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READY TO DISCLOSE HER MAIN
PEACE TERMS IF DOOR LEFT OPEN

The Hague Hears This Semi-Officially About Germany
No Statement By British Government Until
Wilson Note Dealt With in Communication
With Allies—Varying Views of President's Action

London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that, should the Entente Allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

BRITAIN SILENT
London, Dec. 22.—The British government will make no statement at present in regard to President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question that can be dealt with only in communication with the other members of the Entente.

RUSSIA REJECTS
Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The official reply to Germany, in conjunction with Russia's allies, will be made as purely a matter of form and will contain no new point. It is said that it will embody official sentiment heretofore expressed and will emphatically reject the proposal on the ground that its vagueness and lack of sincerity do not permit of its serious consideration.

ILL-TIMED;
ILL-JUDGED
Liverpool, Dec. 21.—The Post says: "President Wilson must not be surprised if, as far as the allies are concerned, his intervention produces a state of mind contrary to that at which he aims. The allies will readily give the president credit for the best intentions, but they will be justified in wondering whether, from their point of view, the note is not particularly ill-timed and ill-judged."

"The president's assurance that the recent German overtures had no pre-empting influence on his proposals must be accepted. At the same time, it is, to say the least, somewhat maladroit that we should be so appealing to the United States at a moment when the allies are at the height of their power and Germany knows her own apparently favorable position cannot possibly be maintained.

"On the other hand, there is the possibility that Mr. Wilson's efforts are directed toward eliciting from Germany concrete terms of peace, which she withheld in her extraordinary approach to the Entente. In that case a useful purpose may be served, for we then would be in a position to judge whether wariness is associated with the consciousness of criminality which Germany has been found guilty in the judgment of the civilized world, and the extent to which this will induce her to yield to the allies' insistence on the most unflinching guarantee against future barbarism."

Views of One M. P.
London, Dec. 22.—Noel E. Buxton, Liberal M. P. for North Norfolk, expressed in the House of Commons the hope that the "government will welcome the aid of America in negotiating the terms of peace."

HE PAID A TRIBUTE TO THE generosity of the United States towards Belgium and to the help it had given in the war and said: "There are 30,000 Americans fighting for us. America is with us in the war because of the vision of Belgium and the German campaign of frightfulness."

LONDON SEES THE MOTIVE
London, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note is prominently displayed in the morning papers. Headlines such as "President Wilson's strange peace essay," "President Wilson's Peace Feeler," "Amazing Note" indicated in slight measure the astonishment caused by the communication.

Much speculation is indulged in as to the motives or causes which inspired the president to send such a note after his assumption of the attitude that he would not mediate unless invited by both groups of belligerents.

One section of the press, utterly rejecting any idea of the possibility of peace negotiations as the outcome of the recent German note, flatly attributes the president's action to the success of propaganda conducted by Count Von Bernstorff in America and what they describe as the inactivity of the late British government. The more general impression is that the agitation in America for an embargo on food exports had much to do with Mr. Wilson's action.

Wilson Answered
The Morning Post regards President Wilson's "detachment" as passing belief and reminiscent of the attitude of the antique gods.

Going through the president's statements in a highly ironic vein, the Post says: "We have supposed by this time even the Americans realized what the nations were fighting about, but as they profess ignorance we shall attempt to explain the matter to them. Germany set out to conquer Europe."

If the United Kingdom, like the United States, had stood aside, the Morning

AMERICANS ON
ANOTHER VESSEL
SENT TO BOTTOM

British Horse Ship St. Ursula
Torpedoed on Voyage From
Saloniki to Montreal

Washington, Dec. 22.—An official report to the state department from the American consul at Malta said that the British horse ship St. Ursula, bound from Saloniki to Montreal, in ballast, with six Americans in the crew, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on December 18. Two officers reported seeing the wake of the submarine and its periscope, but not its flag. The survivors, including the six Americans, were landed at Malta six hours afterwards. Four men are missing. The state department has ordered further investigation.

MEMBERS OF BOYS' CLUB
ARE NOW AT THE FRONT

Pte. L.D. Callahan Wouldn't Stay
in England—News of Other
Young Heroes

The St. John Boys' Club has an honor roll of twenty-two, which means that this number of former members have answered the call of king and country.

Harry Scott, caretaker of the Club, has just received a letter from one of them, P. D. Callahan, written Dec. 8, in France. He says: "I thought it about time to get into the activities of the St. John Boys' Club. Here I am in France, and getting ready to go to the trenches. I might as well let my name be known to my friends who are on a draft for the R. C. B's, so I got my name on it and came with the bunch. Nearly all the boys from the club are over here. Bob Mason and Howard Piers and Bob Stafford are here. I have not seen any of them yet, but I expect to soon. The 104th are broken up and a draft of them are over here. They went to the firing line the other night, and a few of the club boys were with them. I saw Harold Gaynes, Fish, Mike McCann and Frank Adigan before they went up. Dick O'Regan was in the hospital with a slight wound, but he went back to the trenches the other night. That was the night we came in. I did not see him, but some of the fellows did and told me. I suppose I will soon run across Howard Piers and Bob Mason here, as all Canadians are at the same base. Tell the boys to write. A fellow likes to get letters from home."

Pte. Callahan asks to be remembered to all the boys and girls of the club. He is a student at McGill and, as she was absent they were received by her father, George R. Ewing, from F. A. D. Dr. J. H. Frink in his presentation of a set of books to George Wetmore to read the pleasure it gave him to be present at an occasion of that kind. He praised the winner and wished him future success.

THE TURKEYS

The prices in the local market today for turkey ranged from 42 to 45 cents a pound, even 50 was asked. This morning a report came in that a farmer offered to sell ten barrels of turkeys for 35 cents wholesale, but the farmer did not show up. There is another report that a carload or two will be in this afternoon or tomorrow from Sussex and vicinity and that this would force down the price.

"It is the fault of the public that turkeys are so high," said a North End butcher this morning. "If the people did not encourage the farmers by purchasing fowl at such exorbitant prices they would not think of placing such a price on them." When asked if the sale this year was as large as last, he said, "by no means." He said he felt that many who would buy if the price were more reasonable would look twice before they spent \$5 for part of one dinner.

A Fredericton despatch says that the high price of Christmas poultry is being maintained there and turkey's sold in the market this morning from thirty-seven to forty cents and geese at \$2 each.

BARF ASHORE ON
VOYAGE FROM P. E. ISLAND

Woods Hole, Mass., Dec. 22.—The British bark Mary Duff, from Charlottetown, P. E. I., for New York, was thrown on the rocks at Yarnpaul Cove, in Nantucket sound, in a gale today.

Killed in Train Collision
Winsted, Conn., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed in a head-on collision of freight trains on the Central New England Railway between New Hartford and Winsted today.

service in paving the way to peace negotiations. The president is carrying out that policy as we all hoped and expected he would. We all feel that the suggestion is a very laudable one, and it is possible that it may result in finding the basis for negotiations, and that, of course, everyone will endorse."

Austria-Hungary Torn
By Troubles at Home

Near Famine There—Two Sections of Dual
Empire Grow More Antagonistic; People
Demanding Peace

New York, Dec. 22.—The Sun publishes the following:
Rome, Dec. 21.—Alarming news about the scarcity of food in Austria-Hungary, practically amounting to a famine, has reached the Vatican from diplomatic sources.
This news greatly concerns the Pope, who fears the reign of the new Emperor Charles under such unfavorable auspices will end disastrously. Internal conditions in Austria are said to be very serious. Antagonism between Hungary and Austria is acute. Political complications are threatened and the anti-war agitation is now widespread and cannot be repressed by the authorities.

BRITISH TAKE
EL ARISH, NEAR
THE SUEZ CANAL

Position Captured by Men in
Khaki Yesterday

FIGHTING ON THE WEST

Big Guns Again at it in Neighbor-
hood of Ypres—Both Sides
Load Machines in Air Combats

London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, ninety miles east of the Suez Canal, was captured yesterday by the British.

El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt on the Mediterranean and a draft of them are over here. They went to the firing line the other night, and a few of the club boys were with them. I saw Harold Gaynes, Fish, Mike McCann and Frank Adigan before they went up. Dick O'Regan was in the hospital with a slight wound, but he went back to the trenches the other night. That was the night we came in. I did not see him, but some of the fellows did and told me. I suppose I will soon run across Howard Piers and Bob Mason here, as all Canadians are at the same base. Tell the boys to write. A fellow likes to get letters from home."

French Report
Paris, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louvain, north of Verdun, during last night.

Macedonia Front
Paris, Dec. 22.—An artillery duel of great intensity occurred north of Monastir on Thursday. Along the easterly end of the line, on the Struma front, encounters between patrols occurred.

BY-LAW MATTER
Frank Moran was reported by Police-Master Quinn for allowing his horse to wander about the street and not having a foot strap. The defendant said in court today that the firm must supply the foot strap for which he was fined. The Globe-American Laundry, had not furnished him with a strap, although he had one now. The court made known that all firms must supply footstraps for delivery horses. Moran was allowed to go on condition that there would be no repetition. The fine of \$10, however, was struck.

Weather Report
Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Light snow falls have occurred in Ontario, while in the other provinces the weather has been generally fair. A disturbance now centered near the middle Atlantic coast is likely to cause stormy weather in the maritime provinces.

Ottawa Valley—Snow today; Saturday fair and colder.

Gales, Then Clearing
Maritime—Winds increasing to gales from east and southeast with sleet and rain. Saturday, strong winds and gales from westward, clearing.

New England—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight. Saturday, fair and colder; north to northwest gales.

FREE FOR TWO
WEEKS FROM THE
TEACHERS' SWAY

Public School Pupils Begin
Christmas Vacation

GIRL'S REMARKABLE RECORD

Mary Chaisson Carries Off Four
Medals and Now Wins Honors
in Normal School—Exercises

The High School auditorium was crowded this morning at the closing exercises prior to the Christmas vacation. The programme arranged for the occasion was interesting and was enjoyed by all present, judging from frequent and prolonged applause. It was as follows:

1. Carol, The First Noel.
2. Recitation, The Christmas Miracle—Harold Maxwell, D.K.
3. Recitation, The Sign of the Christmas Tree—Rita Spence, X.
4. Carol in English.
5. Essay, Mr. Crab—William Drake Solo, Under the Stars—Lillian Bronfield, D.K.
6. Recitation, Song of the Epiphany—Marion Thompson.

The presentation of prizes followed.

1. Grade XI, prize of books, leader of class 1916, Horace Wetmore. Presented by Rev. J. H. Frink.

2. Parker Silver Medal—Highest marks in mathematics—Sam Mcavour. Presented by Mayor Hayes.

3. Highest marks in High School entrance—Fred McGovern Presented by Commissioner McLellan.

4. Prize of Books, second in Grade X.—Marjorie Manning. Presented by Superintendent Bridges.

5. IX.—Alumnus Gold Medal, highest marks in English—Eugene P. Present by Mrs. G. A. Coster.

6. XI.—Ellis Gold Medal, best English essay—Vivian Dowling. Presented by Dr. J. H. Frink.

7. XII.—Fortnightly Club Prize of Books, highest in English—Gwendolyn Ewing. Presented by F. A. Dykeman.

8. VIII.—Chairman Emerson's Gold Medal, highest marks in High School entrance—Fred McGovern Presented by Commissioner McLellan.

9. VIII.—Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal, highest marks in St. John County, High School entrance—Margaret. Presented by Brigadier General McLean.

Miss Gwendolyn Ewing, who won the set of books presented by the Fortnightly Club is a student at McGill and, as she was absent they were received by her father, George R. Ewing, from F. A. D. Dr. J. H. Frink in his presentation of a set of books to George Wetmore to read the pleasure it gave him to be present at an occasion of that kind. He praised the winner and wished him future success.

Superintendent Bridges after congratulating Miss Manning on her success in winning a set of books spoke a few words of encouragement to the pupils. Commissioner McLellan told of the pleasure it afforded him to pay a deserved tribute and well won honor to a scholar. He spoke of the high standard of work performed by the teachers of St. John, and said he trusted an enlightened spirit of wisdom and of self interest would lead those who are sometimes inclined severely to criticize necessary expenditures in connection with the education of our rising generations, to understand that their interests are identical with those of the excellent school system in its progress in material and moral development. To Master McGovern he told of the pleasure it afforded him to present to him the medal. He congratulated him upon the threshold of his career and said he trusted that the medal would stimulate him to further success during the High School term.

Brigadier General McLean referred to the barriers of ships and men today making it possible for Christmas to be celebrated in this country. He advocated the organization of cadet corps in the High School and suggested that Major Powers take up the work. He also suggested that the girls take up a subscription to procure tablets on which the names of the members of the school now fighting in France could be placed. He paid a glowing tribute to the achievements of Major Powers, who is home from the front on a short leave of absence.

Major Powers then addressed the school and proved to do all in his power to assist in the organization of cadet corps.

Mrs. Coster and Revs. Ralph Sherman, and F. S. Dowling also congratulated the

NEW YORK STOCK
MARKET RECOVERS

Opening Shows Substantial Gain From
Low Levels of Yesterday's "Peace
Panic"

New York, Dec. 22.—The stock market rebounded at the opening today from the low levels reached during yesterday's three million share "peace panic" market. First sales showed two to four point gains.

U. S. Steel opened on a sale of 25,000 shares at 104 to 104 1/2, up 3/4 and 3/8. Subsequent sales revealed gains ranging from fractions to more than six points. Central Leather sold up 6 1/4 to 82. Union Pacific jumped 4 5/8 to 148 1/4. Lackawanna Steel, 5 to 80; Republic Steel, 8 1/2 to 75; Crucible, 4 to 56; New

York Central, 2 to 108 1/2, and International Paper to 45.

Stories of ruin for smaller traders who were caught yesterday, and tales of big "killings" by professional plungers divided attention today. Rumors that big bankers planned to meet to form some plan for supporting the market today were denied, while big bankers declared, if yesterday's market was a panic, it was a "safe and sane" panic. Brokers' offices were ablaze into the early morning today while clerks caught up with the mass of work involved in the recent transactions.

PROMOTION AND HONORS ARE WON BY FRENCH GENERALS

Paris, Dec. 22.—Brigadier Fendou Francois Germain, one of the commanders in the victory at Verdun on December 15, has been promoted to general of division. Brigadier Guyot D'Amieres De Salins, who commanded the division which retook Fort Douaumont, has been given the cross of a commander of the Legion of Honor.

General Foch has been awarded the military medal, the highest distinction a general officer can receive. This medal is a simple decoration which was created for soldiers in the ranks and non-commissioned officers. The only non-commissioned officers who can receive it are generalists who have already won the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 22.—Eight children and two aged women are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which early today destroyed the Kansas Masonic Home, in the western part of the city.

Ninety-two persons were in the building when the fire broke out. The temperature was eight above zero. The home was thrown in darkness by a boy sleeping in the basement, who pulled a switch to shut off the supply of fuel oil to the furnace. On the third floor of the structure the children were sleeping. Their rooms were filled with smoke, and firemen found many unconscious. The rescuers were driven out by flames and they fear that at least eight little children were left in the building.

LONDON TIMES AGAIN MAY INCREASE PRICE

London, Dec. 22.—The Times, which recently raised its price from two to three cents, has notified its readers that there will probably be a further increase in the price of the paper in the importation of paper and paper making materials and the shortage of labor.

It intends to maintain the present size and advise the revival of the old custom by which news agents arranged that each day's copy should be shared by several London households and finally mailed to the provinces or abroad.

KAISER TO CALL U. S. AMBASSADOR TO TALK OVER MEDIATION

New York, Dec. 22.—G. M. Schwab says period of depression will come some time in this country, and it may be severe, but it will not become acute until at least three to five years after the war is ended.

Berlin hears that the Kaiser will soon summon Ambassador Gerard to discuss with him possible American mediation and action.

Bonar Law, in Commons, says aim of Great Britain is peace, but she must insist on security of it in time to come.

President Wilson, following Secretary Lansing's wartime statement, announced officially that neutral attitude of this government would under no circumstances be changed.

THE WHEAT MARKET
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Uncertainty as to the peace outlook tended to make wheat prices nervous today, but also operated to prevent wide fluctuations either way from yesterday's closing figures.

Opening prices, which ranged from 1/4 off to 1/4 advance, with May at 168 1/2 to 165, and July at 186 to 186 1/2, were followed by moderate declines all around, interrupted by temporary rallies.

A QUARTER CENTURY
John F. Fitzgerald, a shoemaker with D. Monahan & Company, Union street, says that within the Christmas season he will have been at his trade for a quarter of a century, and that he occupies the same bench today that he sat upon just twenty-five years ago. This is probably a record. In that long time he very seldom missed a day from work. Mr. Fitzgerald has many friends who will join in wishing him many more years of activity.

Succeeds J. D. Archbold
New York, Dec. 22.—A. C. Bedford was today elected president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to succeed the late John D. Archbold. Mr. Bedford has for some years been vice-president and treasurer.

Has Given His Life.
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—W. B. Martin of Port Hawkesbury, N. S., previously reported missing, believed killed, now is reported killed in action.

Prominent Londoner Dead
London, Dec. 22.—Parry Hannan Marks, editor and chief proprietor of the Financial News, died in London last night, aged 61 years.

German Submarine's Course Is Run
Paris, Dec. 22.—The German sub marine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Nantes despatch. The U-45 recently sank steamers of Saint Nazaire.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

CONAN DOYLE STORY AND "BEATRICE FAIRFAX" IMPERIAL TONIGHT
The Firm of Girdlestone, which is to be the Imperial's feature tonight and Saturday, is A. Conan Doyle's remarkable mystery which constitutes one of his most popular fictions and has been read by millions all over the world.

COME TO THE GEM

It's a very entertaining programme at the Gem tonight, vaudeville and pictures. A fine bill for Saturday, Christmas day and Tuesday will be announced tomorrow. The Gem plans to treat its patrons well in holiday entertainment.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brimstin and the daughter of 10 Wentworth street, will leave today to spend Christmas in Toronto.
Mrs. C. W. Joy of Rosindale, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Minihan, Coldbrook.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50c.

BIRTHS

McALONEY - At Coldbrook to Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. McAloney, a son, December 19, 1916.

DEATHS

FARNHAM - In this city on the 21st instant, at his residence, 194 Charlotte street, Charles E. Farnham, aged 64 years, leaving a loving wife, four sons and three daughters to mourn.
Funeral on Saturday, the 23rd instant, from his late residence. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

IN MILITARY CIRCLES

Since the announcement that Lieut.-Colonel A. H. H. Powell, A.A.G., of the New Brunswick command was likely to succeed Lieut.-Colonel Thompson, A.A.G., of the 6th division at Halifax, who has received a staff appointment overseas, there has been much talk in military circles as to who will succeed Col. Powell in the New Brunswick command.

LORD AITKEN.

A few days ago, in a prophetic mood, we elevated Sir Max Aitken to the peerage. But the king failed us—he made our young-old friend only a baronet. In making this announcement we predicted that the peerage would come, and now it has come. Max has been raised to the peerage, probably as a baron, and will sit in the House of Lords for the rest of his life.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated with respect to it.

A BRITISHER SUNK

London, Dec. 22.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the British steamer Ionian, 6,500 tons gross. She was owned in Melbourne and was in the service of the British government.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 25c.

LOCAL NEWS

PHONE M. 1782. For an assorted case of Blue Ribbon aerated beverages. Besides the popular fruit flavors, this assortment includes the celebrated City Club ginger ale. 12-24

Great bargains in fancy handkerchiefs, neckwear, waists, sweaters, tea aprons, etc., at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney streets. 12-24

TURKEY, 40 CENTS PER POUND. Go to Tobias Bros., 71 Elm street, and buy your turkey at 40 cents per lb.; also all kinds of poultry at reasonable prices.

The Two Barkers, 100 Princess street, are making big cuts in fancy goods, friction toys, books, sleds, skates, etc.

Barley toys, 15c. lb., 5 lb. box 50c. chocolates, \$1.25 at the Two Barkers', 100 Princess.

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER. Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., 188 Union street. See our adv. on page 1.

You can buy a good strong well made suit for your boy for \$4 at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. 12-24

CHEMICAL ICE MAKING. Chemicals used in Queen's rink guaranteed not to hurt finest skates. Always open. Christmas morning children free. Afternoon and evening skating and band concerts.

NOTICE. The regular meeting of the Railroad Freight Handlers' Union will be held in their hall, Market Place, West St. John, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to attend. By order of the president. 12-23

HOCKEY BOOTS. This year more than ever people are buying useful gifts. Anticipating this, we purchased early a large supply of skating boots and what better present for a boy or girl—Wizel's Cash Stores, 94-97 Union street.

GOOD CHEER THROUGH THE YEAR. The useful and seasonable presents in rubber boots and shoes "double the wear in every pair" and tweed and rubber surface clothing for all ages, at Estey & Co's, Dock street—give good cheer all through the year.

A BUSINESS CHANGE. A business change of interest is announced today in the dissolution of the firm of John Hopkins, continued since the death of Mr. Hopkins by his three sons. The present change involves the retirement from the firm of one member, G. A. Stanley Hopkins. His two brothers, Messrs. Aquila D. and Frank B. D. Hopkins, continue this well established business at the old stand and hope to merit the continued support of their many friends.

HERE'S A SAVING FOR YOU. A dollar saved is a dollar made. For you can buy one peck of choice Delaware potatoes, 35c; one pkge. rolled oats, 25c; three corn flakes, 25c; one can tomatoes, 17c. Regular price for this lot, \$1.20, so you can save 20c. Five gallons best American oil, 80c; 5 pounds American onions for 25c; turnips, 15c peck. All other goods at equally low prices. Orders delivered.—J. A. Lipsett, The Blue Store, corner Brussels and Exmouth street, Phone M. 1402. 12-23

Everybody Needs Pure, Rich Blood

Pure blood enables the stomach, liver and other digestive organs to do their work properly. Without it they are sluggish, there is loss of appetite, sometimes faintness, a deranged state of the intestines, and, in general, all the symptoms of dyspepsia. Pure blood is required by every organ of the body for the proper performance of its functions. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood, and this is why it is so successful in the treatment of so many diseases and ailments. It acts directly on the blood, ridding it of scumful and other humors. It is a peculiar combination of blood-purifying, nerve-toning, strengthening substances. Get it today.

If in doubt as to what to buy for Christmas either for a Lady or Gentleman, drop into THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street. We will be pleased to show you our stock of High-Class Goods at right prices



ESTABLISHED 1874. LORGNETTES for Xmas. A lorgnette is useful to almost any eyeglass wearer. We have them in gun metal and sterling silver of various designs.

Price, complete with the required lenses, from \$8.00 to \$10.00. Come in and see them.

D. BOYANER TWO STORES: 38 Dock Street, 111 Charlotte Street.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

The Ideal Gift For Father

A Howard Watch means more to a man than any other gift you could choose for him. Every man knows the Howard Watch and its reputation of being one of the finest practical time-pieces in the world.

It is an ideal gift, because it is a source of pride to any man among his friends—not alone in its accuracy and reliability, but because of its distinctive position among time-pieces. Come in and see these Quality Watches. Prices range from \$40 to \$150.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians, 21 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

ORANGES 25c. to 60c. a Dozen

BANANAS 25c., 30c. and 35c.

GRAPE FRUIT 10c., 3 for 25c. 15c., 2 for 25c.

Large Stock of Candy For This Christmas Season

Gilbert's Grocery

MARCUS' The Practical Gift Shop

In just a very short time you will be eating that Christmas dinner. Surely there must be something that you need to make your home complete for the observance of this most joyful holiday; and if so, why not visit our store NOW and give us an opportunity of showing you our beautiful assortment of Furniture Gifts for the Entire Family. Our prices will be an agreeable surprise to you.

Store Open Evenings Until Xmas.

J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street

LOOK FOR THE ELECTRIC SIGN

PATRIOTIC FUND

Monthly: J. M. Humphreys & Co., \$50; R. E. and Mrs. Crawford, \$2; Thos. Nagle, 6 mos., \$60; Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, 2 mos., \$6. Single: "A. B. C.", \$5; Boys' Bible Class, Holy Trinity Sunday School, St. Martin's, N. B., \$1.90.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

For Soldiers in Hospital. The following additional donations have been received for soldiers who will spend Christmas in the hospitals in this city: Mayor Hayes, \$10; Women's Civic Council, Sackville, \$5; St. Andrews, N. B. Women's Canadian Club, \$5; St. Andrews, N. B. Red Cross, \$5; St. Andrews, N. B. Girls' Recruiting Committee, \$5; Chamcook Girls, \$5; collected by Miss Pike, West St. John, ten packages cigarettes and \$20; Mrs. W. Frank Tait, Dorchester, plum pudding; Mrs. J. J. McGaffigan, fruit, nuts, dates and candy; Miss Munro, box of candy and cigarettes; Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. E., ten turkeys; Brunswick Chapter, I. O. O. E., one turkey; Mrs. R. F. Church, three balls gazing; Edna Austin, Quartermaster V. A. D., 87 Mecklenburg street.

BUSTARD-LAGOUGH

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Coleman, Bentley street, was the scene of an interesting event on last Wednesday when Miss Florence A. Lagoough, of Richibucto and Arthur M. Bustard of this city were united in marriage. Rev. W. B. Robinson officiating. The groom is a popular conductor with the St. John Railway Company and has many friends in this city who join in wishing for him and his bride many years of happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Bustard will reside at 218 Charlotte street. Many presents testified to their popularity.

WANTED—General Girl to go to Boston; good pay. Apply 158 Union St.

Please leave your order at once for our best Christmas Fruit Cakes, Plum Puddings, Mince Pies, Special Cakes, Fireless Cooked Ham, etc.

Woman's Exchange Tea and Lunch Room

Make a Christmas Gift of a Ticket to our Library. We have the latest books. You save money by renting our books at 2 cents a day. You only read them once. Yearly tickets, \$5. 12-25.

MATTER DROPPED.

A deaf mute faced Acting Police Magistrate Henderson this morning in the police court on a drunkenness charge. It was said he belonged to Hampton. He was sent below in an attempt to find out who supplied him with liquor, as it is against the law. On information he gave the police the proprietor of Brennan's saloon in Water street was summoned to court. However, an exact story could not be learned and the matter was dropped.

The one absolutely satisfactory Christmas gift is a good selection of Victor Records

They are the only records chosen by the world's greatest artists and should be chosen by you who wish your gift to be esteemed for its intrinsic worth.

But be sure. Look for "His Master's Voice" trade mark. It is your guarantee and protection.

Here are some new records sure to please. Ten inch, double-sided at 90 cents for the two selections:

- The Melody of My Dream Morton Harvey 18185
I'm Going Over the Hills to Virginia M. Harvey 18185
Ma Li'l Starlight Lillian Davis-Geoffrey O'Hara 18166
I'll Make You Want Me Davis-O'Hara 18166
Babes in the Wood (Duet) Howard-Macdonough 18172
Bachelor Girl and Boy Alice Green-Ray Dixon 18172
Today Elsie Baker 18122
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LOCAL NEWS
Special Christmas shirts at Corbet's, 194 Union street.
We enter this holiday season with a feeling of entire confidence, knowing, as we do, our position and ability to please entirely the critical Christmas shoppers from a perfect stock of variety, style and quality.

LOCAL NEWS
Men's lined Mocha gloves, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.—Harry W. King, 177 Union street.
Come, let us think of you!—It will be no task to find just what you want for Christmas shoes and slippers. Always acceptable—always treasured as a long-lived present—so much more appreciated than the one-day-article so foolishly but so often indulged in at Christmas time.

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Special Christmas muffers at Corbet's, 194 Union street.
Get Edgcombe's price on that slight you want, 115 City Road.
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LOCAL NEWS
Special Christmas muffers for balance of week at Chas. Magnusson & Co.'s, Dock street. Big reductions as stock is too large.
Lovely wool scarfs and toques to match; also ladies' silk velvet hats, 98 cents, at John K. Storey's.
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Sweet Juicy Florida Oranges, 25c, 25c, and 30c. doz.
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Florida Grapefruit, 7c, 4 for 25c.
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Apples, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c. peck.

Yerxa Grocery Co.
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USE THE WANT AD. WAY

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Chocolates in Fancy Boxes
Fresh For Christmas
They are Patterson's "Good Taste" Chocolates, 1.2 lbs., 30c.; 1 lb., 60c.; 2 lbs., \$1.00.
Larger Fancy Packages, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.

FRANK WHITE'S
Hard Mixture, 25c. lb.
5 lb. box for \$1.00
Special Chocolates and Bon-Bons, 2 lb. box for \$1.00
Hand-made Bon-Bons, 40c. lb.

WRITING PAPER
In Fancy Boxes for Xmas
15c. Children's Size, For 12c.
Large 25c. Size, For 19c.
Others at 25c, 35c, 50c.
Tablets, 10c, 12c, 15c, 25c, 30c

FILLED STOCKINGS, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, \$1.00
WASSON'S - MAIN ST.
"BOXED" CHRISTMAS GIFTS
In Scarfs, Ties and Fancy Collars. A Full Stock of Boxed Handkerchiefs in plain and fancy, from 18c. to 65c. per box. Men's Special Boxed Scarfs, 25c. and 50c. each. Men's Special Boxed Braces, 40c. and 50c. pair. A general stock of Useful Christmas Presents at Moderate Prices.

TWO MORE CANADIANS ESCAPE FROM GERMANY
London, Dec 22.—Ptes. M. Kiltredge, Montreal, and J. B. Jenkins, Vancouver, escaped from a German prison camp and have reached England. Both were engaged with working parties and had contemplated a bid for freedom for some time. They travelled by night, hiding in the day, swimming an icy cold river at a certain point. It is inadvisable to publish the details concerning this or other escapes for the sake of comrades remaining in Germany. One escaped prisoner's story is invariably almost identical with another, that is, concerning what the men are ready to reveal. The majority of them very properly maintain reserve in narrating their experiences.

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Men's Suits, \$7.00 to \$20.00
Men's Shoes, \$2.00 to \$6.50
Men's Slippers, 85c. to \$2.50
Men's Braces, 25c. to \$1.50
Men's Ties, 25c. to \$1.00
Men's Fancy Shirts, 50c. to \$1.75
Men's Caps, 50c. to \$1.75
Men's Hats, 1.00 to \$2.50
Men's Underwear, 50c. to \$2.40 per gar.
Men's Smoking Sets, 35c. to \$2.00
Men's Umbrellas, 85c. to \$3.00
Men's Gloves, 50c. to \$2.75
Men's Fancy Armlets, 15c. to \$1.00
Men's Mackinaw and Sheepskin Coats, \$7.00 to \$12.00
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SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S MUFFLERS
All Men's Mufflers at Reduced Prices—A Large Assortment.
SPECIAL SALE OF DOLLS
We are going to get clear of every Doll in the store by Xmas will be sold at cost prices.
SUITABLE GIFTS FOR THE SOLDIERS:
Khaki Braces, Khaki Handkerchiefs, Khaki Gloves, Khaki Socks, Khaki Mufflers, Khaki Shirts, Khaki Trousers, Underwear, Unbreakable Mirrors, Swagger Sticks, Canes.
Boxes Free With Every Purchase. Store Open for Balance of Week Until 11 p.m.

How About Your Christmas Dinner?
If it's Turkeys, get them from Lilley & Co's.
If it's Geese, get them from Lilley & Co's.
If it's Ducks, get them from Lilley & Co's.
If it's Chickens, get them from Lilley & Co's.
If it's Powl, get them from Lilley & Co's.
Or, in fact, if it is anything in the way of Poultry, Meats or Provisions, Lilley & Co. can supply your wants at the lowest possible price.
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Stratocorns—Only \$9.50 50lb.
Stratocorns—98 lb. bag, \$4.75
Choice Seeded Raisins, 10c. pkge. up
Currants, 15c. pkge. up
New Lemon Peel, 25c. lb.
New Orange Peel, 22c. lb.
New Citron Peel, 25c. lb.
Cooking Figs, 2 lbs. for 25c.
12 lbs. Granulated Sugar, \$1.00
5 lb. box, \$1.25
BARLEY TOYS Only 16c. lb.
Good Mixed Candy, Only 12c. lb.
Choice Mixed Candy, Only 15c. lb.
Barker's Mixed Candy, Only 20c. lb.
Conversation Lozenges, Only 15c. lb.
30c. Cream Mixture, Only 18c. lb.
Ice Cream Wafers, Only 25c. lb.
Christmas Mixture, Only 19c. lb.
Midget Mixture, Only 25c. lb.
Fudge, Only 25c. lb.
Buttercups, Only 30c. lb.
Regular 50c. Dolls, Only 25c. lb.
Snowflakes, Only 25c. lb.
Best Bon-Bon Mixture, Only 35c. lb.
Candy Canes, Only 25c. lb.
Regular 50c. Chocolates, Only 30c. lb.
From 5c. up
Big Reduction in Iron Friction Toys.
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FLAVELLE ANSWERS HIMSELF

Mr. J. W. Flavelle, addressing the Canadian Club of Toronto this week, said:

"This country does not know that it is at war. This country is drunk with prosperity. This country has lost the capacity to develop moral earnestness."

Mr. Flavelle very sharply criticized those who are censorious or fault-finding, remarking that it is very easy to cultivate the spirit of anger against profitters and governments.

"Why," he asked, "should they expect that the call will come through some government circle?"

In other words, everybody should respond whether the government did anything or not. And yet, in the same speech, Mr. Flavelle declared that in three months time in England everybody would be doing what they were told to do.

"They will be eating the food, both as to type and quality, that they are told to eat. Manufacturers will be told to stop making certain articles that are not needed, and store keepers will be told to stop trading in articles that are not needed."

Told by whom? By a government which is big enough and bold enough to give the kind of leadership the country needs. Mr. Flavelle has answered himself. It is true that this is not a time to be censorious or fault-finding. But if the people were given leadership there would be no ground for complaint, and everybody would hear and respond to the call, as they are about to do in England. This country is not so "drunk with prosperity" that it will not follow a leader who has a programme and the courage to demand that it be carried out.

MacLEAN AND NICKEL
The straight-line torques of South York are worried over the attitude of Mr. W. F. MacLean, M.P., on the nickel question. He has been very outspoken, and is not convinced that the government has done all in its power to prevent Germany from getting Canadian nickel.

At intervals we read of attacks made upon Liberals who criticize the nickel policy of the government, but here is an independent Conservative who declares his intention of carrying the discussion into the house of commons. Evidently he is not greatly impressed by Hon. Mr. Meighen's explanation and assurance that all's well.

The Canadian Liberal Monthly says: "In considering the taxation question, the idea of taxing land values should not be passed over lightly. Revolutionary it may be, but it is correct in principle and logically sound. Building lands increase in value by the indirect and involuntary efforts of the community. Why, then, should not at least a portion of such increase belong to the community which creates it?"

The Standard will find this journal of the friends quite ready to applaud Sir Robert Borden when he abolishes the patronage committee and gives this country a non-partisan war government, with a war programme and the courage to carry it out.

Toronto Globe, Liberal—"Toronto should attest its deep interest in national service, even in the busy Christmas season, by a fully representative attendance at Premier Borden's meeting in Massey Hall on Friday evening. The provision for an overflow meeting in the

LIGHTER VEIN

A judge who used to wear very long waving hair and a heavy beard, one day was on his way to court when he was accosted by a little street boy-black, with an exceedingly dirty face, with the customary "shine, sir." He was very importunate, and the judge, being impressed with the terrible state of the boy's face, said:

"All right, sir."
"Well, let me see you do it."
The boy went to a neighboring fountain and made his ablutions. Returning, he held out his hand for the sixpence. The judge said:

"Well, you earned your money. Here it is."
But the boy said:
"I don't want your money, old fellow. You can take it and have your hair cut, and forthwith scampered off."

FLOUR

Metropolitan church is an assurance that all who set apart the evening will have an opportunity of hearing the leading speakers. The purpose of the meeting is not political in a party sense, but national, and it is part of a campaign to strengthen and direct the impulse toward national service. In this there is no party division. Premier Hearst, Hon. A. E. Kemp, Archbishop Gody, Mr. Fred Fairies, M.P., representing the Liberal party, and Mr. R. B. Bennett are announced to address the meetings. Liberals and Conservatives can unite in all such demonstrations for patriotic co-operation.

Another step was taken in Toronto this week when the city council decided to apply for permissive legislation in connection with the proposal to construct an institution for feeble-minded children. The motion introduced by Mayor Church and adopted after considerable discussion, reads, in part, as follows: "It is recommended that the city apply for permissive legislation (1) to permit the city to issue debentures, without the assent of the ratepayers, for \$100,000 for the erection of buildings and equipment for the care of the feeble-minded; and (2) to amend the industrial farms act to allow the use of portions of the industrial farm as sites for these institutions."

President Wilson's latest diplomatic move has not enhanced his reputation. The Entente Allies are not at all moved by his peace note, except to be amazed that it should be sent to them at this time. The Liverpool Post suggests that possibly he desired to elicit from Germany concrete terms of peace, in which case a useful purpose might be served; but it is quite evident he had no such intention. As the executive head of the greatest of the neutral nations, in a struggle where neutrality means indifference to principles vital to the welfare of humanity, President Wilson has been many times tried and found wanting in that stern and purposeful courage which marked the career of Abraham Lincoln.

President Wilson's Christmas greeting to the Belgian people will not comfort them. In effect, he tells them their present plight is due to the yearning desire of Germany to protect their rights and make them happy.

The refusal of liquor advertisements by more of the leading newspapers of Ontario shows the unmistakable trend of public sentiment with regard to the traffic.

The arming of merchantmen for defence against submarines will probably save some of them, and may also occasionally account for the loss of a submarine.

The country is still waiting to discover the patriotic farmer or dealer who is willing to take less than the top of the market for his Christmas turkeys.

The citizens should show their interest in assessment reform by attending the meeting in the High School building next Tuesday evening.

What has the government at Ottawa done to reduce the cost of living, or to prevent it from going still higher? That is a fair question.

The government that wanted no truck or trade with the Yankees is feeding its locomotives with Yankee coal, imported from Pennsylvania.

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\$10.20 per barrel
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Delivered to all parts of the city
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BOOTS and SKATES!
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If your dealer has a "run on Hockey Boots" he can easily get all sizes from
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Make a Most Acceptable Christmas Gift
Call and See Our Assortment of
BLACK CLOTH GAITERS at 60c., 75c., 80c., 90c., \$1.00.
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Light Grey Dark Grey and White
CLOTH GAITERS at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50
Other Dainty and Useful Gifts:
FELT SLIPPERS or BOUND SLIPPERS
Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas.
McRobbie
Foot-Fitters : 50 King St.

Cheyne's Special Christmas Announcement of Low Prices FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 22 AND 23

- ORANGES
Choice Floridas..... 40c. doz.
New Navels..... 50c. doz.
New Navels..... 60c. doz.
- APPLES
Red California Apples..... 45c. doz.
Ontario Spy Apples, 25c. and 35c. doz.
Bishop Pippins..... 40c. peck
Bishop Pippins..... 50c. peck
Bismarck..... 50c. peck
Gravenstein Apples, 20c., 25c., 30c. peck
New Raisins (choice)..... 14c. pkge.
New Raisins (fancy)..... 15c. pkge.
Cluster Raisins..... 25c. pkge.
Malaga Grapes..... 20c. lb.
Carrants (new)..... 22c. pkge.
Small Raisins..... 15c. lb.
Seedless Sultana Raisins..... 15c. pkge.
Popping Corn..... 10c. pkge.
Crackers, From 50c. doz. box to \$1.75
Stockings..... From 15c. to \$1.50 each
- CONFECTIONERY
Moir's Chocolates in bulk, hard centres and soft centres, in large variety..... 50c. lb.
Also G. B. and Corona Chocolates, fancy boxes From 30c. to \$1.50 each
Plum Puddings..... 1 lb. tins, 40c. each
Fruit Cake..... 1 lb. tins, 40c.
Muir's Fruit Cake..... 35c. lb.
Sunshine Biscuit in 15c. pkgs. in large variety.
- 5 lb. tin of Prunes, extra quality, 85c.
New Dates (bulk)..... 15c. lb.
New Nuts..... From 25c. to 30c. lb.
Other Xmas Goodies Too Numerous to Permit of Mention, at Very Lowest Prices.
Our Usual Special Week-End Prices on Staple Groceries.

HOLLY AND MISTLETOE IN STOCK
New Western Grey Buckwheat..... 7c. lb.
CHEYNE & CO., 2 Stores, 166 Union Street Telephone 803
Cor. Pitt and Leinster Streets Telephone 2282-21

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BEST ENGLISH MAKES
Celluloid Handles, (3-piece) .. \$2.50 to \$9.00
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Stag Handles (5-piece) .. \$7.50 to \$12.00
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(5-piece Sets) .. \$13.00 to \$15.00
The Above with Silver Mounts

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You will find new satisfaction and pleasure in giving Gifts of permanent and everyday usefulness

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Three-piece in Case
Celluloid, Pearl and Stag Handles
PRICES :
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\$2.50 to \$5.00

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Buckhorn Handles..... 60c. to \$1.75
Peal (Pen and Pocket) Handles..... 25c. to \$4.50
Scissors in Cases..... \$2.00 to \$5.00
Manicure Sets..... \$1.50 to \$8.00

PEARL AND CELLULOID TABLE CUTLERY
English (Celluloid) Dessert and Table Knives, \$3.25 to \$7.00 doz.
English (Stainless) Dessert and Table Knives, \$9.00 to \$10.00 doz.
Pearl Knives and Forks (in cases)..... \$13.75 to \$33.00
Silver and Pearl Knives (in cases)..... \$2.75 to \$8.00
Celluloid and Pearl Butter Spreaders, (in cases)..... \$5.50 to \$6.25
Rogers Bros. "1847" Dessert Table Knives and Forks, \$5.50 to \$9.50 per doz.

Safety Razors -- ALL STANDARD MAKES
Gillette Safety Razor..... \$5.00 to \$9.00
Autostrap Safety Razor..... \$5.00
Star Safety Razor..... \$1.00
Extra Blades..... 50c. to \$1.00 per doz.
Automatic Strappers..... \$1.25 to \$4.00
Razors..... \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50
Razor Straps..... 35c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

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MAGEE FURS
Typify the ideal of every woman—for where is there a woman who would not enthuse over a presentation of Fine Furs of Magee quality? There can be nothing but satisfaction in such a selection.
FUR COATS..... \$90.00 and more
FUR SETS..... From \$15.00 up
Strictly Reliable—D. MAGEE'S SONS, LIMITED—Only High Grade FURS
63 King Street, St. John, N. B.

HOSPITAL HUT IS COMPLETED
Gift of People of New Brunswick Acknowledged—News of the Soldiers at Home and Abroad

The regent of Brunswick Chapter has received a communication from Colonel McLaren, referring to the Admission and Discharge but at No. 1 Canadian General Hospital, England, which is the latest addition to the New Brunswick ward. The communication states that the hut for the hospital has been erected at a cost of \$472.10 with funds supplied by the people of New Brunswick. This information was sent to Colonel McLaren by Colonel Wyld, the O. of the hospital.

DOLLS
Please see our display before you buy. We would like to know that you had seen all the others first. But if you do not care to lose time, follow the example of those that have inspected the rest, and bought from us.
Prices from 25c. upwards.
SPECIAL BEAUTIES \$5.00.

J. M. ROCHE & CO., LTD. - 94-96 King Street
Serrously ill, Alex. Carlson Black Point; wounded, G. A. Marr, Millville.
For Third Time.
Rev. F. S. Dowling, minister of St. Andrew's church, has received word from his parents in Brantford, to the effect that his brother, Charles, who went overseas with the 4th Mounted Rifles and lately was attached to the Royal Flying Corps, has been admitted to the Wimmerex hospital suffering from a severe attack of fever. This is the third time that he has been in the hospital since going overseas.
Presentations.
At the dinner of the 16th Battalion last night, Major Legere, on behalf of the officers of the battalion, presented to Lieutenant Michaud a substantial check and to Mrs. Michaud a silver purse. The presentation was made in honor of their marriage, which took place recently.
There was a large gathering of officers and men of the Army Service Corps last evening at the Union Depot to bid farewell to Lieutenant A. L. Biggar, son of General Biggar, of Ottawa, who left St. John for St. John's, Quebec, where he will join the Canadian Engineers. On Wednesday evening Mr. Biggar was the guest of honor at a dinner in Bond's restaurant and on that occasion a traveling bag was presented to him by his fellow officers and the men of his unit.
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are steadily advancing and that he believes that this is the beginning of the end and that in seven years should see victory for the allies. He thanks the Soldiers' Comfort Club of Mace's Bay for the comforts sent to him and adds that it is the remembrances and kindness from friends at home that help to keep the soldiers' spirits up.
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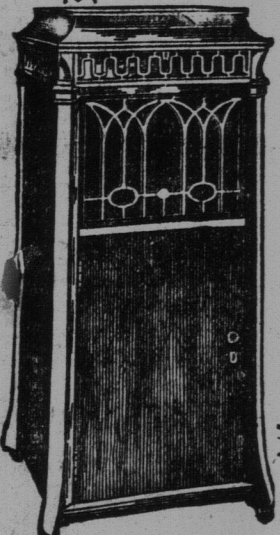
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Ross Rifle Tragedy Sequel Coming
Ottawa Government For Fourteen Months Failed to Provide Remedy--- Army in Field Still Gagged

(Toronto Star.)
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Following the publication on Saturday last in the Ottawa Journal of what is obviously a government-inspired exposition of the Ross rifle question, and in which the late Laurier administration is blamed for the contract entered into by the Ross Rifle firm, the Citizen this morning publishes on its editorial page an apparently well informed letter from "one who has returned," accompanied by an editorial, which says, in part—
"They all know what happened in the 4th Battalion to mention one unit, and they all know the cause of the catastrophe fourteen months after the Ross rifle's failure at Ypres in April, 1915. Surely it is not contended that in giving the monopoly of rifle making to one firm the administration of the day (assisted by General Hughes) bound itself and its successors for all time to accept a particular rifle from such firm, whether defective or not."
Commenting on the government's defence in the Journal, "One who has returned" says—
"Had Conservative Support.
"It is right when it says that the Laurier government made a rotten bargain when the Ross rifle was foisted on this country, but the late government might well plead that it was led astray by the warm, even fierce, support given by the then opposition critics of matters relating to the Militia Department."
"However, let us get down to war times. When the first division left Valenciennes everyone was more or less pleased with the Ross rifle, as far as target shooting was concerned, but experienced officers and men, who could not help noting its decided tendency to jam when rapid fire was ordered, were really apprehensive.
"When the division first went into the trenches near Arras, I understand that this alarming tendency was noted by all ranks. That was in February of 1915. Less than two months later came the second battle of Ypres. I have been told time and again, by different officers

and men of the horrible and heartrending experiences of great numbers of men who faced the oncoming Hun, who were still hundreds of feet away, with jammed Ross rifles, and pick up the Enfields of dead British Tommies.
"When the division was withdrawn from the Ypres fighting to rest and fill up to strength once more, the great topic of conversation among the survivors of the fight was the Ross rifle, and if ever anything was heartily cursed, it was, along with the government who had insisted on keeping this much criticized and much doubted weapon in the hands of the Canadian troops.
"Still No Heed to Protest.
"However, in spite of all protests which could not have failed to have (officially at any rate), reached the ears of Sir Robert Borden and his associates—nothing was done. Then came the fights at Givenchy and Festubert and the same shocking and heartrending scenes were gone through again. From then on the Ross rifle fairly stank in the nostrils of the Canadian division.
"When the second Canadian division and the corps troops came to France in September of 1915, they brought Ross rifles with them—this in face of all that had transpired. But these rifles, one was assured, would be quite satisfactory, no more jamming. Oh, no. General Hughes had had the firing chambers reamed out in machine shops at Shorncliffe so that any old .308 cartridge would fit. Splendid!
"Luckily there was a comparative quiet on the Canadian front from June, 1915, which lasted nearly a year. During that winter I left France, and eventually arrived in Canada in the spring of this year.
"Protests Suppressed in 1916.
"Then came the wicked fighting around St. Eloi and Hooge in June. I was here then, and I often wondered how the boys with the reamed-out Ross rifles fared through that night. I have never heard details to this day; but in July, I got a letter from a very well known officer, who has been out there in the thick of it since the first division crossed to France. It contained this disquieting sentence: "I can never say another word for the Ross rifle after the horrible experience the 49th Battalion, which was armed with the Ross, went through in the second heavy fighting." He could write no more, and I wonder the censor let even that pass.
"The men at the front are gagged and cannot write these things. That is as it should be, for it is military necessity. The officers and men returned to Canada to take up appointments here cannot be expected to speak out—they don't want to be hounded out of their jobs. But you could probably get some interesting facts from returned wounded, who have been discharged as medically unfit. The government has no longer a hold on them.
"Fourteen Months' Guilty Delay.
"I often long to hear the details of what happened to the 49th Battalion last June. Some day we shall all hear. In the meantime the Journal can froth and fume and blame Laurier, or the War Office or whoever else it likes. But the boys out there will not forget their comrades who died fighting with jammed Ross rifles in their hands, and, however hard the Journal and other papers may howl, the time is surely coming—after the war is won—when the soldiers of Canada who return will ask the present cabinet this terrible question: "Why did you, after you heard of how hundreds of men died fighting or were taken prisoners at Ypres with jammed Ross rifles in their hands, why did you insist on keeping us armed with this rotten weapon for fourteen months afterwards?"
"The Canadian army can't and won't talk while there is still work to be done, but, when the boys return, they will hear out what I have said, and will give all too many ghastly and specific instances. They will not forget and they will not forgive."
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(Toronto Star.)
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Already there have been registered 34,314 persons or families, and 192 agencies for aid to the poor are reporting to this clearing house.
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GET YOUR SKATES SHARPENED at Dan's, 12c for all styles of skates, 22 Waterloo street.—J. Dalzell. 52197-1-5

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WANTED—MAID. APPLY ST JOHN County Hospital, East St. John. 52162-12-28

WANTED—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—FEMALE MEAT COOK, Dining Room Girl. Park Hotel. 52806-12-30

WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL AT once. Apply Club Cafe, Mill street. 52292-12-27

WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL, APPLY Boston Restaurant, 20 Charlotte St. 52294-12-27

WANTED—CAPABLE GENERAL Girl or Working Housekeeper, good wages. Phone Robtsey 3 or address P. O. Box 968. 52277-12-25

WAITRESS WANTED AT the White City Cafe, King street. 52278-12-24

WOMAN WANTED. APPLY COFFEE Rooms, Germain street. 52275-12-23

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL Housework. Good salary to capable person. Apply Mrs. Cameron, 11 Horsfield. M 2886-11. 52247-12-29

WAITRESS WANTED—A P P L Y Western House, West St. John. 52289-12-24

KITCHEN WOMAN—WAGES \$4 per week. Apply Western House, West St. John. 52288-12-24

GIRL WANTED FOR GENERAL housework. Apply to Mrs. McGiffin, 161 Guilford street, West. 52178-12-28

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GIRL WANTED TO DO GENERAL housework, and go home nights. Apply 5 Dechester street. 52159-12-27

WANTED—AT ONCE, KITCHEN Girl. Mrs. Rowen, 85 Coburg street. 52165-12-27

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL House Work, to go home at night. 52163-12-27

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Mrs. A. A. Niles, 14 Clarendon street. 52160-12-26

WANTED—EXPERIENCED HOUSEMAID. Inquire at 5 Chipman Park. Mrs. Jas. Devitt. T.F.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall in the High School building on Tuesday evening the 26th day of December instant, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the report of the Civic Assessment Commission.

Professor Keirstead, M.A., Ph.D., and other members of the commission will be present. All persons interested are invited to attend. 12-27

LOST—FEMALE FOX TERRIER, answering to the name of Anything, with harness and red bow of ribbon. Finder kindly return to 87 Peter street. 52308-12-28

LOST—LONG WOOLEN CHILD'S Gloves, Hanover, Centennial School. Finder please return to Mrs. Nugh, 11 Hanover. 52300-12-28

LOST—ON THURSDAY EVENING on Charlotte, Duke, Sydney or Mecklenburg street, a black hand bag, containing money. Will finder please phone 762. 52291-12-23

LOST—OLD FASHIONED LOCKET with brand of hair inside, from Gardiner's Charlotte and King. Finder kindly return to 23 Cranston Ave., telephone 8029-11. 52284-12-28

LOST—OLD BROOCH, CATCH OFF Reward on returning to 10 Charles street. 52288-12-27

FOUND—PEARL BROOCH, OWNER can have same by calling at 263 Main street. 52289-12-26

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LOST—SMALL PURSE CONTAINING money, two keys, etc. Finder Phone Main 789. 52264-12-28

LOST—WIRE HAired FOX TERRIER, white with black head. Return 35 White street. 52207-12-27

LOST—ENAMEL CENTRE OF RING set with chip diamond in silver. Finder kindly return to Times office. T.F.

LOST—POCKETBOOK CONTAINING seven dollars and 85 cents in Five Cent store Saturday night. Finder, please return to a herd working man, 5 Marsh. 51649-12-27

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"CHAMPION"
 Sizes—9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inches Per pair \$2.25

"MONARCH"
 Sizes—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inches Per pair \$2.00

"FALCON"
 Sizes—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inches Per pair \$1.50

"UNION"
 No. 5 1-2—Nickel plated Per pair 75c
 No. 5—Ordinary finish, otherwise same as above, Per pair 50c
 Sizes—8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inches.

"CLAMP"
 No. H 624—Sizes 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inches Per pair 50c

"DAISY" Ladies
 Sizes—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2 inches Per pair \$2.50

"PRINCESS" Ladies
 Sizes—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2 inches Per pair \$2.00

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 Sizes—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2 inches Per pair \$1.50

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 Sizes—15, 15 1-2, 16, 16 1-2, 17, 17 1-2 18 inch Per pair \$2.25
 BOYS—Same pattern but cheaper grade.
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 Straps Extra 20c, 25c. and 35c.

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FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET
 Quotations furnished by private wire of J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N.B. New York, Dec. 22.

Market	Closing	Opening	High	Low
Am Zinc	83 1/2	83 1/2	84	83
Am Car & Fdry	62 1/2	62 1/2	63	62
Am Locomotive	70	70 1/2	71	70
Am Beet Sugar	84	84	85	83
Am Can	24 1/2	24 1/2	25	24
Am Sugar	106 1/2	106 1/2	107	106
Am Steel Pkies	80	80	81	79
Am Smelters	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	104
Am Woolens	37	37	38	36
Anaconda Mining	78 1/2	78 1/2	79	78
At, T and S Fe	102	102 1/2	103	101
Brooklyn Rap T	81	81	82	80
Balt & Ohio	82	82	83	81
Baldwin Locom	85	85	86	84
Butte & Sup	40	40	41	39
Chino Copper	47 1/2	47 1/2	48	46
Ches & Ohio	62	62	63	61
Col Fuel Iron	41	41	42	40
Granby	81 1/2	81 1/2	82	80
Can Pac Railway	168	168	169	167
Cent Leath	82	82	83	81
Crucible Steel	82	82	83	81
Erie	82 1/2	82 1/2	83	81
Gen Electric	168	168	169	167
Gt Northern Pfd	115	115	116	114
Hide & Leath Pfd	81 1/2	81 1/2	82	80
Inspiration	40 1/2	40 1/2	41	39
Int'l Mar Com	20 1/2	20 1/2	21	19
Int'l Mar Pfd Cts	85 1/2	85 1/2	86	84
Industrial Alcohol	87 1/2	87 1/2	88	86
Kennecott Copper	44	44	45	43
Lehigh Valley	78	78	79	77
Maxwell Motors	45	45	46	44
Mex Petroleum	80 1/2	80 1/2	81	79
Miami	88 1/2	88 1/2	89	87
North Pacific	108	108	109	107
Nor & Western	105	105	106	104
National Lead	58	58	59	57
Nevada	22 1/2	22 1/2	23	21
N Y Air Brakes	180	180	181	179
N Y Central	101	101	102	100
New Haven	40 1/2	40 1/2	41	39
Pennsylvania	55 1/2	55 1/2	56	54
Pressed Steel Car	73	73	74	72
Reading	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	100
Republic Iron	71 1/2	71 1/2	72	70
Rock Island Old	81 1/2	81 1/2	82	80
St Paul	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	103
Sloss Sheffield	80 1/2	80 1/2	81	79
South Pacific	30 1/2	30 1/2	31	29
Shattuck Arizona	23 1/2	23 1/2	24	22
Studebaker	106	106	107	105
Union Pacific	148 1/2	148 1/2	149	147
U S Steel	104	104	105	103
U S Steel Pfd	117 1/2	117 1/2	118	116
United Fruit	148 1/2	148 1/2	149	147
U S Rubber	94 1/2	94 1/2	95	93
Utah Copper	94 1/2	94 1/2	95	93
Vir Car Chem	42	42	43	41
Westing Electric	94 1/2	94 1/2	95	93
Sales—Eleven o'clock, 640,400.				

LOCAL NEWS

CIGARS.
 Twenty-five Floridians in box for 65c, 25 Marquites in box for \$1.40; 50 in box 7-50-4, one of leading 10c cigars for \$2.50.—At The 2 Barkers, Ltd, 100 Princess street.

Go to C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney, for your Christmas shopping.

CORNER UNION AND SYDNEY
 Is the place where you can do all your Christmas shopping at bargain prices.

Although flour has advanced, the Two Barkers still offer the best Manitoba at \$10 a barrel. Apples from \$1.50 up.

A GIFT FROM HUNTS IS SURE TO BE APPRECIATED
 To reach the right spot with a man when you give him a present, you must make it something practical. Our store is full of practical suggestions—and remember, if your gift does not suit or fit, we will gladly exchange it after Christmas. Store open this evening—Hunt's Busy Up-town Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

GET THIS.
 "City Club" is made good "by gingers." Order a case for Christmas. Delivered to all parts of the city. 12-24

AT TWO BARKERS.
 Save money, get some of the special prices offered by The Two Barkers, 100 Princess street. In boys' dolls, books, games, fancy goods, confectionery and Christmas groceries.

FOR YOUTHFUL ARTISTS
 Small violin sets or outfits.—Goudie, 7 Charlotte street. 12-23

DIAMOND RINGS.
 There is nothing more acceptable as a Christmas gift than a diamond ring. Our selection embraces all styles, solitaires, clusters, three and five stone rings, all stones of the highest quality. Prices from \$12 to \$250. Smalley & Co., 91 Prince William street. 12-23

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Another tie is always welcome, provided it's a good tie and in good taste. Our ties are selected with a particular view to style and as good quality as possible at each price. They have become known as "The Line That's Different." Popular prices, 50c. to \$1.50.

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Here Are a Few Suggestions:
 A Christmas certificate for glasses to be properly fitted with Crook's Lenses, Reading or Library Spectacles, Eyeglass Chains, Magnifiers, Pocket Periscopes, Leather or Aluminum Cases, etc.

You'll find any number of mighty pleasing Christmas Gifts in our optical line.

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THE McMARTIN ASHORE
 The dredge "McMartin," which had been at anchor near Lunenburg for the last three years, and which went ashore in the recent gale, is in a serious position and but little hope is held of saving it from breaking up. Capt. John Howard arrived from Montreal Monday evening, Dec. 18, to look after the property of the company.

To Enjoy an Ideal Christmas IS TO EXPERIENCE THE BEST

West End people can make it so this year by visiting the Ideal Store for practical Christmas gifts.

- Prices for Comparison:
- LADIES'**
 Satin Felt Slippers—Very dainty. A most acceptable gift for wife, mother or sister \$1.15
 Felt Slippers 86c. up (Warm and Comfortable)
 Hockey Boots \$2.85
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- MEN**
 A Full Line of the Best Foot-wear Slippers 75c. up
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- CHILDREN**
 Boys' Hockey Boots... \$2.85
 Boys' Rubber Boots, \$1.80 up
 Children's Slippers in Felt with leather soles.... 76c.
 New Store! New Stock! New Prices!

Ideal Shoe Store
 103 Union St. West End
 Near Bank of Nova Scotia

MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

(Up to 12 o'clock today.)
 (J. M. Robinson & Sons, members Montreal Stock Exchange.)
 Montreal, Dec. 22, 1916.
 Bank of Commerce—16 at 125.
 Quebec Bank—100 at 25 1/2, 400 at 28.
 Merchants Bank—5 at 160.
 Bank of Nova Scotia—8 at 266.
 Royal Bank—1 at 212.
 Bridge—205 at 165, 50 at 162, 145 at 164, 25 at 165.
 Canada Car—15 at 82, 25 at 82 1/2, 25 at 82 1/2.
 Civic Power—169 at 80, 100 at 79 1/2.
 Cement—40 at 99 1/2, 80 at 60.
 Union Steel—110 at 125, 125 at 125, 150 at 125, 844 at 64, 25 at 64 1/2, 110 at 64 1/2, 800 at 64 1/2, 10 at 65, 285 at 63 1/2, 25 at 63 1/2, 50 at 63 1/2.
 Detroit—25 at 122, 25 at 123 1/2, 50 at 123, 400 at 124 1/2, 25 at 124 1/2.
 Laurentide—25 at 191 1/2.
 Borden Pulp—200 at 115, 25 at 115.
 Scotia—25 at 106 1/2, 95 at 110, 50 at 114, 50 at 114.
 Maple Milling—25 at 96 1/2, 25 at 97, 5 at 97.
 Ont. Steel—85 at 80.
 Can Locomotive—15 at 68.
 Weyburn—25 at 92.
 Forgings—90 at 180.
 Shawinigan—10 at 128.
 Spanish—50 at 16, 50 at 15 1/2.
 Smelters—45 at 90, 220 at 91, 160 at 80 1/2.
 Textile—90 at 81.
 Toronto Railway—15 at 74.
 C. G. E.—25 at 106, 25 at 109 1/2.
 Steel Co.—1335 at 60, 875 at 60 1/2, 808 at 60 1/2, 75 at 60 1/2, 100 at 60 1/2, 185 at 61, 60 at 60 1/2, 25 at 60 1/2, 95 at 62, 60 at 63 1/2, 175 at 62 1/2, 105 at 62 1/2.
 C. G. E.—25 at 109, 25 at 109 1/2.
 Ships—275 at 23, 10 at 22.
 Smart—25 at 60.
 Ships Pfd—50 at 88 1/2, 10 at 88, 25 at 88, 25 at 89 1/2.
 Car Pfd—25 at 70, 50 at 72.
 Cement Pfd—15 at 72.
 Dom War Loan Bonds—1,000 at 98 1/2, 2,100 at 98 1/2.
 New War Loan Bonds—1,700 at 98 1/2, 2,000 at 98 1/2.
 Quebec Bonds—1,800 at 66.

LOCAL NEWS

TO RAISE CEREALS INSTEAD OF CATTLE
Great Britain Prepares Energetically to Increase Food Supply

London, Dec. 22.—Signs that this country is preparing energetically to increase the national food supply are found in the fact that many municipal bodies are setting aside land for the production of cereals and pigs, while a vigorous campaign to restrict herds of cattle and sheep and pigs is producing its effect, as the regulating of meat seems certain.

James Long, in the Daily Mail, reports that there are 24,000,000 head of cattle and sheep in England ready for food and that each bullock converted into terms of wheat, would feed six persons daily.

The measures now contemplated comprise a reduction of herds and an increase of the bread supply by utilizing the vast quantities of grain now used in raising cattle for meat and the cultivation of potatoes on land that is now producing turnips for cattle.

TORONTO WOMEN TO BAN TURKEY IF PRICE IS HIGH

At the monthly meeting of the executive of the Local Council of Women in Toronto this week, the high cost of living was under discussion. One member said that her butcher had spoken to several farmers coming to market and enquired about turkeys for Christmas. The farmers had declared their intention of hanging out for the highest price obtainable.

The members of the council decided not to pay more than thirty-five cents a pound for turkeys, and to notify all societies belonging to the council that in a time when thrift is called for any needless expenditure should be penalized, that to pay any price asked for turkeys was criminal.

WHY Diamonds Stand Alone As Christmas Gifts

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LOCAL NEWS

REV. C. W. GORDON (RALPH CONNOR)
 who has been in France for some months and has given freely of his services, is now coming home on a furlough and is at present on the high seas speeding towards Canada. His brother, Lt. Colonel James R. Gordon of Cobalt, Ontario, is dangerously ill and it is doubtful if his brother will reach him before death lays claim to him. Major Gordon is unaware of his brother's severe illness.

Carlton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, held its annual meeting last night at Masonic Temple, German street, when officers were elected and most encouraging reports presented. W. J. McCleary was elected high priest, Dr. F. S. Sawaya, king; J. C. Earle, scribe; H. A. Porter, treasurer; Dr. L. A. Langstroth, secretary; Robert Clerk, tyler. The various committees which are to be appointed, not elected, will be announced later.

The Royal Standard Chapter, I.O.D.E., will supply the turkeys for the Christmas dinner at the military hospital this year. This was decided at their meeting on Wednesday evening. Besides this, \$50 was granted to the fund to provide the Christmas dinners for the poor; \$50 for a treat for the sailors; \$25 for useful gifts for the Christmas tree in the St. John county hospital; \$10 for a treat for the boys in the Siege Battery at Partridge Island; \$10 for the soldiers' treat at the Soldiers' Club, and \$10 towards the Christmas treat for the men in the convalescent home.

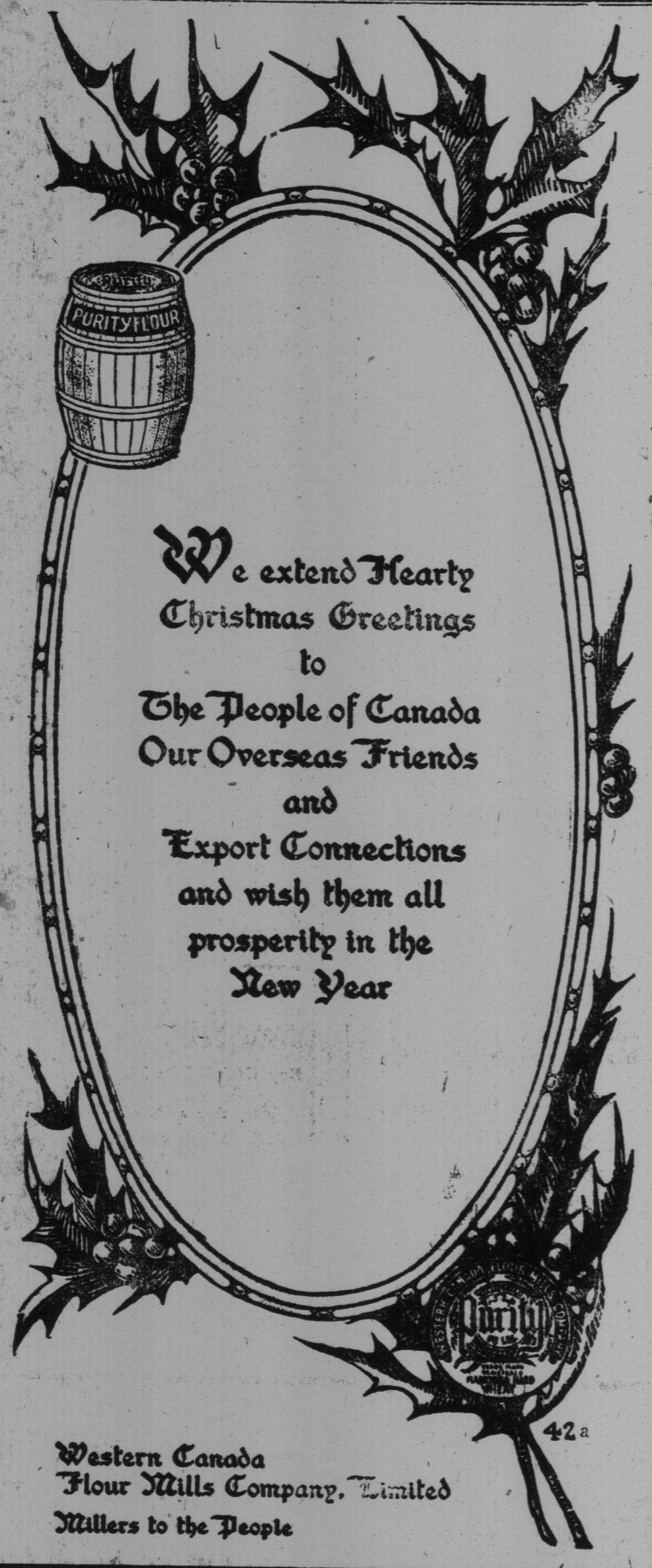
REV. MR. WIGLE A POET
 The versatile president of the Nova Scotia Conference, Rev. H. Wigle, B. A., principal elect of the Allison Ladies' College, recently published through The Book Room, Halifax, a very attractive booklet of poems, entitled Leaves, containing bright verses written in moments of leisure and suitable for souvenirs of Mr. Wigle's presidential year.—Wesleyan.

CRUCIBLE STEEL

Crucible Steel has declared an extra dividend of 2 per cent. on its preferred stock on account of back dividends.

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40c. a Pound
One Ton Only to Sell
Geese, 30c. Pound; Chickens, 30c. Pound
 The Store For All Your Christmas Meats

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GERMANY ADMITS CRISIS NEAR IN FOOD MATTERS

Acute Domestic Situation—Chief Shortage is in the Potato Crop

Little Relief From Roumania—Slaughter of Live Stock Will Soon Begin—Statement by Dictator

London, Dec. 18.—The correspondent of the Times at Amsterdam telegraphs as follows:—

"The fact emerges with increasing distinctness, from examination of the circumstances attending the German peace proposals, that unless peace is obtained the economic condition of the central empires is such as to threaten an acute domestic crisis.

"That Germany is rapidly exhausting her reserve food supply is evident. The harvest is completed, and even the Kreuz Zeitung has admitted that the situation is very serious.

Huge Shortage of Potatoes.

"Food Dictator Batocki, addressing the Berlin editors on the eve of the Chancellor's speech in the Reichstag, stated the potato crop this year is 20,000,000 tons, against 50,000,000 tons last year. He estimated this shortage equivalent in food value to 5,000,000 tons of cereals. As, however, the increased German cereals harvest amounts only to 3,500,000 tons, there remains a deficit equivalent to 1,500,000 tons of cereals compared to last year.

"It is announced in the German press that after January 1 no more potatoes will be employed in bread-making. Its place will be taken by barley, which has proved unsatisfactory for bread-making purposes, but which nevertheless is a valuable food substance when suitably treated.

Not Much from Roumania.

"Oatmeal will also be utilized, and it is noted that while Germany has not enough barley or any other cereal to make up the deficiency, it is hoped to derive enough from the supplies taken in Roumania. The Cologne Gazette learns that in the most favorable circumstances only 1,000,000 tons of barley can be obtained from Roumania. Assuming that the whole quantity will not be employed as a substitute for breadstuffs, the shortage in the most favorable circumstances will be 800,000.

"Germany has promised to increase meat rations in February. This will be done by a more extensive slaughtering of animals. This will only bring relief temporarily, for the motive for slaughtering is the impossibility of feeding the stock, which will be killed, all of them, lean. Recognition of all these facts is undoubtedly the chief reason for the proposed collection of meats throughout Germany, but already even many large cities have pronounced this impracticable."

The longest stretch over which commercial wireless messages have ever been sent extends from Hawaii to Tokyo, a distance of 8,285 miles. Wireless communication was established between the United States and Japan on November 15, via this route, when the president sent greetings to the Japanese emperor. —From the January Popular Mechanics Magazine.



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HERE are a few old hand-made violins in the world that are priceless because of their incomparable tone. They are the works of the masters. And it is just such earnest, personal, masterly planning of the sound-producing parts, which produces the rarely beautiful, sweet, singing tone of the Martin-Orme Piano. It reflects the genius of Owain Martin, inventor of the "Violiform" method of tone-production.

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A BREEZE FROM THE PRAIRIES
(Toronto Star.)

We ought not to repeat in Canada the mistake that was made by Eastern Republicans in the United States—that of forgetting the west. Nor do we need to admit that there is any necessary antagonism between East and West. The point of view may be different. The western man may be less wedded to tradition, more hospitable to new ideas, we need not accept all his views, but on the other hand we need not look at them with antagonism or suspicion because they come from a western source.

The farmers of the prairie provinces of Canada are organized for business and for politics. They have undertaken co-operative buying and co-operative selling. They have shown business capacity, and have made themselves a force that must be reckoned with. Their platform, adopted at the meeting recently held in Winnipeg, includes tariff reform. They would reduce the duties on British imports to one-half the regular rates, and go on reducing them until there is free trade between Canada and Great Britain. They would accept the reciprocity agreement with the United States and place all food-stuffs on the free list, together with agricultural implements, farm machinery, vehicles, fertilizer, coal, lumber, cement, illuminating oils and lubricating oils. They would reduce the duties on all necessities of life. All tariff concessions granted to any foreign country would be granted also to Great Britain.

To make up the loss of revenue caused by these reforms, they would impose direct taxation on unimproved land values, on all incomes over \$4,000, on large inheritances, and on profits over ten per cent. The last, we suppose, would be a heavier tax than is imposed by Sir Thomas White's scheme.

The farmers advocate also nationalization of railways and express companies, the federal franchise for women, direct popular legislation, and full provincial power to prohibit the manufacture and importation of intoxicants.

This is a large and bold programme, and some of its features may startle the east. But it is part of a serious movement, with powerful support. And in its very boldness there is something attractive and refreshing. It is cheering to see men thinking and speaking for themselves, instead of waiting for the pussy-footed processes of old political parties and repeating stereotyped utterances. The western farmers will do no harm, but much good, if they shake up both the old parties and all the better if the shaking extends eastward. The platform is neither narrow nor sectional. Whenever in it is good for the west is good also for the east. The movement should be watched, not with jealousy, but with sympathy.

INTENTIONS MISUNDERSTOOD

Constable Hicks stood in the middle of Pick's Pike chewing on a sisserrass root and polishing up his badge. The time was midnight and darker than a bucket of tar.

Suddenly a few feet ahead of a cloud of dust Daredevil Dewlap's big yellow Scuddabout came tearing along at a 107-mile clip.

"Great Cornosole!" ejaculated Constable Hicks. And whipping a lighted red lantern from his capacious black pocket, he waved it vigorously. Daredevil Dewlap stopped his car so suddenly that his cloud of dust caught up with him.

"Hey, looky here—" began Constable Hicks.

"Nonsense, old sport. I was just creeping along," cried Daredevil Dewlap heartily. "Here, take this and think it over." And he pressed a fourteen dollar bill into Constable Hicks's hand, and in another second had disappeared in front of an entirely fresh cloud of dust.

"Jumpin' Josenrat!" exclaimed Constable Hicks, and, tossing the bill carefully into his cash pocket, made after the Scuddabout. He came on Daredevil Dewlap on his back in the middle of the road, while the incapacitated Scuddabout lay prone across a fallen grape-fruit tree. Constable Hicks shook the unconscious man till Dewlap opened one discolored eye.

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Vanderlip Sees Great Epoch Near

New World Conditions Resulting From War of Vital Importance to America
Pleads For Clear Vision—Future Made or Marred in Next 20 Months—Sees Essence of Anarchy in Brotherhood Demands

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Declaring that "we are a country of economic illiterates," and that "the voice of the people is neither the voice of God nor the voice of wisdom if the intellect of the people are untrained to think soundly, if they are filled with sectional or class prejudice," Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, in an address before the Bankers Club, sounded a warning of tremendous developments impending in the business world, asserting that "our future for many years to come will be governed by the soundness of the public mind and governmental actions in the next score of months."

"This country," he went on, "will need leaders who will have decision and force in formulating policies and putting them into execution, the like of which the country has not needed in our time. Some of these questions that must be answered will come directly from the field of this terrible war, but others will develop within our own borders among our own people, and out of our own characteristics."

"State Socialism in Europe may develop problems, the like of which have never concerned our minds. We may have to meet collective buying, State-aided industries, forms of governmental co-operation with business quite outside our range of thought. Governmental control of ocean-borne commerce, and novel factors in international finance will be subjects for national consideration. Indeed, there may ultimately come out of the great war changes in forms of government that will have profound and world-wide influence."

"At the present moment we are in the midst of a situation created by the autocratic power of great labor unions, the right or wrong solution of which will be followed by consequences which go to the very foundations of the government. Within this week I heard the representative of the four great railway unions

state his views before the Economic Club of New York. To my mind, while clothed with graceful language, while presented with a smile, they were views that contained the essence of anarchy. We were told we must not pass certain laws because they would not be obeyed; we were given clear intimations regarding the power of these organizations; but there was not one hint of their duty or responsibility to society.

"For my part, I am hopeful that such utterances do not truly voice the attitude of any great part of the people of America, indeed, that they do not truly voice the attitude of any great part of organized labor; but they certainly emphasize the need for a national awakening to the necessity for fundamentally sound thinking on economic problems."

Speaking of the chances for trade development that will be opened by new world conditions, Mr. Vanderlip said: "Never since the beginning of time was there such an opportunity. Never did we people have before them a choice of two roads that led to such different destinies. Never did a nation have such inspiration for achievement—a flood of wealth, of opportunity, which, added to our resources, puts upon the people of this country a responsibility of trusteeship to the world. We father—none too well trained, none too experienced, with the pleasure-loving qualities of youth, we have suddenly by a world tragedy been made heir to the greatest estate of opportunity that imagination ever pictured. The last twenty years has seen a five-fold development. I would hesitate to suggest that the next twenty years may see if we rightly manage this heritage."

Mr. Vanderlip only touched upon the more immediate problems of the day. "In my judgment," he said, "the Federal Reserve Board has ruled unwisely in taking the attitude they have concerning the inadvisability of investment by member banks in very short-term obligations of the belligerent governments. I believe that such action on the part of the banks would be wise from the strictly banking viewpoint. I believe that it would be wise, because such investment would tend to restrict further gold importations, which may lead to dangerous domestic inflation, and would provide credits which would be better than gold when eventually the exchanges turn against us."

Discussing the income tax, he said: "Instead of taxing incomes, I believe we should tax expenditures. It is not great incomes that we should object to, but the expenditures that are made for unproductive purposes, that represent lavishness and extravagance. Such expenditures are a double destruction; they destroy the capital so spent, robbing society of its service, and frequently they destroy the ability of the spenders to render society full service. The man who, by judgment, thrift and economy, accumulates an income which he promptly returns to reproductive work is rendering the highest type of service; while profligate expenditure, whosever is responsible for it, robs all men and leaves the nation poorer by his double reaction."

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Social Service Wins in West

Series of Congresses Aroused Great Enthusiasm
Some Practical Work
Provincial Governments Had Representatives at Each of Several Meetings—One Province Trying a Novel Plan for School Teachers

(Toronto Globe)
The new community spirit has gripped western Canada. The erratic individualism is gone. The people are facing their difficulties and working out their problems together, conscious that their interests are one. The policy of drift in public affairs is renounced. A careful study of social conditions and a firm grasp in dealing with them is demanded of the leaders in church and state. This spirit has just received striking expression in the series of Social Service congresses held in the middle west. The president and secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, Rev. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, Rev. Dr. J. G. Shearer and Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, have returned from these congresses, and report them as successful from every point of view. The congresses were held in Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg. During the winter months similar gatherings will be held in British Columbia and the eastern provinces.

Deep interest is taken in the Social Service movement by all classes. In Alberta the government was represented by four delegates, whose contributions to the discussions were most valuable. Three members of the Saskatchewan government were on the programme and a similar number of the Manitoba government assisted in the conferences in Winnipeg. In each of the three provinces the lieutenant-governor presided at one of the evening meetings and gave the movement his cordial support. The churches, the labor organizations, the W. C. T. U. and Women's Councils and other organizations were fully represented. The whole course of the discussions showed the people's interest in their social problems and their determination to deal with them in a practical way.

Patronage System
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tion of patronage. The congresses in Alberta and Saskatchewan raised the whole issue, and resolved to appoint committees for carrying on the agitation and securing government action on the matter. The address of Principal John Mackay of Vancouver led the thought of the delegates on this subject, and he was also supported by prominent public men in each province. All the west has suffered severely from this pernicious system of the public service, and is determined that patronage must go.

The West Will Lead
The rural problem, the labor question, immigration, the various phases of the social evil, the rights and needs of the children and social reconstruction after the war were among the questions considered. But what struck the observer was not so much the practical character of the subjects studied as the determination of all classes to meet the needs thus revealed. One man summed up the west will lead all Canada in social experiment and reform. "They are not satisfied with what they see in the east, and are resolved to introduce a better order."

Community Plans
The new community spirit is influencing life in many ways. One of the pro-

inced, in endeavoring to make the school a social centre, offers the teacher and his family a house and ten acres of land. The work on that land is to be done by the boys under the teacher's supervision, as part of their school training. The work in the home is to be done by the girls, under the direction of the teacher's wife, as part of their training. This means that the teacher needs a working knowledge of scientific agriculture. But the value of such a school as a community centre, especially among our non-English-speaking immigrants, cannot be overestimated.

A Practical Worker
The addresses of Raymond Robins of Chicago sounded the keynote for all the conferences. Mr. Robins is a wealthy American, who is giving his life to social service. Deep religious convictions, a practical bent of mind and remarkable powers of expression make him a marked man in any gathering. He has a message for Canada in the present crisis that the whole country ought to hear.

DIVER BREAKS RECORD IN DEEP SEA ARMOR
A new deep-sea diving record was set recently by a resident of Toledo, Ohio, who descended to a depth of 861 feet in Grand Traverse Bay in a newly patented diving armor of his own invention. It is described in the January Popular Mechanics Magazine. The armor is rigid and designed especially for salvage work at great depths. Unlike the usual diving dress, it requires no air tube; an oxygen tank attached to the armor supplies the diver's needs. The helmet, body and feet are constructed of manganese bronze, while the armored legs and arms

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Nearly 151,000 gross tons of steel will be needed to build the sixty-six various new battleships, destroyers, and submarines, bids for the construction of which were taken by the United States navy on Oct. 25, 1916. Some enlightening statistics regarding these naval vessels appear in the January Popular Mechanics Magazine. In each of the four new battleships there will be 13,761 tons of steel; in the 20 new destroyers, 325 tons of steel each, and in the 80 new submarines, 186 tons each. A hospital ship and an ammunition ship will need 4,000 tons of steel each. Taking \$70 per ton as the average price of steel at present, these vessels mean an outlay of not less than \$10,000,000 for the steel only.

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About That Amount for Interest on Loans if War Ends in April

Enormous Income Tax—Financial Experts Say Persons With Revenue Above \$25,000 Will Be Taxed 90 Per Cent

If the war ends by next April the German people will have to face the task of raising an annual revenue of about \$3,250,000,000 to meet the interest on government obligations and current expenses, according to an article in a recent issue of the Allgemeine Rundschau by a financial writer named Dr. Kausen. The Frankfurter Tagespost, however, in commenting on Dr. Kausen's article, says that as much as \$4,000,000,000 will be needed.

On December 12, Count Siegfried von Redern, secretary of the Imperial German treasury, told a representative of The Associated Press "that the German productive forces and German capital power are able to create and bear the necessary outlay for interest service on national war loans nobody familiar with German capacity for achievement can for a moment doubt." Dr. Kausen and some of the German newspapers, commenting upon his article, do not appear to be so optimistic.

In his article as summarized in the London press, Dr. Kausen estimates the total taxable income in Germany at \$9,750,000,000 per annum, divided as follows:

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The writer points out that if the whole revenue were to be raised by direct taxation this would be equivalent to one-third of the total national income, so that a family earning \$450 a year would have to reserve \$150 of it for taxation. This is, of course, impossible, so that

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there must be graduation. If we suppose, says the article, that incomes under \$750 are taxed only at 17 per cent, instead of 28 1/2 per cent, the revenue so raised would amount to only \$1,150,000,000, leaving no less than \$2,100,000,000 to be raised on the incomes above \$750 equivalent to 66 per cent of the total of \$3,250,000,000 which they represent. As this leads to further impossibilities, there would have to be more graduation, which, according to Dr. Kausen, would mean that incomes of over \$2,500 would have to pay 70 per cent in taxes, incomes of over \$7,500 80 per cent, and incomes of over \$25,000 90 per cent.

The writer proceeds to say that such taxation would strike a deadly blow at Germany's national wealth and dry up the sources of revenue, so that there will have to be a "monumental edifice" of indirect taxation "deeply groined with the character of social justice." This requires that articles of popular consumption (food, tobacco, clothes, fuel) must be protected by the state from the general rise in prices, and the state must allow no taxation on them and no speculation in them. Luxuries of every kind, on the other hand, will be taxed and become immensely more expensive.

In commenting on Dr. Kausen's article the Frankfurter Tagespost says: "These calculations can lay no claim to accuracy, since against expenses must be set certain revenues which Kausen does not take into consideration. But the final result does not therefore become more favorable. At present the Empire must find the interest on a debt of \$12,500,000,000, while \$3,000,000,000 of credits have been sanctioned by the Reichstag, and will probably be soon spent. Even if hostilities cease in April, this \$15,500,000 will not be all the debt.

A very large amount of non-recurrent expenditure will have to be incurred after peace is signed for making good naval and military material, railways, canals, &c., we hear of immense sums which experts consider necessary for this purpose. Family and unemployed relief will also absorb a great deal of money, and the empire will be faced with a deficit of not less than \$20,000,000,000, which will necessitate new loans. Moreover the Federal States and the communal authorities have cut down their expenditure to a minimum during three long years, and will have to make up for neglect of drainage, paving, school buildings, railways, and other works. This may well bring the grand total of indebtedness up to \$22,500,000,000, which would require not \$2,500,000,000, but as much as \$3,750,000,000 or \$4,000,000,000 in interest—a gloomy prospect."

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SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING.
Ramblers Win.
The Ramblers took three points and the Whips one in last night's city and league match. Details follow:

Ramblers.		Total.	
Duffy	80	83	276
Jordan	81	80	248
Beattay	84	98	103
Coughlan	100	92	101
Riley	85	89	104
	440	462	468
Whips.		Total.	
Walsh	85	90	87
Kerr	81	81	87
Thurston	89	82	79
McCaw	85	114	88
Williams	81	80	87
	426	457	482

RING
Griffith Came Back
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—In ten rapid-fire rounds last night, Ted Lewis of England and Johnny Griffith of Akron, welterweights, fought to a draw, despite the fact that Lewis, in the sixth, floored Griffith and had him weak and groggy in the seventh.

Gunboat the Winner
Gunboat Smith, California heavyweight, found Frank Moran, Pittsburg blonde, rather an easy opponent in their round bout at the Clermont A. C., Brooklyn, on Tuesday night. In every one of the ten rounds Smith had an advantage over his sturdy rival, and forced the fighting throughout. He won because Moran was too cautious in his tactics and failed to take advantage of numerous openings left by Gunboat.

On the other hand, Smith followed up every opportunity that was presented to get in a telling blow on Moran. He worked a left uppercut with dire effect on Moran's face, and though he missed more times than he connected with his heavy right back of the ear, he hurt the Pittsburger when he did get this blow home.

In only two rounds did Moran exhibit the form expected of him. Momentarily in the seventh and tenth rounds he worried Smith with his heavy right hand smashes to the stomach, and in each session he sent Smith whirling to the ropes. But he never took full advantage of these occasions and the result was that Smith had time enough in each to recuperate and come back to gain the advantage of the session. In the tenth

Speedy Rush has been in charge of football at Princeton. He came here from the University School in Cleveland, where he was an instructor and athletic coach. He is a graduate of Princeton, but during his four years here he never played any football. He was on the track team, and was one of the fastest sprinters in intercollegiate ranks, which gained him the name Speedy. This nickname stayed with him during his undergraduate days, and has remained with him ever since.

TURF
Billings Gets 5-Year-Old.
Chicago, Dec. 19.—In the first day's success of trotters and pacers at the Union Stock Yards show-room today twenty-two horses brought a total of \$11,605, or an average of \$527 each. The Lark, (9.09%), five-year-old trotting mare, by Carlockin-Subito, went to a representative of C. K. J. Billings of New York, for \$1,500, the highest price of the day.

COLLEGE TOURNAMENT.
New York, Dec. 22.—Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, each represented by four players, began their 21st annual chess tournament here on Thursday. The pairing for the first round was Yale vs. Princeton and Harvard vs. Columbia.

PROMOTERS ANGLING FOR CARPENTIER BOUT
New York, Dec. 20.—If Georges Carpentier fails to get the necessary permission to come here to box the blame can be laid at the door of those promoters who became wildly enthusiastic over a proposition as soon as Tex Rickard had laid plans for it. After he began to bid high for the bout others began to do the same. Now the chances of getting Carpentier here for a bout have started more of the same kind of work. Rickard alone would undoubtedly be able to arrange for the permission needed to get the French champion, since he was willing to pay \$25,000 to the war relief fund. Then the others, thinking several laps behind a real promoter, endeavored to beat him to the prize. The result is that action has been delayed and because of all the publicity and offers that are being made, permission may be refused. The activity of certain promoters to get Carpentier once it became known that Rickard was after him seems likely to spoil the chances of his coming here.

RE-APPOINTS ROWLAND.
Chicago, Dec. 21.—Clarence Rowland, who managed the Chicago club in the American League last season, has been re-appointed to manage the club next year.

Cubs Get McTigue.
Toronto, Dec. 20.—President McCaffery last night announced the sale of Fletcher McTigue to the Chicago national League club. The Toronto club is to get two players and a cash consideration for the port side twirler.

McTigue was the best twirler the Leafs had last season, with the exception of Urban Shocker.

McTigue went from Montreal to the Boston Nationals, but was unconditionally released, and was then signed by Manager Clymer for the Toronto club. Detroit got him from the Leafs, and later turned him back. He has pitched excellent ball for Toronto since that period.

FOOTBALL
Rush Continues as Coach.
Princeton, N. J., Dec. 22.—It is announced by George R. Murray, treasurer of the Princeton A. A., that John H. Rush has been appointed to coach the Princeton football team for the season of 1917.

Among some of the Tiger followers there was just a little doubt as to whether he would have charge of football again this fall, but in most circles there was satisfaction with Rush's work, and his re-appointment has caused general pleasure, especially among the undergraduates.

This will make the third year that

mobiles in dark and foggy weather because of their low visibility, they are now protected by searchlights installed on near-by buildings, which clearly reveal their presence to approaching motorists. The lights are of the nitrogen-tungsten variety, high-powered, and mounted in reflectors. Placed at the second or third story of a corner building they flood with a bright white light the spot where the officer stands—From the January Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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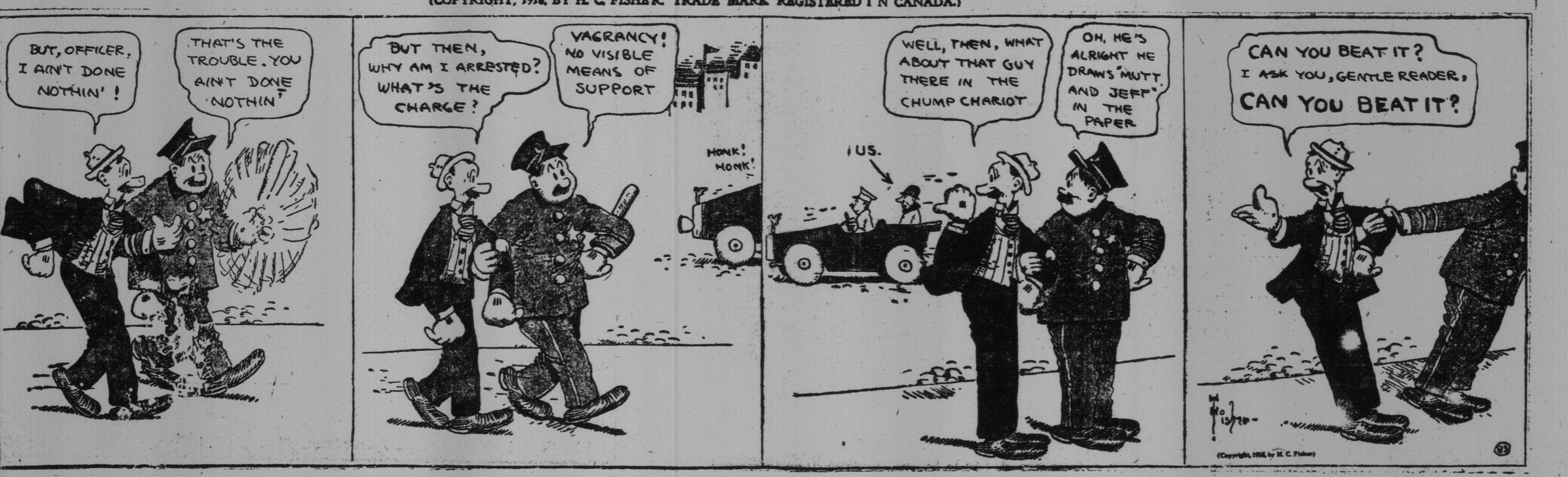
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LOCAL NEWS

COMMON COUNCIL

A meeting of the common council postponed from Tuesday, is being held this afternoon.

BOUNT FOR NOB WALK

The schooner J. Howell Lecker sailed today from St. George for Norwalk, Conn., with a cargo of pulp, according to advice received by local agent J. Willard Smith. Captain Tucker is in command.

SALT ON CAR RAILS

The attention of Commissioner Fisher has been drawn to the illegal use of salt on the street car rails, and he is making some inquiries regarding the regulations on this subject in other cities.

MR. GOULD ON STAND

At this morning's session of the arbitration matter of A. R. Gould and associates vs. the Province of Brunswick, the greater portion of the time was taken up with the cross-examination and re-examination of Ross Thompson. Before noon Mr. Gould took the stand and he was being examined by Mr. Gregory when the court adjourned for dinner.

NEW LIEUTENANTS

In recent general orders appear the names of the following, who have been gazetted lieutenants in the New Brunswick militia units. In the 3rd Canadian Garrison Artillery, Frederick Passmore Gutelius, Jr., son of F. P. Gutelius, general manager of the L. C. B. A. Brown, formerly of the 28th N. B. Dragoons and Hubert Yelverton Haines. In the 78th regiment, Clarence K. McCulley and James Porter and E. Legeur.

JUVENILE COURT.

In the juvenile court this morning a boy aged ten years, was before Presiding Magistrate Henderson on the charge of stealing a pair of rubber boots from the home of Mrs. Lewis in Brunswick street, and also on suspicion of theft of a rooster from the backyard. The lad said he took the boots, but when it came to the rooster he burst into tears and said he did not know anything about it. He was sent home with his father, who will see that the boy is brought back to court on next Wednesday. The mother of the little chap is now in jail and the boy has, according to the police, been allowed too much freedom of late.

PRESSURE INCREASE

OF THIRTY POUNDS

Results of Pipe Cleaning Operations in City Road—Contract One of Most Troublesome Company Has Had

The pipe cleaning contract on which work is being carried on in the city at present is said to have been, so far, the most troublesome job of its kind the company ever has undertaken. The contract covers the cleaning of the two mains in City road, from Marsh bridge to Pond street, the main in Paradise row and up Main street to Adelaide and the two mains in Brunswick street. Under ordinary circumstances the whole contract would have been completed by this time, but the difficulties have been so great that the only portion completed is that from the Marsh bridge to the Dorchester street bridge, in which one main has been completed while work still is in progress on the other pipe in the same stretch.

The chief trouble was due to breakages in the pipe, which the contract requires the company to make good at their own expense. Several of the breaks occurred in places where the main is buried from twelve to sixteen feet and this necessitated a great deal of excavation. In one place an old timber sewer above the water main gave a lot of trouble. In this same section, the valves did not rise entirely clear of the main when opened and, in order to allow the cleaning machine to pass, the top of the valve had to be taken off and, in many cases this meant an extra excavation as these valves were not provided with vaults.

One result of all the trouble with this main is that it now is in much better condition than it was before the cleaning operations started, due not only to the cleaning but to the many sections of new pipe which have been installed by the cleaning company.

Since the operations in this section have been completed the pressure has shown an increase of thirty pounds, now registering ninety instead of sixty.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County
J. C. Baker to Maybelle E. wife of J. C. Baker, property in Union street.
J. N. Bradshaw to F. E. Bradshaw, property in St. Martins.
F. E. Bradshaw to Bessie V. wife of F. E. Bradshaw, property in St. Martins.
W. P. McDonald to J. M. Donovan property in Simonds.

Kings County
Agnes Carson to G. M. and W. S. Harding, property in Robbsey.
J. B. Crane to T. J. Mervin, property in Sussex.
W. A. Keirstead to J. W. Ganong, property in Springfield.
John Turney to Margaret Turney, property in Havelock.

CAPTAIN BLAIKIE NOT TO DIE

Germany Decide Attempt to Ram U-Boat was Justified.

In the British House of Commons this week, A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said the German foreign office had given assurance that Captain James Blaikie, taken prisoner by the Germans at the time the British steamship Caledonia was sunk, would not share the fate of Captain Charles Fryatt of the British steamship Brussels, who was put to death after being convicted by German courts on a charge that his vessel attempted to ram a German submarine.

Personal assurance to this effect, Bonar Law said, had been given to the American embassy at Berlin.

It was added that Germany considered the Caledonia an armed cruiser and that Captain Blaikie, in attempting to ram the submarine, was merely performing his duty. The Caledonia was the steamship which took the 89th Battalion from St. John to England.

LONG SERVICE MEDAL FOR LIEUT.-COL. G. W. FOWLER

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Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Fowler, M. P., commanding the 104th battalion, now in England, has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal, given to those having served twenty years or more in the active militia of Canada.

Lieutenant Colonel Fowler during the part of his military service was connected with the 8th Hussars.

FREE FOR TWO WEEKS FROM TEACHERS SWAY

(Continued from page 1.)
tion of having finished at the top of her class there in the Christmas examinations, her average being 88.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc presided at the exercises, and those in attendance included: His Worship Mayor Hayes, Dr. S. H. Bridges, superintendent of city schools; S. B. Emerson, chairman of school board; Mrs. James Dever and Thomas Nagle, members of the school board; Rev. M. P. Howland, Rev. H. L. Coughlan and Rev. Francis Walker of the Cathedral staff.

Mayor Hayes, who was called upon to present the Corporation medal, said it was a great pleasure for him to be present on such an occasion. On behalf of the citizens of St. John he extended most hearty congratulations to Miss Chaisson, the daughter of his old friend. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, in making the presentation of the Alumnae gold medal, congratulated the winner. He also paid a high tribute to her nearest competitor, Miss Madeline Dwyer, who was only a few marks behind Miss Chaisson, especially in the skills medal for proficiency in English literature. His Lordship suggested that some recognition should be made Miss Dwyer's excellent showing.

Dr. Bridges, in presenting the Ellis medal to Miss Chaisson for excellence in mathematics, paid a high tribute to the cleverness of the winner. He said that she demonstrated it against the intellect of her own school, the city and indeed, the whole province, and today she was making a new name for herself at Normal school. He added that the honors bestowed on her had not changed her disposition; she was still the same unassuming girl, who possessed the virtue of common sense. He also congratulated Sister Francesca on the good showing made by her pupil. Dr. Bridges extended the season's greetings to the girls of the High school.

The following is the programme:
March—Misses M. McQuade and E. Williams.
Christmas Hymn.
Presentation of Alumnae Gold Medal by His Lordship, the Bishop to Miss Mary Chaisson.
Song—Miss Gertrude O'Neil.
Corporation Gold Medal by His Worship, Mayor Hayes to Miss Mary Chaisson.
Christ Child the Ideal of Childhood—read by Miss Y. Waterbury.
Gold Medal for English Language and Literature—donated and presented by Mrs. James Dever to Miss Mary Chaisson.
Ellis Gold Medal for Mathematics—presented to Miss Mary Chaisson by Dr. H. S. Bridges.
God Save the King.

Victoria School

Advanced Section
The following excellent programme was given:
Chorus, "Sweet Christmas Bells," school.
Recitation, "When Santa Claus Was Ill," Roberta Smith.
Christmas exercise by seven girls, Grade V.
Chorus, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," school.
Recitation, "The Very Best Kind of a Christmas Tree," Myrtle Paterson.
Violin duo, Lillian and Winifred Hawker.
Solo and chorus, girls of Grade VI.
Recitation, "The Song of Christmas," Evelyn Hansen.
Chorus, "Ring Out the Bells for Christmas," school.
Recitation, "Christmas Bells," Jennie Knodell.
Chorus, "Come to My Beautiful Home," girls in Grades VII and VIII.
Recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," Harold Mallory.
Chorus, "Carol, Sweetly Carol," school.
Recitation, "December," Stanley Israel.
Salutation of flag and national anthem.

Primary Section
Chorus, "Once Royal David's City," school.
Recitation, "Santa and the Mouse," Grade III boys.
Song of Nursery Rhymes, Grade I.
Recitation, "Canada to England," Lawrence Isaacs.
Chorus, "Jack Frost," school.
Recitation, "When I Was at the Party," Ruth Davidson.
Recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," Grade II boys.
Exercise, "Christmas Candles," Grade II girls.
Recitation, "Guess," Grade I girls.
Chorus, "Holy Night," school.
Recitation, "Silent Santa Claus," Margaret Anderson.
Song, "Santa Claus and His Children," Grade I boys.
Chorus, "There Came a Little Child to Earth," school.
Recitation, "Two Little Stockings," Mildred Basson.
Solo by Muriel Curren.
Cantata, "Santa Claus," Grade III girls.
Chorus, "Santa Claus Land," school.
Exercise, "Christmas All Over the Land," girls of Grade IV and V.
Chorus, "Noel," school.
Solo, "God Save Our Splendid Men," Elinor Holder.
Followed immediately by flag salute and "God Save the King."

King Edward School

The programme was as follows:
Opening Carol, Seelye Carol, school.
Address, Principal Rex. R. Cormier.
Song, Miss Payson's, Grade I.
Recitation by ten pupils from Miss Fairweather's, Grade III.
Song, Miss Comdon's, Grade II.
Recitation, by Marjory Bailey, from Miss Vradenburg's, Grade IV.
Song, twenty pupils from Miss Nicholson's, Grade II.
British Empire drill, twelve boys from Miss Allan's, Grade VI, and Dorothy Stewart.
Song, Miss Perley's, Grade V.
One-act comedy by four of Mr. Cormier's boys, Grade VIII.
God Save the King.

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