

LONDON GREET'S PRESIDENT WILSON'S PARTY WITH OPEN-HEARTED CORDIALITY AND ENTHUSIASTIC HOSPITALITY

Impressive Scenes at Charing Cross Station When the Presidential Train Arrived—Their Majesties the King and Queen With Princess Mary Received the Head of the United States Nation—Given All the Honor of Royalty—Never Has Royal Progress Excited Such Interest in London as First Visit of an American President—To Meet Lloyd George Today.

London, Dec. 26.—President and Mrs. Wilson are in Buckingham Palace tonight after a journey from Calais to London during which they were accorded all the honors ever given royalty. Never has a royal procession, except those of great national importance, excited such interest here as the first state visit of an American president.

Enthusiastic scenes marked the President's arrival at the Charing Cross station. As the President, accompanied by King George, emerged from the station, the crowds, craning their necks, broke into prolonged cheers. At the same time guns began to thunder out a salute, and dozens of airplanes soared overhead. The bells and chimers all over the city also pealed forth a welcome.

Enthusiastic Reception. During the procession from the station, flags and handkerchiefs were waved. The President was uncovered throughout the drive to acknowledge the cheers. The scene inside the Charing Cross station was not less spectacular, although not so noisy. The reception party included King George, Queen Mary, Princess Mary, Premier Lloyd George and all the members

of the cabinet, the heads of the army and navy, Premiers of the various Dominions, a representative of India and other officials. There was a guard of honor from the Grenadier Guards who played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Received by Their Majesties. King George, with the Queen and Princess Mary, arrived at the station to the strains of the British national anthem. They were in an animated conversation with the members of the cabinet when the President's train pulled in promptly on time. King George was conducted to the car occupied by the President, and they shook hands cordially. While they were inspecting the Guard of Honor, the band played the American national anthem. The Queen and Princess Mary conversed with Mr. Wilson.

The King and Queen and Princess Mary greeted President Wilson with cordiality, and they in turn, were impressed most favorably with the reception to the President. President Wilson, accompanied by King George and the Duke of Connaught, inspected the Guard of Honor, after which they returned to a space immediately in front of the cabinet.

PERSONNEL PEACE CONGRESS IS GRADUALLY TAKING FORM

Total Membership of Congress Will be Between 100 and 120—Twenty-seven Countries Represented by Delegations Including Those Which Declared War and Some Which Have Come Into Existence as Result of War.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The personnel of the Peace Congress is gradually taking form, so that the American delegates express the hope that the delegations of the various countries will be announced, and that the delegates will arrive for the actual work of the negotiations soon after the opening of the new year. A number of the details of the composition of the congress are now fairly well settled, as a result of recent conferences. These indicate that the total membership of the congress will be between 100 and 120. There will be twenty-seven countries represented by delegations, including those which declared war, and a number which have come into existence as a result of the war.

While the other delegations will vary from 1 to 4 members, according to the size of the country and the interests involved. Word has been received that the Belgian and Portuguese delegations will soon join the representatives of the United States, who, thus far, are the only members of the peace congress to arrive. The non-arrival of the others has been the subject of considerable surprise and adverse comment. The Americans taking the ground that they are here ready to proceed to business, but with the personnel of the Congress not yet assembled. It is understood that President Wilson's visit to England is likely to result in conveying, quite definitely, the view that it is highly desirable that the congress should be put into motion, with the least possible delay.

MOVING BOOTY BY AIRPLANES

Startling Charge That German War Profiteers Have Resorted to Air Transportation of Securities and Money.

Munich, Dec. 26.—The Munich Post today prints a startling charge that German war profiteers, unable otherwise to get their booty out of the country, have resorted to the use of airplanes. According to the newspaper, several airplanes have taken securities of enormous value from Frankfurt to Switzerland. The Post urges the government to seize the capital, where it is available, especially in the banks.

POPE RECEIVED SACRED COLLEGE

Pontiff Declared He Would Do Everything in His Power to Facilitate the Peace Congress in Insuring a Durable Peace.

Rome, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict today received the members of the Sacred College, who presented their Christmas wishes to him. Twenty-three cardinals, many bishops and prelates were present.

In reply to the greetings the Pope expressed a wish that the decisions of the coming Peace Congress not only would re-establish order, but would give a new birth "to human sentiments, which will render communion with our brothers and the sacrifices made for them sweet."

The Pontiff declared that he would do all in his power to facilitate acquiescence in the decisions of the Congress in order to insure a just and durable peace.

Pope Benedict expressed doubt whether the temper that had devastated the world had not left in the hearts of men the deadly remains of ancient rancors, unwholesome forms of discord, vengeance and reprisals. The very ardor of war and the passion for defence of country, the Pontiff added, were noble in their origin, although it was natural that in principle they could lead to excesses and make the germs of social discord more grave. The Pope said he wondered if it were not the Holy Father's task to repair the moral ills of the war, no less than the material damage, and dissipate the dangers of fresh germs of social discord which might result from excessive national hatreds and passions. He said he hoped his work henceforth might be an echo of the decision of the peace conference, and mainly directed to the care and instruction of his children, and the protection and direction of workers, and the counselling of the wealthy classes for the good use of their wealth and authority.

Registry For Technologists

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 25.—The council for scientific and industrial research is planning to establish a central employment bureau, or registry for technologists in Canada. The object in view is to furnish a ready medium for the distribution of the limited supply of trained research workers, and graduates of applied science facilities among industrial firms, etc., seeking their services. At present there is a world-wide demand for chemists, physicists, metallurgists, and other technologists capable of applying new scientific knowledge to new industrial developments. Canada's supply of men is away below the requirements. If the proposal of the central registry is adopted the research council will seek to place the men available to the best advantage in positions where the need is most urgent.

IMPERIAL FORCE ON NORTHLAND

Sent Over to Join a Force for Siberia, Going Through to Portland, Me., Last Night.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 26.—The soldiers who returned on the Northland, are now all on the way to their homes, proceeding on two special trains, a few of which could be conveniently accommodated going by the regular expresses. The men for Winnipeg and points west, as well as those for Quebec City, left about ten o'clock, and those for Montreal and Ontario points sometime after midnight. When a very large number return by a steam train the men are sent to their respective districts for discharge, but, with a smaller number, as on the Northland, Halifax is made the discharge depot, and the men are thus enabled to go direct to their homes without further delay.

On the first train there were five officers and 471 of other ranks; on the second 459. With the Northland also came a draft of Imperials for Siberia, who left here for Portland, Me. The health officer, Dr. Mackay, received instructions from Ottawa at eleven thirty today to allow the ship to dock and disembark, which was what he had recommended. He found that the soldiers had been vaccinated and the men with the disease properly isolated. This man and his room-mate were sent to the quarantine station. The room-mate could have gone along with the others, but he preferred to stick to his friend and stay behind in quarantine.

AMID CHEERS AND BOOMING CANNON VANGUARD OF U.S. FLEET ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

Made Occasion for Scenes of Wildest Demonstration as Fleet Steamed by Statue of Liberty—Ten Thousand Jack Tars Parade the Streets and Men Accorded Signal Honors.

New York, Dec. 26.—Led by the super-dreadnought Arizona, ten battle-ships in command of Admiral Henry T. Mayo—the vanguard of the United States fleet in European waters—steamed up New York harbor today in review before Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and were greeted with a tumultuous reception by harbor craft and hundreds of thousands of persons who lined the shores. The fleet reached Ambrose Channel late yesterday afternoon and rode at anchor within sight of the city's lights last night.

The ships weighed anchor at 7:30 o'clock this morning and escorted by a fleet of twenty-one albatrosses, proceeded slowly up the harbor to the Statue of Liberty, where Secretary Daniels and a party of distinguished guests on the presidential yacht Mayflower received the inspiring procession.

The war fleet entered the harbor as a battle squadron, decks cleared for action and devoid of decoration. As the leading vessel came abreast the Mayflower, her band struck up the National Anthem, and a five inch rifle barked in salute. Before the nineteen guns accorded the secretary of the navy had been fired, the second dreadnought was opposite the presidential yacht, joining in the salute, and, until the last ship passed on up the bay, the cannonade was continuous.

TROOPS ORDERED TO BE READY

Spartacus Forces Have Seized the Prussian War Ministry in Addition to Socialist Newspaper.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—At eleven o'clock tonight the government sent out a general order to the troops in Berlin to hold themselves in readiness for action. Spartacus forces have seized the Prussian war ministry in addition to the Vorwaerts, the Socialist newspaper. The announcement appeared in the evening papers. The radicals would make a general attempt Thursday to disrupt the present government.

PARLIAMENT MIDDLE OF FEB.

Arrangements Being Made to Call Parliament About the Second Week of February Instead of January as Previously Announced.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Parliament will be called, it is expected, for the second week of February. Although the cabinet has not yet decided on a definite day of opening, arrangements are being made with the middle of February in view. It was at first expected that the session would be opened about the second week of January. Such a course, however, was found to be impracticable.

For the last few weeks there have been practically daily sittings of the cabinet council with preparatory work under consideration.

RESTING COMFORTABLY.

Robert Garnet, who fractured his right hip yesterday morning by falling into the hold of a steamer at Sand Point, was reported to be resting comfortably at the General Public Hospital last night.

St. John at International Fair To Be Held at Lyons

Montreal, Dec. 26.—St. John is to be represented at the great International Fair at Lyons, France, during the month of March. The list of Canadian exhibitors, prepared by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, include the T. Stums & Co., firm of Fairville, N. B. Other Maritime Province industries which have announced their intention of displaying their wares at Lyons are the Amherst Piano Co. and Amherst Foundries, Ltd.

This is the fourth year of the Lyons fair, which was instituted almost immediately after the war began, to take the place of the big German exposition held at Leipzig in pre-war years. That Canadian products will be largely and prominently displayed at the fair is evidenced from the large number of prospective exhibitors. Over fifty firms have indicated their intention of exhibiting, and there will be intensive buying and selling among the customers of the world, for every civilized nation nearly will be represented.

Canadian trade is expected to receive a big impetus, coming, as it does, so soon after the cessation of war, with large opportunities for bidding for foreign orders. Canadian manufacturers are given an exceptional chance to make a big bid for business with European countries.

JELICOE'S DOMINION VISIT SUBJECT OF FREE DISCUSSION

London Times Seems to Think the Whole Question of the Form of Naval Activities by the Dominions is Still Open for Discussion.

London, Dec. 26.—(Special cable from John W. Dufour.)—Announcement that Admiral Jellicoe is going to visit the Dominions to advise on naval matters, is the subject of free discussion in the London press, many papers having articles dealing with it. The Times, in its comment, seems to assume that the whole question of the form of naval activities by the Dominions is still open for discussion, looking to the adoption of a policy. It notes the promptitude, with which the Dominions placed their naval resources at the disposal of the Empire, but adds that "should not obliterate the fact that the problem of the Dominions' share" in peace time has not been solved.

GERMANS IN MEXICO TRY TO CLIMB ON BANDWAGON

Majority Disapproved War and Anti-American Propaganda Says Socialist Leader, Will Now Use Their Best Endeavors to Curb Harmful Activities.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—The signing of their compatriots in Germany, who cared not raise their voice against the militaristic leaders for fear of betraying the country. He added that the Germans now want a world peace, including the cessation of anti-American propaganda. Germany had been misled and dominated by the renegade leaders, who furnished money for such propaganda against the desires of the greater part of their countrymen.

He concluded with the assertion that the emancipated Germans would now use their best endeavors to curb the harmful activities of the former leaders of the German colony in Mexico.

NEW BRUNSWICK BOYS ARRIVE

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CRIMINAL OUTRAGE REPLIES DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TO ALLEGATION OF CALGARY MEN

Says Investigation Will Show That Government Food Was Not Sold Them, and the Statements Attributed to Calgary Soldiers Reflect on the British Admiralty Who Have Ships Under Charter.

Calgary, Dec. 26.—W. J. Dyson, who went to Winnipeg to conduct a party of men who returned on the hospital ship Regina, reports that the men complained that the cooks, instead of serving the food provided by the government, made it into pies and sold it to them at two shillings each, and sold them apples and oranges provided by the Red Cross at twopence and threepence each. They said the C. N. E. neglected to supply blankets or other bed clothes, which had to be supplied by the military authorities. The cars were not provided with double windows but were open, and the men were cold all the way west.

Mr. Dyson refused to allow the train to leave Winnipeg until two of the worst of these coaches were replaced by better cars, which was done.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—An official of the Militia Department, to whom the Calgary complaint was referred today, describing the allegation about the food sold aboard ship as a "criminal outrage." "How do these men know the food was sold them was government food?" he said. "Is there no other food sold on the ship? A statement of this kind reflects on the British Admiralty, who have all these ships under charter. I think, when this charge is investigated, it will be found that the food was not what had been laid in for the men at all. I am sure a ship's master would not tolerate the practice complained of."

Touching on the complaint of inconvenience on the ship, the official said the government provided all the bedclothes required for overnight journeys on the railroads. The railways found it difficult to solve this problem, he remarked, "and the militia department undertook to supply all sleeping equipment on condition that there would be no charge for the sleeping accommodations. As to the kick with regard to the double windows on the trains, it is quite possible that the coaches lacked double windows. This is explicable through the heavy demand for coaches, and the rush to get the men home quickly, preventing any opportunity to fix them up. All these inconveniences are rapidly being fixed up. There is bound to be kicking for a while."

SMASH TO CHIN HIS XMAS GIFT

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 26.—Constable Konkis, of Grimsby, went to the lockup yesterday, to serve Christmas dinner to his only prisoner, Charles Kemp, whose response was a greeting in the form of a knockout blow on the chin. Kemp took the constable's revolver and \$50 in cash, dragged him into the cell, turned the key and walked out. Kemp was charged with robbing the village inn. He was still at liberty this evening.

FRANCE'S LOSSES ANNOUNCED

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Oakland, N.J., Dec. 26.—Edward Day, 61-year-old, scientist and patron of art, died at the dinner table while dining with his family and friends, on his estate, Byberg, last evening. Acute heart trouble, following an attack of influenza and pleurisy, was the cause of death.

HALIFAX AROUSED OVER STREETS

Thoroughfares Not Properly Lighted and Streets Are Cut up and Muddy.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 26.—There is a great hue and cry in Halifax over the lighting of the city and the extreme condition of the streets. Large portions of the city have practically no street lighting, the lamps apparently, having been removed. The company and the city seem unable to come to terms as to a contract, the company wanting a long term agreement and the city unwilling or unable to erect the "white way" and which is credible. The streets are so cut up and so muddy that the use of automobiles on some of them is well nigh impossible. The long period of soft weather is partly accountable for this, but they are bad, irrespective of this. Citizens are clamoring for improvement, especially in the matter of lighting, and a meeting of the Board of Control has been called for tomorrow to try and grapple with the situation.

SPEECH PLEASING TO PARISIANS

Paris, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's Christmas speech is attracting much comment, as indicating his view of the peace congress. His reference to the American chart of peace being accepted by all the nations concerned is understood to refer to his fourteen points.

The President's statement that he had not found among the great leaders, with whom he was now conversing, any difference of principle by fundamental purpose, is construed as showing the favorable results of the conferences during the past ten days. It is pointed out in conference circles, however, that the hard work ahead is not on principles, but in defining their concrete form and determining the details of their application in the peace treaty.

HOKEY SEASON OPENS AT OTTAWA

Season Ushered in Under Vice-Regal Patronage—His Excellency Duke of Devonshire and Party in Attendance.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—In the presence of one of the greatest crowds that has witnessed a game in Ottawa for several years, the Ottawa team continued its winning streak at the Arena, tonight, and defeated the champion Toronto's by a score of 5 to 2. It was the first game on the local schedule of the National Hockey League, and about 6,000 people saw the warriors of the red, white and black outplay the Stanley Cup holders, and maintain their lead in the championship race. The Ottawa's playing brilliant hockey at all stages, broke even with the blue shirts in the second session, and held them scoreless in the third. Both teams cut out a terrible pace from start to finish and the big crowd went wild with delight as the Ottawa's again proved themselves a wonderful team.

For the first time since the outbreak of the war, prior to which the Duke of Devonshire and a party from Govt House, gracing the auspicious occasion. His Excellency was accompanied by two of his daughters, the Earl of Minto, Lord Richard Neville, Capt. Henderson and several others from Rideau Hall, there being fourteen in his party. His Excellency and guests arrived shortly before the commencement of the play, and were received with ringing cheers. The band of the Governor General's foot guards played the National Anthem, and every one within the big rink stood.

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AERO CLUB WILL BACK FIGHT TO THE NORTH POLE

250,000 Pledged to Defray Cost of Trip by Captain Robt. A. Bartlett.

EXPEDITION WILL START NEXT JUNE

Airplanes to Establish Base in Cape Columbia for Exploration Party.

ADMIRAL PEARY CHAIRMAN OF COM.

North Pole Has Been Discovered and There Are 1,000,000 Square Miles Unexplored.

New York, Dec. 26.—An expedition to be led by Captain Robert A. Bartlett, noted explorer, will be sent to the Polar regions next June to survey the North Pole by airplane, according to an announcement last night by the Aero Club of America.

"The Board of Governors of the club decided to back such an expedition after giving considerable study to the subject. A committee has been studying the conditions and the possibilities for the last two years, and made a preliminary report to the club a few days ago, on December 17, urging the Board on that date, the thirtieth anniversary of the first flight, to undertake this stupendous task, which is considered by explorers and scientists as the most complete and ideal expedition ever conceived."

Admiral Peary on Committee.

"The committee, which studied the conditions and reported to the Board of Governors of the club, consisted of Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole; Alan I. Hawley, Henry A. Wise Wood, Henry Woodhouse, Rear Admiral Erby A. Fiske, John Hays Hammond, Jr., Rear Admiral William N. Little, U. S. N.; Professor Charles L. Poor, Colonel E. Lester Jones, U. S. A.; Charles Jerome Edwards, Major Chasman A. Rice, U. S. A., and Augustus Post.

"It is expected the expedition will cost about \$250,000, which sum will be raised by a committee of prominent members of the Aero Club of America in the near future.

"The co-operation of the leading geographical societies and scientific bodies is assured, and the plans are to have this expedition leave the United States in June, 1915, to take advantage of the warm weather which exists in the arctic regions for six weeks in the summer."

Further details regarding the project were given out by Alan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, who said:

"It is most amazing to find that for a period of the year in the arctic region the weather is not cold, but is in New York during the months of October and November and that the plan to fly across the top of the world would really be a comparatively easy thing to do."

"There are six weeks of fair weather in July and August, when even in the Polar regions, it is seldom lower than sixty degrees above zero. The plan is to have a ship go to Etah about six hundred miles from the North Pole, in June, when the ice is gently broken to permit the ship to cross Melville Bay. The ship will carry a large seaplane or land airplane for the final flight across the top of the earth and for exploration of the unexplored Polar regions, as well as smaller planes for the scouting flights.

Small Airplanes to Found Base.

"Immediately upon arrival at Etah a base would be established, and while waiting for the ice to break up further north to permit the ship to go as far as Cape Columbia, the small seaplanes would fly to Cape Columbia and establish a base there for the large airplane which is to be used for the flight across the top of the world, from Cape Columbia on the American side, over the Pole, to Cape Chelyuskin on the Siberian side and for exploration over longer distances.

"For the six weeks after the middle of July, when the weather conditions are best for flying in the Polar regions, the large airplane as well as the small airplanes will be put into service, and the important work of the expedition will be done.

"I am sure that with Admiral Peary as chairman of a committee to co-operate with Captain Bartlett this expedition will be the greatest and most useful expedition ever sent to the Arctic regions.

"This expedition besides actually exploring the Polar regions will also explore the upper air and the bottom of the ice basin.

"1,000,000 Square Miles Unexplored.

"The North Pole has been discovered. A number of hardy explorers have made certain discoveries and established certain scientific facts, but the major part of the work still remains to be done. Such Admiral Peary and Captain Bartlett want to do a great deal of scientific research in the Polar region, of which more than a million square miles remain unexplored, and they would have to have a laboratory on board the ship where the facts and specimens from the ocean bottom will be kept until the return of the expedition. Little or no data has been obtained from the restricted surveys which have been made in the Polar region."

PRES. WILSON'S PARTY HELD LAST NIGHT

Future Plans Discussed—Sum of Money Donated to Reception Committee—An Address by Miss Grace Fleming.

The drive of the short procession from the station to the palace was made through streets lined with guards in khaki. Fresh flags hung overhead and covered the buildings, white windows, balconies, sidewalks and open spaces were filled with people, many of whom were the American colors.

First came the sovereign's escort of troops from the household cavalry, with helmets and steel cuirasses. Then came the carriage with King George and President Wilson, and the Queen, Mrs. Wilson and Princess Mary. These were followed by three others.

Great Moment.

The great moment of President Wilson's first day in England was when he stood with the King and Queen and Mrs. Wilson in the balcony of Buckingham Palace today, facing a multitude which stretched clear down the Mall to the Admiralty, half a mile distant, and overtook St. James' Park on one side, and Green Park on the other.

Only a corporal's guard could hear the president's brief speech, but the people demanded that he show himself, and gave him a greeting more clamorous than any other guest the nation has commanded within the memory of the oldest Londoners.

The day's events constituted a tribute to the president and the United States, which will be history. The official ceremonies—a reception by the Dover corporation and the navy, the welcome at the station by the royal family and the chief officers of the Empire, and the state progress through the heart of London—were colored with touches of medieval pageantry, even to the crimson-coated bowmen, on foot, in motley and armor, which the British people cherish.

The central figure of the royal procession in quaint state carriages, attended by a military escort and household officials, should be a civilian wearing a black coat and silk hat, gave a flavor of novelty to the scene.

But the assembling of the people was spontaneous. That was the chief note of the day. There had been no time to erect stands, and windows had not been advertised for rent. The people simply flocked in from all quarters, on foot, in motor cars and vehicles, carrying flags and their lunches, and standing for hours in the cold for a chance to get a sight of the president.

It was a gathering principally of the people. It was a diverse and picturesque throng, such as few capitals can muster, with a large element of soldiers, among whom the Colonial and American regiments, conspicuous and popular, a detachment of mounted police from the hospitals, attended by nurses, getting a full share of the cheers.

The popularity of the King and Queen was again testified by the ovation given to them while driving to the station to meet the president. Every one agreed that London has never known another such demonstration of great national days, when the British people have celebrated the inaugural of a new reign, or milestone in the old.

It is estimated that two million people crowded the streets of London, through which the state procession passed. These were canopied with flags and bunting, and amid the thudding of the saluting cannon, the president received a popular welcome almost unprecedented in history.

To Meet Lloyd George.

London, Dec. 26.—The initial conversation with Premier Lloyd George was held at ten o'clock Friday morning, in the President's room at Buckingham Palace, where they will confer until lunch time when they will drive to Downing street.

This was arranged tonight when the matter was discussed between the Premier and a representative of the President.

For the luncheon in Downing street to meet the President Mr. Lloyd George has invited the following:—The Marquis of Crewe, the Earl of Carson, the Earl of Reading, the American Ambassador, John W. Davis, Viscounts Grey, Morley and Bryce, Andrew Bonar Law, Arthur Balfour, H. H. Asquith, Arthur Henderson and William Adamson, the last two named labor members of parliament.

It is understood that the conference will continue in the afternoon at Downing street. President Wilson will not meet all the members of the Imperial war cabinet until the state banquet Friday night, and the Premier's banquet Saturday night.

HELD LAST NIGHT

Future Plans Discussed—Sum of Money Donated to Reception Committee—An Address by Miss Grace Fleming.

The Y. W. P. A. held a meeting last evening in the G. W. V. A. rooms on Wellington Row. The meeting, newly a social one in feature, was called to discuss their future actions of the Y. W. P. A. in the holiday season. Previous to the social and the meeting a short business session was held, presided over by the President, the Association, Miss Jessie Church.

Correspondence was received and read at the meeting, one from Mrs. Philip Warren, now in England, and one from Miss Wallace, who is now in Toronto visiting her brother, who is ill, and thanking the members of the circle for their hearty assistance in her recent departure for the bedside of her brother. This is now being kept in the Y. W. P. A. files regarding his recent health.

A letter was received from the reception committee relative to the need of assistance in caring for the homeless. The Y. W. P. A. was immediately voted that the sum of \$25 be donated to this band of good workers, with the proviso that should more be required to further the work, the Y. W. P. A. were willing to aid them at any occasion.

A letter from the Provincial Red Cross was filed relative to the green and Christmas decorations at the hospital, action was made previously on this matter, as Miss Fleming had answered the summons—and it resulted the hospital presented a real Christmas appearance.

The request of the G. W. V. A. that some of the members of the Y. W. P. A. should help in the near Christmas tree celebration in their rooms to the widows and orphans, was received and the circle placed their record as giving all assistance required to make the day one to be remembered.

It was decided at the meeting that as many members as possible join the Y. W. P. A. and their association in their good work. In connection with this movement, Miss Grace Fleming gave an instructive address relative to the quality of milk in the city. Miss Fleming, who is stationed in the military hospital, dwelt on the necessary qualifications to dwell on such a subject as she approached the members with last evening, and in the course of her remarks stated that the milk or much of it sold in the city was extremely dangerous to babies, being so adulterated with drugs, etc., making it unfit for use.

Analysis alone would prove her statement, and she advocated that all ladies' organizations in the city cooperate in all possible ways to further the work of standardizing the sale of milk in the city.

Miss Madeline DeSoyes moved that the members of the Y. W. P. A. place itself on record as favoring that action advocated by the speaker, and that a more rigid inspection of milk be held in the future, this was carried by the yeas.

The request of the Navy League for assistance this evening at the Seaman's Institute was heard, and it was voted that the Y. W. P. A. members help in the supper and programme at the Institute.

Two very generous donations were received by the meeting last evening, thirty dollars from Mrs. Purvis, of Boston, and a large quantity of boxed chocolates from the Ladies' Sewing Circle at Marm.

The latter donation will be given to the G. W. V. A. Christmas tree on Friday next, and the boys along in their thoughtful way.

A committee was appointed to meet the incoming liners bearing the returning boys, and a large number volunteered to do so, and to ensure the comfort of the returning soldiers, their wives and little ones. The president read a report relative to the financial standing of the Association, which was quite encouraging. The nature, the sum of an encouraging being left on hand after the payment of all items against the association. Nine new members joined the association, and the good work being performed at the Y. W. P. A. was commended and praised for the assistance of nine other ardent workers.

REPORTS GIVEN OUT AT WASHINGTON SHOW THE AMERICAN LOSSES IN PLANES TO HAVE BEEN 271—THE TOTAL CASUALTIES OF THE AIR SERVICE ARE GIVEN AS 442.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—American airmen in France brought down a total of 854 German airplanes and 23 German balloons, against an American loss of 271 airplanes and 45 balloons, according to a report cabled by Major General Harbord December 15, and made public today by the War Department. Destruction of 854 enemy airplanes and fifty-seven of the balloons had been officially confirmed.

The total casualties of the American service in action are given as 442, including 169 killed, 163 wounded, 300 missing, 27 prisoners and three interned.

When the armistice ended the fighting, the report said, there were thirty-nine American air squadrons at the front. They included twenty pursuit, six day and one night bombardment squadrons and five ferrying, transport and one night observation squadrons. The total personnel was 2,161 officers and 23,851 men at the front, with an additional 4,648 officers and 25,353 men in the service of supply, transport, reconnaissance, training, 30 experimental and 168 miscellaneous squadrons.

The eight American air schools in France had a capacity for training 3,800 officers and 11,700 men. The largest was the general flying school of Avord, where 3,175 officers and 6,100 men were being trained. Others were at Tours and Clantonville-sur-Seine for observers; at Ammoncourt, Oudun and Gouze for artillery observers; at St. Jean-de-la-Claye for aerial gunnery and at Clermont-Ferrand for bombers.

The last call up amounted together to 100,000 men, who were only employed on garrison duty. They remained in France, and were taken prisoner by the enemy. The number of men brought to Corra, Biscra and France, amounted to 150,000.

There are no figures available as yet to show how many survive of those who were prisoners in Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey and Germany. Similarly the statistics have not yet been compiled which will enable the authorities to ascertain how many of the civil population (male and female) of Serbia have died of hunger and sickness during the three years' occupation by the enemy.

The total sum representing the loss in live stock, war material and rolling stock; that represented by the destruction of roads, bridges and objects of military utility (munition factories, etc.) and the expenses of the war up to the arrival in Corra, amounts to \$480,106,225.

This sum does not include any amount or loss coming under the head of other Ministries, or caused to property both public and private throughout the country by the devastation of towns and villages, the driving off of cattle, the destruction of factories, regulation of foodstuffs and destruction of forests and orchards; the destruction, moreover, of all libraries, public and private, museums, learned institutions and hospitals and churches.

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SHERIFF WINS SECOND ROUND

Famous Maine Liquor Seizure Has Second Hearing With Claimants Still on Anxious 'Seat.'

Bangor, Me., Dec. 24.—A second hearing of the case for seizure by Sheriff Thayer of 91 cases of Scotch whisky at the Maine Central railroad station in Bangor on Oct. 22 was held before Judge Blanchard in the municipal court Monday afternoon, the filing of a claim by the Maine Central R. Co. of ownership, the liquor having been duly labeled by the sheriff. An audience of about 100 persons listened to the evidence with interest.

After the hearing, the court ordered the liquor forfeited to the state. County Attorney Blanchard appeared for the state, Attorney General Sturges having been prevented from attending by other business. The claimants were represented by Charles H. Blatchford, the railroad attorney, and United States Attorney Merrill of Portland, who stated to the court that he appeared as an individual instead of a district attorney, with a view to having the liquor sold to the sheriff Thayer as a friend of his.

Sheriff Thayer was the first witness called by the state. He testified that he seized 91 cases of Scotch whisky after a search of the goods two days before, the dupes having been taken on the 17th. He said the liquor was piled in the freight shed with the other goods, and he procured a warrant after a search of the goods two days before, the dupes having been taken on the 17th. He said the liquor was piled in the freight shed with the other goods, and he procured a warrant after a search of the goods two days before, the dupes having been taken on the 17th.

There was a legal battle over the admission of evidence, the sheriff and deputies had found in liquor resorts bottles and cases like those consigned to Ross and Bros. The sheriff testified that he had found at least 200 of the bottles in and about near beer saloons and in places where men had been seen in an intoxicated condition.

Attorney Blatchford cross-examined at some length, laying stress on his questions concerning whether or not the sheriff had paid the tax on the liquor. He asked the sheriff if he had paid the tax on the liquor, and the sheriff replied in the negative and said the bond number on the freight bill meant nothing to him then and means as much to him now. The sheriff testified that he had paid the tax on the liquor, and the sheriff replied in the negative and said the bond number on the freight bill meant nothing to him then and means as much to him now.

Witness said that W. A. Ross and Bros. had shipped more than 300 cases of whisky, nothing being consigned to the custom house, but as to Ross. Did not see the bill of lading or hear anything about the stuff being in bond until he had made the seizure. He knew the goods were going to the federal building if he didn't take them.

Objected to by Attorney Merrill, who thought that "rather fantastic." The court overruled the objection, saying: "We will see how fantastic it is." After the contesting attorneys had announced that there would be no argument, the court asked District Attorney Merrill about proceedings taken in the United States court, Mr. Merrill replying that they had been dismissed. The court then ordered the liquor forfeited to the state and the case closed.

Deputy Sheriff G. F. Sargent testified that he seized the cases at the railroad station, and that other freight was piled about and on the goods. He had seen many bottles of the same Scotch in and about places where liquor was sold in the city. James E. Gibbons, Maine Central freight agent in Bangor, was called by the state. He said that 91 cases in the city had been seized by the sheriff. He said that he had seen many bottles of the same Scotch in and about places where liquor was sold in the city.

The county attorney: "So it all ends here." Witness: "Yes." Witness said the marks on the goods would indicate to him that they were in bond, but the layman would not recognize the marks. The liquor was not under seal when seized, he testified, and he did not know if any custom house seal was on the boxes when seized. There was nothing on the boxes to indicate to the sheriff that the whisky was in bond.

Sheriff Thayer was recalled and stated that three weeks ago he saw 11 cases of Scotch at the rum room in the custom house, since which time the dupes have raised two cases which were going out.

Deputy Sheriff Long testified that he had watched the custom house for six days and while on guard saw no liquor go out.

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ARE COMING BACK

Get your suit out of the closet or chest and look it over—officially. If it doesn't seem "up to snuff" for a season which will be a marked reaction from the sober past, come to Gilmour's.

Here are 20th Century Brand High class Dress Suits, ready to finish in a few hours. Or have one made to measure. The correct cloths are here, a skilled cutter ready to design your suit and expert, experienced tailors ready to make it.

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Station	30th Dec.	31st Dec.
Victoria	34	23
Vancouver	30	23
Calgary	18	24
Edmonton	8	23
Regina	10	20
Saskatoon	6	14
Port Arthur	2	14
Perry Sound	6	16
Kingston	14	20
Ottawa	12	22
Quebec	12	20
St. John	24	23
Halifax	34	40

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KEE.—On December 25, at the Third London General Hospital, London, England, Captain Wm. John Kee, of the Imperial Army Veterinary Corps, aged twenty-four years, eldest and beloved son of John C. and Alice K. Kee, of this city, leaving besides his parents, three sisters and three brothers to mourn.

SEVERELY INJURED.

Robert Garnett, aged thirty-nine years, a resident of St. Patrick's street, and painter by trade, while at work on Long Wharf yesterday afternoon, lost his balance and fell into the hold of a vessel. The ambulance was immediately summoned and the injured man taken to the General Public Hospital. Last evening it was learned that officials at the institution believe that the injured man had fractured his thigh bone.

How largely the Great campaign succeeded is shown in final figures on field compared with 1917:

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Contrary to a wide-spread belief, the necessity for food saving did not cease with the signing of the armistice with Germany. Before the signing of the armistice, the obligation of the Dominion to share its food was much increased. A condition of things was then for the first time revealed which added to our responsibility. Any question of food saving is not a matter of mere expediency, but one of necessity. The imperative necessity for feeding millions upon millions of mouths in the restricted lands of those who are unable to add neutral dressing to their food, has grown with the possibility of reaching their ports. So long as the enemy holds these people in the hands of the food, we cannot aid them. Our assistance had to be confined to supplying the Allied peoples and the Allied armies in the field. That effort involved the food supply to about 130,000,000 people. Now the unexpected addition has raised that figure to at least 250,000,000 people who will require to be assisted in some form or other until the next harvest. Let it be emphasized that this food does not include our own people. That is an aspect of food control little considered. We had run for over two years through very steps were taken on this side of the Atlantic to control our vast food supplies. The resources of the British Empire had for two years proved abundant. It was only after a serious depletion of British shipping, and the cutting off of the long voyages to Australia and New Zealand especially, that the Canadian civilians were called upon to share directly in the food supply for the Motherland. The objects which had to be kept in view were well defined in the terms of Order in Council 1460, in June, 1917, creating the office of Food Controller. They may be summarized as: (1) To secure the food requirements of Canada, and to facilitate the export of the surplus to Great Britain and her Allies; (2) To make regulations in the public interest of the people of Canada; (3) To provide for the conservation of food and the prevention of waste in hotels, restaurants, private homes and other places. These aimed, however, only at what is now fully understood in the Dominion as "conservation measures." It soon became evident, however, that something more was necessary than the stretching of their existing stocks. When, under Order in Council 844, February 11, 1918, the Canada Food Board was created to supplement the Food Controller, additional powers were conferred on the Board. Besides having become well known under the name of "the great production campaign" in its numerous forms. Canada's assistance in the supply of foodstuffs is one of her greatest achievements. It will be one of her greatest glories when history reviews the war.

Some measure of the enormous size of the problem which has had to be overcome is given in the following table of the value of foodstuffs exported since the war began:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Value. Rows include 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, and 1919-20 for various foodstuffs like Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye, Beans, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Province, Enrollment, Placed. Rows include British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Ed. Island.

BRINGING UP FATHER. A comic strip by George McManus. Panel 1: 'ISN'T THAT MRS. GARR'S DAUGHTER?' Panel 2: 'YES—ISN'T SHE CUTE AND ANWFULLY SWEET?' Panel 3: 'LITTLE ONE—DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?' Panel 4: 'YEP—YOU'RE THE GUY WHO SITS UP WITH...' Panel 5: 'I'M JUST EIGHT YEARS AND I'D ANY 160 TO SCHOOL IN AT THE HEAD OF MY CLASS.' Panel 6: 'WELL—CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT MAN HAS DONE MORE FOR THIS COUNTRY THAN ANY OTHER MAN?' Panel 7: 'SANTA CLAUS!'

SPARKING GOSSIP

DAUGHTER OF HON. ROBERT MURRAY BECOMES BRIDE OF LIEUT. HERMAN STEPHEN MURRAY OF THIS CITY.

Chatham, Dec. 26.—A wedding of much interest to many throughout the province took place at the residence of the Hon. and Mrs. Robert Murray this morning, when their daughter, Vera Alice, was united in marriage with Lieut. Herman Stephen Murray of military headquarters, St. John. The marriage was performed in the presence of immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The drawing room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the ceremony taking place under an arch of evergreen and apple blossoms. The Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, pastor of St. John's Trinity, officiating, tying the knot in marriage. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, entered the room to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, assisted by the Flower Girls, Miss Johnson of the groom's party, and Miss Johnson of the bride's party. The bride wore a travelling suit of liberty blue velvet with trimmings of grey squirrel and hat to match, carrying a beautiful bouquet of white roses and maiden hair ferns. After the ceremony, a dainty luncheon was served in the dining room, the color scheme in this room being green and red. The young couple left on the Ocean Limited for Halifax and, upon their return, will reside in St. John. The bride was the recipient of many handsome gifts of cut glass, silver, and diamond jewelry. The young couple have many friends throughout the province who wish them much happiness in their wedded life.

WEDDINGS

Darragh-McCluskey. A wedding of interest took place on Wednesday evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. D. MacPherson, when John Darragh, of the R. C. G. A., was united in marriage to Miss Mary McCluskey. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nettie Irene Godwin, formerly of Moncton. The happy couple will reside in this city.

WARSHIPS AT COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—The American legation here was informed that the American warships would arrive at Copenhagen, probably Saturday. It was said they would remain here several days on their way into the Baltic Sea.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

By Rev. A. J. Graham, C. S., a member of the Board of Lecturers of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

WHEN YOUR BOY COMES HOME

you will be glad you gave the last dollar you could spare to keep him at the front and to keep him happy, well clothed and well fed.

Shredded Wheat

paid its heavy toll for doing a restricted business during the war and it paid it gladly. It was a patriotic privilege. Shredded Wheat is the same breakfast cereal you have always eaten—clean, pure, wholesome and nutritious. Eat it with hot milk and a little salt. No sugar is required.

EXECUTION ORDERED BY COURT MARTIAL

Twelve Men Shot Down After Bolshevik Uprising at Omsk.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Twelve men were shot by court martial officers, after an armed uprising by Bolshevik elements at Omsk on the night of Dec. 25, and a cablegram today by the Omsk government, by the Russian embassy. The Bolsheviks succeeded in freeing prisoners held in the Omsk prison, but a detachment of government soldiers quickly arrested 12 men who participated in the outbreak. They promptly were tried and executed, the official report saying, "this incident was closed before dawn."

Most of the prisoners released have been recaptured, and part of them returned voluntarily. Among the Frederickton visitors in the city yesterday were S. B. Hatheway and G. B. Turney.

DELIGHTFUL MOORISH EVENING ENJOYED AT HOME OF H. A. POWELL—THE MOORS IN SPAIN THE WINNING PAPER.

The regular monthly meeting of the Eclectic Club was held last night at the home of H. A. and Mrs. Powell, Queen square, where a delightful Moorish evening was enjoyed. The winning paper, "The Moors in Spain," was read by the authoress, Mrs. Powell, and the paper by Dr. Bridges, entitled "The Expulsion of the Moors," which won second place was read by Mr. Powell in the absence of the doctor. A paper on the Alhambra was read by Mrs. James F. Robertson, Moorish lullabies were sung by Miss Knight and a most delightful and artistic interpretation of Moorish dances was given by Miss Knight and Mrs. McKim. An additional paper on the literature of the Moors, written by Mrs. Lawrence, was read by Miss Walker, concluding one of the most interesting and entertaining evenings the club has enjoyed this season.

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WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

The sale of war savings stamps is a part of the Federal Government's programme of finance. Never before in our history has this country been faced with the necessity of providing for the payment of such large sums of money as it is now called upon to provide. Never has Canada been in a stronger financial position than it is today. Our people have begun to realize the value of saving, but further education along this line is needed and the only way it can be secured is by the continuation of the practice of thrift. No one can learn to save by seeing another person do it, but every one's experience must be won personally. During the past two or three years opportunity has been afforded by the various war loans which have been issued, and as well by the war savings certificates which have been on sale at the post offices and banks. These various methods, however, may not always have been sufficiently strong in their pull to the smallest investor and the one who can put aside only a few quarters or a few dollars at a time. Hence these war savings stamps have been designed to meet the requirements of even the smallest investor. Apart from the mere raising of money required by the government, the war savings plan has untold possibilities for the promotion of the habit of thrift, and the boy or girl who saves, even at the cost of self-denial, is the better for it. And the man or woman who saves systematically increases his or her self respect and becomes a better citizen and a better member of society. The one who saves has a fuller appreciation of our institutions than the one who spends all that is earned. It is realized by the government that much of the success of the war savings plan will depend on the ease and convenience with which the public may purchase these stamps, and for this reason retail stores that are in constant contact with the people have the stamps for sale and display notices to this effect. All banks, post offices, railroad companies, steamship companies, telephone and telegraph companies, public utilities and other institutions are now equipped with the necessary information and supplies of stamps, so that no one who is at all inclined to save even twenty-five cents at a time need escape the opportunity of making such an investment. The amount of money required to finance Canada's share of reconstruction of Europe, in providing material and food, is very great indeed. It is impossible for the ruined nations to pay on delivery for the goods which they require, so that we must not only do our share in restoring those nations but must as well lend them the money with which to pay for what they buy from us. That is, we must extend to them credit for their purchases and as it is impossible for each individual in this country to open a credit with a foreign power, the government has arranged this extension of credits while we supply the cash, which is returned to us in immediate payment for the material which we provide and which will eventually be again returned to us with interest when the loans which we now make to our government become due.

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The Standard publishes today a review of the work of the Canada Food Board during the period of its existence. A careful perusal of this interesting account will prove enlightening, and will as well tend to change the opinions of a great many who in the past have found nothing in the work of this board excepting ground for complaint. It is shown very plainly that certain lines of activity have not received the particular attention which some of us may feel they deserved. Still, the larger objects aimed at in the creation of this board have been accomplished in an entirely satisfactory manner. The increased export of food stuffs from Canada during the period 1914-1918 is almost unbelievable. The wonderful advance from one hundred and eighty-seven million dollars worth to seven hundred and ten millions in a period of three or four years is little short of miraculous, and has been achieved only by two methods, i.e., conservation at home, and increased production. Following the report still further it is shown that increased production has been effected along practically every line, the three principal avenues being fisheries, livestock and agricultural products.

ON A BUSINESS TRIP.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer) All along the French have respected and admired the American president. Even when they were most fearful of his intentions they did not forget the gratitude for what America has done under his leadership. Now, in the enthusiasm of the moment of his arrival as their guest, they have suddenly been convinced that he has come not as an idealistic controversialist but as a businesslike partner of their own national leaders in the immense labor of reconstruction and world rehabilitation.

A GERMAN MADAME SAYS GENE.

(New York Herald) From Amsterdam comes the announcement that the German Ambassador, who controlled the Duchy of Brabant, have appointed a wash-woman as minister of education, recalling Napoleon's creation of the Duchy of Dan

SOLDIERS MAKE GAY IN LONDON

Every Organization Tended to Attempt to Entertain Boys at Christmas Dinners and Teas

London, Dec. 25.—(Delayed)—The festive of peace Christmas in London has been the great influx of soldiers...

Numerous concerts and entertainments by the best musical talent were given, including a gala performance at Albert Hall.

Those who were unable to leave the hospitals were not forgotten, and Christmas entertainments were held at all hospitals.

Major S. B. Wetmore, acting A. A. O. military district 7, is confined to his home at the present time with a severe cold...

BREWERS SOON TO CLOSE SHOP

The Close of Brewing Business at End of Year Does Not Mean No Beer—Enough to Last Until May 1st.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 26.—With the close of 1918, comes the end of the beer brewing in Canada.

The ending of the brewing industry recalls some very old history. The history of brewing in this country goes back to the time when Canada was a French colony.

The original brewery building, or the greater part of it, is still there, and operating as a brewery.

The close of the brewing business, however does not mean that beer cannot be obtained after the end of this year, for there are stores on hand that will last, at the present rate of consumption, until the middle of April.

SINN FEINERS IN BIG VICTORY

Their Highest Hopes Exceeded in Victory Over Nationalists in Recent Parliamentary Elections.

Dublin, Dec. 25.—The Sinn Fein victory over the Nationalists in the recent parliamentary elections, exceeded the highest hopes of the Sinn Feiners.

The immediate purpose of the Sinn Feiners, according to one of their prominent leaders, is to convolve an Irish Nationalist Assembly early in January.

The report of the committee of the whole was adopted. It dealt with the milk inquiry report; the rejection of Moses & Tobias application for the return of their contract deposit.

MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Tentative Offer from Dominion Government for Harbor—Felt Offer Too Small and No Action Taken—Other Business.

At the meeting of the Common Council yesterday, Mayor Hayes presented a tentative offer from the Dominion Government for the St. John harbor of \$1,274,000.

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ALL READY FOR ELECTION

Common Clerk Has Completed Task of Organization—List of Polling Places, Returning Officers, Constables and Scrutineers.

With the exception of four constables Stanley Spears, Wardroper has completed the task of organization for the election of next Monday.

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Seasonable Footwear

Now that Christmas Shopping is over for another year we have on display at our stores New and Tempting offerings in Midwinter Footwear.

We have a very extensive range of Warm Lined Boots in Men's, Women's and Boys'. These boots nearly all have Fibre Soles (Water-proof), and it would not be necessary to wear rubbers with them.

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WERE PRESENTED WITH XMAS GIFTS

The bond men of the city took occasion Christmas eve to present to T. H. Estabrook a beautiful silver cigar box as a parting gift after the strenuous victory loan campaign.

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OBITUARY.

William J. Dalton, North End grocer, died at his home, 385 Main St., yesterday morning.

All persons having accounts against the General Public Hospital are requested to have them sent in not later than Dec. 27th, 1918.

morning at her home in Elliott Row, after a lingering illness. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Frederick Weston of Dover, N. H.; three brothers, Edwin Stevenson of this city; William Stevenson of London, Eng.; and one sister, Mrs. Charles Goodwin of Lond. Eng.

Advertisement for His Master's Voice Records. Includes a dog logo and text: 'There is still time to get "His Master's Voice" Records for the Holidays. You will enjoy them on New Years Day and appreciate them, still more each succeeding day.'

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Includes a kidney diagram and text: 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. THE GREAT URINARY PILLS. 223, THE PHARMACY, ST. JOHN, N.B.'

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Vertical advertisement on the left edge containing various small notices and business listings.

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MONTREAL SALES

Table of Montreal sales including various commodities like sugar, flour, and oil with their respective prices.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

Table of New York quotations for various commodities such as wheat, corn, and oil.

COPPER HOLDS UP MARKET

Maintenance of Regular Dividend on Inspiration Copper Was Agreeable Surprise.

New York, Dec. 26.—With no relief over the holiday from overcast conditions, trading on the stock exchange today was marked by further liquidation, which included most branches of the active list.

WHEAT INCREASE TREMENDOUS

Government Asks Legislation to Make Effective Wheat Price Guarantee for the 1919 Crop.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Legislation to make effective the wheat price guarantee for the 1919 crop and at the same time safeguard the government against losses was recommended to congress today by the Department of Agriculture and Food Administration.

MARKET DROPS LITTLE

Trade Tendencies Show Slight Increase on Beef Prices Thursday.

NO DANGER OF BODILY CLASH

French Troops Distributed Between Serbian and Rumanian Forces to Prevent Contact.

DOESN'T BELIEVE ANY SUCH THING

Democratic Senator Stirs Up Opposition in Senate to League of Nations — Believes Wilson Misquoted.

HOPE TO REGAIN COLONIES

Washington, Dec. 26.—That the Germans hope to regain their colonies is indicated in any extension of the Berlin Tagblatt as authority for the statement.

ANDOVER

Andover, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Edward Waugh and Dorothy Waugh accompanied Mr. Waugh to Five Fingers on Monday, where they will spend the winter.

CHICAGO MARKET HOLDS STRONG

Chicago, Dec. 26.—CORN—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 1.49 to 1.50 1/2.

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BANK OF FRANCE WEEKLY REPORT

Paris, Dec. 26.—An increase of 750,000 francs in advances to the government is shown in the weekly report of the Bank of France, made public today.

CANADIANS IN SIBERIA FORCE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—So far as official advice is concerned, the Dominion Government is without information of any change in allied plans which will affect the status of the Canadian forces in Siberia.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER

New York, Dec. 26.—Declaration of the regular dividend by Inspiration Copper Co. that stock up more than 3 points and traced up the other coppers more or less.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

Table of Chicago produce prices for various items like wheat, corn, and oil.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

Table of Montreal produce prices for various items like flour, sugar, and oil.

BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 26.—Following are the bank clearings for the week ending today:

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SCIENTIST AND ART PATRON

Ostland, N.J., Dec. 26.—Edward D. Sage, scientist, artist and patron of art, died at the dinner table while dining with his family and friends, on his estate, Byberg, last evening.

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N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Table of New York cotton market prices for various grades of cotton.

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AROUND THE CITY
FAIR, TURNING COLDER

FROM A FRIEND.
The mayor has acknowledged receipt of \$2.00 from "a friend" for Belgian relief.

THE HALIFAX TRAINS.
The Board of Trade have been notified that the Halifax trains Nos. 9 and 10 would not be taken off at the present time.

GIVEN A BONUS.
The Bank of Nova Scotia has given to each of its employees as a Christmas gift a bonus of fifteen per cent on the salary received.

LOTTERY POSTPONED.
The lottery for the "Maritime Express," which was to have been drawn in St. Peter's Parish on Christmas Eve was postponed and will take place at the High Tea to be held next month.

SIGNED COPIES RECEIVED.
Mayor Hayes has received from Sir Arthur Harris, signed copies of the arrangements with the Longshoremen and Coal Handlers, and will submit them to the unions for their signatures.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS.
In the Cathedral on Christmas morning the collection for the Catholic orphans amounted to \$891.65. In St. John the Baptist church, \$334 was collected and in Holy Trinity church \$252.25.

ROBBOAT STOLEN.
Thomas L. Wilson, of Chesley Street, met with a severe loss on Christmas Eve, when a robboat containing a lot of valuable gear was taken from his mooring place and has not since been seen.

ONE OF NINE LIVES.
That a cat is possessed of nine lives was evidenced yesterday morning when one in the establishment of H. Hinton and Sons, Market Square, fell sixty feet down an elevator shaft, and gathering itself together again left the floor from which it fell.

WILL BE READY MONDAY.
John A. Sullivan has notified the city that the report of Engineer C. W. Whiting, in the New Brunswick Power Co. investigation would be ready on Monday, and that probably the hearing would be resumed about the middle of January.

A FRACTURED ANKLE.
Mrs. D. O. O'Leary, of 30 Peter Street, has been advised that her son, Private Gerard, has been admitted to a hospital in England suffering from a fractured ankle. Private O'Leary is attached to the 13th Reserve Battalion, Whitley Camp.

HERE FOR BURIAL.
The body of Rev. George M. Campbell, who died in Hornsea, N.Y., Christmas Day, will be brought to St. John, for interment Chief Justice McKeown left last evening for Boston, and will accompany the remains here. The funeral will probably be held on Sunday.

QUALIFIED VOTERS.
More voters will be qualified to cast a ballot at the election on next Monday than had the privilege last April, as during the intervening period a number have paid their taxes. Of the total of 12,880 on the 1917 list it is estimated that 11,263 have qualified themselves to cast a ballot on the 30th.

LEFT FOR TORONTO.
Miss Marion Curran, of Golding street, left on the Montreal express last evening for Toronto, where she is accepting a lucrative position in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Her friends were at the depot to wish her a pleasant trip and wish her a renewed success in her new field of endeavor.

THE GOVERNMENT ELEVATOR.
The Canadian Government elevator at the foot of Prince William street, with normal capacity of 510,000 bushels of grain, has been depleted by recent shipments until at the present time there is only about 50,000 bushels of grain left, all of that oats. The S. W. Humber made quite a hole in the stock of wheat yesterday when she loaded nearly 150,000 bushels for an Old Country port.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM.
The first numbers on the special holiday program at the Y. M. C. A. will be pulled off today when the High School athletic meet will be held in the gym at 8.30 this morning. Tonight a special Christmas Night entertainment will be held in the assembly room at 7.30. The holiday program, extending to Saturday, January 4, is quite varied and covers every branch of "Y" activities.

RETAIL FISH MARKET.
The retail fish market is only fairly well supplied for today, and prices remain firm. Haddock and cod, 15 cents; haddock, 20 cents; shad, 20 cents; salmon, 30 to 45 cents; herring, 12 cents; smoked salmon, 25 cents; white fish, 25 cents; salt cod, 17 cents; boneless cod, 23 cents per lb.; kipper, 7 cents each; oysters, 11 cents; 30 cents per quart.

HORSE WAS INJURED.
A valuable horse owned by F. E. Williams Company, grocers at the corner of Princess and Charlotte streets, was quite badly injured on Christmas Eve when it was hit by an automobile. The horse being put out of commission for the day, many patrons of the store were compelled to carry their purchases home, and the proprietor was obliged to re-open the store on Christmas morning in order to see that all orders were filled promptly.

OLD VET HEALTHY.
J. K. Hayes, of Hampton, in a business letter to The Standard, mentions the fact that he is 87 years of age, and has just passed his twenty-second marriage anniversary. He says that he and his good wife are fairly smart and were both born on the same day in 1832. The Standard joins in congratulations, and wishes them a happy New Year.

THREE PRISONERS
ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Connolly, Kelly and Cain in Police Court Charged With Breaking and Entering—Joseph Miller Said to Have Threatened His Wife's Life.

Yesterday afternoon the police court resumed its sessions on arrival of the magistrate from St. Stephen. The first on the docket was a woman charged with being drunk. She pleaded guilty and was remanded. Joseph Miller, a colored man, residing at No. 3 Union Alley, appeared on the charge of abusing his wife and threatening to shoot her. His wife stated that on Wednesday evening her husband told her to get out of the house or he would shoot her. She went to the police station, procured an order for a revolver and returned to her home. The husband denied the charge, and was remanded for further hearing.

John O'Leary, Sandy Cove Road, stated that on arriving from his job he found the door of the shed where his geese were kept. Going to the shed the geese were gone, witness then went up the road leading into the city and found a pool of blood on the ice in the ditch. Witness found some feathers on the road. Witness valued the geese at \$7 each.

James H. Peacock, another resident of Sandy Point Road, testified that on last Saturday evening he visited the city market and sold coleslaw. Completing his business he started for his home. On the way he heard a wagon approaching from behind, about fifty feet in the rear of witness as he walked along the road, three revolver shots rent the air. The wagon approached rapidly, the driver drew up and asked witness to take a drive home. Witness with his two sons got in the wagon. Witness recognized Connolly as the driver of the horse but could not swear that the other two boys in the court room were his companions, adding that Kelly appeared to be one of them and it had on a lighter colored coat than he wore in the court room.

After witness got into the wagon, (a sort of wagonette with a front seat and two side seats in the rear) Connolly asked witness if he wished to buy the white horse which was hauling the wagon. Witness replied that he was well fixed for horses, and then asked Connolly where they were going. Connolly replied out to Crowley's. While proceeding along Connolly dropped the whip on the road and told off of his companions, who looked like Cain, to get out and get the whip. The companion asked for a light as he could not find the whip in the dark, Connolly then produced a flashlight, and the lad went back and found the whip. They proceeded along and on reaching the residence of witness' brother, where witness had left his horse, witness with his two sons alighted from the wagon and the other three proceeded along.

Witness procured his horse and went home. After doing some chores around the farm he went into the house at 11.45. The family sat around the fire for a time and soon after the little ones were put to bed. Witness retired at 12.40 o'clock, soon after his two dogs commenced to bark and made such a noise that it was remarkable by witness to his wife that someone must be around. Witness did not go outdoors to investigate but his wife looked through a window. Witness stated that he lived a very short distance from the former witness. Here the case was postponed until next Monday morning at eleven o'clock when the elder Peacock boy who went home in the wagon with the three defendants and his father, will be called.

William M. Ryan is appearing for Kelly and Connolly. His Honor addressing the boys commented on the grave charge on which they were arrested, breaking and entering, a charge calling for serious consequences even fourteen years in Dorchester, and referred to the same offense seventy years ago when a poor unfortunate man was found guilty by a jury of breaking and entering a house on Union street for which he paid the penalty of giving his life, being hanged.

Further evidence and hearing in these cases may produce evidence which may lift the curtain of mystery on many recent breaks into summer cottages in the suburban districts near the city.

CHRISTMAS TREAT
FOR THE INMATES

Those in the Home for Incurables Made Happy Yesterday Afternoon—Presents Given Every Patient.

The annual Christmas treat to the inmates of the Home for Incurables was given yesterday afternoon, and proved as usual a great success. A number of visitors were present and assisted in the exercises. A large tree had been placed in the hall, and on this were placed something for each patient in the institution. At half past three a committee of ladies distributed these. The patients well enough to be around gathered in the hall and received their gifts there. In the case of those confined to their beds the gifts were carried to them. After the distribution of good things some of the inmates took part in this feature of the afternoon's entertainment.

Among the ladies who assisted in the distribution of the presents were Mrs. John McEvity, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. E. C. Hickey, Mrs. Siles Alward and Mrs. W. H. C. Grimmer.

ONE SHOW IMPERIAL TONIGHT.
Because of the platform meeting in connection with the civic recall campaign at the Imperial tonight there will be but one programme of the regular show, namely, from 7 to 8.30.

INMATES OF
MUNICIPAL HOME
WERE MADE HAPPY

Many Citizens Visited the Institution Yesterday—Christmas Tree, Gifts for All, and Pleading Programme Carried Through.

That those in the Municipal Home are not forgotten during the Christmas season, was evidenced yesterday when a number of prominent citizens went out to the Home to remember the inmates with gifts which were most useful, and creative of good cheer and jollity. All the inmates of the home, numbering about one hundred and sixty-four, were remembered in a hearty manner.

The day was delightful, and by the aid of street cars, automobiles and bicycles the home was visited by a large number. Among those present were His Worship Mayor R. T. Hayes, and the Commissioners; Rev. H. A. Ody, Rev. Mr. Pinkett, Rev. R. T. MacKinnon, Rev. Mr. MacKinnon, Rev. Mr. McLaughlin and the former Catholic Chaplain of the home, Rev. Father J. O'Neill, as well as a host of others. George A. Knodel, chairman of the Home Committee, acted as the chairman of the proceedings. On the arrival the guests were escorted through the building by officials of the institution and all remarked on the utter cleanliness and spirit of comfort which was rampant through the whole edifice. They then adjourned to the large class room, where addresses were given by His Worship the Mayor, and commissioners, also by many of the visiting citizens.

Mayor Hayes gave a very pleasing address relative to the home and the duty of all those citizens of the city who possessed the worthy goods that they did their more unfortunate brethren. His address called for no small amount of applause. Mayor Hayes himself has set the example, as he has always been an ardent friend of the institution, and is always ready to give that helping hand so often needed.

Rev. Father A. J. O'Neill, who formerly held the post for the space of sixteen years as Catholic Chaplain of the home, gave a pleasing address, touching on the great work of the home and the duty of the more fortunate citizens towards the institution. Needless to relate, the reverend priest was warmly received.

The little children under the able direction of their teacher, Miss McGuire, then went through a pleasing program of songs and readings, which reflected much credit upon themselves and their popular instructor. At the Christmas of this number the large gift of which was placed in the front window. It was stripped in the presence of all, and each inmate given that which it indeed seem to him or her that their good friends, and many new ones, had not forgotten them in the world's daily turmoil. All the visitors congratulated the management of the home on the spirit of comfort, cleanliness and good order, and further that the three corners there by them were indeed those of extreme pleasure.

At 5 p.m. the visitors set out for home again, leaving behind them those whom they had gladdened and followed by the wishes of these for their success in the future, and they might possess more of the worldly material goods in 1919 so as to be better able next Christmas to answer the growing call of the members of the Municipal Home.

McKIM'S WINDOWS
BROKEN AGAIN

South End Grocer Victim of Damage and Theft—Youths in Vicinity Are Annoyance to the Residents.

Some time early Christmas morning the grocery store of H. R. McKim, corner of Sydney and Britain streets was broken into, a pane of glass being smashed in the front window. This is the second break within a short time. While there was a crowd of young fellows standing in front of the shop about two o'clock Wednesday morning singing and making a disorderly din, it is not even hinted that they are responsible. Early last Sunday morning a similar break was made in the place, and about twelve dollars worth of goods stolen out of the window. About one o'clock that morning there was a trio of stagers at the place causing annoyance to the residents in that vicinity. Several of those who congregated on the corner have been previously warned by the police and it would not be surprising if some action is taken providing the crowd is not broken up immediately, for the only time they make a move to other quarters is when a policeman makes his appearance in the distance.

SOUTH END RINK

The wires have been run for the electric lights for the South End skating rink, and it is expected the lights will be in operation tonight. Already the youngsters have been having good time, although only about half the lot is flooded yet. With a little cold weather in charge hope to complete the flooding of the whole area and add to the enjoyment of boys and girls in that end of the city.

MADE A RECORD.

A new record in the forwarding of the passengers was made Wednesday by the military, immigration and railway staffs. The Corcoran docked at four o'clock with about eight hundred and twenty passengers, and at fifteen minutes after eleven last night every one had been examined, given the necessary discharge and, through papers and transportation, and the last train had started carrying them to their homes.

St. John Business College Classes to open Thursday, Jan. 2nd. Classes will be open every morning from 10 to 12, 4th New Year, to meet inquiries.

SEAMEN MARCHED TO INSTITUTE
LED PARADE

Last Evening, Where They Were Entertained and Presented With Comfort Bags.

Santa Claus, equipped with twin whiskers and a hat that was more elegant than fairyland, headed the parade of seamen last night which turned the principal streets before turning toward the Seamen's Institute on Prince William street, where the annual Christmas entertainment was held. Last night's parade was about 100 strong and with music furnished by a piper and two tin can drummers, created quite a bit of interest along the route of march.

About 600 seamen attended the entertainment in the Institute and very number on the programme was applauded repeatedly, encore after encore being the order of the evening. The chairman of the social was H. C. Schofield, manager of the Reford and Donaldson steamship agency, who, with him on the platform were Lieut. Commander A. J. Malachuk, of the British Admiralty, Col. Edward Sturdes and C. B. Allan.

The opening number of the programme was a piano solo by Miss Lola Anderson, which was followed by a solo by Master Isaac, by a solo song in costume by Mrs. Coleman, and selections from Harry Lauder's repertoire by Thomas Guy, a sailor's hornpipe by Miss Dorothy Billars, a baritone solo by Mr. Chadwick, and a song by Miss Anderson. Miss Anderson furnished the piano accompaniment for the entire programme.

At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served consisting of coffee, cake, fruits and confections, the serving committee being selected from the ladies of the Seaman's Institute and of the Seven Seas Chapter. After the refreshments the six hundred seamen in the audience were each presented with a large comfort bag containing pairs of sock, handkerchiefs, pen, pencils, pipe, various bandages, writing paper, pencil and pen, chocolates, buttons (plain and comfort bags are the gift of the Navy League, being represented by Mrs. M. B. Edwards, and the committee from the Institute being composed of Mrs. Joseph Seymour, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. McKechnie.

The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and appropriate holiday trimmings. Last night's programme will be duplicated tonight, with the exception that of vocal and instrumental numbers will be changed.

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THE NEW YEAR.

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The things are deserving of a paragraph by themselves. The market value of our stock of Hudson Seal, Mink, Mink Marmot Coats, etc., since our orders were placed—yours get the advantage of the market. We have reduced prices which will prove most tempting to those who have far to purchase. See fur display in window. —DYKEMAN'S.

The new Opera House vaudeville programme opening tonight includes the Hawaiian Trio, instrumentalists and dancers; Mildred Grover, singing comedienne and story teller; Diana and Wright, physical culture artists; Weller and Archie Jones, exponents of black-face minstrel comedy; Johnstone, novelty jumper and acrobat, and the sixth chapter of the aerial, The Woman in the Web. This evening at 7.30 and 9. Popular prices.

GREAT RUSH FOR LAUNDER SEATS.
Great swaths of seats were gobbled up on the Imperial Theatre plans yesterday for the three performances of Harry Lauder and Company, New Year's Day and Thursday, the 2nd of January. As the capacity of the Imperial Theatre is about twice the average of the ordinary amuse city theatre there are of course yet many choice locations. A large telephone list is to be filled this forenoon as it was not possible to attend to all the calls yesterday because of the line-up of personal buyers. This should advise personal buyers to prevent disappointments. Box office opened at 10 a.m.

AUTO OWNERS.
Owners of motor vehicles are reminded that it will be necessary to secure licenses for 1919 in order to legally operate automobiles or motor trucks or other motor vehicles after Tuesday, December 31st, 1918. In order to avoid the delay which a rush of last minute applications would result in, owners who are using their cars and trucks should fill out the necessary forms and remit license fees at once. W. H. McQUADE, Provincial Tax Inspector, St. John, N. B., Dec. 26th, 1918.

COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD MEETING.

Commissioners McLeellan and Hillyard will hold a public meeting in the Imperial Theatre on Friday evening, Dec. 27th, at 8.30, immediately after first show. This will be the only public meeting held by the commissioners, as it has been found impossible to arrange meetings for North and South Ends.

If in the market for a good used car, or wish to sell, consult with J. A. Pugsley & Company, Used Car Department. Used car exhibition now being held at showrooms, 45 Prince Street, open day and evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

Skating tonight at the Victoria rink. First every night and Saturday afternoon.

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