passage by steamer Tuesday, arriving on Saturday last, en route for San Jose, Santa Clara county, California, where they will reside.

Mrs. William Burrill left last week to spend Christmas with her daughters in Amherst.

Herbert Tremaine, of Toronto, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Williams Webster, left to return to her home on Monday morning.

Lieut. Simpson, of Halifax, has been spending a few days in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Cain, Cliff street.

Private Henry Lewis, of the Hospital Unit, Halifax, came to town on Thursday last to visit his mother, Mrs. George C. Lewis, and returned on Monday morning.

Mr. H. L. Moses, regimental butcher of the 64th battalion, arrived from Halifax on Saturday last, and is spending a few days' furlough with his family at Ohio.

Mrs. T. R. Jolly returned on Wednesday from a two months' visit to Boston and neighboring cities.

Miss Dorothy Potts, who for the past two months has been visiting in New York, returned home on Wednesday morning.

Inspectors Currie and McDougall arrived in Yarmouth on Wednesday morning by steamer Prince George.

Miss Beatrice Godfrey, daughter of W. A. Godfrey, Yarmouth, has joined the staff of the Bank of Montreal, Halifax.

REXTON

Rexton, Dec. 20.—The school concert held in the Public Hall Friday evening was very successful in all respects. The manner in which the pupils did their parts was worthy of the highest commendation, and the teachers deserve great credit for the pains they had taken in training the pupils for the different parts. Miss Helen Carson presided at the piano and did much to render the affair successful. Rev. G. S. Gardner acted as chairman very acceptably. The proceeds amounted to \$108.85 to be used for Red Cross purposes.

During the past year the towns of Rexton and Richibucto, previously lighted by electricity, have been without lights as the system in use was found to be too expensive. Several meetings have since been held and projects discussed by which a satisfactory lighting system could be established. At a meeting held at Richibucto Friday night, it was unanimously agreed to dam the Kouchibougué river and install an electric plant there which would be run by water power. A system of towns and villages of Kouchibougué, St. Louis, Richibucto and Rexton can be lighted by electricity.

Misses Beatrice Richard, Francena Lanigan, Margaret Roach, Cassie O'Leary and Len Murray who have been attending the Provincial Normal school returned home Friday to spend the holidays. Leo Fraser, who has been attending the same institution, returned home the same day.

Miss Lynn Wright, who teaches at Dorchester, came home Saturday to spend her holidays.

George McNulty, who has recently enlisted at Bathurst, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNulty.

Miss Vera McInerney, who has been teaching school at Sussex and Miss An-

THE HEROINE OF LOOS



Mlle. EMILIENCE MOREAU.

Mlle. Emilienne Moreau, a young French girl seventeen years of age, who was captured by the British at Loos, is the heroine of the Loos. She was captured by the British at Loos, and she was the only woman to be awarded the Military Medal for her gallantry while under fire. She was captured by the British at Loos, and she was the only woman to be awarded the Military Medal for her gallantry while under fire.

At Senator George T. Baird's, returned to Fredericton Saturday.

The Anderson cooking class held their last meeting with Mrs. G. B. Peat on Thursday evening, when Miss Saunders gave a very interesting demonstration on candy making.

Mrs. Robert Crawford is visiting her brother, Isaiah Wortman at Wyppolite (Me.).

Daniel James, of St. Mary's is the guest of his uncle, Warren James.

Mrs. Benjamin Beveridge spent the week-end at Aroostook Junction, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

Miss Susie Watson, who has been visiting friends at Fort Fairfield (Me.), the past two weeks, returned on Monday.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Hugh G. Ervin last Tuesday afternoon. A very interesting debate was held, the subject being: Resolved, that a good home-maker is better than a good housekeeper.

Mrs. George J. Baird returned on Friday from Woodstock, where she had been receiving treatment in the Fisher Memorial Hospital.

Miss Edith MacKenzie, who has been visiting her grandparents, Sheriff and Mrs. Tibbitts, returned to her home in St. Stephen Friday.

Miss Mildred Wallace, principal of the Grammar school, went to Fredericton Friday to spend the vacation.

Miss William Gaunce, of Upper Kent, spent several days last week the guest of Mrs. Harry H. Tibbitts.

Miss Hilda Lamont left for her home in Glasville on Friday, where she will spend the vacation.

Miss Burnett-Graze went to Fredericton on Friday to spend the vacation with relatives.

Miss Charlotte Cameron is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton at River de Chute for several weeks.

Miss Margaret Sutton went to Plaster Rock on Friday and is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. T. Marston.

Little Miss Mary Wortman, who has spent the past three months with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Crawford, left for her home in Wyppolite (Me.) Saturday.

Miss Janet M. Curry, who has been assisting in the B. & A. office at Caribou (Me.), returned home Saturday.

Miss Millicent Carter, who has been visiting friends in Woodstock, returned Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas Bedell and children, of St. John are the guests of Mrs. Bedell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tibbitts.

James Porter, Jr. is home from the U. N. B. spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baird and little Miss Mary Baird, who have been guests

In the afternoon, a number of interested visitors also attended the closing of the primary school, of which Miss Josie Matthews has been the teacher during the past term, and were much pleased with the work and recitations of the young scholars.

Miss Weyman left on Tuesday, for Sussex, where she will spend the Christmas vacation with her father, C. W. Weyman.

Miss Josie Matthews has returned to her home in Marysville to spend the holidays.

T. Sherman Peters returned on Tuesday from Montreal, where he has been spending the past week.

Mrs. James A. Law, who has been visiting in Fredericton for some week, returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. John R. Dunn was a visitor in Fredericton on Tuesday and returned, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Winfield Dunn, who has been spending the week with friends.

Rev. William Armstrong, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. T. Sherman Peters, during the past week, left for St. John on Tuesday.

S. L. Peters, of Queenstown, and W. P. Fox, of Lower Gagetown, returned home by Tuesday's train, after spending some time in St. John and Fredericton.

Fox Brothers will be engaged during the winter, in lumbering on the J. R. Dunn lot on Duck Creek road.

There is now about six inches of ice on the creek, and crossing from Jemseg has begun. The skating has been ideal all week.

Grand Falls, Dec. 20.—The public exercises on Thursday afternoon drew the usual crowd of visitors. Except in the primary rooms, the exercises consisted primarily of work, with singing and exhibition of physical drill. In the advanced department the most interesting feature was the presentation of the lieutenant-governor's silver medal for the highest mark in high school entrance examination in the county.

Madawaska to Miss Monda Mulhern, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulhern. Miss Mulhern has an excellent record, having always been an exceptionally good pupil, bright, attentive and faithful in every grade, and she well deserved the honor she received. The presentation was made by the secretary, Mr. J. B. Powers. The schools closed on Friday and the two out-of-town teachers, Miss Gilman and Mr. Higgins, are spending the vacation at their homes in St. Stephen and St. John.

J. C. Carstairs, principal of the Edmondston superior school, is spending his vacation at his home here.

Miss Ruth Pirie came home on Saturday from Perth to spend the vacation.

Miss Wetmore, of Clifton, Kings county, who has been teaching at Salmonburg, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mrs. A. A. Dixon, and left for her home on Monday.

The meeting of the Woodstock deacons, held here last week, was attended by three clergymen except Rev. Mr. Brasler. They were: Rev. Mr. Hopkins, of Andover; Rev. Mr. Rigby, of Centreville; and Rev. Mr. G. W. Demme, of New Brunswick. There was service on Tuesday morning. Rev. Mr. Rigby preaching. On Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock Holy Communion was celebrated by Rev. Mr. Brasler. After this the business meeting of the deacons was held and the clergymen left for their respective homes.

Miss Victoria Moore, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. J. I. White, left for her home in Moore's Mills on Thursday.

A young man named Condon, who was arrested on Saturday on a charge of stealing liquor from W. Pirie's store, and was placed in jail, caused quite an excitement on Sunday afternoon by setting fire to the bedding in his cell. It is supposed that he hoped by this means to make his escape. But the prompt action of Mr. St. Thomas, the keeper of the jail, prevented the fire from spreading. He locked the prisoner in the dark cell and carried the burning bedding out of doors. No damage was done, but a more serious charge than theft will be made against the man.

At a meeting of the town council on Monday, Mayor, Councilors, and the matter of taking steps to be taken here for the winter. The town clerk was authorized to communicate with Mr. Wooten, recruiting officer for Victoria county, and learn what can be done.

Mrs. F. Brasler has been quite ill for some days and is very little better.

St. George, Dec. 21.—Joseph Spicer, a member of the 104th and former superintendent of the New Brunswick telephone office, arrived home on Tuesday for Christmas.

Miss Laura Hibbard, trained nurse, is home from Lawrence (Mass.) for Christmas.

Miss Helen Clark, nurse in training at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, came home Tuesday for the holidays.

Mrs. A. D. Gilmour, wife of Senator Gilmour, left early this week for St. Stephen, where she spent a day with her cousin, Miss Anna Sullivan. The senator left Wednesday morning for St. John, where he will spend Christmas.

Miss Ray Cawley is home from St. John for the holidays.

Miss MacAllenan, who was the guest of Miss Anna Curran, left Tuesday for St. Stephen for the holidays.

An odd looking craft used for carrying coal, on the other side of the line, is in port loading pulp for Norway. She will take a cargo of 800 tons.

Resident Manager Plude and Edgar G. Murphy, Jr., of the pulp company, are spending the holidays in New York state.

The condition of Mrs. Samuel Johnson, who has been seriously ill at her daughter's home, Quebec, is critical, with faint hopes of recovery.

PETITODIAC

Petitodiac, Dec. 17.—Miss Lena Bray, Shediac, was the week-end guest of Miss Alice Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Humphries spent the week-end in Sussex, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heber Folkens.

Andrew Stockton is spending the holidays with his brother in Corn Hill.

Ray Chapman, Normal School student, is the guest of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Chapman.

Mr. Cochrane, Vancouver, is the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. D. Cochrane.

The Misses Allan are the guests of their parents, Mr. Thos. and Mrs. Allan.

NORTON

Norton, N. B., Dec. 21.—The Norton superior school closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday. On Thursday evening a concert was given by the scholars in the I. O. G. T. hall, which reflected great credit on both teachers and scholars.

Mrs. D. Allen and Mrs. William Harmer have been called to Moncton on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Harmer's mother, Mrs. N. N. Moncton.

O. R. Patquin, of the Northrup &

Lyman Company, Toronto, has arrived here to spend the Christmas vacation with his family here.

Mrs. E. T. Harmer and son Serdia left yesterday to spend a few weeks in Boston.

Crandall Laughery, of McGill, has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Laughery.

Mrs. Walter Campbell, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. J. W. Campbell here, has returned to her home in St. John.

Claud Belding, of the William Davies Co., Montreal, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Belding.

CAMPBELLTON HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Campbellton, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The fire department were called out at an early hour this morning to fight a blaze on Queen street in a dwelling house owned by Messrs. Harquail and occupied by A. Arsenau. The fire which was confined to the living room was extinguished with little trouble, although the room was badly gutted. The damage will not be heavy.

Some excitement was caused this afternoon when a young horse attached to light sleigh took fright at the top of Water street and dashed madly down to Main street. The traffic on the road was fairly heavy, yet there was no accident, the animal clearing the crossing teams miraculously. The horse was finally brought to a standstill at the lower part of the town.

Westfield School Closing.

Westfield, Dec. 20.—The school closing here on Friday was well attended by parents and friends of the children. After the usual examination of the different classes by the teacher, the following programme was enjoyed:











# LIBERAL CONFERENCE CONCLUDES ITS LABORS

## Will Continue its Policy That Party Interests Should be Subservient to Those of the Empire—Sub-committees Appointed to Study and Report on How to Distribute Taxation in an Equitable Manner, Rural Credit System, Technical Education, Welfare of Returned Soldiers and Other Problems.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Steps were taken today at a conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier of some fifty representative Liberals from all parts of the dominion to form a national Liberal advisory committee. The conference, which was held in Sir Wilfrid's office in the parliament buildings, will be continued tomorrow, when committees will be appointed to consider special phases of the questions discussed today in a general way.

These questions include such subjects as organization, national problems of finance, transportation, taxation, technical education, immigration and land settlement, agricultural credit systems, and generally the complex and vital problems of national statesmanship confronting parliament both at the present time and looming up in the reconstructive period following the war.

Today the ideas of each of the delegates to the conference were briefly and clearly expressed. The suggestions made as to the wisest policies for Canada to adopt and for the Liberal party to advocate were carefully canvassed by men who have been seriously studying public questions for years, both in and out of parliament.

Today's conference was in the main a clearing house for ideas with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who called the conference, presiding. Tomorrow, when the sub-committees will be appointed, it is probable that some concrete proposals will be adopted in conformity with the opinions and suggestions offered today. Hitherto there has been no permanent organization for the study of questions by groups of capable members. Only when a session was on has there been co-operative study and decisions as to policy. Any continuous and organized consideration of matters of public policy has been left to the hands of the casual research of individuals. It has been felt that, though an opposition has no administrative or direct legislative power, it has, nevertheless, a function to perform and that the study of vital questions by groups of capable members in research when parliament was in recess, as well as in session, might prove most useful to the country.

It has been realized by Sir Wilfrid and the party leaders that as long as the Liberal party should continue as it has from the first, to give its careful attention to the tremendous struggle in which the country is engaged; that to that end it should continue to give loyal and hearty support to the government whilst exercising a vigilant supervision of the conduct of the government in military and civil matters; and that, in the meantime, the members of the committee should actively apply themselves to the study of the important questions and problems which the country will have to face when peace is restored.

The national committee has therefore been suggested and is now being permanently constituted. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is of course the head of the advisory committee. With some additions the committee will consist of the following gentlemen, who were gathered here today: Hon. Geo. F. Graham, Severin, Letourneau, Senator Mansel, Wilson, Alphonse Yerville, M. P., Montreal; Stewart Lyon, Toronto; Alexander Smith, Ottawa; Hon. A. B. Warburton, P. E. Island; John Muir, Barbour; Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, Hon. Charles Murphy, C. O. Godwin, Hon. J. G. Currier, M. P., F. B. Carvell, M. P., F. T. Condon, Yukon; Senator W. C. Edwards, Hon. Walter Scott, Regina; C. M. Bowman, M. L. A., G. Fred Pearson, Halifax; Geo. H. Watson, K. C., Toronto; E. Atkinson, Toronto; Hon. Sydney Fisher, P. C., L. K. Kin, Toronto; A. K. McMaster, K. C., Montreal; A. K. Cameron, Montreal; F. D. Conant, Ottawa; S. W. Jacobs, Montreal; Senator Bland, Dartmouth; Hon. Wm. Fugate, St. John; Hon. Alexander Taschereau, Quebec; Ernest Lapointe, M. P., Knouarska; J. F. Kearns, Saskatchewan; Thos. McMillen, Seaford; H. B. McKing, Ottawa; Hon. W. L. MacKenzie Giver, Hon. W. S. Fielding.

John Bain, of Ottawa, acted as honorary secretary of the committee.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The following official statement was issued this evening summarizing the aims and work of the Liberal conference which has been in session in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's office in the parliament buildings since yesterday morning, and which concluded this afternoon with the appointment of a number of sub-committees to deal with the various questions enunciated in the various resolutions passed this morning:

"The conference of Liberals, representing all parts of the dominion, and the leaders of Liberal thought both in and out of parliament, was called together on the invitation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Its aim was not to consider party organization, but rather to discuss from the standpoint of the national interest, the problems of statesmanship now facing the country, and which are looming up more largely still in the reconstruction period following the war.

"The object was not to adopt policies designed for immediate party advantage, but rather to lay down, as clearly as possible, the principles which should guide Liberalism in dealing with such vital questions as national finance, agricultural settlement and development, immigration, transportation, social legislation, fiscal problems, technical education, etc.

"The first principle laid down and unanimously adopted by the conference was that, in so far as the protection of the war is concerned, there should be no deviation from the attitude assumed by the Liberal party at the outbreak of the war, namely, that party interests should be made subservient to the interests of

the empire, and of the cause for which the empire is fighting.

"With a view to defining as concretely as possible Liberal policies on the more important subjects of public policy, resolutions were passed embodying a few clear-cut principles of progressive Liberalism. To further work out the application of these principles along definite legislative lines, sub-committees were appointed to study the subjects given to their respective care, and to report later to the committee, as a whole, at a future meeting. The meetings of the conference were here today and yesterday, together with some other members who were unable to attend on this occasion, will act as a permanent national advisory council, representative of all parts of the dominion, co-operating with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in dealing with the problems of government, as they come up from time to time.

"The conference just concluded, and the council just constituted, is, in brief, designed to form a clearing house of the best ideas of progressive Liberal thought, fitting the party either for the function of constructive criticism in parliament, or of wise, reasoned, and progressive legislation when called again to assume the responsibility of office.

"The questions embodied in the sub-joined resolutions took practically the whole time of the conference. The subject of the extension of the term of parliament was not recognized as coming within the purview of the conference, and was only incidentally discussed. That will be left for parliament itself to decide.

"The resolutions passed by the conference embodying the main principles unanimously adopted as a groundwork for concrete legislative proposals, were as follows:

"This national Liberal committee is of the opinion that so long as the Liberal party should continue as it has from the first, to give its careful attention to the tremendous struggle in which the country is engaged; that to that end it should continue to give loyal and hearty support to the government whilst exercising a vigilant supervision of the conduct of the government in military and civil matters; and that, in the meantime, the members of the committee should actively apply themselves to the study of the important questions and problems which the country will have to face when peace is restored.

"Sub-committees were by resolution appointed for the following purposes:

1. To study and report upon the finances of Canada, with special reference to the greatly increased national financial obligations, and ways and means to distribute the necessary charges or taxation among the people in the most equitable manner.

2. To consider problems of rural life in Canada, with a view to federal legislation by which the agricultural production may be promoted, and our unemployed and our immigrants may be encouraged and enabled to engage in farming.

3. To study and report upon the establishment of a rural credit system, and such additions to the laws affecting banking as may tend to make capital and loans for agricultural operations available on terms more favorable than at present obtainable.

4. To inquire into and study the welfare of our returned soldiers, involving a consideration of the necessity for adequate pensions, vocational training, and such other assistance as may be required to enable them to again take their proper place in our national life.

5. To study and report upon the adoption of a scheme of technical education and industrial training, in co-operation with existing provincial systems.

6. To study and report upon the question of exercising federal control over limited liability companies so as to prevent fraud on the public by undue capitalization, and in other ways, also the question of adopting a federal insolvency law.

7. To study and report upon a comprehensive programme of social reform and health legislation, which shall include such measures as: First, old age pensions; second, national insurance for sickness and invalidity; third, insurance of unemployment in certain occupations and industries."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is chairman, and John Bain, of Ottawa, honorary secretary of the advisory council.

Investors' Fortunes.

It is not always the greatest invention that brings the largest financial reward. Roller skates are said to have brought their inventor nearly £1,000,000, while nearly half a million was realized by the man who first devised hood-lacs. The inventor of the safety pin, who took the idea from the reproduction of a Pompeian fiasco, made £2,000,000. On the other hand, Charles Bourseul, who discovered and described the principle of the telephone in 1856, died poor; Michaux, the inventor of the bicycle, ended his days in the utmost penury; and Frederick Sauvage, who is credited with the invention of the screw propeller, was imprisoned and died bankrupt and insane.—THE BITS.

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LECTION... VING COLORS... Approval by Grant- Company--Men of Second Pay Day-- on to Be Opened.

Wednesday, Dec. 22. It was inspected yesterday morning... G. O. C. of the 6th Division and his...

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AGENTS WANTED

RELIABLE representative wanted to meet the fruit trees throughout New Brunswick...

THERE is a boom in the sale of trees in New Brunswick. We want reliable agents...

TEACHERS WANTED

WANTED--A second class female teacher for District No. 5 beginning the New Year. Apply, stating salary...

WANTED--First class teacher for School District No. 4, Parish of Grand Manan. Apply, stating salary...

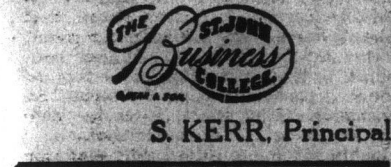
WANTED--Second or third class female teacher for School District No. 2, Parishes of Aberdeen and Kent, Carleton county...

WANTED--Second class female teacher for Darling's Island school. Apply, stating salary...

FOR SALE

FARM for sale, three miles from Bellisle station. Apply, Elanthon Benson, Shannon post office, Queens Co.

We wish to thank the public for their continued patronage and to intimate that our new term begins Monday, January third.



S. KERR, Principal

DEATHS

HARRIS--At Sagwa Station, on the 21st inst. Helen, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Harris, leaving her parents, two brothers and four sisters to mourn.

ALEXANDER--Suddenly, Sunday evening, William Alexander, at the residence of his son, T. A. Alexander, 178 Northworth street, leaving his wife and two sons to mourn their loss.

BRITISH BANKS GET \$50,000,000 NEW YORK LOAN

New York, Dec. 20--The \$50,000,000 six months commercial credit, recently negotiated by eight London banks with banks and trust companies of this country, became effective today.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS ON STR. PRETORIAN

The Allan liner Pretorian docked last night at West St. John at 9 o'clock. Included in her passenger list was 106 wounded soldiers, who had been invalided back to Canada.

How to Keep Young. The best way to keep young is to associate, as far as possible, with everything and everybody that is new and young.

The Pig's Time. Paddy Dolan bought a watch from the local jeweler with a guarantee to keep it in order for twelve months.

Will Recruit for 140th Battalion in Fredericton. Fredericton, Dec. 21--(Special)--A letter from Colonel Fowler to Major Pinnacombe, "C" company, 104th Battalion, which is quartered here, states that he has made strong representation at Ottawa with regard to the clothing and equipment required by the company and expects that they will arrive shortly.

Another Plant Blown Up. Edgewater, N. J., Dec. 22--Two men are missing and twenty-five others were injured yesterday by an explosion in the Dextrine plant of the Corn Products Refining Company at Shady Side, two miles from here.

MARINE JOURNAL

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Tuesday, Dec. 21. Sch'r Lucia Porter, 235, Sprague, New York with coal. Coastwise--Stmr Granville. Cleared. Monday, Dec. 20. Sch'r Bluenose, for Windsor to load lumber. Tuesday, Dec. 21. Sch'r Chaleur, Hill, West Indies via Halifax, Wm Thomson & Co. Sch'r Bluenose, for Windsor, to load lumber.

CANADIAN PORTS

St Stephen, Dec 17--Sld, sch Virginia, Parrsboro. BRITISH PORTS. Liverpool, Dec 19--Ard, str St. Louis, New York. Gibraltar, Dec 19--Ard str Italia, New York. Kirkwall, Dec 19--Ard, str Frederick III, New York. Belfast, Dec 17--Ard, str Torr Head, Montreal.

Liverpool, Dec 20--Ard, strs Dominion, Philadelphia; Georgia, New York; Irishman, Montreal; Cornishman, Galveston; Cameronia, New York; Empress of Fort William, Montreal. Hull, Dec 20--Ard, str Fremona, Montreal. London, Dec 19--Ard, str Shenandoah, Halifax. Glasgow, Dec 21--Ard, str Cameronia, New York. Liverpool, Dec 20--Ard, strs Scandinavian, Kronstadt, St. John. Boston, Dec 20--Ard, strs Dominion, Philadelphia; Irishman, Montreal; Cameronia, New York; Empress of Fort William, Montreal. Hull, Dec 20--Ard, str Fremona, Montreal. Montreal, Dec 19--Ard, str Shenandoah, Halifax. Dublin, Dec 17--Ard, str Howth Head, Moore, New Orleans via Belfast.

FOREIGN PORTS

New York, Dec 20--Ard, str St. Paul, Liverpool. Bordeaux, Dec 20--Ard, str Lafayette, New York. Eastport, Dec 17--Ard and old, sch Rebecca M Walls, New York for Calais. New Haven, Dec 17--Ard, sch W E & W L Tuck, South Amboy. Sld Dec 17--Sch Sarah Eaton, New York. Gloucester, Dec 17--Ard, schs Laura C Hall, Weymouth; Ida M, do; Etta Mildred, Port LaTour (N.S.). New York, Dec 17--Ard, sch Rhoda Holmes, St. George. Boston Harbor, Dec 18--Ard and old, schs Leonard C, Boston for Parrsboro; Ella Clifton, do for Stockton; A J Sterling, do for Wolfville. Boston, Dec 17--Old, schs Laura C Hall, Weymouth; Abbie West, Parrsboro. Sld Dec 17--Sch Helen G King, Stockton. Portland, Dec 17--Ard, str Dorisbrook, Sunderland (Eng); sch Percy C, Boston. New York, Dec 17--Str Welshman, Liverpool. Bergen, Dec 21--Ard, str Kristianfjord, New York. Piraeus, Dec 21--Ard, str Vasilefa Constantinos, New York. Portland, Dec 18--Ard, str Cape Breton, Sydney. Dec 18--Sld, str Impleby, Avonmouth Dock. Calais, Dec 19--Ard, sch'r Rebecca M Walls, New York. Eastport, Dec 19--Ard, sch'r Willie L Maxwell, New York. Dec 19--Sld from Sandwich, sch'r Charles C Lister. New York, Dec 21--Ard, str Calliformaln, Glasgow. City Island, Dec 19--Ard, sch'r Wm J. Perth Amboy for St John (anchorage). Delaware Breakwater, Dec 18--Ard, sch'r Penhook, Bellisle, str Manchester Exchange, St John. Boston, Dec 18--Ard, sch's Susan N Pickering, Perth Amboy; Childs Harford, do for Calais. Cape Cod Canal, Mass, Dec 19--Passed east, sch'r Harold B Cousens.

CHARTERS

Nor str Sygna, 2,464 tons, Sydney (C B) to Vladivostok, steel products, p t. Sch'r Mary A Hall, 341 tons, Philadelphia to Camden (Me). Sch'r Moama, 384 tons, Philadelphia to St. John, coal, p t.

MISS MARY DAVIS, HURT IN TAXI-CAB RUNAWAY, EXPECTED TO RECOVER

It was stated at the hospital last night that Miss Mary Davis, who was injured in the King street automobile accident yesterday, was still in a serious condition. She was expected, however, to recover. Miss Davis was in a taxi, stopped in front of the Dominion Express Company when the chauffeur volunteered to take a parcel into the office for her. In the meantime the car started down the hill. The young lady seeing her predicament jumped from the machine and in doing so struck her head on the pavement. Dr. Allen Cleghorn, of Toronto, and Dr. A. F. Emery attended her until removed to the hospital. The car continued to the foot of the hill and turned over on a sliding with a heavy load of granite paving stones. Several pedestrians were nearly knocked down in its wild career. About \$2000 damage was done to the car, owned by the St. John Taxi Co. Ltd.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. Mrs. Christie A. Campbell et al to Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, property in Leinster street. Mrs. Sarah Day et al to Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, property in Leinster street. Extra. of James Lowell to T. R. Steeves, property in Lancaster. Mrs. Eugenia B. Woodrow to Mrs. Grace L. Fickett, property in Charlotte street. Kings County. Percy Long to Fred Long, property in Studholm. Fred Long to Ida S. Long, property in Studholm. F. W. McGowan to Mary C. McGowan, two properties in Studholm. J. D. O'Connell to Albert Mallory, property in Sussex. Josephine Stanley to Bertha A. Willett, property in Westfield. R. A. Willett to Bertha A. Willett, property in Westfield. Salmon Creek Home Bequeathed. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foster, of Salmon Creek, Queen's county, has been bequeathed to the death of the little daughter, Helen Hildred, aged four years and nine months. On Sunday, December 12, she was taken with diphtheria, and died the following Friday. Everything was done to save her life, but all in vain. She was a sunny and intelligent child, and her early death came as a terrible blow to her parents whose sorrow is too deep for human sympathy to relieve.

LIVELY RECRUITING CAMPAIGN IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Newcastle, Dec. 21--A rousing recruiting meeting was held in Douglastown Temperance Hall last night, Councilor Lawrence Doyle presiding. The speakers were, Hon. Donald Morrison, Capt. A. L. Barry and Lieut. J. Graham McNeill of the 182nd, Lieut. D. P. De LaFolie, and Rev. S. J. Macarthur. The following recruits were secured for the 182nd: Ernest Cameron, John Grant and James Henderson. Besides these three, fifteen recruits have been sworn in to the 182nd here since the 19th, as follows: December 14--Ernest Geddie, John Drummond, Maple Glen; Charles Kingston. December 14--John Street and Joseph Jhotaki (Russians); Geo. Oak, Quarryville; Richard Greenway and Sydney Macchett, Newcastle; and Albert. December 15--Henry McRae, Coughlan. December 16--Geo. Johnston and Leo Savage. December 18--James Chambers, Newcastle. December 20--Geo. Russell and Geo. Landry. There are now 83 who have been sworn in here. Joseph Taylor, of Newcastle, who was wounded at the Dardanelles, August 6, is back in the trenches. Mr. Taylor, who has three brothers and a brother-in-law at the front, had an uncle killed in the Northwest Rebellion of 1865 and is the son of John Taylor, a veteran of the battle of Batoche. Tomorrow night the recruiting rally will be in Nelson and Thursday night at Redbank. All the clergymen of the town gave special notice of the war recruits, and they do not leave their districts without permission. Dewet was sentenced to serve six years in prison and to pay a fine of \$10,000.

DEWET FREED

London, Dec. 21--General Christian Dewet, one of the leaders of the South African rebellion against the British government in 1914, who was convicted of treason at Bloemfontein, South Africa, in last June, has been released from prison, as have 118 other high treason prisoners, according to a despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Johannesburg. They were allowed to go on payment of their fines and on condition that they abstain from participation in politics, that they neither attend nor take part in public meetings, and that they do not leave their districts without permission. Dewet was sentenced to serve six years in prison and to pay a fine of \$10,000.

FIFTY CARTLOADS TAKEN FROM PIPE

Commissioner Wigmore yesterday afternoon exhibited at city hall about 125 pounds of lead and a large rock which he said had impeded the progress of the cleaning party at Silver Falls. The removal of this matter, he said, was sufficient to appreciably increase the pressure through this main. At present the commissioner is cleaning the 12-inch main running from Little River from the ladder point to the One Mile House, a distance of slightly more than four miles. He states that in the cleaning process he finds that this main is in almost perfect condition and is better than pipe laid more recently. This main, which was laid in 1857, he said, was considered the best ever laid. He is convinced now that it is good for years yet. In the section of the 12-inch main from Little River extending about two and a half miles toward the city, fifty cartloads of material were taken from the pipe, including all manner of debris and waste. In several places lead trickled through which partially choked the supply. Yesterday afternoon workmen started at the One Mile House. It is believed that the entire work will be completed within a week. Commissioner Wigmore stated that in all parts of the city the pressure has increased and one instance was cited by Commissioner Potts where a brass pipe burst three times in a German street house because of the greatly increased pressure. The two 24-inch mains and the 12-inch main will have been thoroughly cleaned at the completion of present operations and it is possible that some work may be taken immediately to extend the work through the city.

CONSULAR CONSPIRATOR

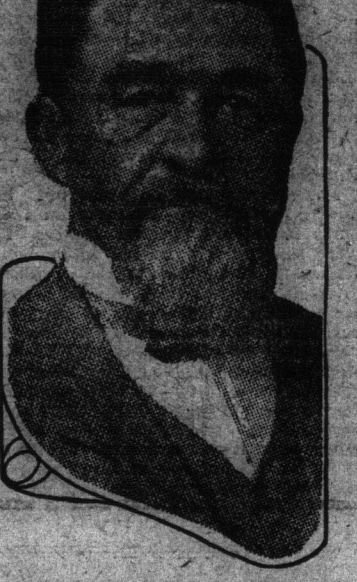
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BRIEF DISPATCHES

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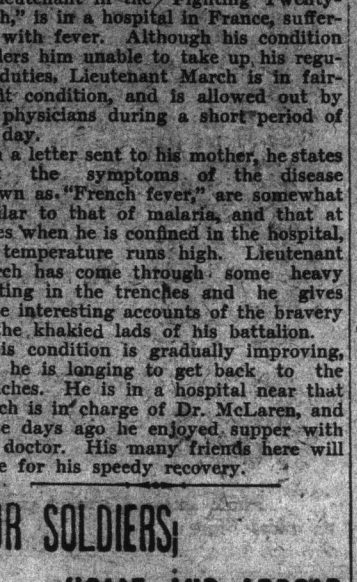
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