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PEACE OFFER MAY BE CONSIDERED, BUT RUSSIA STRONGLY OPPOSED

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ATTITUDE UNKNOWN

Both German and Austrian Notes Received in Washington—Bonar Law Says Entente Allies Require Adequate Reparation for Past and Guaranteed Security of Future.

NO ABATEMENT IN BRITAIN'S MILITARY PREPARATIONS—LITTLE FIGHTING EXCEPT IN ROUMANIA, SERBIA AND ON BOTH BANKS OF THE MEUSE—MONASTIR BOMBARDED—VIOLENT SLUMP IN STOCK MARKETS YESTERDAY ON POSSIBILITY OF PEACE.

Both the German and Austro-Hungarian notes concerning peace have been received in Washington and soon will be transmitted to the belligerents of the Entente Powers. No official intimation has yet come as to whether President Wilson will merely transmit the notes as received or announce to their recipients that the United States hopes that a discussion of peace may result.

While Great Britain has not yet officially received the proposals her attitude and that of her allies with regard to peace was reiterated in the House of Commons Thursday by Andrew Bonar Law, the new chancellor of the exchequer, who said the Entente Allies required adequate reparation for the past and adequate security for the future.

Russia Opposes Parley.
A semi-official statement from Petrograd regarding the peace proposals attacks the Teutonic Powers for lack of sincerity and says the firm determination of the Entente "to continue the war to a final triumph can be weakened by no illusory proposals of the enemy."

That there is to be no abatement in Great Britain's military preparations is indicated by the unanimous vote of parliament of an additional credit of 400,000,000 pounds.

Slump in Stocks.
There was a violent slump in stocks yesterday.

On the fighting fronts everywhere, except in Roumania and along both banks of the Meuse, only bombardments and minor operations are being carried out. In Roumania the Danube army of the Teutonic Allies has now crossed the Jalomitza river and all along the front the advance of the invaders continues unchecked.

No details have come through as to French operations along the Meuse, except a statement in the Berlin official communication that the French have made advances on both banks of the river. Paris merely reports bombardments in these regions.

British War Statement.
London, Dec. 14.—The war office tonight issued the following communication:

"Last night enemy trenches were entered by us in the neighborhood of Monchy-Amba, south of Arras. A number of casualties were inflicted. Dugouts filled with German troops were bombed. A raid was attempted against our trenches in the neighborhood of Hulluch, but the enemy failed to enter them. Prisoners were left in our hands.

Russia Opposes Conference To Consider Peace Now
Petrograd, Dec. 14, via London.—The peace proposal of the Central Powers is regarded by the Russian government as "an attempt to court public opinion and encourage the people of Germany by appearing to put the responsibility for the continuation of the war upon the Entente Allies."

The proposal has been received by official Petrograd without an atom of sympathy.

Official Statement.
An official of the foreign office made today the following statement, which has been issued by the semi-official Petrograd news agency:

"The new appeal of our enemies is not their first attempt to throw upon the Entente Powers the responsibility for the war they are losing. In order to obtain the support of the German peoples, who are tired of the war, the Berlin government many times has had recourse to fallacious words of peace, and has frequently, in order to animate its troops, offered prospects of an early peace. It promised peace when Warsaw was taken, when Ser-

LLOYD-GEORGE NOT SO WELL

London, Dec. 14.—The condition of Premier Lloyd George has taken a slight turn for the worse. He suffered considerably from a severe chill, contracted early in the week, and his physicians have ordered him to remain in bed for a few days more.

Friends of the premier express the hope that he will be able to appear in the House of Commons next Tuesday, as planned.

Foster Cables Premier.
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Sir George Foster, who left last night for England, sent the following message to Premier Lloyd George:

"Canadian government sends hearty congratulations. Canada stands with you and the empire for vigorous prosecution of the war until complete victory is attained."

European Neutrals.
In a step there is a likelihood of the United States being supported by some of the European neutrals.

The minister of one of them today asked his government to authorize him to assure the president of endorsement in such a move, and it is believed others are considering the same phase of the situation.

The change in the attitude of the Entente embassies was regarded as the most interesting development pointing to the probable position of the Allies. It was indicated that to avoid being placed in the position of

Lack of Sincerity.
"The lack of sincerity, and the object of the German proposals is evident. The enemy governments have need of heroic measures to complete the gaps in their armies. Germany is projecting a sort of serfdom in the guise of compulsory military service. The German government, in order to uplift the hearts of its people and prepare it for fresh sacrifices, is striving to create a favorable atmosphere with the following sentences:

"We are struggling for our existence; we are proposing peace; it is refused us. Therefore the responsibility for the continuation of the war falls upon our enemies."

"The object pursued by Germany, however, is clear. She speaks of respect for the rights of other nations, but at the same time she has already introduced into Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Poland a regime of terror and violence. As for the future, Germany has proclaimed an illusory independence for Poland; she proposes to divide Serbia between Bulgaria and Rumania, and cede to Bulgaria part of Rumanian territory.

Oppose Negotiations.
"Everywhere the idea of the hegemony of Germany predominates. The latest speeches of Von Bethmann-Hollweg show the true aspirations of the German government. But today, when the Entente Powers have proclaimed their unshakable determination to continue the war to a successful end, and to prevent Germany from establishing her hegemony; no favorable ground exists for peace negotiations.

"Our enemies knew of the speeches of Lloyd George, Briand and Bessell and the statement of Treppoff. They were therefore assured that their proposal would be unacceptable. It is so, because the Entente Powers—the friends of peace—are not inclined that way, but because the peace offered by Germany is a snare for public opinion. That is why the enemy governments carefully avoid mentioning the conditions of peace. We are sure that this new enterprise of the disturbers of peace will lead to no astray, that it is condemned to failure, like the previous efforts.

"The Entente Powers would assume a terrible responsibility before their people, before all humanity, if they suspended the struggle against Germany's latest attempt to betray, by the present situation to implant her hegemony in Europe. All the innumerable sacrifices of the Allies would be nullified by a premature peace with the enemy, who is exhausted, but not yet brought down.

"The firm determination of the Entente Powers to continue the war to a final triumph can be weakened by no illusory proposals of the enemy."

THINKS ENTENTE ALLIES WILL NOT REJECT PEACE OFFER

Broad Intimation at Washington Embassies of Allies to this Effect—German and Austrian Notes Arrive—Wilson Undecided.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Arrival of both the German and Austrian peace notes, and broad intimations at the Entente Allies' embassies that the proposals of the Central Powers would not be flatly rejected without examination, were the outstanding developments here today in the peace move.

Germany's note, substantially the same as the published texts, arrived by cable this morning, and was followed later by Austria's note. Secretary of State Lansing said it was identical with Germany's and that neither contained any change in meaning from the semi-official versions.

Wilson Undecided.
It was stated officially from the president that he had not decided what action, if any, he would take in transmitting the Central Powers' proposals to the Entente belligerents.

When, with announcement of German proposals two days ago, it appeared that the Entente Allies were inclined to reject the offer flatly it appeared very doubtful if President Wilson could find a way to add a word of mediation in transmitting the notes. With the apparent moderating of that first attitude, as reflected in the British newspapers, and among the Entente Ally diplomats here, the way seems easier for the president to express, in some way, the hope of the United States that the proposal for a discussion of peace will not be rejected without consideration.

General Conference?
The German view of the next probable step is that a meeting of representatives of all the belligerents should be proposed for a general discussion of an approach to a basis for peace. German officials here repeatedly have expressed their conviction that, once having gone that far, the movement would result in an actual peace conference. The conviction of the Allied diplomats, on the other hand, is that Germany's terms, as outlined by the German embassy here, and as indicated by the tenor of the German chancellor's speech, are such that discussion would be fruitful of no conclusion. But before approaching this stage, they seem to agree that an inquiry to the Central Powers for more information of their proposal will be proper, and that it will develop the ground for the next step.

**TORPEDO BOAT GRILSE SAFE
IN SHELBURNE, BUT SIX LOST**

Remarkable Escape of Canadian War-ship which was Thought to Have Foundered—Terrible Experience of Crew, Six of Whom Perished and Two Injured.

Special to The Standard.
Shelburne, N. S., Dec. 14.—H. M. C. torpedo boat Grilse is safe, but six of her gallant crew have been drowned. At half past ten o'clock tonight she arrived in Shelburne under her own power.

The following men were drowned in the terrible storm in which it was believed the Grilse went down with all hands:—A. J. Harris, Mayo, Ireland; E. Ashwin, London; Harry McAuliffe, Halifax; Walter Tremble, Toronto; Robert Wilkinson, Wellington-on-Tyne, England; E. Clements, Hamilton, Ont.

Storm Began Monday.
Bad weather was encountered on Monday night, and it was decided that it would be advisable to put into Shelburne for shelter. On Tuesday the storm continued and as night advanced the storm became more severe. The Grilse began leaking and commenced to settle dangerously by the head. Wireless calls were sent out for assistance. Tremendous seas piled over the little craft smashing her hatches and flooding her engine room. Her engineers and officers worked up to the waist in water and were violently thrown about among the engines.

The Grilse carried three boats, two of these were smashed and carried away. Her life rafts also washed adrift. Hope was given up, and while the S. O. S. signals, and the news that the vessel was sinking. By this time she had reached what they

thought was the latitude and longitude sent out in the final call.

Some Inaccuracy.
It was evident that there was some inaccuracy, and the Grilse had not reached quite so far to the northward as the waters searched by the vessels which rushed to her assistance. Helplessly the torpedo boat drifted before the sixty mile an hour sea, but to the surprise of those on board kept above water. A tremendous sea smashed on board destroying a deck house and carrying away the mainmast.

Six Men Perished.
The six sailors who lost their lives went over under that terrific weight of water. Her wireless outfit became a hopeless wreck. Shortly after midnight the storm somewhat abated and although there were occasional gusts and a succession of heavy seas it became evident that the weather was moderating. The men took heart and worked hard to save their vessel. Although the boat settled heavily by the head it was evident when daylight came that her tanks were saving her and that the leak could be controlled. Before noon yesterday the wind had gone down and the sun shone brightly.

The cold was less severe and all that was lacking to bring comfort was food and drink. Every drop of fresh water was gone. The ship's stores had been smashed and soaked. But the men worked on. Water was pumped and matted out of below decks and finally the engine room was cleared and the engineers were able to get steam.

It was a happiness indescribable (Continued on page 2.)

FINANCES OF BRITAIN GREAT FACTOR IN WAR

Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of Exchequer, Makes Important Announcement in House of Commons, Which Voted Additional War Credit of Nearly Two Billion Dollars.

EXPENDITURES TO DATE £3,852,000,000 — "WE CANNOT CONTINUE AT THE PRESENT FIGURES INDEFINITELY, ALL WE CAN HOPE FOR IS THAT WE CAN KEEP AT THAT FIGURE LONG ENOUGH TO BEAT OUR ENEMIES."

London, Dec. 14.—"Something has happened on which I think it necessary that I should say a word. Naturally the papers are full of the peace proposals from Berlin. Until now no proposals have reached His Majesty's government. It is obvious that under these circumstances no member of the government can make any statement on the subject.

"Considering the nature of the country and how entirely its energies had been devoted to peace it is marvelous to consider how she had been organized for war."

These words were the only ones which directly referred to the peace proposals from Berlin which Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, (a native of Richibucto), uttered when he spoke in the House of Commons today in moving a credit of £400,000,000.

Owing to illness neither Premier David Lloyd George nor former Premier Asquith was present. The house voted unanimously to adopt the vote of credit.

"Financially we cannot hope to go on indefinitely on the present scale, but we can go on long enough to make sure that it will not be from financial causes if we fail to secure victory."

Increase in Munitions.
Mr. Bonar Law said the actual expenditures had exceeded the estimate involving the increase in munitions and additional loans to Great Britain's allies and to her dominions.

The chancellor said the total amount of votes of credit since the outbreak of the war was £3,852,000,000, including £32,000,000 for extra administration expenses.

"Continuing the chancellor said: "In moving the last vote of credit Mr. Asquith used the words: 'They (the Allies) require that there shall be adequate security for the future.' That is still the policy and still the determination of His Majesty's government."

The statement was received with prolonged and general cheering.

In moving the vote of credit Mr. Bonar Law said that, assuming the rate of expenditure was the same as at present, the vote would carry them until February 24. The total for the financial year would be £1,950,000,000.

The budget estimate of the financial year, he said, was exceeded by £350,000,000.

Loans to allied governments amounted £400,000 daily.

Vote of Credit.
In discussing the vote of credit Mr. Bonar Law said an additional £200,000,000 would be required from February 24, to which time today's vote is expected to suffice, until the end of the financial year, which would bring up the total vote for the year to £1,950,000,000 or £350,000,000 in excess of the estimate made some months ago by the then chancellor, Reginald McKenna. The enormous increase in output of munitions was emphasized by the chancellor, who said that if he could give the figures of June 1915, and those of today the difference would be almost incredible.

Berlin's Peace Proposal.
"Something has happened on which I think it necessary that I should say a word," Mr. Bonar Law continued.

"Naturally the papers are full of the peace proposals from Berlin. Until now no proposals have reached His Majesty's government. It is obvious that under these circumstances no member of the government can make any statement on the subject.

"Considering the nature of this country and how entirely its energies had been devoted to peace," Mr. Bonar Law went on, "it is marvelous to consider how she had been organized for war. No more striking proof of the vitality of the country, from an industrial point of view, was found than in the enormous extent by which the output of munitions had increased during the last year.

Referring to the increase in loans to allies and dominions the chancellor said it would be gratifying to the house to know that it had gone largely to Great Britain's allies, the dominions having been able to finance their expenditures. These advances were just as much war expenditure, he said, as the amount expended on the British troops.

In response to a question, the chancellor said it was hoped to expedite the business of the house, so that if

possible it might be prorogued on December 22. In regard to the bill introduced in order to avoid election and cases of new ministers who are members of the house, the chancellor would allow it to pass through all its stages. Mr. Bonar Law said the house would be occupied with the appropriation bill on Monday and Tuesday, at which time any business might be discussed. Being asked by John Redmond as to the possible length of the recess after the prorogation, he replied:

"I cannot see Premier. I have been considering that, but the Premier is ill, and the doctors will not allow me to see him, so that I am not prepared to answer."

Philip Snowden urged that a full day be given for discussion of the speech before the Reichstag of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg at which there were cries of "no," from all parts of the House.

"Two great advantages are possessed by the Germans," said Mr. Bonar Law. "One is their preparedness for war. They have today another advantage, that is, that circumstances have so fallen out that the control of all the resources of our enemies are practically in one hand. One of the drawbacks of our alliance, as of every alliance, is that it is very difficult to get this central control. To secure it has been the object not only of this government but of the governments of our allies, and a great deal has been done in this direction during the last year, and particularly during the last six months.

"In my belief, success in this war, and the rapidly with which we can bring it to a victorious conclusion, must depend upon the extent upon which the resources of the Allies in men, money and munitions can be pooled, and thrown into the common cause."

Mr. Bonar Law said there had been considerable saving in some of the miscellaneous expenditures, especially in regard to food and railways. A bargain made with the railway companies had been a very good one for the state, not merely from the point of view of the immense convenience which state control gave, but financially.

Despite the war bonuses there had been no financial loss, and probably some financial gain.

The chancellor gave the votes of credit since the outbreak of the war and said that they did not quite represent all the expenditures. There had been expenditures over and above the votes of credit of 330,000,000 pounds, bringing the total since the outbreak of the war to 3,852,000,000 pounds.

"That figure taxes the imagination," he went on.

"It is a colossal figure, but I do not think it is an appalling amount. We cannot continue at the present figures indefinitely. All we can hope for is that we can keep at that figure long enough to beat our enemies, and I believe we can go on long enough to make sure that it will not be from financial causes if we fail to secure victory."

STUDENTS SOCIETY OF KINGS HONORS MEMBER IN KHAKI

Pleasant Dinner at Manor House in Honor of Kings Graduating Class and Lieut. W. Grant Smith—Hon. J. B. M. Baxter Speaker of the Evening.

The Student Society of King's College Law School held a very elaborate banquet last evening at the Manor House in honor of the graduating class of '16, and the retiring president, Lieut. W. Grant Smith, who is expected at any time to be leaving the city. The students met at the Pugsley Chambers where automobiles were stationed to convey them to the Manor House.

The spacious dining room of the Manor House was artistically decorated and the banquet board was heavily laden with a splendid repast, to which the diners did ample justice. At the head of the table was seated the president of the society, J. A. LeBlanc, B. A., '17. At his right were the guests of the evening, Lieut. W. Grant Smith, B. A., '17, Edward J. Henneberry, B. A., B. C. L., T. O'Leary, B. A., B. C. L., and R. Mooney, B. A., B. C. L. Other members on the guest list were H. A. McKeown, chief justice of the King's Bench division of the Supreme Court; Attorney-General J. B. M. Baxter; Judge J. Russell Armstrong; Judge H. O. McInerney, J. A. Barry and A. E. McGinley. Besides the honored guests a representative number of the students were present. The menu was as follows:

- Voked Soup, a L'Anlaise
- Baked Halibut Hollandaise Sauce
- Roast New Brunswick Chicken
- Brown Sauce and Dressing
- Creamed Potatoes French Peas
- Trifle
- Pium Pudding
- Plain Brandy and Wine Sauces
- Universal Ice Cream
- Social Biscuits Canadian Cheese
- Tea Coffee Milk
- Ginger Ale Ginger Beer

After doing justice to the menu the chairman for the evening called upon T. K. Sweeney, '17, to read the address of appreciation to the retiring president, Lieut. Smith. The address conveyed the deep feeling of the society in losing such a valuable member. Lieut. Smith, to a great measure, has been responsible for the success the society has attained. Since the inauguration of an active organization he has been always in the foreground doing everything in his power to promote its interests.

To the address Lieut. Smith made a fitting reply, giving expression to the regret which attended his resignation from the chief chair of the society. He stated he did not think his stay in the city would be very long, and only that reason compelled him to resign. He paid unstinted tribute to the members of the faculty, for the deep interest they had taken in assisting him in his work at the college.

W. E. McMonagle, '18, was then called upon to address the graduating class. He stated that the student body of the present day owed a debt to the class of '16 for the solidity of the society today. Mr. McMonagle said that at the time of his entering the society it merely existed in name only. Although the members of last year's class had left the society their spirit would always be an inspiration to future students in the carrying on of a united student organization.

On behalf of the graduating class E. J. Henneberry, attorney-at-law, replied. He expressed his appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him and the other members. He said he had only done what every good student should do, viz., take a deep and personal interest in the society. He referred to William Parer, B.A., B.C.L., who is now practicing in Swift Current, to whom was due no small amount of credit for the success which has accompanied the society for the last two years.

Short, yet impressive speeches were made by Mr. Mooney, and Mr. O'Leary, who were this year admitted to the bar. Mr. O'Leary stated he would always remember with pleasure the students with whom he had come in contact while at Kings. He made special reference to the manner in which the students of this year were carrying on the work of the society. He was followed by Mr. Mooney, who gave a brief outline of the history of Kings since he became a student within its walls. He expressed the appreciation that it gave him to see the students carrying on active work as a body.

J. A. LeBlanc, before introducing the Attorney General, stated that the society intended to hold several social meetings this season, the purpose of which was to stimulate the members to still greater endeavors as well as to promote that feeling of good fellowship which is required to make a success of any organization.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter was the next speaker. In his usual interesting style he compared the study of law at the present time to what it was when he

undertook it. He stated that at that time the typewriter was a very rare instrument, and the profession looked upon a man who was fortunate enough to possess one as a marvel. He expressed upon the young attorneys the fact, that it were far better for them to be a failure in the legal profession than to do anything which was not open and above board. He laid stress upon the fact that a lawyer could make himself despised by the profession, discredited by the Bench and the object of contempt among the citizens by undertaking to do anything which he knew to be irregular in the profession. He also paid a high tribute to the stand taken by the retiring president in enlisting for the cause of Empire. He said he was sure that when the war had ceased and Lieut. Smith returned his part in the conflict of the world would not be overlooked.

J. A. Barry was the last speaker. He informed the young attorneys that if it lay in his power to assist them in any difficulties which would inevitably face the young practitioner, he would be only too pleased to do so. He congratulated Lieut. Smith for the sacrifice he is willing to make for the Empire, and emphasized the fact that after the war the barristers of this province as well as those of the Dominion, of whom a large number are in the front, could but show the highest respect for the men returning.

Readings from Messrs. Henneberry, Mooney and O'Leary, brought to a close a most enjoyable evening. While awaiting the arrival of the autos to convey the party back to the city cards and music occupied attention. Lawrence Manning, '19, was the pianist for the evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held last night at the home in Elliott Row, twenty-one members being present. The secretary's report of the work of the past four weeks showed that much had been accomplished in furtherance of the aims of the society. The cases of seventy-seven children had been inquired into and dealt with, involving in action in which fourteen fathers, eighteen mothers and one guardian were interested. The ages of these children ranged from ten months to seventeen years. Nine of them were brought to the home; eight were placed in care of Roman Catholic institutions; two were adopted; four were sent to their own homes outside the city; one was sent to the Provincial Hospital and three were placed in the General Public Hospital as being fit subjects for treatment.

The police brought to notice twenty-nine cases of children requiring attention and protection. Some of these cases were dealt with in the police court and paroled to parents under the supervision of the society with the co-operation of the police. In other cases it was decided to take legal action to have the children committed to the care of the society, and on motion of W. Frank Hatheway, seconded by Sheriff Wilson, the president and secretary were deputed to take any necessary steps to that end.

Mrs. W. B. Tennant was appointed convener of the purchasing committee in place of Mrs. J. S. Willard Smith who, it was stated, would be absent from the city during the greater part of the winter. The president referred to the valuable efficient work that Mrs. Smith had done. The secretary stated that a large number of letters and inquiries had been received regarding the care of children, and that the correspondence had assumed large proportions. Inquiries, he said, had come from many parts of Canada, including Winnipeg.

The reports concerning cases dealt with showed disgraceful conditions. One lady member present remarked: "After listening to the many pitiful cases brought to our attention I feel as if I had been spending a period in the trenches." Another lady, a new member, said she was horrified at the revelations made, an observation that brought from one of the other lady members the rejoinder: "You have as yet only received initiation in the first degree."

CHILDREN'S AID IN MONTHLY SESSION

Reports Presented Show Much Good Work Accomplished—Disgraceful Conditions Brought to Notice.

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MONTEAL OFFICER GETS SIX MONTHS

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—It is understood here that the sentence of the court martial on Lieut.-Col. Parnuelo of Montreal, is six months' imprisonment. He was accused of improper conduct in telling his men that they were to be sent to Bermuda, and hinting that they should desert.

The schooner M. A. Bellevue, which unloaded a cargo of Turk's Island salt at Portland last week and then went on the marine railway for repairs, has changed ownership while on the cradle, having been sold to Halifax parties, who will employ her in the coconaut carrying trade.

TORPEDO BOAT GRISLE SAFE IN SHELBURNE

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that the men discovered that head-way could be made. Eight knots seemed slow for a boat like the Grisle but never was motion more welcome. Anxiously the sky was watched for it was realized that another gale would surely be fatal and the horizon was scanned for passing ships. Wednesday night as the Grisle was limping slowly along the lookout announced the lights of a steamer. Distress signals were displayed and every effort made to attract the steamer's attention but to no avail. She kept on her course. Later at night another steamer's lights were seen and the Grisle was headed up in her direction and again signals of distress were burned and again they were ignored.

Badly Strained.

All this time the officers and the men on the Grisle knew that she was badly strained and it was impossible to get at the water which held her down by the head. At any moment there was a possibility of other plates loosening, for the swift ship was of light construction, but she kept steadily on her way for Shelburne and made that port at 10.30 tonight.

Citizens Greet Ship.

The word passed quickly around Shelburne that the Grisle was in the harbor. Mayor McDonald organized a band of citizens and with all speed the officers and men were brought ashore and placed in comfortable quarters. The two injured men were cared for tenderly. To show the stuff of which British sailors are made a little story must be told of the arrival of the Grisle in Shelburne.

The crew was landed. Crowds thronged around anxious to grip the hands of those who had fought through the storm so bravely. One man in the crowd was heard to say: "Well, I'll bet they won't want to go to sea any more."

A sailor on the Grisle heard the remark and turning to his comrades he shouted "Say men, shall we not go to sea again?" and the answer came back from every throat, "sure," followed by a ringing British cheer.

Steel Falls 7 1/2.

Among the greatest declines were United States Steel, which fell 7 1/2 points to 112 1/2; Bethlehem Steel, 10 points to 58; Lackawanna and Crucible Steels 5 1/2 and 10 1/2, respectively; American Locomotive 7 1/2; Baldwin Locomotive 5 1/2; Gulf States Steel 2 1/2, with 35 for the second preferred; Central Leather, 10; Industrial Alcohol, 12; and Granby Mining 9 1/2.

Metals receded from five to seven points with declines of a like extent in petroleum, motors, snags, papers and the entire shipping list. Mercur-

BRITAIN MUST PAY IN DOLLARS SAYS M'KENNA

London, Dec. 14.—That the extent to which England is able to convert her sterling money into dollars is the real measure of her ability to continue to meet the war's demand was the gist of a brief and pointed speech in the House of Commons tonight by Rosalind McKenna, the former chancellor of the exchequer, supporting and supplementing Mr. Bonar Law's presentation of Great Britain's financial position.

Congratulates Bonar Law.

Mr. McKenna opened by congratulating Mr. Bonar Law on his speech, thus showing the entente cordiale between the old and the new governments, and then continued:

"We are bound to supply munitions to the full extent of our capacity, and we are bound, likewise, to meet all the demands of our allies, so far as we are able. The extent of our ability to meet those demands is enormous, but there is one restriction, namely, that it will not be easy to convert sterling wealth into dollars wealth. We must pay in dollars for what we buy now all over the world, and that is the limit of our power to help our allies."

U. S. Expenditures.

Touching on the large increased ex-

PERSONALS

Miss Dorothy T. Wright of New York is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Thorne, Harding street, Fairville.

Captain E. C. Sears of Halifax is at the Royal.

Archibald Fraser of Fredericton is in the city.

E. L. Phillips of Halifax arrived in the city yesterday morning.

Thomas S. Myles of Fredericton is in the city.

OBITUARY

Miss M. C. Henderson.

After a lingering illness Miss Mary C. Henderson passed away at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Thomas J. McHugh, of East St. John. The deceased, who was seventy-six years of age, was a daughter of the late William Henderson, of St. John. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

William Hunter.

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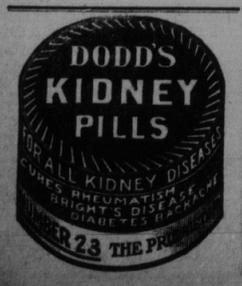
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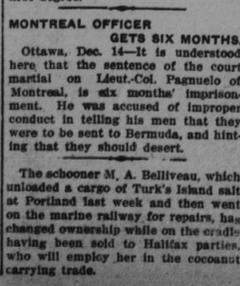


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Alderman Stuart Brings Subject Before Town Council and Interesting Debate Results.

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A vigorous debate in the high cost of living was precipitated by a motion to shelve the Department of Labor's communique on the subject.

Ald. H. H. Stuart pointed out that no action could be taken to investigate the cost of living unless the council should first declare that "in its opinion excessive prices are being demanded within the limit of this municipality for any necessity of life." It was pointed out that excessive prices—that is, prices out of due proportion to the cost of production and distribution—were being charged in Newcastle, not only in Newcastle but in countless other places as well. It was the duty of the council to render the government all the assistance in its power by doing all the order-in-council required or allowed in the way of getting evidence as to the cost of living within its own district. He believed that much of the increase in prices was unavoidable, being caused by war, in which so much shipping, metal, food and raw material was being destroyed, so much land being rendered temporarily incapable of production and so many men being withdrawn from productive industry, but at the same time, he believed that part of the increase was not due to unavoidable causes, but was entirely artificial, being caused by speculators who have stored or cornered large quantities of staple articles and are holding them for high prices, regardless of the suffering, such holding may cause among those whose wages have not increased since the war, in the same proportion as have prices. He did not blame the retailers.

It may be that they are making undue profits, but on the other hand it may be that they are making less than before the war, being compelled to pay the wholesalers such prices as prevent them making much. He did not blame the wholesalers, for while they may be robbing the public, they on the other hand may be the victims of persons or conditions further back and higher up. What was needed, and what the retailers should welcome, is a thorough investigation into prices so that the average citizen may be able to understand who, if anybody, or what, if anything, is responsible for the high prices that prevail. He believed that all sold storage plants, all means of transportation and every other business in which monopoly and extortion are possible, should be nationalized, that is owned and operated by the government, and the products sold at cost.

In order to give the retailers of Newcastle the opportunity of publishing their costs, expenses and profits, and thus show the citizens the true state of affairs, so far as local conditions are concerned he would move the following:

That, in the opinion of this council, excessive prices are being charged in the town of Newcastle for the staple necessities of life.

This was seconded by Ald. T. A. Scribner.

Ald. McGrath thought the motion too sweeping.

Ald. Stewart said that the motion must be so worded in order to ensure an investigation. It did not blame anyone in particular. Prices in Newcastle were not, so far as he knew, any higher than elsewhere in Canada. But he believed they were too high everywhere, and the motion, if passed, would set the proper machinery in motion.

Ald. S. W. Miller said that as the government was giving the council a chance to have its say, it should take advantage of it.

Mayor Fish said that the law of supply and demand applied to the local prices as usual, but there was doubtless some artificial inflation of prices somewhere. Lots of things from outside figured in this matter. The council could not help prices much, but there was no harm in the government delegating the matter to the local bodies. Great things might come of these discussions—the solution of the question of civic franchises, monopolies and trusts.

Ald. McGrath's amendment that the discussion be postponed was carried.

CARVELL IS ONCE MORE IN WRONG

As Usual That Gentleman Did Not Know What He Was Talking About.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The statement sent out to Liberal newspapers that pairs were not refused to Conservative members of parliament now engaged in military duty overseas is not true. The Liberal whip objected to it last year and represented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the house would get entirely out of hand unless the custom of pairing was stopped. It seems that this was agreed upon and that now the whips are to find pairs only among those who are absent.

As there are only three Liberals to fifteen Conservatives on military duty overseas, it will be seen that twelve Conservative members would remain unpaired. Dr. Chabot, M. P. for Ottawa has had a standing pair with Hon. Dr. Beland which has been maintained since the war began, but Sir George Perley cannot get a pair with Hon. Charles Murphy because of the general order and also because Liberal members living in or near Ottawa are expected not to pair at all.

Liberal newspapers which published a denial that pairs had been refused could have readily ascertained the truth by calling upon the Liberal whip.

MASCOT WANTED.

A visitor to the Animal Rescue League on Wednesday was a member of the 21th Battalion, who wished to know if there was at the home a dog which the soldiers could get for a mascot for the regiment. They had owned an eagle which had been shot to the grief of the men. There, unfortunately, was no dog available. Some pup missed an exciting trip.

WONDERFUL RECORD FOR ST. LAWRENCE

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LOST HER ANCHORS.

J. Willard Smith received word yesterday that the schooner Coral Leaf lost her anchors near Spencer's Island a few days ago during a heavy storm and beached at West Bay. She is now at Parrsboro, N. S., where she will be refitted.

HON. MR. KEMP RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia, was elected by acclamation today in East Toronto.

The speakers congratulated the new minister on his appointment, and on the good work he had done as head of the purchasing commission, and several expressed the hope that in his sphere he would see to it that the men who have served at the front be given positions before the men who were simply content to wear military uniforms.

MR. M'CURDY LEAVES FOR OLD COUNTRY

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The Police Court.

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Washington, Dec. 14.—While it is practically settled that no safe conduct will be issued by the Entente Allied governments to Count Tarnowski, the newly appointed Austrian ambassador, it is also confidently expected that he will be permitted to pass through the blockade lines, like many other civilian passengers, on the Danish steamship on which he will sail from Copenhagen for New York next Saturday.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1916.

"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.

CANADA FIRST.

In warning Canadians not to look their money up in foreign investments or securities having nothing to do with Canadian development and with no interest in Canadian prosperity, Sir Thomas White has acted in wisdom and with an excellent appreciation of the conditions of the hour. There is a superabundance of money in the United States and those gentlemen whose business it is to get "the other fellow's dollar" are to the front with all sorts of investment propositions. There is also an extraordinary stock market activity in New York and an abundance of new flotations, many of them legitimate, but others which, after the excitement has subsided, may not be worth the gold last expended on their stock securities. Canada has already had melancholy experience with such issues and many Canadians would be far better off to day if they had their money in war loans or in sound Canadian industries instead of invested in holes in the ground or get-rich-quick schemes of doubtful parentage that have never paid a legitimate dividend and never will.

Of course it must be admitted that activity in legitimate securities gives holders an opportunity to straighten themselves out financially and put their affairs in good condition, and for such as these stock market progress is beneficial. We do not think that Sir Thomas White had such offerings in mind when he uttered his warning. What he particularly had in view was the fact that investment in foreign securities meant the sending out of Canada of much money that could be advantageously and safely invested here. Canada is at war and in such a case every Canadian has a duty. The country's financial load is heavy and must become heavier as long as the war continues. Every dollar now invested abroad that can be turned into Canadian securities is just that much more money in the country when the country needs it. That is the real note behind Sir Thomas White's message and it is a very timely one.

WHY GERMANY WANTS PEACE.

An interesting light on the German peace proposals and, more particularly, upon the reason why the Hun should make a peace offer at all at this time, was furnished several weeks ago by two American writers who had spent some time in Germany, and were well qualified to speak as to conditions there. The most notable of these writers is "D. Thomas Curtin," formerly of Boston, who has been writing in the London Times. The other is Madeline Z. Doty, whose articles have appeared in the New York Tribune and the Boston Transcript.

Both writers agree that Germany's food situation is bad and ever growing worse; that food is scarce and dear, and that the population is rapidly becoming dissatisfied. It is the opinion of Mr. Curtin that if the British blockade had been ruthlessly enforced from the beginning of the war Germany might now be on the verge of starvation and the end of the war in sight.

Miss Doty, who was in Berlin on the day set for the trial of Herr Liebknecht, goes even further than Mr. Curtin. She believes a revolution is brewing and that only true or false reports of German victories have succeeded in postponing its actual outbreak. In her opinion the number of Liebknecht's followers is rapidly increasing and the government, absolutely autocratic at first, is now bound to tolerate them for the reason that already the German prisons are filled with men who have been calling too loudly for peace. In Stuttgart alone there are, she says, 400 political prisoners.

An interesting review of Miss Doty's articles contains the following information as to the Liebknecht case and incidents connected with it:

"On the day of Liebknecht's imprisonment, 5,500 workmen in one munition factory on the outskirts of Berlin went on strike as a protest. In other parts of the country there were similar demonstrations. The men returned to work the next day, but whether because they feared to

face a firing squad or because they felt that they had made a sufficient protest is not known. Everywhere people are signing a petition for peace on the basis of conditions as they existed before the war. This is significant in view of the Kaiser's peace offer. It looks as though the offer were forced from him by the German people. The day after the Liebknecht trial the result of the court-martial was inconspicuously displayed in the papers. The great headlines were devoted to the safe return of the Deutschland. It is suspected that the undersea boat arrived a few days earlier, but that the announcement was deferred until it could be used as an offset to the Socialist demonstration, and as an excuse for national rejoicing.

Continuing the review says: "The authorities skilfully handled the Liebknecht incident. Miss Doty says that upon the day of the trial there was to have been a great demonstration on the part of his friends, and those who want the war to end. The word was passed around. The details of the demonstration were to be conveyed to the sympathizers by means of a pamphlet circulated by short notice from hand to hand. A large bundle of these pamphlets was shipped into Berlin, but when it was opened it was found to contain a soldier's uniform. The police had learned of the proposed riots, had discovered the pamphlets and thus frustrated the demonstrators. Of course nobody dared demand what had become of the seditious publication; but apparently the government is not anxious to proceed vigorously against those who sympathize with Liebknecht. There may be too many of them. It is significant that no efforts have been made to curb or punish those who have circulated the petition for peace on the basis of the conditions existing before the war. A year ago it would have been different. The German government feels that after all it cannot get along without the German people's backing."

Mr. Curtin, in his articles, states that the German government does not dare to deal with the wealthy food profiteers, and the Socialists, taking advantage of that fact, are spreading the news among the people. Papers giving an account of German losses in Verdun and in the Somme region were confiscated and burned while their editors were thrown into prison. Yet the news that the Teutonic allies are facing certain defeat is gaining general circulation, and the stop-the-war cry has now reached large proportions. It is to appease the demands of the rapidly increasing number of those who have sickened of the useless fight that the German proposal has been made, and if the American writers represent the situation at all as it is, it is very evident that it requires but a sweeping victory for the Entente forces to start a revolution among the civilian population of Germany before which the war lords of Potsdam must speedily yield. Beyond a doubt Germany's situation today is perilously serious, and the German authorities realize it to the full.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia, is to be congratulated in that he has not been obliged to undergo an election contest in East Toronto. That Hon. Mr. Kemp would be returned for the seat in the event of a contest was never doubted but it is gratifying that the opposition decided not to oppose him and thus rendered it unnecessary that he should take any time from his department for an election campaign. Hon. Mr. Kemp has already done good work in the public service and it is the general opinion that he will discharge the duties of his new position in a manner that will win for him the approval of all.

Of course, it may be that the certainty of defeat contributed largely to the Liberal decision not to oppose Mr. Kemp in East Toronto, but in any event the fact that the country has been spared a by-election at this time is worthy of commendatory notice.

CARVELL WRONG AGAIN.

When there is an opportunity to make political capital Mr. F. B. Carvell of Carleton county, the gentleman who will be retired from public life at the next Federal election, does not care how far he has to wander from the truth in order to score his point. Unfortunately for him, however, there are men in the Liberal party who are either less reckless in their statements

or more certain in their memories. One such man is F. F. Pardee, chief Liberal whip.

Some days ago The Standard stated that it might be necessary for Conservative members of Parliament, now on active service, to return to this country and take their places in the Commons next session because the Liberals would not pair with them. Through the Telegraph Mr. Carvell branded this statement as untrue and said "no such pair was ever refused." The Standard has secured from Ottawa the information that the statement it originally made is absolutely true. Mr. Carvell or the Telegraph can obtain the same information upon application to the chief Liberal whip. Mr. Carvell has been caught again in his favorite pastime of misrepresentation.

SATISFACTORY MEETING OF YOUNG WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION.

The financial statement of the Y. W. P. A. filled the minds of the members with satisfaction, and they had a delightful time voting money to causes which they held most worthy. The meeting was held at the Loyal Order of Moose rooms in the presence of Miss Lois Grimmer, in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Church. A letter giving a report of the drawing for fur rugs was read from Miss Marquette Gannon, who was unable to be present. The cash result was \$243.93. A vote of thanks was given Miss Gannon for her work in this connection. A letter was read from Mrs. P. R. Warren thanking the Y. W. P. A. for lending her the room in the C. P. R. building for the collection of funds for St. Dunstan's. \$20 was voted to Mrs. Warren for this fund as a second contribution.

As Miss Climo was absent the treasurer's report was read by Miss Church—\$69.10 Returned Soldiers Fund; \$32.47 cash on hand. Miss Grimmer told of the help given a returned soldier and the response to her sock appeal. The Valcartier Chapter donated 12 pairs to this, and 17 pairs were sent in. With some assistance from the Royal Standard Chapter the Y. W. P. A. made up the number.

A position in a large concern has been filled by a member of the association. This position was offered through the association Miss Courtney reported on the impossibility of a canteen for soldiers at the West Side, but suggested that the association give tobacco for the Discharge Depot. \$10 was voted for this purpose. It was also decided to appeal to the public for records for the gramophone at this depot. An emergency fund was voted to the executive for use at Christmas time. A call was given for volunteers to work at the Military Hospital, those who have taken First Aid and Home Nursing classes. Miss Sheldon was appointed convener for the Christmas parcels committee. Miss Murdoch told of the work of the society being spoken of in Ottawa in a most gratifying way. Captains appointed for the Imperial were Misses Melick and Daye. \$300 was voted for notepaper at the Convalescent Home. Over a hundred members were present, and all were most enthusiastic concerning the work of the society. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Montreal Bank clearings for the week ending today, fall considerably below last week's figures of \$90,396,773, but at the same time show an increase of \$11,923,410, or 16.87 per cent, over the corresponding week a year ago. The total for the week here was \$82,591,565, against \$70,668,095 for the same week last year, and \$44,954,489 in 1914.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Bank clearings

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Aw, G, ma, Im jest up to the most exciting part, I sed.
Benny, if you dont obey your mother immediately Ill point out the most exciting part with my slipper, sed pop.
Yes sir, I sed. And I went up in my room, taking the book with me, and I started to get undressed and hear one of my shoe laces was in a fearsome knot, and after I had tried to untie it a wile with both hands, I opened the door agone and held it in one hand reading it and kopp on trying to untie the knot with the other hand, and after I had pritty near finished a noie new chapter ma called upstairs, Benny.
Mam? I sed.
Whats that lile doing up there? sed ma.
Im trying to undo a knot in my shoe lace, I sed.
It must be a terrible knot to take you all this time, sed ma.
It is, I sed, And I kopp on trying to undo it with one hand and reading with the other hand, and after a wilema called up agone, Benny, do you mean to say that knot izent undone yet?
Yes mam, no mam, it izent, I sed. And I herd ma coming up and I quick closed the book, and ma came in and jest did 2 things to the knot and it came undone.
Well, wat was hard about that? sed ma.
Nothing, after I been loosening it for you all this time, I sed.
Now you hussle to bed, sed ma. And she picked up Dick Drednaught in a Aeroplane and went out, and in less than 2 minutes I was asleep.

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Toronto, Dec. 14.—Clearings of local banks for the week ended today were \$61,822,827; last week \$60,336,759; last year \$45,077,690.
St. John, Dec. 14.—Total clearings for week ending Thursday, 1916, \$2,041,119; corresponding week, 1915, \$1,456,934.
Halifax, Dec. 14.—Halifax bank clearings for the week ended today were \$2,713,062; and for the corresponding week last year, \$2,133,915.
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Bank clearings for the week ended December 14 were \$5,223,273 compared with \$4,296,782 for the corresponding week in 1915.
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WEST SIDE LADIES HAVE A COMPLAINT

Claim They Received Dis-courteous Treatment at Union Depot Last Evening.

A number of young ladies who are members of the First Soldiers' Comfort Association in West St. John are anything but pleased by the treatment they claim to have received at the Union Depot last evening. One of the young ladies in speaking to The Standard said that the members of the association had prepared fifty boxes containing lunches for the soldiers of the Siege Battery, but on learning that the battery boys were not going to leave the city for some time it was decided to present the lunches to the soldiers of the 211th. The colonel of this regiment was communicated with and he told the association members he would be pleased to accept the lunches for his men and for the young ladies to be at the depot not later than 7.20 o'clock. The committee with the half hundred boxes were on hand at the appointed time, but they only reached as far as the trainshed gate. They informed one of the military officers at the gate that they were members of the Soldiers' Comfort Association and had lunches for the soldiers. They stated that the officer was not one of 211th and he told them that it did not matter as no person was allowed through the gate, and that they would have to remain outside the shed the same as any other visitors. The result was that many of the lunch boxes were badly broken in the crush and it was not until after the first section of the regiment had departed that the committee were allowed through the gates, and then a soldier of the 211th gathered up what was left of the boxes and carried them to a car. The soldier thanked the young ladies for their kindness and said the lunches would be very acceptable as the boys were hungry.

St. John Art Club.

At the monthly meeting of the St. John Art Club, held in their studio on Peel street, M. V. Paddock gave an interesting talk on the "Congressional Library in Washington," illustrating his remarks with some fine views of the library. He described the library as the most ornate and handsomest library building in the world. The building cost in the vicinity of \$1,000,000, and has many wall paintings and mosaics designed and painted by American painters. One picture in particular, "The Declaration of Independence," is done on parchment, illuminated in old English and around the border are miniatures of scenes descriptive of events in the lives of the men who signed the declaration. This picture is very valuable, costing about \$50,000, and is the work of several painters of note. In speaking of the periodical room he said there was a set of books, one for each year, containing a list of every article that has been written. In this room can be found every publication that has been published on this side of the Atlantic. President W. S. Fisher was in the chair and introduced Mr. Paddock. The ladies in charge of the refreshments were as follows: Mesdames Alward, Robertson, Climo and Estabrook, and Misses McGivern and Stephenson.

DIED.

HUNTER—At Douglas Harbor, Queens County, on December 11th, William Hunter, in the 84th year of his age, leaving a wife, three sons and three daughters.

WILLIS—On Wednesday, 13th inst., at her home in Newcastle, N. B., Mrs. E. LeRoy Willis, leaving a husband, one son and one daughter to mourn. Funeral from her late home on Friday, 15th instant.

DECIDED IMPROVEMENT IN WATER PRESSURE

Commissioner Wigmore Arranges Improvements which Benefit People on Higher Levels in Larcaster District.

The extensions of the water mains in Bay Shore Road and Beaconsfield avenue, have been completed and connected with the main in Sea street. This has made possible a division of the service in that section, and as a result there is a decided improvement in the pressure on the higher levels. This together with the increased pressure obtained through the putting into repair of the plumbing and consequent saving in consumption is expected to very largely remove the trouble which existed last winter.

The pipe for the Moore's Hill extension is on the way here, Commissioner Wigmore having been notified that four carloads of 24 inch water pipe had been shipped. The repairs to the gate of the 12 inch main on King street in front of M. R. A.'s have been completed and a vault built around it.

SCHOONER CHARTERED.
 Sehr Edna, Gulfport to Fajardo, P. R., with lumber, \$19,12½.

Had Severe Cold PAIN IN CHEST SPASMODIC COUGHING

Many people when they contract a cold do not pay any attention to it, thinking perhaps it will pass away in a day or two. This is a mistake for before they know it, it has settled on the lungs.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that on the first sign of a cough or cold it must be gotten rid of immediately, otherwise it may cause years of suffering from some serious lung trouble. Sir A. George, 30 Blevin's Place, Toronto, Ont., writes: "Having greatly benefited from your remedy, Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, I take the liberty to write you a few words about the effect of that wonderful syrup. Two years ago I caught a severe cold followed by a spasmodic cough and pain in my chest. I was treated by many doctors but without any benefit, and also took many proprietary medicines which all failed to cure. One of my friends recommended Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and after using three bottles I was completely cured. I recommend it to anyone as a God-sent remedy."

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211TH BAND SCORED ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS

Col. Sage and Rev. Captain Bushfield Speak at the Imperial Theatre Concert.

Another big success was scored by the 211th Battalion band at the twilight concert at the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon. The big theatre was well filled and the audience expressed their appreciation with enthusiastic outbursts of applause. The programme was a complete change from that of Wednesday evening. Selections from the "Bohemian Girl," the "Roseary," and "A Perfect Day," were particularly enjoyed.

During the course of the entertainment the audience had the pleasure of hearing a few remarks from Rev. Captain Bushfield, the popular chaplain of the 211th, and Col. Sage, the commanding officer. Colonel Sage took occasion to express the appreciation of himself, his officers and men at the kindness extended to the members of the battalion during their stay in St. John. He said they would soon be leaving for other parts to complete their training and he desired the citizens of St. John to know that the members of the 211th would always entertain the most kindly feelings at the generous treatment of the people of this city. Whenever the battalion proceeded overseas they would endeavor to give a good account of themselves. "Most of us hope to come back," said Col. Sage, "and it will be a pleasure for us to return to St. John to renew the many acquaintances we were fortunate enough to make during our visit to your city."

Three cheers for Col. Sage, his officers and men, proposed by A. O. Skinner, were enthusiastically given. The concert concluded with the rendition of the National Anthem by the band.

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, Dec. 14.—The resignation of Rev. Geo. A. Grant, pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, Black River, was accepted by the Presbytery of Miramichi on Tuesday. During the six years of his pastorate Mr. Grant was a very active and efficient worker, and was beloved by his congregation and many from without his church.

When Puzzled About What to Get for Him

Remember that of all things men like best **SOMETHING TO WEAR** heads the list. Something he can wear will be doubly appreciated if you get him something he can buy for himself.

WHY NOT GIVE HIM

- A Sweater, \$4, \$5, \$6.
- A Necktie, 50c. to \$1.50.
- A Suit, \$10 to \$32.
- A Shirt, \$1 to \$4.50.
- A Tuxedo Vest, \$3.
- A Muffler, \$1 to \$7.
- An Overcoat, \$15 to \$30.
- A Raincoat, \$6.38 to \$18.75.

DON'T WAIT—START NOW.

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Some Yule-Tide Hints Useful Gifts are Especially Popular This Year

You need scarcely be told that practical remembrances for Christmas are, this year, more than ever favored.

A visit to the various departments of our establishment where the Holiday displays are now complete, will reveal to you many suitable gift suggestions—only a few of which we can mention here.



Nickel and Copper Tableware.

- Coffee Percolators, nickelled, at \$2.50, \$4.35, \$5.00, \$5.60, \$9.00.
- Coffee Machines, nickelled \$8.75 to \$16.00
- Coffee Machines, copper \$7.40 to \$13.00
- Electric Coffee Percolators \$9.00 and \$10.00
- Electric Coffee Machines \$12.50 to \$15.85
- Electric Coffee Machines, copper \$13.40
- Coffee Machine Sets, consisting of Coffee Machine, Tray, Sugar, Cream, Coaster \$30.00
- Also Nickel and Copper Pots, Hot Water Kettles, Chafing Dishes, Serving Trays, Crumb Trays, etc., in many sizes and patterns.

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- Corrugated Nickel Pints, \$3.00; Quarts, \$4.50
- Plain Nickel Pints, \$3.50; Quarts, \$5.00
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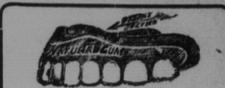
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ST. JOHN WILL BREAK RECORD ATTENDANCE

Enemy's Sample Exhibit Increases in Interest. — Mr. Kierstead Predicts Business Increase as Result.

Interest in the enemy sample exhibit is growing with each day it is shown, and the attendance in St. John will be the largest in any city in which it has been shown in proportion to population.

Yesterday 150 persons registered and looked over the collection. Mr. Kierstead said last night that the interest shown here would compare favorably with that in any of the cities in which the exhibit had been seen, and he predicted a large increase in the business of the city and province through the interest aroused and the information furnished to the exporters and manufacturers in regard to the openings for trade with Africa, South America and India, in goods formerly sold in those markets by the Germans.

ST. JOHN AND SUSSEX WON AT POULTRY SHOW

Display at Moncton Yesterday Exceptionally Good as Regards Quality and Number of Entries.

The Maritime Poultry Show at Moncton this year is one of the best that has yet been held, both in point of number of exhibits and quality of the birds shown. The judges, George Robertson, of the Dominion Department of Agriculture; J. P. Landry, of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, and Seth Jones, of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, have expressed themselves as well satisfied with the show.

One St. John man is in the prize list in the first day's judging and Sussex is particularly well represented among the winners. The St. John man is John Bain who won first prize for Dorkings in the utility breeding pens class. The Sussex winners were: Mrs. Evans Kyle, Burreed Plymouth Rock cockerels and pullets and Silver Wyandottes; Mrs. C. W. Fawcett, White Wyandottes and White Leghorns;

J. Titus Barnes, Bronze turkeys, 1 year, male and female, Bronze turkeys of 1916, male and female; geese, Emmenten or Bremen, over 1 year, male and female, geese of 1916, male and female.

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December—Phases of the Moon.
First Quarter 1st 9h. 55m. p.m.
Full Moon 9th 8h. 44m. a.m.
Last Quarter 17th 2h. 6m. p.m.
New Moon 24th 4h. 31m. p.m.
First Quarter 31st 5h. 7m. a.m.

Date	D. of W.	Sun rises	Sun sets	H. water a.m.	H. water p.m.	L. water a.m.	L. water p.m.
15	Fr	8:03	4:38	3:18	15:22	9:31	21:56
16	Sa	8:04	4:38	4:03	16:11	10:14	22:37
17	Su	8:05	4:38	4:52	17:10	11:02	23:24
18	Mo	8:05	4:38	5:44	18:04	11:54	24:08

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Thursday, Dec. 14, 1916.
Coastwise—Stmrs Bear River, Bear River; Connors Brothers, Chance Harbor.

Cleared.
Coastwise—Schrs Susie N. Spencer's Island; schr Harvey and Ralph, Grand Harbor; stmr Bear River, Digby.

DOMESTIC PORTS.
St. Stephen, N. B.—Ard schr Priscilla, New York.

BRITISH PORTS.
London, Dec. 12.—Sld str Cloughton, Boston.

FOREIGN PORTS.
Bangor, Dec. 12.—Ard schr Ida B. Gibson, New York.

Boothbay Harbor, Dec. 12.—Ard schrs Charlie and Willie, Weymouth for Belfast; Ernst T. Lee, New York for St. Stephen, N. B.; Mabel F. Goss, Gloucester.

Portland, Dec. 12.—Ard gtrs Canada, Liverpool; Imperator, Turk's Island; Manta, Chatham, N. B.; Matca, Norfolk.

Eastport, Dec. 12.—Ard schr Seth M. Todd, New York.

Sld Dec. 12, schr Charles L. Jeffrey, St. George, N. B.

Rockland, Dec. 12.—Ard schrs B. I. Hazard, Stockton for New York; Enterprise, Boston; William H. Jewell, Bangor.

Vineyard Haven, Dec. 12.—Ard schrs Grand Turk, Liverpool, N. S., for New York; Millie R. Bohannon, Windsor for do.

Returned Dec. 12, schrs Norma P. Coolen, Hubbards, N. S., for New York; Granite, Cadigan, P. E. I., for do.

Packard Motor Co. has increased its dividend from 7 to 8 p. c. on common stock; the quarterly 2 p. c. dividend is payable Feb. 1.

German Secretary for Foreign Affairs Zimmerman says Germany's pledges to United States as to submarine warfare will be kept.

Germany and her allies are endeavoring to bring representatives of belligerents together at The Hague for exchange of views in hope that it will pave the way to peace.

Feeling prevails in London that Great Britain cannot ignore Germany's peace proposal and might give it weighty consideration.

President Wilson to observe extreme caution in attitude towards request of Central Powers.

U. S. Rubber Co. to issue \$60,000,000 in bonds. N. Y. P. B.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Beavers trimmed the Whips for the fourth points. The scores follow:

Whips	Tamers	Kerr	Chisholm	McCaw	Williams
77 83 86-246 82	76 91 89-256 85 1-3	77 92 92-261 87	84 91 99-274 91 1-3	101 88 85-274 91 1-3	438 433 470 1341

Beavers.
Cooper 76 91 89-256 85 1-3
Scott 90 107 115-312 104
Thurston 89 95 90-284 94 2-3
Ballie 80 123 76-279 93
Carleton 119 110 108-337 112 1-3

464 526 478 1468
The Ramblers and Tigers bowl to-night.

BRITAIN ENDEAVORING TO HELP NEUTRALS

London, Dec. 14.—Replying in the House of Commons today to a question put by Arthur Lynch, Nationalist member for West Clare, suggesting that many particulars in the policy of the British government with regard to the United States had been of an irritating kind, without any compensation corresponding to the danger of producing misunderstandings, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said:

"It unfortunately is inevitable that our measures should cause inconvenience to the citizens of neutral countries. Much as we regret it I can only say that, consistently with the paramount duties of using our belligerent rights, we have done and are doing all we can to make their exercise as little irksome to neutrals as possible."

SMART-WOODS COMPANY PAY OLD DIVIDENDS.

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Dec. 14.—The directors of the Smart-Woods Co. met today and decided to pay off all the arrears of dividends on their preferred stock amounting to 7 per cent. and also to pay the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4 per cent. for the current quarter, payable on January 2, on stock record of December 20.

In September last the company resumed regular distributions, having been a year and a quarter in arrears, or 8 3/4 per cent. At that time in addition to a quarterly payment, one payment of 1 3/4 per cent. on account of the arrears was made, leaving the 7 per cent. still due, which it has now been decided to wipe out. The market for the common stock has reflected the improved proposition of the company with an advance to 65 within the past few days.

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LARGER POWERS BILL NOW BEFORE DEPUTIES.
Paris, Dec. 14.—The government today introduced in the Chamber of Deputies a bill conferring upon the government the large powers, outlined by Premier Briand yesterday, to take measures for the national defense by decree, instead of taking the authorization of parliament in each instance.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT FAVORABLY REPORTED.
Washington, Dec. 14.—The proposed national prohibition amendment was today ordered favorably reported to the house by the judiciary committee by a vote of 12 to 7. The proposed universal suffrage amendment was ordered reported without recommendation.

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I DON'T FEEL WELL—I'VE A HEAD-ACHE, TOOTHACHE AND MY RHEUMATISM—

OH! THEN IT'S ALL RIGHT—I THOUGHT YOU WUZ MAD AT ME!

MAGGIE—BE CAREFUL WITH THE CHINA!

HALIFAX MAN MOUNT ALLISON PRINCIPAL

Regents Hear Maj. Fairweather Regarding All-wing Returned Soldiers Privileges of University.

Special to The Standard.
Sackville, Dec. 14.—At a special meeting of the regents of Mount Allison here this afternoon Rev. Hamilton Wigle of Charles St. church, Halifax, was appointed principal of Mount Allison Ladies' College, the appointment to take place about the middle of July next.

Major Fairweather, St. John, and W. E. McCoy, Halifax, members of the Returned Soldiers Hospitals Commission, were heard in regard to securing the University residence or the Academy as a home and vocational school for Maritime convalescent soldiers. The matter was seriously considered by members of the board. The present feeling is that Mount Allison, which had sent so many men to the front should not be tardy in offering the use of the buildings for such worthy purposes. The matter was referred to the heads of the institution and to the faculties, later to be submitted to the executive of the board and subsequently, if a feasible scheme can be worked out, referred to the full board for confirmation.

MANY HONOR MEMORY OF FRANK C. SMITH

Large Number Attend Last Rites at Centenary Church

—Mayor Hayes, Commissioners and Other Leading Citizens Present.

There was a large gathering of citizens yesterday afternoon to pay a last tribute of respect to the late Frank C. Smith. Private services were conducted at his late home in Rockland Road at 2:30 by Rev. W. H. Barracough, after which the body was taken to Centenary church where further services were held.

Among those present at the funeral were the mayor and city commissioners, members of the Board of Trade, St. Andrew's Curling Rink, the Y. M. C. A. and the church board of Centenary church, and representatives of the firm of Scovill Bros., Limited. Between the hours of 3 p. m. and 4 p. m. many of the business establishments of the city had blinds down as a mark of respect. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. These included a broken wheel, from the Rotary Club; wreath from the Globe Publishing Company; wreath from the St. John Liberal Association; wreaths from the office staff and from the clerks of Oak Hall; wreath from St. Andrew's Curling Club, and from the Brotherhood of Centenary church.

Tribute to Deceased.
Rev. Mr. Barracough, in the funeral sermon, paid a touching tribute to his former parishioner. He said, in part: "One of the mysteries of life is bound up in the passing of one whose future promised so much and who seemed just to have laid the foundation for a wide career of usefulness. He was a self-made man, if that term can properly be used of any. Those elements which are essential to success—determination, energy and ability—entered into his character. He was a man of vision, possessed of keen business instinct and power of organization, with sufficient daring and ability to carry forward large enterprises. He was devoted to any task he undertook and thorough and careful in the carrying out of the details of his work.

"As a citizen, he had high ideals of responsibility, manifesting an interest in almost every movement having for its object the civic and community interests.

"As a man, he was kind of heart and generous, and possessed all those qualities which make a true friend—loyalty and unselfish interest, the willingness to take pains and a broad minded brotherliness. Who has not yearned for a true friend? Even the Master did. First, He chose twelve, then three, then, as the little inner circle narrowed, one, on whom He leaned and with whom He discussed the things nearest to His heart.

"Friendship springs not from a single act of giving, but from every kindness and after long intercourse. Many in the audience today will recognize this to be true of the one who has gone. Today we lay the poor clay in the tomb, but for him is provided 'the grandest of all sepulchres, a home in the heart of his friends.'"

Funeral of Samuel H. Clark

held at three o'clock in the afternoon from the Central Baptist church. Rev. D. J. McPherson officiated and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

WILL OF EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Munich, via London, Dec. 14.—The Neueste Nachrichten says that 60,000,000 crowns was willed by Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary from his private fortune for a fund for the benefit of wounded soldiers, invalids and relatives of men killed in the war. Two daughters and one grand-daughter receive 20,000,000 crowns each. The remaining 10,000,000 crowns of the late emperor's private fortune was divided among various legatees.

Successful Church Sale.

The Ladies' Aid of the Carmarthen street Methodist church held a successful sale yesterday afternoon and evening at the Crystal Creamery on Charlotte street. The proceeds realized were fully commensurate with the hard work put in by the ladies in charge. Mesdames Campbell, Martin and Allen were in charge of the home cooking table; Mesdames Gibben and Johnson had charge of the candy table, and Mesdames Calhoun and Crisp were in charge of the fancy table. The proceeds will go towards church work.

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CHATHAM TEACHERS GET RAISE IN PAY

Chatham, Dec. 14.—The twenty lady teachers of the town schools at a meeting of the school board were granted an increase in salary of \$20 each, making a total of \$400 a year in all.

PRIVATE LETTICE OF 165TH ARRESTED IN SACKVILLE.

Frank Lettice, an alleged deserter from the 165th Battalion, was arrested in Sackville last night by Marshal Sullivan. Lettice is wanted for stealing a suit of clothes from his cousin, John Landry of Amherst. He admits the theft and pleads to be sent to his regiment.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

MAILED TENDERS

addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 26th January, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 3 times per week each way, between Lawrence Station and Rural Mail Route No. 2, from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

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Don't you think ed out in other way sources is often eco kind who will have Holy Day, and I for party will be a mer

W. C. T. U.

The quarterly conven men's Christian Temper met with St. John Un Hall, on Tuesday after count of the storm the not large. Mrs. Hipwell the devotional meetings Evangelistic Supt. who est address on the nee fervent prayer in this t

Mrs. Christie read leaflet on Motherhood, much appreciated.

Many loving tributes the memory of the late who was the leader in co have been busy work brave lads at the front, also visited the sick and rying flowers, fruit and m and bringing cheer

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, generally fair and cold today, winds shifting to east and southeast at night.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Northern New England—Generally fair Friday; Saturday snow, warmer in Maine; fresh north-east winds.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Local snowfalls have occurred today in Ontario, but the weather over the Dominion has been mostly fair and cold.

Temperatures.

Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	36 42
Victoria	34 40
Vancouver	32 32
Kamloops	20 26
Calgary	0 30
Edmonton	0 24
Battleford	4 16
Prince Albert	10 14
Medicine Hat	12 18
Moose Jaw	18 18
Regina	20 12
Port Arthur	16 0
Toronto	15 23
Kingston	2 24
Ottawa	6 12
Montreal	2 18
Quebec	2 10
St. John	8 18
Halifax	13 24

—Below zero.

Around the City

Sugar Cheaper.

There was a slight drop in the price of sugar yesterday, all grades being quoted at ten cents per one hundred pounds less than the figures of last week.

Flour Down Again.

Manitoba flour dropped forty cents per barrel yesterday, the jobbing quotation for this brand being \$10.50 per barrel, as against \$10.90 last Friday. It is expected that Ontario flour will recede during the present week. Yesterday's price was \$9.95 per barrel.

Found in Vacant House.

Shortly after nine o'clock last night the three "B's," Officers Barrett, Briggs and Biddiscombe of the police force entered a vacant house on Pond street where they found a man who gave his name as James Lindsay. He was arrested and is charged with lying and lurking.

No Meeting.

The usual Thursday meeting of the common council in committee was not held yesterday as one of the commissioners was absent and Commissioner Fisher did not wish to bring up his proposals in regard to amendments to the Local Improvement Act unless the full council were present.

Lecture on Universal Brotherhood.

At Miss Hanson's Women's Exchange, last evening, Mrs. Grace Roberts Ober, of Cambridge, gave an address on Universal Brotherhood. Mrs. Ober is a very fluent speaker and she had a deeply attentive audience. She told of the message of the world wide unity in an inspiring way. An unanimous vote of thanks was given Mrs. Ober.

Canadian Club.

A meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the mayor. The secretary read a communication from Sir Cecil Spring-Rice acknowledging their invitation to address the club but regretting that he was unable to accept same as the time of his visit was very uncertain. The club is in correspondence with several speakers but has no definite engagements with any at the present time.

Fell off Wharf.

Whilst working near No. 14 shed early yesterday morning William W. Williams, of Murray street, fell off the wharf into the water. He was rescued by men of the tug Wolsey after some difficulty. As it was seen that he was in a serious condition the ambulance was summoned and the unfortunate man was taken as speedily as possible to the General Public Hospital. Inquiry of the hospital authorities last night elicited the information that Mr. Williams is progressing satisfactorily.

Retail Fish Market.

Prices ruled yesterday about the same as last week. Retailers say that fresh fish is still anything but plentiful. Fresh halibut continues dear, 25c. per pound being the quotation yesterday. Haddock and cod brought 10c., mackerel from 20c. to 35c. each. Finnan haddies continue to be sold freely at the high price of 12c. per pound. Lobsters are on hand at prices that bring this shell fish without the reach of the ordinary consumer. Oysters and clams have been in good demand at about last week's prices.

An Excellent Concert.

An excellent concert was held last evening in St. Philip's A. M. E. church. A fine programme was rendered including a solo by Miss Rebecca Edison, a duet by Messrs. Marsh and Edison, a reading by Mrs. Ritchie, solo by Mr. Marsh and a number of songs by an excellent chorus. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Pinkney, made a few introductory remarks and then introduced the different entertainers. After the concert a fine collation was served by the ladies of the church. The proceeds realized will go towards the fuel fund.

THE CASUALTY LIST DOES NOT SOLVE MYSTERY OF A. M. MAGEE

How St. John Boy, Announced Yesterday as "Presumed to Have Died," Disappeared from Dressing Station After Battle of Ypres—Father Has Sought Information in Vain.

In yesterday's casualty list the name of A. M. Magee appeared as "presumed to have died."

This laconic announcement by no means solves the mystery of the fate of a St. John soldier, son of John B. Magee of Mecklenburg street.

A. M. Magee was employed in the Royal Bank of Canada and was transferred from the North End branch to Calgary. At the opening of hostilities he enlisted with the 10th Battalion. After a short time spent in Valcartier, the battalion left for overseas and spent that winter on Salisbury Plains. Early in the year 1915 young Magee left for Belgium with his comrades where he gave a good account of himself.

In the second battle of Ypres when the Canadians made such a splendid name for themselves Magee was wounded and sent to the 2nd Battalion dressing station and from there to No. 5 casualty clearing station. A short time later the lad's father, John B. Magee of this city, received a postcard from him acknowledging receipt of a parcel and letter. From that day

BIGGEST PRICES IN HISTORY OF AMERICAN LUMBER MARKET

Archibald Fraser, Head of Concern With Ten Mills, Reports Big Demand for N. B. Lumber—New Pulp and Paper Plant.

That the American lumber market was more attractive than ever before was the statement made to The Standard by Archibald Fraser, of Fredericton, at the Royal Hotel yesterday afternoon. Mr. Fraser is the head of the well known firm of Fraser, Ltd., who operate no less than ten mills, five of which are situated in this province and five in the province of Quebec. He is one of the most prominent figures in the lumbering industry in the maritime provinces.

Mr. Fraser very kindly talked over with the reporter lumbering conditions. He preferred not to discuss the progress of the mills which are operated by his concern, but did say that there was a keen demand for lumber in the United States, and that the prices now prevalent were the highest that ever obtained there. There was a considerable shortage of cars which made it impossible to ship as large a quantity of lumber as would otherwise be the case. This served to establish high prices for what lumber was being shipped. While the present prices are gratifying to the lumbermen there is no assurance as to the length of time they will continue.

"What about your new pulp and paper plant?" asked the reporter.

Mr. Fraser replied that the company had given consideration to the establishment of a large new plant, but preferred not to discuss the matter just at the present time. Investigations had been made with a view of deciding upon a site for the plant, but no decision had been arrived at.

The Standard has reason to believe that the citizens of Fredericton will use every effort with a hope of inducing Messrs. Fraser, Ltd. to erect their new pulp and paper mill in that city. They are aware of the fact that Edmondston is making an attempt to secure this important new industry, and they are also acquainted with the chief arguments that are used in favor of that point—the arguments including the statement that Edmondston is almost in the centre of the various lumbering propositions of the company. Fredericton's chief argument would be that the city is in close proximity to the coal fields of Queens county, and that probably several hundred dollars a day could be saved on the fuel bill alone. Then there seems to be a general opinion that the Board of Trade, which numbers the great majority of the leading citizens of the capital, and the Fredericton city council are prepared to join in a guarantee to the Fraser Company that there would be an exemption from all local taxes—almost a perpetual exemption. Another argument that the Fredericton people will advance is that it is almost a certainty that between Fredericton and Woodstock on both sides of the river pulp wood could be produced in sufficiently large quantities to supply the pulp and paper mill for an indefinite number of years, in that way the Messrs. Fraser would not have to touch their private owned or leased lands for lumber purposes. The Standard's informant said that he never saw greater interest in any business proposition shown by the leading citizens of Fredericton than they are manifesting in this matter of the location of the new pulp and paper mill.

DEATH OF MRS. E. L. WILLIS RECALLS ACT OF KINDNESS

Much regret has been occasioned in St. John by the news of the death of Mrs. E. L. Willis at Newcastle, which was announced in The Standard yesterday.

Mrs. Willis' death recalls an incident in this city during the time that Mr. Willis was the proprietor of the Dufferin Hotel here that gives an index to the generous nature of the deceased lady. A well known citizen had lost his wife with diphtheria and he was almost a wreck physically because of loss of sleep previous to her death. After the funeral he was in no condition to hunt up one of the commissioners of the hospital to obtain admission and was on his way to the Misericordiae Hospital when he was overtaken by Mr. Willis who insisted on taking him to the Dufferin until he could be restored to reasonable health. The citizen remarked that Mr. Willis was forgetting that he was just from a house that had been fumigated, and that his going to the hotel might stampede the many guests. Mr. Willis replied that his wife insisted on the bereaved gentleman going to their hotel and that neither he or she cared whether all the boarders stamped. She further assured him that even if none were left in the house with an exception of herself, Mr. Willis and daughter he would be most welcome.

The citizen accepted the invitation, none of the guests were alarmed and he was soon restored to good health. Needless to say this kindly act on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Willis was greatly appreciated by the gentleman in question as well as his many friends. Mrs. Willis' life was replete with

THOUSANDS SAW 211TH ON MARCH

Hearty Cheers for Calgary Battalion When They Marched Out Last Evening

Thousands of citizens lined the streets last evening to witness the route march of the 211th Overseas Battalion, which has made a host of friends in its brief visit to St. John. Col. Sage's men were never seen to better advantage than in last evening's march and the enthusiastic reception they received from the citizens afforded a strong evidence of their undoubted popularity in the winter port city.

General McLean made an official inspection of the 211th when the battalion reached Mill street and expressed himself as delighted with the efficiency of the Calgary organization. Compliments for officers and men on the creditable showing made were heard on all sides.

A guard from the 165th French-Canadian Battalion, in command of Senior Major Arthur Lesere, also participated in last evening's march, while a squad of police under Sergeant Scott, Journey and O'Neill were on hand.

The 165th Battalion's excellent band as well as the pipe band of the regiment also turned out and the music was greatly enjoyed.

NO INQUEST AS TO SANDPOINT FATALITY

Coroner Decides That It Was Purely Accidental—Widow and Children of Deceased Interned by Germans.

Coroner Dr. W. F. Roberts said last night that he had carefully considered the circumstances attending the fatal accident to Chief Officer Geddes which occurred on board the steamer Memling on Wednesday afternoon and had come to the conclusion that the unfortunate man's death was purely accidental and that an inquest would not be necessary.

The deceased, who was a native of Scotland, fell down the hatch of the vessel now in port, whilst descending a ladder and sustained a fracture of the skull. He passed away in the General Public Hospital on Wednesday night. It is stated that his widow and two children survive, all of whom are interned in Belgium by the Germans. The widow, it is understood, is a Belgian woman.

Being Sent to Dalhousie.

The old man who has been arrested on two occasions on the charge of vagrancy, will be given his third trip on the government railway, at the expense of others. He will be taken from a cell in police headquarters early this morning and conducted to the Halifax express where he will be given a ticket to carry him as far as Dalhousie, also some money with which to purchase food on his journey. The old man arrived in the city a couple of weeks ago without funds and was arrested for vagrancy. He claimed to have walked from Bathurst. He was sent to Moncton and the officials in the railway town sent him back to St. John. If he is sent back here from Dalhousie the local officials will have quite a problem on their hands in knowing just what to do with him.

At the Military Y. M. C. A.

The ladies of the Cathedral Parish called at the Military Y. M. C. A. rooms at the armory last night and entertained the boys of the 165th Battalion with a good programme of music and readings which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. During the evening the drawing for the piano scarf was held and as a consequence of this lottery the band fund of the battalion is \$100 better off. Capt. Gaudet, chaplain of the battalion, acted as chairman, and the following programme was carried out: Selections by the 165th orchestra; reading, Mrs. A. C. Wilson; vocal selections, 165th Battalion quartette; solo, Corp. A. Johnston; solo, Miss Ash; step dance, Pte. F. Lotter; drawing for piano scarf, which was won by Major Stellain; refreshments served by the ladies; God Save the King.

Left with Dental Draft.

Private E. S. Johnson left with the army dental draft for Halifax on Wednesday. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list.

One Recruit Yesterday.

Only one recruit was secured in the city yesterday, John A. Gotro of St. Pauls, Kent county, N. B. He enlisted in the Canadian Engineers.

We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant, provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in an unique position in regard to Bracelet Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 78 King street.

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Hockey, "Bulldog"	1.25	Ladies' Hockey, "Glacier"	3.00
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Hockey, "Chimax" Nickel	2.00	WHELPLEY'S SKATES.	
Hockey, "Scotla"	2.80	Long Reach, Boys'	\$1.40
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