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ENTENTE ALLIES WILL DEAL WITH HUN NOTE BEFORE TAKING UP MR. WILSON'S--- TEUTON ARMY CAPTURES RIMNIK SARAT

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN UNISON

Reply of Entente Allies to Peace Proposals of Central Powers May be Dispatched by End of Week, Although Verbal Alterations in Notes of Other Entente Countries May Necessitate Further Delays.

IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY STEPS WILL BE TAKEN BY GREAT BRITAIN AND OTHER ENTENTE COUNTRIES REGARDING PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE AND ITS SWISS COUNTERPART UNTIL THEY HAVE DEALT WITH GERMAN PROPOSALS.

Logdon, Dec. 27.—Communications continue to pass between the capitals of the Entente Allies' nations regarding the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Central Powers and their allies. The answer has been prepared in Paris, and is now the subject of discussion between the various ministers. It is unlikely that any steps will be taken by Great Britain and the other countries of the Entente regarding President Wilson's note and its Swiss counterpart until the Entente Allies have dealt with the German proposals. It is understood here that the responsibility does not give specific terms, but refers generally to the objects of the Allies. These participating in the discussion speak of the difficulty of expressing the general purposes in concrete form, so that the reply may be definitely responsive and at the same time convey to neutral countries an adequate idea of the aims and purposes for which the Entente Allies are contending.

Not Naming Specific Terms. The reason for not stating the specific terms is said here to be that the terms of the Allies largely depend upon the extent of the military victory which they confidently expect and that any statements of terms now would be upon the existing military and territorial situation which the German Imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, claimed was based on a German victory. Therefore it is held that Germany is in a position to state her terms, whereas the Entente terms become definite when military successes have been achieved. Sentiment Against Peace. New York, Dec. 27.—A news agency despatch published here today follows: (Continued on page 2)

FAMOUS WOMAN WHO FORETOLD THE EUROPEAN WAR IS DEAD

Paris, Dec. 27.—Madame de Thebes, famous as an astrologist and clairvoyant, is dead at her country residence at Meuz-sur-Loire, aged 72. Her real name was Anna Victorine Savignac. She possessed innumerable secrets concerning the private lives of men and women of note.

Remarkable Career. Mme de Thebes, seeress and prophetess, occupied the position of the "Mother Shipton" of the present generation ever since the night she was launched on her career by the younger Dumas himself. She had been engaged by Dumas to read the palms of 12 distinguished guests whom he invited to dinner, and so remarkable were her statements that an account of the seance was published in the Figaro and her success was assured. Then followed predictions about future world events which proved so startling in their correctness that Mme de Thebes was sought each December by newspapers, magazines and periodicals of all kinds to foretell the events of the coming year. In addition she issued an almanac annually which incorporated all her predictions for the year. Read Palms of Kings. Mme de Thebes secured large financial returns through palmistry and during her career she read the hands of Kings, Princes, Diplomats, Generals, Ministers, and leaders of all activities. Mme de Thebes' greatest fame came through the foreshadowing of the European War and the invasion of Belgium, and nearly approaching that was her prediction that the invading German army would come to the gates of Paris, but would sustain a crushing defeat at the Marne. The United States always proved of interest to Mme de Thebes, and she took an intense interest in American politics. Two years before the birth of the Progressive party she foretold the struggle between President Taft and Ex-President Roosevelt and predicted that neither would ever again

STRENGTH OF ENEMY IS WANING

Germany Feeling that Her Complete Defeat is Near at Hand, Says Emperor Nicholas.

HOUR OF RETRIBUTION FOR WRONGDOINGS

To Conclude Peace at this Moment Would Mean Failure to Utilize Fruits of Un-told Trials.

Petrograd, Dec. 27, via London. (British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—In the course of an order issued to all the units of the Russian army, dated Dec. 25, the Emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for war, as between the Allies and the Central Powers, are being gradually removed, with the result that the enemy's strength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her allies is continually growing, proceeds to say:

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near at hand, and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrongdoings and violations of the moral law. As in the time of her strength she declared war, so now, feeling her weakness near, she suddenly offers to enter on peace negotiations, desiring to complete such negotiations before her military talent is exhausted.

Not Time for Peace.

"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary success over the Roumanians, who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare." Arguing that the Allies are entitled to choose a favorable hour for peace negotiations just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says: "This time has not yet arrived. The enemy has not been driven out of the provinces he has occupied. Russia's attainment of the tasks created by the war—regarding Constantinople and the Dardanelles as well as the creation of a free Poland, from all three of her now incomplete tribal districts—has not yet been guaranteed. To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and fleet. These trials, and the still more sacred memories of these noble sons of Russia, who have fallen on the battlefields, do not permit of thought of peace until final victory over our enemies. Who dares to think that he who brought about war shall have it in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes?"

To Expel Enemy.

In conclusion the Emperor, expressing confidence that no Russian soldier would desire peace until the enemy had been expelled from Russian soil and had given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack, says: "Let us be firm in the certainty of

NATIONAL SERVICE PLAN DOES NOT INVOLVE CONSCRIPTION SAYS SIR ROBERT BORDEN

Premier Declines, However, to Give Assurance that it will Never Come—If it were Necessary to Preserve Existence of State He Would Not Hesitate to Act Accordingly.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Correspondence between Sir Robert Borden, R. B. Bennett, M. P., Director of National Service, and the executive of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, having reference to national service, was given out tonight by the labor executive. The Premier says that the national service plan does not involve conscription. He declines however to give the assurance that it will never come, stating that if it were necessary to preserve the existence of the state he should not hesitate to act accordingly.

Under the circumstances the executive appeals to organized labor to fill in the national service cards.

Premier's Letter. The Premier's letter, addressed to J. C. Walters, president; P. M. Draper, secretary; James Simpson and R. A. Blag, M.P.P., vice-presidents, reads as follows: "Prime Minister's Office, Ottawa, December 27, 1916.

"Dear Sirs: "With reference to our interview of this morning I repeat, once more, that the proposals for national service are not connected with conscription. Rather, the idea was to make an appeal for voluntary national service, which would render unnecessary any resort to compulsion.

"You have asked for an assurance, that under no circumstances will conscription be undertaken or carried out. As I stated to you at our interview, I must decline to give any such assurance. I hope that conscription may not be necessary, but if it should prove the only effective method to preserve the existence of the state and of the liberties which we enjoy, I should not hesitate to act accordingly. For your future information with respect to the purposes of national service I enclose copies of the order-in-council, under which the director general and the directors of national service have been appointed.

Accumulated Wealth.

"You have urged upon me the importance, and indeed the necessity, that the accumulated wealth of the country should bear its due proportion of contribution and sacrifice in this war. The government has already accepted and acted on this principle. Any further proposals in that regard must be submitted to parliament, in the first instance, after obtaining the sanction and approval of the Crown.

"The ranks of organized labor in Canada have made a splendid response to the call for service to the state. Many members of your organizations are fighting at the front, and not a few have made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of liberty, humanity and civilization. The men at the front have the right to feel that we in Canada are doing our utmost to aid and sustain them in their devoted effort for that cause. This indeed is the inspiration and ideal of national service. That each shall do his part as best he can, and to the greatest advantage of the state to which he owes allegiance." (Signed) R. L. BORDEN.

Mr. Bennett's Letter.

Mr. Bennett's letter reads: December 27, 1916.

"Dear Sirs: "Referring to our several interviews, I now confirm my verbal statements to you, viz: While it is obligatory to correctly fill in and promptly return the national service cards, it is only essential that the answers given to questions other than those of fact, should express the conscientious conviction of the person answering those questions. In view of the assurance given by Mr. R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P., director general of national service, that no penalty or coercion will be applied if correct and conscientious replies are given, the undersigned members of the executive council recommend that all members of affiliated unions fill in the answers according to their conscientious opinion, and return the cards as directed."

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ROUMANIA'S GRAIN AND OIL CENTER IN DANGER

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's Troops Capture Important Points and Net of Army Now Closing in on Braila.

PETROGRAD ADMITS RUSIANS AND ROUMANIANS ARE FORCED TO FALL BACK—ARTILLERY DUELS AND TRENCH RAIDS IN FRANCE—DEMOLITION OF GREEK ARMY PROGRESSES.

The net of the Teutonic allies apparently is fast closing in upon Braila, Roumania's oil and grain center on the Danube. Having taken Filipesti, thirty miles to the southwest, Field Marshal Von Mackensen's troops have now captured the railroad town of Rimnik Sarat, relatively the same distance to the east, while the guns of the Dobrudja army are still hammering, and with some success, the Russo-Roumanians at the bridgehead of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila.

Prior to the fall of Rimnik Sarat the Teutonic allies defeated the Russians on a front of ten and a half miles southwest of the town, while the Teutonic Danube army captured several fortified villages, according to the Berlin war office. Petrograd admits that the Russians and Roumanians have been forced to fall back north of Megura, by says elsewhere the invaders were defeated with heavy casualties.

Many Prisoners Taken.

Since December 22, says Berlin, more than 8900 prisoners and twenty-seven machine guns have been captured in Roumania. Artillery duels, sapping operations and attacks by small patrol parties featured Wednesday's fighting on the front in France. There have been sporadic battles at several points along the line in Russia and Galicia from Volhynia to the Carpathians, but no important results have been attained by either side. The usual bombardment is in progress in the Austro-Italian theatre. In Macedonia comparative quiet prevails. The demobilization of the Greek army, in accordance with Greece's promises to the Entente Allies, is being carried out, according to information received at the British foreign office. The Russian emperor, in an order of the day to the Russian army dealing with Germany's proffer of peace, asserts that the proffer was made because Germany feels that her complete defeat is near. The Emperor added that the time for peace had not yet arrived, and he was confident that no Russian soldier would desire peace until the invader had been driven from Russian soil and had given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack.

Fierce Attacks.

Petrograd, Dec. 27, via London—(British admiralty per Wireless Press)—The following statement on military operations was issued today by the war office: "Roumanian front: Throughout the day the enemy made a number of fierce attacks along almost the whole of our front. In the region of the upper stream of the River Rimnik, north of Megura, he succeeded in pressing back slightly our cavalry detachments and infantry detachments of the Roumanians. "On the Rimnik high road our detachments, after having repulsed a series of attacks, were obliged to abandon first line trenches, which were demolished by artillery fire. "Enemy attacks in the remaining sectors were beaten back with great losses to him, and in the village of Valea Seltzei, by our counter-attack, we captured several machine guns.

Battle Continues.

"The battle along the front continues. "In Dobrudja there were operations by small detachments. "In the vicinity of Lake Van our detachments, after having dislodged a Turkish patrol guard, developed an attack and occupied the village of Attman. Under our pressure, the Turks, about a battalion strong, retired eastward."

French Raid Trenches.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The official statement on the campaign issued by the war office tonight reads: "Marked artillery activity was displayed in several sectors south of the Somme. One of our bombardments caused two fires and an explosion in an enemy battery. "In the region of Beauvernes, south of the Ancre, we exploded successfully several mines. At the conclusion of this operation our men raided the trenches, bringing back prisoners. The day was calm on the rest of the front."

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"I regard the note of my government as constituting an acceptance of everything suggested by President Wilson in his note to the belligerent nations of Europe." It was made clear at the embassy that Germany stands ready to make known her terms on the first day of any conference that may be held, and officials expressed themselves as being greatly surprised at the view prevailing in some quarters here that the Berlin government had failed to meet the President's suggestions by not setting down, in the reply, the terms upon which it is willing to make peace. The German diplomats say President Wilson had no intention of drawing a public declaration concerning terms from the Central Powers.

CANADIAN TROOPS IN GT. BRITAIN

Montreal and Western Units Arrive Safely in England.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—It is officially announced through the chief press censorship office that the following troops have arrived safely in England:

The 199th Irish Canadian Rangers, Montreal; 187th and 211th Alberta Battalions; 226th Manitoba Battalion; 237th Railway Construction Battalion. Drafts artillery, engineers, infantry, army service corps, army medical corps and dental corps.

A tremendous downpour of water and a high wind accompanied the storm, and railroads today were facing washouts, high water and torn up telegraph lines. For a hundred miles from Grant county, over portions of Polaski, Lonsdale, Jefferson and Preston counties, the tornado spread destruction. Relief crews were sent out immediately after the storm from Pine Bluff to reach the stricken area.

SIX PERSONS KILLED IN C. P. WRECK

Smith's Falls, Ont., Dec. 27.—Six passengers were killed and six seriously injured when the eastbound Toronto-Montreal C. P. R. express crashed into the westbound Cornwall local at six o'clock this evening near St. Polycarpe Junction, according to reports at divisional headquarters here tonight. The crews of the trains, who were all from Smith's Falls, have notified relatives here that they are safe.

THINK PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING

Washington, Dec. 27.—In spite of the wide gulf between the insistence of the Central Powers for an immediate peace conference and the forecast of an unanimous refusal by the Entente Allies to enter such a conference without knowing Germany's terms in advance, the American government believe that the negotiations in progress are resulting in good.

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TWELVE DEAD IN ARKANSAS TORNADO

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—Twelve persons were killed and twenty-three injured in the tornado which swept over Central Arkansas last yesterday, according to reports received here today. It was feared reports from districts not yet heard from would add to the casualties. Estimates of property damage ran as high as \$3,000,000. Apprehension regarding the fate of the state convict farm at Tucker, in the path of the storm, was allayed today, when a report came saying no one was injured there.

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N. B. POTATO GROWERS MEET AT WOODSTOCK

C. Fred. Fawcett, of Upper Sackville, Prof Blair, Prof Caldwell and others make interesting address.

Woodstock, Dec. 27.—There is a large attendance of farmers and others at the Second Annual Convention and Potato Show, under the auspices of the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Association, which opened this afternoon in the Agricultural College, C. G. Cunningham, the secretary, came here from Fredericton to make arrangements for the opening.

The reading of two papers and the discussion following was the only business transacted. Prof. W. S. Blair, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, Nova Scotia, spoke on the importance of planting vigorous seed stock.

The evening session opened at 8.30 o'clock with a large attendance. A. D. Holyoke, former secretary of the Woodstock Agricultural Society, welcomed the delegates in a brief speech.

Mr. Caldwell was followed in the unavoidable absence of Hon. J. A. Murray, minister of agriculture, by J. A. Clark, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown, P. E. I., who spoke on potato growing.

The convention will be in session all day tomorrow when the principal speakers will be G. C. Cunningham, George Partridge, Guy Porter, W. W. Hubbard and W. W. Baird.

CUBAN MARKETS. Havana, Dec. 16.—Fish market continued steady with good demand which no doubt will not decrease during the season, and following prices—a fraction above or below—will be maintained.

Potatoes received during the week, 50 barrels, Moor Castle, New York, 1,877 bbls., 7,670 bags, San Mateo, Boston.

OFFICE WORKERS FACTORY WORKERS and others who labor indoors should always take the strength-compelling tonic-food in SCOTT'S EMULSION to keep up their strength, nourish their nerves and increase their energy.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM LIEUT. GUY L. SHORT OF ST. JOHN

Well Known Officer Tells of Experience in His First Dash Over the "Top"—Does God Work and is Mentioned in Despatches.

A letter recently received from Lieut. Guy L. Short, who has been for some time at the front, gives a vivid account of the fighting which has been going on over there and tells of some of the comforts and discomforts of the soldier's life.

Some extracts from his letter follow: I am a real soldier at last! I have been over the top and have come back to tell the tale. Our exploit will figure in the official despatches.

The other night the Somme film was shown here and one of our sergeants was playing the piano. Towards the end of the film it shows the German dead and wounded being collected. Our pianist at one broke in to "The End of a Perfect Day."

I had no sleep and no rest from Thursday morning till about four o'clock Sunday morning. In that time I had walked fifteen miles, ten of these were to the waist, had taken part in this advance and was pretty well shaken. The colonel complimented me this morning and told me I was M. I. D. (mentioned in despatches). I really did nothing more than my duty.

The weather at present is horrible. Rain, mud, frost and snow make a forty-eight day in the trenches almost an impossibility, besides making conditions so bad in camp, bivouac or billet. The trenches are in a terrible state, which you will realize when I tell you that we often have to dig a man out with our hands who has sunk

to the waist. Shovels are of no use as the beastly glutinous mud sticks to them and cannot be shaken off. It has to be scraped.

St. John must be quite gay with so many soldiers quartered there. Are any of them billeted on the inhabitants? This would give the natives a slight taste of the real war. At present we are in a peach of a billet. An old French woman is the only soul left, but she keeps it as bright and clean as a pin and fairly pesters us with attention.

For the French people as a whole I have a great admiration. They not only know the full meaning of "carry on," but they do it, and the farms would discredit some of our western wheat magnates.

On Thanksgiving night I was out with a working party and had to walk about ten miles. We were under fire for some time, but luckily no one was hit. I thought to myself, "one week of Thanksgiving."

I have been moving around for two weeks and am now in the 1st Army School for a five weeks' course. It is a general one and embraces no one particular subject, but takes us from squad drill to machine gun and bombing. The school is beautifully situated, being in an old chateau in which I have the luck to be billeted.

KILTIES GET TWENTY-SEVEN MORE RECRUITS

George Fynamore, Former Well Known St. John Baseball Player, One of Number

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 27.—Twenty-seven recruits have been added to the roll of the Kilties 236th Battalion during the first three days of the present week. The Kilties have apparently been the most favored unit in the recruiting boom that has taken place in many sections, including Fredericton and district.

One of these recruits was George Fynamore who some years ago was a well known baseball player. Fynamore figured on several professional teams in Maine and New Brunswick and was at one time with the old St. John Alerts. His brother, Sergt. Bert Fynamore of St. John, went overseas with the 64th Battalion and is now in a hospital, having been wounded recently. Other recruits include Whitman Marks of Kingsclear, William C. Richards and Fred Lebanc of Richibucto and William H. Laird of St. Marys.

Gordon Osborne, son of Major W. H. Osborne, enlisted here today with No. 9 Siege Battery stationed at St. John.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—Norwegian steamship Stenetoppen, New York to Havre, with a general cargo, put in here today in a battered condition. There is water in her holds, one of her boats was smashed, while others were damaged; deck plates are bent, stanchions twisted and her captain reported that one of the crew, Gustave Karlson, a Swede, had been lost overboard.

Swedish agents at THE HAGUE. London, Dec. 27.—A despatch from the Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "In view of the preparatory meeting of delegates to a peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson, German agents have arrived at the Hague and are making inquiries for hotel accommodations for German delegates."

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Immense Building Completely Destroyed, Entailing Loss of Quarter of Million.

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CANADIAN RESPONSIBLE FOR CAPT. BOELKE'S DEATH.
London, Ont., Dec. 27.—Letters from France announce that the general officer commanding the British air forces has proved conclusively that Lieut. Eddie McKay, Western University hockey and football star, of this city, was with a fellow aviator, responsible for the death of Captain Boelke, the famous German aviator. Decorations by the King are said to be slated for McKay.

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HON. RUPERT GUINNESS WELL SATISFIED WITH THE NAVAL RECRUITING

In City Yesterday on His Return From Halifax—Not Impressed With Wilson's Peace Proposals.

"I don't think that the peace that Woodrow Wilson might bring about would be the stable peace that Britain and her allies desire," said Captain the Hon. Rupert Guinness, M. P., A. D. C., who with Lady Guinness reached the city from Halifax.

The distinguished visitors are guests at the Royal Hotel.

Captain Guinness and Lady Gwendolyn are here after a successful tour of the Maritime Provinces in the interests of the movement to secure recruits for the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, overseas division. They are leaving this evening for Montreal en route to Ottawa, where they will meet Hon. J. D. Hazen and discuss plans for the further prosecution of the campaign.

"While we might have secured more recruits, I am thoroughly satisfied with my visit to Canada from the standpoint of the interest that has been aroused in the movement," said Captain Guinness to a reporter from The Standard. "I think we have succeeded in getting active provincial committees organized who will carry the work to a successful conclusion. Of the 2,000 men we desire from Canada for the navy, we have already succeeded in recruiting about 600, and prospects are bright for securing the full quota in the early future."

Captain Guinness and Lady Gwendolyn visited Halifax, Moncton, Truro, New Glasgow and Sydney since their visit to St. John two weeks ago. At each centre they were most enthusiastically greeted. Nova Scotia will have an active general secretary in the person of Mrs. Edgier Archibald, Chief Justice Graham of Halifax.

Captain Guinness and Lady Gwendolyn will be the guests of Mrs. J. D. Hazen at lunch today.

WORKS AMONG THE POOR IN CANADA'S METROPOLIS

East St. John Girl Has Succeeded as District Secretary of Montreal Charitable Association.

Miss Mary Ross, daughter of Rev. James Ross of East St. John, will leave this evening for Montreal to resume her duties as district secretary of the Montreal Charitable Association. Miss Ross graduated in Arts at Dalhousie University in May last and for the past six months has been actively engaged in welfare work in Montreal. She made a brilliant course at Dalhousie and her friends were not surprised when it was announced that she had accepted such an important post at Montreal.

"It is the endeavor of our association to do effective work for the needy of the city," said Miss Ross. "It is difficult to appreciate the conditions that exist in some of the families in Montreal. Just at the present time there are about twenty-five families in my district. We go to the homes, find out what they want, and send it to them immediately. The organization comprises about ten visiting officials and a large staff including a district secretary. Many of the leading ladies of Montreal are interested in the work which undoubtedly serves to do much good among the unfortunate families in the big city."

Miss Mary Ross is one of the family of six children of the Rev. James Ross who have taken courses at Dalhousie College. Two of the boys, "Sandy" and Don have joined the colors, the former as a member of the McGill Medical Unit, and the latter as a member of the 9th Stages Battery, now stationed on Partridge Island.

STANDARD AWAKENED OLD MEMORIES.

An interesting feature of the St. John Standard's Christmas number was an article on New Brunswick shipping. It went back to the good old days when St. John was recognized as one of the greatest shipping ports in the British Empire, and when New Brunswick built ships carried the British ensign to all parts of the known world. The article gave a list of the concerns that carried on the shipbuilding industry in different parts of the province, and in naming some of the great square-riggers which brought renown to this province in the old days, the place of honor was given to the bark Marco Polo. This great ship, which is described as "the most celebrated of them all," was built and launched in St. John in 1851.

—Fredericton Mail.

SEA PUT FIRE OUT.

St. John's, Nfld., Telegram, 21st. says: While on her way from Sydney, N. S. W., the barkentine GRIBBIE, caught fire following an explosion in the donkey house. With no way to fight the blaze it seemed as if the ship would be lost. Then a giant wave, lashed by the heavy wind, swept over the vessel, the blazing donkey house went overboard and the fire was out.

MEN OF THE MERCHANT MARINE RIGHT ROYALLY ENTERTAINED AT THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Capt. The Honorable Rupert Guinness, Lady Gwendolyn, Lieut. Wood and Rev. F. S. Poole the Speakers at Pleasant Function Last Evening.—All Emphasized Importance of Work Done by Britain's Merchant Marine.

The men of the merchant marine had the consciousness of duty well done and about the only words in mind to express the feelings of the people of the Empire toward the men of the merchant marine were "Thank You."

Mrs. Murray Long then entertained with a solo, after which L. P. D. Tilley announced that the formal programme had been completed and the ladies' auxiliary would take charge and entertain them in another way. He then called for three cheers for the institute, which were given with a will, and cheers were also given for Captain and Lady Guinness.

The ladies of the auxiliary then served light refreshments, and as each man left he was given a box containing socks, pipe and tobacco, Testament, fruit, candy, writing paper, etc.

The ladies who worked so hard to make the affair a success were: Mrs. Archibald, president; Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. McKechnie, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Dearnsey, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. LeLacheur, Mrs. McCarthy and Miss Condon.

The management wish to express their thanks to all who in any way contributed toward the success of the evening.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Anglin were hosts last evening at an informal dance given for their two sons who are home for the Christmas season.

John D. Tohill of Fredericton is a guest at the Prince Wm. Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lindsay and daughter, of St. Stephen, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Webber, Elliot Row.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who spent the Christmas season at his home here, left on the Montreal express last evening for Ottawa.

Col. Richard O'Leary of Richmond is in the city, a guest at the Royal Hotel.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE EVANGELINE HOME.

The Christmas dinner and entertainment at The Evangeline Home was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the inmates.

In the evening a special programme was given, music, readings, recitations, etc. The solos and duets, both vocal and instrumental, rendered by the friends of the home, added greatly to the success of the evening, but the climax was reached when in the distance was heard the tinkling of sleigh bells announcing the arrival of Mrs. Santa with her pack. Over one hundred and fifty presents were distributed.

The Matron wishes to thank the friends who very kindly sent to the Home during Christmas week gifts and subscriptions as follows:

The G. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., barrel of flour; Thos. Dean, turkey; Waterbury & Rising, box of oranges; W. A. Steiper, large box of chocolates; G. E. Crowe, ditto; Mrs. A. Watson, boxes of candy; Mrs. C. P. Woodman, \$25; Geo. Barbour, \$20; Miss Octavia Archibald, \$5; H. Parker Jenkins, \$5; Miss C. Ross, \$2; A. Friend, \$1.

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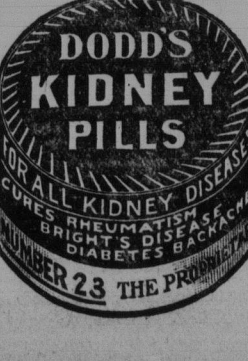
SHIVES—At Euston, near Theford, England, on September 29 1916, Capt. Robt. Kilgour Shives, R. F. C., youngest son of the late Mr. Kilgour Shives and Mrs. Shives of Campbellton, N. B.

Interment to take place at Fernhill after arrival of S. S. Ionian.

TRACEY—On December 26, Thomas P., son of the late Patrick and Catherine Tracey, leaving three sisters to mourn.

Funeral on Friday morning, at 8.30, from his late residence, 270 Brussels street, to the Cathedral for Requiem High Mass. Friends invited.

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ASSESSMENT FOR PATRIOTIC FUND UNDER CONSIDERATION

Matter Discussed Informally by Commissioners and City Solicitor.

One of the subjects uppermost in the minds of the city fathers these days is the assessment for the patriotic fund. It is understood that the amount allotted to the city is \$150,000 and under the provisions of the act the amount on which each person is assessed increases in proportion to the amount of the valuation. Up to \$5,000 valuation there is no increase but after that each \$10,000 of valuation brings an increase of 5 per cent. In the amount on which the tax payer is assessed for the patriotic fund.

For instance persons who at the present time are assessed on a valuation of \$5,000 will be valued at \$5,250 for the patriotic fund, on between ten and twenty thousand dollars they will have added to the valuation 10 per cent, between twenty and thirty thousand 15 per cent will be added, and so on. The tax payer who is paying on a valuation of \$100,000 at the present time will be taxed on \$150,000 for the patriotic fund, and the tax payer who might be assessed on \$1,000,000 would pay on \$4,000,000.

The present valuation of the city is \$85,000,000 and it is estimated that the increases made under the act will bring the amount up to \$50,000,000 and on that valuation the tax would be a little over a quarter of one per cent.

An informal meeting of the commissioners and the city solicitor was held yesterday at which the subject was gone over quite thoroughly and the solicitor explained the steps necessary to be taken and the matter will probably come before the council at an early date.

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NEWS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

SHARP ADVANCE ON MONTREAL MARKET

Strength Caused by Germany's Answer to United States Note. — Reaction However Just Before Close of Trading.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Considerable strength was shown during the morning, the active issues making sharp advances. This was caused by the strength shown in the New York market due to tone of Germany's answer to United States note.

SHIPPING STOCKS WERE STRONG YESTERDAY

Absence of Public Inquiry, Except in Investment Shares, Curtained Operations in Wall Street.

New York, Dec. 27.—Trading in securities today differed in no important way from the preceding day.

EXPANSION OF NOVA SCOTIA STEEL CO. LOOKED FOR JUST YET

Return of President Cantley Awaited With Interest.—Shareholders Look for Dividend Announcement Soon

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 27.—The return of Col. Thomas Cantley, president of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. from London and Paris and the expectation that an important meeting of the board will be held within a short time will not only recall the attention of the market to the newly laid plans of the company for expansion, but also to the expectations that the shareholders would hear something of interest to them around the end of the year or early in the new year.

BULLISH ACTIVITY NOT WALL STREET NOW

Transactions Are Normal Again, But of a Limited Character.—Wilson's Ill-Timed Efforts at Peace Expected to Fall Flat.

Special to The Standard. New York, Dec. 27.—W. W. Price of E. & C. Randolph says, "Mr. Wilson may take pride in the thought that in the popular vote of this country he received 560,000 more votes than did Mr. Hughes, and feel that his influence is very potent in this country, but he can hardly fall to realize that the full measure has been taken abroad and that so far as his influence in Europe is concerned, it counts for comparatively little as the result of a foreign policy which has produced practically nothing and lost a great deal.

GERMANY'S REFUSAL TO SUBMIT PEACE TERMS CONFUSES TRADER

New York, Dec. 27.—The German refusal to submit peace terms presents conflicting elements that make for irregularity and speculation.

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MONTREAL SALES

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Steel Canada, Canadian Cement, and various oils.

NEW YORK COTTON

Table showing cotton market data for New York, including High, Low, and Close prices for various grades.

TRADING QUIET ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 27.—Trading was resumed quietly on the stock exchange today. A fair business was maintained in gilt edged securities during the forenoon, but prices declined later.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

Table listing prices for Chicago produce, including Wheat, Corn, and Oats.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

Table listing prices for Montreal produce, including Flour, Corn, and Oats.

FINANCIAL PRESS

Special to The Standard. New York, Dec. 27.—With only three business days of the year remaining after today, gold to the amount of \$631,300,000 has been imported into the United States from all sources during 1916.

FOUNDATION STONES OF SAFETY

Table listing tax exempt and attractive municipals, including \$1,000 St. Andrews N. B. and 9,500 Province of N. B.

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Table listing public utility of merit, including 25,000 Southern Canada Power Co.

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N. Y. QUOTATIONS

Table listing various stock quotations from New York, including Am Beet Sug, Am Car Ry, and Am Loco.

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(By Herbert Corey, in the Boston Globe.)

With the Serbian Army in the Balkans, Nov. 8—There is fascination for the observer in the fighting in the Balkans that the war on the western front utterly lacks. It is a war in miniature. One finds himself in closer touch with the human element.

On the Somme one's faculties are half palsied by the immensity of the forces engaged. A bombardment has something of the elemental majesty of a storm at sea. The roar is continuous and stupefying, but one sees the effect in whole rather than in detail. Here one stands by the individual gun, and watches the effect of the single shell. There is a sporting quality

and even with good field glasses. Here the fighting is by regiments or more often by companies.

One knows the names of the organizations engaged and where they come from and for what they are remarkable. So-and-so makes a gain in his sector or is driven back. Such-and-such company went through the retreat, which is equivalent to saying they are past masters in the art of mountain war. Jovan Somthingovich killed two Bulgars from behind the same tree.

"A grand man, Jovan," is the nodded verdict about the campaign. "In the second Turkish war—" This individual quality in the Balkan fighting was clearly brought out by the attack on Vetternik. A tiny action, it is true, when weighed in the scales by Verdun or Ypres. But it was as gallantly fought a battle as was ever won and gave play to remarkable personal qualities of the Serbian fighters in such a way as to deserve attention.

The importance of the fight was only relative. Without the peak of Vetternik the Serbian advance would have been rendered more difficult, but it is only to be classed as one of the pathos of Dobruvoja. The mountain, which in this sector barred the way to Serbia.

Vetternik Mountain is a tooth in the saw of the Mogiene range. The mountain itself is 1200 feet high. On the very top is a rocky eminence 200 feet higher. The sides are not quite as steep as the ordinary house roof in a western village, but the angle is such that every foot must be climbed for.

Today we rode three-quarters of the way up the mountain on the newly made gun road, and then climbed desperately for an hour and three-quarters before we reached the first line of Serbian trenches. We came at top speed all the way down, because for every foot of the way we were in range of Bulgarian batteries. Yet it took us two hours to negotiate the 1200-foot descent, so impossible are the paths. There are few cliffs. The mountain side is a mass of tumbled rocks between which minute bushes find sustenance in pocketfuls of earth.

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The Bulgars not only held every inch of the mountain, but had established a strong line of posts at the foot, along the line of the village of Bahova. There were three Bulgars to every Serb along this whole front. The Bulgarian trenches had some fixed positions, ranging from the mule gun of 65 caliber to the field piece of 77, with one or two 105s mounted on the summit. Serbians had not a single piece of artillery.

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Three Days of Man Against Man

Now began one of the man against man conflicts which mark the fighting on this front. There were 40 lines of barbed wire across the face of the mountain. The Bulgars had built trenches and positions on every angle of the hill from which an advancing force could be held under fire.

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IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD

OTTAWA

December 27th, 1916.

TO THE MUNITIONS WORKERS OF CANADA.

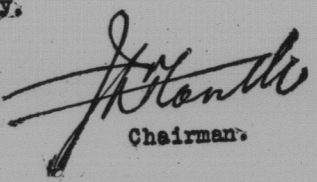
The Imperial Minister of Munitions has entrusted to the manufacturers of Canada and their work people, the production of an important percentage of the shells which will be used at the front. It is vital to the successful prosecution of the war that these munitions be delivered weekly as promised. The present delivery of shells (save in one size) is below the promised quantity, and the shortage has become so serious that it causes grave anxiety.

If we, who produce munitions at home, are to be worthy of the men who have gone to the front, we must set aside comfort and ease and personal gratification, and give undivided attention to munitions output.

From a personal knowledge of the need, and personal contact with the suffering and the heroism of the men in the trenches, I urge the munitions workers, whether in the steel plant, or in the factory, to devote themselves with increased energy and unstinted time to the task of additional output.

Neither the soldier nor the sailor will have his New Year's Day free from duty. I appeal to the men and to the women engaged in munitions production in Canada, to forego Saturday afternoon, the 30th instant, and Monday, New Year's Day, and to continue at their work. The sacrifice is small, but to those who make it will come the satisfaction of having discharged a clear obligation.

Yours truly,



Chairman.

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The fighting was by groups and individuals. There were no charges, because the 40 lines of wire would have held back any charge. The men crept to the wire and then cut it and writhed through. When they got near enough to the enemy trenches to throw bombs they "cleaned" the trenches.

It is not an exaggeration to say that no other army in the field could have done this, because no other army has had five years of almost continuous fighting, as have the Serbs. Each man is not merely a veteran. He is up to every trick and dodge of fighting in the hills.

During that three days of fighting they got no water save the foul trickle that came through the enemy trenches. What food they had they carried with them. The wounded man saved himself or perished. They were under a continuous artillery fire to which they could not reply. At the end of three days they held all the top of Vetternik save the rocky eminence to which I have referred.

For 14 days the Serbians held the top of that hill against artillery, without a gun of any sort, until they could build the goat paths up which they packed and dragged artillery. In a month they lost 1400 men, in all classes of casualties. The enemy trenches were never more than 100 meters from each other, and sometimes only 10 meters. There were places where Bulgar and Serb talked all day long across the earthworks.

The action on Vetternik was not great, measured by any standard common to this war. It was even microscopic in forces engaged and in value as compared to the mighty battles to which the western front has accustomed us. But as a test of individual fighting qualities and as a proof of the mettle of the men of this little Serbian army, it is of striking worth. The men camp sanitation and the disposal of the dead, he is to be respected for rate troops. The Bulgarian has shown sheer scrapping ability while he is that, whatever may be his ideas on alive.

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THE HOME THE WORLD

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

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

Y. W. P. A. A business and social meeting of the Young Women's Patriotic Association will be held tonight at 8.16 in the Loyal Order of Moose rooms, Union St.

NEW IDEAS IN NEW YORK SHOPS In the season's evening gowns, metallic materials are extensively used; silver and gold cloth, metallic lace and embroidery and sequins ornamenting the majority of frocks these days.

Spats are making their appearance again this year but one would hardly recognize the plain white spat of last year for the new ones are of all combinations of black and white in checks and stripes—a most effective plain spat is made of white moire or satin.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE Reducing the blacksmith who is paring the hoofs of the Shetland—"Oh, I say. We don't want our pony made any smaller!"

UNCLE DICK'S DAILY CHAT. My Dear Kiddies—Have you been wondering why I have kept on reminding you each day about the contest which is now running? Well, I'll tell you. So far as I know, there will never be such another chance of winning so much as over possible, in the Children's Corner, and I am anxious that you should all have a very hard try to get amongst the first ten. Even if Santa Claus has been particularly kind this year and you can't win a prize, you will still have the FOUR DOLLARS, falling that there is still the THREE DOLLARS, and still a fourth prize of TWO DOLLARS. Of course you cannot all be expected to win one of the first four prizes, but you can all try hard, and besides there are the six extra prizes of ONE DOLLAR each to be awarded.

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

IMPERIAL. The Blue Envelope Mystery. I liked this picture very much and I think it will be a favorite with all who see it. It is not the terribly sensational kind that the name would lead you to expect but rather a well worked out story very naturally acted by Lillian Walker, who is such a favorite with so many movie fans. She is certainly very attractive in this Vitagraph production and there are many clever touches which all women and some men will recognize and appreciate. The place, for instance, where she at last succeeds in forcing the fact of her becoming now that on the consciousness of the "rumpty" man for whom she was at first a sort of dis-embodied typewriter. The transformation of her ideas about her fellow-beings from the time when she followed boardings home till the realization of how much kindness there was in the world seemed to have dawned upon her. There is plenty of incident in the plot and Miss Walker always lends herself well to comedy so that it makes a well balanced picture. There is a delightful moment when a quotation from the immortal works of Lewis Carroll is used to foil the plans of the villain. It certainly annoys him thoroughly.



Little Mary Sunshine as Baby Marie Osborne is known, is a most attractive child actress. She is so natural that it is hardly fair to call her an actress. In "Shadows and Sunshine" this clever five year old girl is featured.

Two of the Foremost Lightweights in Canada Box Here New Years Night

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NEW MEMBERS WANTED A Contest for Kiddies Only CASH PRIZES VALUED AT \$20.00

The following interesting contest is open to members of the Children's Corner, in the St. John Standard, excluding those who live in St. John only. What You Have To Do. There are now nearly five thousand names and addresses of boys and girls on the membership roll of the Corner, but Uncle Dick is anxious to commence the New Year with thousands of other kiddie names added to the list, as he has several surprises for 1917. He is therefore going to divide TWENTY DOLLARS among ten members of the Children's Corner, who succeed in getting the most number of other children to join this interesting club on or before December 31, 1916, the prizes being as follows:

CONTEST COUPON Name Address School Age Birthday Grade Name of Teacher

Hopewell Hill Women's Institute.

The Christmas session of the Women's Institute was held yesterday afternoon at the home of the president, Miss Cella Peck, and was particularly interesting. The rooms were brightly decorated with seasonal decorations and the roll-call answered by Christmas suggestions and display by some of the members of presents in the making. The minutes of last session as worded by the secretary gave a splendid account of the delegates' report, and the members' ideas of the Provincial Convention. A postcard was read from Pte. Charles J. Saunders, another Canadian war prisoner who is being assisted by this institute. A photo was received recently by Miss Peck of the other prisoner, Pte. Fred R. Ivey and his letter expressed gratitude for assistance. The secretary reported the sum of \$22.37 having been raised at the recent social. The buttonhole samples given out at the last meeting to be worked were then displayed. The programs for next month will include a travel talk on Switzerland, by Miss Fallize, who spent some time there. The roll-call will be answered by answering the question "Given a dollar, how can it be spent to give the most pleasure?"

Why She Likes Standard. Dear Uncle Dick, I like the Corner because it contains current news of the theatre, today's little joke, and above all the lovely stories and bringing up father. Your loving niece, Sarah Rosenthal.

Studying Hard at School. Dear Uncle Dick, I am sending you a copy of the picture in The Standard, also a list of the words made from the letters of the one word prize-winners. I hope to hear from you soon Uncle, and I would like very much to be a member of the Children's Corner. I am thirteen years old. I am in the fifth grade. I take up the following studies: Greek

Uncle Dick

Children's Editor. Highest Boy Scout Honor Conferred on Lt. Col. Wedderburn. Word has just been received in the city from Lt. Col. Wedderburn which reads as follows: "Bramshot Camp, Enseland, December 26.—Judge Wedderburn, Prince William Apartments, His Royal Highness Duke of Connaught conferred on me Silver Wolf, Highest Scout Decorations. Merry Christmas Signed, Fred Wedderburn."

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Madam Petrova Joins Lasky.

Madam Olga Petrova has signed. It is announced a long time contract with Jesse L. Lasky of the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Co. The first Petrova picture to appear on the Paramount programme is scheduled for release in April. The contract was signed in New York and the other half in the company's studios in California. The Exhibitors' Trade Review says: "The signing of the contract was somewhat in the nature of a reunion for it was Mr. Lasky who first introduced Madam Petrova to the American theatre-going public when he presented her in his 'Follies Bergeres'."

H. M. S. Pinafore to be Given by Amateurs. It is many years since this Gilbert and Sullivan musical play has been given in St. John. Many people will remember the fine production years ago when Miss Constance Vall, Mr. Alexander Lindsay, Mr. Murray Olive and other well known amateurs took part. A number of local players meet tonight for a rehearsal of Pinafore. The opera is to be under the management of Mr. P. C. McNeill. The largest orchestra which St. John has ever seen in operative work will be under the direction of Mr. W. W. Swanson. All the details of staging, costuming, and so forth, will be carefully looked after as Committee member Wood has promised to supervise the staging of the ship scenes while the Halifax naval authorities are kindly furnishing the required uniforms so that from Dick Deadeve to Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. the personnel may be correctly costumed. The performance will be under the auspices of the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E.

ALICE FAIRWEATHER. reply, health reader, geometry, book-keeping, arithmetic, grammar, reading, spelling, map drawing and draw in a drawing book, writing in a copy book, composition, minerals and nature studies. Well, Uncle, I guess I will close. I remain, your sincere nephew, James Ross.

Having Great Time. Fair Vale, N. B. Dear Uncle Dick, I am going to join my sister, Marjorie Boyea, joined a little while ago and I thought I would like to. I am nine years old in grade four. I am having a fine time coasting. I enjoy the Corner very much. I have drawn Ned and the Squirrel and colored the picture. I think I will close. Good-by. Marlon Boyea.

Hotels: K HOTEL, N HOUSE, PRINCE WILLIAM, AL HOTEL, ARIA HOTEL, DUFFERIN, UNION HOTEL, G.B. CHOCOLATES, EMERY BROS., NEW MEMBERS WANTED, MALE LIQUORS, T. MCGUIRE, JAS JEWELRY, HABIT CURE, MANDOLINS, MONEY GIBBS, ALL CLASSES FOR, WESLEY & CO.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Fresh to strong southwesterly winds, mild and partly fair, with local snow or rain. Washington, Dec. 27—Northern New England—Rain south, rain or snow north. Thursday: Friday, cold and fair; moderate southwest and west winds. Toronto, Dec. 27—Sheet and rain have occurred in Southern Ontario since last night, and light snow has been fairly general in Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Quebec. Cold weather now prevails throughout the west. Temperatures. Min. Max. Dawson 28 49 Victoria 30 34 Vancouver 26 34 Kamloops 12 6 Calgary 26 3 Medicine Hat 28 40 Edmonton 32 40 Moose Jaw 11 8 Winnipeg 4 20 Fort Arthur 4 20 Parry Sound 16 38 London 23 41 Toronto 27 46 Ottawa 8 14 Montreal 4 12 Quebec 8 20 St. John 18 32 Halifax 18 32 —Below zero.

FRENCH ACADIANS ARE PLAYING FULL PART IN WAR GAME OF EMPIRE

F. J. Robidoux, M. P., Says Acadians of New Brunswick Have Done Well

CONDITIONS GOOD IN KENT COUNTY

Change in Fishing Regulations on Buctouche River Have Proven Very Beneficial

ROLL OF HONOR

William Cane, England. James Burns, England. Fred Titus, Gibson, N. B.

THREE MEN ON THE ROLL YESTERDAY

Siege Battery Men Return From Christmas Holidays.—Military Notes.

ROLL OF HONOR

Three men made application for enlistment in the city yesterday. Fred Titus was unable to pass the doctor. He was informed that he would have to undergo a slight operation before he could be accepted. He has decided to be operated upon, and if the operation is successful will report back to the naval recruiting officer.

ROLL OF HONOR

Colonel Harry McLeod, M.P., for York, commandant of the Canadian Camp at Shorncliffe, has been reported seriously ill with pneumonia. An official telegram from Ottawa states that he is in Westcote Hospital.

SIXTY-ONE YEARS OLD BUT BOUND TO LONDON TO TAKE UP WAR WORK

Noted Italian Engineer Offers His Services to the Empire.

FRANCESCO TONI HERE YESTERDAY

Has Been Engaged in Important Railway Project in the Barbadoes.

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Hockey Sticks? Plenty of Them -- The Better Kinds at That. With hockey season in full swing, we are prepared to meet every requirement of either club or individual, our stock comprising only the most reliable makes. Spaldings 50c. Indian-Plain 50c. Indian Groove 60c. King 60c. Built Up Gold 65c. XX Heel 25c. X Heel 20c. Boys' Expert 15c. Boys' Expert 10c. Hockey Pucks. SPECIAL PRICES TO HOCKEY CLUBS. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

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Around the City

English Mail. English and foreign mails will close on Saturday forenoon, December 30; for letters at 9 o'clock and for parcels and newspapers at 8 o'clock.

Only Seven Arrested. The drunk crop is one that apparently never fails as far as the police blotter at police headquarters shows. The constables arrested seven men yesterday afternoon and evening, and all are charged with drunkenness.

Wants Inspectorship. R. H. Cocher, late of the People's Dairy, called up The Standard last night and stated that he would be a candidate for the office of chief inspector under the new prohibitory law which goes into effect on May 1st next.

A Christmas Treat. A most enjoyable Christmas tree service was held in the school room of St. John Presbyterian church last evening. After an interesting programme of recitations and songs by the juveniles in which twenty or more took part Santa Claus made his appearance and from a well trimmed tree treated the children to many delicacies.

"The Path of the Hun." An intensely interesting illustrated lecture will be given at the St. John Art Club studio on Peel street tonight at eight o'clock. The lecturer, Major Bartlett, will speak on "The Path of the Hun," from personal knowledge of conditions in war devastated Europe. Tickets are for sale at 25 cents. Large attendance is looked for as the proceeds will go into the Patriotic Fund.

Public Utilities. Only routine business was transacted at yesterday's session of the Public Utilities Commission in the government rooms, Prince William street. F. P. Robinson, secretary of the commission, told The Standard that the Christmas business at Fredericton had been the heaviest in the history of the capital city. Saturday was the biggest day ever experienced by Fredericton merchants. The operation of the Valley Railway brought in hundreds of additional shoppers to Fredericton the majority of whom had previously purchased from the mail-order houses in Upper Canada.

Soldiers Leave Today. Provided with transportation and such other necessities as are needed for their journey home, ten returned men will leave the discharge depot this morning for their respective homes. The Metagama arrived on Monday night at St. John and by tonight every man who is able to return home will have left the discharge depot. The groupiness which attends the deserting of the men after they arrive at this port speaks volumes for Capt. Bruce and the secretary of Returned Soldiers' Commission, Charles Robinson. The party leaving today are: W. Beck, E. Bousteller, R. T. Fleming, P. Noyes and B. Wier all of Halifax; E. Gass, Sharnbrook, N. S.; D. O. McFarland, Springhill, N. S.; J. W. Maxwell, Glace Bay, and W. Diamond and P. Doron, Glace Bay.

Funeral of Mrs. L. White. The esteem in which Mrs. Leslie White of Sydney, for many years a resident of St. John, was held was testified to yesterday afternoon by the large number of friends who attended the funeral and by the number of floral tributes. The funeral was held from the residence of her brother-in-law, Frank C. Wry, 166 Leinster street, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKeehan, assisted by Rev. Mr. MacPherson and Rev. Dr. Fryer. Interment was at Fernhill.

Mrs. White died in the Moncton hospital on Christmas Day. She was a very estimable lady and was greatly beloved wherever she was known. The Daughters of the Empire of Sydney, of which she was a member, sent a beautiful floral tribute, and a number of friends in Sydney attended the funeral.

R. S. MULLER TO BE GENERAL MANAGER

Well Known Advertising Man Will Direct Policies of the Canadian Advertiser's Agency Limited After January 1.

After the first of the year the policy and operation of the Canadian Advertising Agency Limited, with offices in the Unity Building, Montreal, will be directed by Robert S. Muller, who has been appointed general manager of the organization. Mr. Muller was formerly associated with N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Morse International Agency of New York; Steinhardt Bros. & Co. of New York, and assistant advertising manager of the New York Times. His Canadian connection has been as eastern manager of the Gagner Advertising Service, a post which he has held for three and a half years.

Handsome Evening Dresses.

When one buys an evening dress they like to know that they possess something different. The artistic designs and exclusiveness of the styles which are to be seen at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s make these dresses entirely different from others and with all the prices are moderate, from \$10 to \$25. Such beautiful touches of Eiderdown here and there on the collar or corsage, with little bits of ribbon, and dainty ingenious pleatings, make them without doubt the most attractive dresses that this firm has shown in many years. They have a large range of colorings, in light evening shades down to the more sombre colors.

We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant, provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in an unique position in regard to Bracelet Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

Meetings of the Can. Imperial League tonight in U. W. Veterans Hall, Charlotte street.

ST. JOHN'S DAY OBSERVED BY THE MASONS

Installation of Officers in Different Lodges Throughout City Last Night.

As is the custom on St. John's Day, the installation of officers in the different Masonic Lodges throughout the city took place last night. After the ceremony the members enjoyed a banquet which was followed by a scrabble. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Dr. W. L. Ellis, P.M. for the Carleton Union Lodge. The officers are as follows: Sam Irons, W.M.; Jarvis M. Wilson, L.P.M.; Frank K. Stuart, S.W.; W. L. Stewart, J.W.; D. C. Clark, chaplain; Enoch Thompson, P.M.; treasurer; J. P. Craikbank, S. D.; Harold W. Ketchum, J. D.; Glenison H. Allen, S. S.; Harold Mayes, J.S.; W. Leonard Adams, D. of C.; Hedley C. Bisset, L.G., and R. Gordon, tyler.

The officers installed in the Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., were as follows: R. L. Hunter, W.M.; Dr. J. S. Bentley, S.W.; Blanchard Powles, J. W.; Dr. Thomas Walker, treasurer; Dr. Frank Godson, secretary; Dr. J. Leonard, S.D.; J. McMurtry, J.D.; Dr. F. T. Dunlop, S.S.; M. Cook, J.S.; L. Benjamin, D. of C., and Robert Clarke, tyler.

GOOD WORK DONE IN BATHURST HARBOR

Capt. F. A. McFaden, of Northern Dredging Company Tells of Progress Made in Important Undertaking.

"We have made substantial progress during the past season with our contract at Bathurst harbor," said Capt. F. A. McFaden of the Northern Dredging Company, who was in the city yesterday. Captain McFaden is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in Rothesay.

"The company's contract is for a million yards and we were able to remove about 400,000 yards during the past season," said Captain McFaden. "We have employed three dredges and four tugs during the year and had about seventy-five men actively engaged on the work. Weather conditions forced the company to discontinue operations for the season on December 15th last."

"When the company commenced its contract in 1912 there was only about seven feet available at low water on the bar at the entrance to the harbor. At the present time there is fully sixteen feet at low water. During the past year slips drawing nineteen feet water have been able to sail out of Bathurst harbor."

Captain McFaden reports the busiest season in shipping in the history of the North Shore town. The operation of the ice breaker of the Bathurst Lumber Company was instrumental in keeping the harbor open, which resulted in the shipping season being two weeks longer in length than for several years past.

Service First.

Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading at? Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money. You may practically do as you wish in making a square trade, anything but cut the price.—The First Price is the Best Price.