

SMALL GAINS FOR ALLIES ALL A LOG LINE IN WEST; RUSSIANS DRIVE ENEMY INTO EAST PRUSSIA

INDIANS AS STEADY AS THEIR WHITE COMRADES BEFORE SHRAPNEL FIRE

Their Fearlessness in Recent Fighting Dispels All Doubts of Their Ability to Stand Against Artillery Fire — Their Endurance and Fortitude in Severe Climate Astonish Allies and Enemies Alike.

Boulogne, Dec. 21.—The great endurance and fighting ability of the native troops from India who have come to take part for the first time in history in a war against white troops on European soil have astonished those against whom they have been pitted as well as all the allied commanders except the British.

The only question which arose in the British officers' mind was whether the Indian would be able to stand against artillery fire, to which they never had been subjected in the frontier wars. This has been answered in the affirmative, and they have proved as steady under shrapnel fire as the best of their white comrades. Not only this, but the commanders of the allied armies aver that they show dash and fearlessness to a remarkable degree and have on many occasions displayed great initiative under the most difficult circumstances.

In a suburb of Boulogne before the entrance of a great field covered with many regular rows of tents stood a figure as still as a statue. It was a Sikh in his uniform of khaki guarding the sanatorium in which

British and French Have Advanced on Whole Front, Particularly Between Argonne and the Meuse — Better News From the Eastern Theatre — Russians in Strategic Positions and Austrians Admit Czar's Men Back Again in Galicia and South Poland in Great Numbers — More Rumors of Italy Joining in Struggle—Middlekerke Again Reported Evacuated by Germans.

London, Dec. 21.—In Poland and Galicia battles are being fought between the Russians and the Germans and Austrian allies amid deep snow in bitter cold. In Belgium and Northern France the French, British and Belgian allies are contesting the thick mud fields foot by foot. No news of any decisive gain comes from either arena today. The Russian and German claims continue to be directly contradictory.

The Germans in Poland again are making a fierce attack toward the capital, and the Russians are making a stand against them on the east bank of the Bzura river, thirty miles west of Warsaw. Grand Duke Nicholas' army here holds a natural strategic line fifty miles long, running, roughly north and south along the east banks of the Bzura and Rawaka rivers.

The Petrograd report claims that the German force in North Poland has retreated across the boundary into East Prussia in a northwesterly direction. It asserts also that the Austrian advance through the Carpathian Passes to the north has been checked, and the attempts of the Pzemysl garrison to break through the lines repulsed. According to this report the Austrians have been driven into the fortifications with heavy slaughter.

The Austrian communication, on the other hand, claims successes in the Carpathians, but admits that the Russians again occupy Galicia and South Poland in force. Apparently, therefore, the Cracow and Przemyśl investments are proceeding and have not been broken.

SNOW AND COLD HALT FIGHTING.

Serious fighting between the Russians and Turks around Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, has been stopped by snow six feet deep and the intense cold, from which the Arabs are suffering bitterly.

Berlin publishes what purports to be an order issued by General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the allied forces in the west, dated December 17, exhorting the soldiers and telling them the hour has come to clear the invader from France.

A late Paris official bulletin describes small gains all along the line particularly in the centre between the Argonne and the Meuse. British ships have again been bombarding Zebrugg and Heyst, as well as the coast beyond Ostend, where the Germans have established many shore batteries hidden in the grass and sand.

political developments in Hungary, whose people are reported to be deeply discontented because they think that Germany and Austria are failing to give Hungary a fair share of protection, are the subject of much speculation and deep interest in England.

Claims Austrians Advanced 30 Miles Some Days.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—(By wireless to Saville, N. Y.)—While a German bulletin issued yesterday gave only scant details regarding the military operations in Russian Poland, the Austrian official communication supplies data showing that the eastern movement of the Germans through Poland and the northward movement of the Austrians through Galicia are proceeding steadily and in some portions rapidly.

Despatches from the Austrian general headquarters say that the Austrians advanced some days as much as thirty miles, yet the official statement states that the Russians are resisting an Austrian advance with heavy forces on the lower Donajec, in Galicia, where heavy fighting is now in progress. This also is the case in the region to the north of Lupkow Pass, in the Carpathians.

The Turks continue to transport troops across the Black Sea to a point near Batum, without encountering the Russian fleet. The Turkish army is said to be supplied with the most modern arms, including armored trains, automobiles, aeroplanes and heavy mortar batteries.

Japanese Cruiser at Callao, Peru.

Callao, Peru, Dec. 21.—The Japanese cruiser Idzumo came into this port today.

The Idzumo was in Mexican waters during the revolutionary disturbances which resulted in the overthrow of Provisional President Huerta.

Since the war began she has been in the Pacific and was reported some weeks ago off the coast of the United States.

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PART OF THE FIRST CONTINGENT NOW SERVING IN EGYPT?

Montreal, Dec. 21.—That at least one Canadian regiment is in Egypt would appear to be proved by a letter received by Honore Bertrand today from his brother, Louis Bertrand, a private in the First Royal Montreal. In this letter Private Bertrand describes the life of the men in Egypt and says that they expect soon to be fighting.

NO WAR HAD ROBERTS' ADVICE BEEN FOLLOWED

Vice-Admiral Sturdee Says in Reply to Welcome at Montevideo.

GERMAN SAILORS TO ENGLAND AS PRISONERS

British Navy May Meet Some Reverses but Will Live Up to Traditions.

Montevideo, Dec. 21.—German sailors to the number of about one hundred who were saved during the fighting of the Falkland Islands December 8 when the British squadron under Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee defeated and sent to the bottom a German squadron composed of the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nürnberg and Leipzig, sailed from here today for England on board the steamer Crown of Galicia. They were brought into port yesterday by the British cruiser Inincible, with Sir Frederick on board.

It was learned today that the Inincible showed signs of having been struck by six different shells.

Nine men on board of her were wounded, including Commander Richard H. D. Townsend.

In the course of the reception tendered the British officers in Victoria Hall yesterday, an address of welcome was made by the British Minister in response Admiral Sturdee spoke as follows:

"I thank you for this reception. I hope our little victory will improve conditions for British, French, Russian and probably for Japanese commerce during this titanic conflict which has just begun. We may suffer some reverses, but our sailors will maintain their high reputation and all will go well with our army and with our French allies.

"Lord Roberts recommended military preparations. Had he been listened to, the war would have been avoided. English business men, forgetful of their true interests, employed Germans for reasons of economy but I hope that their merchants and British steamship companies will profit from this lesson."

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AUSTRIA ANXIOUS TO BREAK WITH HER ALLY?

Washington Learns of Dissatisfaction at Vienna at Failure of Austrian Army and Defeat at Hands of Servians and People Urging Peace Proposals — Rumored that Italy Will Join in Struggle at Beginning of the Year.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A despatch from a prominent neutral diplomat in Vienna to his government of which officials here learned today, states that leading financial and commercial men in Austria are urging the making of peace.

The diplomat in a cipher telegram confirms recent press reports from Rome of the dissatisfaction which the Austrian population feels at the lack of success of its army, and states moreover, that indignation has been stirred up among all classes because of the recent reverses suffered at the hands of Servia. The Austrian government, he adds, through a strict censorship of the press has withheld details of these defeats from an anxious public.

The same diplomat states that reports are persistent in well informed circles in Vienna that Italy will declare war against Austria about New Year. These reports emanate, the despatch says, from prominent Italians, but Austrian officials are still confident that Italy will remain neutral.

CHILEAN GOV'T PROTESTS TO GERMANY AGAINST BREACH OF NEUTRALITY

Washington, Dec. 21.—After a searching investigation of the activities of the German fleet in the Southern Pacific recently, the government of Chile has made formal protest to Germany against alleged violations of neutrality by the German navy in Chilean waters.

The protest transmitted by the Chilean minister at Berlin sets forth that the German ships prior to their entering the waters of Chile, were demanding reparations from Chilean vessels.

At the same time, the Chilean government has protested to Great Britain, charging that the British cruiser Glasgow recently took mail from vessels in Chilean waters.

GREECE SAFE FROM ATTACK BY BULGARIA

In Event She Joins Servia and Does Not Attack Bulgaria.

London, Dec. 21. (6 p. m.)—Following on the categorical assurances of the Bulgarian government of its intention to maintain strict neutrality in the war, the Entente powers, Great Britain, France and Russia, have given guarantees to both Athens and Bucharest, that Bulgaria will not attack Greece, in the event of the latter country assisting Servia, and will not attack Roumania, should that State actively participate in the war.

This is taken to foreshadow the approaching participation of Roumania and Greece.

REPORT OF SINKING OF THE THUNDERER NOT TRUE, HE SAYS

Story Received in New York of Loss of British Dreadnought On Nov. 7.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—The report sent out of New York last night that the British dreadnought Thunderer was sunk in the North Sea November 7, is incorrect, in the opinion of Harry J. Davis, of this city, who has a brother serving on the battleship. Davis said today he had received a letter from his brother, Fred W. Davis, dated November 15, stating that the Thunderer was about to go into drydock to have her bottom scraped.

The letter was postmarked London, but it did not reveal the location of the ship at the time of writing. No mention was made of contact with a mine or torpedo as reported in New York.

SYDNEY WOMEN MURDERED; NEGRO HELD ON SUSPICION

Miss Cassie Dunn Found in Cellar With Gash in Head and Blood-stained Axe Near Body—Evidence of Brutality of Slayer—Prisoner Admits He was at Victim's House Last Evening.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 21.—Miss Cassie Dunn, one of the best known residents of this town was murdered in her residence on Queen street about six o'clock this evening. A negro named West who lives opposite on the same street is held on suspicion.

Miss Dunn was found in a kneeling posture at the bottom of the stairs leading into the cellar. A deep gash in the head and a bloody axe nearby told the nature of the tragedy. Life was extinct when the body was found.

The discovery was made by Mr. Adam Ross. On reaching home in the evening he found the table laid for supper but nobody in the house.

After waiting for some time he began a search which finally led him to the cellar stairs and he was horrified to find Miss Dunn's prostrate body at the bottom, her head in a pool of blood. Beside her was the axe used by the murderer. He at once summoned Dr. Rindress and soon after the police authorities were notified. An examination of the body by Dr. Rindress disclosed the fact that death must have been instantaneous.

Later in the evening the coroner empanelled a jury and viewed the remains as well as examined the premises. It was found that the murderer must have been committed to the sitting room, and the body afterwards carried down into the basement. Besides the axe, a piece of broken water pipe with blood and hair upon it was also discovered. This instrument possibly dealt the first blow. Blood was also found upon the knob of the front door, which would indicate that the murderer had left the house by the main entrance. The back door was found to be locked. There was evidence also of a struggle in the sitting room. Suspicion rests upon the colored man West, owing to the fact that he frequently went to Miss Dunn's house for water, and on his own admission had been there at five o'clock this evening.

The amazing part of the crime is the complete absence of motive. There was no evidence of robbery in the house, Miss Dunn's jewelry was untouched.

The inquest has been adjourned until eleven o'clock tomorrow. The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms to await the completion of the investigation.

Miss Dunn, who was highly respected, was about 70 years of age, and had been a life-long resident of North Sydney. She conducted, for many years, the jewellery business which had belonged to her father, and which some years ago she sold to A. W. Ross.

ALLIES AIRMEN SET FIRE TO ZEPPELIN SHEDS AT BRUSSELS

London, Dec. 22, 5.56 a. m.—A Dunedin despatch to the Daily Mail says that aviators of the allies paid a visit to Brussels and dropped bombs on the Zeppelin sheds which were set afire. In a night raid, airmen of the allies flew from Dunkirk over the German coast positions and dropped twelve bombs doing considerable damage. They then returned there in safety.

HALF MILLION MORE MEN BEFORE THE SPRING

Lloyd George Says England Will Have that Many Fresh Troops in Field.

London, Dec. 22, 3.05 a. m.—In an interview given to the London representative of the Paris Humanita, David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, says:

"Before spring half a million fresh British soldiers will join these already in France and Belgium. England has at present more than two million men under arms.

"Although our army at the front is now scarcely one-sixth the size of the French army, our monthly war expenditure is \$225,000,000, which is a larger amount than France's total. In addition to the enormous resources which we shall command, through the new income tax we are turning into the war treasury a new loan amounting to the colossal sum of \$2,250,000,000."

RAID ON COAST TOWNS STIMULUS TO RECRUITING

Mayor of Scarborough Expects 1,000 Recruits for Every Victim of Raid — Kipling's Reference to Canadian Troops.

London, Dec. 21.—Canadians at Salisbury Plain are greatly interested in Rudyard Kipling's article in reference to their corps which appeared in the Daily Telegraph of Saturday. Kipling warns them that their equipment, which is so excellent may tempt the British troops to commander some when they appear on the firing line.

Canadian officers in town today declare that they are willing to assist those who have been fighting a long time as far as possible but they are determined that nothing will be taken without consent.

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GERMANS RIVEN BACK IN REGION OF MLAWA

General Headquarters Staff at Petrograd Gives Out Cheering Report of Fighting in Northern Poland — Austrian Offensive Movement in Galicia Unable to Make Ground Against Stubborn Resistance of Czar's Men and Tide of Battle Seems to be With Russians — Austrian Division Mowed Down by Bayonet Charge.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The official communication issued today by the Russian general headquarters says: "In the region of Mlawa (Northern Poland), the Germans have fallen back towards the line of Lautenburg-Neidenburg (across the border into East Prussia). "On the left bank of the Vistula, there is no incident of importance to report. "In Galicia the Austrian offensive is being greatly hindered by our troops and the operations in this region have taken on a character extremely favorable to us. One of the Austrian divisions which was operating in the vicinity of Dukla Pass was easily defeated by a bayonet charge made by our troops. "The enemy left on the battlefield five hundred killed and we captured ten officers and more than a thousand soldiers. "The attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break through the Blouss line have been definitely repulsed. The garrison was forced back into the line of fortifications with heavy losses."

London, Dec. 21.—The Russian army defending Warsaw is today believed to have completed the formation of its new line before the Polish capital. The forces of Grand Duke Nicholas are declared to number more than 1,000,000 men, and the entire Russian line has been strengthened. Reinforcements which have been hurried into Poland have enabled Grand Duke Nicholas to lengthen the line defending Warsaw into a continuous battle from the Vistula to Pilica river. The Russians are thus massed on a front of more than sixty miles, with their main line running through the important railroad point to Skiernewice and on through Rawatowilpa. The extension of the line to the south along the Pilica was made necessary by the advance of the Austro-German forces in the Pieterkow region. The branch line railroad running through Rawa is strongly defended and heavy forces are also in position along the main railroad running southwest from Skiernewice to Pieterkow. The main advance of the Germans is now along the Bura river and the railroad running through Lowicz to Warsaw. Snow, rain and extremely cold weather are forcing both armies to conduct their operations only under the greatest difficulty. The Vistula is declared to have started to freeze. The fighting during the past week in which the Russians have defended their position while their new lines were being formed, has resulted in extremely heavy losses. On the southern front, in Galicia, the fighting is still developing along extensive lines. The Petrograd statement declares the situation is without important change. A statement from

GEN. HUGHES BACK IN OTTAWA

First Contingent not likely to go to front in separate Battalions brigaded with British troops.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The first Canadian contingent is not likely to be sent to the front in separate battalions brigaded with British troops, according to General Sam Hughes, who intimated that the idea of breaking up the army division at Salisbury Plain was only the product of some fertile imagination. He also stated that he would not be surprised if the Princess Patricia had exchanged the Ross rifle for the British army rifle but that was a thing that he had nothing to do with now. General Hughes came back from the Maritime Provinces today with a worse cold than that which troubled him a fortnight ago. He said that the Nova Scotia regiment, the 25th, recruited for overseas service had 85 per cent. born in Nova Scotia, the 26th at St. John also had a large percentage of Canadian born. The Cape Breton Highlanders was a splendid body of men and the artillerymen mobilizing at Fredericton were fine capable men. The engineers recruiting in the Maritime Provinces also contained a large number of civil engineers and university graduates.

BRITAIN SENDS NOTE OF INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 21.—A note of inquiry has been addressed to the State Department by the British government in regard to the charges, which that government also contained, a large number of British captains were harshly treated. So far Secretary Daniels has been unable to learn just what led to the recent dismantlement of the wireless of a British collier at Panama, even the name of the ship being unknown. He has ordered a full report, which will be laid before the State Department as a basis for its answer to the British note.

OFFICERS HOME FROM SALISBURY PLAINS

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The party of officers who have returned from Salisbury Plain to take commissions with the second contingent or other forces being mobilized includes Lt. Col. J. R. Kirkpatrick, Woodstock, N. B.; Lt. Col. C. A. Andrews, Aldershot, S. I.; Lt. Col. E. S. Bois, St. Isadore, P. Q.; Lt. Col. C. Readman, St. Anne de La Paque, Que.; Major J. J. Bull, Woodstock, N. B.; Major J. T. N. L'Heureux, St. Anne de La Paque; Major Cressy, Sudbury, Ont.; Major S. M. Walbridge, Belleville, Ont.; Major J. H. Creighton, Lunenburg, N. S.; Capt. A. Savard, Quebec, and others.

POPE SHOWS INTEREST IN PRISONERS OF WAR

Rome, Dec. 21.—In the hope of alleviating the discomforts of prisoners of war and the anxiety of their relatives at home, Pope Benedict has instructed all Bishops in dioceses wherein are military prisoners, and apparently one or more priests who are acquainted with languages spoken by the imprisoned soldiers to instruct these priests not only to offer spiritual counsel, but so far as possible to look after the material welfare of the prisoners. Particular efforts will be made to discover whether the prisoners have communicated with their families and if they have not done so to persuade them to send word home immediately. In cases where prisoners are unable to write letters the priests will perform this service for them.

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FIGHTING IN THE WEST BECOMES MORE FURIOUS

Reported that Allies Have Taken Two New Lines of Trenches from the Enemy — Heavy Artillery of French Silences German Guns and Demolishes their Defences — Allies Gain Ground on Heights of the Meuse.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Two new lines of German trenches are reported to have been taken by French troops southeast of La Bassée today in the resumption of the fierce attack which is being made on the enemy's position. With the allied warships aiding in the fighting along the coast, by heavy bombardment of the German lines, the battle in Flanders and Northern France is steadily increasing in ferocity. It is now definitely stated that the coast city of Middlekerke has not been taken, but that the operations from the region of Nieuport are developing satisfactorily.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The French War Office gave out an official communication this afternoon as follows: "The day of December 20 brought nothing of importance in Belgium, if exception is made of some progress in the region of Lombaertzyde and St. Georges and at a point to the southeast of the Inn of Kortaker, which is southeast of Bischoote; the occupation of some houses in Warlelem, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres hospital. "Between the Lys and the Aisne we have occupied a forest near the route between Noulette and Souchez, and we also took possession of all the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Notre Dame de Loos. The enemy has been heavily shelled. "Our heavy artillery silenced on repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to the north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Albert. This artillery also demolished the German trenches, and sent head over heels two cannon of a battery established near Hom, which is to the southeast of Carnoy. The heavy artillery also secured distinct advantages in Alsace and in the section of Rheims. "In Champagne, in the region of Prosees, Perthes and Beausejour, as well as in the Argonne we made along our entire front appreciable advances. This is particularly so to the northeast of Beausejour, where we won and occupied 1,200 yards of the enemy's trenches. "In the forest of La Grurye we blew up four mines and we established ourselves in the positions thus made."

TWENTY THOUSAND BUSHELS OF WHEAT DESTROYED BY FIRE

MacLeod, Alberta, Dec. 21.—Thirty thousand dollars damage was caused by fire in the elevator of the MacLeod Flour Mills today. Twenty thousand bushels were consumed. The building and part of its contents were insured.

FOR WINNIPEG'S PATRIOTIC FUND

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—Among the latest subscriptions to the Winnipeg patriotic fund is \$1,138 from the Archbishop's Palace and the church parishes of St. Boniface. Subscriptions continue to come in freely from local firms and individuals and from outside points.



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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1914.

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

THE BEGINNING OF THE END?

A Washington dispatch credits an unnamed "neutral diplomat" in Vienna with the statement that Austria is on the point of dissolving the alliance with Germany, that serious dissatisfaction exists between the Austrians and Hungarians, and that Italy will become an active participant in the war in January. While the authority for these important predictions is not revealed, and may prove to be a false prophet, there is more than a little in the way of corroborative evidence to support the story. Some days ago a rumor was cabled to Canada to the effect that there had been open rupture between German and Austrian officers along the eastern war front and that Austria was greatly dissatisfied over the lack of assistance given by Germany in holding back the Russian armies.

Those who have followed the war news closely will remember that not until the Russian advance became a real menace to Berlin did the German government send large numbers of men to strengthen the Austrian lines. Up to that time the Austrians had been left to bear the brunt of the eastern fighting, while the German war lord employed his vast armies to make his spectacular advance upon Paris which proved of so little real effect. Today the Germans are not as near to the French capital as they were during the second month of the campaign, and as the Allies in the West maintain their advance, it is certain that eventually they must succeed in driving the representatives of Prussian militarism back across the border and on to German soil.

What, in that case, is the outlook for Austria? Is it not reasonable to expect that the German armies now opposing Russia will be concentrated entirely in Germany and the Austrians left to their own devices to hold off the advancing Muscovites? It is not unlikely that Austria already sees the future in store for her and is willing to quit before she is annihilated. It must always be remembered that it was German influence which nerved Austria up to the point of entering in this conflict. Had Berlin remained silent Vienna could easily have been settled with by Russia alone and in that case Great Britain and France need not have been involved. But Germany spoke honeyed words of promises, promises she is today unable to fulfil, and it is not unnatural that Austria should begin to realize her error.

The large proportion of Slavs in Austria and Hungary may also be well reckoned with as a factor for a withdrawal from the conflict as racially the Slavic peoples have more in common with Russia than with Germany. As far as Italian participation is concerned it would be but the happening of the expected. Italy has remained aloof too long to hope for anything from Germany. There can be no question that in the inner circles of the German government resentment against Italy is almost as strong as hatred of the nations arrayed under the Allied flags. Should Germany win, Italy would be punished for not taking up her burdens as a member of the Triple Alliance and in any case the hatred of Berlin has been kindled against her, so her most logical course now would be to assist in the process of reducing the Prussian power to a point where it need be no longer feared. Italian participation in January would surprise no one. Italian participation eventually is almost as sure as the final result of the war. Even though the despatch from Washington is furnished on anonymous authority the next few weeks may show that it comes very close to the mark.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Police Magistrate Ritchie, during the hearing of one of the cases coming before him, yesterday afternoon, suggested that much good might be done if a small fund were placed at the disposal of the court from which deserving cases coming to His Honor's attention might be assisted. No other man in St. John is in a position where he is so frequently brought into touch with opportunities for real charity as the Police Magistrate, and his suggestion affords much food for thought, as it comes from years of experience.

The Standard has maintained that it might not be inadvisable to support all public charities by public assessment. Possibly, there are good objections to the idea but it does seem that as the municipality is usually the last resort in cases where men

and women lack friends who will care for them and are themselves unable to earn their livelihood, something might be done along that line. Of course much of the hardship revealed to the Police Court is preventable as it is directly traceable to liquor. But, unfortunately, it is upon the innocent that the burden usually falls and, presumably, it is the innocent sufferers His Honor has in mind when he thinks of assistance. There can be much fault found with the system which sends a drunkard to jail as a penalty for his offence and leaves his family to provide for themselves during his period of imprisonment. In some cities jail prisoners are employed and paid a small sum for their labor, this sum being expended for the benefit of their dependents. Such system, doubtless, involves more expenditure than our municipal authorities care to undertake but it would be an excellent innovation for St. John if it could be worked out. The suggestion made by the Police Magistrate goes part way toward the same object, while it might not entail such heavy outlay. On the whole The Standard has heard of many plans in the way of handling this problem which have less to commend them than that suggested by His Honor yesterday afternoon.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

Three days remain in which to make preparations for the Christmas festival. Those citizens who can afford to do so should see to it that they are not sparing with their money to make this Christmas brighter or happier for some one. With general business conditions not too good it is not well to curtail on one's purchases unless such curtailment is absolutely necessary, but above all things there should be no diminution of the Christmas charity. The war has been responsible for a number of extraordinary calls upon our people, and, in face of these, it may be that some of the local charities will be less liberally supported than in the past. This should not be. It is well to remember the hungry thousands in stricken Belgium, but it is also well not to forget those at home, to whom Christmas, too often, means nothing more than the 25th day of December. There are children in this city who will miss the visit of Santa Claus; there are women and men who, today, have no idea where their Christmas dinner is to come from. Much relief along this line is being supplied by the noble men and women in the churches, the charitable organizations and the Salvation Army, but although they possess all the willingness in the world, their resources are only what they are made by the liberality of the citizens. To provide a Christmas dinner for the soldiers is a worthy idea, but suppose it is not provided? The soldiers will be fed anyway—the Government looks after that.

With no wish to detract from the soldiers' Christmas celebration, The Standard ventures the hope that attention will not be completely diverted from the deserving poor in our midst, the soldiers of misfortune whose daily battle is not against an alien enemy but against the pangs of hunger and cold, the most sordid, pitiful, thankless struggle is that for mere existence under modern conditions and he who makes it easier to fight that fight is a real benefactor. Let us do all honor to our brave lads who are staking all for the sake of the Empire; let us show full regard for the Belgian people who have been scourged by a relentless foe, but, while thinking of these, do not let us forget that in St. John there are hungry men, women and children, and that this is Christmas.

THE ST. JOHN TELEGRAPH AGAIN

(Frederick Gleaner)
The St. John Telegraph seems to have a mania for attacking any object which is designed to assist the farmers of this province and their interests, and if its friends have any doubts that it should occupy any sphere of usefulness at all, they would do well to baffle it somewhat.

In going out of its way this morning to fall foul of some references made by Mr. J. E. Dargett, the Secretary of Agriculture, to the Valley Railway, as reported in the English periodical Canada, the Telegraph shows its usual disregard for accuracy and makes it very clear that it is only actuated by partisan motives. Referring to the Valley Railway, Mr. Dargett is quoted as saying:

"It passes through a splendid agricultural and fruit-growing district, starting from Grand Falls and running through Centerville and Gagetown to the port of St. John. The section between Centerville and Gagetown has recently been opened to traffic and proved a great boon.

"Financial conditions caused by the war may, however, delay the completion of the line, which at Grand Falls connects with the new Trans-continental (G. T. P.) line and with the C. P. R."

This the Telegraph characterizes as "a very grave misstatement, which must react and result in harm to this province." The statement credited to Mr. Dargett is absolutely correct, except that the section from Fredericton to Gagetown is not yet in operation, owing to unforeseen delays. When Mr. Dargett went to England it was intended that the section from Centerville to Gagetown should be opened at once, and Mr. Dargett was no doubt under the impression that this intention had been carried out. The road, when completed, will follow the course laid down by the Act authorizing its construction and it will "pass through a splendid agricultural and fruit-growing section, starting from Grand Falls and running to St. John."

Mr. Dargett expressly stated that only a portion of the line was yet completed, and he moreover stated no more than the fact when he said it starts from Grand Falls and runs to St. John, for this is what the Act authorizing construction intends that it shall do.

Our little ten-page contemporary's silly statements remind us of what a former editor of the western side said about the Valley Railway in a book which he published in 1902, entitled "The Province of New Brunswick, Its Resources and its Future." Here are his words: "Another railway which is now under construction is the St. John Valley Railway. This line extends from Fredericton to Woodstock, on the western side of the St. John river, and also beyond Woodstock, through a very fertile section of Carleton county. It is now 'under contract.' This was in 1902, mind.

Huge German Gun is a Failure

It was not until Namur and Liege had been battered to pieces that the world heard of the new German 42-centimetre gun; and more than one expert has declared that the gun is a myth and that the huge mortar that razed the Belgian fortresses was none other than the Austrian 28-centimetre howitzer, which, until the appearance of the larger German gun, was supposed to be the most effective in the world. Now, however, we are assured by Mr. J. Basil Barham, M. E., associate editor of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, London, in an English paper at great risk, and at the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, was given an opportunity at the railway station at Cologne of closely examining one of the most recent models of the Krupp work to be overhauled. This engineer says that the German 42-centimetre gun is a reality, and that it in no way resembles the Austrian gun. He believes that it is less useful than the heavy artillery of the other powers, for while it will accomplish things that would be impossible for any other gun in the same space of time, it has grave disadvantages.

According to the anonymous engineering expert who examined the gun at the Cologne, the short, squat barrel is mounted on a cradle which is a round curve of short radius. The carriage is on a live roller ring of nine feet diameter, rotated by hydraulic power, and the elevation is controlled by an arrangement of hydraulic pistons. A small internal combustion engine, which can be run by either petrol or paraffin, drives the pumps, and is mounted on a forward platform, and coupled to a dynamo of the series wound type, which is in series with the primary of an induction coil, fitted with a mechanical interrupter. The secondary circuit forms the firing circuit, and is taken to the breach of the gun. So tremendous is the atmospheric disturbance created by the discharge of the gun that the crew stands fifty feet away when the shell is fired. Before firing the gun the wheels of the bogies are locked by hydraulic brakes, hydraulic buffers are prepared to take up the recoil and hydraulic jacks are lowered from the cradle to the ground to take the weight off the pins of the bogie pivots. On the after platform is a light but strong crane provided with a set of differential blocks for lifting the shell out of the ammunition wagon, and placing it on the loading shelf, from which it slides into the breach of the gun. This shell is 152.5 centimetres (60 inches) in length, and judging from the damage done at Namur it would appear that the bursting charge is either melinite or picric acid. It is stated that the walls of the shell are peculiarly thin and that the charge of explosive is consequently abnormally high. It may be mentioned that the weight of a charged shell is 1,650 pounds, as compared with the Russian shell of 800 pounds, which was the largest shell previously thrown by a siege gun. At an elevation of 45 degrees the gun can throw a shell a distance of nine miles. The gun really is a failure. It has many serious defects, and while it would be of service during the reduction of an invested position when no attempt at relief could be expected, such a gun is not a white elephant with an invading force, a fact which seems to be admitted by the Germans themselves, who are accustomed to drag a miscellaneous assortment of heavy artillery about with them.

The big gun is a failure for two reasons. In the first place it is too slow. It can fire more than half a dozen shells without destroying the rifling, and probably about half a dozen shells is considered a good day's work. After that it has either to be "scraped" or sent back to the Krupp works

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.
I was setting awn Mary Watkins steps tawking to her this afternoon, Mary Watkins being the prittiest girl in the block, and maybe in the city and having a blue dress awn with a sash making it lok as if her waist and her nees was about the same place but looking awl rite, and she sed, Do you think you'll get meny Krisimus presents, Benny.
G, I hope so, I sed.
I bet I'll get a lot, she sed, and say, wat do you think.
Wat, I sed.
Gess, she sed.
I dont no wat to gess about, I sed.
Puds Slimkins sed he was going to give me a Krisimus present, she sed.
Did he, I sed.
Yes, wasent that nice of him, sed Mary Watkins.
Maybe hes got a old wun hes going to give you, I sed.
Hes bubbling of the kind, he sed hes going to buy me wun, wasent that nice of him, she sed.
Awl rite, I sed.
And wat elts do you think, Sid Hunt sed he was going to give me wun, to, she sed.
Did he, I sed.
Yes, and so did Sam Krawss, she sed.
Ill give you wun, I sed.
O, will you, O, I didnt mean for you to think I was asking you to give me wun, I woodent want you to think I was asking you to give me wun, I woodent want you to think I was asking you to give me wun, did you, sed Mary Watkins.
G, no, I want to give you wun, I was going to tell you anyway, I sed, and I sed, G, no, And wen I went hoam I took a littel spoon wich calm in a candy box wunts, wich I dont no weathir its silver or not, and I shined it awl up till it was shiny as anything, and in case I dont have enuff mony to buy anything Im going to give it to Mary Watkins for Krisimus.

at Essen, to be overhauled. So that with everything favorable to the moving of the gun it is capable of delivering not a dozen projectiles in a month, for it cannot be repaired by huge gun rolling machinery in the second place, the 42-centimetre gun is undoubtedly the most unwieldy weapon ever devised. The gun itself is a mere fraction of the paraphernalia necessary for its operation, which includes a powerful locomotive, with a tender of large coal capacity, an armored ammunition wagon and a living and sleeping car for the gun crew, which is composed of Essen experts. It is estimated that the gun and carriage weigh about 100 tons, and the total weight of the complete outfit is probably 400 tons.

It is far too heavy to be carried on an ordinary temporary light railway, and can only move on one of standard construction and gauge. No bridge of a temporary nature could be built to carry it at great risk, and the enormous expense of material and labor. To haul it along any kind of road would be impossible, and we may be absolutely certain that any pictures showing this single bridge on which this gun travels would be sufficient to stop its progress. Its terrible effectiveness at Liege and Namur is not to be denied, but it seems doubtful if it will be possible to use it for any other purpose than that of battering down thick walls. Against an army in the field it would be no more useful than a charging elephant.

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WESTFIELD BEACH.
Westfield Beach, Dec. 21.—Mr. Harold Parker who for some time has been employed at McAdam, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Manks Parker.

Mrs. Ronald Machum has returned from Fredericton where she was visiting her parents.

Miss Pearl Hubeley spent the weekend with her parents here.

Mrs. U. V. Caulfield of Grand Bay has been a few days guest of her sisters, the Misses Porter.

Miss Sadie Lingey, graduate nurse, has been the guest of her parents for a few days.

Miss Marion Machum arrived from Sackville this evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Machum. Miss Machum is a student at Mount Allison Ladies' College.

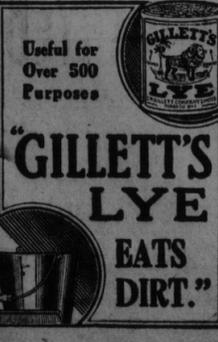
Miss Ruth Baxter, a student at the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, arrives tomorrow morning to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Baxter.

Miss Vivian Fowler of Hampton has been the guest for a short time of friends here. Miss Fowler has engaged the school at Nerepis for the term beginning after the Xmas holidays.

A Christmas service will be held in St. James' (Episcopal) Church on Christmas evening beginning at eight o'clock. The choir are rehearsing a number of choice carols; the church will be beautifully decorated and a very appropriate service is anticipated.

The Women's Auxiliary met last week at the rectory which will be the last meeting until after the Christmas season.

The exercises in connection with the closing of the public school took place today under the direction of the teacher, Miss Lois Lingey. An attractive programme had been prepared. The building was elaborately decorated and Santa Claus distributed the gifts from a prettily decorated tree.



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THE SEAMY SIDE OF LIFE AS SHOWN IN THE POLICE COURT

Cases before the Magistrate yesterday afternoon revealed conditions which should not exist in Christian City — The sad story of Mrs. Moore causes His Honor to become reminiscent.

There was a busy session in the police court of cases the Magistrate made an appeal for funds which could be very well used on some urgent cases.

There was one where a young fellow was allowed to go with a warning, but had not the necessary three cents to take him to his home in West End, and this amount was provided by a spectator. Then came a case where a woman has been working for years to support her family, while a lazy husband remains at home looking after the children. His Honor said he would like to have a fund to care for such a woman and send the lazy husband to jail. He said in many cases there could be well used in the courts amounts ranging from a few cents to a few dollars.

Frank Mason, of the 28th Dragoons, was in court charged with having been intoxicated. Captain M. Scovill, of the Dragoons, stated that Mason was a good man and this was his first offence. The prisoner told the court that he had a wife and family and that the cause of his trouble arose through his drinking some gin that had been given him. He promised to abstain in future.

Speaking on the liquor question the Magistrate stated that if the Germans were to get out, from some appearance, instead of buying bullets they could buy little bottles of gin and could kill more drinkers with such gin than with bullets. The prisoner was allowed to go with a warning that if he ever accosted people on the street again in the manner which he had done he would get a term in prison.

Good Words Sent Home.
Owing to good words sent in behalf of Charles Dickens, he was allowed to go on the charge of supplying liquor to a soldier on duty. Dickens explained that he did not purchase the liquor but had only been accommodating the soldier. The Magistrate pointed out the fact that the fine for such an act was \$5,000 or five years imprisonment.

William Moore, a 14-year-old boy was before the court on the charge of having broken into Phillip McGuire's saloon on Mill street on the night of the 14th and stealing two bottles of liquor and twenty-five cents. The boy informed the court that he did not steal the liquor but that he was with others who did. It happened about 11.30 o'clock at night and he was getting ready to go to bed in his home on North street when the other fellows called for him and he went with them. He said he did not go to school because he had been working. His Honor remarked that the prisoner should be at work so the boy might get any of the benefit from it. He would not mind what she said to him; left her home of his own accord and never gave her any of his money. She said that she could do nothing with him as he would take charge. Her husband has been in jail for some

time and was doing a term of four months, while she had to work for the support of the family.

Censure From The Bench.

While the woman stood by and cried at her misfortune the Magistrate remembered about the family and addressing the woman said: "Mrs. Moore the only mistake that you have been making is that you go out to work every day and allow that lazy husband of yours to remain in the house with the children. It is certainly a nice object lesson for them. I spoke to your clergyman and said that it was a pity that something could not be done so that you could stay at home with your dear little children. For eight or nine years you have been coming to court complaining about your husband. I remember on one occasion when some person had given your child a pair of shoes for Christmas, that your husband took them out and sold them to get money to purchase rum. I asked your clergyman if some money could not be given to look after the woman so that she could have a couple of months holidays from work while her husband could be punished in jail.

Mrs. Moore stated that she had another boy who was just like the one in court, and she could do nothing with either of them. The Magistrate ordered that William be placed in a cell and that the other boy be brought to court today.

A few days ago Pearl Hampton, Hunter Hampton and William Gumar, three youngsters were arrested on the charge of breaking into James Kane's house on Lowell street, in the county, and stealing a quantity of goods. Pearl Hampton was sent to the Reformatory for a term of four years on Saturday last. Yesterday Hunter, a 12-year-old was sent back to the cells with the promise of getting a like term. Good words had been said in the interests of Hunter, and he had been told to be good in the future. His name was rather peculiar to the court and he was asked to spell it. The prisoner said that he could not spell his name as he left school when in grade one, and now, being about 16 years old, he was too old to go back to school. He was allowed to go under suspension of sentence and he did not have the price of his ferrisage a clergyman, who was in court, presented him with the necessary amount.

A woman in tears appeared before the Magistrate and offered to pay the sum of five dollars to get her husband out of jail where he had been sent on the charge of drunkenness. The husband has already been in jail for five weeks, and when asked by the court how many times he had been sent to jail, he said that he did not know, that he had never kept rum in his house, and he had never promised to take the pledge for six months and was allowed to go home with his wife.

W. Brophy was before the court on the charge of passing a worthless check on a North End merchant. A bank manager gave evidence that Brophy did not have any funds in the bank, and the prisoner was further remanded.

DISTRIBUTING GIFTS TAKEN TO BELGIUM ON SANTA CLAUS SHIP

Messages sent by American children to little Belgians cannot be delivered

Rotterdam, Dec. 21 (via London)—The Belgians allotment of the Christmas presents brought here by the United States naval collier Jason has been divided into three parts and forwarded to Antwerp, Brussels and Liege, whence the toys will be distributed throughout the country.

Unfortunately, owing to the border regulations, it was necessary to unpack all the packages and to remove letters and Christmas messages written for the most part by American children. The members of the American Relief Committee greatly regret this as it robs the Belgian children of the messages or good cheer sent them by little Americans.

The Dutch government has granted free railroad transportation of the American food supplies to Belgium.

ILLUMINATIONS ON CHRISTMAS TREES RESPONSIBLE FOR GREAT LOSS EVERY YEAR — HOW TO GUARD AGAINST FIRE.

(Special Bulletin from Commission of Conservation.)

In many Canadian homes every year Christmas festivities cause regrets and in numerous cases loss of life among those taking part.

Illuminated effects as Christmas tree decorations in private homes are dangerous, and wherever either fire or lights are used too much attention cannot be given to their safety. The Christmas tree is in itself sufficiently inflammable, but when to this is added decorations of cotton batting, light paper balls and other dangerous material, it is only by the exercise of great care that fires can be avoided. Where Christmas trees are erected in carpeted rooms, sheet tin or zinc should be placed under the tree, to catch the candle drippings. It should be one person's duty to watch the candles, that instant action may be taken if the tree takes fire.

In public halls, Sunday schools, etc., where numbers of children are assembled, unusual precautions should be taken. Fire extinguishers and pails of water should be in convenient places. Santa Claus costumes should be dipped in a solution of four ounces of phosphate of ammonia to a quart of water. If clothing catches fire throw the person down, and roll him in carpet rug, blanket, coat or anything handy, to smother the flames.

AMENDED BY-LAWS FOR ST. JOHN PILOT DISTRICT

Commissioners before being put in service and such boats so approved of the following provisions recognized by the said Commissioners for such service for boarding vessels or offering of the services of pilots is hereby forbidden. Each small boat so attached must have the name of the pilot-boat's number painted on its bow each figure to be not less than four inches.

For any violation of this by-law or any other provision of the by-laws the pilot shall be liable to have his license withdrawn or suspended at the discretion of the Pilotage Authority.

Section 16 of the said by-laws is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

Every licensed pilot shall be the owner and registered holder of not less than four tons of a licensed pilot-boat in actual service of not less than thirty tons register under pain of suspension of his license except as hereinafter provided, for tonnage of vessels now used and authorized by law. Should the Captain of the Pilot in charge of any pilot-boat in commission refuse to cruise the districts in the Bay of Fundy for vessels with order to do so by the Chairman or Secretary of the said Pilotage Authority the Pilotage Authority may at their discretion upon such refusal withdraw or suspend the license of such boat.

Any licensed Pilot who refuses to contribute and pay his share according to his ownership in the licensed pilot-boat to which he is attached for the up-keep, provisions, supplies, wages, etc., necessary for cruising shall be liable to suspension by the Pilotage Authority on complaint of the Captain of a majority of the pilots owning in and attached to such pilot-boat.

END OF TRADE IN GERMAN PIANOS

It is evident that the German piano very soon will disappear from British homes and institutions. Already many public bodies headed by the Guildhall School of Music, London, have discarded all German-made instruments, and have replaced them with the products of famous British firms. The Teuton, by means of the propagandist work in which he excels, succeeded in creating a belief that his piano, like everything else connected with him, was the finest in the world. In point of fact, the British product is superior to all others in tone, touch and durability, and improvements made by manufacturers in this country have been adopted in the German instrument, and employed for a further cause for boasting—Glasgow Evening News.

The ads should be kept perfectly clear to avoid danger of panic. In business houses electric wiring and gas lightings for special displays should be carefully inspected. Do not use paper or muslin shades close to the lamps, as they may take fire from the heat. Some one in authority should be given the responsibility of seeing that the fire hazard is not excessive, and that every precaution is taken to protect life and property. Insurance may replace the property, but no insurance can replace loss of life.

School children should be taught fire precaution. Do not let the children play with matches. Overheated and defective pipes are the cause of a large percentage of fires. Gasoline is more dangerous than powder and more explosive than gun-cotton.

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ST. JOHN ARTILLERY MEN START ON FIRST STAGE OF JOURNEY TO THE FRONT

Thousands of citizens wish them God speed on their departure for Mobilization Camp at Fredericton—The men and their officers.

With cheers of thousands of citizens ringing in their ears the men of the Divisional Ammunition under Major W. H. Harrison left for Fredericton yesterday afternoon on the first stage of their journey to the front.

At 10.30 a. m. the men were mustered at the Armory, and after roll call were presented by members of the three local chapters of the Daughters of Empire with pipes, tobacco, Red Cross equipment, and lunches.

Those representing the Daughters of the Empire were: Mrs. J. Boyle Travers, Mrs. W. I. Fenton, Mrs. Fred E. Sayre, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. M. B. Edwards, Mrs. Heber Vroom, Mrs. S. S. Skinner and Mrs. H. G. Hetherington.

Major Frink then addressed the soldiers, wishing them Godspeed, and saying everybody was satisfied they would play the game right well on the road to Berlin, and reflect credit upon the city and province.

Lt. Col. B. R. Armstrong in addressing the men said he was sorry to bid good bye to so many members of his regiment, but was proud to say a finer body of men could not be got together anyway.

Lt. Col. J. L. McAvity and Commissioner Pettis also addressed the men. The order to march was then given and the column proceeded to the station through streets lined with people and flags.

A "boosters' squad" headed by Mayor Frink and Hon. J. E. Wilson cleared the way for the column. When the column passed Vassie and Co.'s on King street, Lieut. Wm. Vassie and Private Clinton Brown were given a rousing send-off.

A special train conveyed the detachment to Fredericton.

The Honor Roll. The officers of the detachment are: Major W. H. Harrison, Capt. and Adj. W. A. Harrison, Lieut. and Paymaster D. F. Pidd.

Capt. G. A. Gambin, Lieut. Wm. Vassie, Lieut. S. K. L. McDonald, Lieut. N. P. McLeod, Lieut. T. E. Ryder.

The names of the men—most of whom are members of the local artillery corps—with their ages and addresses, are as follows:

- Walter S. Archibald, Hopewell Cape, Albert Co., N. B. Percy R. Allaby, 55 Victoria street, St. John. Richard J. Ashburne, St. George's street, Arrowgate, Eng. R. M. Anderson, 387 Lancaster street, West St. John. James Amos, 29 Stanley Park, Lower East Bristol, England. T. Clinton Brown, 17 Paddock street, St. John. Walter R. Brannan, 106 Charlotte street, West St. John. Horace S. Brown, 236 Brittain street, city. Clarence Herron, 20 Summer street, St. John. T. H. Bolster, Gibson, N. B. Geo. A. Bidlicombe, John Cook, 294 City Road, St. John. Andrew Campbell, Prospect street, Fairville, N. B. Geo. W. Chambers, 23 Wellington Row, St. John. William H. Crocker, Albert, Albert Co., N. B. J. J. Campbell, 24 Harding street, St. John, N. B. Jos. A. Clark, 173 St. James street, St. John, N. B. Joshua S. Clayton, Fernhill, St. John, N. B. H. H. Coyle, 130 St. Patrick street, St. John, N. B. Wm. Connor, 252 Duke street, St. John West. Jas. A. Clark, 211 Watson street, St. John, N. B. L. C. Chamberlain, Westmorland Road, St. John, N. B. H. H. Colwell, Brookville Station, N. B. K. C. Christie, 76 Sydney street, St. John, N. B. Geo. A. Chesley, 547 Main street, St. John, N. B. John W. Cosman, 159 Rothery Avenue, St. John, N. B. C. H. Callan, 45 Rock street, St. John, N. B. Sydney Cooper, 113 Bioscope street, Toronto. Foster F. Duval, 117 Leinster street, St. John, N. B. Leslie M. Denniston, 2 St. Paul street, St. John. F. V. H. Dunham, 27 Gilbert Lane, St. John, N. B. W. A. Denniston, 2 St. Paul street, St. John, N. B. R. Davis, 99 Hart street, Mt. Pleasant Gates Head, England. A. A. Dixon, 254 Hawthorne Avenue, city. A. A. Dodge, 278 Tower street, West St. John. E. H. Dixon, George Drinan, A. M. Dykeman, 15 Prospect street, St. John, N. B. E. F. Evans, 22 Germain street, St. John, N. B. Harold J. Fraser, Cross P., Havant, Quebec. C. W. Fulkens, 49 LeMont street, St. John, N. B. Geo. A. Fagan, Elliott Row, St. John, N. B. E. A. Fawcett, Oak Point, N. B. W. C. Goodwin, Upper Granville, N. S. Sam Gamson, White Lane Hotel, Durston, Westmoreland, Eng. W. L. Howard, 159 City Road, St. John, N. B. Wm. Hokey, Stoopie, N. B. Wm. Henderson, Nowburn North Co., Eng. Frank E. Hamm, 100 J. Jenkinson, Old Victoria Road, Sydney, N. S. Vincent H. Joyce, 203 Gullford St., W. W. John, N. B. W. J. Johnston, Quispamsis, N. B.

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD

A New Year's Gift to Queen Mary from the Women of Canada.

To the Editor of The Standard:—Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through your valuable medium, to ask the women of Canada to unite with Queen Mary's Needlework Guild in sending a New Year's present to Queen Mary which shall be worthy of our Great Dominion, and the magnificent work the women are doing.

Will each woman in Canada, who is working for the soldiers and sailors, send one garment during January, through Queen Mary's Needlework Guild for Her Majesty to distribute. This can be done very easily.

Thanks to Lady Williams-Taylor the Bank of Montreal has kindly instructed any of its branches to receive parcels on account of the Guild, and such parcels will be forwarded without cost to the donor. Persons residing in a town where there is no branch of the Bank of Montreal may forward parcels to the Bank of Montreal at 213 Peel street, Montreal, at the same time sending the Bank the receipt for the charges paid, the amount of which will be returned to them.

It will be my pleasure to supply material for one thousand garments, to those who are willing to give their work but have not material and patterns available. This material will make flannellette dresses for infants, woolen underclothes for children from two to eight years old; men's flannel shirts, socks and children's stockings. A postcard sent to Miss Weber, Assistant Secretary, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, St. Catharines, saying how many garments can be made, will result in material and directions being forwarded to the sender free.

Queen Mary, by her unselfish devotion to duty, and splendid example, has endeared herself to the women of the Empire at this crisis, and such a New Year's gift as I have suggested would not only prove that the women of Canada are as ready to "serve the Queen" as are our brothers to "serve the King" but also give to Her Majesty the great pleasure of distributing useful garments to the soldiers and sailors, the refugees, the poor and needy, the waifs and strays.

Hoping that the idea of a New Year's gift to Queen Mary from the women of Canada will meet with a hearty response, believe me, Yours faithfully, (Sgd) C. WELLAND MERRITT, Honorary Secretary.

ALL ENGLAND WANTS TO BEAT GERMANS

(By Peter Macqueen in Boston Globe.) It takes John Bull a long time to get angry. When I returned to London after the battles of the Aisne and the Marne had been fought, I met at the hotel a Yorkshire farmer, who told me that 143,000 men had fallen on one battlefield of France, he exclaimed in great surprise: "Well, bless my heart, if this becomes real serious, don't you know."

Didn't Realize War Was On. The good fellow didn't realize that the war had since the invention of gunpowder had an English city being bombarded by a foreign foe. I asked my friend how long he thought England could fight Germany. He got red in the face at once and almost shouted: "Till every blooming Englishman is dead, if that is necessary!"

Raid in East Expected. Raids were expected in the eastern counties and all the highways were drilled two miles ago. The Suffolk town of Waterlooville told me that what I saw in Beccles I could see in every town in England, Scotland and Wales.

Recruited a Corps a Day. An army corps a day was recruited in London during the early autumn. The shopkeepers with their signs: "Business As Usual," the taxicabs with the red lettered exhortation: "Smile for the benefit of the war," the archbishops parading with such insignia as this chalked off paper: "The Germans Make Sausages: We Will Skin Them," the boy scouts praising first sighted two who were limited in the use of my camera. They were as strict as the Russians are in Siberia.

Work on Defences. I went to Harwich. All the travelers and light ships were snugly ensconced in the harbor. No civilian might approach within fifty miles of the fort, which are bristling with the newest and heaviest guns. By the roadides were patrols. Trenches were making very much like those I saw in the First World War. It was too strange to be true. One could imagine what England was in the days of Cromwell or the wars of the fort. We tried to get into a field near Harwich where a thousand men were being drilled; but no, "It's against orders," said the polite but firm young fuddy Englander who guarded the gate.

In the small town of Beccles, in Suffolk, there were seven miles of trenches. Beccles is about fifty miles south of Scarborough. Among the young men of the town we came across Corporal Thirle of the First Suffolk, who was wounded in

OPERA HOUSE PATRONS WILL HAVE ABUNDANT AMUSEMENT THIS WEEK

Thomson Company presents Mrs. Temple's Telegram, a production with fine musical numbers and comedy.

For Christmas week at the Opera House the Thomson Musical Comedy Company presents Mrs. Temple's Telegram, a production with an abundance of fine musical numbers and a great deal of comedy.

The performance begins soon after the relief of the guard in the trenches. The troops, as well as the audience, is composed of "Allies" of all colors; British, French, Moors, Sikhs, Hindus, Algerians, Senegalese—generally covered with the mud of the trenches of Flanders. The programme consists of songs, monologues, recitations and dances.

One performance concludes with the singing of popular songs in French and English.

The chorus of the last song was interrupted by different regimental bugle calls, and the audience and performers dispersed precipitately to join their detachments for a dash to the trenches.

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VAUDEVILLE UNDER DIFFICULTIES HALF MILE FROM FRONT

"Allies' Music Hall", half mile from trenches provides weary fighters with diversion while taking respite—No guarantee of continuous performance, and change of programme without notice.

Dimude, Dec. 21.—The "Allies' Music Hall" is half a mile behind the French firing line near Dimude, the first barn on the right. It is devoted to variety, exclusively, but the performers are not guaranteed to be continuous. The directors reserve the right to interrupt or to change the programme and substitute artists without notice.

Reasons for this precaution are obvious to any one who has heard the German shells go screeching through the air over the barn. A candle here and there, stuck on a bayonet, does as well as it can in the place of calcium lights, and ammunition boxes, when one knows how to arrange them, make a very good stage.

The musical programme which was given a splendid reception is as follows: Musical Numbers—Act I. Opening chorus, "Th not a Lady's Maid"—Maid.

Chatham: L. J. Gaboury, Montreal; Frank Hay, Montreal; J. A. Brice, Toronto; A. Wilson, E. B. Prisco, P. J. Lespere, Bathurst; E. A. McCurdy and wife, Newcastle; E. S. Carter, Rochester; E. W. Foulds, Montreal; S. J. Hillcock, Belfast; W. J. Heber, Shillong; A. McLeod and wife, Mrs. Fair and children, Calgary, Alta; W. H. Story, Brockville, Ont.; Geo. Webster, Toronto.

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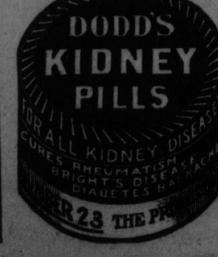
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Financial And Commercial News And Notes

RATES DECISION DOES NOT MEET THE FULL REQUIREMENTS

Bache's Review says long-awaited ruling grants only part of what business interests demand.

As we go to press, the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the 5 per cent rate case comes out—too late for analysis until next week.

The Commission has granted, only in part, what the vital interest of every business and of every individual in the United States still demands should be granted in full.

In that it has not risen to the importance of the occasion and broadly and quickly remedied a situation which has been affecting the whole country adversely, the members have not squared up to the procedure in every other emergency action taken by the Government since the war began.

As far as their partial grant is favorable to the roads and to the country, the credit of bringing about a reconsideration of the indubitably wrong decision of July is due to the bankers of the country. It was their written appeal for relief to Senators and Representatives which came in by thousands in August, that brought about the ultimate reconsideration. These appeals were founded upon the facts recited in our special letter of August 17th, which we sent out to 30,000 bankers in the United States. Many of the arguments in that special letter are admitted by the Commission to be true, as is shown by their reciting them as reasons for relieving the roads.

The inadequate treatment of the great problems of railroad regulation which has been accorded to the railroads by the Commission in the last few years, calls strongly to Congress and the President for a reorganization of the Commission. The Globe says that President Wilson has let it be known that he has made a "common sense" the chief qualification of the five men he is to nominate as members of the new Trade Commission within the next two weeks. He does not desire theorists for the Commission, but men who will be able to deal intelligently with business conditions in the United States.

Some members of the Commerce Commission measure up to these requirements and should be congratulated, but the qualifications stated by the President should be the standard set for action in reorganizing the Interstate Commission.

(J. S. Bache & Co.)

VOLUME OF TRADING FAR BELOW NORMAL ON WALL STREET

Order for reduction of coal freight rates by Pennsylvania public service commission an unfavorable factor.

New York, Dec. 21.—Such hopeful inferences as the financial district may have drawn from last week's rate decision granting eastern railroads a general freight advance were largely nullified or set aside today, when it became known the Pennsylvania public service commission had ordered a drastic reduction in coal freight rates between some of the important anthracite centres and Philadelphia. While officials of the roads most concerned professed to regard the decision as entirely local in extent, speculative Wall Street evidently chose to accept it as a less favorable spirit. This was reflected in persistent selling of Reading and Lehigh Valley shares, which fell to new low prices for the present movement. In the final hour the list was subjected to further unsettlement and lower prices. The decline was led by United States Steel, which had held at a fraction above fifty, despite continued offerings, some of them being in blocks of one thousand shares or more. Steel finally fell to 49 1/8, or exactly 1 1/8 above its minimum figure.

It was regarded as significant of market conditions that the committee which controls prices on the exchange deemed it expedient to establish new low minimum quotations for the southern group of roads, including Atlantic Coast Line, Louisville and Nashville, Seaboard Preferred and Southern Railway Common and preferred. As a matter of fact, there has been no recent trading in these stocks, most of which have undergone a dividend revision during the closure of the exchange and since its re-opening.

In the course of the day's business, which was far below normal, some of the most important news was that Bethlehem Steel preferred showed signs of demand at slightly higher prices, but this group fell back with the entire list at the close, which was weak.

Some members of the day's news was of a hopeful tenor. Money rates were easier. Exchange on London fell to its lowest quotation since last February on an over-abundant supply of offerings. Bonds early developed a declining tendency. Total sales, par value, were \$1,258,000.



HE CAN FILL THEM ALL

CANADIAN STOCK EXCHANGES PLAN SAFEGUARD RULES

Something similar to idea contemplated by London Exchange—Forbid loaning stock to clients or brokers.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Canadian stock exchanges are about to adopt a rule to safeguard the stock markets of the Dominion from bear raids when the time comes to resume stock trading without restrictions. The plan will be somewhat like that now contemplated by the London exchange. Brokers will enter into an agreement which will virtually forbid all loaning of stock to clients or other brokers. This arrangement will be continued, very probably, until such time as the markets are well stabilized.

CALL ON WAR LOAN DUE YESTERDAY WAS EASILY ARRANGED

No disturbance of money rates in London as result—Plenty of money idle.

London, Dec. 21.—A call of \$150,000,000 on the war loan, which was due today, was arranged easily. There was no disturbance of money rates. The money market has been much interested this week in speculating as to how much money would be paid up on the war loan, and awaited the bank return to get some idea regarding the amount. Exact figures are not available, but deductions from the bank returns show that about \$70,000,000 (\$350,000,000) was paid up, including £6,500,000 application money. That this huge amount was taken off the market, without disturbing rates, shows the quantity of money lying idle.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

(McDougal & Cowans.)

Amal Cop	54%	54%	53	53
Am Boat Bldg	30%	50%	30%	30%
Am Car Fy	46	45	45 1/2	45 1/2
Am Loco	24	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Am Smelt	58 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Am Tele	118	118	117 1/2	117 1/2
Atchison	93	93	92 1/2	92 1/2
Am Can	25 1/2	25 1/2	25	25
Balt and O Co	69 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Brook Rap Tr	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Ches and O	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Can Pacifc	157	157	155 1/2	155 1/2
Eric Com	22 1/2	22 1/2	22	22
Gr Nor Pfd	114	114	113	113
Ill Cent	111	111	111	111
Lehigh Val	134	134	132 1/2	132 1/2
Miss Pac	104	104	104	104
NY NH and H	58 1/2	58 1/2	57	57
N Y Cent	84	84	82 1/2	82 1/2
Nor Pac	100 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Penn	107 1/2	107 1/2	107	107
Reading Com	146	146	143 1/2	143 1/2
St Paul	89 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
Sou Pac	84	84	83 1/2	83 1/2
Un Pac Com	117 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
U S Steel Com	50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
U S Stl Pfd	104 1/2	104 1/2	104	104
U S Rub Com	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Westing Elec	68	68	67	67

QUOTATIONS ON GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—No. 2 red, 123 1/2 @ 125; No. 2 hard, 123 3/4 @ 125 1/4.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 65 1/2 @ 66; No. 3 yellow, 64 3/4 @ 65 1/4; standard, 49 1/2 @ 50.

RVE—No. 2, 1.10 @ 1.10 1/2.

BARLEY—No. 2, 72 @ 72 1/2.

TIMOTHY, 4.75 @ 4.80.

CLOVER, 12.50 @ 14.50.

PORK, 16.50; lard, 10.35; ribs, 9.62 @ 10.25.

Wheat.

May	127 3/4	125 1/4	127 1/8
July	119 5/8	118 3/8	118 3/4

Corn.

May	71 1/8	70 3/8	70 3/4
Dec	65 3/8	64 1/2	64 5/8
July	72 1/8	71 1/4	71 1/4

Oats.

May	53 1/8	52 1/2	52 5/8
Dec	49 1/8	48 3/8	48 3/4

Pork.

Jan	18 50	18 40	18 47
May	19 05	18 75	18 97



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Dec. 26 Man. Shipper	Jan. 22

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Dec. 10 Sagamore	Dec. 8
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Dec. 15 Start Point	Dec. 15

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December Phases of the Moon

Full Moon, 2nd	23. 21m. p.m.
Last Quarter, 10th	7h. 32m. a.m.
New Moon, 16th	10h. 35m. p.m.
First Quarter, 24th	4h. 25m. a.m.

CAPTAIN OF THE STR. PRINCE ARTHUR DIES SUDDENLY

Capt. Hersey drops dead at his post—Followed sea for forty years.

Special to The Standard

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 21.—Telegrams were received today announcing the death of Capt. H. K. Hersey, chief officer of the Prince Arthur, who fell dead on the vessel.

He was a native of this county and was sixty years old. He followed the sea about forty years ago and in early life had command of the Maggie Miller, the Dunroby and the bark Northern Empire of Windsor. When the Yarmouth S. S. Company was formed he entered that service and has continued on the Boston and Yarmouth Line through all its changes. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. E. J. Hanson of Portland, Maine.

The bad weather is still interfering with the lobster industry. So far the shipments have only amounted to 26 1/2 crates and the price at which they sold is not yet known. There have only been two shipments. The first consisting of but half a crate, compared with twelve hundred crates for the corresponding shipment last year.

THE FURNESS LINE.

The Furness Line steamship Start Point with general cargo sailed from London on Sunday for St. John.

MANCHESTER LINE.

The steamer Manchester Exchange of the Manchester Line sailed from Manchester Sunday for this port with general cargo.

NEW ZEALAND LINER.

The steamship Hesperos from Philadelphia was due to arrive at Partridge Island last night. This is the first ship of the New Zealand Line to come to this port this season and she is assigned to J. T. Knight and Co.

LEAVES SYDNEY TODAY.

The steamship Borderdale will sail from Sydney, C. B., today for this port and Pilot Thomas Trainor left for Sydney yesterday to come round in the ship.

THE C. P. R. LINE.

The C. P. R. Line steamer Gramplan arrived in port and docked at No. 2 berth, Sand Point yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock with a large general cargo and 196 passengers, of this number 14 were saloon, 92 second cabin and 83 steerage. The ship is from Liverpool via Halifax and she experienced heavy head winds and seas on the voyage across the Atlantic.

EMRESS OF INDIA SOLD.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—The liner Emress of India, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which has been plying between North Pacific ports and the Far East, for twenty-three years, has been sold to the Government of Baroda, said to be the richest prince of the Indian Empire.

The Emress of India is to serve as a hospital ship for Indian troops.

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BRITISH PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Arr strm St. Paul, New York.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Portland, Me., Dec. 18.—Arr strm Iona, Ritchie, Sunderland.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Sld strm Canadian, Liverpool.

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 21.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 75 1/2 to 76.

OATS—Canadian western No. 2, 60 to 60 1/2; No. 3, 58 1/2 to 59; extra No. 1, feed, 59 1/2.

FLOUR—Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, \$6.70; seconds, \$6.50; strong bakers, \$6; winter patents, choice, \$6; straight rollers, \$5.50 to \$5.60; straight rollers, bags, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

MILFEED—Bran, \$5; shorts, \$2 1/2; middlings, \$3; moullie, \$2 to \$3.

HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$19 to \$20.

POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, 60.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET PRICES

	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	7.28	7.28	7.28
Mar.	7.57	7.48	7.57
May	7.75	7.65	7.74
July	7.94	7.83	7.94
Dec.	7.15	7.09	7.14

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As the amount of \$225,000 of this issue has already been subscribed for, intending investors should make immediate application to the Provincial Secretary - Treasurer, Fredericton, or any branch of the Bank of Montreal in Canada. Investors would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain a safe investment paying a good rate of interest for high class securities.

Any further information can be obtained on application to the Office of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, at Fredericton.

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Live Gossip Of The Sporting World

THE Y.M.C.A. BASKET BALL ARRANGEMENT

On New Year's evening basketball will be the feature at the Y.M.C.A. Gym. The big game between the Technical College of Halifax and the Y.M.C.A. Senior Team will be the main attraction. The Y.M.C.A. team will be picked from the following: Willet, Thorne, Brown, Burton, Ryan, Knodell and McDonald. The forwards will probably be Thorne and Willet. These players are both last year's men and are in good condition. At centre Knodell will probably take the place of last year's centre, M. Lath. He is a fine player and has been playing for some time. Lath and Ryan. Both of these men are showing up well and it is likely they will be tried out on New Year's night. McDonald will be ready in case of any accident and may also be used if any of the other players are not working right. Practices are being held three nights a week and before New Year's the team will be in good condition to meet the best in the game. The Technical College team will be chosen from the following men: Janney, Creighton, Morrison, Munro, Mahan, Freeman, Spence and Williams. Creighton plays centre for the visitors and is considered their star man. His shooting ability is well known and he is able to make a basket from any position on the floor. James is their star defence man and combination with Creighton will be a feature of the game.

Last year Technical College trimmed U.N.B. 27 to 17, and were considered champions of Nova Scotia. Two games of basketball will be played before this game, the first between High School and the Intermediate and the second between two ladies' teams. The Y.M.C.A. young ladies' league of four ladies representing Carleton.

AN OLD TIMER WRITING FROM NOTE BOOK GIVES SOME INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

An old timer writing of sport says: The last semblance of a chance for International sport next year faded away when it was decided to pass up the Royal Henley regatta. Started in 1839 and adopted by the Amateur Rowing Association of England, this great aquatic festival has been held without a break every year since. With many likely rowing men at the front and innumerable families in mourning it is difficult to see how any other course could be pursued than to cancel the world-famous event. With it will probably pass the Oxford and Cambridge race, the Wingfield Sculls Competition, the Marlow Regatta, the Metropolitan Amateur Regatta, and other affairs of a like kind. The first Oxford and Cambridge race was rowed at Henley in 1829. Seven years elapsed before another race was rowed between the two Universities, and then the course was from Westminster to Putney. In 1845 the route was again changed to from Putney to Mortlake. In 1847, 1848, and 1853 there was no race. In 1849 there were two races, one on March 20th, Cambridge won, but the other on December 15th was awarded to Oxford on a foul. Both were rowed from Putney to Mortlake, which has been annual ever since, except in 1856 and 1863, when the order of the going was reversed to Mortlake to Putney. Of the seventy-one races that have taken place, thirty-nine have been won by Oxford and thirty-one by Cambridge, including this year's. One that of 1877, was declared a dead heat, the umpire, an old man of the name of Phelps, who had acted for years but never figured again, exclaiming, "Dead heat by six feet." As a matter of fact, Oxford should have had the verdict.

Henley regatta is fairly entitled to the term "Royal" which has been granted to it by special charter, for it has been frequently honored by the patronage of royalty. Probably every body who enjoyed the privilege of being there will agree that there never could have been a gay and more charming scene than was presented

on the third day of the gathering in 1887, the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of the late Queen Victoria. Right Hon. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, and the original Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., was the particular host of the occasion, having for guests the Prince (King Edward VII.) and Princess of Wales, the Kings of Denmark and Greece, and a flock of princes and princesses, including our present King and Victoria, Sophie and Margaret of Prussia, daughters of Frederick the Noble and the Princess Royal of England, and sisters of the Man of Blood of today. It is safe to say that neither before nor since has there been such a jam on the river and so brilliantly animated and varicolored a picture displayed or so much enthusiasm shown. A forest of flags "blasted or uplifted" was to be seen the length and breadth of the river, while thousands of voices cheered in unison and hats, handkerchiefs, parasols and flags waved, as a lady expressedly but rather inaptly remarked, "in torrents." Perhaps she hesitated to say "clouds" because of the bright sunshine. There were no Canadian competitors on that occasion, nor, as far as I can remember, any foreign entries. Guy Nickalls, from Magdalen College, Oxford, made his first bid for the Diamonds, but after winning three preliminary heats fouled a boat and lost to J. C. Gardner, whom he subsequently beat for the Wingfield Sculls. Guy, however, won the regatta in 1888, 1889, 1890, 1893, and 1894, defeating J. J. Ryan of Toronto, in the best-remembered year.

Ryan, the gentleman spoken of in the last paragraph, was in the service of the Ontario Government. With "Jim" Leung of London he shares the honor of having four times won the Canadian amateur rowing championship, and twice the National championship of the United States. He was an intensely nervous man and a friend of mine "who saw the race at Henley told me he undoubtedly lost by continuously looking around to watch his opponent, the redoubtable

Guy Nickalls, a quadruple winner of the Diamonds. At the same regatta Joseph Wright, a fellow member at the time of the Toronto Rowing Club, was beaten by Vivian Nickalls. Both brothers rowed off in the final and Guy won. Montreal has never to my knowledge been represented at Henley, but Lon. Scholes won the Diamonds for the P. R. C. in 1904 and the same gentleman's brother, John L. won the featherweight boxing championship of Great Britain in 1899. Both are sons of John F. Scholes, whom "Jem" Mace declared was the best amateur boxer in America, and who had a bout when fifty years old with Charlie Mitchell, half his age and champion of England. John F. has practiced pretty well every sport in his time and has excelled at boxing, rowing, shooting, running, lacrosse, quoits and snowshoeing, in all of which he has been in the championship class.

Now at over three-score and ten he could put many a pretentious younger man to sleep, and is undoubtedly the champion all-around man of his age. The Argonauts, since 1855, when they made their first essay, have been to Henley half a dozen years, but without material success, although they have won several heats and beaten the several times visitors, the Club Nautique de Gaud of Belgium. Winnipeg has twice been over, winning the Steward Cup in 1904 and being beaten this year by Harvard, first American winners of the Grand Challenge Cup. Ottawa sent crews over in 1911, beat the Belgians in the eight, but losing to Magdalen, who won the final in the fastest time on record for the mile and 550 yards, namely, 7m. 2s.

I wonder if, when Freddie Welch outpointed Willie Ritchie in the twenty-round go on the Olympic on July 7th, the English realized that the latter's real name was Steffen and that his forebears were German, there would have been any greater enthusiasm over the result than there was. What a mob another meeting between the two would attract!

TORONTO'S FIRE LOSS BIG FOR THIS YEAR

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Toronto's fire loss this year will be far higher than it has been for some time. Only twice since 1886 has there been a greater loss than this year. In 1904, the big fire boosted the total to over \$10,000,000, while in 1895 the year of the Globe fire, the loss was \$1,817,000. This year already the loss is \$1,284,634, while the number of fires was 2,652.

WANTS TO DRIVE MOTO AMBULANCE IN FRANCE

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, youngest daughter of James Dunsmuir, former premier of British Columbia, who sold his coal mines to Mackenzie & Mann for eleven million dollars, has decided to serve her country at the front. She left yesterday for London where she will take a course in ambulance work. She is an experienced motor car driver, and is particularly anxious to drive a motor ambulance in France.

(From Beck's Weekly, Montreal)

A diamond necklace, set in platinum, makes a very pretty and acceptable little gift. They may be obtained in many designs and at several prices.

For a husband a silver tea service or an Irish crochet table cover would be appropriate.

For a wife a rosewood humidifier or a smoker's set is considered a nice present.

If one has a number of friends one wishes to remember, but for whom one finds it difficult to select suitable presents, one may purchase a number of seven-penny cars at almost any garage and mail them, decorated with sprigs of holly, so that they will reach one's friends on Christmas morning. These make novel substitutes for the somewhat commonplace greeting card and are quite inexpensive. For a mother excellent remembrances for poorer relatives.

In selecting a diamond pendant for one's fiancée it is well to purchase one that will taste as well as look like a diamond.

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NO AGREEMENT BY ENGLAND TO REFRAIN FROM SEARCHING SHIPS FROM U.S. PORTS

London, Dec. 21.—It can be stated positively that no definite agreement has been reached whereby England will refrain from searching ships which leave American ports with statements from English consuls that they are carrying no contraband. England is willing to accept such statements in cases in which there is no reason to believe that the cargoes may have been augmented at sea. The long negotiations between England and America, however, have resulted in no positive agreement or understanding between the two countries.

The foreign office is eager to prevent unnecessary delays and is willing that American shippers have their cargoes examined by authorized agents designated by British consuls, provided they desire to do so. America approves such examinations. But England makes no guarantee that under such circumstances that cargoes will be exempt from further inspection, if deemed necessary by the Admiralty.

It is stated authoritatively that consular inspections in most cases would expedite shipments greatly, as the number of suspected cargoes is comparatively small. Earlier in the war, copper and other contraband were loaded underneath coal or heavy freight, making inspection extremely difficult.

LATE SHIPPING.

New York, Dec. 21.—Ard: Str Adriatic, Liverpool.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Ard: Str Orduña, New York.

London, Dec. 21.—Ard: Str Monmouth, Montreal.

Naples, Dec. 11.—Ard: Str Calabria, New York.

Palermo, Dec. 21.—Ard: Str Europa, New York.

Christiansand, Dec. 20.—Ard: Str Frederik VIII, New York.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

FIVE MEN LEAGUE.

In the Five Men League on the Victoria Alloys last night No. 1 team took three points from No. 4 team. By taking these three points No. 1 takes first place in the first series. It was a hard fought game throughout. No. 1 team had only a lead of five pins at the beginning of the third string. Covey and Howard were not bowling in usual form. McIlveen and Sullivan starred for No. 1 while Riley and Duffey were the stars for No. 4 team. A large crowd of bowling fans were present and great enthusiasm prevailed. The scores were as follows:

No. 1 Team.	
McIlveen	83 96 105 284 94 2-3
Covey	87 96 92 275 91 2-3
Gambin	81 95 95 271 90 1-3
Harrison	86 100 90 276 92
Sullivan	98 92 101 291 97
435 479 483 1397	

No. 4 Team.	
Duffey	91 110 89 290 96 2-3
Covey	82 84 81 247 82 1-3
Riley	106 93 96 295 98 1-3
Howard	87 83 93 262 87 1-3
Kelly	84 90 95 269 89 2-3
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The afternoon roll off was won by Percy Howard with the score of 116.

ROCKLANDS' ANNUAL.

The Rockland Athletic Club is still a thriving organization and there was a good attendance of the members last evening in the club house on Cradle Hill when the officers for the year of 1915 were elected as follows:

John Kinsella, president.

Ray Kelly, vice-president.

Richard Sullivan, secretary.

Fred Shannon, treasurer.

Louis McIlveen and R. Gleason were elected members of the club. It was decided that the club hold a banquet in their rooms on the 28th.

\$25,000 IF FRANK GOTCH WILL MEET WHITE'S "MYSTERY" WRESTLER

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Ed. White, local wrestling promoter and manager, returned from the East yesterday, and announced that he signed up a heavyweight wrestler, who he claims is one of the world's best. White refuses to disclose his champion's identity, at this time, for fear some of the topnotchers will refuse to meet him, but offers to back his man against any of the title claimants up to \$5,000.

"I am confident that I have a great wrestler and am ready to back up my claim with real money," said White. "I will absolutely refuse to announce my man's name or nationality and challenge all American and European heavyweights now in this

country, and I only hope that Jack Herman, who is the champion of the world, will be able to get away from the war zone and come here this season to see. Should the Pole be unable to come over, I have a syndicate of promoters ready to offer Gotch \$25,000, win, lose or draw, to come out of retirement and give my man a chance to fight him for the title. To prove my man's ability, I am ready to match him against Roller, American, Westergard, Ordeman or Hussane, on a winner-take-all basis and a good sized side bet. For convenience I will call my grappler "The Mystery." The man goes for Wladek Zbyszko, too, who claims the European championship."

A man called "Mystery," the great heavyweight wrestler, on whose behalf Ed White, of Chicago, his manager has challenged the world's best mat stars, and for whom White is ready to stake his bank roll against the best of them.

Who is he? What is his name? His nationality? Make a guess. Compare his photos with those of all the other great wrestlers and see if you can do it out. White is absolutely refused to give the slightest hint as to his man's identity, other than to give his weight, which is 225 pounds, and he sticks firmly to his belief that he has a wonderful grappler, who is ready to prove his ability in actual action. Another thing which makes the "Mystery" more puzzling and that promises to keep the fans guessing, is the fact that White demands that at any time his man wrestles, he must be permitted to appear just as in the pictures, completely masked. Under no other conditions will promoters be able to secure the services of the mysterious one, and in no other way can any of his prospective opponents secure a match with him.

Who is he? My own good reasons for insisting that my wrestler's identity remain a secret as long as possible and so has the "Mystery." Only in the event that he loses a match will I unmask him. Let the world's mat artists say and think what they please. If they have any idea that he is a lemon and I hope they do, let them accept his challenge and wrestle him. Winner take all, with a side bet, or in private, for any amount, up to \$5,000. This goes for them all. Within a few days "Mystery" will be ready to start his campaign for the world's championship. He is now training privately with a few of his close friends and reports from his quarters, are that he is rounding into great condition.

LEGAL BATTLE PROBABLE OVER WALT. JOHNSON

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Charles Weegman, president of the Chicago Federals, today announced that he had to his counsel submitted the case of Walter Johnson, star pitcher, who on Saturday signed up with Isold team, the Washingtons, after having recently accepted a contract with the Chicago Federals.

"Walter Johnson will play with the Chicago Federals next year, or not at all," said Weegman.

"I have laid the case before counsel and we will fight it to the United States Supreme Court before we will give up."

COMISKEY AND GRIFFITHS FAIL TO AGREE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Clark Griffiths, manager of the Washington Americans, left for the capital today after a conference with C. A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago Americans. Griffiths declared that there was no chance of a trade with Comiskey and that the conference had resulted in no agreement.

THE THISTLE CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the Thistle Curling Club was held in the rink last night for the purpose of making arrangements for the coming programme of curling in the rink on Christmas day, also for the match between the President and the Vice-President.

Apple Salad

Chop one-half pound of cold veal or lean pork and two large tart apples; add two chopped pickles, one teaspoonful of olive oil, one tablespoonful of vinegar, season with salt and pepper and mix with mayonnaise dressing.

MASTER WORKMAN

SMOKING TOBACCO

The Civil Engineer says:—
"When I strike a knotty problem that calls for deep thinking, I want MASTER WORKMAN Smoking Tobacco"

This world-famous Brand can now be obtained for 15c. a cut at all the best stores.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gates, westerly; partly fair and turning colder with some local snowfalls or flurries.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, etc.

Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION

W. B. Tennant, Chairman. Phone Main 454. G. Earle Logan, Secretary. Phone Main 1300.

McMillan's Store. will be open evening until Christmas. Largest stock of Christmas Booklets, Patriotic Souvenirs and Calendars in the city.

Notice to Mariners. J. C. Chesley, marine and fisheries agent, received word last evening from the deputy minister of marine and fisheries to the effect that vessels are forbidden north of Ireland.

Three Brothers in the Ranks. Among the soldiers of the Ammunition Column who left yesterday amid the cheers of the citizens were W. J. Stephenson, H. A. Stephenson and A. E. Stephenson, three sons of Edward S. Stephenson of 111 Orange street.

To Meet Here in June. The Methodist ministers at their weekly meeting yesterday morning heard that both Centenary and Queen Square churches had invited the conference to meet in St. John next June.

The H. M. S. Audacious. When reports were received in American and Canadian papers announcing the sinking of the British warship Audacious, off the Irish coast, and the rescue of her crew by the White Star liner Olympic, R. W. Frink wrote to a relative in England asking for further information about the alleged destruction of the battleship by a mine.

Arrested For Burglary. On the night of the 14th inst the saloon of Philip McGuire on Mill street was broken into and two bottles of liquor and twenty-five cents stolen. Yesterday morning Detective Killen and Deputy Chief Jenkins went on the warpath and arrested William Moore, having obtained information that he was the thief.

SIMONDS NO. 2. Local Government supporters of the Parish of Simonds No. 2, will meet in Wallace's Hall, Gardner's Creek, on Saturday the 26th inst., at 8 p. m. for organization purposes.

Of Interest to the Gentler Sex. Believing that this would be a year for utility gifts, and knowing that the St. John people appreciate a bargain, F. A. Dykeman and Co. have secured a lot of children's and ladies' dresses at about half their usual price.

Christmas Sale of Overcoats at M. R. A. This is a sale of regular M. R. A. quality overcoats for both men and boys and offered at prices low enough to considerably lengthen the Christmas gift appropriation. Come and you'll see that the values are decidedly interesting.

THREE ROUSING RALLIES SHOW HON. MR. BAXTER AS SURE OF HANDSOME MAJORITY

Liberals as Well as Conservatives Volunteer Their Support for the New Attorney General and Predict a Record Poll in His Favor—His Workers are Ready Should an Election be Necessary.

Three rousing rallies of the workers supporting Hon. J. B. M. Baxter were held last evening when it was clearly shown that the spirit of the electors was thoroughly in favor of Mr. Baxter and his return to the legislature as a member of the provincial cabinet.

The meetings took place in the Conservative Club rooms, Beaconsfield, Temperance Hall, Fairville and Peck's Hall, East St. John. At all three places the number of workers present greatly exceeded the expectations.

It was noticeable at the meetings that both Conservatives and Liberals were present and expressed their determination to support Mr. Baxter. Councillor O'Brien, who was secretary of the opposition organization in Lancaster at the last provincial election, addressed the meetings last evening and pledged his support to Hon. Mr. Baxter, should an election be held.

He was a supporter of Hon. Mr. Baxter because he thought it was in the best interests of the County of St. John. When he (O'Brien) was elected county councillor he had promised to do all he could in the interests of the county and it was as a result of this pledge that he now supported Mr. Baxter.

Hon. Mr. Baxter was well pleased with the fine turnout at the rooms and he endeavored to encourage the workers. He pointed out that the meetings were for the purpose of going over the lists and preparation for getting the electors to the polls in case of an election. Should an opposition candidate be selected there would likely be meetings held and then the questions raised could be answered.

He felt satisfied with the constituency of St. John County. While he had been the person selected for the cabinet he felt that it was the people of the county who had made it possible for him to be in that position.

J. A. Barry felt that Hon. Mr. Baxter was the proper representative for St. John county and he therefore urged all present to assist in securing a big vote for the candidate. He pointed out the advantages of having a representative in the government and made reference to the successful career of Mr. Baxter and his work in the public interest.

W. B. Tennant predicted that an election would not be held. If a candidate should be found to oppose Mr. Baxter he felt that the majority rolled up in favor of Mr. Baxter would be enormous.

G. Earle Logan had been around in the county and at Lunenburg, George H. Galbraith, who was a supporter of the opposition recently, had come forward and signed the nomination papers of Hon. Mr. Baxter. Andrew Collins and J. A. Gregory had also asked to be allowed to sign the nomination papers of Mr. Baxter. The signs indicated an overwhelming majority for Mr. Baxter. Still it was necessary for all to get out and work so there could be no possible slip.

MEN OF 28TH ARE COMING INTO SHAPE

Outdoor life and regular drill turning troops into seasoned soldiers—Field day today.

Members of the 26th Battalion were kept at the routine work of drilling and marching yesterday. Officers of the battalion formed a guard of honor at the army when the Divisional Ammunition Column was mustered, preparatory to entraining for Fredericton.

Today officers of the 26th plan on having an extensive field day, keeping the men out from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m., and giving them dinner while at work.

Eight members of the Army Service Corps who have been in Halifax doing duty there have returned to the city and joined the Army Service Corps which is now stationed on the West Side, waiting orders to go with the second contingent. Capt. Ermantrude, who comes from Upper Canada, has reported for duty with the 10th Army Service Corps.

Last evening the members of the Army Service Corps to the number of 150 men turned out in charge of Lieut. A. G. Raimie and marched to the Charlotte Street Baptist Church on the West Side, where they were given a splendid entertainment by the ladies of the church. The soldiers were given a fine reception, made to feel at home and enjoyed the reception in their honor very much.

Reading, Miss Pearl Wayne; solo. Private Haughton; piano solo, George Layton; reading, Miss Wistuple; solo, Miss Leonora Beatty; violin solo, Private Weston; solo, Wm. Layton; reading, Mrs. Archibald; solo, Sergt. Bond; bagpipes, Private Ross; reading, Sergt. Duplisse.

Sergt. Beach acted as accompanist. While all the numbers of the programme were good and much enjoyed, the numbers contributed by Miss Wayne, Miss Beatty and Sergt. Bond and Sergt. Duplisse were especially good.

After the regular programme the soldiers joined in singing Tipperary and Britishia, and refreshments were served. Regimental Sergeant Major R. I. Carless on behalf of the corps thanked the ladies for their kind entertainment and called for three cheers, which were given with a will.

About 54 men of the corps will be given leave of absence for Christmas. Capt. F. W. Wickham will leave for Ammunition Column tomorrow on Jan. 2nd. Lt. Col. J. L. McAvity, of the 26th battalion, and Captain W. A. Harrison of the Divisional Ammunition Column were present with Colt army revolvers by members of the L. M. Club. Major W. H. Harrison was presented with a gold wrist watch by the same club.

Members of the Cliff Club have presented pocket flasks to Major Malcolm McAvity, and Lieutenants Wm. Vassie, T. E. Ryder and C. S. Nesbit. Sergt. John Cosman of the Divisional Ammunition Column was presented with a shaving outfit and fountain pen by friends at a gathering in his honor at the home of his brother-in-law, T. Russell Smith.

R. J. Turner, who is going to the front, was presented with a wrist watch. St. John, Miss Lou Parks' circle, Miss Nola Melick's circle, Miss Harned's circle, Miss Hatfield's circle, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Hanson of Fairville, Mrs. E. W. Lingley, Miss Stackhouse, Mrs. Clarence Harrison, Mrs. John Keeffe, Mrs. Barraclough's circle, Miss Sharp, Mrs. G. A. Burnham's circle, Girls' Association, per Mrs. Pitt, the Women's Auxiliary of St. James' church, per Mrs. J. A. Davidson.

Mrs. Robinson reported that 210 pairs of socks and ten mufflers had been received since the last meeting, those contributing cash and material being Mrs. Jameson, Miss Stetson, Miss Parks, Mrs. J. E. Garwood, Mrs. Branscombe, Mrs. Miss Milligan, field socks, five pairs of hospital socks, a knitted nightgown, twenty hot water bottle cover; from St. John of Jerusalem Association, three pairs mitts, one pair wristlets from Upham; also two hospital shirts, three bed jackets, twelve pairs socks and eight handkerchiefs; twenty dozen handkerchiefs, eighteen pairs bed socks, from Localist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire; one dozen towels and two pairs wristlets, Mrs. Mackenzie; bed socks, Mrs. Job, Elliott Row; six hospital shirts, Mrs. A. M. Rowan; quilt, two hospital shirts, two flannel bandages, St. John Ambulance Association; thirty-two pneumonia jackets and 265 safety-pins, Ladies' Aid circle of King's Daughters, per Mrs. C. A. Clark; fifty hospital shirts, twenty suits pyjamas, nineteen pairs bed socks; Victoria street Baptist church, thirty-one hospital shirts, thirty-six handkerchiefs, seventy-five bandages, twenty-nine pairs socks; young people of Waterloo street Baptist church, per Miss Farlow, twenty-one pneumonia jackets, Miss Duval and Miss Eslington; eight pneumonia jackets; Philathea class, Germain street Baptist church, forty-eight pneumonia jackets were sent from the Daughters of the Empire, amongst those assisting being Bertha Christenson, Mary Christenson, Hazel Christopher, Annie Coll, Annie Crawford, Katherine Crawford, Rosa Dezell, Ethel Daley, Helen Daley, Bertha Dunlop, Marjory Ellison, Marion Finley, Francis Flynn, Helen McDonald, Ruth McDonald, Margaret Gough, Edna Morris, Ella Reedy, Dorothy Oaty, Marjory Oaty, Lillian Wilson, Mildred Wood, Ruth Wood, Annie Torrance, Maudie Torrance, Pearl Taylor, assisted by Mrs. Finley, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Lena Lamb.

Thanks are given to the workers as follows: St. Elizabeth's Society, St. Peter's Church, per Mrs. Dearden, Mrs. Wardrop's circle, University Club, Queen Square Methodist church, St. Luke's church, graduate nurses of the

Electors will meet at Mayall's on the Lech Lombard road, on Monday next at 8 p. m.

Nickel and Copper Tableware. Few presents you can bestow upon the housewife will be more highly prized than pleasing, practical additions to the family board. A visit to our Nickel and Copper Tableware section will bring you in touch with the better patterns and latest novelties in Coffee Pots and Percolators, Tea Pots, Hot Water Kettles, and Chafing Dishes, prices on but few of which we mention here: Coffee Machines, nickel plated, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$10.00 and \$14.75 each. In copper, \$7.40 and \$12.25 each. Coffee Set, in copper, consisting of Tray, Coffee Machine, Wm. Shield, Cream Pitcher, Sugar Bowl and Coaster, \$23.10. Table Kettles, with spirit lamps, in brass, \$2.65, \$4.80, \$5.00, \$5.75 each. In copper, \$5.75 and \$7.70 each. Separate Kettles, nickel, \$2.65, \$3.25, \$3.40 each. Tea and Coffee Pots, nickel, \$2.00, \$2.10, \$2.15, \$2.25, \$2.55, \$2.70, \$2.75 and \$2.85 each.

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M. R. A. STORES OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK. Give "Him" a Smoking Jacket or Dressing Gown for Christmas. You would have to think a long time to find anything that will give quite the satisfaction of a comfort garment. A smoking jacket, dressing gown or bath robe always makes an acceptable Christmas Gift and our exhibit this season is so large and the values so desirable that you will find it advantageous to choose from our assortments. SMOKING JACKETS—In double faced cloths, the back of the material being used for the collar, lapels and pocket flaps. This is a very great variety of exceedingly natty garments, many with plain backs to the cloths, others in various stripes and check effects. The colors, dark greys, Cambridge greys, browns, fawns, blues, greens and wine. In the assortment will be found heavier weight English-made Smoking Jackets with cord and braid trimmed pockets and edges. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$13.50. DRESSING GOWNS—Many plain styles, braid and cord trimmed, with shawl collar; the cuffs and pocket tops of others are formed with the reverse side of materials which are in two-tone and plain effects. Also gowns in diagonal Wales and Tweeds of fancy stripe design, trimmings of braid and cord. This is a fine exhibit of Dressing Gowns in several shades of light and dark grey, brown, green and red; plain effects and stripes, also many fancy figured designs. Prices from \$6.00 to \$19.00. BATH ROBES—in rich, warm attractively figured blanket fabrics. A splendid showing in blue and grey, green and grey, brown and castor, grey and red, tan and grey, red and castor. Prices from \$4.00 to \$7.25. BOYS' BATH ROBES—in the same materials. Each \$4.50 to \$6.75. BO-PEEP BATH ROBES—For children in blues, pink and greys. Each \$3.50. MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

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