

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

'BEWARE OF STRANGERS' AT LYRIC

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of This Week—All Star Cast

The Lyric offers a second feature this week in the big spectacular feature, 'Beware of Strangers' featuring Thomas Santschi, the lead in 'The Garden Allah'...

TWO NEW SERIAL STORIES FOR NORTH END

'The Neglected Wife' and 'Double Cross' serials have but two more weeks to run at the Star Theatre...

On Mondays and Tuesdays the Star will run 'The Seven Pearls' featuring Mollie King and Leon Barry...

The Star Theatre states that the booking of these two serials is the result of their utmost efforts to secure continued stories as good as those now running.

HALIFAX DISASTER PICTURES AT THE IMPERIAL

First authentic and comprehensive motion pictures of the many phases of the terrible Halifax disaster being shown at the Imperial twice this afternoon and twice tonight.

ANOTHER FINE ONE FOR YOU AT THE GEM

Tonight's new programme is an alluring one. Gall Kane in a great double part; comedy vaudeville skit and rich acrobatic act.

HALF MILLION LOSS

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Fire in the five story clothing establishment of Morris Brothers & Co. in the heart of the wholesale business district early this morning resulted in a loss estimated at close to \$500,000.

JOSEPH HOBSON, NOTED CANADIAN ENGINEER, DEAD

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—Joseph Hobson, civil engineer, died here today aged eighty-four. For many years he was chief engineer of the Grand Trunk and after retiring from active service was employed in a consulting capacity.

NOW WARRANT OFFICER

The many friends of Quartermaster-sergeant Harry Sellen of the 16th Canadian Field Ambulance, now overseas, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to regimental quartermaster-sergeant, with warrant rank.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

'Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box, 25c.

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Lakewood, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The Lakewood Country Club, which was destroyed by fire today. The property loss is estimated at upwards of \$100,000.

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TWO OF A KIND.

TODAY'S NEWS FROM HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 19.—When the court investigating the collision met this morning Judge Drysdale announced that this afternoon he and Captains Demers and Hose and counsel would inspect the Imo, and what was left of the Mont Blanc.

West End

Very interesting programmes were presented at the West Side schools this morning. A feature of the proceedings was the presentation of the G. S. Mayes award.

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SAFETY INVESTMENT

Money invested in a diamond these days is a safe proposition. Our prices run from \$8 to \$210. Drop in and let us show our beauties. Poyas & Co., near Imperial.

CLOSING FREE KINDERGARTEN

The Marsh Bridge, Brussels and Sheffield street schools will hold their closing Thursday morning, and North End at 88 Simonds street, Friday morning. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Our stock right now emphasizes as never before the splendid possibilities for selecting desirable gifts at this store. Hunt's Busy Uptown Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

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Death of A. F. White

New York, Dec. 19.—Alfred F. White, editor and publisher of the Banking Law Journal, died suddenly at his home here last night from heart disease. He was sixty-six years old.

Frederickton Wedding

Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 19.—Miss Lulu Sealey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sealey of Manguerville, was married to James Amory Corey of the same place on Tuesday afternoon.

Speaking of Bathrooms

one of the home uses of SNAP is to clean the tub, bowl, washstand and toilet. Try it. For sale everywhere.

OLD-TIME REMEDY MAKES PURE BLOOD

Hood's Sarsaparilla has been and still is the people's medicine because of its reliable character and its wonderful success in purifying, enriching and revitalizing the blood...

FOR BOYS OF THE SANTA CLAUS TIMES

(Continued from page 1) Song—Good King Wenceslas. Boys of Grade IV.

Recitation—When Santa Was Ill, Grace Anderson. Chorus—Santa Claus song.

Exercise—The Christmas Dolls, Grade I, girls. Chorus—Carol, Sweetly Carol.

Recitation—A Letter to the New Year, Bruce Hewitson. Exercise—Christmas Bells, Grade III, girls.

Recitation—Frost Children's Picnic, Sidie Kierstead. Solo and chorus—There Came a Little Child to Earth.

Recitation—Christmas Greeting, Lillian Thoms. Salutation of the flag. God Save the King.

The Victoria school advanced section programme was: Chorus—Ring Out the Bells for Christmas.

Recitation—Planning Christmas Gifts, Audrey Burnside. Chorus—King Wenceslas, Grade V, boys.

Exercise—Oh Little Town of Bethlehem. Dialogue—Christmas in Other Lands, fifteen girls of Grade VI.

Violin solo—Joan of Arc, Clara Melick. Chorus—Emmanuel God With Us. Chorus by Grade VII, girls.

Recitation—Roberta Smith. Chorus—Over the Snow White Meadow. Piano duet—Florence Warwick and Gertrude Ewing.

Recitation—Flag of Britain, five boys of Grade V. Chorus—In the Fields With Their Flocks Abiding.

Solo, Muriel Curran, with chorus—There Came a Little Child to Earth. Chorus—My Own Canadian Home.

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Advertisement for J. Marcus, 30 Dock St., featuring 'Kiddies' Xmas Gifts' including a bicycle, a doll's perambulator, and various toys like rocking horses and dolls.

LOCAL NEWS: Band tonight, Victoria Rink. Ladies' tailor made suits, \$20 to \$85, at Morin's, 52 Germain.

Advertisement for SIGN O' THE LANTERN TEA ROOM, located at Germain Street, offering typical one of the Maritime Provinces fare.

LOCAL NEWS: Band at Carleton Rink tonight. Men's tailor made suits \$20 to \$85, at Morin's, 52 Germain street.

Advertisement for LOCAL NEWS: Scarlet Chapter meets Friday evening. Trades and Labor Council regular meeting Friday evening, Dec. 21.

LOCAL NEWS: Bargain Sale China Samples, Linton & Sinclair's, 37 Deck, Royal Worcester. Buy your overcoats from Alex. Lesser's.

Advertisement for LOCAL NEWS: Make a point of looking in the window of Poyas & Co. Do all your shopping and all your buying at Bassen's.

LOCAL NEWS: An overcoat or raincoat make a good Christmas gift. Ladies one piece dresses in corduroy, velvets and serges from \$9 up.

Advertisement for LOCAL NEWS: Girls' coats from \$5 up on the \$1 a week system at Alex. Lesser's. Xmas shoppers should do all their shopping at Bassen's.

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LOCAL NEWS

Men's Rompers, Opera and Everett slippers. All just right for Christmas—Wizel's Cash Store, 248-247 Union street

We sell the best men's overcoats for less money than other stores. Turners, out of the high rent district, 440 Main st.

Ladies' tailor made suits \$20 up to \$35 at Morin's, 62 Germain. 12-24

See the Christmas table at McRobbie's for pretty plaids and other dainty felt house slippers. t.f.

Commencing Tuesday, the 18th, the McRobbie Shoe Company's store will be open every evening until Christmas. t.f.

You can get genuine English plaid felt slippers at McRobbie's, 30 King street. t.f.

Men's tailor made suits, \$30 up to \$35, at Morin's, 62 Germain. 12-24

For dainty bodice slippers in soft kid and cozy felt go to McRobbie's, 30 King street. t.f.

Have you tried Duval? Will you try Duval? Try Duval, 17 Waterloo. 12-24

Don't forget the boy's rubber boots for Christmas. He'll be expecting them. \$2.10 to \$3.35—Wizel's Cash Store, 248-247 Union street.

A pair of good overshoes make a nice Christmas gift and you can get the best qualities at McRobbie's, 30 King street. t.f.

All persons having accounts against the commissioners of the Saint John Municipal Home are requested to send the same to the office of the secretary on or before the 20th inst., to insure payment this year.

By order of commissioners, S. M. WETMORE, Secretary. Dec. 12, 1917. 12-20

Remember Arnold's big auction sale of Christmas goods at 187 Brussels street Friday night at 7.30. t.f.

A large assortment of boys' suits and overcoats from \$4.75 to \$15.—Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main st.

DON'T MISS Auditor's Department Store, W. E., this week; highest values and lowest prices. 12-28.

AT AMUR'S, W. E. Special attractions for Christmas week in men's, women's and children's goods; all lines at the lowest prices. 12-28.

LADIES' HATS ON SALE Latest style hats for women and children; regular \$6 for \$2.75 and \$5 for \$1.98, at Amur's, West End. 12-28.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS The finest Christmas novelties and toys at Amur's, 258-60 King street. 12-28.

SALE in our millinery department this week. Amur's, W. E., 258-60 King street. 12-28.

SPECIAL MILLINERY SALE For Christmas; finest designs at less than cost at Amur's, W. E., 258-60 King street. 12-28.

200 five-pound caddies English Breakfast Tea \$2.25 while they last. Elmore & Mullin, 21 South Wharf. 12-28

LACK OF TRACTORS MAY HURT FARMERS

Large Crops Put in Danger by Shortage of Labor-Saving Machinery.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Lack of farm tractors will handicap American farmers in producing huge crops next year unless large orders are placed with the manufacturers at once, according to estimates of steel men, filed with the food administration. It is held that 140,000 tractors, averaging 10 horse-power each, will be required to replace the horses taken from farms for war purposes. As the normal tractor output of the country is about 80,000 10 horse-power machines, the farmer will be unable to offset the great loss in farm labor by added use of machinery.

The only hope of manufacturers in meeting the expected demands for labor saving is that production in tractors, harvesting machinery, farm engines and other devices can be speeded up. The manufacturer cannot contract for labor and he cannot insist on a greater allotment of the steel industry's output unless he can show tangible evidence in the form of orders or a greatly increased demand for his products.

The manufacturer also is concerned with the railroad transportation problem and fears that in the spring, particularly in March and April, when the flood tide of shipments to Europe will be in force, he will be unable to get machinery to the farmers. The manufacturer wants to ship every machine he can produce this winter to a dealer or farmer just as soon as its paint is dry.

It is obvious that the farm implement men are anxious to increase their turnover, said a food administration official today, "but we must admit that he is pointing out a difficulty that must be met successfully if the United States is to prove to our Allies that Americans are capable of unlimited endeavor and capacity once they get on the job."

Roumanian Minister Dead.

Tokio, Dec. 18.—M. Xenophol, Roumanian minister to Japan, is dead here, following an operation of the kidneys. He was a distinguished lawyer who recently arrived in Tokio to take up his post.

MURINE Granulated Eyelids. Sore Eyes, Eyes Inflamed by Sun, Dust and Wind quickly relieved by Murine. Try it in your eyes and in the baby's eyes. Murine Eye Remedy. At Your Druggist's or by Mail. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

An Exquisite Showing of Men's Ties and Mufflers. H. N. DeMILLE 199 to 201 Union St. Opera House Block

IRISHMEN MUST NOT EMBARRASS ANY OF ALLIES. Chicago, Dec. 18.—A declaration upholding the Irish parliamentary party and charging that any Irishmen or organization who seeks to embarrass any of the allied powers in the conduct of the war is committing an act of open hostility to the United States, was adopted tonight by the Irish Fellowship Club here, the largest Irish organization in America of the war.

BYRON BROS. 231 Brussels St. Phone M 1402. Royal Household Flour, per 56 lb. \$12.50. Royal Household Flour, 24 lb. bag, 6.15. Purify Flour, per 24 lb. bag, 1.75.

LIABLE FOR FIRE LOSS CAUSED BY EXPLOSION. Knotty Problems Are Involved in Determining Halifax Insurance Claims—Companies Arranging to Adjust Losses and Frankly Admit Liability.

FLOUR. Royal Household—Barrels, \$12.50. Royal Household—98 lb. bags, 6.15. Ivory—98 lb. bags, 6.00.

Yerxa Grocery Co. 443 MAIN ST. Phone Mals 2913. Royal Household—Barrels, \$12.50. Royal Household—98 lb. bags, 6.15.

PAINLESS EXTRACTION Only 25c. We make the best teeth in Canada at the most reasonable rates. BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS.

Sundown. (B. L. T., in Chicago Tribune.) When the wounded in hospital come to die, says a British officer, their last request is in the great number of cases, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Preparation your Christmas menus, you will find us of much assistance to you. Not only does our large stock offer everything one could desire in staple and fancy groceries, but the prices asked are so reasonable that you cannot afford to buy elsewhere.

E. R. & H. C. ROBERTSON. Cor. Main and Douglas Av. 'Phones—M. 3461, M. 3462.

EXTRA Xmas Specials of High Class Groceries. 6 lbs. Onions, 25c. 6 pkgs. Cow Brand Soda, 25c.

KIRKPATRICK & GOWAN 22 King Square PHONK M. 3138. Mustard and Chow Chow Pickles, 25c. Strawberry Preserves, 35c.

Christmas Comes But Once A Year, And Its On The Way Now.

WE ARE OFFERING A SPECIAL SALE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF GROCERIES AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

BROWN'S GROCERY CO. 86 BRUSSEL STREET 'Phone Mair 2666. 134 KING ST., WEST 'Phone West 166.

TEA AT OLD PRICES. Red Rose Tea, per lb., 50c. King Cole Tea, per lb., 50c. Salada Tea, per lb., 50c.

SPECIAL PRICES IN BAKING POWDER. Jersey Cream Baking Powder, 22c. Purify Baking Powder, 1 lb. cans, 18c.

SHORTINGS. All shortenings have advanced considerably. We have a large stock on hand of 3 lb. pails, 5 lbs. pails, 10 lb. pails.

Military Brushes \$1.39, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 up to \$6.50 Pair. LEATHER CASES, 75c each. WASSONS Cut Rate Drug Store 711 MAIN ST.

Only Four Shopping Days Left. Before Christmas. Who wouldn't be delighted to receive one of these pieces of Furniture? XMAS IN THE DINING-ROOM. A Pretty Dining-room Suite in the latest period furniture will make your home cheerful and cozy.

Good Taste In Picture Framing IS ESSENTIAL IN HOME DECORATION. COMPLETE VARIETY PRICES MODERATE. ST. JOHN PICTURE FRAMING STORE. 210 UNION ST.

GIVE A CARPET SWEEPER It will be a Joy for Years. GIVE A BISSELL SWEEPER. From A. O. SKINNER'S The Only Place in the City that sells the BISSELL'S GOLD MEDAL SWEEPER.

Ten Special Lines at Parkinson's Cash Stores. 113 Adelaide Street. 147 Victoria Street. East St. John Post Office.

ATTEND TO YOUR EYES. This is a good time to buy new glasses. They will give you eye comfort during the busy shopping day, almost here. JONES & SWEENEY.

USE THE WANT AD. WAY.

FLOUR LESS THAN WHOLE-SALE PRICE. Five Shamrocks—High-grade Manitoba, \$12.25 bbl. Five Shamrocks—24 lb. bags, \$6.00.

TEN SPECIAL LINES AT. Orange (Sun-kist), 30c. doz. Bishop Pippin Apples, 45c. peck. Mixed Nuts, 25c. lb.

FOR HOLIDAY PARTIES. Nice things to eat, at PRICES THAT SAVE MONEY. Bofiled Ham, machine sliced, 45c. lb.

THE 2 BARKERS LIMITED. Stores Open Every Evening. Open Every Evening Till 10 o'clock—Saturday Nights Till 11.30.

The Evening Times and Star
ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 19, 1917.

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A WORD IN SEASON.

The Times desires to protest with the utmost earnestness against any utterances which tend toward racial strife, whether in Quebec or in some other province. The people of Quebec today—or the majority of them—are out of step with the majority of the English-speaking people of Canada; but so are the people of Prince Edward Island, more than half the people of Nova Scotia, and a goodly number in New Brunswick.

this or that cannot be done. The real slogan should be: "It must and shall be done." And when this is said of any needed reform the country will back the government to the limit.

Representative McCormick made the startling statement at the congressional inquiry in Washington yesterday that neither the British nor French had enough artillery at the front, and that the Americans were still worse off. The British told him they would not have enough till next spring. Gen. Petain told him the Americans must make guns and munitions, and was very emphatic about it.

An Ottawa despatch to the Telegraph says: "There have been about forty-five Unionists of the Liberal faith returned. In fact if those men who came in behind Sir Wilfrid are to be classed as Liberals the new house will have a majority of Liberals within its walls. The total Liberals returned will number about 136 but while the present cleavage of the great issue of the day remains the cleavage in the Liberal ranks will remain. No man here doubts that the Unionist members will stand shoulder to shoulder while the war is on. A Liberalized government will undoubtedly result, however, and from today on there will come many economic reforms which were impossible under the old system of straight party government."

The elections are over, but the Acadicians, the French-Canadians and the anti-Borden Liberals still live. They cannot be whittled down the wind, and they cannot be persuaded by abuse. They are expected to obey the law of the land, and only when they refuse will it become necessary to apply harsh terms or measures.

Those journals which support Sir Robert Borden will best serve the country by keeping him up to his work. That is the essential thing, and nothing could be more unfortunate than a controversy which would embitter the relations between province and province or party and party. If there is to be union let the voice of carping criticism and sectional feeling cease to operate. And let the winners in Monday's battle set the example. There is serious work ahead. The Hun is still at the gate.

NOW FOR REFORM.

One of the gratifying results of the elections is a distinct Liberalizing of the House of Commons. The forty-five Liberal-Unionists elected will undoubtedly stand with the government for the most vigorous prosecution of the war, but they will also stand for many reforms which were impossible while the Conservative party held the reins of power. Canada will be the better able to stand the strain of the war abroad if a vigorous war is waged on all sorts of profiteering at home; and the people will throw themselves all the more heartily into war work if they have the conviction that the government has definitely separated itself from the Big Interests and means to apply the rule of universal war service. Too many fortunes have been made in Canada since the war began, and it will be the duty of the Liberals in the cabinet and in the new House of Commons to break the grip the profiteers had on the old government and insist upon the adoption of a policy that will really compel every citizen to "fight or pay." The war burden is tremendous. The war debt will be of staggering proportions. The people, however, will not flinch if they are convinced that there is equality of sacrifice and service; and it is the first duty of the government to bring about this condition. We cannot expect to be relieved of burdens. We cannot expect the cost of living to be materially reduced so long as the war lasts. We have a right to expect, however, that there will be no increase because of excessive profits; and this the government must guarantee. It is high time those in authority ceased saying

Canada's verdict on Monday echoes round the world. It gives new heart to the people of the United Kingdom and the overseas Dominions. It refreshes and gives new heart and courage to the soldiers at the front. The pity of it is that gallant and noble France, fighting for her life and for the life of democracy, cannot feel that all her sons on this continent are with her in sympathy and in action. Let us hope they will now "awake to the better mind," they will be able yet to say "I am one with my kind," and that many battalions of French-Canadian soldiers will win on the fields of France the glory already won by the gallant 22nd and others of their comrades from Quebec and the maritime provinces.

A second great opportunity has come to Sir Robert Borden. The first came when Sir Wilfrid Laurier pledged him the support of the Liberal party in 1914. He might then have declared himself the head, not of a party, but of the Canadian people. He failed, and the carnival of partisanship, patronage and profiteering followed. Now he has the opportunity to cut loose the tentacles of the profiteers and the Big Interests and become a real leader of the people, having behind him the support of both of the old parties. The extent to which he measures up to his opportunity will fix his place in history.

The suggestion that Sir Robert Borden should have no French-Canadian in his cabinet is born of intolerance of the worst kind. There are big men in Quebec province who would materially aid in preventing further bitterness between the two races. The English-speaking people of Canada cannot eat up their French fellow citizens. The prevailing sentiment in Quebec today is partly the fault of both political parties. The new government, being non-partisan, can afford a higher statesmanship.

Any suggestion that St. John women should ostracize each other because they differed in the recent election campaign is such utterly bad advice that no notice whatever should be taken of it. We need the combined efforts of all women in the serious work that lies before us.

If the Bolshevik government of Russia demands as one of the terms of peace that Germany shall assent to the principle of self-definition of nations there will be no peace. Germany will not assent to that at present.

Today's cables tell us that the best fighting material at Germany's command is now massed on the western front. Only old men and recruits are facing the Russians. This means harder fighting on the British and French fronts.

There has been of late some sharp criticism of the British command in France. It is now announced that Sir Douglas Haig is making important changes in the headquarters staff.

London has suffered from another air raid. This savagery will continue and it is high time the policy of reprisals was adopted. Nothing else will bring the murderer to his senses.

Voluntary food control is all very well, but voluntary price control leaves the people at the mercy of the profiteer. Mr. Hanna would be surprised to learn what he can really do if he tries.

MOORCROFT POTTERY WARE
To those who appreciate the quaint designs of this ware, we offer an exhibition of some of the most beautiful effects which have been produced in modern ceramic art.
The Moorcroft Ware is an original Staffordshire Slip Ware—each piece being thrown on the Potter's Wheel. The entire product is hand work and colour glaze and clay are fused together, so that they become indestructible.
Each piece bears the indelible hand signature of W. Moorcroft. The predominating colours are delicate combinations of myrtle green and neapolitan blue.
Your early inspection is invited.
Diamond Merchants Birks Goldsmiths Silversmiths MONTREAL

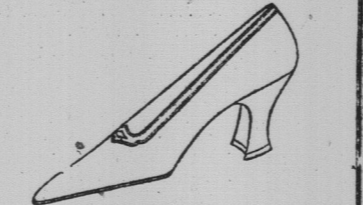
Useful Christmas Gifts.

- WOMEN'S BOUDOIR SLIPPERS In brown, black, blue, red, old rose and grey kid. \$2.00 and \$2.25
WOMEN'S COSY FELT SLIPPERS In brown, red, blue and black at \$1.50
SKATING BOOTS Men's \$4.00 Boys' \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.50 Women's \$4.25 Girls' \$3.50 Snowshoes \$3.00 Slipper Trees .25 Boot Trees .75 Polishing Outfits .50 ENGLISH PLAID FELT HOUSE SLIPPERS For Men, Women, Girls and Children Women's Kid House Shoes \$2.50 to \$4.50 Women's Fine Dress Slippers \$4.00 to \$7.50 Women's Overshoes \$1.50 to \$3.00 Men's Overshoes \$1.75 to \$3.50 Men's Kid House Slippers \$2.25 to \$4.50 Women's Gaiters \$1.00 to \$2.25 Women's Fine Walking Boots \$5.00 to \$12.50 Men's Fine Walking Boots \$6.50 to \$9.50

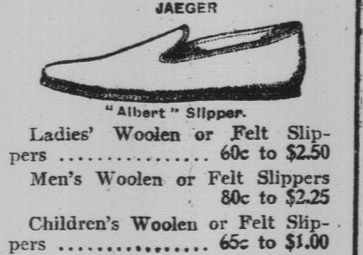
Gifts That Are Practical and Useful



Ladies' Stylish Boots in Browns, Tans and Grey. \$7.60 to \$15.00



Ladies' Beautiful Dress Pumps in Kid, Dull Kid, Colors and Patent. \$4.00 to \$10.00



Children's Woolen or Felt Slippers 65c to \$1.00

McROBBIE FOOT FITTERS 50 King Street

St. Crispin's Craft

ASK YOUR DEALER FOR THEM MADE HERE BY J. M. HUMPHREY & CO.

Francis & Vaughan 19 KING STREET

Christmas Dainties in Cake and Pastry Fruit Cake—Pound Cake—Patties—Colonial Cakes—Mince Pies—Washington Pies Tarts ROBINSON'S FOUR STORES Union St., Main St., Main St. Celebration St.

Sleds and Framers FLEXIBLE FLYERS. Sizes: 30 in., 32 in., 37 in., 41 in., 46 in., 51 in., 57 in. Prices: \$1.50, \$1.70, \$2.00, \$2.40, \$3.20, \$3.60, \$4.60. BOARD SLEDS, N. B. PATTERN. Sizes: 32 in., 36 in., 42 in. Prices: \$1.35, \$1.55, \$1.75. FRAMERS. Prices: \$1.10, \$1.70, \$2.40, \$2.60, \$3.35, \$3.75, \$3.80. T.M. AVITY & SONS, LTD.

Practical Christmas Gifts. What Shall I Give For Christmas? This is always the problem of the Christmas Season. HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS: FOR THE CHILDREN: Kiddie Kars \$1.50 to \$2.50, Speedway Flyers \$1.75 to \$3.00, Express Wagons 95c. to \$9.50, Carts and Wheelbarrows 75c. to \$3.00, Sleds and Framers 70c. to \$3.75, Erector Sets \$1.50 to \$7.50, Rocking Horses \$1.35 to \$1.75, Velocipedes \$3.25 to \$6.75, Snowshoes \$3.75 to \$5.50, Rowing Wagons \$7.00 to \$8.50, Toboggans \$2.00 to \$8.50, Skates \$5.00 to \$7.00. BRASS GOODS: Brass Hot Water Kettles \$1.60 to \$4.50, Brass Jardiniere \$1.45 to \$3.50, Brass Crumb Trays with Scraper or Brush \$1.75 to \$2.50, Brass Cuspadors \$1.15 to \$3.50, Brass Umbrella Stands \$4.00 to \$4.50, Brass Candlesticks \$1.50 to \$2.75 pair, Brass Serving Trays \$2.75 to \$5.50, Brass Flower Baskets \$1.15 to \$1.50, Brass Ash Trays 35c. to \$1.50, Brass Fern Dishes with Fern \$1.85. ELECTRIC GOODS: Electric Irons \$4.50, Electric Toasters \$4.50 to \$5.00, Electric Grills \$6.00 to \$8.50, Electric Immersion Heaters \$4.50, Electric Heating Pads \$4.50, Electric Lamps \$4.00 to \$10.00, Electric Flashlights 85c. to \$5.00, Electric Christmas Tree Outfits \$2.75, Electric Percolators \$15.00 to \$17.00, Electric Chafing Dishes \$15.00 to \$20.00, Electric Egg Broilers \$6.50, Majestic Electric Heaters \$7.00 to \$12.00. SPECIAL! Mahogany—Oval Serving Trays—Oak, \$1.69.

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Montreal, Dec. 18.—The man who shot Miss Mudge Scott and himself on McTavish street, Sunday night and who, as well as Miss Scott, is in the Royal Victoria Hospital, has been identified as Philip Smarnay, an Austrian, who boarded at 233 St. Elizabeth street for two weeks. So far no motive for the shooting has been ascertained.

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GET INCREASE ON JANUARY CHEQUE Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following official statement is given out: "When the increase in separation allowance to dependents of soldiers was decided upon by the government some weeks ago it was announced by the department of militia that while the increase would date from December 1, the augmented amount would not be available until the issue of the January checks. The explanation for this was the fact that the December checks—ninety thousand of them—had already been written. The checks have now been issued a week in advance of the ordinary date as a Christmas accommodation following the usual practice, but some confusion has arisen, more notably in Toronto, because the checks are for \$20, the old amount. There is no reason whatever for any uneasiness in the matter, as the January checks which are at present being written are for \$30, which includes the increase for both December and January. The January checks will be issued a little in advance of the usual date to offset the unavoidable delay in putting through the increase. There is absolutely no grounds for the supposition that the increase was to date back to November 1, as will be found on reference to the official announcement originally made. After January the checks will issue regularly for \$30, the increased amount."



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Your own inspection will readily prove this fact. See our window suggestions, or you are cordially invited to come in and get your suggestions from our stock. You would be under no obligation whatever to make a purchase. In order to assist you in making a decision, permit us to offer the following suggestions:

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- Breakfast: Oatmeal Porridge, Toast, Stewed Prunes, Tea or Coffee. Dinner: Baked Haddock, Stewed Tomatoes, Masher Potatoes, Lemon Snow. Supper: Succotash, Baked Apples. Dried Bread and Butter.

WOMEN TRACTOR DRIVERS

Such a good response to the appeal in England for women to work farm tractors has been received, says a writer in the Christian Science Monitor. One hundred women have been chosen from among the candidates to form the first detachment, and they are to go out with their tractors soon. Preference has been given to candidates having a knowledge of machinery and running repairs, who have worked heavy machinery and have done general work on a farm. They are to be taught to use the Ford tractor, which has the advantage of being lighter than those hitherto used. The life will entail much travelling about, and will call for endurance and adaptability on the part of the women. They are to be paid at the same rate as the men whose places they are taking. The news that the Ford Production Department has gained permission from the treasury to include a worn woolen jersey in the outfit of the women working on the land under the land army scheme, will be welcomed, since last winter, as no greater aid was included in the government outfit, the girls had to wear their own heavy coats.

RECENT DEATHS

Henry H. Wheeler. Henry H. Wheeler, formerly vice-president of the New York Cotton Exchange, and one of the best known cotton merchants in New York died here today.

Restraining a Mantic (From the Philadelphia Record) We are not trying to punish Germany for crime, but to disarm her for safety.

NEWS NOTES ABOUT PROMINENT BAPTISTS

(Maritime Baptist.) Rev. W. J. Richardson, recently ordained as pastor of the Plaster Rock church, is winning golden opinions on his field and from all who are acquainted with his work. We are glad to welcome such a valuable work of the ministry in these provinces. The friends of Rev. R. W. Ferguson, of whom there are many in this province, where he held several successful pastorates, will regret to hear that for the last few months his health has not been all that could be desired. He is now pastor at North Abington, Mass.

Rev. P. C. Clarke, who enlisted in the Military Y. M. C. A. work which was the Baptist church at Wells Depot, Me., has arrived in England. Among the victims of the explosion in Halifax were the wife and son of Rev. W. J. Swetnam, pastor of the Kaye Street Methodist church. Pastor Swetnam is a brother of Rev. J. K. Swetnam, pastor of the Baptist church at Springhill, N. S. The Kaye street church was also wholly destroyed by fire.

Karl C. Bishop, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Bishop, of Dartmouth, sailed from Halifax for England on November 26, with a draft from a siege battery. At time of sailing he was stationed at Witley Camp, but will probably soon be transferred to France.

The work of Rev. C. O. Howlett on the Bath field is being greatly prospered. Already the church have sent in the full allotment for denominational funds. The church at Beechwood, which has been reorganized for some years, there for a strong and aggressive church. The outlook on all the field is decidedly optimistic.

Rev. J. M. Smith will not soon be forgotten among us because of the work done during his pastorate at Yarmouth North. He is now enjoying his second pastorate at Port Rowan, Ont. Since his arrival at this church several hundred dollars have been spent in repairs and improvements upon the parsonage, and money has been collected for a thorough renovation of the church in the early spring.

An organization of particular interest to some of our readers took place at Wayne, Nebraska, on November 27. The candidate was Fletcher J. Jordan, pastor of the First Baptist church of that city. Pastor Jordan is a native of Murray Harbor, P. E. I., a son of Luther Jordan of that place. During the summer of 1915 he supplied the pulpit of the Murray River church. He is a graduate of Sioux Falls College and of the Rochester Theological Seminary.

Rev. J. Landels Love, known to our readers through his notes of the Sunday school, had a narrow escape during the Halifax disaster. He was engaged in Military Y. M. C. work and was on his way to the dockyard when the explosion occurred. Though he was thrown some distance and considerably bruised, he escaped without serious injury. Next month he is planning a trip to Ontario, and, according to rumor, he does not expect to return alone. The Maritime Baptist extends congratulations and best wishes.

NEWFOUNDLANDERS LOST FISH STOCKS IN OPORTO TROUBLES

St. John, Nfld., Dec. 19.—News has been received here that large stocks of dry fish owned by Newfoundland interests were damaged in recent food riots in Oporto. Shippers are considering taking action.

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FITTED SHAVING AND TOILET CASES, \$4.00 to \$23.50

LADIES' TOILET CASES, \$3.50 to \$18.75

CHANGE PURSES—Best kinds, 15c. to \$1.30

MONEY BELTS—Several qualities, 50c. to \$1.10

BILL FOLDS AND LEATHER CASES, 25c. to \$3.65

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CIGAR AND CIGARETTE CASES—Several new styles in leather, also silver-plated and gun metal, 30c. to \$3.00

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They have most of the advantages of a Plush Robe, and in addition are very handsome, pliable, sanitary, free from odor and fast colors. The standing pile of these Robes is real animal hair, ensuring the same protection that fur gives. They wear excellently, are easily kept clean, are made in extra large sizes and double thickness, shown in plain colors, handsome designs and two-tone effects.

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Men's Smoking Jackets, \$7.00 to \$13.75

Dressing Gowns, \$8.00 to \$21.00

Men's Bathrobes, \$5.75 to \$9.00

Men's Fancy Vests, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$5.00

Men's Fur Gloves, \$6.75 to \$9.00

Men's Dress Suits, \$21.00 to \$32.50

Men's Waterproof Coats, \$8.75 to \$20.00

Boys' Bath Gowns, \$3.50 to \$5.75

Boys' Pants, \$1.25 to \$2.75 pr.

Boys' Blouses, 60c. to 85c.

Boys' Toques, 60c. to 70c.

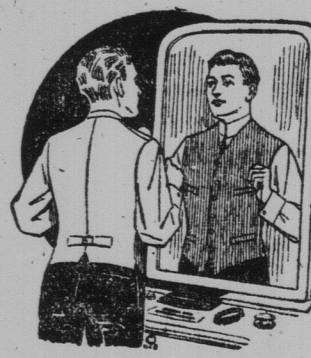
Men's Fur Caps, \$4.50 to \$12.00

Men's Fur Coats, \$26.50 to \$135.00

Men's Fur Collars, \$3.75 to \$6.75

Men's Mackinaw Coats, \$8.25 to \$12.50

Men's Overcoats, \$10.00, \$12.50



Men's Burberry Coats, \$20.00 to \$55.00

Boys' Caps, \$1.00 to \$2.00

Boys' Fancy Suits, \$4.25 to \$8.00

Boys' Suits, 8 to 12 yrs., \$5.25 to \$12.00

Boys' Suits, 8 to 12 yrs., two pairs pants, \$8.00 to \$13.50

Boys' Suits, 13 to 17 yrs., \$8.00 to \$15.00

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FOR SALE—FOLDING BABY CARRIAGE complete and in good condition. cheap. Apply 222 Duke. 70440-12-21

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FOR SALE—SET MINK FURS. Price \$15.00. Address Box 150, Times. 70411-12-20

FOR SALE—A BEAUTIFUL PORTER, made of California Eucalyptus seeds and beads, 11 Ann street, City. 70381-12-24

FOR SALE—BEDCOUCH, T W O Wicker Arm Chairs, reasonable. Apply 115 Carmarthen, left door. 70350-12-24

ROCKING HORSES, SKATES, Framers, Flyers, Carts, Doll Carriages, Express Wagons—Dural. 70347-12-24

WE HAVE A FEW BOYS' ULSTERS that we will sell cheap to clear, size 14 to 17 years. W. J. Higgins & Co. Custom Tailors. Ready to wear clothing, 182 Union street. 70347-12-24

FOR SALE—FLEXIBLE FLYERS, \$2.50; Snowshoes, \$1.50, almost new, 21 Wright street, upper belt. 70197-12-20

FOR SALE—RARE OLD MAHOAGANY furniture, Nyberg, 122 Mill street. 70191-12-14

TWO OFFICE SAFES. APPLY TO Martine Dredging & Construction Co., West Side. 70188-12-20

ROLLER TOP DESK, TELEPHONE M. 2064-31. T.F.

FOR SALE—NEW CAST IRON water pipe 10 inches diameter, 12 ft long; also 30 or 40 tons of second-hand pipe same size as above, first class condition; sold cheap. Frank Garson, 8 St. Paul street. 69928-12-24

HORSES, ETC.

FOR SALE—NEW AND SECOND hand Ash Pump, Delivery Sleds, Coal Dump Sled. Xmas bargains. Edgecombe's, 115 City Road, M. 547. 70267-12-21

FOR SALE—TWO SINGLE SLEDS, S. J. Holder, 288 Union street. 70187-12-20

HORSE FOR SALE—ONE BAY Horse, 1400 or 1600 lbs. Will sell reasonable. Tobias Bros., 71 Erin street. M 1746-21. T.F.

FOR SALE—TWO PINE HEAVY working horses. J. Roderick & Son, Britain street. T.F.

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AUCTIONS

Parlor and Den Round Tables, two sets L. S. Dining Chairs, Children's Sets, Table and Chairs, (leather seat), Rocking Horse, Flexible Flyers, High Stools, Oak Commodes, Dinner Wagon, Dining Table, Oak Hat-tray, Parlor Chair, etc. BY AUCTION at salesroom, 96 Germain street, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 21, at 3 o'clock. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

FOR SALE—HOUSEHOLD

FOR SALE—WILLIS PIANO AND other household furniture, all in good condition. Owner leaving city. Apply 9 Gilbert's Lane, upper belt. 70445-12-27

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FOR SALE—2 SHOW CASES, \$4.50 each; 1 bed and spring, \$4; 1 wardrobe, \$5; 1 parlor set, \$20; 1 bureau, \$8; chairs, 25c up; 1 sofa, \$2.—McGrath's Furniture Store, 274 Union street, St. John, N.B. Phone 1546-21.

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AUCTION FREEHOLD PROPERTY.—There will be sold at Public Auction, Chubb's Corner, Saturday, December 22, at 12 o'clock noon, freehold lots No. 169 to 179 City road, known as Hazehurst property, having frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 100 feet. There are two large houses having five tenements. Apply Eastern Trust Company or H. F. Puddington. F. L. Potts, Auctioneer. 69890-12-23.

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One can indeed sympathize with the Russian soldier, poisoned as he has been by the agents of the Germans and Socialists. He has been misled; he is a mere child. But one must honor indeed the Russian officer who still holds his command and tries to direct the men under him. Here is a man who may be assassinated any moment by his Socialists, who may be removed and disgraced or executed by his government without warning, who has not authority to which he can look for support. He has to "carry on" just as a soldier. He has a sense of honor not only to Russia, but to the Allies. He appreciates the disgrace of a separate peace as the childlike peasants under him do not. Shorn of much of his old authority he still clings to his post, arguing with his men when he can no longer command. There ought to be a special medal prepared for the Russian soldiers who have tried to keep the war going in the past few months. Every one of them deserves a V. C.

Peasant Buries His God. The great Russian novelist appeals to his sober-minded countrymen not to forget what they owe to others. He refers to slanders upon Great Britain and France which have been circulated throughout Russia, and he passionately repudiates them. He appeals also to the Russian peasant who has buried his gold and will no longer produce it to aid his country. He does not blame the peasants. In view of the stories they have been told he thinks that they could have done so differently to what they have done, but he points out to them that they are ruining their country. They are ruining themselves; famine threatens. Disorder has gone so far in Russia that Russians will no longer trust each other or help each other. Here is a community that has had a bountiful crop; it refuses to lend seed for next year's

ARE YOU GOING TO MOVE; OR HAVE YOU A HOUSE OR FLAT TO RENT?

This page of the TIMES is the city directory for the home seeker; and for the landlord who wants a tenant.

FLATS TO LET

UPPER FLAT TO LET, 11 SUMMER street. 70396-12-23

TO LET—BRIGHT MODERN FLAT, six rooms, electric, Lanaster avenue, west. Phone Mrs. C. W. Neve, Main 3248-41. 70406-12-26.

TO LET—UPPER FLAT NO. 18 Clarence street, Kenneth A. Wilson, 45 Canterbury street. 70410-12-23

UPPER FLAT 128 SYDNEY, RENT \$8.75. J. W. Morrison, 99 Prince Wm street. 70370-12-24

TO LET—FLAT 64 ELLIOTT ROW, Apply 804 Princess street, immediate possession. 70238-12-21

TO LET—LOWER FLAT, SIX rooms, St. Patrick street, Telephone Main 128-11. 70238-12-21

FLAT, UPPER, SMALL, BATH, electric, 273 Wentworth street, immediate occupancy. Apply on premises or Fenton Land and Building Co., Phone Main 1694, Pugsley Building. 70202-12-20

TO LET—FLAT AND FURNISHED rooms, 205 Charlotte street, West. 70166-12-20

TO LET—FLAT, COLORED PEOPLE wanted, 8 St. Paul street. 69965-1-10

FURNISHED FLATS

FURNISHED FLAT, 7 rooms, Central, electric, gas stove, desirable. Phone 1938-31. 70257-12-21

HOUSES TO LET

SELF-CONTAINED HOUSE, PART-ly furnished, to let. Phone 2718-11. 70182-12-27

TO LET—WEST END HOUSE, South Market wharf. Immediate possession. H. C. Schofield, 162 Prince Wm street. Telephone Main 2728. T.F.

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crop to its neighbor. Nor will the people of Russia trust their leaders, for they change so swiftly that no man can properly recognize authority.

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FURNISHED ROOMS

ROOMS TO LET—THREE ROOMS, electric lights. Apply 288 or 166 Car-marthen street. 70449-12-27

ROOMS WITH BOARD, 7 DORCHES-ter street. 70407-12-26

ONE ROOM TO RENT, 40 LEIN-ster. 70402-12-26

LARGE FURNISHED ROOM FOR housekeeping. Small room, \$1.25, 9 Elliot Row. 70403-12-26

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LARGE HEATED ROOM, 1 Elliot Row. 12-26.

HEATED ROOMS, 25 PADDOCK. 70240-12-23

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FURNISHED ROOMS, 42 PETERS. 70188-12-14

THREE ROOMS, ELECTRIC lights. Apply 288 or 166 Car-marthen street. 70203-12-20

FURNISHED, HEATED ROOMS, central. Phone M 9417-11. 12-31

FURNISHED BEDROOM, GENTLE-men, 72 Mecklenburg. 69498-12-29

TWO LARGE FURNISHED AND heated rooms. 580 Main street. 69912-12-26

TO LET—ROOMS FURNISHED, 86 Colub. 69060-12-21

TWO AND THREE FURNISHED rooms for light housekeeping with stove and water. Inquire 10 Waterloo street. T.F.

HUMBERT'S IMMUNITY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

Paris, December 18.—The senate today, without discussion, voted to suspend the immunity of Senator Charles Humbert, former proprietor of the Journal, in accordance with the demand of the public prosecutor. In the Chamber of Deputies, M. Paisant read a report that he had drawn up for the committee of eleven on the question of the suspension of the immunity of Senators Caillaux and Loustalot. The report was adopted. America against the German nation, the appeal stated. It is rather a war against a peculiar system of society and government. This system of society and of government unhappily dominates the German people to their own and the world's undoing.

APPEAL TO GERMANS TO WIN THE WAR.

New York, Dec. 18.—An appeal to American citizens of German birth and descent to join its campaign for helping the United States to win the war was made public today by the executive committee of the Friends of German Democracy. Frans Sigel, son of General Frans Sigel, of civil war fame, is president of the organization. This war is not a war on the part of America against the German nation, the appeal stated. It is rather a war against a peculiar system of society and government. This system of society and of government unhappily dominates the German people to their own and the world's undoing.

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ROOM AND BOARD, 101 PARADISE row. T.F.

ROOMS TO LET

ROOM TO LET, 79 BROAD ST. 70299-12-22

HEATED ROOMS, 18 MILL. 69870-12-20

STORES, BUILDINGS

TO LET—SHOP, CORNER CAMDEN and Simonds street, also 4 room flat, in good condition. Apply C. H. Gibbon, No. 1 Union street. Phone 2636. 70321-12-22

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FROM MAY 1, CENTRALLY SITU-ated store, 82 Germain street, formerly occupied by Emery Bros. Spacious, well lighted, rear entrance. Apply G. Ernest Fairweather, Architect, 84 Germain street. Phone 1741-1330. 69927-12-22

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WANTED—SMALL FURNISHED flat, heated preferred; 2 in family. Telephone M. 1503-41. 70365-12-24

WANTED—FURNISHED FLAT OR rooms, suitable for light housekeeping by young married couple, two children. West St. John preferred. Address 1 70321-12-22

NOTICE

The application filed this day with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities by the New Brunswick Power Company praying that the Board may approve of a new and revised toll charge and tariff for its street railway, electric light power and gas services—to go into effect on the first day of January next, will be heard on Thursday, the 27th day of December next, at the hour of 10:30 of the clock in the forenoon—at the Government Rooms, in the City of Saint John, when all parties interested may attend and be heard. The proposed schedule of rates is on file at the office of the clerk, in the City of Fredericton, where the same may be inspected. Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1917. By the Board, FRED P. ROBINSON, Clerk.

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TO GO TO HALIFAX 45c PER HOUR APPLY TO T. McAVITY & SONS, LTD. 12-20.

WANTED—MALE HELP

WANTED—MAN, WATSON'S Stable. 70405-12-25

CARPENTERS WANTED—APPLY, A. Williams, 109 Prince Wm street. 70297-12-21

WANTED—SMART STRONG BOY to learn automobile repair business. McLaughlin Carriage Co., Ltd., 144 Union street. 70387-12-25

WANTED—TWO FIRST CLASS Stove Plate Moulders at once, highest wages, steady work. Write or apply McLean, Holt & Co., Ltd., Albion street, St. John. 70378-12-20

WANTED—MAN AT CRYSTAL Creamery, 207 Charlotte street. 70196-12-20

WANTED—MEN, 205 CHARLOTTE street West. 69211-12-23

AGENTS WANTED

WANTED—SALESMEN AND CAN-vasers to travel. Good weekly pay. Expenses advanced. N. B. Portrait Co., Ltd., 609 Main street. 70433-12-22

YOUNG WOMAN OR MAN TO SELL Underwood's stereoscopic war views; splendid goods; big profits. Box 1 24, care Times. 70451-12-21

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WANTED

WANTED—IN EXCHANGE FOR real estate, used car, Ford preferred. Genuine proposition. Apply Times. 70436-12-27

WANTED—SINGERS, BASS AND tenor. Apply K. J. MacRae, chairman, Knox church trustees, Pugsley Building. T.F.

WANTED—A SILENT SALESMAN; also one or two counter showcases. Telephone Main 3608. 70399-12-21

WANTED—A ROOM WITH MOD-ern conveniences, also board, in a private family in West St. John. Box 1 18, Times. 70360-12-20

WANTED—IN VICINITY OF L. R. C. railway tracks, barn or shed, Pond, City Road, Lombard or Celebration Sts. Box 1 17, Times Office. T.F.

WANTED—OLD FALSE TEETH: Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2 to \$15 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. F. Terl, 403 N. Wolfe street, Baltimore, Md. 70308-12-22

WANTED—A FLAT OR HOUSE furnished or unfurnished. Bath (Elec-trics, preferred. Box 1 14, Times. 70437-12-21

WANTED—SMALL UNFURNISHED Flat, or 4 or 5 rooms, including kitchen, bath room. Rent moderate, central. Reply Box 1 12, Times Office. 70185-12-20

FOUND—LADY'S SILK WORKBAG. Owner can have same on applying 205 Newman street. 70439-12-20

FOUND—SATURDAY AFTER-noon, sum of money. Owner can have same at 88 1/2mouth street. 70441-12-21

LOST—VIA OF CARLETON N. George, Mill and Main streets, Nurse's Silver Watch in leather wristlet, monogram J. M. R. Reward on return to F. B. Schofield, 48 Carleton street. 70334-12-22

COOKS AND MAIDS

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. George Nixon, 182 Queen street. 12-26.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. Donaldson Hunt, 29 Mecklenburg street. 70450-12-22

WANTED—GOOD GIRL OR MID-dle-aged woman for general house-work at once. Apply 150 Union street, or phone 1832-31. 70405-12-20

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework, able to do plain cooking. Mrs. W. S. Fisher, 78 Orange street. 70400-12-26

WANTED—PLAIN COOK, NO washing or ironing, good wages. References required. Address Mrs. Percy Fairweather, Rotheasy. 70381-12-24

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework, small family. Mrs. Mulin, 139 Adelaide. No phone. 70359-12-20

CHAMBERMAID AND WAITRESS—references required. Apply Prince Wm. Hotel. T.F.

WANTED—COOK, APPLY MORN-ings, Mrs. Carleton Lee, 100 Leinster street. 70212-12-20

WANTED—GOOD, RELIABLE GIRL or middle aged woman to assist with housework, no washing. Wages \$17 per month. Apply Mrs. Garson, 50 Hazen street. 70210-12-20

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housekeeping, good wages. Apply Mrs. J. M. Trueman, 101 Pitt street, corner Princess. 70210-12-20

PLACES FOR GENERAL GIRLS 154 Union. 69286-12-24

WANTED—FEMALE

GIRL TO ASSIST VEGETABLE cook. Apply Royal Hotel. 70422-12-27

WANTED—GIRL WITH EXPERI-ence, to work in confectionery store. Apply E. McGuire, 667 Main street. 70401-12-20

IMMEDIATELY—GIRL FOR Me-morial's Grocery Store, 261 Queen. 70363-12-24

TWO SALTY GIRLS WANTED. Apply Two Barkers, 100 Princess street. 70240-12-21

WANTED—WOMAN FOR COUN-try home, 158 Union street. T.F.

WANTED—HOUSEMAIDS. ROYAL Hotel. T.F.

WANTED—FIRST CLASS STENO-grapher. Answer to Box C 79, care Telegraph, stating wages and experience. T.F.

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POSITION WANTED BY FIRST-class chef or pastry cook in hotel. Apply Fred Wilkins, 66 Metcalf street. 70437-12-22

EXPERIENCED NURSE, OPEN FOR immediate engagements. Phone M. 2021-11. 70395-12-21

WOMAN WISHING WORK AS housekeeper or any work in city or country. Box 1 16, Times. 70256-12-21

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IF YOU WANT YOUR ASHES REMOVED call up W. G. McInerney, 304 Union street, Main 968-11. 70168-12-19

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ELECTRIC LIGHT FIXTURES REFINISHED in all colors. Brass beds re-finished and made as good as new. Ornamental goods repaired. Refinished in their original colors at Grondines the Plater.

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BIG RUSH FOR CHRISTMAS GOODS at Wetmore's, Garden street. See our window display.

TOYS! TOYS! WE HAVE THE toys to delight their hearts, dolls, trains, teddy bears. We have a line of shell novelties, as boxes, bureaus. J. Stekolosky, 625 Main street. 70998-12-28

BARGAINS—TOYS AND GAMES. Pocket Knives, Lamp Goods, Carving Sets, Gift Cups and Saucers, Glass Sets, Shaving Mugs, Stropps, Razors and Brushes, and a thousand other things.—Dunal, Waterloo. 70348-12-24

FULL RANGE OF THE FOLLOWING winter lines: Men's and boys' sweaters; Stanfield, Penangle; fleece lined and Merino underwear; heavy wool blankets, etc.—J. Morgan & Co., 629-633 Main street.

CLEANING

CLOTHES CLEANED, REPAIRED and Pressed. Orders left at 150 Brussels street. 70190-12-20

COAL

NOW LANDING, FRESH MINED Reserve Sydney Coal. Tel. 42. James S. McGivern, 6 Mill street. 69582-12-30

BURN OLD MINE SYDNEY screened coal in grate and range. Jas. W. Carleton, corner Duck and Market Place, West 82.

T. M. WISTED & CO., 142 ST. PATRICK street. American anthracite, all sizes; Springhill, Reserve Sydney soft coal also in stock. Phone 2145-11. Ashes removed promptly.

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F. C. WESLEY & CO., ARTISTS AND engravers, 50 Water street. Telephone M. 592.

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FILMS DEVELOPED AND PRINTED by hand at Wasson's, Main street. No machine work. Enlargement 8 x 10 for 35c.

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TABLEWARE OF ALL KINDS REPAIRED and plated. Knives, forks, spoons, cake baskets, castors, teapots, etc. Mesh bags repaired and plated. All jewelry repaired and plated, gold or silver, at Grondines, the Plater.

HATS BLOCKED

LADIES' VELOUR, BEAVER AND Felt Hats blocked over in latest styles. Mrs. T. R. James, 280 Main street, opposite Adelaide.

HAIRDRESSING

MISS McGRATH, N. Y. PARLORS, Imperial Theatre Building. Orders taken now for new hair, colorings, hair work a specialty. Gents' manicuring—Floor 2. Phone M 2695-51. New York graduate.

IRON FOUNDRIES

UNION FOUNDRY AND MACHINE Works, Limited, George H. Waring, manager, West St. John, N. B. Engineers and machinists, iron and brass foundry.

MEN'S CLOTHING

GOOD RELIABLE WINTER OVERCOATS at reasonable price. W. J. Higgins & Co., custom and ready-to-wear clothing, 182 Union street.

NOW SHOWING—A BIG RANGE of men's overcoats, from \$12 to \$24; also a large assortment of raincoats, all guaranteed. Call early and make your selection. Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main street.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY TO LOAN ON CITY FREEhold or leasehold. Apply Leonard A. Conlon, Solicitor, Ritchie Building.

NICKEL PLATING

AUTOMOBILE PARTS RE-NICKELED, made to look like new. Bicycle parts, sewing machine parts, stove fittings, bath-room fittings, etc., re-nickel- ed at Grondines the Plater. 74

PHOTOS ENLARGED

SNAPSHOTS ENLARGED—SNAPshots enlarged, size 2x10 for 85c.; post card size, 5 for 25c. Send us the films with price. Enlargement from prints, 50c. extra. Wasson's, 711 Main street.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET Quotations furnished by private wire of J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N. B. New York, Dec. 19.

Table with columns: Previous Closing, Opening, New. Lists various stocks like Am Car & Pdy, Am Locomotive, Am Beet Sugar, etc.

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns: Montreal, Dec. 18. Lists various banks and stocks like Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal, etc.

QUIET IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 19—War stocks and prominent specialties were moderately lower at the beginning of today's trading...

A sergeant and a private were out sniping. The private was troubled with a cold and was continually sneezing, which rather annoyed and put the sergeant's shots off the mark.

A PLEASING CHRISTMAS GIFT

to father or mother would be a new pair of glasses, fitted by K. W. EPSTEIN & CO., Optometrists, 193 UNION STREET.

HELP!

Might we ask the advertisers in the Times-Star to let us have their ad. copy not later than 6 o'clock the night before the day on which insertion is desired?

The crush of advertising, which The Times has been carrying the last few months, makes a call for HELP on the part of the business office an urgent necessity.

The unfortunate fact that quite frequently advertisements have to be omitted from The Times on account of late copy, prompts this S. O. S. call, and really your own best interests would demand that it be heeded.

Advertising Manager

BUY CLOTHING AND FURS For Christmas On Credit

I will sell you the best Clothing and Furs for your money that you can get in town. I will sell you Ladies, Men's Boys' and Girls' Clothing, Furs, One-Piece Dresses and Waterproofs on my easy payment system of

\$1.00 A WEEK AND A SMALL PAYMENT Payable Weekly, Fortnightly and Monthly

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists Men's Overcoats, Ladies' Coats, Girls' Coats, etc.

ALEX. LESSER'S CASH AND CREDIT STORE, (Formerly The People's Cash & Credit Company), 553-555 MAIN STREET. Phone Main 2909. Store Open Evenings.

If You Say Credit! That's Me.

Use Your Credit.



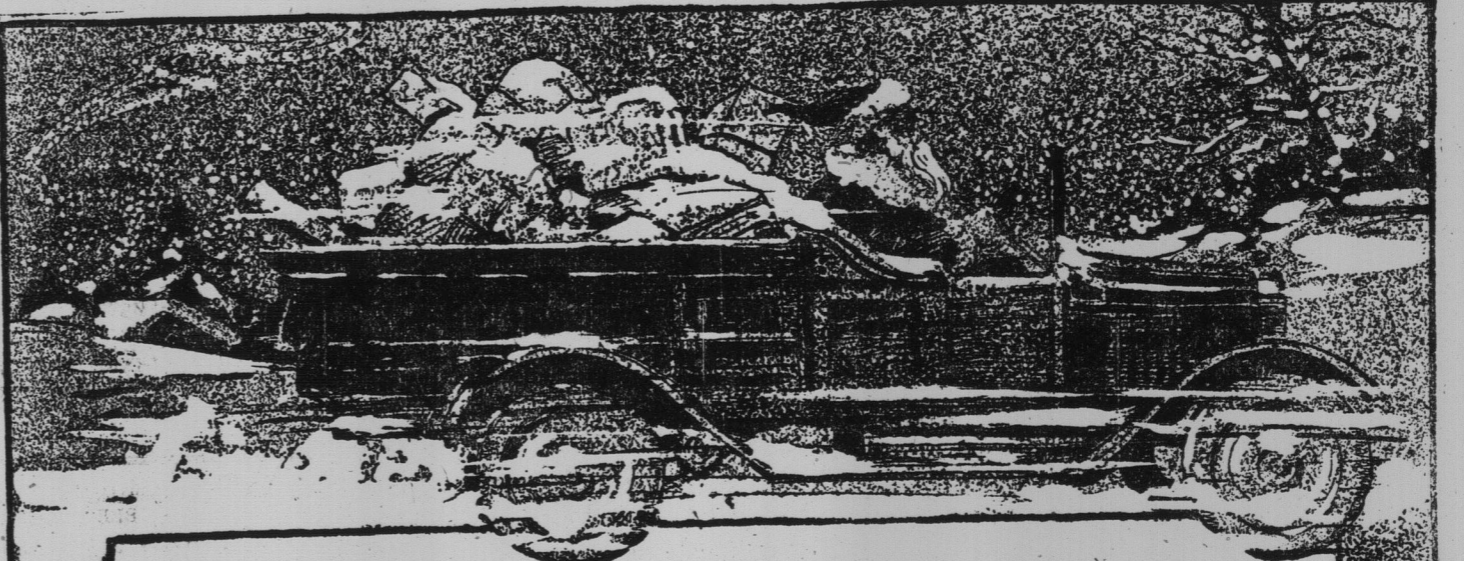
Silk Shirts of the \$5 quality have certainly broken into the Holiday Present class.

Good selection here of other Shirts in the newest patterns from \$1.25 to \$2.50, that will embellish any Christmas stocking.

New Mufflers received yesterday. Neckties, Suspender Sets, Garters, Armlets, Sweaters, Suits, Overcoats.

Gilmour's 68 King St. Open Evenings This Week.

Observing his hesitation, the judge said: "Would you like to ask me a question?" "Yes, your honor," replied the juror, eagerly. "I'd be very glad if you'd tell me whether the prisoner really stole the watch."—The Green Bag.



Gift Buyers' Directory

Here is a quick and ready reference guide for the Christmas shopper who is not yet decided just the thing to get for relative or friend.

The articles enumerated are acceptable, timely, and our stock new and fresh.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists gifts for Father, Sister, Brother, Mother.

WIEZEL'S CASH STORE 243-247 UNION STREET

FRENCH IVORY

This attractive Toiletware is very popular for Gift purposes. Our stock is complete, including Hair Brushes, Cloth and Hat Brushes, Mirrors, Combs, Trays, Manicure Pieces, Clocks, Perfume Bottles, etc., etc.

LET US SHOW THEM TO YOU

The Ross Drug Co., Ltd
100 KING STREET

Store Open Evenings Till Christmas

DOLLS 75c. to \$10.00

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES—Silks, Ribbons, Veils, Fancy Bags, Ostrich Boas, Marabout Capes, Christmas Bells, Skating Caps.

VELOUR HATS—Best quality, \$2.25

TRIMMED HATS—Specially trimmed for Christmas Gifts.

GAGE PATTERN HATS received every week in the very newest styles

MARR MILLINERY CO., LTD.

HUDSON SEAL COATS
\$150.00 to \$275.00

Muskrat Coats
\$90.00 to \$165.00

Muskrat Coats, Raccoon Collars and Cuffs
\$125.00

F. S. THOMAS
539 to 545 MAIN STREET

SPECIAL SALE OF Ladies' Fur Coats and Fur Sets Also Winter Coats

Made of Plush, Sealette and Cloths, in a Splendid Variety at Exceedingly Low Prices

CALL AND EXAMINE AT

The American Cloak Mfg., Co.
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Shellfish Luncheons

In Sea-Food Delicacies, LOBSTER SALAD, also OYSTERS on the half shell, and in Latest French and American Styles, are specialties at the luxuriously appointed

GARDEN CAFE—ROYAL HOTEL
Entrances King and Germain Streets. Open Noon Till Midnight and on Sundays. MUSIC AFTERNOON AND EVENINGS

PLAY-THINGS And Christmas Tree Ornaments

Here is a partial list of new arrivals in our already well supplied Toy Department:

"Wonder Blocks," amusing and instructive, introducing Deedle-dum and Dinkie Dee..... \$1.50

"Cock o' the Walk" Coaster..... \$1.50

Folding Coaster..... \$3.00

Also

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMINGS
From 5c. to 75c.

Beginning Wednesday these stores will be open every evening until 10 o'clock until Christmas eve.

Market Square **W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd.** King Street

LOCAL NEWS

FOR HALIFAX.
Receipt of a subscription of \$10 for the Halifax relief fund from Canon R. A. Armstrong is acknowledged by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

AGAIN LATE.
The trains arriving in the city today were all late. The Boston was one hour and fifteen minutes; the Montreal one hour, and the Maritime, fifty minutes.

MISS ELLA MAUDE HUNTER.
The death of Miss Ella Maude Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Hunter of Harvey Station, occurred last night in the General Public Hospital. She was twenty-three years old. The body will be taken tonight to Harvey Station, where interment will be made tomorrow.

DEATH OF D. KILEY, JR.
Many will learn with regret of the death of Daniel Kiley, Jr., which occurred at his residence, River street, this morning. Besides his wife he leaves four children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kiley; seven brothers, David, Edward, Urban and Michael, all of this city; William of New Hampshire and Louis and Thomas of Boston; two sisters, Mrs. James Dalton of this city and Miss Helen at home. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

TRAVEL OVER THE ICE
While recent cold spells were not welcomed by citizens in general they were greatly appreciated by residents of Kings county and farmers all along the St. John and Kennebec rivers. Ice formed sufficiently to permit reasonably safe driving and as a result the countrymen are able to come to the city with produce and also to replenish their own larders. Merchants of the north end are always pleased when the river affords safe transportation for the farmers as they benefit by the patronage. Daily large numbers come to the city via Millidgeville and bring supplies of eggs, butter and fowl for local consumption.

FUNERAL OF FATHER BRADLEY.
His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, accompanied by Rev. William M. Duke, Rev. F. J. Murray, Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G. of St. John, and Rev. C. P. Carleton of Petersville, Rev. J. J. Ryan, Woodstock, and Rev. Dr. A. W. Meahan of Milltown, arrived in the city last evening from St. Andrews, where they were in attendance at the funeral of Rev. Francis Bradley. Bishop LeBlanc pontificated at high mass in the morning with Very Rev. J. J. Walsh as high priest, Rev. J. J. Ryan as deacon, and Rev. C. P. Carleton as sub-deacon, and Rev. William M. Duke as master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were Rev. John O'Flaherty, Rev. F. J. McMurray, Rev. D. S. O'Keefe and Rev. Dr. Meahan. The latter preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery in St. Andrews.

The Man In The Street

Not much room for doubt about St. John's attitude.

And Canada's record should be reassuring to those who worried about the result of a war-time election.

The lion's whelp is old enough to speak with a full-sized roar.

Yesterday was a busy day for the man who likes to say "I told you so."

Who said the women would not know what to do with the franchise?

Lots More at Home.

There was no question about the thoroughness of the women's organization in most of the wards. The chairman of one of the wards was invited to meet the committee and they were to co-operate with him. Instead of the small gathering he expected, he found what looked like a mass meeting and was afraid he was in the wrong place.

"Are these all your ward workers?" he asked one of the ladies.

"Oh, no; not nearly all; so many could not get here today," was the astonishing answer.

Not a Square Deal.

More experienced politicians than the women have been fooled in other elections but one of the ladies decided it was not at all fair when she found that five of the six voters she had brought to the polls had voted for the opposition.

When Looks Don't Count.

Like the men, they were inclined to believe that there must be something wrong with a voter who did not see things the same as they did.

They were checking off the votes at the polls and a woman worker was much interested.

"Laurier-Liberal," remarked one of the men, as a voter entered the poll.

"Oh, no; he couldn't be," the woman protested. "He looked quite respectable and intelligent."

Monday's vote will be Canada's Christmas greetings to the Kaiser.

Now that the political campaign is over, the citizens may have some time to devote to the power company's drive on the six-cent fare objective.

So far none of the lists of "practical" Christmas presents has mentioned a ton of bricks as a desirable gift. Why the discrimination?

CALVIN AUSTIN A TRAINING SHIP

(Bangor Commercial.)

New England's status as headquarters for American seamen has been given official recognition by the United States Shipping board, in a project just authorized for establishing at Boston a national training station for crews in the new merchant marine.

Two steamers have been taken over by the Shipping board for use as training ships. They are the Calvin Austin, a Boston passenger vessel, which in the last week made a mercy voyage to Halifax, and the Minnesota, a large passenger steamer from the Great Lakes. As the Minnesota met with an accident in New York waters Thursday, the Austin probably will be the first commissioned as a training ship. It is possible that as the war advances other ships based on other ports, may be put into service.

CASUALTY LIST IS LENGTHENING

Moncton Soldier Dead of Wounds; Woodstock Member of Mounted Rifles Ill

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Casualties in the INFANTRY.

Killed in Action—
T. E. Dirst, Trenton, N. S.; B. Horne, Dartmouth, N. S.

Dead of Wounds—
E. E. Horseman, Moncton.

Wounded and Missing—
W. N. Cummings, Stellarton, N. S.; H. U. Swicker, Caledonia, N. S.

Wounded—
J. S. Taylor, Camden, N. S.; J. P. Devan, Dartmouth, N. S.; G. H. McKenzie, North Sydney, N. S.; A. C. McDonald, Waterford, N. S.; G. H. Johnstone, Lunenburg, N. S.; W. J. Brown, Florence, N. S.

Gassed—
J. E. Roseborough, Shelburne, N. S.

Cancel Report Missing—
P. E. Lawlor, Amherst, N. S.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RAILWAY TROOPS.

Wounded—
H. Hermon, Salem, N. S.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Wounded—
S. Tomer, Woodstock, N. B.

CAVALRY.

Prisoner of War—
J. W. DeWolf, Halifax.

ARTILLERY.

Killed in Action—
G. Thaseard, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Wounded—
J. MacDonald, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. Alexander, Parrsboro, N. S.; H. Ruffe, Chester, N. S.; Lt. A. B. Murphy, Tignish, P. E. I.

Gassed—
J. F. Mullins, Halifax; J. F. McCurley, Sydney.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSING

The private kindergarten conducted by Miss Greany and Miss Morrison in the Princess street rooms formerly the home of the Girls' Club, was closed this morning for the Christmas holidays. A very interesting programme was given by the little ones and was keenly enjoyed by their parents and other visitors. Some of the tots had solo parts and all participated in song-stills and play, giving a nice exhibition which showed the care bestowed on them by their instructors. The main room was nicely decorated with the work of the little hands, and a Christmas tree had a prominent place. From this each boy and girl received a gift for father and mother. The morning was a very happy one for all.

Misses Greany and Morrison started this school only last September and today marked the close of the first term. The school has been very successful and promises to be even more so.

POLICE COURT

In the police court today two prisoners pleaded guilty to drunkenness yesterday at noon in the vicinity of Haymarket square. The arrest was made by Policeman Coughlan, who testified that he had seen the men make their way into a nearby alley. The men were under the influence of liquor and he placed them under arrest. Asked by the court where they secured the liquor they gave the name of a man who, they said, had since gone to Amherst, where he belonged. The name of the individual was given to the inspectors, who will follow up the clue. In the meantime the two prisoners are remanded to jail.

URGES THE CLAIMS OF CANADIAN PEAT

Montreal, Dec. 19.—P. B. Haanel, chief of the division of fuels and fuel testing department of mines, Ottawa, in an interesting paper on "The Utilization of Our Peat Resources," read before the Canadian Club here yesterday, emphasized the fact that the supply of coal from the United States on which the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba depend, does not come from an inexhaustible source, and urged the importance of preparing to substitute peat for coal.

Mr. Haanel said Canada's peat bogs were chiefly situated in Quebec and Ontario. He urged that the people should be educated to realize the necessity of utilizing their own resources. He said that peat could be manufactured profitably by the "wet process," that is by drying the superfluous water of the peat by exposing it to the sun and wind.

PATTERNS VALUABLE TO ALLIES LOST IN FIRE IN ALBANY

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Valuable patterns for the manufacture of special equipment for British, French and Italian submarine chasers were destroyed early today in a fire of undetermined origin which ruined much of the manufacturing plant of the G. H. Thatcher Company. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The owners have signified their intention of requesting an investigation by the federal authorities.

VAUDEVILLE APPEAL FAILS TO MOVE THE COAL MAN.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Requests by vaudeville theatres for exemption from the recent lightless night order on the grounds that their patriotic services deserve recognition was denied today by the fuel administration.

MACAULAY BROTHERS & CO.

Our Stores Open at 8.30; Close 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 p.m.

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS Are Hand Bags

A Good Stock To Select From Now



Children's Wool Caps and Mittens with Overstockings to match, if desired.

Men's Silk Ties, Mufflers and Scarfs in a fine range of new patterns.

Men's Lined Gloves.

Men's and Boys' Scotch Knit Gloves.

Children's Umbrellas.

Men's Umbrellas.

Women's Umbrellas.

Every make of Women's Gloves in fine Kid, Scotch Knit, etc.


Women's Lisle, Cashmere and Silk Stockings.

Hundreds of Fancy Waist Lengths, put up in Fancy Boxes.

MACAULAY BROTHERS & CO.

Cook Your Christmas Turkey

—IN A— Sterling Savory Roaster



We are fully stocked with an up-to-the-minute line of Roasters, Roast Pans, Bake Pans, Loaf Pans, Pudding Pans, Muffin Pans, and all other kinds of Modern Cooking Utensils in Steel, Enamel, Tin and Aluminum.

Prices 20c. to \$2.00

D. J. BARRETT
Store Open Every Evening Until Xmas.

155 UNION STREET
PHONE 1545
ST. JOHN, N. B.

Open Every Night Until Xmas Until 10 o'clock Dec. 19, '17

Practical Christmas Gifts For Men



Silk Mufflers.....	\$1.25 to \$7.50	Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, \$2.00 per 1/2 dozen	Suit Cases.....	\$1.50 to \$30.00
Jaeger Wool Mufflers.....	\$1.25 to \$3.50	Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c. and 50c. each	Military Brushes.....	\$2.00 to \$6.00 per pair
Gloves.....	75c. to \$6.00	Khaki Handkerchiefs, 15c. to \$1.00 each	Travelling Rolls.....	\$5.00 to \$10.00
Suspenders, in fancy boxes.....	50c. to \$1.50	Armbands in fancy boxes, 50c. and 75c.	Fitted Cases.....	\$2.50 to \$12.00
Neckwear in fancy boxes, 35c. to \$2.50		Sweaters.....	Smoker Sets.....	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Men's Umbrellas.....	\$1.25 to \$10.00	Shirts.....	Gillette Razors.....	\$5.00
Cases.....	\$1.00 to \$5.00	Pyjamas.....	Manicure Sets.....	\$1.50 to \$ 6.50
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A FINE TRIBUTE TO HON. MR. CARVELL

Maritime Merchant Speaks of Dawn of a New Era in Our Public Affairs

(Maritime Merchant.) In the course of an address at Halifax last week, Hon. Frank Carvell made particular reference to the olden subject of the patronage system which the new Unionist government has promised to abolish.

Mr. Carvell made a very good impression in Halifax among those who heard him, on the two occasions on which he spoke, whether they intended to vote for the Unionist government or not, they were of the one opinion as to his ability as a public speaker and as to his ability in reasoning his case.

What a very remarkable thing it will be if we do succeed in getting a business administration firmly established at Ottawa. We have never had such a thing in the past, and we can see that there will be great difficulties in the way of maintaining it in the future.

STRAW CAN BE FED TO GOOD ADVANTAGE

Lineed Meal and Bran Will Balance the Ration; Oat Straw is Best

(Mail and Empire, Toronto.) Prices for hay are climbing, in spite of reports of a good crop in this country, while quotations of the United States markets for this commodity indicate an insistent demand, and owing to the much greater value of feed that can be shipped in a similar bulk of hay than of straw or other roughage, there is a good reason for farmers taking advantage of the demand whenever they have a supply of the more bulky substitute on hand.

An American engaged in the business of buying and selling hay who was discussing the subject of demand for feed in a Toronto office last week, reported a strong demand for all kinds of straw in the Middle States and stated that even threshed straw is bringing a good price just now.

Out straw of the common grain varieties has the highest feeding value, containing 1.2 per cent of digestible protein compared with 0.7 in barley, 0.6 in rye and 0.4 per cent in wheat straw. Because any kind of straw is greatly lacking in this important nutrient, protein, it is necessary to use a supplement rich in this material in feeding straw to stock, and a small quantity of linseed meal will be found best suited to the purpose.

Cattle, horses and sheep being wintered on straw plus a portion rich concentrate, should be well supplied with water and salt because the large bulk of straw needed to supply sufficient nourishment needs considerable washing down, while salt helps greatly in the digestion and assimilation of such bulky material.

Catarrhal Deafness May Be Overcome

A Simple, Safe and Reliable Way That Calls For No Ugly Trumpets, Phones or Other Instruments

To be deaf is very annoying and embarrassing. People who are deaf are generally mighty sensitive on this subject. And yet many deaf folks carry around instruments that call attention to their infirmity. Therefore people who are hard of hearing, who suffer from head noises, or who are actually deaf from catarrhal trouble, will be glad to know of a simple recipe that can be easily made up at home for a few cents cost that is really quite efficient in relieving the disagreeable deafness and head noises caused by catarrh.

From any drug store get one ounce of Permutin (double strength) about 90c. worth. Take this home and put it in a simple syrup made of 3/4 pint of hot water and four ounces of ordinary granulated sugar. Take a tablespoonful four times a day.

HOW TO SAVE FUEL IN HOUSE HEATING Special Detailed Instructions by U. S. Government in Coal Economy—Regulation of Air Important Factor (New York Times, Sunday.) The shortage of coal in the United States has become so acute that the coal administration is sending out appeals almost daily for the conservation of every available pound of fuel.

Heart Beat So Fast Could Not Sleep HAD TO SIT UP IN BED

Heart trouble has of late years become very prevalent. Sometimes a pain catches you in the region of the heart, now and then your heart skips beats, palpitates, throbs, or beats with such rapidity and violence you think it will burst.

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maintain the proper temperature in the rooms heated. "Whatever fuel may be selected, convenience will be promoted by having the heater large enough to maintain for at least eight hours, without attention, proper room temperatures under any weather conditions, except the most ex-

heater will not do this, it is too small or the draft is insufficient. "In case of a fire, the tendency of the fire will be facilitated by the proper equipment of dampers, including a hand damper in the smokepipe, a check damper, also in the smokepipe, and a damper, preferably a lift damper, in the ashpit. The ashpit damper and ash door, as well as the pit itself, should be made so that the supply of air under the grates can be entirely cut off by closing the door and damper; otherwise proper control of the fire will be difficult if not impossible.

Whether the fuel be hard or soft coal, coke, or wood, the stack damper should be kept partly closed at all times except in severe weather, unless the conditions as to the size of the boiler and draft are such that all available draft is regularly needed. In most cases, with the stack damper partly closed, the proper regulation can be obtained by varying the positions of the check damper and the ashpit damper. The fire door should not be used to check the fire except in emergencies, for the reason that the cold air admitted through the open door cools the firepot at the same time that it checks the fire.

Other suggestions that apply regardless of the fuel used are: Attend to the fire regularly; do not wait until it has burned low and heat is needed throughout the house. Often the need can be anticipated and by attention at the proper time trouble can be avoided. In addition, economy of fuel is more likely to be obtained by fairly uniform rates of burning than by attempting to supply a large amount of heat in a short period and then suddenly checking the fire.

nearly uniform as possible. Using coal of uneven sizes prevents an even flow of air through the fuel bed and increases the tendency of the fire to burn through in spots. "Try to keep the fuel bed from air holes, as they cause waste of fuel and may prevent the heater from maintaining the desired temperature. "Avoid excessive shaking of the grates and thus reduce the amount of coal lost by falling into the ashpit. Ordinarily the shaking of the grates should be stopped as soon as bright particles begin to drop through, or, under some conditions, as soon as light from the fuel bed begins to show in the ashpit. "To get the best results in firing arrange the following recommendations are made:

"Keep the fuel bed thick so that it will not burn through in spots and admit a large excess of air. If there is a bright bed of coals over the entire grate, as there should be before a heavy charge is fired, some of the burning coal should be pushed to one side or end of the grate—the part nearest the opening where the gases leave the fire pot—and the bed of live coals made thicker there. Then fire the fresh charge so as to make the bed approximately of uniform thickness and yet leave visible a bright spot of live coal to ignite the combustible gases coming off the freshly fired fuel. "If the fire is low, take care not to put it out by throwing on too much fresh coal. Fire lightly and allow each firing to become ignited before fresh coal is thrown on. Use small sizes of coal if they are available.

"When preparing the fire to last over night or for a similar length of time, push some of the burning coal aside and fire the fresh charge so as to leave a bright spot visible to ignite the distilled gases. The drafts should then be allowed to stand open for a short period, possibly half an hour, before they are closed for the night, so that a part of the volatile matter or gases in the coal can be driven off before the air supply is greatly reduced. "The amount of fuel consumed will depend, it further is pointed out, on the size of the house, the number of rooms, and more largely still on its construction. A brick or stone house may be heated more easily than a frame dwelling, and ill-fitting doors and windows, especially where the house is exposed to high winds, are not conducive to economical heating. One of the largest factors in the proper and cheapest method of heating a house is its location with reference to exposure to winds.

AN OLD RECIPE TO DARKEN HAIR

Sage Tea and Sulphur Turns Gray, Faded Hair Dark and Glossy.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Weyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger. Weyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

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A Week of the War

The British Official Commentary on France's Part in the War and in Air Fighting.

By GENERAL F. B. MAURICE,

British Director of Military Operations.

If you go back to the beginning of the war we started with a very small army in France, a very small regular army, which we had to sacrifice almost completely to assist in defending Paris and also to assist in blocking the road to Calais. That practically exhausted our old regular army, and very little more than a skeleton of it is left. And then after that we had to spend the best part of two years in building up a new army; while making the new army we had to fight with what we had ready, and do our best to cooperate with the French, and, of course, during that period the brunt of the war fell upon the French, and it could not be otherwise. And now, after three years of the war, we have our army and we are ready to take the brunt of the fighting, and are ready to go on taking the brunt of the fighting if necessary.

The French and English soldiers understand each other thoroughly in this matter, and there is no jealousy or discord of any kind, and the more this is made clear to your public, that is the best answer to make to the German propaganda.

Before leaving the Western front I must say a word or two about our old friend the Air. I have just been able to go through the records in the Western front of our air service during the month of September.

During that month our aeroplanes carried out 229 bombing raids, dropping 7,886 bombs, making 185 tons of explosives, and during that same month we shot down 40 German aeroplanes. I will not say it is within ten of the right total. I will swear—the enemy has dropped 1,000 bombs on us.

Now, bombing raids are a thing which very much interests the public of London at the present time, but it is a very small part of the air work as a whole in a battle. By far the most important thing is the direction of the artillery, because one big gun will do far more damage than ten or forty smaller ones if it is properly directed, and the number of shots at batteries which were engaged through aerial observation by us. The actual number of batteries successfully dealt with, their fire stopped, was 1,818, and during the same period the enemy only succeeded in ranging on 748 of ours from the air.

That is what I may call the main results of the aeroplanes in the battle during September, directing the shooting, bombing being an auxiliary.

The Toll of Aeroplanes. In order that the aeroplanes may direct the shooting they have to be protected, and you have to have fighting machines to keep the enemy fighting machines off, and that leads to fighting in the air.

During the month of September we engaged and brought down 274 German machines. I am told that in making this estimate our headquarters in France allow an airman credit for bringing down a German machine unless he can produce corroborative evidence, even although the man comes back and says another airman or an observer on the ground has seen him do it. He gets no credit for it. These 274 machines have been seen by some one else to have come down and crashed, and you may say that this is almost certainly an underestimate. That is the history of the main fighting on the front which has been going on; and while I am on the subject I would like to call attention to another small matter.

Most of the foreign armies—and enemy armies, too, so far as this is concerned—have air heroes whom they advertise very greatly, and they announce periodically the number of machines these men bring down. We do not do this, and one of the main reasons for it is because it is against the wishes of our airmen themselves, and their point of view is this: They say: "We belong to a service which is very conspicuous; it is one

MEN PREFER HONEY TO CHOCOLATES

Great Demand for Honey as a Sweet in Soldiers' Canteens

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) The principal speaker at yesterday's meeting of the Ontario Bookkeepers' Association was E. R. Root of Medina, Ohio, editor of Gleanings in Bee Culture, whose address consisted of a review of the past year's business in honey and a forecast of the near future. As the chief reason for the present high price of honey he gave the very heavy demand from Europe, which includes the requirements of the men at the front. Honey, he said, is preferred by the men to chocolate as a sweet and sells at the rate of \$1.10 per pound in the canteens, while big orders have lately been received for packages of three ounces in weight for individual use. In Ohio, Mr. Root said, honey is bringing the extraordinary price of 25 cents per pound in 60-pound lots. He expressed satisfaction at having found Canada snowbound on his arrival at the border yesterday, as he considers such a condition indicative of a good clover crop, so necessary for a good honey year. A novelty in the line of honey packages was introduced by F. W. L. Sladen, a Canadian in the form of a carton similar to that now largely used for packing creamery butter. Canned or granulated honey is packed in these cartons after new blocks have been wrapped in waxed parchment or bond paper and the package has proved very popular with customers of the experimental factory apothecary at Ottawa, though the method is as yet in the experimental stage. The aim in adopting the new form of package is to overcome the tin shortage which is making it almost impossible to secure satisfactory metal containers for honey at the present time.

BAKERS SEND HANNA A PLAN

Save 50,000 Barrels Wheat—Would Enforce Use of Bales Flour

(Toronto News.)

Toronto bakers and millers have devised a scheme to solve the nation's bread problem. Bales are found to have great economic food value, and the millers are now advocating 25 per cent bales flour. In this way one-quarter of a million bushels of wheat could be saved in Toronto alone yearly. The government is now being asked to control the barley market to insure proper prices for the consumer. This decision was reached at a recent meeting of the trade in Toronto.

As a result an experiment made by the Campbell Milling Company at the suggestion of Prof. Harcourt, Guelph Agricultural College, 200 bags of flour, containing 75 per cent wheat and 25 per cent bales, have been turned out and this flour has produced the finest samples of bread desirable. The test, therefore, has been accepted as a success.

A secondary scheme to prevent wheat waste has also been decided on by the trade—namely the elimination of the waste arising from the system of "bread returns." A recent resolution signed by H. E. Trent, secretary of the Bread and Cake Makers' Association, refers to "the common practice of accepting unsold bread, thus causing a great loss of much needed food."

The food controller has also been asked to inform the association as to where the following substitutes, viz., barley flour, oat flour, buckwheat flour, corn flour and rye flour could be obtained if prices of same would be regulated by the food controller; if general use of the same could be made compulsory, both to the bread manufacturer and the consumer.

Govt. Should Control Barley Crop.

In the past, the 180,000,000 bushels of barley grown in Canada every year has heretofore been used for malting purposes and a small percentage for feeding and for soup manufacture. Now that barley has been found of great commercial value, the Bakers' Association believes that the government should take over the entire control of the barley crop.

Germany Brings Vast Forces From the East

(Special London Times Cable, Copyright, 1917.)

A London Times correspondent at Amsterdam writes, Dec. 16: The population of Flanders is expecting important events in consequence of the great military movements which remind one of October, 1914. The Telegraf's frontier correspondent says that troops and material are uninterruptedly coming from the east front and many have already arrived in Wass country, in the neighborhood of St. Nicholas, for example, while other columns are going farther west. The result is terrible hardship on the people whose homes are requisitioned for military quarters; all schools, convents, even churches are converted into hospitals. The condition of the people is pitiable, every requisite of life being appropriated by the Germans, entailing increasing mortality among the children, girls and old people. The Germans take everything—milk cows, eggs, medicine, beds, linen and mattresses. A protest against the murder of Belgium people must arise throughout the whole world. German officers encourage disappointed soldiers with the prospect of the offensive against the British with the universal forces of the German universal-arms forces. The Germans universal-arms forces. The Germans universal-arms forces.

Y. M. C. A. LADIES' AUXILIARY. The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the institution last evening, with the president, Mrs. H. Colby Smith, in the chair. There was a fairly large audience, and arrangements were made to hold an open house in the institution on New Year's day, as has been done every year for some time past. It was decided to undertake in co-operation with the Local Council of Women the sale of the new book "The Glorious Story of the Fighting 20th", and to work in Queens ward beginning Saturday morning, subject to approval of the Women's Council executive, the money to be devoted principally to the military Y. M. C. A. fund. The young ladies league of the Y. M. C. A. will be asked to share in the work and the receipts.

FROM THE TRENCHES. Christmas cards are beginning to come in from St. John and New Brunswick officers and men at the front. The last mail brought to some St. John people faintly Christmas cards from "The commanding officer, N. C. O.'s and men of the 20th Battalion (New Brunswick regiment)" wishing them the compliments of the season, and dated simply "France, 1917." These cards mean a great deal to the recipients who give thought to their place of origin and all that is going on there.

WOULD ELIMINATE ALL UNDUPE PROFITS

Food Controller's Committee Reports on Food Problem—Put Six Branches of Trade Under License

(Ottawa Journal Press.)

Recommendations calculated to prevent speculative operations and to eliminate undue profits by retail or wholesale dealers in food have been made to the food controller by the special committee, representing the wholesale and retail trade, which was called together by him. The regulations recommended by the committee are similar in their general outline to those adopted by the United States food administration as the result of five months' study of the problem, during which time more than 200 conferences were held.

The committee favored a basis of control of the handling of food products, which would eliminate all undue profits and yet not impose upon the manufacturer or merchant any unfair restrictions, as compared with those upon other elements in the community.

The committee recommended the adoption of a license system to be applied to six branches of the trade in food commodities. License fees ranging from \$1 up are proposed. The committee also recommended the adoption of a license system to be applied to six branches of the trade in food commodities. License fees ranging from \$1 up are proposed. The committee also recommended the adoption of a license system to be applied to six branches of the trade in food commodities.

Other recommendations included in the report are: "Regulation of salesmen and delivery systems, in order to reduce the costs of distribution; "Requirement by the food controller of monthly returns showing stocks on hand of certain essential foodstuffs so as to enable the food controller to check overstocking and to prevent hoarding; "Strict control over every branch of the trade in regard to profits. In this connection it is proposed to limit profits to a maximum percentage on turnover, and in no case to allow them to exceed the normal pre-war profits."

The Boys' and Girls' C. S. E. T. clubs of St. Luke's church held a social last evening. About fifty in all were present. Rev. E. A. Green presided, Gordon Foster and George Nasse gave interesting addresses on the Canadian standard efficiency tests programme.

THE SUBMARINE AND OUR TRADE

(Maritime Merchant.)

If a Nova Scotia vessel owner or a western wheat grower were asked to name the one thing which during the past year had most contributed to his profit, what would he be likely to answer? He would probably give any answer but the right one. For the right one is "the German submarine." All along the south shore of Nova Scotia, and in fact along the north coast and the west coast, to say nothing of the east coast, there are many men working in shipyards today who owe their present scale of wages to the havoc the German submarines have wrought on the shipping of the world. And out in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, where they have probably never known such prosperity as exists today, they can thank the submarine. For it is Hans of the U something-or-other who has made wheat worth \$2.20 at Fort William as against something less than \$1 on the Australian seaboard. If Hans had not sunk so much shipping there would still be lots of vessels to carry wheat from Australia and Argentina and to take meat and butter and cheese from New Zealand to the Allies on the western front; and consequently the rates of freight for tonnage would be smaller, the shipping business would be far less profitable, there would be less demand on our shipyards, and altogether we should be making less money. If England had the vessels to carry wheat from whatever source she liked, the chances are that the farmers of the northwest would not be about \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000 worse off than they are this year, and there is no doubt about it, it was the submarine that did it. Of course, it is probably superfluous to remark that we should rather have been without the money than to have got it at the price; but as the submarine apparently had to come, and to be contented against, we in Canada ought to be thankful that our continuity to the Old Country was so much of an advantage to us. It might have been that we had been situated on the other side of the earth, like Australia, in which case, no matter how much we wanted to market our wheat, we could not sell it. There is no doubt that as concerns business, Canada has really been the luckiest of the nations in arms on the western front up to the present time, for while we have lost some of the best men that were ever born, (and it looks as if we should lose more), we are, as a people, probably going to come out of the whole fracas much better than any other country engaged in the awful strife.

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Cartoon titled "MUTT AND JEFF—A SLEEPY POACHED EGG IS A TERRIBLE THING". Characters include a man, a woman, and a dog named Jeff. The man says: "SAY LISTEN, I'LL NOT HAVE ANY CAT AROUND THIS ROOM, GET ME? NOW YOU TAKE HIM DOWN-STAIRS RIGHT AWAY OR I'LL PUNCH YOU ON THE BEEZER. SOME PETS ARE ALL RIGHT BUT CATS ARE A NUISANCE. NOW RUN ALONG." The woman replies: "BUT, MUTT—MEOW." The man says: "I HATE TO BE ROUGH WITH JEFF BUT IT'S FOR HIS OWN GOOD. HE'S IMPROVING AT THAT. HE USED TO HAVE PIGS, DUCKS AND CHICKENS FOR HIS PETS." The woman asks: "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH A PIECE OF TOAST?" The man replies: "I WANT TO PUT THIS PET POACHED EGG TO BED." The woman says: "HOPELESS!"

Premier's Message To Australia

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Sir Robert Borden has sent the following cablegram to Premier Hughes, of Australia. "Ottawa, Dec. 18, 1917. "Hughes, Prime Minister, Melbourne, Australia. "In yesterday's election the enforcement of compulsory military service to sustain Canada's effort in the war and to provide adequate reinforcements for the Canadian army corps, was directly in issue. The government has been sustained by a majority of at least 50, which will probably be increased to 60 by the soldiers' vote. "The democracy of Canada has magnificently sustained the highest test of its courage, vision and endurance. Canada has watched Australia's magnificent effort with deepest admiration and we send warmest wishes for every success in the splendid campaign now being carried on in your country to provide reinforcements for the heroic Australian forces whose wonderful achievements in the cause of liberty and civilization have brought world-wide honor and distinction to your great Commonwealth. (Signed) "BORDEN."

Sir Robert to Native County

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Referring to his election in King's county, Sir Robert Borden said tonight: "I deeply appreciate the magnificent support that I received in my native county, from which I was absent during the whole campaign, with the exception of about twenty-four hours. To the Unionist members of the Liberal party, which stood for national unity, to the Conservative party, which rallied so strongly in the same cause, and, last but not least, to the women of the county who were most earnest in purpose and indefatigable in effort, I send my grateful thanks. I regard it as a great honor to represent in parliament the county to which I owe my birth and I shall give to it my best service."

GERMANS DELIGHTED AT U. S. SHIP'S LOSS

Gloat Over Sinking of Jacob Jones and Accuse U. S. of Playing "Safety First"

The Hague, Dec. 19.—The Cologne Gazette rejoices over the sinking of the United States destroyer Jacob Jones, which, the paper says, undoubtedly was the deed of a German submarine. In pointing out that the success is all the more gratifying owing to the remarkable way in which American ships have kept out of the war zone, making it impossible for Germany to score successes, the paper sarcastically argues that America helps England with her destroyers in much the same way as Japan is helping the Allies in Europe, in spite of the much-advertised U-boat pest.

ELECTION MATTERS

The Situation as Reviewed in Ottawa Last Night—Sir Wilfrid Could Hardly Believe News From West

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—That the new union government will have a majority of forty-four without having recourse to the soldiers' ballots is the indication tonight. That when the soldiers' ballots are counted the majority will reach fifty is confidently predicted. The fact that the people of Canada generally, apart entirely from the men who are fighting Canada's battles have given the government a mandate conclusive and irreparable to "carry on."

PREMIER SENDS THANKS TO WOMEN OF ST. JOHN

In reply to a message of congratulation on the election result, Mrs. George F. Smith yesterday afternoon received the following message from Premier Borden: "I send warmest thanks for your kind messages. Please convey to the women of St. John my very deep appreciation for their magnificent efforts in the nation's cause. "R. L. BORDEN."

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ANOTHER RAID MADE ON LONDON

London, Dec. 18.—German airplanes raided English coast towns tonight. Some of the raiders reached London, where they met with a heavy fire. Numerous bombs were dropped. An official announcement of the raid says: "Hostile airplanes crossed the Essex and Kent coast about 6:15 o'clock and proceeded towards London. Some of the raiders reached the London district and dropped bombs. Bombs also were dropped in Kent and Essex. "Reports of casualties and damage have not yet been received. Our guns and airplanes were both in action."

THE INQUIRY INTO COLLISION AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—That the French mail ship Mont Blanc was traveling at the rate of four miles an hour at the time of her collision with the Belgian relief ship Ima, Halifax harbor, on December 6, was the opinion expressed by John J. Rourke, chief engineer of the tug D. H. Thomas at yesterday's session of the court of inquiry into the collision. Rourke and Captain MacLaine, master of the D. H. Thomas, were eye-witnesses of the collision and were put on the stand and cross-examined by the court.

Public man in Canada has received the ovations of the public that Sir Wilfrid had on his visit to this country.

Senator Casgrain was dundoubtedly with the western returns.

Hartley Dewar was in the party, and today came to Ottawa where the party will arrive Wednesday morning. Sir Wilfrid was most cheerful and pleasant. The attack requires a good deal more of explanation than the raid in October, concerning which the two points made by the first lord were that the wireless was smashed and that the enemy came at night. Neither of these pleas appear relevant in the enemy's latest exploit and while judgment must be suspended until after the inquiry, it is impossible not to feel that the thing should never have happened.

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Le Canada, the Liberal organ of Montreal, admits today that the law, now received the sanction of the majority, must be obeyed, and this appears to be the general attitude. Seven Lose Deposits.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18.—Seven Liberal candidates out of twelve in Manitoba have lost their deposits. They are: H. C. Patterson, Brandon; E. W. Quinn, Lisgar; F. C. Hamilton, Marquette; F. Shirliff, Portage; Prairie, N. C. MacMillan, South Winnipeg; R. S. Ward, Centre Winnipeg; R. A. Riggs, North Winnipeg.

Island Returns. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 18.—The latest election figures: Queens—Unionists, 4,987; Martin, 4,538; Liberal, 1,987.

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New Limbs For Old

Wonderful Work in Renovating The Gallant Soldier Lads Crippled In The War

(By Guy H. Scholefield, special correspondent of the Empire Press Union)

London, Nov. 12.—Possibly the most important of all the hospitals for the repair of bodies maimed and shattered in the wars is that which is known in official language as "Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospital," but by the Tommy and all who have to do with crippled soldiers as merely "Roehampton."

To me Roehampton will always seem to be a place where a violent revolt of discontented army veterans was suppressed before it broke out or was even planned. One scarcely knows which to admire the more—the obvious efficiency and enthusiasm thrown into the work of re-equipping the limbed, or the common sense precedence which brought the whole thing into being betimes, rather than allow thousands of war cripples to

carry a heavy burden of grievances back into civil life with them. Roehampton is commanded by a tall Skye Highlander, Colonel J. N. McLeod, C. M. G., F. R. C. S., and another fact of significance is that he has associated with him on the committee representatives of all the Dominions which have expeditionary forces on the Western Front. The Dominions are co-operating in the full in the scheme, standing in for a share of its benefits, and paying the whole amount due for limbs provided to their unfortunate soldiers. They are also, in most cases, sending some of their men to Roehampton to learn the artificial limb business for the benefit of the thousands who are likely to require subsequent attention long after they have returned to their homes at the ends of the world.

Treating the Stump. The only function of Roehampton is to furnish and fit the new limbs and

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teach the men how to use them. There is much to be done before a patient is ready for Roehampton at all, and most of this is done at a separate institution at Brighton, or at other hospitals throughout the country specially designated for this work. A stump left after amputation changes a good deal both in form and in function. Before the war not half a dozen surgeons in Great Britain knew anything about the development of stumps, for the obvious reason that in a whole life's practice they were not likely to see a sufficient number to learn anything definite. But the war has changed all that. Roehampton alone has passed about 10,000 limbs, and has acquired a practical and a whole science from actual practice and observation.

Stumps left after amputation are like babies. Every one is a special case. Even with the wide experience now gained nobody at Roehampton would pretend to foretell how a stump will develop either in the months before the limb is fitted or in the months that follow. Until the stump has settled down and consolidated it is useless to do anything about the future limb. All that can be done is to influence the settling down process as favorably as possible by physical exercise and massage, and to pass the patient on to Roehampton say in six months from the time of his wound, in such a condition that further change is not anticipated. In most cases nowadays it can be fairly judged whether subsequent change is likely; but here again there is no rule. Stumps have been known to shrink another three inches in diameter after the patient has left the hospital with his artificial limb. Brighton accommodates about 700 limbless soldiers for the six months' course that is necessary. During this apprenticeship the men, if they have lost a leg, hobble about on the other with the help of sticks. This is in itself a most complicated process. The habit of hobbling becomes almost constitutional, and quite often when a man is almost perfectly fitted with an artificial limb he still walks with a gratuitous limp. It is simply a habit acquired during his six months' waiting.

Made on The Spot.

There is, of course, no such thing as making artificial limbs to measurement. Each case being a special one, the subject must come personally for fitting, and for that same reason the workshops of the private firms which make the limbs under contract are situated in the grounds of the hospital, where the whole work can be overlooked and supervised by the military authorities. So long as the stump hurts the patient, so long as he finds difficulty in walking and for that same reason the makers understand that the limb must be altered. Payment depends entirely upon the individual case being suited. There are no cut-and-dried standards of perfection. The patient himself must declare himself suited.

On the average it takes about thirty days for a man to learn to use his limb freely and with comfort, and he actually walks out of Roehampton into civil life a discharged soldier. That is to say, within six or seven months of losing his limb—provided the amputation is clean and there are no complications—the soldier can re-enter civil life able to work and to get about as well as a special one. It depends much on a man's temperament whether he will make a good job of a good limb when he gets it. Some men get at once into the work, and others, to quote one of the surgeons, are fighting with their limb for weeks, even months. The orders of the War Office are that every man is to get the best possible limb at the expense of the state, and until they have gone through a regular course of walking and can get about decently and easily they are not regarded as suited. Any day one can see about the grounds of Roehampton men who can jump on their wooden legs, men who can dig and chop wood with a wooden arm, and dozens who defy the observer to say which is the artificial and which the natural limb.

One point which Roehampton says quite frankly will have to be faced overseas is the treatment of men whose stumps change after they have returned to their own countries. It is out of the question to establish in some of the dominions as institutions as Roehampton, and Australia—to take one example—has already found that it is necessary to send back to the old country men who obtained good limbs here, but whose stumps have altered and left them a bad fit. To some extent this trouble may be met by the employment overseas of men who are now learning the industry at Roehampton, but this may not be sufficient, and dominions which have not a large enough population to maintain limb factories of their own will be in a quandary.

Re-Education. Two of the dominions at least—South Africa and New Zealand—have entered with enthusiasm upon a branch of re-equipment which is a specialty at Roehampton, namely, the re-education for industrial life of men who by their wounds have become unfitted to remain at their old occupations. Of all who have passed through Roehampton, about 40 per cent have been able to return to their old occupations. The balance are partly men who wish to improve themselves in life, such as general laborers who wish to become artisans or mechanics, and partly men who could not earn wages at their old business. In many cases they elect to be taught trades which are established in their own countries or towns, so that they may make their homes the most of their own people. Lancashire men want to study cotton; Notts men bootmaking; men from the Midlands different branches of iron and steel and motor engineering. Whatever a man wants to learn Roehampton will provide for him. Five of the staple industries—metal, wood, leather, electricity, and commercial life—have fully equipped shops within the hospital grounds, and while the men are learning their new means of livelihood they are paid by the state at the rate of 2s. 6d. per week, with a bonus at the end if they make good progress.

It has been found in the shops at Roehampton, and in the New Zealand shops at Oatlands, that the old apprentice system has been robbing the country in the most shamefaced manner. Men who have never touched machine tools in their life before have turned out lathe

work here in a few weeks that the average apprentice is not allowed to attempt until the eve of emerging from his three or five year indentures. Some have gone from Roehampton after a few weeks' training, and have earned full money on piece alongside men who have been at the bench all their lives. The adjustments of industrial life after the war will have to provide recognition for men thus qualified, unless we are prepared to face the keener competition of the future with an economic robber in our cupboard.

Restoring The Moral.

There is another problem which will have to be solved on grounds of policy. Whatever training a man has had, it is obvious that in most trades the worker with only one arm must be less efficient than his more fortunate comrade. And it is equally obvious that the average employer, unless he is compelled, either will not employ the man with this handicap, or will not give him full wages. This is a problem which must inevitably be settled betimes, for the war-cripples are already such an important class that no country can refuse to do them justice.

It was found at Roehampton that limbless men come in in a more or less disorganized state of mind. They are dejected by the loss of their limbs; and they are not at all disposed to begin thinking of themselves as social units with a future in life. To break down this feeling they are encouraged by every means to begin to think of their future. Lectures are given and invitations held out to them to choose a vocation and to enter upon their training while they wait for their limbs. By-and-by the suggestions bear fruit; but in the early days there was a very stubborn and widespread fear amongst the men that if they did anything to equip themselves for earning a livelihood their pensions would be reduced accordingly. As an urgent matter of policy the government announced that this would not be the case, and when once this very natural fear was laid most of the men threw themselves into their education with vim and enthusiasm.

The records of Roehampton show already a great number of men who left the army, crippled and dependent as to their future, and who have now re-entered civil life, not merely able to earn a living, but actually able to earn a better living than before they went to serve their country in the trenches.

GERMAN WRITERS ADMIT JERUSALEM FALL A BLOW. Try to Depreciate Military Importance of British Grip on Palestine.

(London Times-Public Ledger Service. Copyright, 1917, by Public Ledger Co.) Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—All German writers on Palestine lately have recognized the moral effect Jerusalem's fall would have, while endeavoring to depreciate its military significance. The

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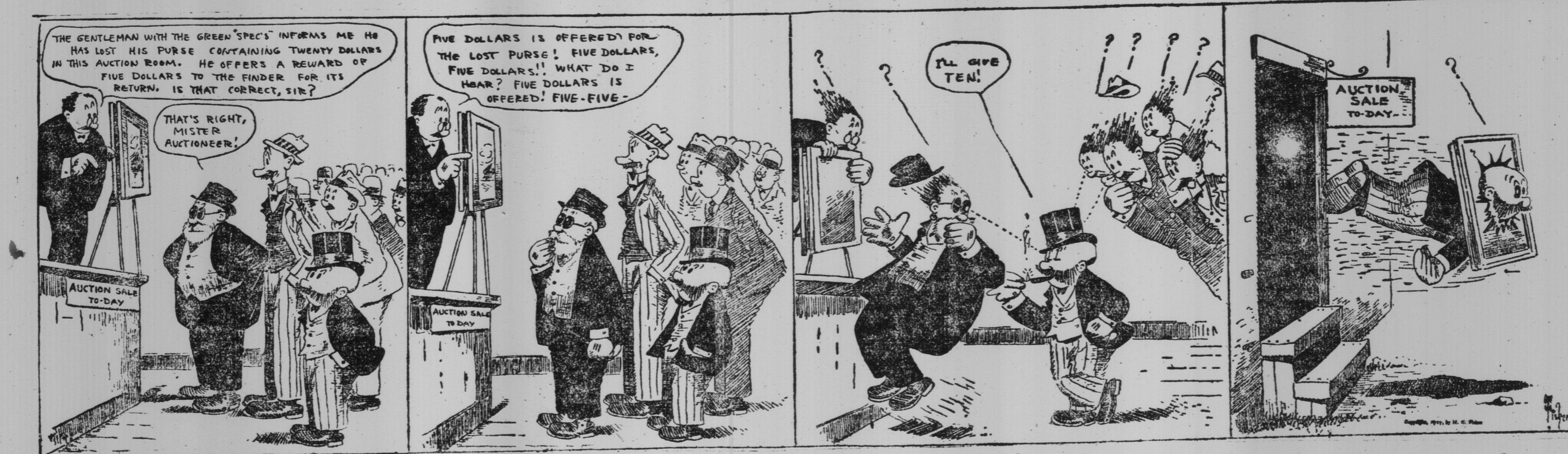
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VOLUNTARY FOOD CONTROL ADVOCATED

Dr. W. C. Keirstead Speaks at Rothesay in Course of Campaign

AIM OF PLEDGE CARDS

Situation Serious from Standpoint of Allies—What Can Be Done in Canada to Prevent Rationing.

Rothesay, Dec. 18.—In an address delivered last night Professor W. C. Keirstead, of the University of New Brunswick, provincial organizer of food control, dealt with the object or aim of the pledge card campaign, and with the criticisms directed against it. The address was followed with close attention. Professor Keirstead said in part:

For more than two months we have been engaged in this province in circulating food pledges, and through the kind co-operation of patriotic women's organizations and the public schools these cards are now found in most of our homes. I desire in this address to indicate the purpose of this campaign, and to explain and vindicate it against misunderstandings and criticisms that it has aroused.

The object of the pledge card campaign is to secure an intelligent self-rationing intended to conserve our food supply, and to utilize it to the best advantage so that we may have the greatest amount of wheat, beef, bacon and fats for exportation to Great Britain and her allies.

Scarcely high prices, and the need for food control in Canada do not arise out of any crop failure in our own country, but out of the great food shortage among the Allies, and because we have opened our markets to their demands. If we were to place an embargo upon exportation we could have plenty at reasonable prices, but such a course of action would mean a shameful and traitorous desertion of Great Britain and her allies and our withdrawal from the war. It is, in fact, the main purpose of our food controller to secure for them out of our food supplies the largest possible surplus.

The Shortage.

It is unnecessary to point out that there exists a grave and critical shortage of foods in France, Italy, Belgium and Great Britain. Their wheat crop this year is 200,000,000 bushels short of their normal pre-war yield, and their grain crop is 300,000,000 bushels short. In meats there is a condition approaching famine. Europe has used up 35,000,000 hogs, or 5,000,000,000 pounds of pork in addition to their production since the war began; a vast number of hogs, that if they could be placed end to end would encircle the earth.

The food situation is perhaps most acute in France. Part of her most fertile soil, and of her greatest industrial centres are still held by the enemy, her men and horses are all in the army, her farm machinery is worn out and cannot be replaced, and her women and children are seeking to till the soil—in some cases women actually undertake to help draw the ploughs.

Their wheat crop this year is only 45 per cent of the normal yield, the total cereal crop 55 per cent, the potato crop 65 per cent. There is this year a decline of 17 per cent in cattle, 35 per cent in sheep, and 40 per cent in hogs, and the United States and Canada are rushing over supplies to save their women and children from starvation and to hold the soldiers in the trenches. The condition in Italy is nearly as serious.

In regard to meat we have a great world shortage, but in cereals the situation is particularly created by the lack of tonnage that excludes them from distant markets, and allows only the importation of the most concentrated foods from the nearest markets that is wheat, meats, fats and sugars from the United States and Canada. The situation is well summed up by the educational department of the food controller's office as follows:

1. The Allies must be fed.
2. They have in their own countries only a fraction of the food required for their own people.
3. Until the shipping shortage is relieved, serious food shortages in the Allies must depend upon Canada and the United States to make up their deficiency of essential food supplies, including wheat.
4. Canada and the United States can only spare the needed supplies by reducing their own consumption by at least 20 per cent.
5. If Canada and the United States should fail to make up the Allies' deficiency of food, the intense pain would be to go short and the whole Allied cause might be endangered.
6. Individual effort, individual saving of individual necessities, and individual economy in the use of

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Headaches seems to be habitual with many people. Some are seldom, if ever, free from it, suffering continually with the dull throbbings, the intense pain, sometimes in one part, sometimes in another, and then over the whole head, varying in its severity by the cause which brings it on. The varieties of headache most common are sick or bilious headache, nervous headache, headache from constipation, debility or indigestion and periodical and spasmodic headache, and undoubtedly the cause must be removed before permanent relief can be had. Burdock Blood Bitters, that has been on the market for over forty years, removes the cause of the headache, and not only does this, but also restores the entire system to healthy action and buoyant vigor.

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bread and flour and individual substitution of other cereals for wheat alone can save the situation and give to the men at the front the support which they must have.

How to Meet the Food Situation.

Increased production to insure future supplies, and economy and substitution in the use of the present supply are absolutely essential to meet the present food situation. The task of increased production is more directly in the hands of the federal and provincial departments of agriculture. Our own provincial department is securing for our farmers fertilizer, seed grains, and is making every effort to aid our farmers in increasing their production of cereals and animal products, and these efforts demand our support and co-operation.

But the effort to conserve our present food supply in this province has been more directly in the hands of the provincial committee on food resources. It aims to secure the elimination of waste, the exercise of economy, and a generous substitution whereby we will use at home more potatoes, corn, oats, barley, buckwheat, fruit, vegetables and fish, and export a larger amount of our wheat, meats and fats.

The first objection one meets against this campaign is that the voluntary method is insufficient and the people should be put at once upon compulsory rations. This is the method adopted in Germany, and Lord Rhonda intimates that if the voluntary system fails he will adopt compulsion in Great Britain. He indicates, however, serious objections to

Why Not Adopt Compulsory Rations? its adoption. It means "the assumption by public authority of responsibility over every stage in the manufacture and distribution of a whole group of inter-related foods," and "that politically and administratively the strain of such a system upon the government is colossal." It demands "an enormous extension of the administrative machinery, and the creation of a staff of new officials," and even in Germany a country especially suited to such methods of state domination, the difficulties of administration have been enormous, and the ill feelings produced among the people by it have been marked, it has undermined public respect for law, "and has been only partially successful."

Mr. Hoover rejects compulsory rationing as unfit for a democratic people, but of course we have many people in New Brunswick who know much more about this matter than Lord Rhonda, Mr. Hoover or Mr. Hanna. They ridicule the food pledge campaign and the food controller. His methods are puerile, and if those in authority could have secured their great services—it is strange they did not—how different things would be. It is hardly necessary to point out to them that not only is the food pledge campaign being worked out in every province of Canada, but also in every state in the union, and throughout Great Britain. Ten million families in the United States have already enrolled themselves as members of the federal food department, and they expect to reach every home in the nation.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador to the United States, uses his influence to encourage the voluntary enrollment among Englishmen in the United States. He writes them as follows: "Our countrymen in England, both rich and poor, have for many months suffered privations from which we have been exempt. It is our privilege to share them now. It is the duty of every one of us to sign the food pledge at once and to abide by it faithfully. "Let us remember our countrymen across the ocean. Today they have been obliged to reduce their consumption of sugar by two-thirds, and wheat flour by more than a half. They have had to adopt drastic regulations affecting every form of comfort and limiting every form of trade. Let it be our pride where we can to do a little better than our pledge, and thus to show that between nations fighting for the same cause there is no enmulation but of self-sacrifice and voluntary discipline."

Lord Rhonda cabled Mr. Hoover a message encouraging his food pledge campaign, containing these words: "To my countrymen I say quite frankly that what we ask of them in food economy is scarcely worthy of the name of sacrifice. If those who continue to live and stay in comparative comfort at home—air raids do not really disturb the daily routine—are not willing to do a little for themselves of quite unessential foods, then our bravest have died in vain. "If there is no marked reduction as a result of our voluntary food economy campaign, the nation must be put on compulsory rations. The disadvantages of this we know better than I, but you also know that we are all faced with a shortage of the world's supply of cereals, meats, fats and sugar. For all these the Allies in Europe are largely dependent upon the American people. Unless there is real self-sacrifice, real co-operation in the common campaign for conservation and increased production of food, then food will not win the war. The result of your food pledge week means much to us and more to civilization."

BOYS ENJOY EVENING. The weekly entertainment at the Boys Club last night was most enjoyable. Members of the Playgrounds executive present were: A. M. Belding, president; Hon. R. J. Ritchie, vice-president, and Mrs. W. C. Good, secretary. Mrs. Good presided at the piano. Magistrate Ritchie gave a series of stories of the heroism of boys in the recent Halifax disaster, and Mrs. Good also gave some account of heroic deeds told her by eye-witnesses. In the meantime Mr. Belding had been copying the words of a new song on the blackboard. The boys showed wonderful aptness and accuracy of ear and after two trials sang the new song lustily. The boys possess marked musical talent. A feature of the evening that brought forth great applause was the fine music provided by Percy Reid and Frank Hill on the mandoline and guitar. After the boys were invited to attend the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening, and a promise of a treat in their own club in the near future. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the national anthem, and three cheers for the secretary.

WINS HONORS IN FRANCE. Sergeant-Major J. W. DeBow, who spent some time here two years ago during the recruiting campaign for the 140th battalion, has been recognized for a commission and will, it is understood, soon leave France for England, to secure it. When the 140th was broken up in France he volunteered for service right away and has been in the trenches ever since. His brother, Sergeant Percy G. DeBow, of the 104th battalion, gave his stripes to get to the firing line quicker and has now won them back on the field. Along with this he has been awarded the D. C. M. on August 15 for conspicuous bravery in the battle of Lens. He was wounded soon after and is still in hospital in England. Latest reports say that he is seriously ill. The two boys are sons of a widowed mother.

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U. S. SUBMARINE IS LOST IN COLLISION

Washington, Dec. 18.—The American submarine F-1 has been sunk in a collision with her sister boat, the F-3 in American waters. Nineteen men perished in the accident. The F-3 was not damaged. Her crew was able to rescue five men belonging to the crew of her victim.

Secretary Daniels announced the disaster late today in a brief statement which gave no further details. Saved Two Sailors.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—Two sailors were saved by the Germans from the American destroyer Jacob Jones, according to an official German announcement received here today.

The Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone on Dec. 6 and 65 men on board were listed as missing. Survivors reported that one American, who spoke German, was taken away a prisoner on the submarine.

FIRE DESTROYS REGINA WINTER FAIR BUILDING

Regina, Sask., Dec. 18.—Regina's great winter fair building, one of the finest in America, is a mass of smouldering ruins today. Fire, which started from one of the cook stoves, this morning swept through the great building and in less than one hour reduced to wreckage the structure that had cost the city of Regina \$140,000 to build in 1913.

Ever since the outbreak of the war the Winter Fair building has been used as a house for troops. Last night 700 soldiers were sleeping in the building when the alarm was given. They lost personal effects and equipment valued at many thousands of dollars. It probably will be several days before an estimate of the loss can be given.

The building was insured for \$99,500, divided between ninety-six different companies equally.

This is the third serious fire in the recent history of Regina's exhibition plant.

The soldiers are now quartered in the city hall and Knox church and other public buildings, and will take over Benson school permanently tonight or tomorrow.

A Cry of Distress

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JEWISH CAMPAIGN
PASSES \$5,000,000

Total Set for Drive Reported Achieved at Final Meeting, and More Coming in

The campaign to raise \$5,000,000 in New York for Jewish war relief and welfare work in the army and navy came to a triumphant close on last Saturday when the five millions were in hand, with a slight margin over and more to come. Something more than half a million dollars was added to the fund on the last day, and reported at the meeting of the

captains and members of the forty-nine teams at 19 West Forty-fourth street yesterday afternoon. When, toward the close of the meeting, it was announced that \$5,000,000 was the total for the day, and that the grand total received had come to \$4,958,579, Jacob H. Schiff, general chairman of the committee in charge of the work, announced that he would consider it a privilege to make up the total to five millions. This subscription of \$41,421 is the largest individual contribution of the campaign, with the exception of Mr. Schiff's own opening gift of \$200,000. A moment later, however, more subscriptions were coming in, and several thousand dollars additional was reported before the meeting broke up. The Brooklyn committee was closing its campaign that day and expected to have a large additional sum to report, and Jacob Billikopf, general director of the campaign, said that at least \$50,000 was still to be expected through the mails. When the triumphant oversubscription

had been followed by the further announcement by Mr. Killikopf, in charge of the national campaign, that the \$10,000,000 sought the country over had already been raised without including the \$1,200,000 which is expected from the day's wage pledged by the east side unions, the crowd was still to silence as Mr. Schiff delivered a final summary of the significance of the campaign.

MAIN STREET CONCERT.
The concert in Main street Baptist church last evening in aid of the Sunday school extension fund of the church, pleased a packed house with the excellent musical programme that was rendered. Several of the numbers were encored. The choir was composed of between fifty and sixty of the boys and girls from the Sunday school. Mrs. Blake Ferris assisted in the programme and took several of the solo parts. Other numbers by Mrs. Ferris, Miss Gertrude Hatfield and Miss Bailey were

delightfully rendered and enthusiastically applauded by the large audience. The Sunday school choir, under the leadership of Miss Edith Hutchinson, has become quite a feature in the church work at Main street. Their programme consisted of a chorus by the Sunday school choir entitled, "When Good Old Kith Comes Round"; a quartette, "The Frost," by Marjorie Christie; "Let Thompson, Ronald Black and Morrill Black. Then came another chorus by the choir, "Ring Again O Bells," and Mrs. Blake C. Ferris sang the "Angel Serenade." Then followed the cantata, "Song of the Angels" in which the following took part: Miss Hazel Flewelling, pianist; Mrs. Blake C. Ferris, Miss Bailey and Miss Hatfield, and the choir.

There was an error in the transmitting of the result of the election in Mt. Acan. The report read that Brown had received 258 votes and McLeod 2. It should have read McLeod 258 and Brown 71.

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SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING.
 Three-String Record.
 In the city bowling league last night the Sweeps won three points from the Wanderers. Jenkins of the former team sold a three string record for the season—342. Details of the game follow:

Sweeps	Total	Avg.
McIlveen	98	95 249
Jenkins	117	121 104 342
Black	102	97 95 294
Roby	98	101 101 300
Glavin	100	92 94 286
	515	507 489 1511

Wanderers:
 Wright 105 91 95 291
 Cronwell 91 98 108 297
 McCaw 82 104 103 289
 Jones 82 96 80 260
 Logan 88 113 118 314
 448 504 489 1451

Tonight: Nationals vs. Colts.
 To Help Bowlers in War.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Bowlers Relief Fund of the United States was organized last night at a meeting of the Allied Bowling Associations of Greater New York "for the protection, assistance and support of bowlers, preparing or now fighting for their country in the war."

BASEBALL.
 Alexander Wants a Share.
 Chicago, Dec. 18.—Grover Alexander, the Philadelphia pitcher, who with Catcher Killifer, was sold to the Chicago Nationals in a deal involving \$50,000, said today after a conference with President Weeghman, of the Chicago club, that he believed he is entitled to a part of the purchase price. There will be no hitch in the salary arrangements, as Alexander's contract, which does not expire for three years, calls for \$12,000 a year.

Cubs Something Up Sleeve.
 Chicago, Dec. 18.—Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago National League Baseball Club, announced tonight at a dinner to Grover Alexander, that he was preparing two more baseball surprises which would be on a par with his recent purchases of Alexander and Killifer from Philadelphia.

RING.
 Offers \$60,000 For It.
 Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 18.—A purse of \$60,000 which would be turned over to the American Red Cross, was offered here tonight for a fight between Jess Willard and the winner of the Fulton-ate fight here on Christmas day. The offer is made by Paul R. Gabriel, secretary of the Army Athletic Association,

which has been staging battles in North Little Rock this winter for the benefit of the 40,000 soldiers stationed at Camp Pike. The fight would be staged on March 16 or 18 in an open air arena, and would be scheduled for twenty rounds. Mr. Gabriel telegraphed the proposition to Willard.

Tar Baby Wants Fight.
 Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Sam Langford, of Boston, and "Bill" Brennan, of New York city, each are anxious for a fight with Jess Willard, world's champion heavyweight boxer, and agree to meet the champion on his own terms and give the entire receipts to the Red Cross, it was announced today. Langford, who fought here last night, said he was anxious to meet Willard.

Joe Flynn, Brennan's manager, said the match could take place wherever Willard chose.

Moran Accepts.
 Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 18.—Frank Moran, Pittsburgh heavyweight pugilist, who is boxing instructor for the New York National Guard division at Camp Wadsworth here tonight, telegraphed Jess Willard accepting his challenge to fight any heavyweight for the benefit of the Red Cross. Moran said he was willing to meet the champion over any distance and at any place.

TURF.
 Noted Rider Dead.
 Newport, R. I., Dec. 18.—Albert Duca, who some years ago was one of the best known race riders on the American turf, died at his home here today. He was forty-one years of age.

WRESTLING.
 New York, Dec. 18.—Strangler Lewis of Lexington, Ky., defeated Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle, tonight in the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament, in thirty-three minutes and one second. Wladek Zbyzko, of Poland, defeated Joe Rogers, American, in forty-seven minutes and ten seconds, with a wide body hold.

"JOE" GORMAN, OTTAWA SPORT WRITER, DIES IN THE FLYING CORPS

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18.—Word has been received that Flight Lieutenant Joseph Gorman, R. N. A. S., has died as a result of a fractured skull and other injuries sustained, presumably in an accident. The advices gave the date of his death as Dec. 16 at Padua, Italy. He had been on the Italian front for a month, having left England on a furlough on Nov. 10.

Lieutenant Gorman was 28 years old and a member of a well known Ottawa family, where he was born and educated. He was connected with various newspapers in Ottawa and Toronto before coming to Victoria to take the sporting desk at the Times. He was an all-round crack athlete. For a time he played on the Vancouver lacrosse team, and was a former member of the famous Tecumseh lacrosse team.

Builds Tenacity.
 (From the New York World)
 It is about 700 years since the British first started for Jerusalem, but they have arrived, which again demonstrates the merit of persistence.

Barrow may
MANAGE RED SOX

New York, Dec. 17.—H. H. Frazee, owner of the Boston Red Sox, has practically signed Edward G. Barrow, former president of the International League, to attend to the business management of his club. Barrow left for Chicago yesterday for a conference with the Boston management. It appears that Frazee and Barrow have been talking this matter over for some time. Frazee is anxious to turn over the Red Sox to Barrow so that he can have more time to attend to his theatrical enterprises. Barrow would make a hit with Boston fans. He is one of the most popular men in professional baseball.

Lord Northcliffe at a Washington luncheon was talking about the British premier.

"Lloyd George is the idol of the nation now," he said. "It is hard to believe how unpopular he was, at least among the unionists, once. Among the many stories circulated about Lloyd George's unpopularity at that time there was one which concerned a rescue from drowning. The heroic rescuer, when a gold medal was presented to him for his brave deed, modestly declared:—
 "I don't deserve this medal. I did nothing but my duty. I saw our friend here struggling in the water. I knew he must drown unless some one saved him. So I plunged in, swam out to him, turned him over to make sure it wasn't Lloyd George, and then I lugged him to safety on my back."—New York Evening Post.

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THE SCARLET OATH

Her mother dies because of merciless persecution. She and her twin sister are taken to America where they are brought up apart, but with the knowledge of their mother's wrong deeply imbedded in their consciousness. One sister becomes engaged to marry an American diplomatic agent. The other is sworn into the ranks of the dreaded nihilists. The two roles give Gail Kane the best opportunity yet accorded her and she certainly makes the most of her chances.

This is another of series of big programmes that are winning new friends for Gem.

RYAN and RAYNOR
 Man and Woman in Comedy Singing Skit. Entitled "The Singing Janitor."

THE AERIAL LAVINES
 Man and Woman in An Aerial Novelty Act of Merit.

COMING SAT.—June Caprice in "PATSY"

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With Lon Chaney and Wm. Stowell. Dorothy Phillips, beautiful Bluebird star, scores again in one of the most powerful dramas of the season. As a successful actress and an unsuccessful wife, the story deals with her attempt, after her divorce, to prevent her husband from marrying a young girl, of whom she thinks her former mate unworthy.

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 Joker Comedy

Friday and Saturday
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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
 Mon. and Tues.
"IRIS"
 By Sir Arthur Wing Pinero
"THE CLIMBERS"

SHIP BUILT IN SEVEN MONTHS.
 This Includes Erection of the Plant in Los Angeles.
 Washington, Dec. 17.—A telegram to the Shipbuilding Board yesterday told of the launching at Los Angeles of the first steel merchant ship contracted for by the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The vessel was one of eight of 8,800 tons capacity each ordered May 12 from S. L. Naphthal.

Turning out the vessel within seven months when the yard in which it was built had to be constructed after the contract was let was hailed by Shipping Board officials as demonstrating what American industry can do in an emergency. One vessel contracted for by the Fleet Corporation already has been launched, but it came from a yard at Seattle which has been in operation for many years.

HUNS PLOTTED TO GET CHINESE TO GO INTO INDIA

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—An alleged plot to effect a secret treaty between Germany and China, whereby the former would protect the latter from all aggressions for a period of five years, if Chinese forces were sent into India to aid a proposed revolution there, was disclosed today in the trial of a number of Hindus and others charged with conspiring in America to set up a revolutionary government in India. The treaty was to have been effected in 1916.

Details of the supposed plot were outlined in code messages purported to have been passed between Dr. C. K. Chakravarty, one of the Hindu defendants, and a committee of German officials and others in Berlin.

The message relating to China declared that Li Yuan Hung, who succeeded Yuan Shi Kai, as president, was in sympathy with the Hindu cause and might declare a treaty with Germany which would promise absolute integrity in consideration of China's active participation in the proposed revolt.

Other messages disclosed the existence of a "Sister Christine" and many others who were supposed to have spread the

RETIRE AS HEAD OF THE SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Dec. 18.—Rear-Admiral Frederick R. Harris, recently appointed general manager of the shipping board's emergency fleet corporation, today asked to be relieved of that duty and returned to his post as chief of the navy's bureau of yards and docks. His request will be granted, and Charles A. Piers, a Chicago engineer, vice-president of the emergency fleet corporation, will succeed him. It is understood that Admiral Harris' reason for surrendering the task was because he did not find the work congenial.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

USE THE WAGON AD. WAY

Satan Resigns And The Kaiser Reigns

An article published in the San Francisco Bulletin, and supposed to be a letter from Satan to the Kaiser, written by Louis Syberkrop, has attracted much attention and several copies have come to the Times with the request that it might be republished. Omitting a paragraph or two it is here reproduced, as illustrating the views that find general acceptance in the United States:

"To Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of all Germany and Emper Extraordinary of Almighty God: "My Dear Wilhelm: I can call you that familiar name, for I have always been very close to you; much closer than you could ever know. From the time that you were yet an undeveloped being in your mother's womb, I have shaped your destiny for my own purpose. In the days of Rome I created a rough-neck known in history as Nero. He was a vulgar person and suited my purpose at that particular time. In these modern days a classic demon and efficient super-criminal was needed, and as I know the Hohenzollern blood, I picked you as my special instrument to place on earth an annex to hell. I gave you abnormal ambition, likewise an over-supply of egotism, which you might not discover your own failings. I twisted your mind to that of a madman, with certain normal tendencies to carry you by—a most dangerous character placed in power. I gave you the power of a hypnotist and a certain magnetic force that you might sway your people.

Embittered by Deformity. "I am responsible for the deformed arm that hangs helpless on your left, for your crippled condition embitters your life and destroys all noble impulses that might otherwise cause me anxiety; but your strong arm is driven by your ambition that stretches all sentiment and pity. I placed in your soul a deep hatred for all things English, for of all nations on earth I hate England most. Wherever England plants her flag she brings order out of chaos, and the hated cross follows the Union Jack. Under her rule wild tribes become tillers of the soil and in due time practical citizens. She is the great civilizer of the globe and I HATE HER. I planted in your soul a cruel hatred for your mother, because SHE was English, and left my good friend, Bismarck, to fan the flame I had kindled. Recent history proves how well my work was done. It broke your Royal mother's heart, but I gained my purpose.

Improved on Hades. "Your opportunity was at hand; you set the world on fire and hell itself was ringing; your rape on Belgium caused much joy—it was the beginning, the foundation of a perfect hell on earth, the destruction of noble cathedrals and other infinite works of art was hailed

with joy in the infernal regions. You made war on friends and foe alike, and the murder of civilians showed my teachings had borne fruit. Your treachery toward neutral nations hastened a universal upheaval—the thing I most desired. Your unscrupulous warfare is a masterpiece, from the smallest mackerel pot to the great Lusitania you show no favorites. As a war lord you stand supreme, for you have mercy; you have no consideration for my baby, clinging to its mother's breast, as they both go down into the deep together, only to be torn apart and leicurely devoured by sharks down among the corals. In Battle's Train.

"I have strolled over the battlefields of Belgium and France. I have seen your hand of destruction everywhere; it's all your work, superstitious that I made you I have seen the fields of Poland, now a wilderness, fit for prowling beasts only; no merry children in Poland now; they all succumbed to frost and starvation. I drifted down into Galicia, where formerly Jews and Gentiles lived happily together; I found them but ruins and ashes. I felt a curious pride in my pupil, for it was all above my expectation. I was in Belgium when you drove the peaceful population before you like cattle into slavery; you separated husband and wife and forced them to hard labor in trenches. I have seen the most heinous rape committed on young women, and those who were forced into maternity were cursing the father of their offspring, and I began to doubt if my own inferno was really up to date.

"You are a liar, a hypocrite and a bluffer of the highest magnitude. You are a part of mine and yet you pose as a personal friend of God. Ah, Wilhelm, you are a wonder. You wantonly destroy all things in your path and leave nothing for coming generations. Even Satan Revolts.

"When a Prussian officer can witness a nude woman being disemboweled by a swarthy Turk, committing a double murder with one cut of his sabre, he calmly stand by and see a house full of innocent Armenians locked up, the house saturated with oil and fired, then my teachings did not stop with you, but have been extended to the whole German nation. I confess my Satanic soul grew sick, and then and there I knew the pupil had become the master. I am a back number, and my dear Wilhelm, I abdicate in your favor. The great key of hell will be turned over to you. The gavel that has struck the doom of damned souls since time began is yours. I am satisfied with what I have done; that my abdication in your favor is for the very best interests of hell. In the future I am at your majesty's service.

"Affectionately and sincerely, "LUCIFER H. SATAN."

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF CHILD

Verdict in Connection With Passing Away of Charles M. Profit

"We, the jury empaneled to investigate Charles M. Profit's death, find that he came to his death at the St. John Infirmary on the 16th day of December from the effects of chloroform administered as an anesthetic. We also find that sufficient care was not taken by the physicians in charge of the case in as much as the chloroform was administered by an undergraduate nurse."

This was the verdict reached by a coroner's jury last evening at an inquest into the death of Charles Marle Profit, six-year-old son of Anthony S. Profit, of Exmouth street, whose death occurred in the St. John Infirmary on Sunday last while under chloroform previous to the performing of an operation for removal of a foreign body from his hand.

The jurors were: Frank Watson, foreman, George Reynolds, Frederick Flewelling, Leverett H. Thorne, James Day, James Codner and George Scott. Anthony Shaw Profit, the first witness, said he resides in Exmouth street and is a blacksmith. He stated his child was five years and eleven months old. The child had been ill when he was about one year old, with measles. It was not upon his request, he said, that the child was sent to the infirmary. There was something wrong with his hand and he was informed it was to be operated on. His child was removed to the infirmary on Sunday morning. When next he saw his boy he was dead. The child, he said, had always been naturally strong and healthy outside of occasional bad diseases. Dr. A. E. Logie had attended

him previous to going to the infirmary. To Foreman Watson, witness said Dr. S. H. McDonald had attended the boy when he first got the splinter in his hand. Dr. Pratt had also rendered medical aid when the child had the measles. The Post-mortem. Dr. John H. Allingham, of Fairville, who held the post-mortem, said the body was fairly well developed. There was an incision on the right hand extending from the middle of the index finger to the centre of the palm. The post-mortem disclosed spots on the right side of the child's body, on the back of the neck, both arms and on the chest in front. The cause of death, he said, was due to inflammation of the heart valves, which created a diseased condition of the valves of the heart. There were signs of the lungs being congested, but they otherwise showed a healthy condition. Witness described effects of chloroform on the heart and also effects of insufficient doses. He advanced the theory that death might be due to a blood clot forming in a heart valve.

Dr. A. E. Logie. Dr. A. E. Logie, being called, said that it was on his advice that the child was taken to the infirmary, primarily to apply the X-Ray to ascertain what foreign body was in the right hand palm, and secondly to have it removed. From a history of the foreign body it was evidently a splinter in the hand. When the chloroform was administered the patient was calm, contented and took it the best of any child he had ever seen. The chloroform was administered gradually and the boy took it splendidly. The instruments for the X-ray process were prepared. The foreign body was discovered and witness said he made an incision. Several attempts had been made to grasp the foreign body but without success. Shortly Dr. Kelly remarked, "I don't think that child is breathing." The bright lights were turned on and witness said "we worked faithfully for one hour and a half to restore life, but to no avail."

In answer to the court, witness said Dr. Kelly had administered the anesthetic at his (witness) request. The heart worked normally. All possible was done to restore life in the way of artificial respiration, cold water to face, hypodermics, etc. Asked as to the cause of death, he said: "It was due to failure of respiration." He explained that chloroform goes to all parts of the body. When it reaches the brain it forms into several by-products. As the post-mortem shows, there was tuberculosis of the bowels. When the chloroform reached this diseased part of the body there would be no resisting power as would be found in any ordinary normal patient. "Paralysis of the nervous centre in the brain controlling respiration would cause life to flee," he said. If death were due to chloroform the heart would be expanded and filled with fluid, he said. To court, he said he did not examine the heart as the child was healthy, as he had felt his pulse and they were right and normal. Coroner—"Could not that foreign body be removed under local anesthetic?" Witness—"Usually in child's cases the general anesthetic is used as there is danger of one so young being restless or moving."

Coroner—"Of ether and chloroform, which is safer?" Witness—"The advantages lie with ether."

Dr. Kelly. Dr. C. M. Kelly said he was called into the case as the anestheticist, at Dr. Logie's request. He said there was no examination of the patient's heart. In administering chloroform there was about one drachm used. It was dropped

on a mask, so called, covered with gauze which was drawn over the patient's face. There were 50 to 60 drops used in about five to seven minutes. This was the average used allowing for wastage. The mask was held at various distances. The best reported chloroform was used. It was fifteen minutes before suspension of respiration was noticed.

Asked if it was usual to administer chloroform before examining patient's heart, he said: "I think it is not. I was administering the X-ray and I did not know I was to give the chloroform."

Asked as to cause of death, he said it might be due to many causes. He believed that shock had no little part. To court, he replied that if there was evidence of heart disease he would not have administered chloroform. "To jury," he said, Dr. Logie had charge of the patient.

As to the spots on the child's body, as mentioned by Dr. Allingham, he said that these were bruises caused by the first aid activities, and showed that life was still in the patient's body when they started to work to restore life. "No dead body can be bruised," he said. The nurse got no word to use anaesthetic, he said, in reply to the court.

The Nurse. Miss Madeline K. Dolan said she was the nurse in attendance. She was not a graduate but was in her third year training. She had no experience in giving chloroform before and she had given it to young Profit. Dr. Kelly, she said, told her to take his place and said the bottle containing chloroform was on the table. He did not tell her directly to use it. The room, she said, was dark, and she dropped the chloroform from a drop bottle into her finger to determine the amount, and let it fall on the mask. To the court witness said that when the child moved a little she applied the anesthetic for a period not extending over ten seconds on two occasions.

To the court she said it was not a practice in the infirmary for the nurses to give chloroform unless on request of the doctor.

The Deceased's Aunt. Mrs. Sarah A. Williams, an aunt of the deceased, said that she had attended the child from the time he left home until he reached the infirmary. He was in the best of spirits. When he was taken into the room for the operation she remained outside. Dr. Logie came out and said the child was in a bad condition. She said the child was not examined and to the court stated that the child's clothing was not removed when she next saw the child he was in another room. His lips and ears were colored, his eyes and mouth were open and his finger nails were turned blue.

She said to the nurse: "Surely, they have not given him too much chloroform." To which the reply was, "I don't think so, dear."

The Charge. Coroner Kenney, in charging the jury, said the evidence showed that chloroform as an anesthetic resulted in the child's death. The thing for them to decide was whether or not those in charge had taken the necessary precautions and proper care in using it. He said the death roll from chloroform was about one in 5,000, whereas with ether it was one in 25,000. He stated that the reform as an anesthetic resulted in the child's death. The thing for them to decide was whether or not those in charge had taken the necessary precautions and proper care in using it. He said the death roll from chloroform was about one in 5,000, whereas with ether it was one in 25,000.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL TAKE UP CITY DISTRIBUTION OF "GLORIOUS STORY OF THE FIGHTING 26TH"

At an important meeting of the Local Council of Women, held yesterday afternoon in the King's Daughters' Guild, Mrs. E. A. Young, the president, presided in the chair. It was decided to accept the offer of C. A. Munro for the St. John News Company and sell on a generous commission basis the new book called "The Glorious Story of the Fighting 26th," the funds to go to the various patriotic and philanthropic societies taking part, with the exception of a small percentage to the general funds of the council.

It was decided to ask each organization represented to the an early meeting of the executive or general membership to arrange for participation in the campaign, territory to be allotted at a conference to be held in the city, as the sale of the book, which has already received flattering press notices, begins on Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Young, representing the West Side Field Comforts Circle, undertook to handle the West Side and the whole of Lunenburg. She had previously been in communication with Mr. Munro regarding the book and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., who had also been interested in the proposition asked for by the whole of Queens ward. This will probably be arranged.

There was an interesting discussion of the matter of women being appointed to the motion picture censorship board and other matters of importance.

HOLIDAY AT Y. M. C. A. The Y. M. C. A. has drawn up a large and comprehensive programme in athletics calculated to keep the school boys out of mischief during the two weeks that they will not be under the supervision of their task masters. The programme includes athletic meets for all five of the divisions in the boys' section of the institution. The annual high school and senior business boys' athletic meet will be held during the holiday season as will the inter-church meet, in which the champions of the different churches strive, goaded on by the cheers of their supporters and the jeers of their enemies. The famous college night will be observed in the institution this year and it promises to be no less enjoyable this year than has been the case on former occasions. This college night is a sort of social evening in which the boys who are home from college and the old friends of the institution get together and have a general good time, including refreshments. A re-union of all the boys who attended the camp last summer will take place in a few days, and they will have their usual good time remembering the good times they had at camp.

CHINESE LABOR IS NOW "DEMANDED." Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 18.—Importation of Chinese laborers during the war was recommended in the report of the California state commission on farm labor made public today. The report declares that Chinese are best fitted for farm labor and that "in the present crisis the importation of labor of Oriental or other nationalities" is demanded.

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