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Germans Preparing Big Offensive; United States Will Rush Troops

CONSTANT AND SPEEDY DISPATCH OF TROOPS BY UNITED STATES

This is Principal Recommendation Made to American Government by United States Delegates Who Recently Returned from Inter-Allied War Council at Paris—Speeding Up of Merchant Shipbuilding Programme and Closer Co-Operation With Other Principal Belligerents Also Urged.

Definite Plan Formed for More Active Utilization of American Naval Forces and Agreement is Made with British Admiralty to Effect Certain Plans for Anti-Submarine Warfare — United States to Arrange for Complete Co-operation with Other Entente Allies.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Constant and speedy despatch of American troops to the European battle front is the principal recommendation made to the government by the American delegates who recently returned from the international war council at Paris.

Speeding up of the merchant shipbuilding programme and closer co-operation with the co-belligerents are the other principal recommendations.

This was disclosed today by the state department which made public a summary of the result of the conference.

A definite plan was formed for more active utilization of American naval forces and an agreement was made with the British admiralty to effect certain plans for anti-submarine warfare.

The contribution of the United States to the pooling of war resources was agreed upon. The arrangement guarantees full equipment of every kind will be available to all American forces sent to Europe during 1918.

Summary of Results.
A summary of the results accomplished at their conference and the recommendations made by the American delegates will indicate the value of the work done and the practical methods which were considered by the conference and which are recommended in the report.

The summary of results accomplished is divided under diplomatic, naval, military, finance, shipping, war trade.

Naval Forces.
(1)—The formation of an inter-allied naval council to coordinate the operations of the naval forces of the United States and her associates in the war so that these forces may in the future be operated as one in the prosecution of the war on the sea and in conjunction with the land forces.

(2)—An agreement between the British Admiralty and the navy department putting into effect certain plans relating to the prosecution of the naval war against the submarines.

(3)—The formation of a definite plan for the more active utilization of American naval forces in conjunction with those of the other allies.

(4)—Agreement with the British Admiralty, so that perfect co-operation between the navy department and that body is assured.

(5)—Reorganization of American naval forces at French ports.

(6)—The securing of a full and detailed picture of the naval problem in European waters.

Diplomatic Questions.
(1)—Full and frank discussion between Colonel House and special representative of the government of the United States and the heads of the British, French and Italian governments with regard to the war policy of the United States and her associates in the war.

(2)—Participation by the members of the mission in a meeting of the British war cabinet, at which conference a general and useful discussion was had concerning the needs of the allies and the extent of the assistance to be expected from the United States.

(3)—Participation by the United States in an inter-allied war conference, held in Paris on November 23. At this conference all preliminary speeches were dispensed with and within half an hour after the conference had been called to order by M. Clemenceau it had split into committees for work.

(4)—Participation by the United States in a meeting of the supreme war council held at Versailles, December 1. Representatives of England, France, Italy and the United States were met as a first step towards securing

ing unity of control of the armies on the western front. This meeting, the first of its kind, assured for the future unity of support on the part of the United States and the Allies.
(5)—First, steps taken in the establishment of a more permanent liaison between the commanding generals of the United States and the Allies.
(6)—Military Subjects.
(1)—After conferences extending over approximately thirty days with the chiefs of staff, members of the general staffs and commanders-in-chief of the allied armies on the western front, as well as with the highest civil officials of the respective governments, the extent of the military effort to be aimed at by the United States was clearly determined.
(2)—With this determination in mind negotiations were carried on looking to the pooling of resources for the mutual advantage of all of the countries engaged in the war against Germany. The contribution of the United States to this pooling arrangement was agreed upon. The contributions likewise of the countries associated with the United States were determined. This pooling arrangement guaranteed that full equipment of every kind would be available to all American troops sent to Europe during the year 1918.
(3)—Unqualified support to the resolution adopted by the inter-allied conferences looking to the creation of an allied advisory board charged with the duty of advising the shipping authorities of each nation concerning the allocation of tonnage so as to permit the American military effort to be realized.
(4)—Full survey made of the problem of debarkation in Europe of American military forces and transportation of such forces and supplies to the bases of military operations.
(5)—Arrangements made for full co-operation between the United States, Great Britain and France in the provisions of military instruments and supplies of all kinds.
(6)—Plans made for the proper organization under naval and military control of ports of debarkation of troops and discharge of cargoes looking to the most economical utilization of tonnage.
(7)—Participation in military deliberations of supreme war council as a step towards efficient and centralized unity of control of military operations.
Financial Question.
(1)—Full detailed conferences with the financial representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania and Russia for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of

RUSSIA NOT TO ACCEPT HUN TERMS

Annexation Plans of Central Powers Declared Un-suitable.

MAY DEAL WITH THE SOCIALISTS

German Proposals Provide for Cessation of Economic Warfare.

Provision for Damages for Violation of International Law.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The Russian peace delegation returned to Petrograd today and reported to a joint session of the central executive committee of soldiers and workers delegates, the Petrograd council of soldiers and workers' deputies the progress of the negotiations with the Austro-Germans at Brest-Litovsk.

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the financial effort necessary on the part of the United States in order properly to co-operate with these governments in making financial arrangements for the prosecution of the war against the Central Powers.

(2)—Conferences with the representatives of the above-mentioned countries for the purpose of perfecting a council which is a priority board whose duty it should be to consider the relative importance and urgency of the financial demands to be made by the concerted effort of the countries waging war against the Central Powers.

(3)—Arrangements begun for the proper financing of purchases by the countries at war with Germany of supplies from neutral countries.

(4)—Participation in the financial discussions of the inter-allied conference.

(1)—Full detailed reports were secured showing total loss of tonnage due to war risks and marine risks from August 1, 1916, to September 30, 1917.

(2)—The estimated output of new tonnage by the allies during the year 1918, was ascertained.

(3)—The proper employment of existing tonnage so that the maximum utilization of such tonnage could be effected was provided for in a resolution adopted by the inter-allied conference.

"The allies considering that the means of maritime transport at their disposal as well as the provisions which they dispose of should be utilized in common for the pursuit of the war have decided to create an inter-allied organization for the purpose of co-ordinating their action to this effect and of establishing a common programme constantly kept up to date, enabling them by the maximum utilization of their resources to restrict their importations with a view of liberating the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the transportation of American troops."

(4)—The whole question of the employment of neutral tonnage in line with the proposals made by neutral countries with respect to this tonnage was exhaustively discussed and plans looking to the favorable result of tonnage negotiations with neutral countries were substantially agreed upon.

(5)—A survey was completed of the ports of debarkation of American troops and supplies and plans were made looking to the more expeditious discharge of troops and cargoes so as to permit the return of vessels to their home ports with the least possible delay.

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GOUVERNMENT SENDS A PROTEST TO OTTAWA GOV'T

Considers Order in Council Regarding Bond Issues to Be Illegal.

LEGISLATURE WILL IGNORE THE ORDER

Sir Lomer Gouin Claims It Is Unconstitutional and of No Effect.

SAYS HIS GOV'T NOT CONSULTED

Declares Proceeding at Ottawa Against British North America Act.

Quebec, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The attorney general, Lomer Gouin, has had passed an order-in-council in which the executive council of this province strongly protests against the order of the federal government relative to the issue of securities, and informs the government of Canada that it is the intention of the Quebec legislature to consider the regulations as illegal, unconstitutional and nowise binding upon the province of Quebec.

After quoting at length from the federal order, the Quebec order-in-council concludes as follows:

"That in the opinion of the Honorable the attorney general, these regulations are beyond the powers of federal parliament which could neither adopt them directly nor delegate the powers to enact them to the government of Canada. That the effect of the said regulations is to restrict the rights, powers and prerogatives of provincial governments and, in particular, of the government of the province of Quebec, in so far as regards the matters which the constitution governing us confers exclusively upon them and that nothing in the British North America Act, 1867, justifies such an encroachment.

Had No Knowledge.

"That the order-in-council in question was passed without the government of this province having been informed thereof and that the knowledge that it acquired of it was so acquired through the press.

"That it is of importance to strongly protest against this manner of interference with the Constitution by the central government and against this attempt to do away with a right exclusively belonging to the province.

For the above reason the honorable, the attorney general, recommends:

(1) that the government of Canada be informed that it is the intention of the government of this province to consider these regulations as illegal, unconstitutional and nowise binding upon this province.

(2) that a notice be published in the Quebec official gazette informing the public that in the opinion of this government the said order-in-council, dated the 22nd December, 1917, concerning the issue of bonds and debentures in Canada, is illegal and unconstitutional as far as this province is concerned."

A ROYAL PALACE OF SPAIN IS DAMAGED

Magnificent Structure at La Granja, Near Madrid, on Fire.

Paris, Jan. 2.—A Havas despatch from Madrid says that the royal palace at La Granja, near Madrid, is on fire. Details of the fire are not known.

Major-General Maurice Expects German Army to Deliver Heavy Blow On the Western Front

Chief Director of Military Operations in British War Office Tells of Steady Flow of Hun Reinforcements from Eastern Front to France — Public Should Be Prepared for Some Losses of Both Ground and Men if Germans Attempt Determined Offensive Operations.

American Forces Not Ready to Take Any Considerable Part Immediately in the Operations — Germans Will Not Be Able to Inflict Any Such Losses on the Allies as the Latter Had Inflicted on Teutons During Past Year.

London, Jan. 2.—The probability of the Germans now taking a vigorous offensive attitude on the western front was pointed out by Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military preparations, at the war office, in his weekly talk to The Associated Press today.

There were two factors that contributed to this probability, the general said, the first being the steady flow of German reinforcements from the eastern front and the second, the fact that the American forces were not yet ready to take any considerable part in the operations.

The public should be prepared, General Maurice said, for some losses of both ground and men if the Germans attempt really determined offensive operations. They would not, however, be able to inflict any such losses on the Allies as the latter had inflicted on the Germans during the past year, he declared.

Entire unity henceforth is to be the watchword of the United States and her allies in the prosecution of the war. American troops are to be rushed to the fighting fronts in large numbers as quickly as possible and there is to be a perfect co-ordination in naval, military, financial, food, war industries and diplomatic matters.

The agreement between the Allies for unified action was reached at the recent inter-allied conference in Paris, which was attended by an American mission headed by Colonel E. M. House and arrangements already have been made for the United States to carry out its part of the compact. In order that American troops may be despatched in a constant stream to Europe, the allied nations are so to arrange their merchant shipping that the necessary transports will be available for the huge task.

Fear Big Attack.

That quick work in getting the American army to the front is most vital is indicated by a statement by Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office. General Maurice says it is probable that with their heavy reinforcements drawn from the eastern to the western front, the Germans shortly will make a strong offensive against the British and French armies and that the enemy may be expected to make some gains.

Optimism was expressed, however, that the enemy would not be able to inflict the same degree of damage upon the Allies as he has sustained at the hands of the British during the past year.

Huns Peppering.

Apparently as proof that the Germans are preparing for a big offensive is the almost continuous bombardment of various sectors along the British and French fronts. Aside from these bombardments there has been little activity except by small raiding parties. A heavy snow is falling and another cold wave has set in on the French front from St. Quentin to the Vosges mountains.

Snow and cold weather also are giving the Italians a chance to further strengthen their northern line against the Austro-Germans. Aside from reciprocal artillery duels little fighting of moment is in progress. In an endeavor to offset their loss of ground resulting from having been driven back across the lower Piave river, the enemy has tried to effect a landing on the west bank of the stream, a short distance from the mouth of the Piave. His boats, however, were caught under the fire of the Italian guns and the project had to be given up.

Austro-German airman continue to bomb towns on the Venetian Plains.

Reports from Russia indicate that the negotiations for peace between the Bolshevik government and the Teutonic allies have reached a virtual impasse owing to the unreasonable demands of the Teutons. Particularly distasteful to the Russians is the attitude of the Central Powers with regard to holding Poland, Lithuania and Courland and their determination to retain garrisons at Riga, Libau and other Baltic ports.

ENTIRE UNITY WATCH-WORD OF ENTENTE

Quick Work in Getting United States Troops to Front Most Vital.

IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED DRIVE

French and British Armies in France Expect Mighty Attack.

But Teutons Prevented From Making Landing West of Piave.

Ended in Failure.

"The enemy in the past fortnight has been attempting numerous raids mostly on a small scale," began General Maurice, "at Cambrai, however, he tried a larger operation with the object of getting control of a ridge on the British flank whence he hoped he could strangle the supplies to a British salient and force its withdrawal. His attack, however, ended in an almost complete failure, for although he gained a few hundred yards of our front trenches, he failed to set foot on the ridge anywhere.

"These attempts to take the offensive," continued the General, "are a sign of a new distribution of the belligerent forces on the western front. The enemy is steadily bringing troops from Russia with the aim of re-establishing his superiority over the Anglo-French forces. The Germans do not possess a magic carpet and cannot transfer troops at a supernatural rate, especially under winter transport conditions. Nevertheless there is a steady flow of German troops westward."

Allies Cautious.

"The Germans are still a long way from having superior numbers on this front, but the relative strength of the forces is already so altered that it is doubtful whether the allied commanders would feel justified in undertaking offensive operations on a large scale. The enemy's constantly improving numerical position will, on the other hand, lead inevitably to offensive operations by the Germans, but I see no reason to believe that he will be able to inflict anything like such losses on us as we inflicted on him during the past year.

"Owing to our work of the past year we are in an excellent defensive position, holding practically all the high ground. On the other hand we are everywhere on new ground where we must prepare new defensive systems. We must be prepared to lose ground and if the enemy makes a determined attack with the usual artillery preparation followed by energetic infantry assaults, for our own experience has taught us that it is practically always possible to move a certain distance under these conditions of attack."

In Palestine.

Regarding the situation in Palestine, General Maurice said: "A word of caution is necessary relative to the hopes of an immediate further advance in Palestine. The hills of Judea are notoriously difficult, the weather is unfavorable and the roads impassable owing to the wet season. The transport problem, therefore, is likely to prevent any considerable movement there for some time."

21 VESSELS ARE SUNK

Considerable Increase in Loss to British Shipping During the Past Week.

London, Jan. 2.—Eighteen British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over have been sunk by mines or submarines during the past week, according to the Admiralty statement tonight. Three merchantmen under 1,600 tons were also sunk. This is a material increase over the previous week, when the sinkings numbered 12, of which 11 were more than 1,600 tons.

The summary—Arrivals, 2,111; sailings, 3,674. British merchantmen 1,600 tons or over, sunk, 18; including two previously; under 1,600, three. Fishing vessels, none.

Vessels unsuccessfully attacked, 8.

SIR E. MORRIS WILL RETIRE

Dr. William Lloyd Likely His Successor as Premier of Newfoundland.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 2.—Premier Morris, now in London, announces his retirement from politics and resignation of the premiership. He has been in London since October on official business and proposes to reside there henceforth. Possibly he may be appointed high commissioner for the colony.

His successor will likely be Dr. William Lloyd, now minister of justice, and at present acting premier. Dr. Lloyd is the parliamentary head of the party formed by a union of former Liberal associates of Sir Robert Bond and representatives of Fishermen's Union led by Mr. Williams Coaker, these coalesced after the last general election and the past summer formed a union government with followers of Sir Edward Morris.

ARMIES ENTERING HARLES PEROT OF WAR

FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE U. S. IS CONFIDENT

M. Tardieu Thinks Coming Strong German Attack on West Front Will Prove Another Verdun

—German Raids on British Positions on Belgian and Arras Fronts Repulsed—Other Raids North of Passchendaele and South of Lens Also Fail.

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 2.—The Entente Allies are entering the hardest period of the war, but a period which will prove richest in decisive results, "if we know how to play a good game," and the issue will be decided in the next six months, according to Captain Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, who returned to this country yesterday.

Hun Raids Repulsed

London, Jan. 2.—Several raids were made by the German forces last night

Car Tumbles from Train and Rolls Onto River—Potato Man Has Marvellous Escape

Houlton, Me., Jan. 2.—Buried in a freight car which broke from a train and rolled down an embankment onto the ice in the Abbagadasset River in decidedly frigid weather was the experience of Charles Leen, of Sherman, who was keeping fire to warn the tubers which were being shipped to Providence. To add to Leen's troubles the two disassembled sections of the train came together and proceeded with the time being of the strange accident.

Zero Weather in Southern France

Another Heavy Fall of Snow in Eastern and Central Districts Impedes Transportation

Paris, Jan. 2.—Another heavy fall of snow in eastern and central France and in the Vosges has greatly increased transportation difficulties. From the Rhonion and Maine districts, a degree of cold almost unheard of there, is snowbound. The Lyons-Lyon district has cancelled a considerable number of trains, and the few still running are hours behind their scheduled times.

Russia Not to Accept Hun Terms

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M. Kamenev, a member of the Russian delegation, read the German terms which he characterized as showing the porridge annexation plans of the Central Powers, and he declared they were unacceptable in their present form. He added that the terms had not been discussed.

Drastic Cut in U. S. Train Schedules

Thus Far St. John Has Not Been Affected, But Montreal and Quebec Points Have

Several Canadian points will be affected by the general reduction in passenger train service being made in the United States since the government at Washington assumed charge of the railways. St. John will probably not be affected unless the traffic congestion becomes worse than it is now.

Counting Votes Across Water

It is Not Expected Result Will Be Known Before End of Month

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Allocation of military votes cast in England and on the continent of Europe, opened today in the case of polls held in France and Belgium. The polls were allocated to the various constituencies and counted in Paris; those cast in Great Britain are allocated and counted in London.

Church Army Will Occupy Place Where Apostle Met Simon the Tanner

London, Jan. 2.—The house in Joppa, Palestine, where St. Peter stayed while the Church Army as a center for the care of British troops fighting in Palestine.

France Will Adopt Drastic Measures

Candy and Pastry Shops to Be Closed and Private Use of Automobiles Will Be Prohibited

Paris, Jan. 2.—Three drastic measures for the conservation of food and other supplies have been decided upon by the minister of provisions, Victor Boret. All shops of confectioners and bakeries are to be closed, restrictions will be placed on restaurants, which charge high prices to prevent them from out-bidding the more popular establishments in purchasing supplies, and the private use of automobiles will be prohibited.

Removed Pimple, Death Follows

Mrs. Harry Crawford of Houlton Was Miss Ross of Doaktown, N. B.

Houlton, Jan. 2.—As the result of removing a pimple from her chin with her fingers a few days ago Mrs. Harry Crawford of this town is dead of blood poisoning. Mrs. Crawford was formerly Miss Ross of Doaktown, N. B., and came here thirteen years ago. She leaves a husband and four children.

Troops Fraternalize and Much German Revolutionary Literature Being Distributed Among Slav Soldiers

London, Jan. 2.—The fraternization of troops on the eastern front has already begun, beyond the control of enemy officers, writes the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News.

Great Skating, Real Sport on Boston Harbor

For First Time in Forty Years Young People Go on Ice at That Port—Cold Wave Disappearing Seaward and Relief from Arctic Weather in Sight

England Faces Meat Scarcity

Many Butcher Shops in London Without Supplies Yesterday and Compelled to Close

Schooner Seth, Jr. Abandoned at Sea

Crew of Halifax Vessel Picked Up and Landed at Philadelphia

Fire Loss in 1917

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 2.—According to figures compiled by the committee of conservation, fire losses in Canada during 1917 totalled \$23,251,604.

Several Raids on British Posts in France Repelled—Italian Statement

London, Jan. 2.—The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight said: "In addition to the raids reported in this morning's communiqué, the enemy attempted last night to raid one of our posts in the neighborhood of Oppy, but was driven off before reaching our trenches."

Mariages

Lockhart-Pallen

MARRIAGES

An interesting wedding took place last evening at the residence of the Rev. J. A. MacKegan, when Miss Annetta M. Pallen, formerly of Roxbury, Mass., became the bride of Pte. James Lockhart of this city.

Another Russian Republic Set Up

This Time It Is Black Sea Territory Which Has Set Itself Up in Business

Many Suspects in Norfolk, Va.

Fires Also Damage Newport News and Portsmouth, Nearby

Obituary

The death is announced in Roxbury, Boston, of Mrs. Charles R. Sayre, formerly of Kings county and relatives reside there and in St. John. Mrs. Sayre is survived by a husband, two sons and four daughters.

Girls! Use Lemon Juice!

Make a quarter pint of beauty cream for little cost. Clears, softens and whitens the skin. Brings out the hidden roses!

By all means, girls, prepare a lemon lotion to keep your skin flexible and young looking. You will soon realize that true loveliness does not mean the powdery look of winter colorlessness.

Object to Car Ferry Leaving Regular Service to Succor Five Steamers in Distress

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 2.—The car ferry steamer Prince Edward Island left here tonight for Cape Breton with a large number of passengers. After coaling up, she will sail for Cape Chateau to the relief of five steamers caught in the ice in the mouth of the St. Lawrence.

MARRIED

SCOTT-WORDEEN.—At the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, on January 2, 1918, by Rev. Wm. Duke at nuptial mass, Miss Madeline Wordeen to Mr. Frank Scott, both of this city.

DIED

JOHNSTON.—At the St. John Infirmary, Dec. 31st, 1917, Annie, widow of Esau Johnstone, of Upper Loch Lomond, (Boston papers please copy).

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Northerly winds, fair and continued cold.

GERMAN SPY CAPTURED!

It is believed an important capture was made on the C. P. R. train on Monday last when detective took into custody a man supposed to be a German spy, and who has been operating in this province and Maine for some time.

LOST

LOST—On Wednesday afternoon on King street, between Macaulay Bros. and M. R. A's or in M. R. A's shoes, a parcel containing a pair of ladies' tan gloves. Finder will bring a favor by returning to Standard office.

HEARING RESUMED

The hearing in the Valley Railway case will be resumed this morning at ten o'clock before Commissioner Stevens.

Petrograd, Saturday, Dec. 29.—Bessarabia has declared its independence from the Moldavian republic, in form part of the Russian federated republic.

Our January sale of overcoats comes in on the crest of the wave—just in time to benefit the man who has been "putting off" putting on a new overcoat.

Now he can have his pick— from six or seven different models—and a very large saving on every coat.

All odd overcoats and broken lines, without regard to former prices of \$15 to \$30, are marked for clearance at \$10.50, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15.50, \$17.50, \$19.50, \$22.50

Bear in mind these are overcoats made of worthy materials, carefully selected for our regular stock, splendidly tailored, not made cheaply for sale purposes.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

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Colds Cause Headache and Grip. LAXATIVE BROMO GUININE. There is only one "Bromo Guinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box, 30c.

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NOTHING LEFT OF YPRES BUT DUST AND STONES

HISTORIC CITY 600 YEARS OLD DESTROYED BY GERMANS

Huns Subjected Ypres to Bombardment Three Times During Present War and Many Lives Lost Each Time—City Was Famous as Flemish Trading Centre and Was Once Enormously Wealthy.

Behind the British Lines in France, Dec. 30. (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—There is literally nothing left of the once lordly city of Ypres except heaps of dust and broken stones. Although still within the range of German artillery, the city may be visited in comparative safety as it is too far behind the lines to offer a certain target for continuous bombardment.

Ypres is 600 years old, and carried with it before the war, the impress of an honorable past. In the middle ages when the Flemish merchants were the great traders of Europe, the city was fabulously wealthy, being for many years the centre of the wool trade. After its prosperity passed, it would have become obscure, but for the Cathedral and Cloth Hall, where the wool merchants once had met. These two monuments were remarkable examples of the architecture of their time, and for a hundred years had made Ypres known and visited by the world.

Hun Desolation.

It remained for the German to turn to ashes what had been a place of beauty for 600 years. The first bombardment of Ypres came on November 1, 1914. The town was then full of wounded soldiers and peasant refugees from the surrounding country. They crowded principally in the Cathedral and the Church of St. Nicholas, in the vain belief that these sanctuaries at least would be spared by the invader.

The battle on the hills around Ypres ended seventeen days later. The Germans failed to break through the British line, but the bombardment of the town, instead of waning,

grew more intense. The Germans followed in their attempt to capture Ypres, determined to destroy it. For a long period heavy shells fell into the town at the rate of fifteen a minute. The sound of the continuous destruction could be heard fifty miles away.

Left in Peace Awhile.

For six months Ypres was left in comparative peace; shells still fell in the town at irregular intervals, but it was possible for people to live there and to open shops for the troops that passed through to the battlefield.

The second bombardment began without warning on April 20, 1915. The first shell fell in the "Great Place" when it was filled with people. It is impossible today to get any accurate estimate of the loss of life caused by that first shell.

The full storm of the bombardment burst 48 hours later, accompanied by the first waves of poisoned gas used against the French and British lines. Day and night for a long period the great shells poured into the town in a steady stream.

When this bombardment ceased, it was hardly possible to find one's way through the town. Houses and streets had all melted together in heaps of rubbish.

So Ypres remained for two more years. The Germans completed their destruction during the past spring and summer, removing the last recognizable vestiges of anything by turning heavy armor-piercing shells against the pathetic ruins. By the end of July there was literally nothing left except dust and broken stones. This is all that now remains of the famous town of Ypres.

QUEBEC WILL AID IN WAR

Lieut.-Gov. LeBlanc Sends New Year's Message to His Majesty the King.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The Governor-General has forwarded to the King the following message received from Hon. P. E. LeBlanc, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec:

Quebec, Dec. 31, 1917.

Sir:—I have the honor respectfully to request Your Excellency to convey to His Majesty the King, on behalf of myself, of my cabinet ministers, and of all the inhabitants of the province of Quebec, the expression of our devoted attachment and loyalty to His Majesty's person and throne, and our earnest wishes for a happy New Year for Their Majesties the King and Queen and members of the royal family, and all His Majesty's subjects. On this fourth recurrence during the war of New Year's Day, I pledge our province once more to a continued and determined participation in the struggle for that decisive victory which will insure to the world the blessing of a righteous and abiding peace.

"For this we fight and pray, humbly."

MAN KILLED IN ELEVATOR

Employe of R. McGregor & Sons, New Glasgow, Falls Down Shaft.

Special to The Standard.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 2.—About two o'clock this afternoon a fatal accident occurred at R. McGregor and Sons' warehouses on Provost street, in which Sydney Smith, an employe of the firm, lost his life. The elevator motor was not working very satisfactorily and as a result the elevator was idle. Smith, who was on the lower flat at the time, wanted to go up to the upper story and started to climb up the side of the elevator shaft.

When about eight feet up he lost his balance and fell back striking his head. His neck was broken. Smith was about forty years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Imploping the Great Ruler of the Universe that if it be His will, this victorious peace may come before the end of the coming New Year, which will thus be as we pray it may, the happiest of His Majesty's reign."

FEARED AURORA HAS BEEN LOST

Antarctic Relief Ship Left Wellington, N. Z., Last June with Crew of 22.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily Mail says it is feared that the Antarctic relief ship Aurora, which took part in the Shackleton expedition, has been lost with all hands while returning to England. It is understood the vessel sailed from Wellington, N. Z., in June with a crew of about twenty-two, and nothing has been heard from it since. Vessels sent out to search for the vessel found only a life buoy marked Aurora and some wreckage. Lloyd's recently posted the Aurora as being considerably overdue.

The Aurora, formerly a Newfoundland sealing steamer, carried Mawson Antarctic expedition to Adelle Land in 1913 and rescued the expedition later in the same year.

N. B. SPENT ABOUT \$2,000,000

Total of Ordinary Revenue Amounted to \$1,572,818.

Fredericton, Jan. 2.—The Royal Gazette today contains the financial statement for the year ended October 31, 1917. The total ordinary revenue is given as \$1,572,818.25, and the total ordinary expenditure as \$1,829,277.84. In addition to this expenditure the sum of \$178,841.89 on contracts during 1917, and should therefore be added to the total expenditure. The amount expended on permanent roads under the act of last session was \$224,066.65. The expenditure on permanent bridges was \$428,679.66. The total financial transactions for the year amounted to \$3,065,388.20. The balance on hand is given as \$52,072.26.

MONTREAL ARENA IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Loss May Stop Professional Hockey in the N. H. L. League.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—The Montreal Arena, the biggest rink in Eastern Canada, caught fire this morning.

One side of the building was quickly destroyed when an ammonia plant used for making artificial ice exploded and blew down a wall. The fire started about 11:30 and in less than an hour the whole building was destroyed. The flames leaped across Wood street and set fire to six houses.

The fire started in one of the dressing rooms of a professional hockey team. It is believed the fire will stop professional hockey in the N. H. L. indefinitely.

Save Food

If you cut down your food by one fifth, how can you still obtain the same amount of nourishment as before? The problem looks impossible, but it is not so in fact, for if you get more nourishment from the food you do eat you will solve it.

Take an instance. If there are 5 units of nourishment in bread when you eat it, you expect to get 5 units when you eat it. As a matter of fact you do not get that, because a good deal of the nourishment is lost, for it is not absorbed by the body.

There is a simple way to reduce this loss, a way tested and approved by the highest scientific authorities. It is to take Bovril.

The "Medical Times" says:

"The addition of a small teaspoonful of Bovril to the diet as a pepsogenic before meals leads to more thorough digestion and assimilation and thus saves food."

"The diet may be then cut down from 5 to 4 and the body still be adequately nourished."

The above is an extract from the review by the "Medical Times" of the investigations on Food Economy conducted by Dr. J. Campbell, late Food Expert to the Metropolitan (London, England) Campaign for Food Economy.

Save the Nation's food and keep yourself well fed by taking a cup of Bovril as soup before meals, or by using a little Bovril in your cooking.

COAL FAMINE SERIOUS ON MIRAMICHI

Several Industrial Establishments May Be Compelled to Close Unless Supply is Fortcoming — One Hotel Uses Wood.

Special to The Standard.

Chatham, Jan. 2.—This town is threatened with a coal famine. The large consumers have been borrowing from one another until the supply has got so low that no more can be obtained by this method, and unless coal arrives by rail very shortly one or two of the industrial establishments will have to close. "The situation is serious," one of the foundry men said today. The trouble is the railway has been commandeering the coal that should be coming to Chatham.

The Snowball Co., which usually carries a large supply of coal for their own use and for the trade, is selling in barrel lots only to oblige householders. One of the hotels has gone back to the primitive method of heating with wood only, not being able to get any coal.

A Severe Test.

The Dominion Pulp Co., which has been supplying its employes for years with coal at a reduced rate, has served notice that it can no longer take orders. The continued cold weather has been a severe test on the coal bins and woodpiles and is causing considerable anxiety to householders, many of whom could not obtain all the wood they required from the mills last summer—wood being as extensively used as coal or more so.

In years past there was generally a surplus of firewood at the end of the sawing season, but this year any surplus that remained was shipped out of town for use in other parts of the province. Country wood is not coming in in as large quantities as formerly. This is due to the fact that farmers have to go farther for their supply, and the desire on their part to conserve their holdings for their own use.

ATLANTIC SUGAR REFINERIES LIMITED.

Montreal, Que. St. John, N. B.

FIVE STEAMERS CAUGHT IN ICE

Car Ferry Prince Edward Island Sent to Their Assistance.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways has received word that five large steamers, which left the upper lakes for ocean navigation, are fast in the ice in the Lower St. Lawrence. The steamers were caught in the vicinity of Cape Chateau in the Prince Edward Island. Orders were immediately issued to the new car ferry, Prince Edward Island, running between Cape Tormentine and Port Borden, to proceed to the rescue of the imprisoned vessels. While the Prince Edward Island is giving assistance near Cape Chateau, the steamer Stanley will be placed on the Pictou-Charlottetown route.

CHURCH BURNED IN QUEBEC CITY

Edifice Was a Temporary Chapel to Take Place of Church Burned Last Winter.

Quebec, Jan. 2.—A fire, starting from unknown origin this morning, destroyed the temporary church of Limoilou parish in this city. Nothing could be saved; even the Holy Host was consumed. This was a temporary chapel, being used for worship, the parochial church having been burned to the ground last winter.

ARCHIBALD BASKIN.

Sussex, Jan. 2.—Archibald Baskin, a much respected resident of Sussex, passed away at his home this morning after an illness of three months. Mr. Baskin, who was sixty years of age, was well known by lumbermen throughout the province, having been a life long employe of J. S. Prescott & Sons, of Goose Creek. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. H. K. Baskin, and two brothers, John and William. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

Sound Advice

THE best information obtainable at present indicates plentiful supplies of raw sugar for the year 1918, and, PROVIDED THAT SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE to transport the raw sugar, everybody should be able to obtain a reasonable supply.

This is a great big "I F" however, to overcome, and therefore it would be safer for consumers and dealers to make plans only for eighty to ninety per cent of last year's consumption.

During the whole year it has been our constant aim to keep the Canadian public supplied with "LANTIC PURE CANE SUGAR" at reasonable prices.

In order to accomplish this extraordinary feat in view of the actual sugar shortage that occurred, we were obliged at different periods, to purchase raw sugar at highest prices when such action was most unprofitable.

During 1918 we will continue our Advertising Campaign of our celebrated "LANTIC SUGAR" and, in addition, will make a feature of our Old-Fashioned Brown Sugars, known to the trade as *soft* or *yellow* sugars.

It will be well on in February before any large supplies of raw sugar reach Canada, and in the meantime the supply will be limited owing to the small stocks on hand.

During 1917 this Company has operated its Refinery continuously, the only interruption being two days at Christmas time. We believe this record has not been equalled by any refinery in the United States or Canada.

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We assure them that in the future the same high standard of quality will be maintained so that our Red Ball Trade Mark will always be recognized as the "SEAL OF PURITY".

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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King.

A LEAGUE OF LIBERATION.

In the relation it is likely to bear to the successful prosecution and victorious termination of the world war nothing that has occurred during the past year equals in importance the conference of the Entente Allies recently held in Paris, the proceedings of which are now being reported to Washington.

The outstanding feature of the proceedings of the conference was the complete agreement between all the powers as to the share each shall take as factors in a mighty war machine, with all its parts moving in harmony and dedicated to the complete triumph of the allied cause.

The United States has undertaken to rush trained men to the firing lines in greatest possible numbers and with the utmost speed. The other allies will do the same and all will work together to the end that the mightiest army the war has seen will be in readiness for action when the spring months open.

There is still much fighting to be done in France, in Flanders, in Germany and on the high seas, but the result is assured. Germany may postpone defeat for a time, but when the full force of the newest war machine becomes effective hostilities may be expected to terminate soon thereafter.

Against the decision of the Canadian Railway Commission to permit Canadian railways to increase their passenger and freight tariffs to meet war-time conditions, there can be little legitimate ground for complaint.

In the United States and in Canada, the average charge for moving one ton of freight a mile in the United States was .716 of one cent. In Canada, at the same time, it was .853 of one cent. Thus, to carry one ton of freight 100 miles in the United States would cost 71.6 cents, and in Canada 85.3 cents.

In Canada the difficulties of the Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Northern and lesser roads, as the result of enormously increased costs, have been apparent for the past two years. In some cases appeals have been made for public aid and they have not gone unanswered.

Under war-time interchange of rolling stock and equipment wherever necessary, it is likely to be necessary to make large sacrifices in earnings to avoid duplication of service, and to overcome shortage of labor, cars and power for the remainder of the war may have to lead largely of its great resources to smaller lines, as maintenance of efficient service by all lines is one of the first war-time concerns.

When the roads are permitted to increase their earnings from the public it is a national duty to see that revenues so obtained are used with the greatest care and that the service is maintained at the highest possible standard.

To send assistance in the form of seed, agricultural implements and live stock to the peasant farmers of Belgium, France, Serbia, Italy and Russia, who have suffered as the result of the war, is not only a worthy patriotic charity but also an undertaking to be commended from the more material standpoint of sane business.

The most businesslike form of relief is that which helps a man to help himself. This is what the Canadian branch of the Agricultural Relief of the Allies' Fund aims to do in the case of peasant farmers of allied Europe.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE RECRUIT. (From the Western Australian Railway Gazette.) I've burnt my bridges, and I've done the deed, yes, I've handed in my name; And it's down on the list of Australia's And it's down on the list of Australia's

I stuck it through, and I said, "Not yet," and "The time is still to come." For I wanted to be a soldier, sadder woe than the roll of a distant drum; But I'm breaking the bonds that bind me here, whatever those bonds may be.

Yes, I've burnt my bridges, and I've done the deed, I've handed in my name; And now I can hold my head erect where once it was bowed in shame. I shall stand with my brothers in arms, fighting the fight of the free; So I thank my God that the call that came found an answering voice in me!

SCHOOL INSPECTOR—"Now, my little man, what do five and one make?" "Well, madam," said he to the young wife, "I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened more than 2000 babies, but never before christened one that behaved so badly as yours."

Throughout the christening ceremony the baby smiled up beautifully into the clergyman's face. "Well, madam," said he to the young wife, "I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened more than 2000 babies, but never before christened one that behaved so badly as yours."

While making his usual daily inspection of the stables, the major noticed Trooper Dash giving his horse a piece of lump sugar. "I am very pleased to see you making much of your horse, Trooper Dash," he said; "it shows that you regard him with the true spirit, and I will not forget you for it."

London, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Alice Wheelodon, who with her daughter and the latter's husband, was found guilty and sentenced last March to ten years imprisonment on the charge of conspiracy to poison Premier Lloyd George, has been released from prison at the prisoner's request. Mrs. Wheelodon is near death through a hunger strike.

Little Benny's Note Book

Me and Ed Wernick was calling each other names 'dooring' recess yesterday, and after school I found a note in the vestibule stuck under the front door, having my name on the outside of it, and I opened it and was wot it but a picture of a grave, saying on it, Heer, los Benny Potts, revenge, Ed Wernick.

G, I'll see a dool with him for that, I thav't. And pritty soon Puds Simkins and Leroy Shooter came around, and I sed, Hay, fellows, Im going to challenge Ed Wernick to a dool for sticking this big insult under my door, do you 2 want to be my seconds?

The fire department on the eastern side of the harbor responded to no less than 124 bell alarms during the year of 1917, which is an increase of ten alarms over the year 1916, and thirty more than that of 1915. In addition to these bell alarms there was quite a number of still alarms which were handled by the chemical engines.

Johnson St. 2.50 p.m. 18-47, Atlantic Sugar Refinery. 3.10 a.m. 18-121, Grass fire, Belliveau Ave. 3.05 p.m. 19-121, Grass fire, Poklok Road. 2.30 p.m. 23-144, Taylor and White, Elm St. 9.55 p.m. 23-124, Barn Adelaide Road. 4 a.m. 28-124, Purdy and Green's, Mill Hillville Ave. 10 p.m. May 1-41, Sand Co. (outdoor) Reed's Point. 8.30 p.m. 10-142, Maritime Nail Works, Portland St. 5.30 p.m. 17-231, Cornwall Cotton Mill, Wall St. 11.10 a.m. 18-41, Rodette's Garage, Canterbury St. 6.45 p.m. 18-421, House on Rochesay Ave. 8 a.m. 23-124, House in Bond's alley. 10 a.m. 25-142, McCready's Vinegar Factory (2nd and 3rd alarm for this fire) 2.40 a.m. 23-121, Stetson's Cutler's Mill, Pleasant Point. 6.40 p.m. 20-15, House on Brussels St. 4.10 p.m. June 4-121, Sam Hector's house Poklok (false). 1.10 p.m. 6-121, Stetson and Cutler's boarding house, Poklok. 11.10 p.m. 15-17, Bag Factory, Sydney St. 7.40 a.m. 18-5, Knox Electric Co. Dock St. and Marcus Furniture store. 2nd and 3rd alarm. 2.45 a.m. 19-1, Dr. Corbett's house, Coburg St. 1.35 p.m. 20-12, Cronin's barn, Waterloo St. 12.30 p.m. July 8-34, Ross Drug Co. King St. 1.10 p.m. 8-34, Ross Drug Co. King St. 1.10 p.m. 15-47, Military Barracks, Sheff. Bldg. 8.45 p.m. 10-12, Mrs. Harper's house, Hillville Ave. 1.15 p.m. 19-37, Carter's house, Elliott Row. 4.45 a.m. 18-123, VanWart's house, Main St. 8.10 p.m. 2-135, False. 11.50 p.m. 23-123, False. 10.35 p.m. 23-47, St. John Iron Works, Sydney St. 11.15 p.m. 29-29, T. McAvity and Sons, Water St. 11.10 a.m. 8-3, Depot House, Mill St. 2.45 p.m. 12-25, False. 7.30 p.m. 12-24, Kennedy's, Prince William St. 10.30 p.m. 14-56, John Willis house, White St. 10.35 p.m. 19-32, Victoria School Annex, Duke St. 3 p.m. 19-32, Wm. McKinley's house, Carleton St. 7.45 p.m. 20-155, Sprague's house, Sherif St. 8 a.m. 20-131, Wood house, Durham St. 9.25 p.m. 21-42, Noel Sheraton's, Mecklenburg St. 8.45 p.m. 28-457, Chas. Jones' house, Haslem St. 7.45 p.m. Mar. 30-154, L.C.R. freight shed. 8.35 p.m. 23-1, Father's house, Pond St. 9.55 a.m. 23-4, James Shaw's house, Haslem St. 2.40 a.m. 23-17, Thos. French's house, Erin St. 8.10 a.m. 25-22, J. H. McRobbie's, King St. 2.50 p.m. 27-31, False. 3.40 p.m. 31-124, Cowan's house, Main St. 11.30 p.m. 31-8, C.P.R. house, North St. 11.30 p.m. Apr 3-4, Mahor's Estate, Peters St. 4.35 p.m. 8-18, L. Corey's house, Brussels St. 12.20 a.m. 13-16, Bishop Laffan's house, Brussels St. 10.15 a.m. 18-143, False. 4.35 p.m. 18-232, E. Chambers house, Hawthorne Ave. 12.55 a.m. 34-31, C. Jones' house, Pitt St. 2.45 p.m. 18-9, Sand's Building, Prince Wm. St. (2nd and 3rd alarm for this fire) 2.40 a.m. 17-241, A. Ingvaldsen's barn,

St. 2.25 p.m. 23-3, Robertson, Foster and Smith, Dock St. (2nd and 3rd alarm for this fire) 9 p.m. 23-4, S. Withers, Haslem St. 4.15 a.m. 30-62, False. 8.45 p.m. Dec. 8-121, Stetson and Cutler's cooper shop. 1 a.m. 10-212, False. 5.15 p.m. 12-241, Fleming's Bakery, Celebration St. (2nd alarm) 6.40 a.m. 12-25, Mrs. Miller's, Harding St. 10.10 a.m. 13-32, St. David's Church, Sydney St. (2nd and 3rd alarm) 12.55 p.m. 14-8, Keefe's house, Pond St. 8 a.m. 16-5, Johnson's Dry Goods store, Mill and Union St. (2nd and 3rd alarm) 10.40 p.m. 17-64, McSherry's, Erin St. 9 a.m. 21-154, H. Davis house, Paradise Row. 11.50 a.m. 20-151, Fleming's Machine Shop, Pond St. 2.30 a.m. 20-137, R. A. Brown's, Douglas Ave. 8.55 p.m. 28-41, C. G. Elevator, Prince Wm. St. 7.30 p.m. 30-144, C.P.R. Freight Sheds, Mill St. 9 a.m. 31-154, H. Davis house, Paradise Row. 11.50 a.m. 30-36, Gas House, Carmarthen St. 10.30 p.m. 31-32, A. W. Adams' residence, Mecklenburg St. 8 a.m. 21-131, Charles Rankin's residence, Durham St. 8 p.m.

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WOODEN EXPERIENCE New Brunswick Vessels Dur Progress Be The year 1917 witnessed the wooden shipbuilding industry in this province a general revival. The industry was launched during the summer a number of steamers which will be later in the present season. In the city two active operations and it other will begin opening. Vessels are under construction at St. Martins, St. John's, and at the latter place at all these places the trade and hammer make as the ships grow under the hands of New Brunswick carpenters.

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WOODEN SHIPBUILDING REVIVAL EXPERIENCED IN THIS PROVINCE

New Brunswick Yards Will Send Forth Number of Vessels During the Coming Summer — Good Progress Being Made in the Two St. John Yards

The year 1917 witnessed a revival of the wooden shipbuilding industry in the city and province and as a consequence of this revival there will be launched during the coming spring and summer a number of schooners and steamers which will help out very materially in the present shortage of bottoms. In the city two shipyards are in active operation and it is expected another will begin operations in the spring. Vessels are under construction at St. Martins, Alma, Rexton, Bathurst, Newcastle and Clifton and at all these places the sound of the adze and hammer makes merry music as the ships grow under the skillful hands of New Brunswick's famous ship carpenters.

In St. John the first vessel to be laid down was the steamer which is being built by Grant & Horne for the Imperial Migrations Board. The keel of this ship was laid last summer and good progress has been made in her construction. There was some delay due to the non-arrival of some very heavy timber from the Pacific coast, but while waiting for this to arrive the men were kept busy getting out the frame for the second ship and the contractors will be able to finish her that much quicker.

The frame work of the steamer on the stocks is all complete and the sealing has been commenced. The stem and apron have been erected, the shaft tube put in place and the stern framed. All the timber for the first ship is now in the yard and a goodly portion of the second and Mr. Grant expressed himself as more than pleased with the supply of local ship timber. They had been able to obtain all they required within a reasonable distance of St. John. He also expressed his appreciation of the interest taken by the men and the loyalty they had shown in sticking to the job and doing all they could to help along the work.

The Marine Construction Company, having faith in the future of St. John as a shipbuilding centre, have equipped a yard for the building of wooden ships at the present time with the idea

of converting it into a steel shipbuilding plant after the war. They have a 1,100 ton auxiliary schooner now on the stocks well advanced and as soon as she is launched another will be laid down. She is now being sealed in and the deck beams covered. It is the hope of the company to launch this vessel the first week in April if climatic conditions are at all favorable. They have the timber all in the yard for this schooner and for the one which it is proposed to lay down after this is launched, and men are already at work preparing the frame for the second vessel, which will be of 2,200 tons. This concern was organized by D. A. Saker and is a purely commercial proposition; they building the vessels and taking a chance on selling them after completion.

Probably the pioneer in the recent revival of wooden shipbuilding in the province was Peter McIntyre, who is building a large schooner at Clifton which he expects to launch just as soon as the ice is out of the river in the spring.

The firm of C. T. White & Son have two large three-masted schooners under way at Alma, Albert county. One of these is all framed and nearly all sealed and it is hoped to launch her some time in March. The second one is nearly all framed and they hope to get her off the stocks in the early summer.

Practically all the timber for these vessels is being obtained in the vicinity of the shipyard on timber limits operated by Messrs. White, who have several crews in the woods getting out ship timber. It is their intention to build more vessels when these have been completed.

The St. Martins Shipbuilding Company have a fine 450 ton schooner on the ways in their yard at St. Martins which they hope to complete and launch in the spring and it is their intention to follow this with several others.

At Rexton, Newcastle and Bathurst yards are in operation and large schooners are being built at each place.

PROPOSAL FROM THE BOOTH COMPANY WAS CONSIDERED

Common Council in Session Yesterday—Company Wish to Build \$100,000 Sardine Factory on West Side—Other Matters of Routine Business Transacted.

The common council met yesterday morning and considered a proposal from the Booth Fisheries Company to build a sardine factory on the West side at a cost of between \$75,000 and \$100,000, ready for the 1918 harvest. A bonus of \$75 was ordered paid to F. W. Jenkins and Clifford Price, Authority was granted—the commissioner of public safety to purchase 1,000 feet of fire hose at once, and several matters of routine business were disposed of.

Mayor Hayes presided, and all the commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner McLellan, who is suffering from pleurisy. The council went into committee to hear the proposition of the Booth Fisheries Company which was presented by R. E. Armstrong as follows: "1. A factory in West St. John, to cost from \$75,000 to \$100,000 to be completed in time for the 1918 harvest. The factory to employ from 100 to 150 women, and from 50 to 60 men.

"2. A nominal value of \$1,000,000 to be placed on the property for five years; that the school tax be \$800 for such term. That the Booth concern assume responsibility at the end of five years.

"3. That in the fishery by-law a clause be inserted to the effect that it be expressly understood that all factories located within the jurisdiction of the city of St. John shall receive a preference from the weirs owned by the city, and that said local factory or factories shall purchase their fish requirements from the full market price at which fish is sold to outside parties."

The suggested clause: "In order to protect and insure the maximum benefit to citizens of St. John from their own fisheries, any, and all sardine factories located within the jurisdiction of the said city, or their boatmen, shall have the privilege of securing their requirements of herring at the full market price taking herring from the city's weirs are sold to outside buyers; it being understood that a minimum authority shall be on hand at said time at the weirs to secure such preference. Further, that the above preference shall apply to fish landed on city's fishing privileges."

A. P. Grady, the company's representative explained the proposal, willing to compete in the open market but wanted the preference at the ruling price, and stated that about \$200,000 would be expended in making the first pack. The commissioners expressed themselves as willing to do all they could to assist new industries, but would not do for consideration of the proposition until Monday next.

Committee then rose and resolved itself into council. The commissioner of public works reported that Mrs. Jefferson of West Side, that the city did not hold itself liable for damage from blasting operations last summer, as claimed by her. The fisheries committee reported that the sale had been made. On the recommendation of Commissioner Russell, a renewal of license will be issued to Alice M. Gray, for seven years from the 1st day of May last at \$18.75 per annum, an increase of ten per cent. on the present rental. The Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs recommended that until the appropriation for civil expenditures for the year 1918 is adopted, the Comptroller be authorized to make payments in the present year up to the following named amounts, that is to say:

Maintenance, etc., of fire by: Grants \$ 1,000 Streets 10,000 Sewerage 2,000 Harry 4,000 Lights 8,500 Fire department 5,000 Police department 5,000 Schools, an amount equal to one-twelfth of the warrant for the year 1917. Hospital Commissioners, an amount equal to one-twelfth of 90 per cent. of the warrant for the year 1917.

On motion of Commissioner Russell, acting for Commissioner Hayes, the council authorized immediate purchase of 1,000 feet of fire hose, to be paid for out of 1918 appropriation. On motion of the Commissioner of Public Works a bonus of \$75 was ordered paid to F. W. Jenkins, clerk in his office, and Clifford W. Price, street superintendent for exceptionally good work done during the year, the amount to be taken out of street appropriations for 1917. The resolution presented by the Commissioner of Public Works calling on the Street Railway to lift one of their tracks on Union street was laid over for further consideration. A communication from George Dick complaining of the condition of Quinn's wharf was referred to Commissioner Russell.

The following bills were ordered paid:—J. A. Gregory, \$283.42; W. E. Emerson, \$28.47. On the recommendation of Engineer Hatfield a progress estimate of "Cane & Rine" for \$7,000 was passed. On motion of Commissioner Fisher an expenditure of \$127.50 for permanent sidewalk on Clarification street was changed from a bond issue and transferred to street appropriation for 1917, to be taken care of by unexpended balances.

Mr. Blair was the eldest son of the late Robert Blair, of this city. He entered the employ of the Bank of Nova Scotia about the year 1880, and as the years passed represented that bank in many places in the maritime provinces, and for a time in Minneapolis. In 1905 he joined the staff of the Royal Bank, and as manager in this city added greatly to the popularity of that institution. He was an excellent banker, a most approachable man, and one who gained many personal friends. A gentleman of most kindly instincts, and who was successful in business, and his death at the comparatively early age of fifty-five years will be sincerely regretted. Mr. Blair is survived by two sisters,

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FROM SAILORS

Hew Walker, Manager of Seamen's Institute, Receives Letter of Thanks from Naval Men.

Hew Walker, manager of the Seamen's Institute has just received a letter from the crew of a naval vessel recently in this port expressing their appreciation of the way they were treated in the Institute during their stay in the city, and Mr. Walker treasures very highly this expression of thanks. The letter was as follows: H.M.S.

Dear Sir: I am taking this liberty in writing these few lines to you on behalf of the above mentioned ships company, for the kind reception we all so very gratefully appreciated at your most well conducted Institute on Wednesday the 26th. I can solemnly say, that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves very much, and are still talking about the very welcome way in which we were received. I also would be obliged to you, if you would kindly convey our kindest regards to all who assisted you on that occasion, both ladies and gentlemen. I am sure their attention to us deserves a deal of praise, their services were splendid, I shall also mention the same to our Sailors Mission on our arrival in England. As I cannot express all I would like, I shall at any time be very pleased to assist you in any way I can possibly manage for the welfare of your kind services, and will esteem it a great pleasure to call and see you all, should our vessel ever reach St. John again. Trusting these few lines find you all in the very best of health, and wish you a very prosperous coming year. I am Sir, Faithfully yours, ARTHUR LEIGH, Chief.

MISS ELLA and ADA BLAIR, and two brothers, Alfred and Andrew, all of this city. The date of the funeral is not yet announced. A. H. Eaton. Word was received recently, with deep regret, by friends in this city, of the death, in Baltimore, Md., of a former resident of St. John, A. H. Eaton, at one time a member of the staff of the Eaton & Kerr St. John Business College. He leaves the son, Clarence J. Eaton, of Baltimore.

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WEDDINGS

Gardiner-Oram. A pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Peter's church yesterday morning at five o'clock, when Rev. Father Coghlan, C.S.S.R. united in marriage Miss Mary Eleanor Oram, eldest daughter of Pte. and Mrs. W. E. Oram, Prospect Point, to Sergt. Roy Gardner of Hoyt Station, recently returned from overseas. Miss Benson, Dowry, of Millidge avenue was bridesmaid, and Wm. Oram, Jr., brother of the bride, supported the groom. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gardner with friends left by auto for the bride's home where a dainty wedding breakfast was served. The bride and groom left last evening for the groom's home at Hoyt Station for a short stay, after which they will proceed to Montreal and other Canadian cities.

OBITUARY

Thomas B. Blair. It was with deep regret that the city learned of the death of Thomas B. Blair, of 55 Carmarthen street, to Frank Scott of this city, took place early yesterday morning in the Cathedral with Nuptial Mass. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. M. Duke. The happy couple were unattended and after the ceremony returned to the home of the bride at 55 Carmarthen street. The wedding breakfast was served. They left 7 o'clock yesterday morning on the east bound train for a short trip in Upper Canada. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and beautiful gifts from a host of admiring friends. On their return they will reside at 55 Carmarthen street.

PERSONALS

Miss Emma J. Shanks is leaving the city for an indefinite period.

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FUNERALS

The funeral of Mary J. Morton was held Tuesday afternoon from St. Paul's church, Rothney street. Service was conducted by Canon Daniel and interment was made in Fernhill. The funeral of Miss Edith Short took place Tuesday from her parents' residence, Crown street. Service was conducted by Rev. G. A. Kubring and interment was made in Fernhill. The funeral of Thomas V. Breen took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 84 Moore street. Services were conducted by Rev. Neil J. McLaughlin. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground. The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Gregory took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 170 Canterbury street, to Trinity church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Canon Armstrong. Interment was made in Fernhill.

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- 3 Fur Lined Coats, Fine Quality Rat Lined, Black Beaver Shell, Persian Collar. Regular \$60.00. Sizes 1-38, 1-40 and 1-42 only. Sale Price \$49.80

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ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Officers Elected at Meeting of N. B. Provincial Advisory Committee for Co-operating in Boys' Work—Rev. P. R. Hayward is the President.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Provincial Advisory Committee, for co-operation in boys' work, was held yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. with Rev. P. R. Hayward presiding. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Rev. P. R. Hayward; vice president, A. R. Cruikshank; secretary-treasurer, A. M. Gregg. A yearly report of the committee showed the work throughout the province to be making steady advancement. During the last year, local advisory committees were organized at Woodstock, Campbellton, Hampton, Fredericton and St. John. A detailed report of the work in these various centres was given. Many plans for the work of the present year were discussed but no immediate action taken.

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF FINANCE

MANY STOCKS RECORD GAINS OF FROM TWO TO SEVEN PTS.

Spirit of Cheerfulness Pervades Financial District on First Business Day of New Year—Crystallization of Greater Confidence Resulting From United States Government's Action Respecting Railroad Control—United States Steel up 5 1-4.

New York, Jan. 2.—A spirit of cheerfulness pervaded the financial district on the first business day of the new year, many stocks recording gains of two to seven points.

The further improvement was accepted as a crystallization of the greater confidence resulting from the government's action respecting railroad control, although that group was strictly backward in today's movement.

Prices attained to highest levels in the active final hour, the rise coming on the heels of the announcement that the department of justice had recommended postponement of further action in certain of the anti-trust cases.

LONDON MARKET OPENS FAVORABLY

War News Regarded as Favorable and Consols Advance—Money in Good Supply.

London, Jan. 2.—The stock market opened the year's trading with a confident undertone. The war news was regarded as favorable and consols advanced seven-eighths. Home rails and Argentine and French bonds improved on re-investment of dividends and mining, rubber and shipping shares showed several strong features. Guatemalan bonds declined 2 points.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

Table of N.Y. Quotations including Am Sugar, Am Car Fdry, Am Loco, Am Smelting, Am Steel, Am Zinc, Am Tole, Amacoals, Am Can, Atchafalca, Bait and O, Bald Loco, Behl Steel, B Rap Tran, Bait and Sup, C F I, Ches and O, Chino, Cent Leather, Con Pac, Distillers, Con Gas, Crue Steel, Erie, Erie 1st Pfd, Gen Elec, Gen Nor Ore, Del and Hud, Ind Alcohol, N Y Copper, Kan City, Kenn Cop, Lehigh Val, Lo and Nash, Mer Mar Pfd, Mex Pete, Miami Cop, Mid Steel, NY NH and H, NY Cent, Nor and W, Nor Pac, Nat Lead, Nev Cons, Pennsylvania, Press St Car, Road Com, Rep Steel, St Paul, So Pacific, So Railway, Studebaker, Union Pac, U B Com, U B Rubber, Utah Cop, Westinghouse, West Union, U B Steel Pfd 109.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

Table of Chicago Produce including Oats, Barley, Timothy, Clover, Pork, Lard, Corn, High, Low, Close, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.

STEEL ISSUES LEAD MARKET AGAIN, MOTORS RISING

Railroads Not Prominent in Advance as They Are Not Peace Stocks and Their Poor Earnings of Past Will Hit Stockholders.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS). New York, Jan. 2.—A temporary reaction in the early afternoon was quickly followed by a resumption of the advance. The steel issues led the market, but the motors remained the prominent feature and the trading spread through a wide range of issues.

The ease with which specialties moved forward bespoke further participation of the bears, resumption on a large scale of pool activity and no little revival of public interest.

TEACHERS MEET AT FREDERICTON

Conference Today with Inspector and Principal of Normal School.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 2.—The executive of the Provincial Teachers' Institute met in the library of the Normal School tonight. Tomorrow morning a conference of the chief superintendent of education will be held.

TORONTO PRODUCE

Table of Toronto Produce including Toronto, Jan. 2.—Quotations are as follows: Ontario wheat, No. 2 winter, 2.22; basis in store Montreal.

NEWS SUMMARY

(McDOUGALL & COWANS). New York, Jan. 2.—Penna. all lines Nov. net after taxes decrease \$3,181,399.40. Eleven months decrease \$16,399,400.

MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Jan. 2.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 2.15 to 2.30. OATS—Canadian western No. 3, 92c; extra No. 1, 92c.

DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT IN THE CANADIAN MARKETS

More Active Demand at Montreal and Some Sharp Advances Recorded as Result of Scarcity of Offerings—Dominion Iron Rises 3 3-4 to 56 and Steel of Canada 2 3-8 to 52 3-8.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Jan. 2.—The new year opened with distinct improvement on the Canadian stock exchange, a further outburst of bullish enthusiasm at New York being effective in promoting a more active demand in the Canadian list and some sharp advances were recorded as the result of a scarcity of offerings.

CONSTANT AND SPEEDY DISPATCH OF TROOPS BY UNITED STATES

(Continued from page 1) Supreme War Council.

Arrangements were made to have the United States participate in military deliberations of a supreme war council as a step toward efficient and centralized unity of control of military operations.

ROYAL MAIL West Indies Voyages

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CORN EASIER ON CHICAGO MARKET

January Worth \$1.26 3-8 and May \$1.24 3-8—Export Buying Raises Price of Oats.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Corn prices showed a tendency to come down today, owing to warmer weather that promised to help bring about more liberal receipts. Selling, however, was not aggressive and the market soon rallied when oats developed strength.

MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS). Bid. Ask. Dom Iron Com . . . 66 66 1/2 Steel Co Can Com . . . 63 63 1/2

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

(McDOUGALL & COWANS). High Low Close Jan . . . 31.44 30.32 30.42 Mar . . . 30.80 30.37 30.33 July . . . 30.45 29.83 30.21



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After October 1st, 1917, and until further notice, a steamer of this line will run as follows:

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Return, leave Turnbull's Wharf, St. John, Wednesdays at 7:30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via Wilson's Beach, Campbell and Eastport.

Leave Grand Manan Thursdays at 7:30 a. m. for St. Stephen via Campbell, Eastport, Cunnings Cove and St. Andrew.

Return, leave St. Stephen Fridays at 7:30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via St. Andrew, Cunnings Cove, Eastport and Campbell.

Leave Grand Manan Saturdays at 7:30 a. m. for St. Andrew.

Return, leave St. Andrew Saturdays at 1 p. m. calling at Campbell, Cunnings Cove and Eastport en route.

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NEGOTIATING

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NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE BROKEN OFF

Bolshevik Government Terminates Conference Because of German Attitude in Regard to Poland and Lithuania.

London, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolshevik government, owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania, and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Lida, Minsk and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News, appearing in a late edition of that paper today.

The despatch quotes an article from the Bolshevik newspaper *Isvestia*, discussing "the new phase in the peace negotiations." The article says that owing to pressure from below, the Germans have been obliged to sell their lips with the formula put forward by the Socialists at the beginning of the war, but the German imperialists would not be impractical if they did not try to take back in fact what with gritted teeth they yielded in words.

The Russian revolution cannot accept their conditions to retain Poland and Lithuania. "Just so try it, gentlemen," says the *Isvestia*.

This is the line, the correspondent of the Daily News adds, that probably will be taken at a general meeting tonight (Tuesday) to consider the report of the Russian peace demands.

The Bolshevik aim, he adds, is a world revolution of peace on their own terms, which they think will discredit the imperialists generally, he correspondent continues.

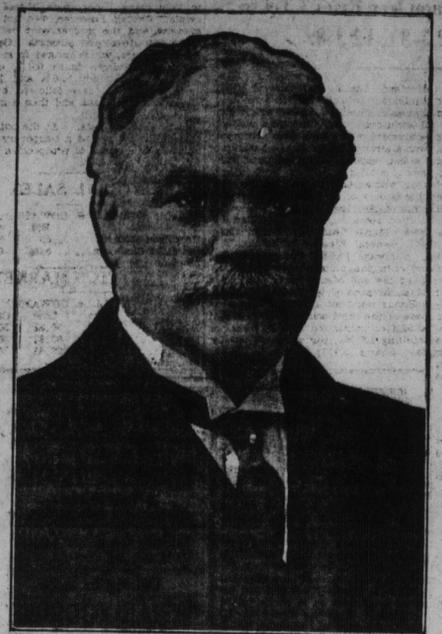
And he, in the long run, Russia is driven to conclude a separate peace on any other terms, I prophesy that the Russian signatories to such a peace will not be the Bolsheviks, but members of opposition political parties.

BRITISH SAILORS' RELIEF FUND.

The president of the Navy League has received from Loyalist Chapter I, O. D. E., a cheque for \$687.65 for the British Sailors' Relief Fund, being part of the proceeds of the War Trophies Exhibition held in St. Andrews, N.S., last week.

CHIEF JUSTICE HAZEN TO BE ON WASHINGTON COMMISSION

Joint Conference to Consider Outstanding Fishery Questions Between Canada and the United States Will Be Held at United States Capital Next Week—Highly Important Convention.



Ottawa, Jan. 2.—A joint conference to consider outstanding fishery questions between Canada and the United States will be held at Washington with the opening of the second week of the present month. The Canadian representatives at the conference will be Chief Justice J. D. Hazen, ex-minister of the naval department of which the fisheries branch is a part; G. J. Desbarats, C. M. G., deputy minister of the department, and W. A. Fourn, superintendent of fisheries.

At this conference not only will questions of privileges to fishing vessels of either countries in ports of the other be considered, but also such questions as the restoration and adequate protection of the Fraser river salmon fisheries, and the protection of the halibut fishery on the Pacific coast.

CANADA WILL AID PEASANT FARMERS OF ALLIED LANDS

British Empire Fund to Be Raised by Voluntary Subscription for This Purpose.

Cause is Worthy One and Should Enlist Hearty Cooperation of All Canadians.

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—Our country, with its allies, is waging a great war for justice, for the protection of small nations in the enjoyment of their rights, for continued and growing freedom and for the maintenance of its pledged word of honor. Much destruction and desolation have been caused. The peasant farmers of Belgium, France, Serbia, Roumania and Italy, whose farms were in the immediate areas of battle, have lost everything, and in some cases even the land itself.

A British Empire Fund is being raised by voluntary contributions to render first aid in the restoration of agriculture on such farms in the devastated regions of France, Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and Italy. The object of the fund is to help in reinstating the peasant farmers in the invaded countries of our Allies. This will be done by gifts of seed, livestock, implements, etc., to enable them to make a fresh start.

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, who was a member of the executive committee in England, is patron of the Canadian branch. His Excellency invited the Lieutenant-Governor of each province to appoint a member of a committee for his province.

After a visit to all the provinces of Canada I can report that they are in hearty sympathy with the proposal that Canadian farmers should participate in contributing to the relief of their brother farmers, on whom have fallen such terrible losses, because their farms and homes were in the invaded districts.

The Ministers of Agriculture and the leaders of the agricultural organizations in the several provinces have expressed themselves as entirely in sympathy with the effort to provide an opportunity in each province through which the farmers may extend practical financial aid to their brother farmers who have suffered so greatly.

Organizations Aid.—The general plan is for each provincial committee to invite the cooperation of existing organizations of farmers, such as Farmers' Institutes, Women's Institutes, Farmers' Clubs, the United Farmers, the Grass Growers' Association, and similar bodies in all the provinces to arrange for their officers, in each place, to become a local committee to disseminate information, to receive contributions, and to forward them to the Provincial Honorary Secretary-Treasurer for the province.

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The loss is probably \$30,000. Charles Gillis, chief of the Calais fire department, fell through the elevator shaft and received a bad shaking up.

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Ontario Win-the-War League Pleased with Splendid Victory of Union Government.

The Ontario Win-the-War League at its first meeting after the general election passed a resolution congratulating the Premier and Union Government on the splendid victory gained on December 17, and the following letter was sent to Sir Robert Borden: Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, P. C., G. C. M. G., M. P., Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—At a recent meeting of this League, being the first held after the general election, the following resolution was passed, to be signed by the President and Honorary Secretary, and Mrs. Maciver signing for the women of the executive, with instructions that it be sent to you and thereafter given to the press: Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Ontario Win-the-War League transmit to Sir Robert Borden and the Union Government of the Dominion of Canada, its deepest congratulations upon the triumphant return of the Union Government to power, with an expression of confidence that it will weld together all that is best in Canadian sentiment and manage the prosecution of the war as the chief business of the Dominion until peace is declared.

In accordance with our instructions, we therefore beg to sign ourselves: JOHN M. GODFREY, President. FRANK WISE, Hon. Secretary. JESSIE C. MACIVER, For the Women of the Executive.

FAIRWEATHER AND KEITH WINNERS

Mayor McKenna and Waide 1 and 2 Candidates Had No Opposition in Busy Sussex.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, Jan. 2.—Arthur Keith and Walter S. Fairweather were elected aldermen in ward 2 today by about a 2 to 1 vote over Walter Baldwin. Mayor McKenna and the nominees in ward 1, W. F. Myles and Abner Cripps, and in ward 2, F. R. DeBoo and W. E. McLeod, were elected without opposition. Mayor McKenna and Alderman Myles were in the last council.

HAMPTON VS. CARLETON. The curling season in St. John will officially open this evening when the Hampton Curlers meet the Carleton players in the Carleton rink. This rink has been put into perfect order to tonight's game and it is expected that some good curling will be the result.

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Provincial Appointments An-
 nounced in Royal Gazette—
 Prohibitory Act Appointees.

Special to The Standard.
 Fredericton, Jan. 2.—The provincial
 government opened a session tonight.
 Hon. J. P. Byrne, attorney general, and
 Hon. Robert Murray, provincial secre-
 tary, arrived this morning. Other
 members arrived tonight.
 His Honor the Lieut. Gov. has been
 pleased to accept the resignation of
 Francis Potier as labor act commis-
 sioner for the parish of Rogersville;
 to remove John Ryan as provincial
 constable of Bath, in Carleton, for
 cause; and to approve of the appoint-
 ment of Joshua B. Babirick, of Elgin,
 Albert Co., to be deputy sheriff.

The following appointments are
 made under the Prohibition Act: Jas.
 J. Degrace, of Dorchester, to be sub-in-
 spector for the parish of Rogersville;
 Fred Lucas, of Newcastle, to be in-
 spector; J. H. Ashford, of Newcastle, to be
 temporarily inspector for the county
 of Northumberland; W. H. Finley to be
 inspector for the parish of St. Mary's,
 county of York.

The following appointments are
 made for New Brunswick:
 J. D. B. P. McKeanie, of Chatham, to be
 a provincial analyst under the intoxi-
 cating liquors act, 1916.
 Charlotte—Fred W. Gekwabury, of
 Charlotte, Deer Island, to be justice
 of the peace.
 Kent—Hon. D. V. Landry, M.D., to be
 coroner for county.

Glooucester—Richard Hachey, of Car-
 squet, to be justice of the peace;
 Madawaska—Thaddeus Hebert, to be
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 or the supplying of needs or comforts
 to sufferers from the war, or to sol-
 diers, returned soldiers or their fam-
 ilies or dependents, or any other char-
 itable purposes connected with the
 present European war. Any ques-
 tion whether a charity is a war char-
 ity shall be finally determined by the
 Minister.

The Act also provides:
 (1) It shall not be lawful to make
 any appeal to the public for donation,
 or subscriptions in money or in kind
 for any war charity as hereinbefore
 defined, or to raise or attempt to raise
 money for any such war charity by
 promoting any bazaar, sale, entertain-
 ment or exhibition, or by any similar
 means, unless—
 (a) the war charity is either ex-
 empted from registration or is
 registered under this Act; and
 (b) the approval in writing of the
 executive committee or other
 governing body of the war char-
 ity has been obtained, either di-
 rectly or through some person
 duly authorized to give such
 approval on behalf of such gov-
 erning body;

and if any person contravenes any of
 the provisions of this section he shall
 be guilty of an offence against this
 Act.

This section shall not apply to
 any collection at Divine Service in a
 place of public worship.
 The Act was assented to on the
 20th of September, 1917, and the above
 section so far as it relates to registra-
 tion is applicable to War Charities on
 the 20th of December, 1917. After that
 date, collections made otherwise than
 on behalf of a registered War Charity
 by subscriptions, donations, bazaars,
 sales, entertainments, exhibitions, or
 similar means of collecting money are
 illegal.

Regulations and information respect-
 ing registration may be obtained
 from the undersigned.
THOMAS MULVEY,
 Under-Secretary of State,
 Ottawa, December 3, 1917.

Around the City

CONTINUED COLD.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS. City and County of St. John, Hugh McDermott, of Park Leonard, to be auctioneer, Bernard E. Gallagher, to be justice of the peace.

WAR TROPHIES FAIR. Red Cross Society acknowledges from the Loyalist Chapter, I. O. E., three-fourths of the proceeds of the War Trophies Fair, amounting to \$2,062.94.

HARBOR REVENUE. Harbor revenue for December, 1917, was less than the total for the corresponding month of the previous year by \$1,212.30. The total for the last month of 1917 was \$10,765.45.

THE B. AND L. CLUB. The B. and L. Club recently forwarded \$12.50 to Mayor Hayes for the Halifax Relief Fund. Through an omission this amount was not previously acknowledged.

BOARD OF TRADE JOURNAL. The December issue of the Board of Trade Journal has just been published. It contains some very interesting facts about St. John and its development of late years, and is well worthy of careful perusal by all.

ENLISTED YESTERDAY. A. E. Smith, of Bradstreet's financial house in the city enlisted in the artillery branch of the service yesterday. This is the fifth man who has been connected either directly or indirectly with the branch in the city, who has enlisted in the service of the empire.

GR. KILLEN IN ENGLAND. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Killen received a cablegram from their son Gunner Fred Killen on New Year's day. The young hero sent the cable one greeting to his parents. He is on a furlough after many months at the front and is on his way to visit Ireland.

MORE FIRE CALLS. Box 127 was rung in yesterday morning when a stove in a house in Bentley street exploded. A still alarm was sent in at five o'clock yesterday morning from Whelpley's wood-yard. City road, where a small fire around the boiler was easily put out by the chemical.

MATTER IN REVIEW. A. S. Proffit, the father of the young lad that died recently at the St. John Infirmary while under the influence of anaesthetics, stated to the Standard last night that he had placed the case in the hands of his lawyer who will decide whether to take action or not after reviewing the case.

REQUEST FOR NAMES. Mayor Hayes yesterday received from Col. T. McKelvey Bell a letter of appreciation of the services of the St. John doctors and nurses who assisted in the relief work at Halifax, and a request for their names, as the historian of the medical work, Prof. D. Fraser Harris, wished to place them on record.

EXTENDED CALL TO PASTOR. The Victoria Street United Baptist church at a business meeting last night unanimously extended a call to Rev. I. W. Williamson, to be their pastor. Mr. Williamson has been in the maritime provinces for two years as general secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board, coming to the province from British Columbia. Mr. Williamson has visited St. John frequently in the course of his work and has made a host of friends. The congregation of the Victoria street church are to be congratulated on their selection, and it is hoped that Mr. Williamson will be able to accept the offer.

A PLEASING PROGRAMME. The annual Christmas supper and entertainment for the Sunday school children of St. John the Baptist Mission Church, Paradise Row, was held in the school room last evening. About 100 children attended to supper at 5.30 o'clock, after which tea was served to them in the school room by the ladies of St. Monica's Guild. They then carried out a pleasing programme of songs, recitations and choruses. The entertainment was concluded by the appearance of Santa Claus, impersonated by I. J. Clark, who distributed candies and candy from the large Christmas tree among the delighted scholars.

NOTICE.

Subscribers for the Victory War Loan will please take notice that it is absolutely necessary for them to surrender the Provisional Receipts which were provided by the Banks, when making the second payment on account of their subscriptions. Banks are not permitted to deliver the Government Scrip Certificates unless they receive the Provisional Receipts. It must also be borne in mind that the Banks will not charge the amount of the second payment due on January 2nd to subscribers' accounts. It is necessary for subscribers to forward cheques on their accounts covering the ten per cent. instalment due, or payment in full as the case may be. For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.00. Saturday afternoon from two until six o'clock.

GHLMOUR'S JANUARY CLEARANCE. Of broken lines of overcoats begins today. The reductions are generous, the materials are worthy, the prices will appeal to you—if you have been "putting off" putting on an overcoat this is your chance. Sale prices \$10.50 to \$25.00—many at \$12.50, \$15.50 and \$18.50. 68 King street.

THE MEN OF CLASS A WILL BE CALLED TO COLORS TODAY

Under Provisions of Military Service Act Forty-three Men Will Report to Lieut.-Col. McAvity This Morning—New Brunswick Will Supply About 3,000 Men on First Call—Arrangements for Reception of Men.

Forty-three men called to the colors under the provisions of the Military Service Act will report for duty to Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity this morning. This marks the initial call to the eligibles under the act. Everything is in readiness at the exhibition buildings for their reception. The Standard learned from the military authorities yesterday afternoon that as soon as the men arrive they will have to undergo a careful medical examination before enlisting. This is a precaution taken to insure the health of the troops. The men who are to report today are all class "A," and have either been listed for service or have been refused exemption, not having produced evidence to warrant their exemption. They received their notice a week or ten days ago and represent every county in the province. It is the intention of the authorities to have fifty men report for service daily until the number which New Brunswick is called upon to produce under the act has been supplied. Although the military officials and the registrar are sworn to secrecy regarding the number of men New Brunswick will be called upon to produce, The Standard learned from a reliable source yesterday that this province will supply at least 3,000 men as a result of the first call.

The men arriving in the city will be met at the train by a party of military men from the Depot Unit, who will display a banner which will be written, "Selective Draft Men Report Here." Having assembled in party at the railway depot they will march to the Exhibition building to fill out the usual military papers. Having done this, they will go before the medical officer, Capt. Smith, for examination. He will be assisted by Capt. Desbrow and Lieut. Leatherbarrow. It is the intention of the officers to call the men shortly after their arrival.

It is understood that men called up under the Military Service Act, and who fail to report for duty when notified to do so, will, before action is taken, have their names published in the press. It is thought that this brand of infamy will have the desired effect and that men rather than have themselves heralded as deserters will report promptly for duty. There is stationed at the Military Depot in St. John, a detachment of competent and highly trained staff officers who will instruct the men in the various branches of the service. No definite statement has been given to the press as to the number of men who will make up the different overseas draft, but it is thought in military circles that the men will proceed overseas in drafts of 200. All the men coming within class one will report to the Military Depot in St. John, and it is thought that there would be two or possibly three military depots in the province, but such is not the case. St. John will be the only depot in New Brunswick.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND KENT COUNTIES ARE NOW EXEMPTED

Resident Applied for Exemption from Military Service and Was Found Suffering from Small-pox—Court Fumigated, Officials and Lawyers Vaccinated—Men of Class A in These Counties Exempted for Several Weeks.

As the result of appealing to Mr. Justice Chandler from the decision of the local exemption tribunal, a young man, a resident of Northumberland county, not only had his own exemption granted but has been the means of exempting two counties, Northumberland and Kent, from the provisions of the Military Service Act for an indefinite period. Applying to The Standard's North Shore correspondent, the young man applied for exemption on several grounds among which was infirmity. After hearing the applicant's plea, Mr. Justice Chandler informed another medical examination. The result of this examination disclosed the fact that the young man was suffering from small-pox, and the rash was quite prominent on his face, more particularly the body, immediately the court was notified at Chatham and all who were present at the hearing were obliged to undergo vaccination. Among this number was a barrister and other court officials. The court room was also disinfected thoroughly.

On learning of the prevalence of this contagious disease in the counties referred to above, the military authorities decided that in the interest of the public no more men should be called from this section of the province until matters had been investigated. This means that the counties of Northumberland and Kent will not be obliged to send men to the St. John depot for an indefinite period. This will not, however, affect the few men who are due to arrive in the city this morning, as they are all word at least a week ago to report, and it was not thought necessary to undergo a thorough and stringent medical examination before going into barracks.

Officers of Union Lodge Installed. D. C. Clark, Grand Master, Assisted by Other Grand Lodge Officers, Installed Officers of Union Lodge of Portland Last Night. The following officers were installed last night at the meeting of the Union Lodge of Portland No. 10 in the Masonic Temple German street, by D. C. Clark, the Most Worshipful Grand Master assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge: G. Harvey Tapley, W. M. Harvey N. M. Stanbury, I. P. M. A. Ernest Everett, S. W. Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, J. W. Canon Armstrong, Chaplain. W. B. Wallace, Treasurer. J. Twining Hart, Secretary. Horace A. Parker, S. D. F. S. Savase, J. D. George S. MacBeth, S. S. Oliver Dickson, J. S. Percy D. McAvity, D. of C. D. Arnold Fox, organist. Frank A. McDonald, I. G. Robert Clarke, Tyler.

UNION JACK LODGE AND DOMINION INSTALL OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers of Union Jack P. A. P. B., and Dominion L. O. B. A. Took Place in Simonds Street Hall Last Night.

The installation of officers took place last evening at the annual meeting of the Union Jack Lodge, No. 25, P. A. P. B., in the Orange Hall, Simonds street. The following officers were installed by the present past master, W. Spence, assisted by John Jones of King Edward Lodge, No. 30, who acted as grand director: H. McCaw, W. M. H. Allen, I. D. M. B. W. Spence, recording secretary. H. Curran, financial secretary. J. M. Howe, treasurer. H. Hamilton, D. of S. A. M. Wheaton, I. G. T. Morrell, O. G. Executive Committee—E. H. Morrell, forman; A. M. Wheaton and I. B. Francis, lecturers.

At the annual meeting of Dominion Lodge, No. 18, L. O. B. A., in the Orange Hall, Simonds street, last evening, the grand master, Mrs. O. Akroy, assisted by Miss Josephine Woodland, installed the following officers for the year: W. M. Mrs. T. Rogers, D. M. Mrs. E. Appleby, chaplain. Mrs. L. Patricque, recording secretary. Mrs. K. Bird, financial secretary. Mrs. E. C. Moran, treasurer. Mrs. G. Marshall, D. of C. Miss E. Matthews, lecturer. Mrs. L. E. G. Mrs. T. Vallis, O. G. John Rogers, guardian. Executive Committee—Mrs. L. Brown, forelady; Mrs. F. Naves, Mrs. Flowering, Miss M. Shields, Miss E. Moran, Mrs. McKinnon and J. Rogers. Trustees—Mrs. S. Shields, Mrs. E. C. Moran and Mrs. L. Patriquen. Miss M. Shields, planter. Following the installation of officers refreshments were served and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

THE FIREMEN HAD A NARROW ESCAPE FROM BEING KILLED

While Men Surrounded Building of Blue Ribbon Beverage Co. Tuesday Night Heavily Charged Cylinders Exploded—One Carried Through the Air Over 300 Yards.

Firemen were doing special duty on the ruins of the North End fire all day yesterday. These men continued on duty until the others had departed. The fire was discovered at 10.10 o'clock Tuesday night and it was after five o'clock yesterday morning that the men who were left of the fire to fight the North End companies. The firemen all worked well during the many hours, with the exception of one man, in circumstance they are all very thankful to the thoughtful residents in the vicinity of the burning buildings who had the men with an abundance of good hot tea and coffee as well as plenty of bread, cake and pie.

Little did the general public think that while the brave firemen were fighting the flames that destroyed the Blue Ribbon Beverage Company building that these men had a narrow escape from death on more than one occasion. In the building were a number of cylinders which were highly charged. Two of the number exploded from the heat and there was such force behind them that they tore through the burning building. These cylinders are about three or four feet high, about eight inches in circumference and would weigh about sixty pounds. One that exploded was driven through the roof of the building at an angle eastward and fell near a tree in front of St. Peter's hall, a distance of over three hundred yards from the burning building. Had the cylinder crashed out through the side of the building it would no doubt have caused some loss of life.

The St. John firemen are good workers and they have lately been getting plenty of hard fighting under the most trying circumstances.

When they make better Coats for the money than those Dykeman's are showing, they will have them, perhaps not in as large a quantity of models as we would like to show you, but at the prices charged at Dykeman's what could you expect. The remaining Black Hudson Seal Coats, some eight in all, are of exceptional quality, lined and finished perfectly. The prices too, quality considered, defies comparison. We believe our Seal Coat values are the best in Canada, offering you wonderful value for your money. The skins are beautifully soft and even. The linings are of the finest warranted for two seasons wear. We stand backed of every coat that leaves our show rooms, no matter what the price may be. Before deciding to purchase that Fur or Seal Coat you will be interested, no doubt in Dykeman's display.

Band at Victoria Rink tonight and every night this week. CALANDERS RECEIVED. The Standard is in receipt of a very pretty 1918 calendar from George A. Rivoker, druggist at 87 Charlotte street; also a business calendar from Messrs Lockhart and Ritchie, agents for the Continental Fire Insurance Co.

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