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LITTLE FIGHTING IN EUROPE DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

ROUMANIANS YIELD IN HUN DRIVE

Heavy Fighting in Dobrudja—Russians Obligated to Fall Back Under Heavy Pressure -- Austro-Germans Making Last Stand--Heavy Casualties Suffered by Turks.

MACEDONIA EXCEPT FOR AN ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENT DEVOID OF MOMENTOUS ACTIVITY—TWO BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK IN NORTH SEA.

The third Christmas of the European war passed without much fighting on the British and French fronts, where virtually only the artillery was active and the men were feasted and entertained as far as was compatible with the sterner business of war.

Roumania's first Christmas as a participant in the war witnessed heavy fighting on the Roumanian front. Ground was yielded by the Roumanians at some points under the pressure of the Germans, and north of the Buzeu-Rimnik road a height was lost by the Russians.

Von Mackensen's Attack. In the northwest corner of Dobrudja province, the sector to which the Russo-Roumanian retreat has taken them, the army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen has begun to attack the bridgehead of Matchin, after Iaakische on the eastern bank of the Danube was captured. In addition to announcing the evacuation of Iaakische, the Roumanians admit the occupation of Tultcha.

British mounted troops, with the cooperation of aircraft, carried a strong position at Matchin, 29 miles distant from El Arish, which was captured on Thursday. Incomplete reports, says the statement from London, show

BUSINESS WAS BETTER THAN FOR MANY YEARS

City Merchants Say Christmas Trade Was Far in Excess of Previous Records.

If the Christmas business this year is any criterion there is plenty of money in St. John despite the cry of hard times and the increasing cost of living. The principal merchants report more business than last year and say that the shoppers all seemed to have plenty of money to spend.

F. W. Daniel said that they were well satisfied with the business done this year.

Macaulay Bros. were able to report a considerably better business than last year and were well pleased with the showings made.

Manchester Robertson and Allison reported bigger business than last year and were more than satisfied with the volume done.

John Vanwart said that he had been doing business for 36 years and this Christmas eve was the best he had ever had. The volume of business done was greater and the amount of cash taken in was away ahead.

F. B. Williams estimated that the Christmas business this year was at least 50 per cent. better than last year and the cash business was greater.

GABINET OF PORTUGAL TO CREATE WAR COUNCIL

Lisbon, via Paris, Dec. 24.—The cabinet has decided to create a war committee and a public economic committee. Both bodies will have extensive powers.

London, Dec. 25.—Except in the camps and hospitals, this Christmas was the quietest Great Britain has ever known. Economy was the watchword among the upper classes generally. Travel was unprecedentedly small, because the newspapers and the government appealed to civilians to stay home and give up the trains for the soldiers on leave. The majority of the civilian travellers appeared to be emigrant workers and their families.

BITTER ATTACK MADE ON PRES. WILSON

Dean of Westminster Says Wilson in Fit of Mental Aberration Sent Wrong Note or Has Entirely Misapprehended European Situation.

London, Dec. 25.—The Dean of Westminster, the Right Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, preaching in the Abbey today, said:

"It is our resolve, God helping us, to overthrow every overture to prevent Europe to rescue the liberties and homes of the desolated countries, to obtain for these people reparation for their wrongs, and for humanity lasting securities against a recurrence of aggressive violence and crime."

"It is true that the president of the United States after two years of study of the question and innumerable notes, seems to believe that the object of the two groups of belligerents is the same."

Germany Refused Arbitration. "He knows that Germany refused arbitration, declined a conference and rejected every overture to prevent war."

President Thomas Wins Annual Curling Match—Soldiers Have Splendid Dinner—Coun. Neill Meets With Accident.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 25.—Fredericton's observation of Christmas was one of the quietest in recent years. The weather while cold was not at all unpleasant, except perhaps on Christmas eve when the thermometer dropped to two above zero and a heavy wind accompanied the cold snap. Christmas Day was all that could be desired and the observation of the festival while quiet was general throughout the city. The usual Christmas music was sung in the churches on Sunday and evening.

The annual curling match between president vs. vice-president, which was the big sporting event of the day was won by President W. S. Thomas, a former St. Andrew's Club curler in St. John, by a score of 79 to 56. Vice-president Dougherty won his game from the president, however, being the only skip on the vice-president's side to come through with a win. The Arctic rink opened for the season and had a big crowd both afternoon and evening.

The soldiers in Fredericton had one of the most enjoyable Christmas dinners given any of the troops that have been stationed in this city since the outbreak of war.

Capt. J. D. Black, quartermaster of the 23rd British Battalion, had an excellent feast prepared for the Kilties, and the soldiers remembered this popular officer by presenting him with a handsome case.

The soldiers at the hospital were looked after by the Daughters of the Empire.

Despite the unfavorable conditions that existed here for several days previous to Christmas, the local merchants declare their business this year was the best in many years. On Saturday the stores did a wonderful business, there being large crowds in

"MAY GOD BLESS AND PROTECT YOU" MESSAGE OF KING GEORGE

His Majesty Addresses Two Messages, One to Soldiers and Another to Sick and Wounded in Hospitals—Queen Mary Shares in Greetings.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The following messages have been received from His Majesty the King by the governor-general, to be communicated to soldiers and sailors:

"London, Dec. 24.—I send you, my soldiers and sailors, hearty good wishes, for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unflinching cheerfulness. Another Christmas has come round and we are still at war. But the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you."

Also the following cable to the sick and wounded: "At this Christmas-tide the Queen and I are thinking, more than ever, of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas and many happy years to come."

What the Kaiser Said. "Honour to God above, peace on earth, and to man, happiness. God bless the third Christmas of all those away in the field and of all those in our dear fatherland." (Signed) WILLIAM.

GERMANY BETTING HEAVILY THAT PEACE IS IN SIGHT

French Senate Declares by Unanimous Vote that France Will Not Submit—Russia Will Not Submit to Barbarities Practised on Serbia and Roumania.

London, Dec. 24.—A Frankfurt despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, via Rotterdam, says there was heavy betting on the Berlin exchange yesterday that peace would be signed before August. The same despatch says that the German emperor will return to Berlin for conferences with the American and Spanish ambassadors.

France Opposed. Paris, Dec. 24.—The unanimous vote of the senate affirming that France cannot conclude peace with an enemy who occupies French territory, coming at the same time as the peace note of the Swiss government, has stirred anew the French press and public.

The action of the senate gave further indication of the attitude of the Allies towards President Wilson's proposal, while confidence voted in the Briand ministry was regarded most favorably.

Wilson's Note. The foreign affairs committee of the chamber devoted a large part of the session yesterday to an examination of President Wilson's note.

The Petit Journal suggests that President Wilson, in sending the note, knew he would have the support of Switzerland, and says: "France pities its neighbor, menaced like Belgium, perhaps, but France, which did not want war, knows that as to the war, the Entente Allies cannot be placed on the same footing as the Central Powers."

How Petrograd Regards It. Petrograd, Dec. 24, via London, Dec. 25.—President Wilson's note has called forth from the Russian press and from the nation itself, as far as can be judged from its effect in official and political circles in Petrograd, a torrent of criticism, partly tolerant and partly sharply adverse, but, for the most part, maintaining a tone of polite, amiable rejection.

The Associated Press has been informed that the Russian government received the note in the spirit of friendliness in which it was offered, but while appreciating the humanitarian motive, which prompted it, it will find it impossible, at present, to suggest any terms which could guarantee

a durable peace. All the newspapers comment on what is termed the inopportune moment chosen for peace mediation, and express regret that the favorable impression caused by the American government's refusal to make recommendations in connection with Germany's proposal should now be faced by proposals of this kind.

The Reich says President Wilson would better have been guided by the negative attitude which he observed in transmitting the offer. "It is too early to give such counsel," says the Reich. "At such a time counsel can be more harmful than useful. He supposes both sides are following more or less the same objects. What can the people and governments of the Allies reply, after having definitely refused Germany's offer? Does President Wilson think the offer has been refused simply on account of a lack of concrete terms, and that if he fills this lack we can consider peace negotiations? There is no necessity to await terms, which we know beforehand to be unacceptable. If President Wilson does not understand that no offers can be mutually acceptable to the Allies and their enemies, we at least understand it."

Prominent members of the Duma, and all the political leaders from whom an expression of opinion could be obtained concerning the note, were united in the conviction that American peace suggestions were ill-timed and impracticable.

M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma, said: "My attitude toward the note is negative. It is not time for us or our allies to conclude peace. There would not be peace for any length of time, and then the war would have been fought in vain. The reply to President Wilson's note must be the same as that to the proposal of the Central Powers."

Austrian War Minister to Be Replaced. Berlin, Dec. 25, via Sayville.—The Austro-Hungarian minister of war, General Ritter Von Krobatin, is to be replaced by Field Marshal Von Schellay, according to a Vienna report published in the Vossische Zeitung and given out by the Overseas News Agency.

CANADIANS MIKE WAR MARK IN TRENCH WARFARE

Storm Trenches North of Arras, North France, and Put Out of Action Entire Battalion of German Infantry.

GERMAN PRISONERS ADMIT THEY WERE TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE — OFFICER CAPTURED ADMITS SOMETHING WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN, BUT DID NOT EXPECT IT ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

With the British Armies in France, but threw up their hands with cries Dec. 24, via London, Dec. 25.—(From of "Kamarad." Others were taken a staff correspondent of the Association Press)—North of Arras certain lines, for the Canadians pushed on Canadian troops have just accomplished quickly to the second trenches. About what the British officers declare twenty dugouts were destroyed by the Canadians, several with bombs captured from the Germans. One of the officers engaged said: "As we entered the trenches many Germans broke for the dugouts. All who did were subsequently well cared for. Each of our men was given definite instructions for his precise task, and a map of the enemy's trenches which proved absolutely correct. Each man knew every detail of the proposed operation. They were delighted at this and entered the fight with great cheer."

Always Happy. "When they came out two hours later, they were singing and as happy as school boys on a holiday. The neatness and despatch with which the raid was carried out were unique. The artillery's co-operation of the British guns was perfection. Beautifully placed curtains of fire prepared our advance, and, creeping forward, protected us as they proceeded to absolutely demolish the enemy trenches and dugouts. The programme had given the men an hour and a half for their work, but the clean-up was accomplished in an hour and ten minutes, and the raiders signalled they were ready to return to their own trenches."

No attempt was made at a counter-attack until the following night, when the Germans bombarded and raided their own first line, or what was left of it, thinking that the raiders were still there. As a matter of fact the Canadians who carried out the operations were miles away. They were not part of the fighting line, but on rest, and had gone forward for this particular piece of work, which was planned weeks ago.

Canadians Use Grenades. Concomitant rejoiced among the Germans, who scrambled for the saps and dugouts leading to the rear trenches, while the Canadians pelted them with hard grenades. Caught absolutely unprepared many Germans in the front line offered no resistance.

Premier's Greetings to Soldiers. Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Christmas greetings to Canadian soldiers at the front and training in England, or at convalescent homes or hospitals there, were conveyed by Sir Robert Borden in cables to General Turner, General D'Byng and Sir George Perley.

The prime minister cabled General Turner, commanding the Canadian forces in England: "On behalf of the Canadian people I send Christmas greetings to the Canadian expeditionary force in England, and earnestly wish that their efforts during the coming year may be crowned with the highest success. Those who are now completing their training in England may soon be called to the front, where their record will be as splendid and inspiring as that of the Canadians now in the battle line. The Canadian people are resolved to spare no effort and shrink from no sacrifice to support the cause for which you have taken up arms on behalf of your country."

White Star and Cunard Leave N. Y. Premier Lloyd George in Plan for Controlling Shipping Will Probably Transfer the Lines to Halifax.

New York, Dec. 25.—The New York Times this morning says: "It is understood that under the new Lloyd George plan for controlling British shipping the White Star and Cunard liners will operate between Liverpool and Halifax, instead of coming on to New York, and will be armed with six-inch guns fore and aft. In addition to the protection afforded by the guns there will be fast cruisers in certain positions which will be known to the commanders of the liners, who will be provided with special signals to enable them to call for assistance if they are attacked."

Transship Freight. "The cargoes will be taken from New York and Boston in small steamers to Halifax, where the freight will be transhipped on board the big steamships waiting to convey it to Liverpool or London. Passengers will travel by train. The expense of transshipping the freight and conveying it to Halifax will be very heavy, but it will have to be done in order to make certain that the government will get sufficient provisions for the people of Great Britain and for the army of 2,000,000 men in France and Flanders."

Charlie White Outpoints Harry Pierce. New York, Dec. 25.—Charlie White, of Chicago, outboxed Harry Pierce, of Brooklyn, in each round of a ten-round bout here today. Pierce weighed 132 pounds, and White 137.

ST. JOHN HAD THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND OBSERVED GREAT DAY IN CHARACTERISTIC MANNER

Turkey Dinner for Soldier Boys at Armory, Hospitals and Discharge Depot—Special Exercises in City Churches—Inmates of Local Institutions Well Remembered by Their Friends—The Day Aboard the Big Liners in Port—Large Number of Presentations.

Lead Christmas at St. John folk observed Christmas in a characteristic manner. It is a day of merriment for the people of this city in common with the many million inhabitants of the world. The various local attractions were generously patronized. In the home the Christmas tree was very popular as usual. Santa Claus, or "Sandy" as the young people love to call him, did not fail to remember the many homes of St. John.

The popular visitor was also kind to the many inmates of the various local institutions. He provided a sumptuous Christmas dinner of turkey and handed out suitable remembrances to the large numbers whose lot brings them into these various institutions. In fact the Christmas spirit was evident on all sides. Hundreds came from outside centres to enjoy the great day at their local homes.

In the Churches. Christmas services were held in many of the city churches yesterday, large congregations being present in most cases. Appropriate sermons were delivered and special music was the general rule. In Trinity there was Holy Communion in the morning at 7, 7 and 8 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock matins and sermon by Rev. L. Ralph Sherman.

An impressive musical programme was provided under the supervision of the organist, James S. Ford, in St. John's (Stone) church, the services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Fleming, the special music being in charge of D. Arnold Fox. In St. Paul's Rev. J. W. Willidge officiated, there being a large number of worshippers, as was the case also, in St. Mary's church, Waterloo street, Rev. R. Taylor McKim being in charge, both at Holy Communion and at the later service at 11 a. m. Similar services were conducted in St. Luke's church where the rector, Rev. R. P. McKim officiated.

Large congregations attended the four services at the mission church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row. The church was beautifully decorated, the high altar being adorned with flowers and abaze with lights at the solemn high celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 a. m. The celebrant of the Holy Eucharist at this service was the priest in charge, Rev. Father John V. Young. It was preceded by a solemn procession of chorists, acolytes and priest about the church. There was no sermon. There were early celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 6, 7, and 8 o'clock in the morning.

At the Cathedral yesterday morning a splendid high mass was sung by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, assisted by the Rev. Father Duke as high priest, the Rev. Father Howland, deacon, and the Rev. Father Coughlan as sub-deacon. The Rev. Father Walker was the master of ceremonies. A sermon appropriate to the feast was preached by the Rev. Father Walker who made a profound impression on the large congregation. At midday high mass was sung by Rev. Father Howland. The number from the congregation receiving Holy Communion at the midday mass was the largest in the history of the Cathedral. In Holy Trinity church there was high mass at 10 a. m. with Rev. Father Walsh officiating.

The Presbyterian churches united in services at St. John's Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. W. M. Thompson and Rev. W. W. Malcolm taking part, the latter giving an impressive sermon on the theme "Goodwill Among Men." At the close the Presbyterian Ministers' Association met in the vestry and presented Mr. Malcolm with a two volume set of Alfred Noyes' poems. He has been a member of the association for three years and leaves in a day or so to be inducted to the church in St. Stephen.

In Centenary church at 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Barnaclough took charge of the services, Rev. Gilbert Earle preaching the sermon and taking for his subject, "Xmas and Christmas." He pointed out the true meaning of Christmas as distinguished between the celebration of the feast, without reference to its truly religious character and its observance as a time when the thoughts of all earnest Christians should be directed to the Prince of

Peace. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson closed the service with prayer.

In the 62nd Barracks. The members of the 62nd Battalion partook of an excellent Christmas dinner yesterday in their quarters on the West Side. The officers' wives furnished each man with a Christmas package, about 140 being distributed.

In the County Jail. There were imprisoned in the county jail yesterday forty-two prisoners, five of whom are women there serving sentence and spending their Christmas day behind the bars. In the cells at police headquarters were fourteen other prisoners to spend Christmas in a similar manner. The total arrests for Saturday were twenty-three, and one on Sunday. Ten of the number were liberated on Saturday night, so the total number on King street east yesterday was fifty-six. Some persons do not doubt wonder how these unfortunate individuals spend the holiday. It was certainly a quiet day for all of them, but they were given the usual Christmas dinner. This did not mean that they were fed turkey, but the fare provided was even more substantial, for every prisoner received a red hot dinner of the best roast beef that could be supplied, and along with the beef were plenty of turnips and potatoes. During the afternoon kind-hearted Salvation Army officers visited the jail and every prisoner was presented with a Christmas bag containing fruit and candy.

Surprise for Commissioner Wigmore. Commissioner Wigmore received a very pleasant surprise on Saturday afternoon when the permanent employees of his department invaded the office on Carmarthen street and presented to him a handsome fitted travelling bag and electric pflizer, as an expression of their good wishes and good will for himself and Mrs. Wigmore. The presentation was made by Engineer McInnes in a neat little speech, and the commissioner, who was taken completely by surprise, expressed his appreciation of the gift and of the spirit which prompted it.

Good Wishes from Toronto. Mayor Hayes received from Mayor Church, of Toronto, the greetings of that city and their good wishes for the prosperity of St. John in the coming year. The mayor replied in kind on behalf of St. John.

Sailors Entertained. The Seaman's Institute on Prince William street entertained almost 200 sailors with a fine musical programme, most of which was contributed by the men themselves. Each man was presented with a little gift on leaving.

At the Parks Home. Christmas was a gala day at the Parks Convalescent Home and every thing from the dinner to the games and songs later were heartily enjoyed by the returned soldiers. The regular Christmas dinner was served by several V. A. D. girls who kindly volunteered their services. After dinner the soldiers adjourned to the recreation room where they were treated to some excellent singing by local talent. They also passed the afternoon with games and other pastimes. Last night the majority of the soldiers were invited out to various homes in the city, where they were made welcome. The soldiers who preferred to stay at the home were entertained with choral music.

J. S. MacLaren entertained a number of the returned heroes at his home on Coburg street with a turkey supper. The color scheme used on the table was MacLaren tartan in the form of a St. Andrew's cross. Those that assisted Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren in entertaining the soldiers were Miss Mary MacLaren, W. Ashlow and Mr. K. K. Inches.

At Soldiers' Club. Yesterday afternoon and evening

the Soldiers' Club on Sydney street kept open house for the soldiers. A large Christmas tree was set up in the main hall and on it were displayed candy, cigarettes and other gifts, which were given to the soldiers in the evening. Tea was served to about forty men in the afternoon and at night a luncheon was served to over a hundred. Besides an informal programme being given, music and games were much enjoyed. Several songs sung by Miss Gallivan were much enjoyed, the soldiers joining in the chorus.

For Auld Lang Syne. The Standard was in receipt of two neatly worded Christmas cards yesterday from gentlemen in the United States who are well known to St. John citizens. One of the cards is from Captain John H. Pratt, of the U. S. transport Kilpatrick, and the message the well known skipper sends is as follows: "To wish you all that wish can hold. Or greeting true convey. In four brief words it all is told—A Happy Christmas Day. The other card is from one other than W. S. Harkins, a theatrical man who is well known throughout the Maritime Provinces. The message that "Bill" sends follows: "Never a Christmas morning. Never the Old Year ends. But somebody thinks of somebody. Old days, old times, old friends."

Mrs. Leslie White. The death occurred yesterday at Moncton of a former St. John lady, Mrs. Leslie White. She had gone to the hospital to undergo an operation but failed to rally and passed away yesterday. She is survived by her husband, mother, three brothers, Col. A. Massie, somewhere in France; Stephen and George Massey, Grace sisters, Mrs. E. C. Dyer of Portland, Me., Mrs. W. C. Clarke and Mrs. F. W. Wry of St. John. Mr. Wry just returned from St. Stephen, where he buried his father on Saturday, and is now called on to mourn the loss of his sister-in-law. The body will be brought to St. John for burial.

Obituary. Arthur Rodgers. One of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the North End passed away yesterday in the person of Arthur Rodgers, of Somerset street. He was for years employed on the I. C. R., but was superannuated some ten years ago. He had reached the advanced age of 80 years but was as active as most men 20 years younger. He is survived by two sons, Edward C., of this city and James of Cambridge, Mass., two daughters, Mrs. Peter McCarry and Mrs. Barrett, both of this city; two brothers, Patrick of this city and Francis of Liverpool, England, four sisters, Mrs. Rose Allen of this city, Mrs. Bessie Cunningham of Chatham, Mrs. Bridget Mullin and Mrs. Edward Quill of Cambridge, Mass.

One particularly sad feature is that Mrs. Cunningham lost her husband about one hour before the news reached her of the death of her brother. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 8.30 to Holy Trinity church for high mass of requiem. Friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. Ella R. Balloch. The death took place suddenly at the residence of her son-in-law, G. L. Parlee, of Centreville, of Mrs. Ella R. Balloch, widow of the late William Balloch, some time high sheriff of Carleton. The deceased lady, who has always been a moving spirit in all good works and charitable enterprises, was greatly beloved. Her death cast a profound gloom over the community, in all the activities of which her practical and willing leadership and help will be keenly missed. Among the many beautiful floral tributes from her family and friends, testifying to the esteem in which she was held, were exquisite crosses from St. James' parish church, the Red Cross, and the service for the dead was taken in the presence of an overflowing congregation by the priest in charge, assisted by the choir of St. James' church. Interment was made in the church yard. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. G. L. White of Centreville.

BORN. SMITH—To Mrs. Smeaton Smith, 198 Green street, West Side, a daughter.

DIED. WHITE—On the 25th instant, in the Moncton hospital, Minnie, wife of Leslie White leaving her husband and two sons to mourn. Notice of funeral later. (Fredericton and Sydney papers please copy).

RODGERS—In this city, on the 25th inst., Arthur Rodgers leaving two sons, two daughters, two brothers and four sisters to mourn. Funeral Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock from Sarah Barrett's residence, 75 Somerset street, to Holy Trinity church for requiem high mass. Friends invited to attend.

BARLOW—On December 25th, at the residence of E. R. W. Ingraham, 41 Rodney street, West St. John, Edwin William Barlow, aged 79, leaving two children to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father, also two sisters. Funeral from 41 Rodney street, West St. John, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

WANTED—The Florenceville Consolidated School, a first class teacher for the Intermediate Department. Apply stating salary to the secretary, E. M. Fluke.

boys, and for others it is the last we shall celebrate while claiming that happy name. But whether it be the new altar boy who looks forward with eagerness to the blessed years in store for him or the old altar boy who looks back with happy memories upon the time of special graces he has spent in the sanctuary, each alike will carry with him through life a veneration, a love, a gratitude for the kind bishop and holy priests who have made his youth a most happy one and not least among the names that shall be inscribed upon our hearts shall be that of Father Walker.

THE CATHEDRAL ALTAR BOYS. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. John, N. B. Christmas Day, 1916.

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THE CHRISTMAS CROP IN POLICE CIRCLES

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At St. James' church after the regular service on Sunday night there was given a sacred concert which afforded a rare treat to those who were privileged to hear it. The programme which was arranged and carried out under the direction of the organist and choir director of the church, D. S. Robillard, was as follows: Christmas carols, the choir; quartette, Holy Night, Mrs. Thomas Kee, Miss Dorothy Kee, Arnold Kee, Fred Bamford; solo, The Lord is My Light, Robert C. Holder; duet, Love Divine, Miss Ethel Parlee, Thomas Kingsmill; solo, Ninety and Nine, H. E. Collins; duet, Tarry With Thee, Miss Penton, A. J. Mason; solo, Consider the Lily, Mrs. Blake Ferris; solo, Hosanna, Dr. Percy Bonnell; solo, Unto You is Born a

Sacred Concert Enjoied by Large Audience Sunday Night.

After the day's work is over and you crave the sweet consolation, the soothing, refreshing influence of a few puffs from the divine weed, take out your plug of fragrant Master-Mason, cut a pipe-load from it, fill your pipe and light it and enjoy the sweetest, coolest, smoothest smoke which can be found, a smoke that will make you forget work and tiredness.

SMOKE Master-Mason "IT'S GOOD TOBACCO" made from the choicest, fully matured tobacco, pressed into a plug, convenient, handy, easy to carry and which retains, sealed as-it-were, between the selected leaf wrappers, the natural moisture and fragrance of the tobacco. The most critical among veteran smokers say that it is Equal by test to the very best, Much better than all the rest. Say MASTER-MASON to your dealer---he knows. PRICE: 15 cents THE ROCK CITY TOBACCO CO., LIMITED

Makers of good Cigars for over 70 years. DAVIS' PANATELAS. Cost the retailers more than most 10c Cigars. Have you smoked one?

Saviour, A. J. Mason; trio, violin, cello and organ, Prelude Kunthild, Messrs. S. and W. Casson, D. S. Robillard; solo, One Pleeting Hour, Mrs. Blake Ferris, violin and cello obbligato; anthem, Behold I Bring You Good Tidings, choir; hallelulah chorus, organist; God Save the King.

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD" AT THE IMPERIAL. In the flood of thrilling romances, vulgar comedies and sex dramas, it is a relief to find a good old-fashioned play like Denman Thompson's rural classic, "The Old Homestead," being adapted for the motion picture screen. This beloved old comedy-drama, which for over thirty years has held the laughter and tears of the public under its magic spell, has been adapted by the Famous Players Film Company and is the Paramount picture at Imperial Theatre this first part of the week.

"The Old Homestead," like "Uncle Tom's Cabin," has proven its popularity and its undying interest to generation after generation of theatre-goers, and it is estimated by Frank Thompson, son and heir of the celebrated author-actor, from whom the rights of the adaptation were obtained, that in the three decades during which the play was being presented on the stage, it was seen by over twenty million people in the United States and Canada. Though it might seem that such an estimate was too high, it must be remembered that during the entire period that Denman Thompson was presenting the play and appearing at the beloved Joseph Whitcomb in person, there was at least one other company touring the country in the same play.

It is a sweet compelling fiction of New England country life, with plenty of sentimental use for a man's size handkerchief and enough of thrills, hearty laughs and old-fashioned loveliness to make everybody happy. Creighton Hale ("Laughing Mask" hero) was a great favorite as the wronged prodigal. Especially did the kiddies accord him a warm greeting every time he appeared on the screen. "The Old Homestead" will be shown at the Keith house again this afternoon and evening. Yesterday's rush was tremendous.

The Imperial inaugurated its Tour of the World yesterday and we visited the Assouan Dam on the Nile, the great French fishing port of New Rochelle, also some Gallician towns in the war zones. These are going to be extremely interesting weekly jaunts.

In Hospital in England. Friends of Lieutenant Willard G. McGinley, of the 14th St. John Tilers, and who was recently reported as having had a very close call in the trenches in France were delighted yesterday to receive the following cable from him: "Merry Christmas. All Well." At the time of cabling Lieutenant McGinley was in the Royal Free Hospital in London, but whether from wounds or illness was not stated.

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In connection with the campaign Captain Berrie is planning the moving picture depicting life with the artillery now have five guns, including ten pounder and these are a good advantage in bringing territory to a state of efficiency, captain. There are thirty in the battery at the present sixteen more are due to arrive in the next few days.

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The steamer Boston, which on Friday, and the Prince which arrived on Saturday, were in port Sunday.

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ANOTHER HEAVY STORM SWEEPS OVER YARMOUTH

Terrific Wind Blows Off Lantern at Cape Forchue Lighthouse — Town Without Water Sunday.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, Dec. 25.—Another storm, in many respects more severe than that of a week ago, has swept over Yarmouth, leaving destruction in its wake. The lantern on Cape Forchue lighthouse was blown off. The town was practically without water all day Sunday. The reservoir was empty and the pumps, which are driven by electricity, were useless, as the wires were down.

The steamer Boston, which arrived on Friday, and the Prince George, which arrived on Saturday, were both in port Sunday.

Intense cold accompanied the wind which made the situation worse as the streets are all ice covered.

Rev. J. M. Smith, pastor of the Milton Baptist church, has resigned, having accepted a call to Port Rowan, Ont. This is the charge he resigned to come here.

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Captain J. C. Berrie in City Yesterday for Christmas Vacation Speaks of Progress Being Made by That Unit.

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"What's new?" asked a reporter who called on Captain Berrie at his residence on Carmarthen street. "Everything is going along nicely," said Captain Berrie. "I am here to make arrangements with Lieut. Col. McAvity for a big recruiting campaign for the 65th. You know no expenditure has been involved in connection with recruiting the large number of men we have secured. By reason of the departure of two drafts, one in command of Lieut. Douglas White of this city, and the other in command of Lieut. Douglas Winslow of Woodstock, our ranks have been quite appreciably depleted. We have authorized to recruit to a strength of 300 men and we have 110 now. We think it would be desirable to have a recruiting campaign to occupy two weeks of the new year and that is the recommendation I am going to make to Lieut. Col. McAvity."

In connection with the recruiting campaign Captain Berrie plans to run slides at the moving picture theatres depicting life with the artillery. "We now have five guns, including an eighteen pounder and these are being used to good advantage in bringing the battery to a state of efficiency," said the captain. There are thirty horses with the battery at the present time and sixteen more are due to arrive within the next few days.

A number of the members of the battery went through the city on Saturday en route to their homes in Moncton and vicinity. They all spoke in the highest terms of Captain Berrie. "He's a crack-jack," said one gunner, while the others were equally loud in their praise of the local officer.

Major Evans, O. C. of the 65th, spent the Christmas vacation at Woodstock and will go to Moncton for the New Year.

Going Overseas. Many friends gathered at the Union Depot last evening to bid farewell to Miss Nellie McInerney, daughter of Mrs. Geo. V. McInerney, and Miss Carrington, of this city, who left on the Halifax train en route overseas. The young ladies have received appointments as nursing sisters and will take up their work in English or French hospitals.

Miss Lenna Jenner of Winnipeg, daughter of Rev. J. H. Jenner, is spending her Christmas holidays at home with her parents.

A MOTHER'S TROUBLES

A mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves its mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time. Any mother who is weary and languid should start taking Scott's Emulsion of cod liver oil as a strengthening food and bracing tonic to add richness to her blood and build up her nerves before it is too late. Start Scott's Emulsion today—its fame is world-wide.

CARGO OF THE DEUTSCHLAND STILL UNSOLD

Cargo Consisted Largely of Dyes—Germany Will Find World Can Get Along Without Her Dyestuffs and Potash.

Special to The Standard. Boston, Dec. 25.—It will surprise most people to learn that the cargo of the Deutschland is still undisposed of in this country. It consisted for the most part of dyes and medicine, and the people who are handling dye stuffs find that the United States is progressing in her independence as respects German dyes.

One of the great losses to Germany will be discovered after the war in that the world can get along reasonably well without her potash and her dyes and in many lines where she before the war held industrial supremacy.

ST. VINCENT'S AND ST. PATRICK'S HOMES HAD VERY GOOD YEAR

Annual Statement of Conditions in Home Read at the Cathedral on Sunday.

In the Catholic churches on Sunday statements of the conduct of the St. Vincent's and St. Patrick's Orphanages were read. Rev. Father Duke, rector of the Cathedral, at the request of The Standard kindly furnished this newspaper with a copy of the statement. It is as follows:

On January 1st, 1916, there were 189 children in the institutions, eighty-seven girls and one hundred and two boys. There have been admitted during the year thirty-four girls and thirty-nine boys, while thirty-nine girls and thirty-six boys have been placed in homes and taken by relatives. Two died, leaving in the orphanages eighty girls and one hundred and five boys. The numbers from each parish are as follows:

Cathedral, 80; St. Peter's, 34; St. John the Baptist, 7; Holy Trinity, 11; Assumption, 5; other parishes, 48. (The Christmas collection from each parish was as follows: Cathedral, \$768.48; St. Peter's, \$314.29; St. John the Baptist, \$282.02; Holy Trinity, \$185.62. The St. Patrick's Day collection was as follows: Cathedral, \$207.72; St. John the Baptist, \$116.00; Holy Trinity, \$39.68; St. Peter's collection and entertainment, \$306.05. The St. Patrick's Day entertainments realized the following amounts: Irish Literary and Benevolent Society, \$634.22; St. Rose's Dramatic Club, \$100; St. Patrick's Dramatic Club, \$90. From the Cathedral Sunday school picnic \$2,091.20 was realized; from St. Peter's and Holy Trinity picnics, \$1,714.98. Friends and relations gave \$1,637.50, while the poor box collection amounted to \$264.89. The total receipts amounted to \$8,847.74.

\$500 CHRISTMAS GIFT TO WEST SIDE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison Receives This Sum From Mrs. James Walker — Will Be Devoted to Building a New Manse.

At the Sunday morning service in the First Presbyterian church, West Side, Rev. Dr. Morrison announced to the congregation that he had received the sum of five hundred dollars as a Christmas gift for the church from Mrs. James Walker, of South Bay, as a memorial of her sister, the late Mrs. Appleby. As is well known Mrs. Appleby was, during her lifetime, deeply devoted to this church, and it is the desire of the donor that this sum of money be regarded as a special fund for the securing of a new manse in connection with the church, and that the name of Mrs. Appleby be associated with this manse. Dr. Morrison handed to the church treasurer, John Cruikshanks, Mrs. Walker's cheque for \$500, and afterwards pronounced an appropriate eulogy on the memory of Mrs. Appleby, referring to her large Christian benevolence, her deep interest in the poor, and in many good causes. Sincere expressions of appreciation of Mrs. Walker's beautiful memorial were also given by many members of this congregation of which Mrs. Walker, herself, is a member. For many years prior to his death the late Dr. James Walker was senior elder of this church, and in it he always manifested a very deep interest. Dr. Morrison stated that the new manse would be named the "Appleby Manse" in memory of Mrs. Appleby.

FUNERAL OF JABEZ F. WRY, OF ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, Dec. 25.—The funeral of the late Jabez F. Wry, one of the most respected citizens of St. Stephen, was held here Saturday under Knights

of Pythias auspices. The attendance was large and included relatives from both this province and the United States. Rev. Dr. Goucher of the Baptist church officiated. Among those present were Mr. Wry's son, Frank C. of St. John; his brother, Edgar Wry of Jollicure, Westmorland Co., and his nephew, Edgar Brownell, of Jollicure, and his niece, Mrs. Victor Dickson of Point de Bute. The pall-bearers were R. W. Grim-

mer, M. L. A. Mayor Parker F. Grimmer, Charles W. Grimmer and Walter J. Grimmer. Many floral contributions marked the high esteem in which Mr. Wry was held. The interment was at the rural cemetery. R. Lawrence Weldon of McGill University, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Trueman, 185 Princess street.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1916

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year	\$ 461,892 25
Net Profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts	2,439,415 17
	\$ 2,901,307 42

This has been appropriated as follows:

Dividends Nos. 116, 117, 118 and 119 at ten per cent. per annum	\$ 1,500,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June	150,000 00
do do do 1st December	150,000 00
War tax on bank-note circulation to 30th November	147,288 33
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution)	80,000 00
Subscriptions:	
Canadian Patriotic Fund	\$50,000 00
British Red Cross Fund	5,000 00
British Sailors' Relief Fund	5,000 00
Sundry subscriptions, including Northern Ontario Fire Relief Fund and War Hospitals, etc.	11,700 00
	71,700 00
Balance carried forward	802,319 09
	\$ 2,901,307 42

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th NOVEMBER, 1916

LIABILITIES	
TO THE PUBLIC	
Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$ 19,259,347 68
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 62,484,072 27
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	167,412,079 88
	229,896,152 15
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	141,317 42
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	5,021,882 49
Bills Payable	2,186,836 68
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	2,092,640 13
	\$ 258,598,176 55
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS	
Dividends Unpaid	2,084 12
Dividend No. 119 and bonus, payable 1st December	525,000 00
Capital Paid up	\$ 18,000,000 00
Reserve Account	13,500,000 00
Balance of Profits as per Profit and Loss Account	802,319 09
	29,302,319 09
	\$ 288,427,579 76

ASSETS	
Gold and Silver Coin Current	\$ 20,975,529 83
Dominion Notes	19,315,476 00
Deposit with the Central Gold Reserves	6,000,000 00
	\$ 46,291,005 83
Notes of other Banks	\$ 1,630,360 00
Cheques on other Banks	9,668,098 71
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	1,389 86
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	7,201,798 13
	18,501,646 70
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	2,781,960 86
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities	17,282,911 96
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	7,810,461 73
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	14,725,133 07
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) elsewhere than in Canada	21,143,335 85
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	806,964 42
	\$ 129,341,420 42
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	133,738,131 21
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	16,504,418 23
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	2,092,640 13
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	230,738 30
Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the unsold balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank)	\$ 1,264,438 34
Less mortgage assumed	100,000 00
	1,164,438 34
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	389,411 53
Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off	\$ 5,199,457 26
Less mortgage assumed on property purchased	300,000 00
	4,899,457 26
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	126,904 34
	\$ 288,427,579 76

B. E. WALKER, PRESIDENT. JOHN AIRD, GENERAL MANAGER.

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce

In accordance with the provisions of sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows:

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than that in the books of the Bank relating thereto.

We have checked the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

T. HARRY WEBB, C. A. of Webb, Reid, Hegan, Callingham & Co. } AUDITORS
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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that a three-masted schooner is reported sunk in St. Mary's Bay, in twenty fathoms of water, four miles southeast of Dartmouth Point, N. S.

J. C. CHESLEY, Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. St. John, N. B., Dec. 22nd, 1916.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the light on Hen and Chickens gas and bell buoy is not burning. Will be relighted as soon as possible.

J. C. CHESLEY, Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. St. John, N. B., Dec. 21st, 1916.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Cat Rock bell buoy is gone from position. Will be replaced soon as possible.

J. C. CHESLEY, Agent Marine and Fisheries Dept.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1916.

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

CANADIANS AND THE WAR.

Now that the great day of the holiday season has passed, the people whose attention to some extent has been distracted by it, have opportunity to turn their attention to even more important things. Canada has not yet discharged her full duty in this war despite the fact that more than 350,000 Canadians have done the King's uniform and are doing their bit for Empire.

It should never be said of Canadians who remain at home that they permit the boys overseas to do it all. Every man and woman in this country has a duty to perform in connection with the struggle in which the Empire is now engaged, and they must see to it that that duty is fully discharged. Canadians must think in terms of Empire and it is not fair to the boys overseas that we at home should continue to live our usual lives, eat our accustomed food and enjoy the luxuries of peace times while our dear ones are enduring hardship and discomfort in our interests. If we Canadians continue to live carelessly, thoughtlessly, it must be said that we are unworthy of the sacrifice being made for us. This country must organize for war, participation in it must become a part of the individual duty in every case, every sacrifice must be cheerfully and willingly made. It has been said that every man who is consuming food that a soldier might consume, or wearing expensive clothes, the cost of which might arm a man in uniform, and is not contributing in some measure to the success of the cause for which Canadians overseas are fighting is hampering the Empire by just that much. This may be an exaggerated opinion, but, after all, in comparison with the winning of this war what else counts?

This is the thought that must be pressed home at this time of year, at the season which, while the happiest at home, is the most productive in discomfort for those who are fighting our battles overseas. Canada is measured today by the number of men and dollars she can place at the disposal of the Empire. Up to the present she has done nobly but the most trying time is still ahead and it must not be said that in that time Canada has failed.

THE NICKEL PLATED PATRIOTS.

Duncan, British Columbia, has a Board of Trade. That fact might ordinarily have escaped notice. In fact it is quite possible that Canadians busy with the war, Christmas and other things, might even have lost sight of the fact that it had a Duncan in British Columbia, were it not for the energetic Board of Trade of that community. Duncan is somewhere on Vancouver Island and is a small place. Consequently it naturally follows that its Board of Trade is a small body and possibly because of that has not heard of many things which some other Canadians know quite well. It may not have heard that the Canadian Government had taken all precaution to see that no Canadian nickel matte was shipped out of this country to any persons from whom it might find its way to Germany, or that the Imperial Government had already expressed its complete satisfaction with the manner in which the nickel question was being dealt with here.

But the nickel plated patriots of Duncan did not hear of these things, or else they had taken their news of the day from one of the small group of Liberal newspapers in Canada which has been biased in an effort to create the impression that the Government of Canada was a glibly or foolish partner to a wicked plan by which nickel was sent out of the mines in Canada to return to us in the shape of bullets in the bodies of Canadian soldiers. Consequently, Duncan, and the Duncan Board of Trade, got very busy in the circulation of a resolution to all the other Boards of Trade in Canada in which the opinion was expressed that "the Canadian Government be urged to take immediate steps to insure the erection in Canada of a nickel refinery at the earliest possible date; and that pending the completion of such refinery the Canadian Government take such action as will best assure control

of the Canadian nickel supply for the sole benefit of the allied nations." The St. John Board of Trade received a copy of the resolution from Duncan but the council of the local body took no action on it except to point out that everybody in Canada (outside of Duncan) knows already, that there is a nickel refinery underway in Port Colborne, Ontario. Also, it may be of interest to learn, that this project was in hand and well advanced long before Duncan awakened to what it believed to be its national duty.

It is also a fact that months ago members of the Imperial Government stated that they were quite satisfied that Canada had done and was doing everything possible to ensure that Canadian nickel would not find its way to Germany. The Duncan Board of Trade should certainly revise its newspaper list. Either it is not getting the news of the day or else it subscribes to newspapers which print only such items as are unfavorable to the Government. In the present case the Imperial Government is satisfied and the Canadian people are satisfied that the men in control of affairs at Ottawa are not lax in this matter. No one appears to be worrying but Duncan, and if our western friends would take a tip from the east it would be to devote their surplus energy to other purposes, set up a good big recruiting campaign or some other beneficial activity, which will occupy the mind until real estate speculation sets in again, so in for Red Cross work, knit socks for the soldiers, do almost any cheerful thing and get away from the bad idea of thinking that, with the exception of a few nickel plated patriots, the Canadian Government and the Canadian people are disposed to sit with folded hands while the country and the Empire go to the dogs.

A BANKER'S LIABILITY.

The Montreal Gazette reviews an interesting case which has just been decided by the English Court of Appeal and in which the judgment is of wide interest. In the case of Banbury vs. The Bank of Montreal the plaintiff claimed damages for breach of duty on the part of the bank in advising him of the merits of an investment. He invested \$125,000 on the advice, as he claimed of Mr. Galletly, the agent at Victoria, B. C., loaning the amount to a local lumber company which was carrying out a contract for the supply of water to the city named. The city authorities failed to provide funds for completing the works and the investment resulted in loss.

For the bank, it was alleged that Mr. Galletly did not advise Captain Banbury, the plaintiff, but had simply told him of the lumber company and he had then acted on his own judgment. The bank further claimed that its agent had from it no authority to give advice in such a case and that if advice was given it was not responsible. The case was tried before a jury, which probably had the weakness of most juries where in a suit for damages a company is the defendant, and gave a verdict for the plaintiff for \$25,000. This the Court of Appeal has set aside, declaring that the first and vital finding of the jury could not be supported.

The end of the case, if this is the end, is of concern to more than bank managers and banks. Many people whose business training has not made them acquainted with the character and value of investments and business propositions naturally look to manager of the bank with which they do business for advice. It is often given, as a matter of course, without expectation of remuneration or thought that either the individual manager or the bank will be liable if at some future time the client should lose from following the advice. Even with the result in this Banbury case in the bank's favor, it is not likely that henceforth managers will be at all ready to give the benefit of their judgment to seekers for opportunities for investing or making money.

Births and Marriages.

There were twenty births in the city last week, ten boys and ten girls. Eight marriages were also reported.

PROF. R. J. SPRAGUE GIVES VIEWS ON RACE SUICIDE

Former Member of U. of M. Faculty Says Continuance of Present Conditions Will Exhaust Native American Race in a Few Generations; Rich Should Have Larger Families, the Poor Smaller.

"Preference on the part of both men and women for freedom from care and responsibility, and for passing pleasures rather than solid satisfaction," is the reason given by Professor Sprague, a member of the faculty of the University of Maine, for the falling birth-rate among native Americans.

Professor Sprague who has spent much time considering the causes and remedies of race suicide in New England, offers many suggestions. "There is no disputing the facts," says he, and all the authorities of the East agree with him. "Everybody knows that if present conditions go on the native American race will be extinct in a few generations. Now, how can we prevent it?"

Warding Off Extermination "Three ways occur to me. "First, we should idealize the home and family more, instead of the individual.

"Next, we should turn our legislation in economic directions, we should not burden a man with more taxes because he has a home and children. "Thirdly, we should have patriotism enough to reproduce our race; some day we shall wake up to the fact that we cannot depend upon the slums of Europe for our population.

"Bearing on the idealization of the home and family, let me suggest that we should make housing easier. It should not be a task for a family man to get a home. In Germany the government does all in its power to aid the home circle.

"In this country we penalize a man every time he has a child; that is, we add an extra burden in taxes. Like as not, with more children he is forced to take larger quarters and his expenses go up.

"I think it would be a sound principle to tax homes on a different basis than business is taxed. The rate should be much lower.

In connection with Prof. Sprague's idea on taxation it is worthy of note that when Massachusetts legislators were debating the state income tax law, it was he who suggested the grading according to the size of a man's family. That is, the single man has to pay a \$2,000 a year income; the married man without children does not have to pay until his income reaches \$2,500; when he gets one child he does not have to pay until his income reaches \$2,750, and when the second child comes the figure goes up to \$3,000.

"In connection with this law," went on Prof. Sprague, "I might say that I advocated a four-child-per-family basis instead of two. The present law seems to recognize two children as the Massachusetts standard family. This is altogether wrong, as our statistics prove. There is no inducement

to a family to have three or four or more children. "More than this, I would have public ownership of public services, so that families could have better rates than at present. "In the schools I should have domestic science taught the girls, and vocational training the boys.

Legislation for Family "I should have more married women instructors in the schools, from the first grade up through college. Two years ago in Wellesley there were 114 instructors; 100 were women, and of the 100, 98 were spinsters. Thus, the girls taught by these instructors are not psychologically trained for home making.

"College girls are not greatly sought as mates to share in the work of getting a living and founding a family, because they are not prepared psychologically and technically for the jobs of cooking, sanitation, nursing and child rearing.

"They have culture and intelligence, and demand high standards in husbands, but they know nothing about homes or home making.

Speaking further about legislation, Prof. Sprague says the whole tendency in this state, and the entire country, is to legislate for the individual rather than for the family. He points out that if a legislative body is considering making laws covering the building of homes, they think more about protecting the individual who is building the house for money making purposes than they do the family that is to occupy it.

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ROYAL MAIL LINER IN PORT WITH 240 RETURNED SOLDIERS

The Metagama Arrived on Sunday Night and Landed Her Passengers Yesterday Morning—Big Vessel Had Good Trip From the Other Side.

The big Royal Mail Steamer Metagama arrived in port and docked Sunday, but did not land her passengers until yesterday morning. She brought about 240 returned soldiers and quite a number of civilian passengers and a heavy mail, of which a large quantity was overseas. About 50 of the returned men are on leave for varying periods, and one or two are home for promotion and transfer to some of the units now being recruited in Canada.

The men for the West left in a special train yesterday, getting away about 11.30. Of the 240 men who returned on the Metagama 34 will be dealt with at the discharge depot here, but only one of the number is a St. John man.

The trip across was very pleasant, the weather being fine all the way until Saturday when they ran into a bit of a wind. The men were more than pleased with their treatment on the voyage and had nothing but good words for the C. P. R.

Following is the list of men who returned on the Metagama: Lieut. Col. G. H. Bradbury, officer in charge. Capt. Moore, medical officer. Capt. D. B. Martin, 47th Bn. Major J. J. O'Gorman, chaplain services.

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OBITUARY Edwin W. Barlow. The death occurred yesterday morning of one of St. John's oldest and best known citizens in the person of Mr. Edwin W. Barlow. Mr. Barlow, who was in the 80th year of his age, was born in this city in 1837 and was a son of the late Thomas Barlow, a gentleman who occupied a prominent place in the early business and manufacturing life of the city, he having been prominently identified with the establishment of many enterprises which later reached considerable proportions, including in the number the Phoenix Foundry and the Harris Car Works.

In his younger days Mr. E. W. Barlow was a prominent member of the fire department in both the volunteer and permanent establishments. In all he spent forty years of his life as a fireman, for ten of which he occupied the position of foreman of No. 3 Engine Company. As a fireman he was most active and even after he had reached middle age took a pride in the duty and was always one of the first on hand when the alarm sounded. In business he was a cabin builder and was closely identified with wood-cabin building. Associated with the late Charles Frost in the firm of Frost and Barlow, he finished much of the work built by the Messrs. McLeod, Pittfield, Hillier and others of that period. Of local descent on both sides of his family he took a keen interest in the militia movements of the earlier days of the city and was a member of the old City Guards, very few of whom are now alive.

He married Miss Elizabeth Frost, who predeceased him some eleven years ago, and is survived by two children, Mrs. E. R. W. Ingraham of West St. John, with whom he made his home, and Dr. Charles W. Barlow of Providence, R. I.; also by two sisters, Mrs. S. J. Maxwell of Annapolis, N. S., and Mrs. Martha Wright of Boston.

The deceased Mr. Barlow was very well known and highly esteemed and his death marks the passing of a worthy citizen who had played well his part in all the activities of his native city. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence of E. R. W. Ingraham, 41 Rodney street, West St. John. Joseph A. Tingley, Special to The Standard. Albert N. B., Dec. 25.—The death of Joseph A. Tingley occurred at the home of his brother, Miles E. Tingley, at Hopewell Hill, Friday morning. The late Mr. Tingley was a man of excellent Christian character, was the eldest son of the late Samuel Tingley of Tingley Town, parish of Harvey; his mother was a daughter of the late James Kinzie of Germantown Lake district, parish of Harvey. Mr. Tingley was never married, but while a young man took up his land in the unbroken forest, in the Caledonia district in the parish of Hillsborough and made himself a very valuable farm, living entirely alone. Farming and sugar making were his chief occupations and his plots and kindly hospitality brought him many friends who enjoyed his hospitality in his bachelor home where everything was neat and clean, and his cookery and maple were adjudged second to none in the district, where he spent the most of his cheerful and well appointed life. The deceased was about seventy-eight years of age and, for some ten years past has made his home with his brother, at whose home he passed away. A very large family of stalwart men and two sisters were the offspring of the parents above named. Calvin, of one of the eastern States, Edgar of Moncton, Asa and Otis, residing on portions of the old homestead, and Miles of Hopewell, survive. Mr. Tingley was a Baptist in his religious affiliations, and a Liberal in politics. Mott-Macdonald. At the First Cambridge Baptist church, Queens county, on Christmas morning Miss Anna Lillian Macdonald, only daughter of the late Mr. and

Mrs. Jacob A. Macdonald, was united in marriage to H. Claire Mott, architect of St. John, N. B. Rev. R. Durkie officiated, using the double ring service. The bride, who was attended by her cousin, Miss Beulah Humphrey, was given in marriage by her brother, Charles Macdonald, of Boston, Mass., and wore a dainty gown of ivory satin and georgette crepe, bridal veil caught with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of brides' roses and lilies of the valley. Harold H. Titus, of St. Martin's, cousin of the groom, was best man. The church was prettily decorated by friends of the bride with evergreens and banks of flowers. The ceremony was performed under a floral arch. A number of friends of the contracting parties were present and immediately after the service luncheon was served at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. H. Humphrey. Mr. and Mrs. Mott left for a short stay at "Norwood," the summer home of the groom's parents, and later they will reside at 13 Germain street, St. John, N. B.



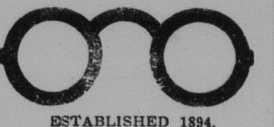
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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

WALL ST. CURTAILED OPERATIONS S. TURDAY

Professional Traders Took Charge of Operation During Two Hours Trading Bethlehem Steel Lost Fourteen Points.

New York, Dec. 23.—In striking contrast to the heavy and excited trading of the last few days, the 2-hour session of the stock market today was dull, with the comparatively meagre turnover of merely 600,000 shares. Dealings were curtailed largely on account of the approaching holidays. Operations were almost entirely limited to professional traders, intent upon leaving a "clean slate" in the present juncture of uncertainty. Irregular changes at the opening were almost immediately followed by reactions of one to three points, particularly in stocks, which figured importantly in the previous day's rebound. U. S. Steel fluctuated between 107 1/2 to 105 3/8, closing at 106 1/8, a loss of one point. Bethlehem Steel made an extreme decline of 14 points with 1 to 3 for related issues.

Metals were more steady than other prominent shares, losing 1 to almost 3 points, although Central and American Hide and Leather yielded as much, with motors and oils, while Industrial Alcohol virtually made good its extreme loss of over 3 points. Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies advanced only the stock to display pronounced strength at a gross gain of almost ten points the movement being the more noteworthy because of the irregularity of Mercantile. Some utilities also were firm to strong. People's Gas, of Chicago, rising 2 1/2 points.

The bank statement reflected in only a mild way the extraordinary money movements of the week, induced chiefly by the enormous liquidation of the National City Bank in actual loans, and the slight cash loss were at variance with forecasts, but these items are likely to undergo further correction next week. The moderate contraction of reserves leaves actual excess reserves at about 90,000.

Mercantile conditions, according to trade reviews, are likely to show some modification and reduction from recent high pressure because of prevailing peace discussions. There was practically no market in foreign exchange. Bonds were steady on light trading. Total sales, par value, \$1,320,000.

ANNUAL STATEMENT BANK OF COMMERCIAL

A Barometer of National Conditions—Increased Earnings.

The annual statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is always accepted as a barometer of national conditions. The strength of the statement for the year ended November 30th, 1916, must be regarded as decidedly reassuring. The institution keeps its assets in a highly liquid position. By helping the Canadian and the Allied governments to finance war operations within the Dominion, the management has assisted materially in maintaining the prosperity of the country, and without such prosperity the Dominion would be unable to play the great part it is playing in the prosecution of the war, but the present of war time conditions has not led to any neglect of the bank's ordinary customers. The institution has indeed maintained its services to domestic industries on a high level.

Current loans other than short loans in Canada total nearly \$134,000,000 as compared with less than \$131,000,000 twelve months ago. The note circulation of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is well over \$19,000,000 as compared with \$16,000,000 a year ago. Total deposits have grown from \$194,533,078 to \$229,896,152. In the same period non-interest bearing deposits have increased from \$52,964,795 to \$62,464,072. The capital stands at \$15,000,000 and the rest account at \$12,500,000 as a year ago. In the Central Gold Reserve established under authority of the Minister of Finance the bank had deposited \$8,000,000. It has also deposited \$506,964 in the Circulation Fund at Ottawa.

The statement shows profits for the past year of \$2,439,415 against \$2,352,035 in 1915. Earnings thus were 8.56% on the combined capital and reserve. Quarterly dividends aggregated 19% and half-yearly dividends of 1% each took \$1,800,000 of the year's profits. The government collected \$147,288 as a war tax on circulation. The bank's Pension Fund absorbed \$60,000, while contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Relief, War Hospitals and Northern Ontario Fire Relief Funds accounted for \$71,700. On November 30th, 1916, the bank earmarked the sum of \$1,000,000 as an offset against possible depreciation in security holdings through war time conditions and it was decided that no further appropriation of a similar character was required this year.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SAILORS AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Friends of the Seamen's Institute are kindly requested to send cake and crullers for the sailors' entertainment early on Wednesday afternoon. About 500 sailors are expected, so a goodly supply will be needed.

EXPLANATION OF THE SHRINKAGE OF VALUES

Uncertain Course of Peace Negotiations and Weakened Technical Conditions in Stock Markets Its Main Factors.

Special to The Standard. New York, Dec. 23.—The uncertain course of peace negotiations and weakened technical conditions in the stock market itself offer sufficient explanation for this week's extraordinary shrinkage of values, which was partially rectified by yesterday's moderate rallies.

There will always remain a difference of opinion as to the extent to which the German overtures figure as a market factor, but a canvass of the situation indicates that the speculative position was exceedingly vulnerable and only required some sustaining developments to bring about a general reaction.

Wall street and industrial interests are continuing to readjust their positions on a peace basis and the belief prevails in conservative quarters that the readjustment will be of no less benefit than causes which gave rise to so much prosperity in the past two years.

The stock market will doubtless be governed largely during the next few weeks by the foreign situation. Speculation is bound to be in diminished volume, if for no other reason than that the recent bull party will require some time to repair its shattered fortunes.

In the wider field of finance a further inflow of gold, enormous bank clearings, partly incidental to holiday trade and the general monetary situation offer abundant proof of the country's commanding position.

BRITAIN'S POTATO FIELD 350,000 TONS LESS THAN IN 1915

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The potato yield of Great Britain for 1916, according to despatches to the Trade and Commerce Department was 2,503,886 tons less than 350,000 tons less than 1915 but only 180,000 tons below the average. The acreage under crop was somewhat reduced.

The production of turnips and rutabagas was nearly 1,200,000 tons in excess of last year and the yield per acre was about one and a quarter tons more than in 1915 and the best yield since 1910.

Lancashire grown wheat on Nov. 30 was quoted at \$2.22 per bushel, which is the highest price since the repeal of the corn laws. Farmers stated that owing to the scarcity of labor, less wheat had been sown than for the past thirty years.

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WALL ST. GLAD TO GET A CHRISTMAS REST

Time Needed to Get on Its Feet Again After Dizzy Whirl of Past Week—Many Wiped Out.

Special to The Standard. New York, Dec. 23.—Wall street was glad today—a two hour day. It needed time to get back its head—after the dizzy whirl of the past week. Operators expected the market to calm down from now on, but brokerage houses were still holding the safeguard of demanding big margins for trading. So called investment traders were hunting for bargains reflecting the general opinion that the rebound was now on the way. What Wall street was most interested in today however, was the "Golden Shower."

Today was distribution day for the bonus which most firms granted their employees—and the bonus in almost every case was far in excess of any gratuity heretofore. In some cases it ran as high as 25 per cent. of the employees' salary. An active market such as that of the past week means more commissions to brokers, more profits.

The other side was in the announced failure of a certain curb broker, forced into bankruptcy by a number of small creditors, the sort of small fry manipulators who suffered most by the shrinkage of the past few days. There are thousands of petty "players of the market" who faced a drab Christmas day—wiped out by the ups and downs of a wildly excited market. The savings of a good many others went into increased margins demanded by brokers. One big Broadway firm was credited with having called in six million additional margins during the last five days.

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President Mark Workman States so far as He Knows There is no Truth in Rumor

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Mark Workman, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, states that so far as he is aware there is no truth in the report that the British government contemplates taking over the plant and mines of the corporation.

Rumors have been current in the street for some days past that such a step was contemplated by the imperial authorities, but they could not be traced to any authoritative source and appeared to have been largely based on circumstantial theories.

FIRE HOSE TEAM DRIVER MEETS WITH ACCIDENT.

Hardly giving himself time to get properly seated the driver of the fire hose sled drove out of No. 2 engine house in response to the fire alarm No. 23 on Sunday morning but unfortunately the sled struck against a snow bank near the Imperial.

The runaway team, narrowly missing a street car as they swung around into Charlotte street, were pulled up on the north side of the square, where the driver regained possession and continued on his way to the fire. As he had been cut badly on the face and left hand, after being on duty for some time, he was relieved and received treatment in one of the drug stores.

BOSTON LIGHT 200 YEARS OLD

"Kindled" in 1716, It is Odest on the North Atlantic Coast.

(New York Tribune) During September Boston Light closed 200 years of active life, in itself not a matter of great moment, but the fact that it is the oldest lighthouse in this country is of decided interest, remarks "The San Francisco Argonaut." It is one of the most important light house stations on the North Atlantic coast. On the evening of Friday, September 14, 1716, the light was first "kindled," to use the expression of the chronicler of the day.

For some years the shipowners and prominent merchants of Boston agitated the project of establishing a lighthouse at the entrance to the harbor. The Great and General Court took the matter up on petition of John George and others. The town officials of Boston also considered the proposition and urged the Colonial authorities to make an appropriation to build a suitable light. At last favorable action was taken by the authorities and the building of the light on the Outer Brewster began.

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Big Henry Mostus is in the city. He's stopping at the discharge depot on King street. Masters is the college

student whose work on the gridiron created such a sensation a few years ago when old "Hump" Campbell captured him from Dalhousie for the U. N. B. team of the intercollegiate league. For the past two years he has had a more strenuous occupation. He held down the job of private with the famous 24th Battalion and has been on the firing line with the New Brunswick boys for the past eleven months. He was a member of the party of returned heroes who reached the city on the Metagama yesterday.

"Believe me, she's some scrap," said Henry to a reporter from The Standard. "The New Brunswick fellows are great soldiers. They can put it all over the enemy and make no mistake about it the enemy feel the presence of the 26th when Colonel MacKenzie's

boys take their turn in the trenches. Mr. Masters, although he wouldn't say a word about himself, did great work at the front. He "carried on" until he couldn't "carry on" any more. And then he got sore because the medical men wouldn't give him permission to return to the front. Mr. Masters was easily the best football player in the Maritime Provinces, and from what the boys say about him he was every inch a soldier.

Frank Peterson, a Campbellton boy, also got back to Canada yesterday on the big liner. He went over with the 12th Battalion but was soon transferred to a fighting unit, the 12th having been made a reserve battalion by the military authorities.

Another man returning yesterday was D. G. McFarlane of the 58th Bat-

tery, under command of Major Fisher, son of W. S. Fisher, of this city. "The doctors wouldn't let me go to France," said Mr. McFarlane, who is a Halifax man. "The battery had orders to proceed at any moment and I guess they are now on the firing line. They will make a good impression for no more efficient battery ever crossed to France."

HAMPION

Hampton, Dec. 25.—The fancy sale held on Thursday evening in the Methodist church hall, under the auspices of the Methodist Ladies' Aid, was a decided success. The fancy work table was in charge of Mrs. J. Rowley, Mrs. Cecil March and Mrs. T. Wm. Barnes, the articles finding very ready and eager purchasers.

The candy table, presided over by Mrs. Myles Fowler and Mrs. T. C. Donald was well patronized as was also the ice cream booth supervised by Mrs. Geo. Wilson and Mrs. Angeline, assisted by Miss Florrie DeVos. The proceeds amounting to \$60.00, will be devoted to the parsonage fund. Dr. Leatherbarrow, recent graduate from Queen's University, Kingston, was a guest last week at the home of Mrs. E. S. Campbell.

Miss Margaret Turnbull leaves this week for Bridgewater where she will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Byard Trueman. Recent word has been received from Major Roland G. Barnes stating that he is leaving the hospital in France and will receive further treatment at No. 4 General Hospital, London. His friends entertain hopes of his return to Canada in the near future.

Miss Augusta Slipp of Hampstead was a guest for a few days this week of her brother, Mr. Judson Slipp. Miss Slipp is much interested in missions, for several years being Cor. Sec. to W. M.A.S. of N. B., and on Sunday evening in the Hampton Village Baptist church gave an address on mission work, which was enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. John Crawford and Mrs. T. Wm. Barnes were hostesses at the Red Cross tea on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Irvine accompanied by her young granddaughter left today for Montreal where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schofield.

The students arriving last week to spend the holiday season at their respective homes in this place are: Miss Kathleen March, Miss Sibyl Barnes, Miss Harriet Barnes and Miss Ruth Humphrey of Mount Allison, Sackville; Miss Harriet Alward, Miss Lois Evans, Acadia Seminary, Wolfville; Miss F. DeLong of the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, and Master John Humphrey, of Rothesay Collegiate School.

Miss Ruth Thurber, Rothesay, was a week-end guest of Mrs. T. Wm. Barnes.

Mr. Harold Ryan, Sussex, called on Hampton friends on Friday.

Miss Hattie Barnes, accompanied by Master Billy Schofield, Rothesay, spent the week-end at her home, Linden Heights.

Mr. P. W. F. Brewster returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Albert county.

Miss Colia Wetmore spent the week-end with Bloomfield friends.

Miss Alice Walker, St. John, was a guest last week of Mrs. A. H. Crofoot.

Rev. A. N. Chapman left on Friday for Boston to be present at a family reunion on Christmas day.

Ven. Archdeacon Crowfoot returned on Wednesday from St. John's, Quebec, where he has been conducting a mission.

Mr. J. Snodgrass, who has been receiving treatment at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, returned on Wednesday to his home.

The course of lectures to be held this winter under the auspices of the Methodist church will begin on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th, when Major A. A. Bartlett of Charlottetown, P.E.I., will give an illustrated lecture on the "Path of the Hun." Major Bartlett will be followed with illustrated lectures by Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Mr. E. L. Jack and Mr. William McIntosh. Some of the above need no introduction to Hampton audiences and their reputation as public speakers is sufficient to assure patrons of the high standard of the coming lectures which promise to even surpass those of former years.

Mrs. C. H. Smith left on Thursday for Halifax where she expects to spend the winter.

The Sunday evening service, Dec. 17, in the Methodist church, was of a patriotic nature, the occasion being the unveiling of the honor roll which bears the following names: Rev. E. C. Creed, Major Ralph March, Major Roland Barnes, (Capt. (Dr.) S. S. King, Lieut. T. Wm. Barnes, Lieut. W. J. Brown, Lieut. Roland Evans, Lieut. Harry Evans, Lieut. Cecil Langstroth, March, Corp. J. J. Ryan, Gr. Byron Greer, Trooper Pierce Brewster.

The discourse by Pastor L. J. Rowley and hymns rendered by the choir were both in keeping with the occasion.

While the congregation was engaging in silent prayer on behalf of the boys at the front the tablet was unveiled by Mrs. S. S. King, who was also its designer.

At the close of the service all joined heartily in the singing of the National Anthem.

ROTARIANS SHOWED

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

On Saturday several families in the city were made glad by the thoughtfulness of the members of the Rotary Club, and others joining with them, in the laudable effort of providing excellent Christmas gifts of varied character. These had been carefully select-

ed and placed in fifteen well-filled bushel baskets. They comprised good clothing, food and miscellaneous gifts that were greatly appreciated by the recipients whose names were provided by the secretary of the Associated Charities. The work of collection and distribution was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of H. G. Marr and H. V. Mackinnon, who had the assistance of Commissioner R. W. Wilmore. To those who donated the goods and money that made many happy at this period of goodwill sincere thanks are tendered both by those receiving the gifts and those who promoted the undertaking.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Charles E. Farnham took place on Saturday afternoon from his late residence, 194 Charlotte street, a large number of mourners attending to pay a tribute of respect to the deceased. Service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. J. MacPherson and Rev. W. H. Barraclough, and at the grave by Rev. Mr. MacPherson. Many beautiful floral emblems were sent in, including wreaths from the Typographical Union, No. 85, The Standard Chapel and The Standard Publishing Company. The casket was borne from the residence to the hearse by four members of The Standard staff, George Maxwell, A. Dewar, Joseph Irvine and Stanley E. Fitzpatrick, and the body was laid to rest in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary McShane, wife of William McShane, took place on Sunday afternoon from her late home, 27 Duke street, to the Cathedral, the service being conducted by Rev. Francis Walker. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

At 2.30 yesterday the funeral of the late Mrs. Bridget Quirk took place from her residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robinson, Sydney street. Service was conducted by Rev. Miles P. Howland and burial took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

**TO LECTURE HERE ON
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.**

A lecture on Christian Science will be delivered in the Imperial Theatre on Sunday, December 31, under the auspices of the local Christian Science Church, by Edward A. Merritt, C. S. B., a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass. No admission charge whatever and the public is cordially invited.

**Christmas at the
Municipal Home**

On Christmas Day the inmates of the St. John Municipal Home were given their usual turkey dinner, and on the following day from two to five p.m. all persons interested in the work of the home, particularly those who are connected with the several organizations conducted on the same lines of effort, are invited to visit the institution and witness the distribution of presents to the children from the Christmas tree, and the usual programme carried out by the school children.

Mrs. James Fairweather, of Norton, is a guest of Mrs. Clarence Dixon, Mecklenburg street, for the holiday season.

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ILL-FATED REVOLUTION IN INDIA BORN ON PACIFIC COAST

Hardial, the Brains of Conspiracy, Oxford Graduate and Eloquent Orator, Gained 5000 Adherents to His Seditious Teachings.

Simla, India, Dec. 24.—(From a Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press)—The great Indian province of the Punjab, with its twenty-five million inhabitants, today is peacefully pursuing its affairs; the sturdy men of this vast district, the Spartans among the many races of the Peninsula, are either rearing arms under the British flag or are carrying their agricultural work and business at home, and there is no outward sign that they were put to a crucial test of loyalty to Great Britain only a few months ago as the result of the elaborate revolutionary plot which had its inception among the Indians on the Pacific Coast of America.

This anti-British conspiracy, which is said to have been the most pretentious since the never-to-be-forgotten Mutiny of 1857, failed because of lack of support in India, and many of the arch schemers have been punished. At a time when this country was virtually denuded of troops, which had been sent to the various theatres of war, the story of the plot was told only in brief official paragraphs, was related to a representative of The Associated Press by Sir Michael O'Dwyer.

The history of this conspiracy is one of the most remarkable in the annals of India, and it is a history with a moral, began Sir Michael. "It demonstrates that while there are democratic aspirations in India, as there are and must be in any country which allows freedom of thought and liberty of action, yet the vast majority of the people have no sympathy with revolutionary ideas. The failure of the plot is an answer to the many stories which have been published abroad to the effect that the powder train was laid in India and needed only the application of fire to set it off.

The conspiracy in question had as its two main centers San Francisco and Vancouver, the former city ultimately eclipsing the latter. The plot goes back to the beginning of 1913 when one Bhawan Singh, a notorious Indian seditious, went to Vancouver and began to stir up among the Indians there, most of them ignorant men who had lost touch with their religion and traditions and fell easy prey to specious agitators and seditious mongers, against the British government in India. The grievances of the Indians, real or imaginary, in regard to the immigration regulations had prepared the ground. After a short time Bhawan Singh was deported, but he had sown the seed of discontent before he left.

"There also arrived in San Francisco about the same time a seditiousist by the name of Hardial, the real brains of the conspiracy, who, by the way, is now believed to be in Germany, is a man of great intellectual attainments and a brilliant speaker, but unfortunately entirely unscrupulous. He was educated at Oxford as a state scholar by the government of India and appears widely in England, and perhaps even earlier, to have become imbued with a passionate race hatred which developed into monomania. After leaving Oxford he devoted his energies to teaching his countrymen the same race hatred which he himself possessed. He eventually ran from the United States when proceedings had been taken against him as an anarchist, and proceeded to Germany, but not until the conspiracy which he had engineered was perfected.

"Hardial first lectured in San Francisco on atheism but the result of his presence there was to incite his Indian hearers with seditious political ideas. There were numbers of Indian emigrants in California and Oregon and the flame of sedition began to spread through these states. As I have already said, the ground had been prepared in Vancouver and the fertile districts for Hardial's propaganda.

"During a visit to St. Johns, Oregon, in 1913, Hardial proposed to start a revolutionary paper which should be called the Ghadr (Mutiny). This plan met with approval and received normal and financial support in St. Johns, Bridal Veil, Linton, Portland, Astoria and other places. There already existed in Oregon a local association which had cast its lot with Hardial, and a second revolutionary society known as the Hindu Association of the Pacific Coast was formed to further the idea of revolt in India.

"It was decided to establish the Ghadr newspaper in San Francisco, and Hardial went to that city to organize the undertaking. The first issue of the paper was dated November 1, 1913, the organ was violently anti-British and preached murder and mutiny in every sentence. All Indians were urged to go home with the express purpose of committing murder, causing revolution and expelling the British government. These facts we know not only from the copies of the paper which subsequently fell into our hands, but from evidence brought out at the trials here in India of the ring leaders of the conspiracy.

"The work of distributing this paper, in the various Indian districts, throughout India and among the In-

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NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR THE SOLDIERS AT DISCHARGE DEPOT

Fine Turkey Dinner Served Yesterday—Boys Who Arrived on Metegama Well Entertained.

Christmas day was observed in the most approved fashion at the discharge depot in this city and the men were given a turkey dinner with all the "fixins." The dinner, which was prepared under the direction of Sergeant H. W. Morgan, a native of Campbellton, and a returned soldier, was everything that the most fastidious epicure could desire and the menu had everything on it from soup to nuts. The tables were nicely decorated and through the kindness of H. P. Robinson there was placed at each plate cigarettes, pipe and tin of tobacco. The energetic chairman of the reception committee had been busy relieving the managers of the city to such good purpose that he was able to place at each plate three tickets for every theatre in the city, and after dinner the boys were given leave until eleven o'clock last night to enjoy themselves.

The men who arrived yesterday morning on the Metegama were there about 45 men who sat down to dinner which was served to them under the direction of Jack O'Connor who acted as head waiter. The men in the discharge depot spoke in the very highest terms of the cooking ability of Sergeant Morgan.

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and all were united in saying that the food served to them here was of the very best quality and well cooked and served. The men who had just come in were loud in their praise of the dinner served to them yesterday, but as one of them expressed it, "It was just what was expected, we had heard so much about the way the soldiers were treated in St. John. Every battalion which has been quartered here has spread the name of St. John as the place where the best is done too good for a soldier boy who is doing his bit for the Empire, and so we are not surprised at the splendid reception given to us today. On the way across every once in a while some fellow would say wait till we get to St. John then we will be all right."

When the boys arrived at the discharge depot yesterday morning they found awaiting them (Mayor Hayes and A. H. Wetmore representing the Men's Canadian Club, and Mrs. Kuhring and Women's Canadian Club, and the mayor on behalf of the city and the combined clubs welcomed them to the city. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith was also present and spoke a few words of welcome to the boys.

Perry-Trecartin. Milton L. Perry was married to Mrs. Bessie E. Trecartin yesterday by Rev. J. H. Jenner at his residence, 236 Prince street. The bride and groom were accompanied by Vaughan V. Bell and Miss Ella A. Clark. They will reside on the West Side.

Department of the Naval Service. Royal Naval College of Canada.

The next examination for the entry of Naval Cadets will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1917, successful candidates joining the College on or about 1st August. Applications for entry will be received up to the 15th April by the secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can now be obtained.

Candidates for the examination in May next must be between the ages of fourteen and sixteen on the 1st July, 1917. Further details can be obtained on application to the undersigned. G. J. DESBARATS, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of the Naval Service, Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa, November 28, 1916. Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

There will be sold at public auction at Chubb's Corner in the city of St. John in the city and county of St. John on Saturday, the thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1916, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, thirty-two shares of the company known as the Strait Shore and all the interest of Joseph Williams in the steamer "Hampstead" as she now lies at Strait Shore aforesaid, the said steamer having been seized and levied on under several executions against the said Joseph Williams. Dated this 18th day of December, A. D. 1916. AMON A. WILSON, Sheriff.



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MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 2nd February, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 3 times per week each way, between Salsbury and Rural Route No. 2, from the Postmaster General's pleasure. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tenders may be obtained at the Post Office of Salsbury and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, N. R. COLTHER, Post Office Inspector, St. John, N. B., Dec. 18th, 1916.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 26th January, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 1 single trip per week between St. John and C. P. R. Station (N. B. Southern Division), from the 1st April next. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of St. Stephen, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, N. R. COLTHER, Post Office Inspector, St. John, N. B., Dec. 9, 1916.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 2nd February, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed contract for four years, 6 single trips per week between St. John and C. P. R. Station (N. B. Southern Division), from the 1st April next. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices at St. John and West St. John, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, N. R. COLTHER, Post Office Inspector, St. John, N. B., Dec. 18, 1916.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 16 years of age, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions. Entry—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A home steader may live within five miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 10 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may reserve a quarter-section alongside his homestead. 77 1/2 x 90 1/2 per acre. Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after entry. Homestead patent, also 50 acres set aside for cultivation. Free-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions. A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$5 per acre. Duties—Five years residence in each of three years, cultivation 50 acres and erect a house worth \$50. The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. W. W. JOYBY, S. G. Deputy of the Minister of Interior, St. John, N. B. Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—6000.

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Apply T. S. SIMMS & Co. Ltd.

WOOD PACKAGES of all kinds.

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LOST—Small sum of money on Waterloo street yesterday. Please call at Standard Office.

LOST—Sunday, between I. C. R. station and Leinster street, gold wrist watch bracelet with monogram. Please return to 29 Leinster street and receive reward.

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AGENTS WANTED—Agents \$8 a day selling menhads, which menhads, hot water bags, rubber boots, reservoirs, boilers, metal tubs and tinware without cement or solder. Sample ten cents. Collette Mfg. Company Collingwood, Ontario.

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Six good working horses, each weighing 1450 lbs. Can be seen at Glenwood, Kings Co. A bargain for each. Address SAVOY CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., Glenwood, Kings Co., N. B.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Assembly Hall in the High School Building, on Tuesday evening, the 26th day of December, instant, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the report of the Civic Assessment Commission. Professor Keirstead, M.A., Ph.D., and other members of the Commission will be present. All persons interested are invited to attend.

HOTELS.

PARK HOTEL. American and European Rates: \$2.00, \$3.50. Electric Cars Pass Door. KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

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A full assortment suitable for Christmas Gifts. Call early. ERNEST LAW, 3 Coburg Street, Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

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Phone Main 1855, Gatin Institute, 46 Crown St.—We stop your drinking in 24 hours. Permanent guaranteed cure in three days. Treatment confidential. Terms easy. Address Gatin Institute, 46 Crown St., for particulars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RUBBER GOODS MENDED—Hot water bottles, syringes, invalid rings, etc., patched and mended at Vasson's Cut-Rate Drug Store, 711 Main street.

LARGE SLEIGHS for sleighing parties at Hogan's Stables, Union Street. Tel. Main 1057.

VIOLINS, MANDOLINS and all string instruments and Bows repaired. SYDNEY GIBBS, 81 Sydney Street.

HORSES OF ALL CLASSES FOR SALE, guaranteed as represented. Terms to suit purchasers. Edward Hogan, Union St.

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New Years 1917

The Glad Day of All the Year. When old friends gather and Good Fellowship fills the air—even as Holly and Mistletoe. A good cigar—a Bottle of Ready's Lager Beer—and old friends. Truly—it is something to anticipate. Order Early.

Ready's Breweries, Ltd. St. John, N. B.

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THE V...

Here are I... Actio... Home... CABLE FROM CAPT. K... A cable from Captain K... (Stone) church yesterday... was dated from London De... read: "Greetings to family Hebrew XIII, 20-21." These verses read: Now the God of Peace th... again from the dead our Christ, that great Shepherd... sheep, through the blood... lasting covenant. Make you perfect in o... work to do His will, work... that which is wellpleas... through Jesus Christ to... glory, for ever and ever.

Recreation Room at Milita... Refurnished by Rothess... On Saturday afternoon... of ladies from Rothess... attend the re-opening of... room at the military hos... walls have been redecor... and brown. All the furnit... of mission style, has be... with brown leather and... are many cushions of bl... the Union Jack in one... whole effect is both art... fortible looking. Books... have been replenished... piles of games and card... ly. When The Standard... tive visited the hospital... the fact that the recrea... well named was demonstr... soldiers were making goo... pillows, lounges, tables... a treat had been given... tee and Christmas green...

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THE HOME THE WORLD

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

Here are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

CABLE FROM CAPT. KUHRING. A cable from Captain Kuhring was read at the services in St. John's (Stone) church yesterday.

These verses read: Now the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Recreation Room at Military Hospital Refurnished by Rothersey Ladies.

On Saturday afternoon a committee of ladies from Rothersey came in to attend the re-opening of the recreation room at the military hospital.

The walls have been redecorated in white and brown. All the furniture, which is of mission style, has been covered with brown leather and on the lounges are many cushions of blue linen with the Union Jack in one corner.

The whole effect is both artistic and comfortable looking. Books and magazines have been replenished and new supplies of games and cards donated.

The funds for the furnishing of this room which is so much enjoyed by the men were collected by a number of Rothersey ladies whose privilege it was to fit up the room when the hospital was first opened and Rothersey, as always, responded most generously.

When The Standard representative visited the hospital on Saturday the fact that the recreation room is well named was demonstrated, for the soldiers were making good use of the pillows, lounges, tables and cards.

A treat had been given by the committee and Christmas greetings put up in honor of the occasion. It is the intention of the committee to keep the room completely fitted up as long as it is needed.

Reception Committee for Returned Soldiers. As a member of the Returned Soldiers' Reception Committee it is my privilege to go on board the train which conveys the soldiers from the boat to the station.

This committee gives to each soldier a parcel containing smoked candy and fruit. These parcels are nicely tied up and have on top a Canadian flag bearing the words "Small cheer but great welcome." It is just a tangible sign of the great welcome home we would give but it has come to mean so much.

The men like the little flag for as one man said: "That's what I went to fight for."

It was good to see the evident enjoyment with which the apples were greeted. "My, but it's good to get a Canadian apple again," "That looks like home to me," they said. One member of the committee collects all letters that the boys wish to mail and another gives away western papers, going through the cars calling out: "Anyone here from Winnipeg, Vancouver, Hamilton, etc.?"

Papers from the home town are seized upon with avidity. On lining up to watch the train pull out with the men from the Metarama on board the soldiers rushed to the windows, waving flags and cheering for their welcome home and those who had gone over felt it was more than worth while. The welcome is given in the name of the City of St. John, the first Canadian soil the soldiers touch after their hard fighting and if the parcels are small the welcome is as great as this committee can make it and the men do appreciate the thought for they respond and speak of how they were met at St. John when they reach their home.

An interesting feature of this train was a new hospital car which fortunately was not needed as there were no stretcher cases on this boat. The car is a thoroughly up-to-date, well equipped hospital car bearing the red cross on the outside and containing white iron beds with, with everything to make a patient as comfortable as possible on the journey.

RELIABLE RECIPES

Crackers and Malted Cheese. Cracker preparations for serving with salads are almost endless. Cheese of various kinds and tart jellies and jams are the most approved salad accessories, and even with the same materials innumerable variations are easily possible.

Cheese Tarts

Something requiring more time is an arrangement of cream cheese used as a cracker border, with a center decoration to suit the individual taste. Medium sized crackers are used for this purpose. Brush lightly with melted butter and place on an inverted dripping pan in a hot oven until crisp.

A Beautiful Menu Card.

What was perhaps the most novel and at the same time appropriate Christmas menu card, seen in this city in years, was that furnished by the Dufferin Hotel yesterday. On the cover was a Union Jack flying to the breeze, while underneath a line of British Dreadnoughts proudly plowing the seas. On the inside cover a picture of an English bull dog is seen standing on the Union Jack in colors, and underneath the motto "One for All, and All for One," while above is the line "The Sire and His Pups."



A Good Example is set by the people who take proper care of their teeth. Never neglect to give your teeth a thorough antiseptic cleansing every day with Calvert's Tooth Powder.

Calvert's Tooth Powder. Your Druggist sells it—1 lb. a box. F. C. CALVERT & CO. (of Manchester, England), 349, Dorchester Street West, Montreal.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE

A Whacking in Store

A youngster who was taken to a toy bazaar the other day by his mamma was shown a number of articles by the attentive salesman, who was in the hopes of enlisting his attention and effecting a sale, but without effect.

UNCLE DICK'S DAILY CHAT

My Dear Kiddies:—After all the anticipation of the past weeks, the discovering of parcels hidden away in cupboards, just as mother's voice rang out, "Close that door and come away from there," the saving of your cents with which to make small purchases for other members of the family, at last the great "day" has been and gone, leaving in its trail hosts of pretty dolls, air-guns, model aeroplanes, skates, watches, jewelry sets, and the rest of Toyland productions.

There is something else very often left behind Christmas day. I wonder if you can guess what it is? It is usually the result of there being too much turkey, mince pies, and plum pudding hidden away on that day! I hope that none of the members of the Corner got that as a "present" 'cos it will have spoiled all the fun.

It was very kind indeed of so many kiddies to send me Christmas greetings, in the form of pretty cards, especially when you would all be so excited over the events of the season, and have so much to look after.

Now that you will have more time, and not have any school for some days, I hope that you will not forget to get part of that TWENTY DOLLARS, which I am offering as a reward to boys and girls who succeed in getting the most number of new members before the end of the year. Full particulars were given in The Standard during the last week, and they will be published again during the remainder of the present week also, so that you will have every chance to get busy.

Best wishes from your Uncle Dick, Children's Editor.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MAIL BAG Number of Friends Joined. Pokemouche, N. B.

Dear Uncle Dick:—As I see a lot of my little friends joined the Corner, I would like to join too.

I am trying the word-making contest. I think I got a good lot of words. I would like to be one of the lucky winners. I am sending the list of words.

From your niece, May R. Herbert.

Likes the Corner. St. James St.

Dear Uncle Dick:—I have several reasons for liking the Corner, one is because I have met you and you have taken such an interest in the members; also it is such an amusement for the winter evenings. Hoping this will please you, I remain yours truly, Dorothy Stewart.

A Nice Letter. Black Rock.

Dear Uncle Dick:—I thought I would enter the word-making contest this week. We get The Standard Semi-Weekly and we all like it very much.

I live with my uncle and aunt, in a very pretty little place called Black Rock, about thirty miles from the town of Bathurst. I am twelve years old, my father died when I was a year old.

As my letter is getting long, I will close. I remain your loving niece, Alma McCarthy.

All Like The Standard. Beaver Harbor.

Dear Uncle Dick:—I like the Children's Corner, it is very interesting to us. Mamma and papa like The St. John Standard, so I go to school every day and like my teacher. I had great fun making words out of prize-winners. Wish I could get prize. Must say good night now Uncle Dick.

From your niece, Elsa W. Holmes.

Been Very Busy. Gordonville, N. B. Dear Uncle Dick:—It has been some time since I have written to you. I have been busy

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

OPERA HOUSE.

The Cast. Mike, taken for the King.

Jack Westerman Major Moore, of the old guard. Tom Bullock Pat, his son. Bert Lewis Antonio. Ralph Austin Roselle Jones, in love with Pat. Elyse Wallace The Widow. Josephine West Guests and Summer Girls. Katherine McGregor, Alice Downey, Dorothy Henry, Maude Randall, Leah Gray, Helen Gray, Alice Lewis Time—The Present. Locale—The Home of Major Moore. Musical Numbers. Opening chorus. The Major "Durando" Ralph Austin and Chorus Solo. Elyse Wallace March Numbers. Bert Lewis and Chorus Song. Ralph Austin "Come Back to Erin" Tom Bullock and Chorus "Kelley" Katherine McGregor and Co A little bit of nonsense.

Jack Westerman Duet. Westerman and West On the beach at Honolulu. Elyse Wallace and Chorus Solo. Alice Lewis Finale. By the Company.

The show, or perhaps we might call it three shows, at the Opera House yesterday, was varied enough to suit anyone, and seemed to be an ideal offering for a holiday. The house was crowded in the afternoon and again in the evening, and everybody present seemed to be having a good time.

The programme opened with a Mutual dramatic picture in one act, with J. Warren Kerrigan in one of those heroic parts in which he excels. His story and scenes were typically Western and there is a thrilling man to man fight at the finish that makes a good climax to an interesting story.

The Flint and Letner Dog and Pony Circus, next on the programme, showed several cute and clever little dogs, all white and some very woolly—and they perform a number of very interesting stunts. One thing very noticeable was the enjoyment the dogs themselves had in doing their work—they seemed to be having a good romp and appreciated the applause received just as though they were real actors.

There is no doubt but what the little fellows were trained by kindness, at any rate they showed it. Nellie, a handsome, diminutive, black pony, showed almost human intelligence in the way she danced, counted numbers, told the time of day, and answered questions. Nellie will be a big treat for the children this week, without doubt. And there was a monkey too—a little bit of a chap, who rode the pony like a professional jockey. The circus is a whole show in itself.

The Jack Westerman Company presented a new musical comedy in The King of Patagonia, which opened with a big operatic chorus number, had a number of very tuneful singing and dancing numbers scattered through it and closed with a stirring grand chorus that was well sung. A patriotic number with the girls and boys in sailor suits was well rendered, and Miss Wallace in a Hawaiian song, with the chorus in costume, and a pretty electrical background of flashing and colored lights, was a gem in itself.

As the King of Patagonia, Mr. Westerman kept the audience in tears of laughter, and it seemed as though they could never get enough of his parody songs. He had plenty of opportunity for his inimitable style of comedy, his jokes were witty, clean and refined, and his singing better than ever.

The staging was good, the costumes bright and pretty, and it tickled right through. "The King of Patagonia" is about the best thing in the musical line we have had here for some time. The entire programme will be repeated this afternoon and evening, and for the usual performances tomorrow.

LYRIC.

It seemed as if the different theatres were vying with one another yesterday to present programmes worthy of the season. The Lyric was not a bit behind in this respect, for Christmas cheer predominated in every feature of the bill. The master picture was a production by Mr. Harry Pollard and was the first seen in the city. It is called "The Pearl of Paradise," with Margaria Fischer in the title role. Too much cannot be said in praise of the scenic investiture given the subject, or for the excellent acting of Miss Fischer. The sea coast scenes were selected with an evident desire of catering to the truly artistic sense. It is claimed that this feature was preparing for Christmas. I am entering the word-making contest, and am sending in my words today. I hope I may be successful. I cannot write a very long letter as I have many school studies to prepare for tomorrow. I hope Santa will bring you lots of good things for Christmas. I will close now, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your loving niece, Beulah Craig.

staged in the Hawaiian Islands, a state- ment readily believed after seeing the picture. There is a spectacular fire shown, which presents a picture of grandeur when it portrays the roaring mass of flames in the centre of the desert island. The story itself is an interesting one, although perhaps not particularly suited to the season, but it is quite gripping and will appeal to the majority of moving picture followers. Romantic, the sensational aerialist, is really one of the best single acts seen at the Lyric for a long time. His cleverness and agility on the flying trapeze were demonstrated in a manner that made the audience almost gasp for breath several times during his performance. A word of praise of the music rendered by Miss Cole for the picture "The Pearl of Paradise" would not be amiss, for the manner in which she set popular airs to suit the different scenes enhanced the value of the production greatly.

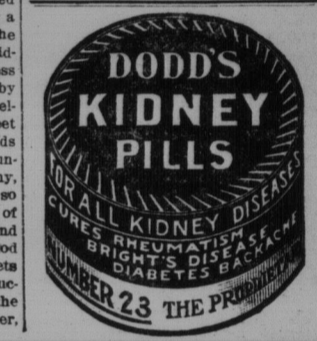
UNIQUE.

Owing to the fact that the Pathe serial "The Shielding Shadow" is shown at the Unique the first three days of every week, it was quite impossible for this theatre to specialize in any particular feature for the Christmas programme. I do not think one was needed for the "Shadow" has endeared itself to the hearts of the picture fans, and is being followed with no small amount of interest by a large number of Unique patrons.

The thirteenth episode is called "The Hidden Menace," and deals more or less with the strategies employed by Sebastian to secure the bottle of pellets, which are found by a street urchin and finally fall into the hands of Leonard. The Hidden Menace is expected to appear in that unaccustomedly hostile way which has been so characteristic of each appearance of "The Shielding Shadow" himself, and resorts to every manner and method to have the mystery of the pellets revealed to him after he has been successful in securing them. Of the spectacular incidents in this chapter,

the more outstanding ones are the light on the bridge, the automobile chase and the burning of Ravenger's studio. At that particular moment when one feels sure the plot is going to be unfolded in its entirety the eye is greeted with the trade mark of the serial, "Watch for the Shielding Shadow." There are only two more episodes to be shown and these will be watched with considerable interest. The Pathe News yesterday contained some exceptionally interesting scenes of the Western battle front, showing President Poincare accompanied by General Joffre visiting the Somme district to extend the Nation's thanks to the valiant soldiers for their heroic offense. There were also some good views of the German Merchant Submarine the "Deutschland," which were more or less interesting, because of the fact that we feel quite sure it cannot exploit the waters of the Atlantic many times more without becoming a prey to our own submarines. There was also a good comedy number on the programme.

Mission Church Christmas Tree. The Christmas tree celebration at the Mission Church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row will take place on January 3 when it is expected that a large number of those interested will be in attendance.



Advertisement for THE OLD HOMESTEAD at IMPERIAL THEATRE. Last Showings of That Sweet Old Story! "THE OLD HOMESTEAD" AT THE IMPERIAL THEATRE. A SWEET RURAL COMEDY-DRAMA that has caused millions to weep tears of tender sympathy and heart-welling joy.

Advertisement for OPERA HOUSE. This Afternoon at 2.30 15c-10c. TONIGHT 7.15 and 8.45 25c-15c-10c. JACK WESTERMAN MUSICAL COMEDY CO. In "THE KING OF PATAGONIA" FLINT AND LETNER'S DOG and PONY CIRCUS. J. WARREN KERRIGAN in a one-part Mutual Picture "THE FIGHT ON THE DA"

Advertisement for THE PEARL OF PARADISE at LYRIC and UNIQUE. Today LYRIC "THE PEARL OF PARADISE" An Elaborate Presentation Featuring MARGARET FISCHER AND HARRY POLLARD 6-ACTS-6. Today UNIQUE "THE MODERN MENACE" 13th Episode of "THE SHIELDING SHADOW" A CHRISTMAS-TIME COMEDY Brimful of Laughter. A BUDGET OF EVENTS IN PATHE WEEKLY. 2 Great Features THURS.—FRI.—SAT. Grant, the Police Reporter—Charlie Chaplin in Police.

Advertisement for PURITY FLOUR. "There's no place like home" when PURITY FLOUR makes the pies, cakes and bread. "MORE BREAD AND BETTER BREAD"

Advertisement for Belgian Children's Christmas. What about the Belgian Children's Christmas? This is not an appeal to give the children of our Ally the same kind of a Christmas that our own little ones expect, with Santa Claus and toys and candy. They have given up hope of that till after the war.

Advertisement for Belgian Relief Fund. It is simply a call for food—for enough bread and soup to stop the pangs of hunger that hundreds of them feel every day. The cost of a moderate size turkey—of two or three boxes of chocolates—of one of the many presents we have formed the habit of giving to those who do not need them, will feed a Belgian family a whole month!

Advertisement for G. B. CHOCOLATES. A Few Favorites—Cereals, Almondines, Almond Crisps, Nougatines, Burnt Almonds, Maple Walnut, Caramels, Cream Drops, Milk Chocolate, Creams, Fruit Creams, etc. EMERY BROS. 82 Germain Street

Advertisement for EMERY BROS. Selling Agents for Ganong Bros. Ltd.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Fresh northwest-erly winds, fair and moderate-ly cold.

Toronto, Dec. 25—The weather has been mostly fair today over the Dominion with moderate temperature from Ontario eastward, and quite cold in the west.

Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Battleford, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Port Arthur, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Y. M. C. A.

Regular monthly meeting Ladies' Auxiliary in parlors at 3.30 this afternoon.

The Siege Battery.

Though most of the men of the Siege Battery spent Christmas day at their homes those who stayed on the island were well content. All the members of the battery were well supplied with presents given them by the Khaki Club.

Two Alarms of Fire.

At 9.30 o'clock Saturday night the fire department were called out by an alarm from box 5 for a fire in an old shed on a wharf at the foot of Union street and owned by the St. John Railway Company.

PERSONAL.

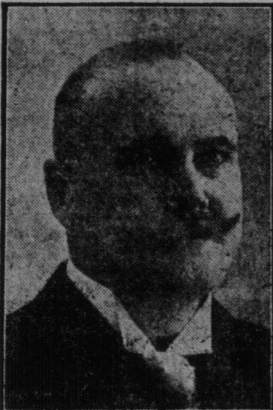
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Schofield and family, of Hampton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schofield, Carleton street, for Christmas Day. Mrs. R. E. Puddington and Miss Annie Puddington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson, Carleton street, for Christmas Day.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S COLONIZATION SCHEME HIGHLY REGARDED IN OLD COUNTRY, SAYS HON. J. A. MURRAY

Minister of Agriculture Home After Successful Visit to England and Scotland—Proposes That Scheme Be Made Imperial Wide—Met Colonel McLeod and Other Canadian Officers.

People in England Impressed With Great Advantages Offered in the Province of New Brunswick—Big After-the-War Colonization.

Looking at the picture of health and delighted with his two months' trip to the old country the Hon. James A. Murray, minister of agriculture, reached his home in Sussex yesterday.



HON. J. A. MURRAY.

son, Ralph, a returned hero, who did such gallant work on the firing line. That the scheme of the New Brunswick government for after the war colonization met with the unanimous approval of the British people was the statement made to The Standard by Hon. Mr. Murray last evening.

D. N. FISHER AND "KAYE" CUNARD ON YESTERDAY'S BOAT

Well Known St. John Men Returned on Metagama After Playing Their Part in Empire's Game.

"If there is any peace made without the Huns making reparation for the wrongs they have inflicted on the nations of the world there will be a revolution in the armies now fighting in France" was the remark of a man who has just returned from the front and who left the trenches about eight weeks ago.

SUSSEX MAN WON A D.C.M. AT THE FRONT

Corporal Spurgeon H. Keith Was Awarded Coveted Honor for Distinguished Conduct at Ypres.

"His name is Spurgeon H. Keith, D. C. M.," said Garry Brown of the 26th Battalion to The Standard reporter who went around to the discharge depot on his daily hunt for news yesterday afternoon when the reporter accepted a bright looking fellow who evidently had just arrived on the Metagama from the firing line.

"You can just bet I am delighted to get back to Canada, and best of all to good old New Brunswick. There is no place like New Brunswick. The farther I go the more I like this fair province. It looks better to me than ever before and now I am here until they send for me from the great beyond from which they say no weary traveller returns."

DAVID WELLS LOSES HIS HOME, LOSS ABOUT \$3,000

Blaze Turns Family Out at Tea Time. Nothing Saved But Clothes on Their Backs

David Wells, Charlotte street extension, will have reason to remember the Christmas of 1916, for last night he lost his house and all its contents by fire. The family were at their tea when the flames were first noticed, and they had gained such headway that they had to leave the house without anything but the clothes on their backs.

Service First

Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading at? Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money.

Deaths Last Week

Fifteen deaths occurred in the city last week according to the Board of Health report, the causes being as follows: Three from premature birth, two from senility and cerebral hemorrhage and one each from gastritis, pneumonia, convulsions, myocarditis, heart failure, suppurative cystitis, dilation of heart and pulmonary tuberculosis.

Hockey Sticks? Plenty of Them - The Better Kind's at That. With hockey season in full swing, we are prepared to meet every requirement of either club or individual, our stock comprising only the most reliable makes.

TOYS, DOLLS, FANCY BASKETS To Be Cleared Out Today. We have a few toys, dolls, etc., that we will sell at clearing prices today, these are all in perfect condition.

No Practical Feature of Stove Construction has been overlooked in the MAGIC RANGE. Every part is designed for the comfort and convenience of the user.

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Music Cabinets. A cabinet for sheet music is really a necessity in most homes. Valuable and favorite pieces are easily lost or torn when not kept in a suitable cabinet.