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## Brilliant Canadian Exploit

### Put an Entire Battalion Out of Action and Took Many Prisoners

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 25 (From Staff correspondent of Associated Press).—North of Arras certain Canadian troops have just accomplished what British officers declare marks a new phase in modern trench warfare in a raid, which, however, was much more than a raid. They succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry. They took 59 prisoners, including one commissioned officer. It is estimated that they killed 150 Germans in dugouts, which were blown to atoms, after their occupants refused to surrender. The Canadian losses are extremely light. The raid took place at three o'clock in the afternoon on a front of 400 yards. The German prisoners admit that they were taken completely by surprise. The officer captured said he was convinced something was about to happen, but believed the attack was coming on Christmas Eve. He reported this to a higher command, but received no support.

## ROUMANIA NOT DOWN-HEARTED

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A Reuter's despatch from Jassy, dated Dec. 22, says the Roumanian Parliament was opened there that day by King Ferdinand. The despatch says the King in his speech from the throne said the war had shown that Austria-Hungary in its present condition could no longer exist as a factor in the equilibrium of Europe. The King said the Roumanian Army had struggled against the forces of four combined enemies in a manner justifying Roumania looking to the future with absolute confidence. According to the despatch the King was received enthusiastically by the Senators and Deputies.

### POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. Hutchings, J.P., K.C., presided to-day. Twelve drunks who were released the past two days were on the record book. Two disorderlies were each fined \$5 or 14 days and a third \$5 or 3 days. A young chap charged with criminal assault on a little girl aged 13 was remanded for further investigation.

## MORE YOUTHFUL THIEVES

At 5 a.m. to-day Detective Whalen arrested three boys from their homes on a charge of having entered the store of a Syrian on Barter's Hill by breaking in the glass of the windows and stealing therefrom cigarettes, &c., to the value of over \$30. It was believed for a while that they had also got away with \$120 in cash but this was proven to have been a mistake. They came before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., in court to-day. One was sent down for 30 days, another was \$5 or 14 days and another whose first appearance it was was released under suspended sentence.

### THEY JAILED 16 DRUNKS

Saturday evening and night the police brought to the Station 11 prisoners mostly drunks and all were liberated Sunday by order of the Inspector General after making the usual deposits in such cases. Sunday evening and night no less than five erring ones were brought in and most of these were also liberated yesterday. One or two of the most hardened offenders, to whom the lock-up is no stranger, were held in the cells until to-day.

## QUIET FOR CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The third Christmas of the European war passed without much fighting on the British and French fronts, where virtually only the artillery was active. The men were feasted and entertained as far as was compatible with the sterner business of war.

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In addition to announcing the evacuation of Isakische, the Russians admit the occupation of Tulcha. The Russians claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Austro-Germans when the latter attempted to recapture a height occupied by the Russians on Sunday in the wooded Carpathians. In Macedonia, except for an artillery struggle, there was no momentary activity, and the same is true generally of the Austro-Italian theatre except for the Julian front, where such operations have been prevented by mist.

## Comforts for Ours

(To the Editor)  
Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated 23rd November, received by His Excellency the Governor from Mr. Arthur Steel Maitland, Chairman of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association, with enclosure from Lieutenant Colonel Hadow, respecting comforts for the men of the First Newfoundland Regiment. Will you kindly publish this correspondence for the information of all interested.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

December 26, 1916. 131116.

Dear Mr. Reeve,  
I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26th which only reached me a day or two ago.

I think your suggestion an excellent one that as the men prefer "home made" clothing they should draw this in preference to War Office supplies. I should be glad, therefore, if you send us 800 pairs of socks. These will come in very useful when we next come out of the trenches. As regards mittens—these are not required just at present, as there has just been a Government issue of them, but they may be required later when the weather is colder.

Shirts are also not required just at present as the men get a change whenever they get a bath, but I should be glad if a consignment of 800 shirts could be got ready so that I could send for them as soon as required.

It is most generous of the Newfoundland people to be so liberal in their gifts, and I should be glad if you would convey to your Committee my sincere thanks on behalf of the Regiment for their generosity and kindness.

Your sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. L. HADOW, Lt. Col.  
Comd. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
23rd November, 1916.

Dear Sir Walter,  
Please forgive a very brief note but I thought you would like to see the enclosed copy of a letter from Colonel Hadow with regard to the comforts made in Newfoundland and which are now remitting to the Regiment. In particular, you will like to notice from the last paragraph that it is fully realized that the gifts come from Newfoundland, and that the people there are given full credit for them.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) ARTHUR STEEL MAITLAND,  
His Excellency  
Sir Walter E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.,  
Governor of Newfoundland.

## OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 26.—An official statement from the British headquarters last night reads:—"Successful raids were made during the night of Sunday against enemy's trenches, trenches west of Angres and east of Armentiers, where we took prisoners. The enemy this morning (Monday) exploded a mine at Camouflet, south of Stouel, but the damage was slight. There has been considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day along the front, north of the Somme, where the enemy defences at their headquarters were systematically shelled by us, much damage being done. Elsewhere, the usual artillery activity continued, being most marked in the neighbourhood of Ypres and also south of Armentiers where we bombarded buildings occupied by the enemy in the rear of his lines."

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## SPANISH SHIP SUNK BY GERMAN

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Spanish steamship Marques Deurque, 1063 tons, has been sunk by a German sub, says an announcement made tonight by Lloyds Shipping Agency. The crew of the vessel have been landed.

### AT ST. PATRICK'S.

At midnight Sunday (Christmas Eve) St. Patrick's Church was thronged with devout worshippers, when a Missa Cantata was sung by the Parish Priest, Rev. H. Renouf. The high altar was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion and with the myriad tapers burning and brilliant electric lights presented and bright and beautiful appearance. The choir, under the baton of Prof. P. J. McCarthy was in splendid form and rendered a splendid programme of sacred music. The "Adeste Fidelis" (Novello's setting) as an offertory was given splendid rendition in the solo parts by Mrs. Thos. Jackman, and the "Benedictus" was beautifully sung by Miss May Jackman. The beautifully realistic crib is a splendid feature at St. Patrick's this Christmas Season.

### BAIL OF \$16,000.

We hear that the man Gosse and his wife who were arrested last week on a charge of manslaughter in neglecting their child and causing its death were admitted to bail Saturday, the bonds being fixed at \$8,000 each or an aggregate of \$16,000. The case will come up for trial in due course in the Supreme Court.

## To Employers

Two Retired Volunteers unfit for active service, wish to obtain employment. Both have families and want work immediately. All information can be obtained at the office of "The Mail and Advocate.—3i

### RAMEA NOTES

Messrs. Penny have bought another vessel for the foreign trade, "A. G. Ersnor," commanded by Capt. Sibley. The vessel is now loading at Cadiz for Messrs. Penny for Ramea, after being discharged it's the intention of Messrs. Penny to load for Oporto. Their new vessel, "E. M. Cavell," left Cadiz with a cargo of salt for Ramea for her owners.

The fishery is about over for the season and has been a fairly successful one. Quite a few herring have been secured in nets lately, which is rather unusual at this season.

Ten of our finest young men have enlisted and some of them are now in the trenches and others in the training camp. May they all return after victory without a scar.

## RUSSIAN PRESS ON PEACE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 25.—President Wilson's note has called forth from the Russian press, and from the nation, as represented in official and political circles in Petrograd a torrent of criticism, partly tolerant, partly sharply adverse, but for the most part maintaining a tone of polite and 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 motives which prompted it will find it impossible at present to suggest any terms which could guarantee durable peace. All newspapers comment on what is termed the inopportune moment chosen for peace mediation and express regret that the favourable impression caused by the American government's refusal to make recommendations in connection with Germany's proposals should now be faced by proposals of its own. The Retz says President Wilson would better have been guided by the negative attitude which he observed in transmitting the offer.

## Good Work of the S. Army

The annual distribution to the poor of the city took place at the Salvation Army headquarters, Springdale Street and despite the inclement weather prevailing there was a large gathering of the Salvation Army officers and rank and file with many of the poorest of the poor who were the beneficiaries of the Army's great charity. Many prominent citizens were in the gathering and His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson graced the function with their presence. His Excellency gave kindly greeting to the poor people whose Christmas was to be made the brighter because of the activities of the Army and extended in a hearty and whole-souled manner to all, the Season's Greetings. His Excellency and Lady were received by Col. and Mrs. Otway and there was ample evidence in the building to show that the efforts of the Army had not been a failure, for on all sides could be seen the parcels which were to render all happy during the joyous season. The parcels were neatly tied up, everything was done with system and decorum and each representative of a poor family, father or mother, went away blessing the Army people for their generous public who helped by their contributions in cash or kind to the success of the distribution. The Army people saw to it that only the really deserving cases received their help and no distinction on religious lines was made, Catholic as well as Protestant being the recipients of enough and to spare to enable them to spend the Christmas happily and comfortably. Parcels were distributed to 300 families, representing 1500 persons and each contained, joint of fresh beef, potatoes, turnips, bread, raisins, sugar, biscuits, tea, apples, oranges, nuts, candies &c. Several aged people were the guests of the Army and those who were too old and infirm to bring their parcels home fond, generous and willing friends in the Army to see that what they had received was safely placed in their humble abodes. To Colonel Otway, his fond wife, the officers and soldiers of the Army great credit is due for the prosecution of this kind service to God's poor afflicted ones. This charity is now an institution in St. John's and our people of all denominations welcome its advent, for to many of us this is the only channel through which the needy can be helped and a ray of sunlight brought into homes, sombre because of the poverty reigning therein and sad because of the hopeless outlook which life presents to their occupants.

### INTERESTING PHOTOS.

We have been shown a group of very interesting pictures of the first zeppelin brought to the ground in England. The pictures show the airship in the air, after the first shot had taken effect, after the first shot had taken effect, and her gradual descent on fire. They were brought over by Mr. McLeod of the Royal Stores Ltd., who has just returned from England, and they will be on exhibition in the window of that firm shortly.

## Christmas Day Enjoyed

### Soldiers Have Elaborate Menus not Restricted to Three Courses

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 26.—Christmas day a day of good cheer through the British soldier as he ate his Christmas dinner yesterday, whether in the front of a camp fire, in the trenches or in the secluded security of reserve camps. Eusthuastic toasts were offered to the King and Empire and to the coming New Year, which Britons confidently believe will bring victory to the Allied cause. Soldiers from Overseas, Canadians, Newfoundlanders, Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans drank somewhat wistfully to the folks at home, but soon shook away any tensity to homesickness. The sturdy work of war against war, grim and determined, went forward to-day as relentlessly as yesterday and as it will to-morrow. It was a bounteous Christmas along the British front, and soldiers in the field were joyously immune from the three-course dinners prescribed for the British Isles. Each individual company of the vast organized army had a jubilant Christmas spread. There was much rivalry in the elaborateness of the camp menus.

### THE PROSPERO'S STORMY TRIP

The S.S. Prospero arrived here from the Northward at 9.30 a.m. yesterday. The ship was held up at Trinity all Sunday night owing to the prevalence of a snow storm and on the run north to Griguet the weather was very stormy with gales of S.E. wind, mountainous sea, fog and rain, alternating with sleet and snow. The ship owing to the storm and darkness had to remain in ports called at on several nights, it being impossible to run under such weather conditions. The ship brought up a full freight, mostly of herring taken at Twillingate, Pelley's Island and other places.

### STOLE LARGE SUM.

We learn that last week in an up-town grocery store employing several females, the discovery was made by the owner that a large sum of money was missing. Investigation led to the discovery that one of the girls had been appropriating considerable sums from her own use and that her defalcations ran into hundreds. She was an assistant of several years standing and out of regard for her parents and connections the proprietor of the store was content with dismissing her and would not prosecute her.

### HOSPITAL CASES

A bad case from Arnold's Cove came by train on Friday. A man named James Whiffin while out shooting birds, by accident had his face severely burnt. He is only 18 years old and was taken at once to the hospital. Mr. Eli Whiteway also had messages this morning advising him of two cases coming by train this morning, one from Bay Bulls and the other from Hr. Grace, the nature of which he is ignorant, except that he was asked to have the ambulance ready.

### POLICEMEN GET BONUS.

As the result of some members of the Police Force interviewing the Minister of Justice and pointing out to him the financial stress under which they at present live owing to the high cost of necessities of life the police were granted a bonus Saturday. The sums granted were given according to the grade of the recipient and period of service and went from \$5, the minimum, upwards. The men, of course, were pleased with this but it would please them far more if their salaries were readjusted to meet present day requirement.

### Hospital Report

London, Dec. 24, '16. The Association Visiting Committee report the condition of the following men in hospital:  
Progressing favourably—2622, Stevenson; 1705, Moore; 1186, Heath; 2182 Connors; 150, Gleeson; 1772, Brinsford; 1985, Fennell; 1977, Attwood; 1734, Wells (amputation); 2347, Norris; 1671, Shears; 2389, Pearce; 1818, Campbell; 1100, Martin; 2177, Doyle; 2646, King; 1790, George; 529, Moore (amputation); 2251, Hutchings; 2653, Turner; 1828, Lillie; 2700, Duffett; 2466, Mutford; 1954, Caines; 2465, Wheeler; 1086, Short; 259, Lahey; 1441, Gosse.  
Slight improvement—842, Dalton. REEVE.

### SEALS ON LABRADOR.

The crew of the Fogota report that quite a number of harp seals and bedlamers made their appearance last week at Battle Harbor and places further North on the Labrador Coast. The fishermen there put out their nets early, as little or no ice has formed owing to the mildness of the weather and goodly numbers were secured. The Fogota brought up a ton: 1985, Fennell; 1977, Attwood; 1734, Wells (amputation); 2347, Norris; 1671, Shears; 2389, Pearce; 1818, Campbell; 1100, Martin; 2177, Doyle; 2646, King; 1790, George; 529, Moore (amputation); 2251, Hutchings; 2653, Turner; 1828, Lillie; 2700, Duffett; 2466, Mutford; 1954, Caines; 2465, Wheeler; 1086, Short; 259, Lahey; 1441, Gosse.  
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## Wanted at Once

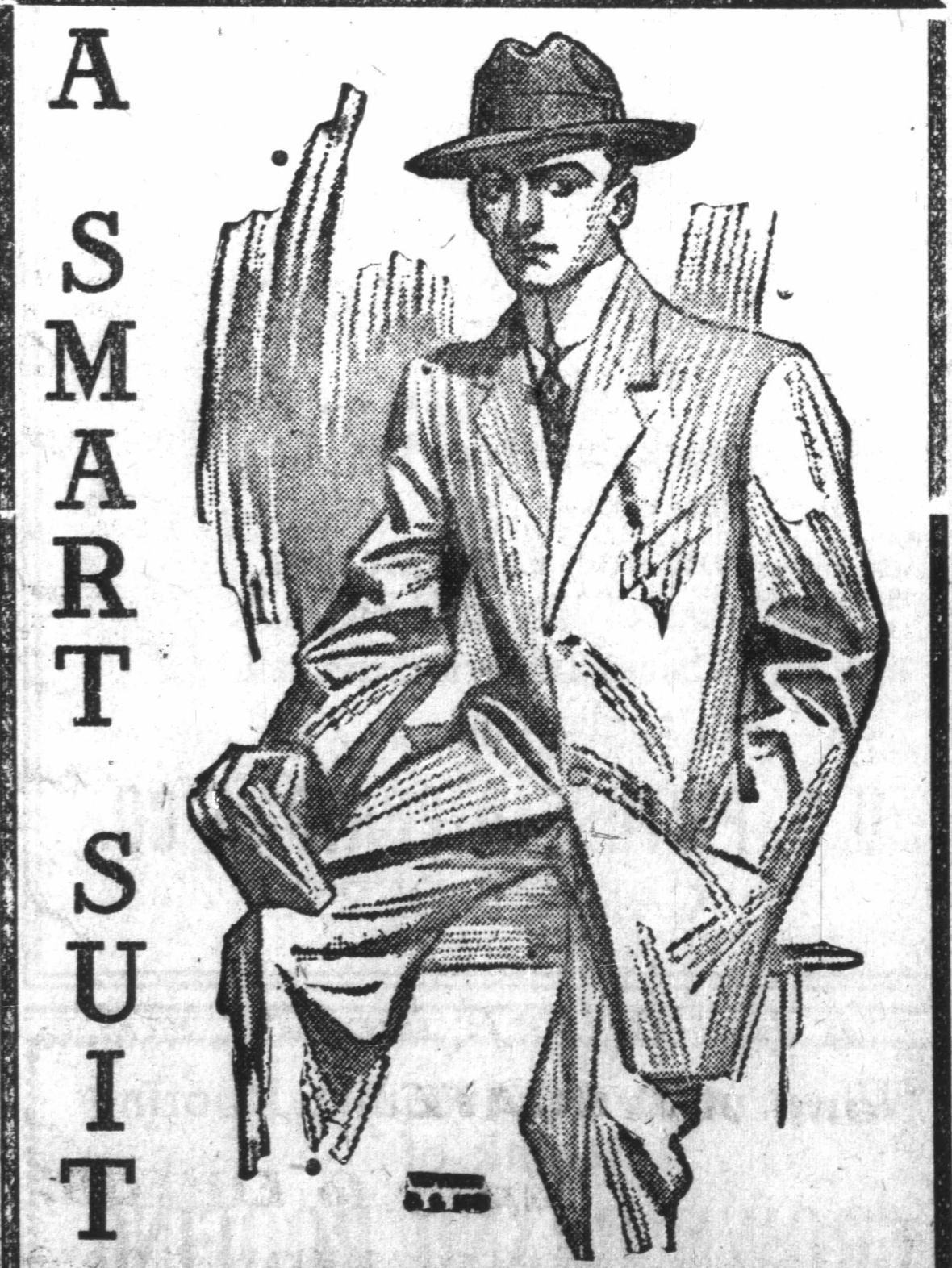
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## British Capture Big Turkish Position Maghdadah Fallen, and 1100 Prisoners Taken--British Air Craft Rendered Valuable Assistance

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Following up their victory against the Turks with the capture of 1 Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, the British forces in Egypt have captured the strong Turkish position of Maghdadah, 20 miles S. E. of El Arish, taking home 1100 prisoners, 2 guns and unquantified war material, a war official announced today. Official statement reads:—On Friday afternoon British mounted troops carried the strong enemy position of Maghdadah, 20 miles

S. S. E. of El Arish after an engagement. Beginning at 9 o'clock five hundred prisoners were taken. Air craft co-operated in attacking with bombs and machine gun fire from low altitude. Another official statement says: A full report from Maghdadah is not yet to hand. Total capture now 1100 prisoners and at least 2 guns and a large quantity of arms and war material. The enemy's casualties were considerable. Our aeroplanes continue to harass the enemy.

### NO MORE CHAPLAINS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The recent announcement that no more chaplains are to be sent overseas follows an order from the British and Canadian military authorities in London. The facts are that there is a surplus of chaplains. Every regiment which has gone across has a spiritual advisor attached to it. The system of breaking up units in England had the effect of leaving many of these, as well as senior officers at the training camps overseas, without any appointment. To send over more now would intensify a situation, which is already embarrassing. Generally speaking, it is not intended to send over chaplains who now are attached to units in Canada for the above reasons and also because the policy of sending drafts, instead of complete units, has been adopted.

Chaplains cannot go with drafts, many of them, however, may be attached to new units of reinforcements while they are being raised in Canada. If they choose to take appointments as combatant officers, there will probably be openings for them. About fifty chaplains will be affected by the order.

### PRES. WILSON AND PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Satisfactorily for the issue on the peace note compels a respectful view in speculating on whether President Wilson has a deeper cause for anxiety regarding American relations with Germany than have yet appeared. The Daily News regards this as most explicable reason for the President's desire to bring the war to a speedy end. It is abundantly clear from what has happened in the last few days that there can be no peace until the full fruits in this great struggle in which we are engaged have been won, declared the Duke of Devonshire at a Christmas banquet to returned soldiers last night. By the work of men who fight and these in authority in the Empire, he continued, we shall be able to demand such terms of peace as will give us ample and full reparation. It may be a long time before we obtain this but no matter how long we will carry it.

### BIG GALE IN HALIFAX

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—Halifax was swept by a sixty-mile-an-hour gale and snowstorm late Friday night and Saturday morning.

The storm was from southeast and considerable damage was done at the new ocean terminals, part of the great granite sea wall being carried away.

The damage to shipping is extensive crafts at the terminals or thereabouts faking very badly.

The tug Lord Roberts, belonging to the terminal contractors, was sunk, as was also one of their water boats. Two or three scows are missing, and it is thought they have also sunk beneath the waves, or have broken up, as the harbor is filled with spars and small wreckage.

A freight steamer anchored off the terminals broke adrift and went ashore at the "landing stage." She was considerably damaged, but was later hauled off shore by George S. Campbell's tugs, the Gladifator, Togo and Merrimac and docked at a deep water pier.

Two other freight steamers received damage at the terminals, one of them having several plates bent in.

Considerable damage was done at Robin, Jones and Whitman's wharf. The boom of the schooner Gladys and Lillian pounded into the front of a shed, smashing it for some ten feet. The stern of this schooner collided with the Anita, one of Neville's lob-

### CHRISTMAS DAY IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Except in camps and hospitals this Christmas was the quietest Britain has even known. Eton only was the watchword among the upper classes generally. Travel was unprecedentedly small because the news papers and Government appeals to civilians to stay at home and give up trains for soldiers on leave. The majority of civilians travellers appeared to be munition workers and their families. Soldiers were liberally entertained, hospitals were decorated and supplies of dinners and presents for patients, private oldsters really received more attention than officers in the hospitals, and theatrical music hall artists gave the services for the various kind of entertainments. The day in London was like Sunday, its quiet, although the principal streets were full of khaki clad men, many sailors were about. The restricted hours for public houses reduced merry making which usually attends the English holi days. Hotels, and restaurants were filled with patrons, but new regulations barred elaborate dinners.

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

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In Macedonia, except for artillery, the struggle was void of momentous activity. The same is said of the Austro-Italian theatre except for the Julian front where such operations has been prevented.

### GERMANS CLAIM SUCCESSES

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Germans claim to have cleared Dobrudja with the exception of Terrain, between Macina and Isakische. The Germans also reported hand-to-hand fighting west of Ypres.

### MORE STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Two Danish steamers have been sunk, the Hrophthides and Dansberln.

ster boats, crushing in their tern.

The schooner Alma Nelson of Lunenburg, had her bow broken by thumping several large holes in the side of another shed on the Robin, Jones and Whitman wharf and also by going up against the stern of the tern schooner Perce.

In fact schooners at every wharf were somewhat injured by the heavy wind and seas blowing them against the edge of the wharves.

Many fences and trees in different parts of the city succumbed to the blow but the most extensive damage sustained was at the exhibition grounds, where about two thirds of the grand stand was torn away.

Telephone and telegraph wires were carried down, and all incoming and outgoing trains were behind time.

# King George's Xmas Message

The following message from the Secretary of State was received on Christmas Eve by His Excellency the Governor, and at his request were forwarded to Magistrates, Clergymen and senior Justices of the Peace throughout the Colony:

The King has been pleased to send the following messages to the Soldiers and Sailors now serving their country:

"I send you my Soldiers and Sailors hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are with you for victories gained, for hardships endured and for your unfailing cheeriness. Another Christmas has come and we are still at war, but the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you."

(Sgd.) GEORGE R. I.

Royal message to the sick and wounded:

"At the Christmas time the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my Soldiers and Sailors. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmastide and many happier years to come."

(Sgd.) GEORGE R. I.

### NEW ROUTES FOR SHIPPING

NEW YORK, The New York Times this morning says: "It is understood under new Lloyd George's 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 6-inch guns fore and aft. In addition to the protection afforded by the guns there will be a fast cruiser in certain positions which will be known to commanders of liners, who will be provided with special signals to enable them to call for assistance if they are attacked. Cargoes will be taken from New York and Boston in small steamers to Halifax where freight will be transferred on board big steamers waiting to convey it to Liverpool or London where passengers will travel by train. The expense of transshipping freight and conveying it to Halifax will be very heavy, but will have to be done in order to make certain that the government will get sufficient provisions for people of Britain and for army of two million men in France and Flanders.

### FOUND MONEY IN RUINS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Daily Chronicle prints the following episode as told by its correspondent at the front: "A few days ago a French civilian and his wife came to Fricourt, which is now far back from the fighting lines. Of the village there remains only a few rubbish heaps among the litter of complete destruction, but the Frenchman pointed to a plot of earth in all this turmoil and said: "There was my house. I am sure of it."

"The party started scrapping up the earth. Suddenly there was a cry of astonishment.

"God be thanked! It is here! I have found it!" cried the Frenchman. He and his wife had found 35,000 francs, all the treasure of their life, six inches deep under the soil, that had been flung up by mine craters, burrowed by high explosives, dug by German soldiers, tramped over by British soldiers, and tortured by every destructive act of war."

### HEAVY FIGHTING ON ROUMANIAN FRONT

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The British Admiralty per Wireless Press via London says renewed heavy fighting is in progress in eastern Wallachia to-day a War Office statement announces. The Roumanians were forced to yield ground at some points and the Russians lost the height north of Buzen and Rinnik Road, but repulsed all other attacks. The evacuation of Tultcha and Isakicha in Dobrudja is announced. Attempts by the Austro-German troops to recapture the heights occupied by the Russians north of Uzul Valley was repulsed by the Russians, capturing 2 guns and more than 200 prisoners.

### DUTCH STEAMER CAPTURED

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—A Dutch steamer captured by the Germans, the German Admiralty state is the Dutch steamer Otis Tetrax, captured and taken into Zeebrugge. No contraband was found on board and the steamer was released.

### ACTIVITY AT YPRES

LONDON, Dec. 24.—British forces raided enemy trenches at Ypres yesterday according to official report, the enemy after heavy bombardment caused a few casualties at Beesinghe. Great activity between Ancre and Somme, British successfully raided enemy trenches east of Berles and dispersed a large enemy party out of Ypres.

### ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## British Raids Successful Many Prisoners Taken

### Raids Made on Enemy's Trenches in Broad Daylight and Much Ground Gained

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Further official details of the War Office statement issued under Sunday's date says a day light raid recently conducted by British troops on the Franco-Belgian front opposite Neuve Chapelle and Festunor of Arras was successful. A raid carried out Saturday in the vicinity of Hebuterne. It is also reported that the statement reads: We entered enemy trenches last night north of the neighborhood of Hebuterne. A line of enemy trenches were penetrated on four hundred yards of front, bombed and prisoners taken. Gas successfully discharged by us yesterday evening against the enemy trench west of Lessines. Last night the enemy fired Camouflet. At Mount Sorrel no damage was reported. Intermit tent artillery activity continued Saturday on the right of our lines. Between the Somme and Hubterne N. E. Morvall the enemy working party were caught by our fire. Our heavy artillery shelled the battery positions opposite Neuve Chapelle and Festunor of Arras in the afternoon and broad operations of the 20th and 21 showed daylight after careful preparation of the neighborhood of Hebuterne. A line of enemy trenches were penetrated on four hundred yards of front, bombed and prisoners taken. Gas successfully discharged by us yesterday evening against the enemy trench west of Lessines. Last night the enemy fired Camouflet. At Mount Sorrel no damage was reported. Intermit tent artillery activity continued Saturday on the right of our lines. Be-

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### SWEDEN ANOTHER DOVE

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A Havas despatch from Berne says:—It is believed in certain quarters the Swedish Government is about to approach the belligerents on the subject of peace in the same way as the Swiss President.

### AIR RAIDS ON EL ARISH

LONDON, Dec. 4.—British official reports successful air raids on El Arish and Maghdah; a ton of explosives were dropped on bridge over a deep ravine at Tel Elsharia north of Beershaba, and seriously damaged it. An air raid also reported successful at Eut-el-amar.

### POPE MAKES PLEA FOR PEACE

ROME, Dec. 26.—Pope Benedict made a plea for peace in his address to Christmas reception at the Sacred College, referring to the message of Bethlehem, the Pope said good will amongst men was an essential condition toward obtaining "That just durable peace which must put an end to the horrors of the present war."

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## AT COCHRANE STREET CHURCH

The services at Cochrane Street Church on Sunday while lacking the Anthems and Carols of former years that helped to make the services bright and attractive due to the absence of Mr. Mews through illness, yet, in spite of the handicap the singing was all that could be expected under the circumstances as well as the music production of Mr. Spry, who presided at the piano and organ. What the Choir may have lacked was more than made up by the sermons delivered by the Pastor, Dr. Bond. They were not only powerful and impressive but the thoughts given out were full of fertility that will bring forth fruit in their season if additional quantities of such spiritual and healthy tonics be given three times monthly particularly for those who may weary in well doing in a materialistic world full of compromise and shiftlessness.

The sermon at the morning service was based on a text from the 10th Verse of the 6th Chapt., Daniel, "When Daniel Knew the Writing was signed," the subject of which was "A Prime Minister in Trouble." The story briefly told referred to a decree issued by King Darius forbidding any petitions being offered to God or man outside himself for a period of thirty days. Refusal to comply meant being thrown to the lions, a cruel punishment possible only under an Oriental despotism. Daniel was Prime Minister at the time and the decree was the outcome of a trick of his coadjutor princes who were filled with that most cruel and devilish of human passions; jealousy. It was the finality of their enmity and malice. But no law contravening the law of God would alter things. It would not make black, white or white, black. Might would not make right. Laws on our statute books to-day relating to land and property are often ruthless. In Daniel's case he probably knew the machinations of his enemies from start to finish to get the law passed. Called a heretic, often an alien and worst of all, he was a good man. Knowing the plot, he made effort to prevent the issuing of the decree. He did no lobbying, there was no supplicancy, no cringing to stay it. His enemies were active and in a hurry. Sin is always in a hurry. Does things with a rush. But what reason had they to think Daniel would not obey the law to save himself from a cruel death. They knew him better. They knew he valued his privileges of communion with God and would consider them paramount. They wanted him destroyed, feeling the only good Daniel to them was a dead one. Daniel did not alter his course. Without bravado, indulging in no heroics nor hysteria he calmly went on as before. Did not argue with himself that God would surely deliver him. It did not matter, He would do what was right. In the end it would be alright anyway. He was not like some hardened saints who were good, true, pure, honest and Godly as long as they could not be anything else. Daniel, unlike them, had a will of triple steel.

Three things were to be learnt from this episode in Daniel's life, first, straightforwardness. Today was an age of compromise. An age of shifting. There are people today who would have given Daniel some advice. They would say: "See here Daniel, now it is all very well you can have your opinions and believe, but there is no need of running your head against a stone wall. Don't be conscientious. Don't be rash. Believe to a certain extent. Still another class would advise him not to give up his prayers but pull down the blinds. You can't be seen. Besides, you say them to yourself. The Lord knows your heart. But to all Daniel would say: I will obey God rather than man.

There was the lesson faith to be learned. Faith, the basis and motive of all life's activity. Daniel having faith in God believed for God. Next was courage. Daniel did the brave thing. It required great moral courage—something greater than physical courage. Many men are willing to lay down their lives for their country, but to live for Christ and confess Him before their fellow men by their conduct in the every-day life they were lacking in moral courage. The Rev. gentleman closed with a selection from the well known poem "Give Us Men."

In the afternoon the Sunday School White Gift Service for the benefit of the poor and sick took place. The pulpit and Communion rail were tastefully decorated in white with beautiful flowers spread around. The Pastor and Supt. Peters were desirous that the service should be all that was expected and they had no reason to feel any disappointment for the many gifts brought piled up to the top of the front part of the pulpit. They represent offerings from the lit the one on the cradle roll right up to the adult in the Bible Class and

## OBITUARY

MR. JOHN RICE

The death of Mr. John Rice, an esteemed resident of the higher levels, occurred at his residence, 59 Harvey Road, at 7.45 last night. Deceased was sixty-six years old, and his death was the result of a stroke of paralysis which he received while flooding the Parade Rink four years ago since which Mr. Rice has been practically incapacitated from attending to his former duties. For about twenty years previously he was manager of the Parade Rink and in this position he became well known to all sections of the community. He was a man of sterling worth whose word was his bond, consequently he was held in the highest esteem by citizens generally and his death will be heard of with regret by his many friends all over the city.

During his four years illness at times he was able to be out around but he never recovered his former health and vigor. Before his death he was confined to his bed only a week and on Christmas night he passed peacefully away fortified by the consolations of the Holy Catholic Church of which he was a devoted and exemplary member. He leaves to mourn him an aged mother, a devoted wife, one son, Mr. Andrew Rice, two daughters, Mrs. T. Connors of this town, and Mrs. Herbert Brooks, of Montreal, also one brother, Mr. Art Rice of Freshwater Road. To the sorrowing relatives *The Mail and Advocate* tenders its sincere sympathy. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon.

## AT GOWER STREET CHURCH

The service at Gower Street Church was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. B. Hemmenon, who took for his discourse "The Golden Streets of the New Jerusalem." The treatment of this subject was masterly, and many very timely lessons were suggested. gold with its purity, the street with its tragic, and the city with its populaces, were each symbolic of that time when the gospel shall have renewed the world, and transformed society. It was a symbol of the best that men attain, and was of greater value than mere wealth or renown.

The music and anthems were rendered under the direction of Private Roy Kendall, and were in keeping with the season, and showed much careful preparation on the part of the choir.

## At the R. C. Cathedral.

A vast congregation filled every part of the spacious Cathedral at Midnight Mass Christmas morning. His Grace, the Archbishop occupied the throne, being attended by Father Pippy with Fathers Sheehan and Conway assistants. Rev. Mgr. McDermott celebrated High Mass, Dr. Green being Deacon and Dr. Carter Subdeacon.

The High Altar was beautifully decorated and with a myriad of lights, presented a magnificent sight. The rendition of Gounod's Mass of the Sacred Heart by the choir was majestic, and the sweet strains of the *Adeste Fideles*, that most loved of Christmas music, could not fail to inspire every heart with love and adoration. After Mass the C.C.C. Band rendered Mozart's 12th Gloria in a manner that enhanced, if such were possible, the grandeur and sublimity of the magnificent composition. Music is one of God's choicest gifts to man and what soul is there that could not be inspired by such music as was heard at the Midnight Mass.

A Guard of Honour from the C.C.C. was present and presented arms at the Elevation of the Sacred Host. At High Mass, 11 o'clock, on Christmas Day Rev. Dr. Greene was the celebrant, Father Conway Deacon and Dr. Carter Sub-Deacon. The Rev. Monsignor McDermott and Fr. Renouf assisted at the throne. The same musical programme as at Midnight Mass was rendered by the choir.

Home Department. The programme consisted of Recitations by Mabel SALTER, Edward Milley; Solos by Misses Olive Taylor and H. Vincent; Readings by Misses Flora Curtis, Gwen Mews, interspersed with new hymns selected for the occasion. It was a decided success and the losers of the congregation were those who were unfortunate to be absent.

At the Evening Service Dr. Bond again occupied the pulpit, delivering a discourse on "There was no room at the inn." A strong plea was made to the congregation to find room for the One whose birthday we celebrate and the old question, "What will we do with Christ," was again repeated and brought home closely to every hearer; a question not easily to be set aside by those who have any real interest in the life and teachings of Jesus.

## ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Advent, was also the Sunday in the octave of our Patronal Festival.

In the morning Rev. C. A. Moulton, taking as his text the words of St. Thomas' confession, "My Lord and My God," showed that on this the one incident in the life of our Patron Saint when he comes prominently to the front of the apostolic band, that though his doubt is more often spoken of, it is his confession, the most unequivocal confession reported from any apostle, which is even more striking. And our Lord's saying on this occasion, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed," is as applicable to us in the twentieth century, who though we do not see Christ, come nearer to Him in His Sacraments than ever St. Thomas did, as when it was uttered.

Sunday was also Christmas Eve, and the first evensong of that Festival was sung at 6.30 p.m., Rev. C. A. Moulton being the cantor. The violes of Advent was changed to festal white on the altar, which was chastely decorated with flowers. The Rector preached an appropriate sermon on Child life and the Incarnation and the relation of the Cradle of to-day with the Manger of the first Christmas. The peroration of Dr. Jones' address was very fine. There are some who want to find the Christ Child to-day and these can find Him at His altar, when His broken body and outpoured blood are dispersed to the faithful. Though he believed that men might and did find Christ in other ways, that at his table there was certainty. He urged every one present to make a good communion this Christmastide.

Ten o'clock brought the Carol Service, some very beautiful carols were sung to a large and devout congregation.

For the first time in the history of the Parish, there was a midnight celebration of the holy mysteries, which was held at Christ Church, Quidi Vide, one of the parochial chapels of East, the Rector being celebrant. The little church was crowded to its utmost capacity with devout worshippers, and there was a large number of communicants. A service of this kind in a fishing village has a very impressive character, and this service will long be remembered by those who took part in it.

At 6.30 and 8 a.m. on Christmas Day there were crowded altars. At the former service Rev. C. A. Moulton celebrated, at the latter the Rector.

At mid-day the Litany was again performed, Mr. Moulton celebrating. Matins which immediately preceded, was opened with the *Adeste Fideles* as Processionals; the introt being "Christmas, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn." At the offertory, an anthem "Alleluia" was finely rendered by the choir. The Rector's sermon from the text "We have seen His Star in the East and are come to worship Him," dealt with the three wise men, who offered gold, myrrh and frankincense as being emblematic of three types of Christians. The practical Christian who offers service to his fellows for Christ's sake, the penitent Christian to whom a suffering Christ appeals specially, the mystic Christian, who above all sees the transcendent goodness of Christ. For these types and all other types of Christians, there is room at the one altar. Christ will accept the sincere worship of all, and all are invited to come to His holy table.

Evensong was said at 5 p.m. and thus two happy days were brought to a close, with, we hope abundant blessing.

To-morrow, St. Stephen's Day, Wednesday, St. John's Day, Thursday, Holy Innocents' Day, the Eucharist will be offered at 7.30, followed by Matins at 8 each morning.

The Crib at Belydere Orphanage was visited yesterday by a large number of people. Twice a day the orphans sing before the Crib, at noon and at 4 p.m. The Crib will be open to visitors during the twelve days of Christmas.

All work on Bell Island did not close down for the Xmas holidays, only the slopes stopped working. While the slopes are stopped work still goes on in the machine shops and advantage is being taken of the stoppage of the slopes to do a lot of track relaying and repairing in the mines. Many of the miners are engaged at this work.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, DECEMBER 26, 1916.

**A** CLIPPING from a Boston paper has reached us, which features a half page advertisement from one Eugene N. Foss concerning the no-license election which took place in Boston a week or so ago. We have not seen how the election went nor if the remarkable challenge of Mr. Foss was taken up. We doubt if it was. Mr. Foss begins by saying "The defense of the saloon in Boston makes me tired and I make the following proposition to the voters of Boston." And then he agrees to see the City of Boston harmless as far as direct loss of revenue from liquor licenses, water rents and all other revenues connected with the saloons of Boston, provided the City of Boston will enter into a contract with him for a term of five years to give him one-half of any savings the city may make, directly or indirectly, on account of the City gaining No-License. The matter to be referred to a Commission of three, one appointed by the Mayor, one by Mr. Foss, these two to appoint a third. Also he makes the offer to secure positions for all these who are thrown out of work because of the closing of the saloons in Boston. Mr. Foss mentions that as to Real Estate, the experience of cities like Seattle and Denver is that such Real Estate has been entirely taken up by other business within three months of a No-License law becoming operative. Mr. Foss's guarantee is backed by a Bond of One Million Dollars which would protect the city in this agreement. If any of our readers know of the result of the election in Boston or whether this challenge of Mr. Foss was taken up, we shall be glad to have the information. This form of challenge appears often in a Prohibition campaign, but so far we have never heard of anyone, who was eager to back his opinion with a guarantee such as Mr. Foss undertakes. He estimates that half the savings under no-license, will fully cover all the losses in revenue, etc. It is our hope that our Prohibition legislation will produce like results here. It will not be in a year or two years that we shall be able to judge this. The cost of administration should be greatly curtailed in time. The Magistrate's Court will surely not provide work for the two Judges we seem to require now, indeed we think that the one man who we expect will fill the position in a few months, will not find his hands very full at any season of the year. It is likely that this position will prove one of the easiest jobs in the gift of the Government, and the occupant will have to beware of the ills that so often follow a too early retirement to such positions of indolence.

**VARIA**  
BY GALE

**MONEY**

**BANKS** are very useful institutions, and the cheque system is very convenient for the payment of obligations. But all liabilities, especially those of a foreign nature are not liquidated by cheques. They are usually adjusted by means of Bills of exchange to which we shall refer more in detail, presently. People sometimes wonder how the banks manage to get rid of the numerous cheques of other banks which they handle for their customers. This is effected by means of a **Clearing House**. This system was, we believe, inaugurated by a number of London bankers in 1775. They met daily and exchanged the cheques which each held on the other. A great saving in the actual use of cash was thus effected, and it is obvious that by means of this arrangement each bank would not be required to keep so large an amount of cash on hand to meet cheques and bills which had been drawn upon them. For many years the private banks had a monopoly of the Clearing House, but in 1854 the joint-stock banks were allowed to join them. There are still, however, as far as we are aware, only seventeen banks in England entitled to send representatives to the Clearing House. All other banks must, to their dissatisfaction, do all their business through the agency of a bank which is a member of the Clearing House. We have often been asked what becomes of the money at a banker's disposal. When we place money in a bank (we speak of banks of deposit and issue, and not of Saving Banks) it goes either on deposit or on current account. For deposits we get usually interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum. For current account we get nothing; and some bankers are apparently not particularly desirous to get at our money in this way, as it is in many instances an inconvenience to them, especially when the account is not large. When a banker finds a large sum, or sums on deposit, he then seeks a means of investing these amounts in securities which pay a larger amount of interest than the bank pays to the depositor. He must, however, always keep enough cash on hand to meet calls. Most banks always

**CHRISTMAS TRAVELLERS**

To seek the Babe of Bethlehem  
Three Kings of Orient came:  
Wise Balthazar and Melchior,  
With Gaspar, great in fame.

Across the lonely desert  
They took their trackless way,  
To find their King and worship Him  
That wondrous Christmas Day.

A heav'nly guide their Lord did send,  
A radiant jewel star;  
Serene and bright it journey'd on,  
And sent its rays afar.

Around the Shepherds as they lay  
It shed its glorious light;  
The Angels came, in multitude,  
And fill'd the sky of night.  
"Good will," they sang, "to ev'ry man,  
And glory in the height!"

To seek the Babe of Bethlehem  
We come this Christmas Day,  
A pilgrim band—our Promised Land  
The Manger where He lay.

No splendid robes enfold us,  
No regal gifts we bring;  
With simple faith we celebrate  
The birthday of our King.

Oh, star divine, still shine on us,  
Still let thy radiance burn,  
Till into David's city  
Our lowly footsteps turn!

There, like the Shepherds, wondering,  
We'll worship, kneeling still;  
There, like the Angel multitude,  
Our songs the heavens fill,  
And tell the birth of peace on earth  
To men of gentle will!

**TO FLY TO NORTH POLE IN AEROPLANE**

Capt. Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, plans to fly to the North Pole in an aeroplane, he announced on his arrival at New York on the Frederick VIII. His plan is to start north in 1918 in a ship now being built and fitted in Norway, drift as near to the top of the world as the ice will permit, then fly the rest of the way in an aeroplane which he will buy here. "It will be possible to make flights of 200 kilometres in one hour, where with sleds it might require two weeks, or any amount of time," he said.

prepared to discharge his liabilities by gold payments, though it is evident that if all the banks were called upon at one and the same time to meet their liabilities in gold, there would not be sufficient gold to discharge them.

It is not therefore scientifically true to say that the credit of banks is based on their reserves of gold; it is based on the fact and on the belief that the mercantile community will discharge its obligations,—in other words, that trade is on a sound basis, and that loans made, or bills discounted, are based on real commercial transactions for which value is given and received. Hence when there is a collapse of credit due to rash and hazardous speculation, or to over trading, what is wanted to restore equilibrium is not merely gold, but confidence; in other words, credit.

Those of us who remember the careers of certain moguls prior to the great bank crash of December 1894 will realize the meaning of this to the fullest possible extent. Less than a dozen men were utilizing the hard earned monies (deposits) of the widows of old sealing captains and others who had coined their sweat and toil into what they believed to be a competency, and this dozen worthies gambled on the funds of the banks of which they were the custodians, with the result that many of the widows and dependents of the depositors became the beneficiaries of public charity. The Street had been speculating with monies which none of the gamblers had ever earned; and the inevitable result was the paralysis of our trade for a period which, under Providence, was happily brief.

Fortunately for the business interests of the country the men who "live at a wine rate on a beer income" are no longer able to do any more wrecking. Though the banks are reaping rich harvests off our trade they are the means of enabling the honest dealer to do business such as was not possible under the old regime.

Perhaps many are unaware of the fact that the Canadian Banks were instrumental in keeping some tottering concerns from going to the wall in the early days of 1895; and if we may credit rumors they have done so since in more than one case.

Where do the banks get their big earnings in this country? Of the Fishing Industry, as we shall explain subsequently.

**THE HARVEST OF THE SEA**

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN OF THE COLONY

By Our Own Correspondent

**OILS**

**THE FISHING GAZETTE** of November 25 th says: "A general advance in all varieties of fish oils has been recorded in New York since last reports. . . . The demand for sperm and whale oil has continued in spite of the quoted advances. The supply of domestic and Newfoundland cod oil and medicinal oil has not been replenished to any extent by the shipment which arrived by the "Florizel" some days ago, for most of the cargo of 2000 barrels was sold in advance of its arrival to purchasers who were disappointed when the "Stephano" was sunk off Nantucket with 1,000 barrels of oil on board. Newfoundland cod oil is bringing 77 to 78 cents for what remains in first hands, while domestic continues firm at 74 to 76 cents. All varieties are firm at the advanced price.

From Halifax comes the following item; and we wonder why we have not something similar to report: "An item of interest in fishery circles this week was the visit of an official from England charged with the direction of the large shipments of fishstuffs going forward to fill contracts for the British Government. Steady shipments for the Canadian forces at the front will add materially to the volume of transatlantic exports, both at Halifax and St. John, N.B., during the winter."

There is no other British overseas possession which has contributed so largely to the cause of Empire as we have done; yet we do not even seem to receive that recognition to which we are entitled. Whilst "official" condolences are all very lovely; yet we feel that for the sacrifices we are making we are getting very slim return. We have too much poppycock of this nature in circulation; and we think that the publication of the Morris Report of his galling tour to France was the culmination of political infamy.

**RUNAWAY HORSE COLLIDES WITH STREET CAR**

A fine horse worth about \$300 and owned by Mr. J. Stamp took fright on Danmerill Street and turning into Adelaide Street dashed down that thoroughfare at lightning speed. At the junction of Adelaide and Water Street it collided with street-car No. 3 and the horse shot forward into Monroe's Cove with one of its hind legs broken. The carriage, a victoria, was badly wrecked and the horse had to be shot by Mr. Bastow, the S. P. A. Inspector to put it out of its pain. The loss to Mr. Stamp, a good, hard-working man, is very serious.

**REID'S STEAMERS**

Argyle leaving Placentia to-day for West.  
Clyde left Lewisport 7.30 a.m.  
Dundee left Port Blandford 2.25 p.m. yesterday.  
Ethie arrived at Humbermouth 2.40 p.m. yesterday.  
Glencoe left Placentia 2 a.m. Sunday.  
Home left Nipper's Harbor 7 a.m. Saturday, going North.  
Sagonea due at Port aux Basques this morning.  
No report from Kyle since leaving Port aux Basques on account of wire trouble.  
Wren left Clarendville 7.45 a.m. yesterday.  
Meigle due at St. John's.

Of course the Colony pays for this sort of rot; and hence we find the organs enthusing over Sir Edward's "splendid services to the Colony." Has Morris been the means of bringing us the value of a dollar out of all this silly perambulating? We say emphatically that he has not. On the contrary, he, by means of a hiring press, is adding insult to other "coddling." **The Mail and Advocate** has been fighting an uphill fight to save the people from being fleeced by the Reids and others; and the literary buffons of the Morris crowd are moving heaven and earth to nullify the efforts of the one man who rises superior to other considerations to aid the toiler; we mean W. F. Coaker. We hope that he will not let up on his campaign for the amelioration of the condition of the hardy sons of toil. The people long waited a champion of their rights and they heartily endorse his attitude.

Employer: "Not afraid of early hours, I suppose"  
Young Man: "You can't close too early for me."

**ON THE "BRITON."**

There are now about 40 Naval Reserve men on the training ship Briton and those who cared to do so were given shore leave at 12 noon on Sunday (Christmas Eve) until 7 a.m. to-day. Those of the regular crew and officers, as well as Reservists who remained on the ship had a jolly good time; were served with the regulation generous Christmas dinner yesterday and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Most of the Reservists living in the city or nearby outports enjoyed the day in their own homes.

**HOPE**

At dawn, when all is dim,  
Mysterious, opalescent, unreal,  
Hope comes to me.  
Who knows how the day may yet unfold?

At noon, when the garish sun  
Unveils the world and shows it stark and bare,  
Doubt comes to me.  
Life's naked self is there before me,  
With illusion's mantle dropped,  
And life is very ugly.

At night, when darkness broods  
O'er all,  
Grim, silent, empty, black,  
Despair comes to me.  
Life is a gloomy void.  
And we, stumbling through it,  
Cry in the darkness for a light,  
Yet dread the revelations it would bring

Showing us the emptiness, the mockery,  
The sinister sarcasm of a fate  
That bids us strive and toil  
Through utter blackness, till at last  
We fall into a deeper void  
And then need strive no more.

And yet at dawn again, upon the morrow,  
When the day is once more wrapped in mist  
That hides I know not what,  
Hope comes to me anew.  
—Marion Hays.

**WHOLE FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH**

Trapped while they slept, Lewis Wilson, his wife, his mother, and his five children, were burned to death in their farmhouse at West Cape Mary, N.J. Neighbours aroused just after daybreak by the crackle of flames and the smell of smoke, arrived to find the house on fire from cellar to roof and not a member of the family alive. The bodies of Wilson and his wife and his mother were found, but there was no trace of the others.

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**WAR'S EFFECTS IN EAST END**

Welfare Worker's Find Condition of London's Poor Improved.

London, Dec. 14.—Welfare workers in the great East End report that families in that district have suffered much less than might have been expected.

The "sixpenny meal," which formerly included threepence worth of meat, a penny's worth of green vegetables, a penny's worth of bread, is, however, a thing of the past. Fish and eggs are now unattainable luxuries. But the housekeepers buy more beans and cereals than they formerly did, and, as always, they buy great quantities of bread.

Most of these families would feel the pinch severely were it not for the fact that the women are all at work. And welfare workers insist that the work which the East End women are doing has in many cases been a great boon to them physically as well as financially. One fragile woman, for instance, is lifting heavy sacks in a flour mill; others are screening coal and handling eight tons to every five tons formerly handled by the men they have replaced. In addition, these women are doing their own housework and caring for their children at hours when a man would be done for the day. The reasons given for their fitness are significant. As one report phrases it, "they are now earning enough to feed themselves properly, and they are freed for the first time from the weekly worry of providing food for Friday and Saturday from an empty purse."

**DEMOCRACY AND WAR.**

One of the most damning accusations against war is that it can be waged more effectively by an autocracy than by a democracy. When the people rule in all parts of the world diplomacy will be more likely to prevail against bloodshed.—New York Sun.

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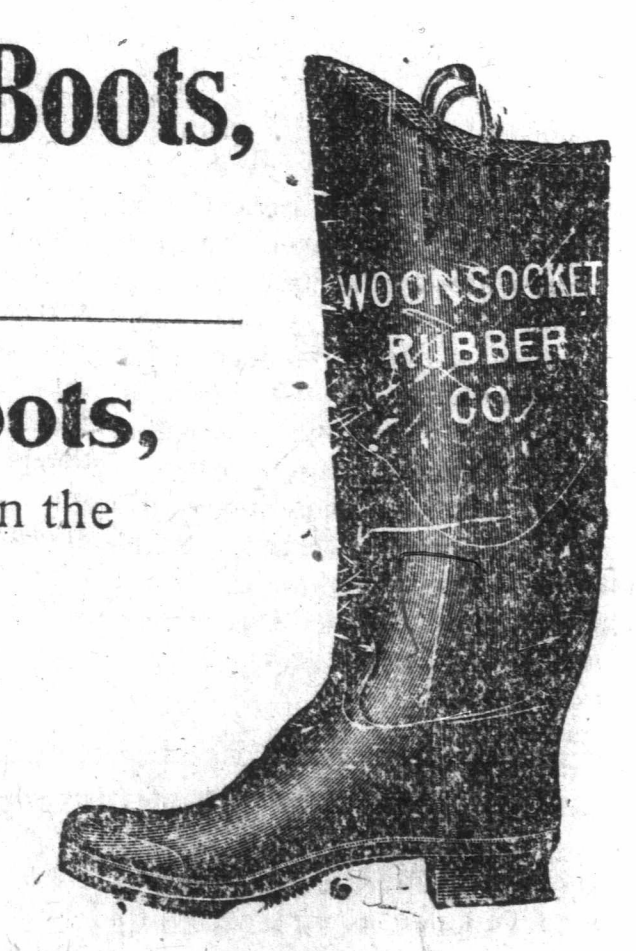
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## From Our New York Correspondent

Dear Mr. Coaker,—

Thanks for copy of your address to the Convention of your Fishermen's Union. I have passed it on to a friend who is interested in fishery matters. He, like myself, regards it as a very wonderful exhibition of what one can accomplish in the way of organization when the requisite essentials are present. Perhaps the most extraordinary feature of the address, after the outline of the huge proposition for your "Northern Capital," is the fact that you exercise these activities for what in this country would be considered the remuneration of an ordinary clerk. Still, the perusal of the document, coupled with the extraordinary success which has attended your work proves that your activities are directed towards the betterment of your native land. It is really refreshing in these days to find that there are still men who can rise superior to the constant chafing of the almighty dollar—our besetting sin, by the way.

Since last communication the New York press has been filled with British politics, and to-day we are getting an overdose of Germany's "peace offerings." With one or two exceptions, the Metropolitan papers regard it as a huge bluff, and some even regard it as the consummation of indignity. The German and pro-German papers, notably the Hearst syndicate deem it as very "magnanimous" on the part of the "victors" to offer such "excessively mild" terms to a "fallen foe."

The best informed papers such as the "Times" and the "Sun" regard Germany's proposals as hardly worth serious consideration. The "Sun" editorially terms it "The Berlin Trial Balloon." It says that the neutral world, as well as the Entente Allies, would like to believe that the overtures or Germany for peace were inspired by a righteous purpose to bring the war to an end on terms honorable and just to all participants and holding the assurance that industry and civilization would be resumed with no fear that the sword would be drawn again on any pretext. It says that the appeal to the Vatican was made for a purpose. This might have been made before; but it was withheld until the Rumanian campaign ended with the occupation of Bucharest and the British and French Governments were reconstructed to carry on the war with greater vigor. It will be remembered, too, that the way was prepared by an intimation to the German people that there would be joyful tidings for them before Christmas! The psychological and political effects of the overture were duly considered, also the dramatic character of it. There can be no doubt as to that. As the word was given to the world, the Kaiser bombastically commanded his troops to fight on. There must be scepticism in London and Paris and Petrograd about the good faith of statesmen who approached the subject of peace in so peculiar a fashion, and grave doubt that it will be possible to come to terms with them—terms that can be acceptable to the Allies who have solemnly

pledged themselves to stand together to make an end to Prussian militarism and to secure the rights of the smaller nationalities.

The German organs threaten the Allies that Germany will put forth the mailed fist with vengeance unless the Allies come to terms with her "proposals."

France has already given her answer, and doubtless within a few hours Lloyd George will voice the sentiments of Great Britain. People who are really neutral are unanimous in regarding the whole business as a huge bluff, if not an actual confession of being licked! As a morning paper says to-day "victors do not usually seek for peace." Germany, of course acts as if she were victorious, notwithstanding the very patent facts that her navy is still bottled up in the Kiel Canal, that she has failed ignominiously at Verdun, and her armies are being hurled back on the western front.

On the announcement of peace proposals there was a panic in financial circles and stocks were tumbling for hours. The tickers could not handle the financial items, and pandemonium reigned until people began to sober up with the thought that Germany's proposals would certainly be scouted by the Allies. Wheat and steel took a great tumble downwards, and breaks went down about 12 cents per bushel for the former, while Bethlehem stocks went down about 40 points. The market is stiffening again at present writing; but do not be surprised to find another slump. It is confidently expected in certain quarters that are well informed, that unless this country adopts a more stringent attitude regarding the submarine menace that the trade of our eastern cities will eventually be paralysed, as the British Government is said to be contemplating the withdrawal of exports from American cities. The outlet will be made through Halifax to which liners as well as freight carriers will have free access, and will be well armed to cope with the German menace. This will have a tremendous effect upon the stock market if the proposed plan be put into execution. There seems to be no reasonable doubt but that it will soon become effective. Halifax, it is understood, is prepared to handle all the Allies' supplies; and Canada is now prepared to take care of ammunition orders. The New York waterfront will put on a very gloomy aspect should this happen.

Another feature has come to light that will certainly expedite this change. It is now practically demonstrated that the recent explosions in the harbor of Archangel, Russia, were caused by bombs which had been placed in cargoes shipped at the Bush Terminal, situated as you know, in Brooklyn. The Allies will not take any further chances. Then there is the embargo recently placed on shipments from the west by four of the big railroads which will have a very disastrous effect on our shipments abroad. This embargo, we understand, has been brought about by car shortage engineered by certain inter-

ests in order to keep up prices of many necessary commodities.

The President's message to Congress has for the nonce been set in the shade by the peace business; but we are likely to have a recrudescence of bickerings just as soon as the atmosphere gets back to normal. There are many who believe that President Wilson has struck a "snag," and that he will be unable to carry his plan into effect. The Adamson law will soon be on trial officially. Meanwhile the big Brotherhoods are lining up against the proposition which would make strikes illegal until the matter in question has been arbitrated. Gompers, who speaks for the labor interests, is already in open revolt and all manner of things is threatened if the President insists on "railroading" this scheme through Congress. The new proposal is in effect based on the Canadian law, and it, if passed, should have a very beneficial effect upon the transportation problem and railway business generally. The public are now becoming aware that they are being made a scapegoat for the "interests." What the outcome of the measure will be is at present writing conjectural.

Market conditions along all lines are very unstable at the present time; and one hears nothing but slumps and jumps in certain directions. Organizations are multiplying all over the country headed by prominent people for the purpose of making the profiteer toe the mark. The Egg Trust seems to have been taught a rude lesson. Methods similar to those adopted by the Housewives' League in dealing with the egg questions are being adopted everywhere. The Federal Government has begun an "inquiry" into the H. C. of L. (high cost of living) and various theories are afoot as to what will be done by the Federal authorities. The Governors of many States are heading campaigns on behalf of lower prices, and the end is not yet. The agitation for lower foodstuffs is going to have a very beneficial effect on your Island, as the fish dietary is now being adopted by many who hardly ever before knew the taste of sea foods. The quantity of fish in the New York market seems to be unable to meet the demand; and the returns from the fishing fleet for the last ten days are very slim indeed.

An Economic Circular issued by the Washington Bureau of Fisheries Circular No. 22 has just appeared; and says a well-posted fishing journal: "It knocks H. out of the H. C. of L."—this is the subcaption of the new circular which is devoting attention to the new American product to be known as "Grayfish." This is in reality the dogfish which has been such a source of worry to your fishermen for the past few years. I enclose a copy of this circular, and it will be useful to circulate it among your fishermen through the medium of your paper. Some of the most prominent people in the country have supplied the recipes for the cooking of this new "find." It should be very carefully read.

Supplies of herring are not large in this market; and the last issue of the Fishing Gazette says: "It begins to look as though the operators dealing in Newfoundland herring would have an opportunity of controlling the situation this year—that is providing there is a supply. With the markets of the country cleared, as they are likely to be, of all varieties of foreign herring, the early spring should bring

## My Gift to You

By Penin Holmes Lowrey.  
I wished for wealth to buy you splendid gifts  
Proportioned to my large regard for you;  
I wished for jewels, warm with colored rifts  
Of sunset, constant rubies, opals blue  
With shifting lights, bright, versatile and fine;  
I wished for gold to buy the things that lend  
A glow to life—that I might give them all  
To you, my friend

And then I said in sadness: "All of this  
Is tinsel to the heart that feels and knows!

A gift must be a part of one—a kiss,  
A thought, a feeling—one that goes  
In pointed sweetness to the other's heart.

I'll give a gift that grows. I will not bend  
To artificial, purchased things; I'll give  
My friend a friend."

And if the simple gift I give is poor  
And worthless in your eyes and dear esteem,  
I'll make it better, for the gods I'm sure,  
Will help one to become one's dearest dream.

And, as the seasons come and swiftly go,  
I'll dream my dream, and daring shall ascend  
To meet my dream: It is, because of you,  
To be a friend.

And thus at each succeeding Christmas-time  
I'll give a better gift, my friend to you,  
That draws a little nearer the sublime  
Of perfect friendship, candid, tender true!

Each year I'll give myself, the better me,  
Developing for you. For I intend,  
Since I am yours' my friend, to try to be  
A better friend.

CUT WITH KNIFE.

As two boys, Ivany and Johnston, were skylarking on Water Street Saturday afternoon one playfully whipped a sharp penknife from his pocket and opened it. The other saw the object but did not know what it was and gasping it cut his hand severely, one of his fingers being almost severed. The wounds, bled profusely and the boy was treated at Wadden's pharmacy.

a heavy demand for the excellent Scotch style herring from the Ancient Colony." This is very encouraging news for you; but let me insist that you will need to exercise great care in packing your goods.

The sugar market is likely to decline. Flour is quite a problem; and we may list pork and beef in the same category.

In connection with the fish trade the Fishing Gazette says further: "Stock is scarce and prices are high and will likely remain if this condition continues. There will be a weeding out of the small merchants who cannot afford to meet competition. On these lines, perhaps, it will be a blessing in disguise, for there are too many in the retail business. The result of a survival of the fittest test would be helpful.

An added item from the Fishing Gazette is: "There is a chance for producers of herring in Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland to make a killing in New York, and incidentally, to make a small fortune by shipping right away a reasonably large supply of split and round herring. Present market prices are \$8 to \$8.50 for medium and large respectively, which is enough to offer an inducement for any shipper."

I understand you are being skinned in the way of freight rates. This is one of the greatest handicaps that you can possibly suffer at the present time. Why does not your Government intervene and settle this matter with the shipping people? An effort is being made in this country to keep down the shipping rates, and it is likely to prove effective. The railroads are falling in line.

I notice that your big railway corporation is getting its pound of flesh these days; I understood from studying your famous "Deal" contract some years ago that freight rates were absolutely under government control. It seems extraordinary that you should be facing such conditions in view of this fact. Do your operators control legislation as is done in certain sections of our coal regions? Best wishes for the Christmas time.  
REX.  
New York, Dec. 15, 1916.

## TOYS TO "DO WITH"

A sad looking little boy surrounded by all the grown-ups of his family circle, each one of whom is amusing him or herself with one of the child's mechanical toys received that Christmas morning, is the subject of an illustration in a certain Christmas paper; and it is easily a true scene, as so many of the toys now made in such high mechanical perfection appeal more to the adult than to the child. They are so cleverly devised that they leave nothing for the active efforts of the child.

A mother who had made a serious study of her children's play, and its possibilities in the child's training, says she never buys a toy without putting several questions to it. Toys which offer to do all the playing she rejects at once. Her first question is: "What can my child do with you?" If the toy is complete and there is nothing for the child to do with an automobile truck already loaded, as so many of them are? And if it is fitted with a mechanical device to take the place of the child's God-given push and pull he is left high and dry with nothing to do but look on while the toy does the playing. On the other hand, there is much play to be obtained from such a toy with plenty of loading space, especially if it relates to his other toys, such as a train of cars.

These first few years when children play with toys are the years when fundamental habits are formed. Such habits as "thinking things out" and "keeping at" things are most easily formed in childhood and may be more readily fostered through play than later on through work.

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## NOTICE!

The Second Annual Meeting of Conception Bay District Council of the F. P. U. will be held at Catalina on TUESDAY, the 9th of January next, at 3 p.m.

All Local and District Councils in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Grace, Bay-de-Verde and Carbonear should be represented. All Officers of such Councils are Members of the Conception Bay District Council.

At this Convention the matter of selecting Candidates for Bay-de-Verde, Carbonear, Harbor Grace, Port-de-Grave and Harbor Main will be considered.

The matter of establishing a Union Distributing Store for Conception Bay and the establishment of a Union Station on the Labrador will also be considered.

By order,

W. F. COAKER,  
Chairman ex-officio.  
St. John's, December 28, 1916.

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### Steamship Service.

The Bay steamers will finish this Season's Service, making their final trips (weather and ice permitting), as follows:

- S.S. "ETHIE" will leave Humbermouth on Wednesday, Dec. 27th.
- S.S. "WREN" will leave Clarendville on Friday, Dec. 29th.
- S.S. "DUNDEE" will leave Port Blandford on Friday, Dec. 29th.
- S.S. "CLYDE" will leave Lewisporte on Friday, Dec. 29th.
- S.S. "HOME" will leave Lewisporte on Monday, January 1st.

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## THE MAN ON THE STREET WRITES

(To the Editor).

Dear Sir,—I wish to open my remarks by thanking you for space and also accepting with full accord your references to my letter of last week wherein you said there are many viewpoints from which one can write. I will go farther and say that variety is the spice of life but the positive is no good without the negative, and I am sure we in this little community get variety in abundance in so far as the daily press is concerned. We have indeed many viewpoints both to read and see.

I will admit good in all of them yet a lot of chaff remains after we have served them out, and I think that while the Doings of the Duffs, Random reels, the evening Chit Chat, the Woes of Mrs. Newlywed with "Un-

der the Clock," alas poor Yorick, Scoop. "Folks in our town" as well as "Mary Ann Poor," the effusions of our poets with the other writers including those friends I gave a shot in passing to last week, while these, Sir, are all sometimes good, sometimes fair, sometimes not worth the space. There are little topics of local color and interest that affect us all which these writers do not touch often enough. Seeing you have expressed yourself favorable to our to give you a few of my viewpoints. I do not expect you to agree with them on all points and I am not going to adopt a policy of "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

I hope in my few topics which I shall discuss to find something that will hit and also something that will please all of us, being extraction of some of my ancestors who are Jews, crossed into the Welsh, and Irish I can claim to have inherited, and I think you will see in my remarks the shrewdness of the Jew, the impulse of the Welsh and the argumentative and perhaps wit of the Irish, and when we are sick the doctor gives us some medicine we do not at all times like, to make us well again, so may the viewpoints I shall place before the public to be considered by you and them as just a little stimulant to strengthen the tone of the press as well as the man who will soon miss his morning braces and have to take to the drink that leaves no headaches.

I shall, Sir, then open to your approval appear on to-morrow with my bow to these three, the Governor, the Clergy, the Mayor and last but not least, that great force the public. My reason for taking the pen name of The Man on the Street is that I know all the faces and most of the names of those who I meet in my daily round. Some have grown from boyhood into manhood during those years I have gone up and down in and out, some have become gray with sadness and business cares, firms have established themselves and some have unhinged their signs while others have gone in to their rest and the place thereof knoweth them no more. Yet I, The Man on the Street, am still here and watch with interest the changing scenes as well as listen to the viewpoints and thoughts of my many friends in this my native town.

I shall, I hope, merit your expectations, your criticism, and approval as from your point of view I propose to come out in a proper and dignified manner to my audience and after I have introduced myself and taken up some of the subjects on my syllabus subjects, I hope will do good and be of such a character as will not make me ashamed.

I have, perhaps, already taken more space than I thought of, but I will conclude by saying that I will, after this, ask you to use as a headline for me "Viewpoints From the Curb."

Yours truly,  
THE MAN ON THE STREET.

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## PRESENTATION TO MR. FREHLICH

A very pleasant function took place at the British Clothing Factory Saturday evening, when the employees met and presented Mr. S. Frehlich, the manager, with a Christmas gift of a handsome Dressing Case and The holder with mirror, accompanied with the subjoined address:—

Dear Mr. Frehlich,—We, the employees of the British Clothing Co. Ltd., are once again afforded the pleasure of wishing you a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

In tendering you our good wishes, we ask that you accept the accompanying gift, not for its intrinsic value, but as a recognition of our esteem for you.

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Mr. Frehlich, who is probably, more highly esteemed than any other Factory manager in the city, by his co-workers, was deeply touched by the kindness and good feeling that prompted the gift and made the following reply:

Fellow-workers.—Being taken by surprise, I am at a loss to find words to express my pleasure and appreciation for the beautiful gift and the kind words to myself so well expressed in your address. Money can build up factories and do a great deal more besides, but there is one thing that it cannot do, it cannot purchase sincerity, friendship, loyalty and good-will between employer and employees. You have been kind enough to say words of praise for what I have done for you from a material standpoint and I am glad to have the opportunity to say that I hope to do much better in the future and that in the course of the coming year, should prosperity

continue to beam on our undertakings, I hope to do even better by way of advancing your interests concerning wages and in other respects, making conditions for you all more agreeable than those which you seem pleased with to-day.

Trusting that this mutual confidence and esteem will always exist between us, I greet you all with sincerest wishes for a very happy Christmas and success and prosperity in the coming year.

Saturday evening a woman from the East End who was acting in a very strange manner was brought to the Police Station where she was examined by Dr. Tait and pronounced insane. She was then sent to the asylum for the insane.

"May I ask you how old your wife is?"

"Certainly! You may ask her, too, if you wish."—New York Times.

## ACCIDENT TO FIREMEN

While on the way in response to the fire alarm yesterday afternoon the occupants of the Central Station hose wagon met with an accident which will incapacitate three men of the company for a few days. The wagon went east along Bond Street and in turning into Cochrane Street the wheels skidded on the slippery street and the wagon toppled over on its side; the men were thrown violently on the hard street and had a very narrow escape from serious injury. James Boggan was much cut about the face and sustained injuries to the one leg. Philip Cook had his legs hurt badly and Wm. Chaplin was bruised badly about the shoulders and hips. Chaplin received the worse shaking up of the three and may be laid off duty for a couple of weeks. The wagon seat was smashed to pieces but no other injury worth speaking of was done the wagon. Dr. Roberts was called and attended the injured men at their homes, Fort Townsend. None of them was hurt badly enough to be sent to the hospital.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE ARMOURY.

About forty men, including platoon and guard, spent Christmas Day at the Armoury, and every effort was made by their officers to make the day an enjoyable one for the Volunteers. The large room on the platform at the rear part of the building was very tastefully decorated with evergreens and ribbons of variegated colors, which lent quite a Christmas aspect to the place. A large picture of His Majesty King George was suspended in the centre and was the first thing to be seen on entering the room. At three in the afternoon Major Montgomerie, Major Carty, Capt. O'Grady and the other officers were present at the headquarters and extended Christmas greetings to the men. Then all were treated to a sumptuous spread of the usual good things in evidence at this season, after which songs and music were in order and helped to pass a most enjoyable afternoon. In the evening refreshments were again provided, even the ever-hooded smokes and a few packs of cards were not forgotten. At the time of our visit the lads were enjoying themselves to their heart's content. The Mail and Advocate wishes them, one and all, many happy returns.

## FIRE ALARM YESTERDAY

An alarm of fire was rung in from box 16 at the corner of Gower and Cochrane Streets at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, to which the Central and East End Companies responded. The fire was in the house of Patrick Warren, butcher, and was only a slight blaze, there being more smoke than fire. The services of the chemical quenched it in a few minutes; very little damage was done. This is the first alarm in the city for over a week.

## MET HIS MATCH.

"Ach, you've met your match this time," snarled a German who had managed to disarm a private of a Scottish regiment.

"Oh, have I?" replied the Scot scornfully. "I generally strike a match." And he let out a left-hander with dire effect. That German lost a prisoner, but gained a lovely black eye.

## ANSWERED.

"I have often wondered," said Mr. Smith, looking up from reading his evening newspaper, "why the Germans always spell Kultur with a 'K.'" Mrs. Smith smiled indulgently up at her husband. "The reason is because Great Britain has command of the 'C's'" she retorted.

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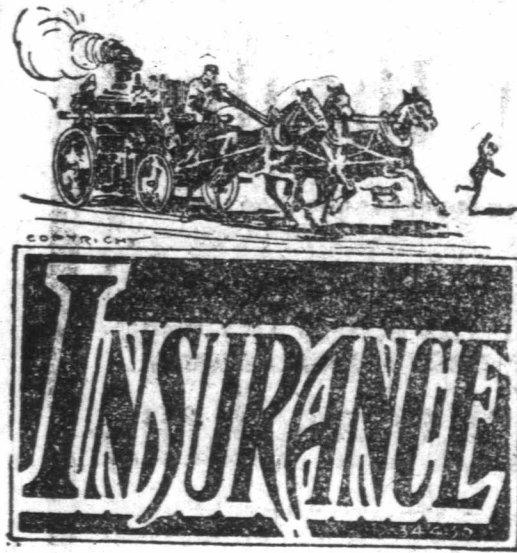
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# Bonanza Year for Lunenburg Fleet

LUNENBURG, Dec. 19.—Another bonanza year has been added to our leading industry for the year just closing. A big catch—bigger prices, and condition cheerful even for the most pronounced pessimist. The Spring fare was sold for \$7.10, and the Summer for \$7.80, or an average of \$7.50 for the entire season, netting the neat sum of \$1,635,505.

The following is a tabulated statement of the number of vessels engaged, their catch, and the catch per schooner for the last eleven years:

Year	Vessels	Quintals	per
1906	134	120,970	902
1907	109	123,625	1,134
1908	110	138,180	1,256
1909	93	173,582	1,866
1910	102	216,400	2,051
1911	122	216,450	1,774
1912	136	211,980	1,552
1913	121	211,405	1,747

### Average Catch Larger.

Although the catch is not quite as large as last year, still the average per vessel is greater than any previous year, and the amount shared by the crews is the largest on record. The crew of one vessel shared \$733, and the crew of another \$725 per man, which is a practical illustration that the banking fisherman is considerable of a wage earner. Those sums mentioned are for about five months, and he has the balance of the year to increase his yearly earnings.

Fish sold on an average of \$1.70 per quintal more than during the previous year, and allowing the catch as the same, there would be an increase of \$372,702 on the sale of the season, a sum nowise to be despised.

It will be noticed that there are twelve vessels less than last year; this can be accounted for in different ways, viz.: the great demand for tonnage in freight carrying, and the disposition among owners not to augment the fleet beyond the ability of manning them. The schooner Lucille M. Schnare, Captain Artemas Schnare, while coming out of Newfoundland with a baiting was run down by a foreign steamer and immediately sank, thus accounting for the short catch. The Minnie Mosher had to land five sick men, and the Emily Selig was forced to abandon her trip owing to illness among the crew. The Leta J. Schwartz on her way home from the Banks, lost five of her crew, who were washed off the deck by a tremendous squall, there were also two men lost from Lahave vessels, making the casualties to number seven for the fishing season.

### Divided High Line Honors.

Our old friend, Captain Abram Cook, of the schooner J. Brenton Cook, so often high line, had to divide the honors with Captain Benjamin Cook, of the schooner Delawana, each registering a catch of 3,800 quintals. After the return from the Banks

every schooner that wanted a charter could obtain one, resulting at the present time in 77 vessels being in the carrying line, mostly to European ports, rendering the earnings greater than any former year.

As a result of the high prices all the fish is sold. This brings about most satisfactory results: every fisherman has his money, and their earnings are in circulation.

With conditions so favorable, it is not surprising that our capitalists are putting forth increased efforts for a continuation of those prosperous conditions for the year 1917. The following is a statement of the fleet and its catch for the year 1916:

Vessels, captains and quintals are as follows:

Clintonia, Mack	2,500
M. M. Gardner, Bachman	2,900
Lillian B. Corkum, Corkum	3,270
Carrie L. Hirtle, Hirtle	2,700
Mary D. Young, Spindler	2,630
J. D. Hazen, Himmelman	2,850
Itaska, Ritcey	2,500
H. H. McIntosh, Weinacht	2,470
Delawana, Cook	3,800
Arcania, Hebb	2,200
F. M. Toro, Corkum	3,350
W. C. Smith, Selig	2,200
Hawane, Cook	2,850
Benovelence, Corkum	2,750
Doris V. Myra, Myra	2,550
Araminta, Creaser	2,220
Uda A. Saunders, Spindler	2,350
Associate, Bachman	1,900
Marian Adams, Knickle	2,000
Cecil Beck, Heisler	2,500
Jennie E. Duff, Himmelman	1,950
Annie L. Spindler, Ritcey	2,100
Marjory McGlashen, Wambach	2,850
W. T. White, Knock	3,300
James Douglas, Romkey	3,000
Lauretta Francis, Spindler	2,775
Mantanzas, Oikle	2,300
Henry W. Adams, Zink	2,650
Mary D. Young, Spindler	2,600
John B. Young, Himmelman	2,450
J. Brenton Cook, Cook	3,800
Francis W. Smith, Mossman	3,150
Vivian A. Smith, Knickle	2,500
Arcola, Knickle	2,100
Donald L. Creaser, Creaser	2,500
Lucille B. Creaser, Creaser	2,000
Elsie L. Corkum, Moser	1,850
Vera E. Himmelman, Conrad	1,550
Lucille M. Schnare, Schnare	800
Warren Winters, Allen	1,900
Muriel E. Walters, Walters	2,700
R. L. Borden, Himmelman	2,900
W. H. Smith, Nass	1,850
Mary Fleming, Silver	1,900
Lottie Silver, Silver	1,400
Gigantic, Parks	1,650
Elsie M. Porter, Eisonor	1,750
Revenue, Zink	1,850
Louis H. Smith, Westhaver	1,900
John Parker, Horn	1,400
Frank J. Brinton, Gilfoye	2,000
Pearl Beatrice, Hubley	500
Allison H. Maxner, Maxner	2,100
Minnie Mosher, Bowers	600
Tipperary, Walters	1,550
Golden West, Getson	1,000
Amy B. Silver, Silver	2,500
Douglas B. Conrad, Conrad	2,500
J. W. Margerson, Conrad	2,100
E. B. Walters, Walters	2,650
A. H. Hubley, Hubley	450
C. M. Walters, Walters	1,600
Cento, Fralic	1,800
Abacenia, Romkey	900
Lavola T., Fralic	1,250
Dorothy L. Sarty, Sarty	800
Clarck S. Corkum, Corkum	900
Monarchy, Lohns	800
W. C. Robertson, Publicover	1,900
Review, Bushen	850
Lucille Colp, Colp	2,700
Carl S. Schmelisser	800
Otokio, Ernest	1,300
Pasadenia, Ernest	1,350
Marjory Bachman, Bachman	1,900
Phyllis Westhaver, Westhaver	2,100
Mattawa, Zink	1,000
Earl Gray, Shupe	1,950
Marian Mosher, Mosher	2,700
Muriel Winters, Winters	2,700
Lucille M. Smith, Beck	2,650
Ada M. Westhaver, Mason	1,850
Elsie M. Hart, Corkum	3,000
Benjamin C. Smith, Smith	2,100
A. H. Whitman, Conrad	2,000
Grace Hilda, Conrad	1,500
W. C. McKay, Deal	2,700
Assurance, Wharton	2,800
Granite, Richards	2,500
Caranza, Conrad	1,950
Doris L. Corkum, Corkum	2,350
Marian Silver, Silver	1,850
Evelyn Miller, Miller	2,450
Itaska, Ritcey	2,500
Jennie Ritcey, Ritcey	2,900
Dorothy Adams, Tanner	2,400
Donald A. Silver, Creaser	2,900
Leta J. Schwartz, Schwartz	1,600
Orinoca, Sarty	1,100
Elsie Burdett, Wentzel	1,300
Marian Helena, Burgoyne	1,400
Alfaratta, Whynot	1,200
Atacama, Wentzel	1,600
Emily Selig, Selig	300
Gulde, Getson	1,600
Marina, Greek	500
Total catch	218,060

### HOW TO CARVE A TURKEY.

After the turkey is roasted trim drum-sticks with paper ruffles, which will enable the carver to touch them if necessary without soiling his hands. Place turkey on platter with the head at the left. Unless the platter is very large provide an extra dish, also a fork for serving.

First—Insert the carving fork across the middle of the breastbone.

Second—Cut through the skin between the breast and the thigh.

Third—Bend the leg over and cut off close to the body and through the joint.

Fourth—Cut through the top of the shoulder, down through the wing joint.

Fifth—Carve only from the side nearest to you.

Sixth—Tip the bird over slightly and with the point of the knife remove the oyster and the small dark portion found on the side bone.

Seventh—Then remove the fork from the breast and divide the leg and the wing.

Eighth—Cut through the skin between the body and the heart and with a spoon remove a portion of the stuffing.

Ninth—Serve light and dark meat and stuffing as preferred.

If carved in this way the turkey will be left with one-half entire and if placed on a clean platter, with the cut side nearest the carver and garnish with parsley, will present nearly as fine an appearance to all but the carver as when first served. Where there are many to serve take off the leg and wing from each side and slice the whole of the breast before removing the fork, then divide as required.

Here's to the sweetest of all sweet girls,  
With cream-dipped cheeks and candy curls,  
With sugary words—which we all prefer—  
And chocolate drops from the eyes of her.

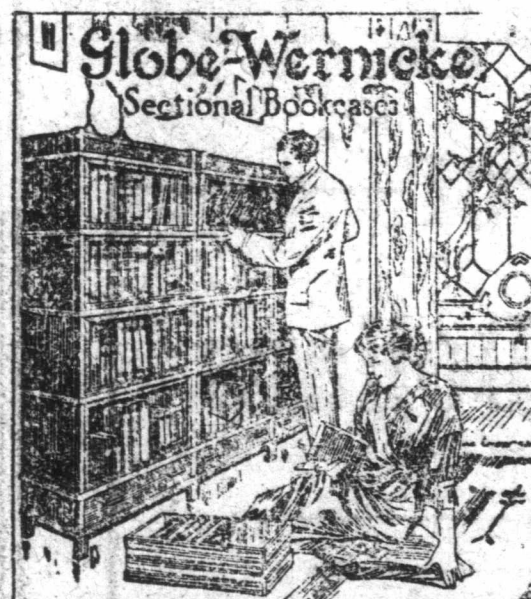
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BERLIN, Dec. 15. Via London Dec. 16.—Princess Joachim of Prussia, daughter-in-law of the German Emperor, to-day gave birth to a son. The child is the tenth grandchild of the Emperor and the fourth to be born since the beginning of the war. Prince Joachim, the youngest son of the German Emperor, was married to Princess Marie Augustine, of Anhalt, in the royal castle of Bellevue on March 11, 1915.

### EXPECT THE INDIANS TO REJOIN UNIT

Many Indians who left the Sarnia Battalion at Camp Borden owing to unsatisfactory conditions last summer are expected to take advantage of the pardon granted to all deserters by the Duke of Devonshire and rejoin the unit which is now training at London, Ont. The men wanted to go overseas, but objected strenuously to the dust and heat at Camp Borden.

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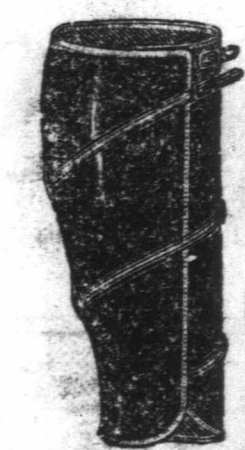
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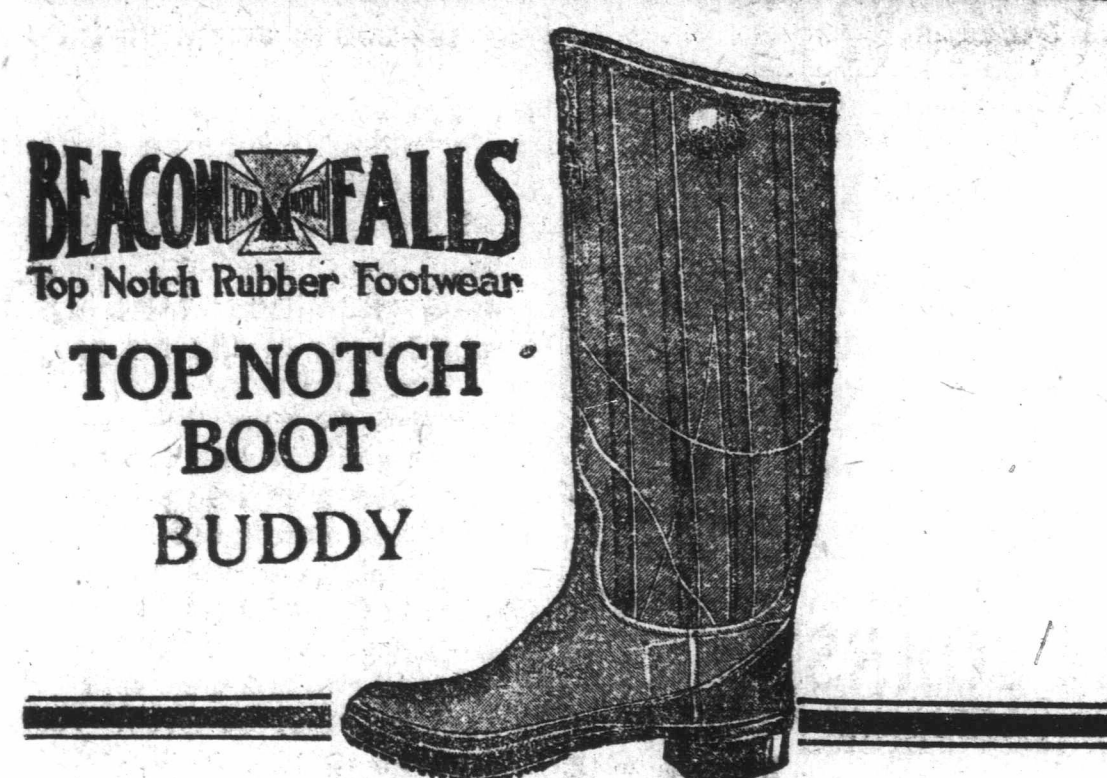
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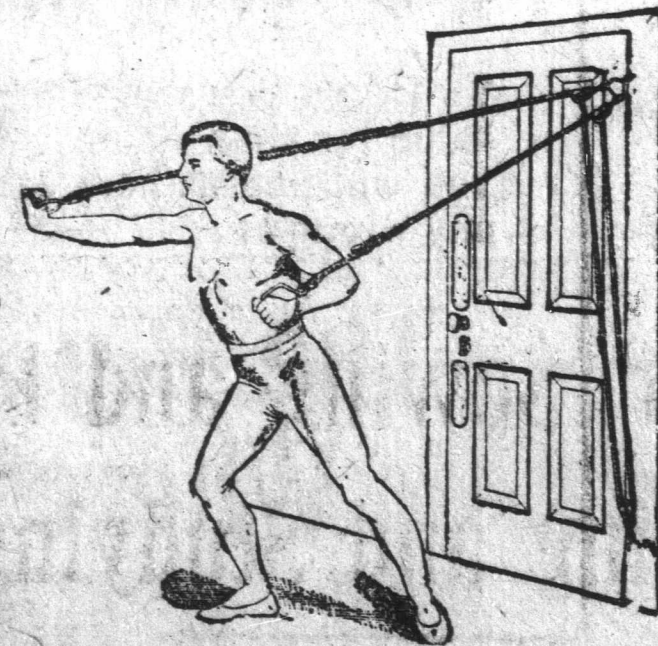
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### The King's Wharf

Last week M. M. Walsh, the well known contractor and builder of Duckworth Street, finished the work he had undertaken to the King's wharf. The pier has been to all intents and purposes reconstructed and is now one of the strongest and best of its kind in the port of St. John's. Employing a staff of the most skilled mechanics Mr. Walsh, under personal supervision, put in new caps and stringers and new piles for 30 feet of the extreme head of the western pier, part of which was founded and lay flat on the water, with caps and stringers broken off and badly damaged. The balance of the caps and stringers were found to be good but the entire pier was newly piled, as well as the gully for the Customs' boats and warships, the whole was newly piled and sheathed from the concrete breast-work, out around the sides of the pier, out around its head and returned around Colin Campbell's store with a new division fence between Campbell's store and the pier. Commissioners of such say that the job is one of the best they have seen and is a testimony to Mr. Walsh's ability as a mechanic and contractor.

### VOLUNTEERS' CHURCH PARADE

The Volunteers had their regular church parade on Sunday morning, the men of the various denominations attending their respective places of worship. The bugle corps headed the parade, which was in charge of Captain O'Grady.

### Notice

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### A Methodist Missionary

A new book entitled "A Methodist Missionary in Labrador" by the Rev. Arminius Young has just been published and is for sale at Dicks & Co.'s, price \$1.00. We have perused this splendid narrative of two years experience of a Methodist Missionary in Hamilton Inlet and we recommend all who take an interest in the Labrador and humanity to follow our example. The experience of Mr. Young, who is now in charge of Musgrave Circuit, is interesting and instructive, and will prove a source of valuable information to all who study the broad question of man's responsibility to man. His travel of 40 miles one day with snow shoes, his snow shoe experiences we can appreciate for many a weary mile have we covered under somewhat similar conditions.

The narrative of the Rev. A. A. Holmes while a missionary at Hamilton Inlet adds to the interest of the book. The chapter on grappling with intemperance may be perused with profit by some clergymen who last fall took off their coats to assist the liquor dealers to continue their reign of destruction, which however met with failure. His description of the poverty existing along the coast and the tremendous obstacles that must be overcome if the 4000 residents of the Labrador and especially the 500 in Hamilton Inlet are to be treated as members of the human family and brought properly in touch with modern civilization will provide material for much thought and reflection.

The cure for the residents around Hamilton Inlet is the establishment of the pit prop or pulp wood industry at Lewis Bay or in the bottom of the Inlet where all might be brought together and a thriving town prosperous and contented might be established. Conditions such as Mr. Young reveals cannot be passed over lightly, they must be faced and overcome and Newfoundland must be held responsible for those conditions and must solve them. It will be the duty of the F.P.U. Party to use its influence and constructive ability in formulating plans to overcome

### OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Received December 23rd, 1916.

- 1984 Private James G. Brown, Rock Harbor, Burlington, New Zealand Stationary Hospital, Amiens—dangerously ill, Broncho-Pneumonia, Dec. 21st.
- 1703 Private Ricketts, Middle Arm, St. Barbe; Sixth General Hospital, Dec. 13—Gunshot wound, face, severe.
- 1745 Private Richard Spruell, Randon, T. B.; 12th General Hospital, Rouen—dangerously ill, Dec. 21; Gunshot wound, left thigh. (Previously reported seriously ill—Gunshot wound, left thigh, Dec. 16th, at 12th General Hospital, Rouen.)
- 1601 Private Patrick Boland, Bond St. Found dead on shore at Brodick Arran, Scotland, December 21st.
- 174 C.Q.M.S. Arthur P. Hartley, Essex, England; at Wandsworth—Scabies.
- 2078 Corporal Malcolm Hollett, Burin, still seriously ill, Rouen, Dec. 17. (Previously reported seriously ill gunshot wounds, arms and legs.)
- 1602 Private A. W. Fitzgerald, 51 Cochrane St. Previously reported at King George Hospital London. Now reported, seriously ill.

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

existing conditions, at least in Hamilton Inlet, where all the residents are half breeds or white.

The remedy is the establishment of an industry to turn timber into commercial value. We trust Mr. Young will be repaid for his labors in writing and publishing the book by a ready sale and an appreciation of his efforts in bringing the problems confronting Labrador life before the reading public.

Const. Edward Whalen, who was appointed to the detective staff of the police force took up his new duties Saturday.

### St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital Fund

Collected at Safe Harbor.

W. B. Sturge	\$10.00
Isaac Barbour	6.00
Kenneth Barbour	5.00
Ephraim Barbour	5.00
Joseph Barbour	5.00
Stewart Barbour	5.00
Stephen Bourne	5.00
Isaac Bourne	5.00
Percy Bourne	5.00
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Mrs. Ernest Barry	2.00
Mrs. Benjamin Kne	2.00
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Cornelius Kne	2.00
George Barry	2.00
Misses Josephine and Minnie Davies	2.00
Charles Bourne	2.00
Mrs. Joshua Kne	1.50
Sydney James	1.50
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Enoch Hounsell	1.00
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Mrs. Albert Attwood	1.00
Mrs. Arthur Blackwood	1.00
Arthur Pinsent	1.00
Lewis Dyke	1.00
Benjamin Byke	1.00
James Seymour Sturge	.70
Miss Lily Attwood	.50
Richard Blackwood	.50
Percy Osmond	.50
Edward Attwood	.50
Peter Sturge	.50
Joseph Attwood	.50
Charles Hounsell	.50
Miss Ellen Attwood	.10
Miss Ethel Attwood	.03
	\$141.35

### C. E. CATHEDRAL

After Evensong on Sunday the choir sang some carols, which were greatly enjoyed by the large congregation present. The carols were of the old time, and rich in the simplicity and reverence, which too often are missing from the modern carols. Among the best rendered were "Come, rock the Cradle for Him" and "On Christmas Morn," and the boys' voices, tuneful and sweet, were delightful. Mr. A. H. Allen, the choir-master, gave two organ pieces: The overture to the Messiah, and the Pastoral Symphony from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. The Cathedral organ is a magnificent instrument, and eminently suits the glory of the Cathedral. The Rector, Rev. Canon White, announced that next Sunday night, he will explain in detail the duplex envelope system which he proposes to inaugurate at the beginning of next year so that the financial affairs of the Parish will be put upon a firmer basis.

### CARD.

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### LOCAL ITEMS

A young chap ill of scarlet fever was sent from the West End to hospital yesterday.

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The street car service was kept running Monday evening by the Reid Nhd. Co., and was of great benefit to those who attended the midnight masses at the Cathedral and St. Patrick.

A very enjoyable dance will be held to-night in the new C.C.C. Hall, Mechanics' building. It will be attended by the full orchestra of the Cadets and all who go there will have a most enjoyable time.

Give Books, and for once you can enjoy your Christmas shopping, this year especially, for fine books are much less expensive than other five gifts. There is nothing more complimentary you can give than a book. All the latest books at GARLAND'S Bookstore.—dec22,3i

The funeral of the late Thomas Smyth took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by large numbers of citizens. At the Cathedral Rev. Dr. Carter gave the final absolution and interment was at Belvedere Cemetery.

In the drawing for a set of silverware at Mr. M. F. Wadden's pharmacy Saturday night Mr. C. Hunt drew the lots and the fortunate winner of the handsome holiday souvenir was Mr. James Miller, teamster, on one ticket which came to him on an individual purchase No. 66472.

FOR HER OR FOR HIM at this season, the most acceptable Christmas present will be a SEASON TICKET for the PRINCE'S RINK. Buy them NOW at Room 15 Commercial Chambers, Water Street.—dec19,21,23,3i

Mr. W. J. Ellis, contractor and builder, to-day mounted to the tower of the Grace building on Water Street and cut away the sheets of heavy plastering that hung threateningly from it. Teamsters and others always stood about this place and had any of it fallen they might have been severely hurt.

### OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.

Maxwell Gray's celebrated novel, "The Reproach of Annesley" is the feature at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day, pictured in three reels by the Biograph Company. "The Baby and the Leopard" is a Selig wild animal feature. "When the Circus Comes to Town" is a comedy episode of the "Chronicles of Bloem Center." A high-class musical programme, is being played by Professor McCarthy for this great show, see it to-day.

### BLACK BIRDS GREATEST SUCCESS YET.

At Rosley's British Theatre Christmas Day the Blackbirds was the town's attraction and everyone delighted the very best show yet. The Rossleys were complimented at every turn. Mrs. Rossley has certainly added to her popularity as one of the most wonderful people to get children to the high stage of perfection. The performance is positively marvelous, no big girls, only children to give the entire performance, even the clever little pair in the orchestra. Miss Bonnie Rossley, the funniest little vaudeville player in the country, thanks to Mr. A. Crocker, and young Cronan as a drummer can't be beat. At every performance hundreds were turned away, but the Black Birds will fly all week. Matinee every day and two shows at night. Special praise must be given Miss Florence Baird, Miss Clara Squires and the finest little performer that ever graced a stage, our little Kathleen.

### THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

After the conclusion of midnight mass at St. Patrick's the celebrant, Rev. H. Renouf, P.P., ascended the pulpit and in a few well chosen words wished the congregation and people of the parish a happy Christmas. All heartily reciprocated the good priest's kind expressions for Father Renouf by his zeal and kindness has endeared himself to the people of St. Patrick's Parish.

### A Pleasing Presentation

After the Christmas morning service at Wesley Church the entire congregation remained behind to participate in the bestowal of gifts to some of those actively connected with the work of the church. Mr. A. W. Martin, the Recording Steward on behalf of the official board of the church, presented Mr. J. C. Pratt with a beautiful Sectional Book Case as a token of the esteem in which M. Pratt is held and as a slight recognition of his valuable work as Organist and Choirmaster for a number of years past. Mr. Martin also presented Miss Cora Adey, the assistant to Mr. Pratt, with a piece of gold also a small recognition of her services. Mrs. Wm. Carlson and Miss Kathleen Gooby on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, presented Mrs. Rev. Royle with a purse of gold; and on behalf of the male members Mr. J. S. Taylor read an address and Mr. M. Puddester presented a well-filled purse of gold to the pastor, Rev. H. Royle. All were taken completely by surprise but made suitable replies. Rev. Mr. Royle is now on his third year as pastor of Wesley Church, and has endeared himself to the congregation worshipping there. The church is going forward and extending its influence largely because of the indomitable energy and self-sacrificing efforts of the pastor. The function closed with the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds."

### TRAIN NOTES

Sunday's No. 1 express arrived at Port aux Basques on time. Monday's No. 1 express left Tickle Hr. at 8.37 a.m. Sunday's No. 2 express due at St. John's 10 a.m. To-day's No. 2 leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Sagona.

### Store Broken Into

Sometime since Saturday night the store of a well known Syrian in the West End was broken into by some person or persons unknown. As far as could be gleaned by the store was entered through a window in the rear and a sum of about \$134 stolen and a lot of cigarettes &c. stolen. The matter has been reported to the police who are after the thieves.

### PROSPERO'S PASSENGERS

The following passengers came by the Prospero yesterday:—E. Fontain, Masters Fountain (2), J. Stapleton, J. Hartery, A. Lush, M. McLaughlin, C. Mursell, R. Short, R. Parsons, J. Mercer, J. Parsons, J. Dicks, J. B. Osmond, T. French, D. Wheeler, J. Moores, J. Gillett, J. Kearley, A. J. Hoff, L. Scammell, C. Fancey, Parsons; Misses Humphries, Kean, Edgar, Jones; Mesdames Noble, Templeton; Capt. Fowlow and 30 steerage.

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