

CHRISTMAS UNMASKED BY HEAVY FIGHTING GREECE TURNED DOWN GERMAN PROPOSAL

BULGARS AND TURKS MUST NOT CROSS FRONTIER GREEK KING INFORMS THE KAISER

Germany Loses Out in Bargaining — What Greece Will Do Should Order Be Violated Next Interesting Development — Storm of Criticism of Government Breaks Loose in England.

London, Dec. 27.—King Constantine has telegraphed to Emperor William, saying that it would be impossible to allow Bulgarian or Turkish troops to cross the Greek frontier, says the Mail's correspondent at Athens, who had interviews with the Greek ministers.

M. Gounoris, Minister of the Interior, candidly confessed according to the correspondent that he did not know what would be done if the Bulgarians or Turks attempted to cross the frontier. Minister of Justice Rhalis, on the other hand, was just as emphatic in declaring that no Turk or Bulgarian would be permitted to set foot on Greek soil.

London, Dec. 27.—Speculation over the development of an attack on the Entente Allies at Saloniki continues. Some papers credit the Central Powers with a plan to bear down on Saloniki from three sides, the Germans forming the centre, with the Turks and Bulgarians on the left and right wings respectively.

From different correspondents come various reports on the situation in the Balkans, some contending that the Bulgarians have accomplished all the territorial gains within their immediate ambitions, and therefore will not move further. Other correspondents represent them as being determined to extend their boundaries to include the important port of Saloniki.

The Balkans. Germany is probably confronted with the problem of reconciling the conflicting ambitions of her two Balkan allies, Turkey and Bulgaria, and the trying to keep the friendship of Greece, whose support she is credited with still hoping to gain.

The latest reported Greek move is the prohibition of the export of food supplies from Greece to the Franco-British army at Saloniki. General Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, has visited King Constantine, the Greek army staff, and the ministers of the Allied countries.

King Peter, of Serbia, has arrived in Italy from Avlona, and will be the guest of King Victor Emmanuel. The king Peter will be entertained in the royal palace at Caserta.

Christmas passed without heavy fighting anywhere on the European fronts. It passed also without a trace, which gave a touch of humanity to Christmas Day a year ago. The United Kingdom, however, witnessed a general abandonment of the truce between the political parties, which was observed during the early months of the war, and which apparently was cemented for the duration of the war when the coalition government was formed.

The past week has seen a steady growth of the newspaper attacks on the government, the general burden of which is the lack of decision, and the mismanagement of the Dardanelles enterprise. While all newspapers disclaim any partisan motives, all the more prominent ones participating in the opposition, belong to the Conservative party, with the exception of the Manchester Guardian.

The newspapers hold Premier Asquith responsible for the conduct of the war. The Northcliffe group, headed by the Times and the Daily Mail, with the support of the Morning Post was joined today by the Observer, which is the foremost Sunday paper, and the Referee, which has a large audience among the masses.

David Lloyd George is the only candidate advanced for succession. He commanded Lord Northcliffe's support some time ago, in his speech charging the government with being "too late" at the most important crisis of the war, and at the same time urged for himself a larger following.

The two latest accounts of the cabinet are the post-holiday Bill, and the postponement of giving the country any indication of the result of the election. In the meantime Lloyd George's appeal to relax union ties in institutions works to permit the entry of 50,000 unskilled laborers is awaited with interest. One hundred and fifty delegates of the engineering society met in London this week to consider terms for settling all differences with the government.

Attempted Landing at Kavala Protested. Berlin, Dec. 26, via wireless to Bay-

MESSAGE OF UNWAVERING FAITH FROM MEN IN THE TRENCHES TO LOVED ONES

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—General Sir Sam Hughes has received the following despatch from Sir Max Aitken:

"From the Canadian in the trenches to the loved ones at home. The message from the Finnish trenches to the homes of Canada at this season of traditional peace and good will is a matter of deeds, rather than of words. Words are used 'tis true,—in private letters—words of encouragement, of love and of hope; but, however, inadequate are the fondest words of these Canadian soldiers to express such love and faith and sacrifice as their deeds disclose. Let Canadian that her sons here on the gased and pitted frontier of war have unshaken faith in the ultimate victory of right over wrong, of life over death.

By their cheerfulness in danger and discomfort, by their devotion to the perilous duties of gray days, and desolate fire-lit night, their loved ones in their beloved country across the sea may read their high confidence in their cause, in their leaders, in their brothers in arms and in the final success, from the front line trench, where the fire of the German machine gun snaps along the grey and sodden parapet.

"Your men send you the message of good cheer, hearts undimmed by pain, peril and loneliness, yes, by death beyond, strengthen your hearts. From low digouts in fields scarred by shell fire, from narrow saps behind bullet torn hedges, from scattered farmsteads and uneasy rest camps goes out to you the message of boundless love and of unwavering faith.

"Christmas Day, 1915."

ANOTHER RAILWAY TO WINNIPEG FROM FORT WILLIAM

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Another railway from Fort William to Winnipeg is projected. Application will be made to parliament for incorporation of the Manitoba Ontario Railway Co., to run from Fort William to the Lake of the Woods and thence to Winnipeg, with a line also running from Fort William south-westerly to the United States boundary between Rainy Lake and Pigeon Bay, and also a branch from a point on the first line at Manitowish Lake to Dryden, and thence north to the National Transcontinental within the district of Kenora.

Extension of time is sought from parliament by the Central Western Canada Railway Co.

SECOND CANADIAN LOAN \$300,000,000

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Sir Geo. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, intimated in an address at the People's Forum tonight that a Canadian domestic loan of \$300,000,000 might soon follow the recent issue of \$100,000,000. Sir George said that Canadians would be called on to bear a greater share in the financing of the war.

Aybarsu. Our artillery hit the torpedo boat.

"Near Seddul Bahr our artillery caused considerable damage to the enemy's trenches before our left wing. An aeroplane was shot down near Birsabab. We captured the pilot, a French captain. Baron De Ceron. A British Lieutenant, acting as an observer was killed."

THE GOAL DRAWS NEARER INTO SIGHT, HIS MAJESTY SAYS IN NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The following message from His Majesty the King to British subjects throughout the Empire, was received by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught tonight:

"Another Christmas finds all the resources of the Empire still engaged in war, and I desire to convey on my own, and on behalf of the Queen, a heartfelt Christmas greeting and our good wishes for the New Year to all who on sea and land are upholding the honor of the British name. In the officers and men of my navy on whom the security of the Empire depends, I repose in common with all my subjects a trust that is absolute.

"On the officers and men of my armies whether now in France, in the east or in other fields, I rely with an equal faith, confident that their devotion, their valor and their self-sacrifice will, under God's Guidance, lead to victory and an honorable peace. There are many of their comrades now, alas, in hospital, and to these brave men, also, I desire with the Queen to express our deep gratitude and our earnest prayers for their recovery. Officers and men of the navy and of the army, another year is drawing to a close as it began in toil, bloodshed and suffering, but I rejoice to know that the goal to which you are striving draws nearer into sight. May God bless you and all your undertakings.

(Sgd.) "GEORGE, R. I."

MONTENEGRINS DEFEAT AUSTRIANS WITH HEAVY LOSSES ON THE SANJAK

Paris, Dec. 26.—A Montenegrin official statement received here late last night, says:—

"On Dec. 23 our Sanjaka army, in continuance of its offensive, attacked the enemy towards Loponatz. After a severe struggle the enemy was completely repulsed and driven back on Bjelopolje, leaving on the field five hundred dead. We took prisoner one hundred men, including a captain.

"On the other fronts there have been artillery duels and infantry combats."

ENEMY ENTRENCHING. London, Dec. 26.—The Montenegrins official statement, issued yesterday, reads as follows:—

"There has been little change in the Montenegrin front since December 21. The Austrians are entrenching on the entire front in Sanjak. They have driven away the whole civilian population from the right bank of the Tara.

"The enemy attacked our positions near Berane, but were repulsed with heavy losses, leaving behind a large number of prisoners from the 19th Hungarian Battalion."

SAYS LLOYD GEORGE 500 IN MONTH ONLY MAN TO HEAD A NEW NATIONAL GOV'T

Observer declares he is one of the few who know Devil's Real Name is Inertia.

London, Dec. 26.—"The country is waiting and longing for a great fighting leader," says the Observer in an article denouncing Premier Asquith's leadership, and declaring that David Lloyd George is the "only possible head of a new national government."

"Week after week, month after month, on one question after another, upon great questions and little, whenever there is the least difficulty, there is procrastination," continues the Observer. "What are we thinking of to tolerate these things after seventeen months of war, when all hope of improvement has finally been quenched?"

"We can only urge Mr. Lloyd George to put his faith in the country, as Chatham did. Mr. Lloyd George is one of the few who know that the devil's real name is inertia. He spent Christmas on the Clyde, putting the nation's fork first; he did not adjourn his job over the holidays. We want decision and action, not irresolution, adjournment and words.

"We have no hostility towards Mr. Asquith, but the question of efficiency must be settled in the next few weeks."

CANADA WILL NOT HAVE TO RESORT TO NEW TAXATION

Hon. Mr. White's Budget of last February will yield more than the \$150,000,000 aimed at and Special Taxes have been fully up to expectations — No changes in tariff likely.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—It is now clear according to a statement made in official circles that new war taxation will not be necessary and that no tariff changes will be made by parliament which opens on January 12. The budget of February last will yield not only the \$150,000,000 aimed at by Hon. W. T. White, finance minister, but many millions additional. The special taxation upon banks' trust and loan companies, upon railway and parlor car tickets and telegraph companies is quite up to expectations. The stamp tax upon cheques and drafts and the increased postal tax have given substantial returns.

The tariff increases of five and seven and a half per cent. have not only added greatly to the revenues of the Dominion, but have given an impetus to all Canadian industries.

If the revenue continues to mount until the end of the fiscal year, in March next, no changes for next year will be considered and Canada's income will enable her to pay a substantial part of her war expenditure. On account of the bounding revenue and decreased expenditure it has been possible for the finance department to pay Canada's war expenditure in the Dominion since July last and of make advances from time to time to the shell committee for imperial treasury account. Between increased revenue and diminished expenditure the financial position of the Dominion on ordinary and capital account is at least \$25,000,000 more favorable than it was this time last year when the revenues were being cut in halves by dislocation of business resulting from the outbreak of war.

FIERCE STORM SWEEPS N. Y. DIES SUDDENLY IN LOCK-UP AT SUSSEX

Nearly All Elements Join Forces in Wrecking Property and Causing Death.

New York, Dec. 26.—One of the weirdest storms the east has seen in many years—rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning, and a gale that reached a maximum velocity of 90 miles an hour—descended from the northwest early today, as the aftermath of a Christmas fog. It indirectly caused seven deaths in this vicinity, carried down telegraph wires, damaged shipping, crippled railroad traffic, and caused considerable property damage.

The deaths in the city resulting from the gale all occurred this morning, while the blinding snowstorm was at its height. A fireman was fatally injured while responding to an alarm. A woman was run over by a street car, the motorman of which could not see her on the tracks. Another woman collapsed and died in the streets while battling against the gale on her way to church. Others died from exposure. Scores of persons were more or less seriously injured.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, Dec. 26.—George Spikeman, aged 35 years, died in the town police cells on Christmas eve. The deceased, who was a native of England, came here about ten years ago and while employed as a section man on the I. C. R. about a year ago had the misfortune to be afflicted with blood poisoning and had to have one of his hands amputated at the St. John hospital. Since then he has been out of employment. On Friday night, about eight o'clock, while in the vicinity of the I. C. R. depot he was observed to fall and Town Marshal Ashbell being summoned, conveyed him to the lock-up on a team, presuming that his collapse had been caused by an over indulgence in liquor. On visiting the police cells on Christmas morning Chief Ashbell found Spikeman dead. The body was removed to funeral director Wallace's morgue.

Coroner Wallace empanelled a jury who reviewed the remains, and an inquest will be held tomorrow at two o'clock. It is thought that Spikeman met his death from acute poisoning, probably wood alcohol of some kind, as his tongue and lips were badly swollen also his stomach. He has a brother in Montreal and several relatives in England.

700 MEN FROM FRANCE HAVE RETURNED TO CANADA TO CONVALESCENCE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—About seven hundred soldiers returned from the fighting lines are now convalescing in Canada. Owing to the slowness of the authorities in some districts in notifying headquarters, the exact figures are not available but it is computed that there are about 450 men in convalescent hospitals and 250 who are being treated at their own homes. These report weekly to the nearest local hospitals as to their condition. The convalescent soldiers are quartered in various points from coast to coast but the greater number are at Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal. The convalescents are being added to from week to week at the rate of about 150 weekly and they are now examined and reported upon at Liverpool or on the way across the Atlantic so that there will be no delay at the port of landing in Canada. More hospital accommodation is required in the West, E. H. Scammell, who is the official in charge of this work leaves tomorrow for Winnipeg and Regina to arrange for this.

In early life Mr. Fraser was a blacksmith by trade, and conducted a shop in partnership with G. Forrest McKay. This shop grew and expanded into the Hope Iron Works, then the Nova Scotia Forge Works, and ultimately the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company.

Mr. Fraser was sixty-eight years of age and his death will be learned with deep regret by the industrial world in Canada.

NEW GLASGOW LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN

New Glasgow, N. S., Dec. 26.—The town of New Glasgow was shocked on Christmas morning to learn of the sudden death of its foremost citizen, Graham Fraser, one of the founders of the New Glasgow's industrial wealth, and a man personally esteemed and respected by all the townspeople.

ROAR OF SHELLS USHERS IN CHRISTMAS MORN

Graphic Account of Christmas Eve on the Battlefield in Arras -- Spirit of Arras Survives Among Heap of Ruins-- Santa Claus and Christmas Spirit Defy German Shells -- Orchestra and Concert in Trenches

Arras, on the French Front, Dec. 26.—Hundreds of big shells tore the air over Arras all Friday afternoon. The echoes of these were the last complaints of the season, and they had no sooner died away than the life of Arras began to show itself through the open collar doors and windows, in preparation for the usual Christmas Eve festivities.

The people of the Arras region rise above their afflictions due to the war, and the spirit of Arras survives among the heaps of ruins.

"It would be really a shame if we had not got used to it during all these months," said a woman selling postal cards and stationery by a candle light on the first floor of a building, three parts open to the sky. "What we've got to do," the woman continued, "is to hold out for final victory and lasting peace."

All along the roads in this region two lines passed in different directions, some with pick, shovel and rifle were going to take their turn in the trenches, while others were going back to the old village church to swell the congregation. Officers, including generals, colonels, captains and lieutenants, with a sprinkling of civilians and many women, were in attendance. As in the quarters of the soldiers near the trenches, everything in the attitude of the service brought out the same note: "Peace through victory."

A chaplain with the red ribbons of the Legion of Honor on his sash, who had lost several brothers and had four more in the army, all of whom have been cited in orders of the day, and he himself twice cited for heroic conduct, preached on "peace through victory."

A stretcher bearer, with a military medal, a grenadier, with a war cross on his breast, sang a Christmas anthem to the accompaniment of the modest old organ, played by a simple soldier with such a master hand that the strains were quite inspiring as the best cathedral music. The last notes "peace on earth, good will to men" died away as the congregation was being dismissed.

Santa Claus Defies Shells.

"That is quite possible," replied a captain, "but the destination of a shell is something over which we have not control yet, however we lieutenants." But the lieutenant was absorbed in an illustrated paper, which had just arrived, and made no comment.

Santa Claus and the Christmas spirit, in spite of the war, were in evidence everywhere along the Arras battlefield, where the correspondent passed Christmas Eve. They were in the trenches and shelters with the simple soldiers; in the temporary barracks where the traditional Christmas Eve theatre was replaced by an improvised concert and vaudeville that rivalled best Paris could do in time of peace; in the quarters where the officers celebrated, with no less simplicity and dignity, and in the first little church still defying shell fire.

69TH PRESENTS SILVER CUP TO ST. DAVID'S

Presentation yesterday at service in recognition of kindness received by men of Battalion.

At the morning service yesterday in St. David's church Major Williams on behalf of "B" company, 69th Battalion, presented to the church a very handsome silver cup, suitably engraved, in recognition of the many kindnesses received from the church during their stay here.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY TO COURT REPORTER

Fred Devine died last evening—Was about city yesterday—Thirty years as Court Stenographer.

The very many friends of Fred Devine were shocked to learn of his sudden death which took place last evening in his home, Prince William street. Mr. Devine was about the city yesterday afternoon and partook of a hearty supper. Shortly afterwards he became ill and died almost instantly.

GUARDIANS OF THE PEACE HAD BUSY WEEK-END AND VARIED DOCKET AWAITS MAGISTRATE THIS MORNING.

The police were kept busy on Friday and Saturday. Many men under the influence of liquor who were quite able to get along home with the assistance of friends were allowed to do so, but those who were less fortunate were taken to the patrol wagon.

On Friday I. C. R. Policeman Roberts and a Military Policeman, arrested Fred Bell on the charge of being drunk, disorderly, profane and resisting police. Alfred Williams was arrested on Water street by Officers McNamee and McLeese for being drunk, profane, obscene and resisting arrest.

GEORGE ASKS UNIONS TO CUT RED TAPE

Munitions Minister Spends Christmas Making Appeal to 3,000 Trade Unionists to Relax Rules to Permit Unskilled Labor to Work on Munitions.

London, Dec. 26.—David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, addressed a meeting of some three thousand trade union officials and work stewards at Glasgow Saturday on the imperative need of dilution of skilled by unskilled labor.

Mr. Lloyd George explained that he had come to submit proposals, on the acceptance of which depended, not only victory, but the saving of numberless lives. It was impossible for him to report through parliament to the British army that skilled workmen refused to suspend their rules to save their fellow workmen on the battlefield.

"Either we must tell the soldiers that we are sorry we cannot get the tools to enable them to win through 1916, owing to the trade union rules which must be relaxed if they manage to hold out for another year perhaps American workmen will help us get a sufficient supply for 1917."

"Whom do you trust?" Mr. Lloyd George demanded, and the voices replied: "Nobody."

Continuing the minister of munitions emphasized the point that the Russian retreat was due to the aid the German workmen gave his comrades in the field by manufacturing an endless supply of guns and shells, and it was the French workmen, he declared, coming to the rescue that enabled France to successfully face this terrible machine. "Victory is impossible for us, unless the British workmen frankly followed the example of his French comrades, without cavil, and above all without delay."

"I cannot return to parliament," he said, "and report, through the House of Commons, to the British army that skilled workmen won't suspend their rules to save their fellow countrymen in the battlefield."

NORTH END MAN RESCUE CREW OF STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

William Connell has sudden call—Was out yesterday.

William Connell, a young man, died suddenly in a house at the rear of 33 Simons street. Connell had been about the streets in the early afternoon and on his return to the house he lay down on the floor and suddenly expired. The death was reported to Coroner Roberts who gave permission for the remains to be removed to O'Neill's undertaking warehouse on Mall street.

SUNDAY SCHOOL XMAS SERVICE IN EXMOUTH ST.

The Sunday school Christmas service at Exmouth street Methodist church was largely attended, the music being of a special character and appropriate for the season. The program was as follows:

Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful, school. Opening chorus, Joy to The World, school. Responsive reading, led by Gordon Stevens. Prayer, Rev. W. G. Lane. Chorus, Hear Them, school. Recitation, Redburn Jack. Solo, Holy Night, Emma Rand. Exercise, Christmas Emblems, four girls. Chorus, Christmas Pruss, school. Recitation, Edna Crump. Solo, Whiter Than Snow, Ethnor Romney. Exercise, Christmas Candles, three girls, four boys with chorus by primary departments. Recitation, Redburn Jack. Chorus, Merry Bells of Christmas, school. Recitation, Dorothy Hendron. Solo, Tidings of Love, Greta Love with chorus by school. Exercise, Christmas, nine girls. Offering, anthem by choir. Solo, Shining Star, Muriel Perry. Exercise, The Charm of the Ages, four boys. Chorus, The Christ Child's Lullaby, school. Solo, Mabel Shaw. Recitation, Albert Purdy. Chorus, Glory To God, school. Recitation, W. G. Lane. Closing chorus, school. God Save the King.

London, Dec. 26.—A British official statement issued tonight says: "There is no truth in the report of the sinking of British monitors in the Tigris, which was announced recently in a Turkish official communication. No armed vessels have been sunk, except two small river gunboats, the abandonment of which was announced in an official report issued on December 4."

BRITISH FREIGHTER CLAN MACLEOD TORPEDOED WHILE IN ADMIRALTY'S SERVICE AND SEVERAL OF CREW KILLED.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Lord Cromer arrived yesterday from Calcutta, reporting the rescue of a boat load of men from the British freighter Clan MacLeod, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The Lord Cromer picked up Captain Goodwin, of the MacLeod, who had been wounded by shells, and 48 members of the crew. All were landed at Algiers. Another boat, containing 20 of the MacLeod's men, was missing at the time.

Captain Goodwin told officers of the Lord Cromer that his vessel was an admiralty business and was sunk by the submarine on November 30. The Clan MacLeod had been ordered to stop, but the captain sent his ship full speed ahead, and was shelled until he signalled surrender, and ordered his men to the boats. Captain Goodwin lost his right hand and leg, while several other members of the crew were killed or seriously injured.

CASUALTY LIST

First Battalion
Died of heart disease, Dec. 8.—Pte. Thomas James Clements, formerly 34th Battalion, Galt, Ont.
Slightly wounded—Chas. Busher, formerly 33rd Battalion, Boston, Mass.

Second Battalion
Wounded—Thomas Crawford, formerly 35th Battalion, Elphinstone, Ont.; Albert Bennett, Cornwall, Ont.

Twentieth Battalion
Wounded—Sergeant Major William Rowe Whitten, 67 Ritchie Ave., Toronto.

Twenty-fourth Battalion
Died of wounds, Dec. 23.—John J. Shannon, Leominster, Mass.

Thirty-fifth Battalion
Died, Dec. 25th—Albert Edward Hocker, England.

Forty-third Battalion
Slightly injured—Wm. E. Booker, England.

Fifty-fourth Battalion
Died—G. Henry MacLeod, Scotland.

ALARM OVER CONDITION OF THE KAISER.

Rumors Say Illness Causing Profound Anxiety in the German Capital.

London, Dec. 26.—Alarming rumors, probably of an exaggerated nature, are being circulated in Switzerland today concerning Emperor William's illness, according to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegram Company. The rumors state, says the correspondent, that the Emperor's condition is causing profound anxiety in Berlin.

Net Losses 200,000 a Month.

We have, however, a considerable amount of other evidence which shows that the German losses are very much greater than they admit. Even when there is not what is now called "hard fighting," the drain on the resources of the army is very considerable. Between May 1 and June 30 four divisions under General von Flock suffered the following losses:

	Killed	Wounded	Missing
15th Reserve Div	42	131	—
16th Reserve Div	230	1,020	—
15th Division	208	863	1
54th Division	109	531	2

These figures show a total of 589 killed, including nine officers, 2,511 wounded, including 25 officers, and four missing. This gives an average of 147 killed and 840 wounded during fifty days, and of 88 killed and 384 wounded per division per month. This does not include sickness statistics. During the period in question these divisions were in Champagne and took part in no serious engagements.

Mr. Belloc estimates that the German losses amount to an average of 400,000 men a month. Colonel Foyler, taking what he admits to be a minimum estimate, reckons them at 150,000 a month. The information at my disposal leads me to believe that the truth lies between these two extremes and that during the last six months of the war the German casualties have reached 300,000 a month, exactly as they did during the first six months. Not more than one-third of this total is able to return to the front, so that the German net losses amount to 200,000 a month.

The Drain Measure by Measure.

At the beginning of the war Germany apart from the elements of her active army, had two distinct sources on which she could draw to obtain the men she needed to fill up the gaps and to form new units.

First, the Reserve, the Ersatz Reserve, the Landwehr, and the trained Landsturm (second ban), all of which had received a more or less thorough military training. All these men were called on during the first year of the campaign, as well as the 1914 contingent (men born in 1894), and the volunteers of the 1915 and 1916 contingents. These served to bring the units to the front, to keep up the necessary supply of men.

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THE JESSE L. LASKY FEATURE PLAY COMPANY has organized a company of special strength to appear with Charlotte Walker in the picture of "Kindling," the famous play of Charles Kenyon which is now being offered on the screen by arrangement with E. J. Bowes. In addition to Miss Walker, who assumes the stellar role of Maggie Schultz, the organization includes Thomas Melghan, Raymond Hatton, Mrs. Lewis McCord, Billy Blinn, Lillian Langdon, Florence Dagmar and Tom Forman. "Kindling" is a departure from the order of photographs which the Lasky Company has recently offered. It is a terrific attack on the conditions in the slums of big cities and the landlords who think only of their rents.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Another of the organizations which brought Christmas cheer to many a home was the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Cathedral parish. In addition to their weekly donations the society on Thursday night distributed nearly a hundred baskets, generously filled with food and delicacies, while boys helped keep alive in many a child's heart faith in Santa Claus. For the past week the members of the society had been busy preparing baskets and as result of the efforts Christmas Day was gladdened in some homes where otherwise the spirit of the occasion would have been lacking.

Mrs. W. W. White, who had been spending some time in England, returned home yesterday.

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AN ESTIMATE OF THE ENEMY

Representative of the British Press with the French Armies places German casualties at 300,000 a month.

The following despatch has been received from Mr. H. Warner Allen, representative of the British press with the French armies:

Much has been written, often of a contradictory nature, concerning the numerical strength of the German army after the wastage of over a year's warfare and the reserves on which it had to draw to fill up gaps and form new units. Information derived from a variety of sources confirms the following calculations.

During the first fifteen months of the present war—from August, 1914, to the end of October, 1915—the total German losses amounted approximately to four and a half million men on the combined fronts. Of this total three millions may be taken as definitely hors de combat (dead, prisoners or permanently disabled), while the remaining 1,500,000 may be considered as having returned to the fighting line.

The German casualty lists are incomplete. We have it on the authority of prisoners that men who are slightly wounded are not included in the casualty lists. In one case a man was twice wounded and remained several weeks in hospital, and yet his name never appeared in the casualties of his regiment.

Moreover, as a general rule, these lists are delayed, and casualties do not appear in the official list at least two months after they have occurred. A writer in the "Kronische Zeitung" recently stated that the number of killed during the first year of the war was equal to the number of deaths in the German Empire—that is to say, about 850,000. This estimate would seem to correspond with that of the official casualty lists.

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AN ESTIMATE OF THE ENEMY'S LOSSES

Representative of the British Press with the French Armies places German casualties at 300,000 a month.

The following despatch has been received from Mr. H. Warner Allen, the representative of the British press with the French armies:

Much has been written, often of a contradictory nature, concerning the numerical strength of the German army after the wastage of over a year's warfare and the reserves on which it had to draw to fill up gaps and form new units. Information derived from a variety of sources confirms the following calculations.

During the first fifteen months of the present war—from August, 1914, to the end of October, 1915—the total German losses amounted approximately to four and a half million men on the combined fronts. Of this total three millions may be taken as definitely hors de combat (dead, prisoners or permanently disabled), while the remaining 1,500,000 may be considered as having returned to the fighting line. The German casualty lists, as far as they are complete, show that the number of prisoners that men who are only slightly wounded are not included in the casualty lists. In one case a man was twice wounded and remained several weeks in hospital, and yet his name never appeared in the casualties of his regiment.

Moreover, as a general rule, these lists are delayed, and casualties do not appear in them until at least two months after they have occurred. A writer in the "Klonische Zeitung" recently stated that the number of killed during the first year of the war was equal to the exact number of births and deaths in the German Empire—that is to say, about 850,000. This estimate would seem to correspond with that of the official casualty lists.

Net Losses 200,000 a Month.

We have, however, a considerable amount of other evidence which shows that the German losses are very much greater than they admit. Even when there is not what is now called "hard fighting," the drain on the resources of the army is very considerable. Between May 1 and June 20 four divisions under General von Fieck suffered the following losses:

	Killed	W'd	Missing
15th Reserve Div	42	131	—
16th Reserve Div	230	1,020	—
15th Division	208	863	—
54th Division	109	531	2

These figures show a total of 589 killed, including nine officers, 2,551 wounded, including 25 officers, and four missing. This gives an average of 147 killed and 840 wounded during fifty days, and of 88 killed and 384 wounded per division per month. This does not include sickness statistics. During the period in question these divisions were in Champagne and took part in no serious engagements. Mr. Belloc estimates that the German losses amount to an average of 400,000 men a month. Colonel Foyler, who has been in the front since the beginning of the war, estimates that the German net losses amount to 200,000 a month. The information at my disposal leads me to believe that the truth lies between these two extremes and that during the last six months of the war the German casualties have reached 300,000 a month, exactly as they did during the first six months. Not more than one-third of this total is able to return to the front, so that the German net losses amount to 200,000 a month.

The Drain Measure by Measure

At the beginning of the war Germany, apart from the elements of her active army, had two distinct sources on which she could draw to obtain the men she needed to fill up the gaps and to form new units:

First, the Reserve, the Ersatz Reserve, the Landwehr, and the trained Landsturm (second ban), all of which had received a more or less thorough military training. All these men were called on during the first year of the campaign, as well as the 1914 contingent (men born in 1894), and the volunteers of the 1915 and 1916 contingents. These served to bring the ranks of the active army up to war strength and to keep up the necessary supply of men.

Secondly, the untrained Landsturm, composed of men without military training, who had never been incorporated in the active army, either on account of the numerical limitation of a year's contingent or in view of their physical incapacity.

Of these the Landsturm, historically trained or untrained, was to be utilized for home defence, and in the case of the gravest national necessity. Already, however, the trained men of the second ban of the Landsturm—men of from 39 to 45—had been called up, and in February the German authorities considered that the situation was sufficiently serious to justify their calling up for training throughout the Empire the first ban of the Landsturm. Untrained men under 39 years of age. At the same time the 1915 contingent was called up and incorporated. The training of these recruits

was pushed forward very actively, and by the beginning of March reinforcements of men from the untrained Landsturm reached the fronts after only a few weeks' instruction.

The heavy losses suffered by the Germans in the French offensive in Champagne in February and March, 1915, produced a perceptible effect on their organization. Not only did the enemy begin to draw on his untrained reserves, but from this moment he began to form new units, not from fresh troops but from the elements of existing units. Thus in March the French came into contact with new divisions which simply consisted of regiments withdrawn from previously existing divisions.

All Mobilized Up To 45.

The French offensive in the Woerthe (March and April, 1915) and Aisles (May and June, 1915), increased the wastage. They coincided with the opening of the active operations against Russia, and the Germans began to utilize their 1915 contingent.

The losses in officers were very serious. The official lists up to June 1 gave 43,973 officers as killed, wounded and missing. On July 15 this figure had increased to 52,041; that is to say, an increase of 8,068 in six weeks.

On the eastern front the casualties were particularly heavy. German documents show that the 4th Infantry Regiment lost on the Narve 26 officers and over 1,000 men, the 24th Infantry Regiment lost in Galicia 49 officers and 2,746 men, the 1st Reserve Regiment lost 14 officers and 788 men, the 21st Reserve Regiment lost 21 officers and 468 men, the 61st Regiment, 10 officers and 538 men, and the 92nd Regiment 40 officers and 1,196 men.

By the beginning of June orders had been given for the enumeration and registration of the 1916 contingent. Similar orders were given in regard to the 1917 contingent, and even for that of 1918 as far as recruits of over 17 were concerned. At the same time the second ban of the untrained Landsturm—men between 39 and 46—were registered and incorporated. Finally, the whole of the 1916 contingent, which had already been reduced by the number of youths who had volunteered for active service before their time, was called up progressively, so that by the end of June every man between the ages of 17 and 45 had been medically examined and registered.

By the end of August the whole of the 1916 contingent had been called up and every man between 19 and 45 capable of bearing arms had been mobilized. The only remaining reserves were the 1917 contingent, and about half of the 1918 contingent, apart from men over 45.

In Aisles the 11th Regiment of the 6th Army Corps had 2,041 men hors de combat, the 10th Grenadiers of the same corps lost 1,519, the 15th Regiment of the 117th Army Corps lost 2,523 men.

In Champagne the 103rd Reserve Regiment of the 12th Army Corps lost 2,382 men, the 133rd Reserve Regiment of the 15th Reserve Corps 1,968 men, the 63rd Regiment of the 50th Division 2,056 men.

These figures, being official, are doubtless below the mark.

The Future: Men of 50.

To meet further losses Germany will be compelled to raise the age limit of military service above 45, and already a secret circular has been issued instructing the authorities to proceed to the preparatory registration of men between 46 and 50.

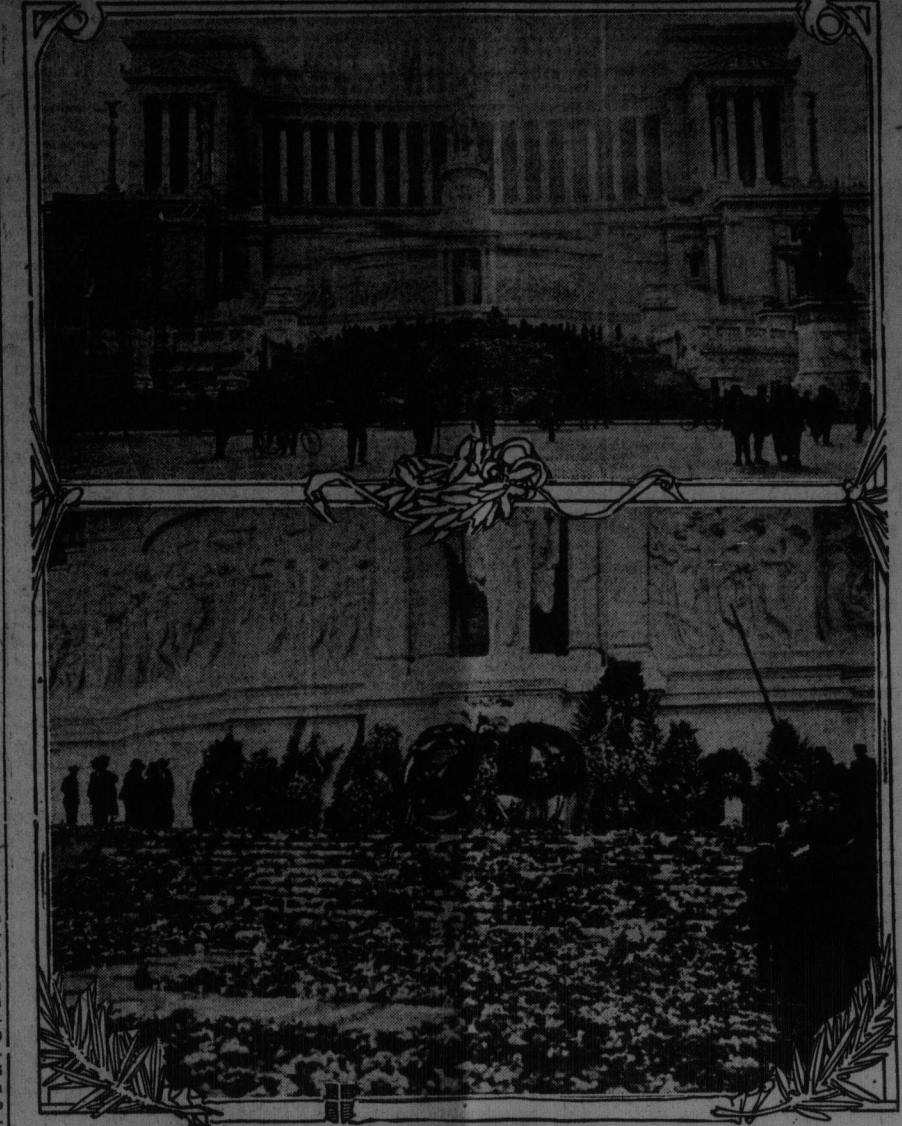
For some time past the numerical strength of the German army has been stationary on the various fronts, with an increasing tendency to shrink. The number of men called up for active service since February last certainly does not exceed the number of casualties, and at the present moment the number of men in the depots does not exceed the number of that date.

To keep pace with the wastage Germany has been forced to exhaust at most all the reserves of men, and the work has been carried out with ruthless severity. Acting under instructions, the army doctors have passed as fit for service men with one eye, lame men, hunchbacks and even men suffering from tuberculosis, heart affections and other diseases. Her last reserves are being rapidly used up, and if the numerical strength of her army can still be kept up for a limited time its quality has deteriorated and must deteriorate more and more as the proportion of untrained Landsturm men and those 17 and 18 years of age, by no means fit to endure the hardships of a prolonged campaign, continues to increase.

MONUMENT IN PARIS TO MISS EDITH CAVELL

Paris, Dec. 26.—A committee, of which Paul Painlevé, Minister of Public Works is chairman, has been organized for the object of presenting the city of Paris with a monument in the form of a gas relief in memory of Miss Edith Cavell.

THE GREAT MONUMENT TO VICTOR EMMANUEL II. HEAPED WITH FLOWERS IN HONOR OF ITALY'S FALLEN HEROES



A most imposing ceremony was held in Rome on November 2. All Souls' Day. Members of the royal family, Senators, Deputies, provincial and communal authorities deposited flowers as a tribute to the heroic soldiers who had died for the nation. An immense crowd thronged the adjoining streets and the square in which stands the world's greatest monument.

PERSIAN CABINET HAS FALLEN

London, Dec. 26.—The Persian cabinet has fallen, according to a despatch received from Teheran by Reuters Telegram Company. Prince Firman Firms has been nominated premier by the Shah. This is considered to be a great diplomatic victory for the Entente Allies.

GRAIN RATES OVER THE C.N.R.

Transcontinental to be used as "All Water" carrier during the winter season.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The through rate on grain carried eastward from Winnipeg over the National Transcontinental Railway will be based on a rate of six cents per bushel from Armstrong in the N. T. R., north of Fort William and for rate making purposes occupies the same position as Fort William and Port Arthur taxed to their capacity, with what is already stored and in transit, the Canadian Government Railways are completing arrangements as an emergency measure in order to enable shipments to continue freely throughout the winter season, to move this grain over the Transcontinental Railway to elevators at Montreal and Quebec on through "all rail" rates these rates will be based approximately on the "all water" cost from Port William to Montreal during the summer season, in other words the Transcontinental Railway will be used as the "all water" carrier during the winter season.

There will be about 5,000,000 bushels elevator capacity for the reception of this grain at Montreal and Quebec and in order to increase available space many times over arrangements have been made to reshup as required to winter ports on the Atlantic seaboard.

Halifax is also made a common point with other Atlantic seaports. Formerly a higher rate prevailed to Halifax but now that the government railways control the entire route from

BUILDING AT CAPITAL USED BY C. COMPANY OF THE 104TH IS BURNED

Fredericton, Dec. 26.—The holiday passed off very quietly in Fredericton and the storm resulted in the destruction of small congregations at the services in the churches today when Christmas musical programmes were repeated and elaborate services prepared for the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, while the Evangelical churches held a union service in the morning at the George street Baptist church.

At the custom house on Friday afternoon Collector L. C. MacNutt was presented with a beautiful gold-headed walking stick, suitably engraved by members of his staff.

A large shed at Fredericton exhibition grounds, known as transportation building, was destroyed by fire late Saturday afternoon, with a loss of about \$700, which is covered by insurance. The building had been used by C. Company, 104th Battalion, which is stationed at exhibition buildings for a drill shed in bad weather, and a quantity of straw used for men's beds, was also stored there.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE BUY BIG WHEAT SUPPLY FROM AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, Australia, via London, Dec. 26.—A wheat deal just completed with the British and French governments involves nearly 3,000,000 pounds sterling, and the price is about five shillings a bushel.

A sale has also been made to Italy. A cargo for South Africa has brought the record price of five shillings five pence.

GREETINGS FROM THE FRONT TO SIR SAM HUGHES

Minister of Militia receives Xmas messages from officers and men in France and England.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—General Sir Sam Hughes has returned from Lindsay feeling much improved in health and was at his desk today. He has recovered from his attack of influenza.

The following greetings have been received by him from officers commanding the Canadians in France and England.

From Lieut. General Alderson, commander of the Canadian corps: "Heartiest Xmas greetings to comrades in Canada from all ranks of the Canadians at the front."

From Brigadier General Morrison, commanding the 2nd divisional artillery: "Officers and men of the 2nd artillery division send season's greetings. We are making good scores on the Salisbury Plain ranges."

From Brigadier General David Watson of the 5th infantry brigade: "From the trenches today the same spirit, the same determination and same good wishes to Sir Robert Borden and yourself."

From Sir Max Aitken—"At the wish of the Canadian forces in France I send you and yours our Xmas wishes and we honestly hope you will join us in 1916."

Major General Carson also sent good wishes on behalf of the troops in England and Rev. R. H. Steacy, director-general of all the chaplains, sent a message from all the chaplains to yourself and to the people of Canada.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY Notice of New Train Service for Xmas Week.

Special train service will be in effect leaving Fredericton six a. m., and five p. m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for Gagetown, and on same days leaving Gagetown eight a. m. and seventhirty p. m. for Fredericton. After Xmas there will be a regular tri-weekly service on the same schedule Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday until further notice.

DURATION OF THE WAR DEPENDS ON MAN POWER ALLIES CAN PUT IN FIELD

Would be finished up quickly if sufficient men available to keep up offensive until enemy crippled and beaten back across his own frontier, Earl Derby says.

London, Dec. 26.—It is announced officially that the armistice scheme, which is already in force for men enrolled under the Derby plan, has been extended to give the right to wear a special armband to men who have been refused for military service on account of medical reasons.

Earl Derby has issued a booklet on the administration of the group system. He says in a prefatory note: "It is recognized by the general staff that the duration of the war will de-

pend on the man power the Allies are able to put into the field. If we were possible for the Allies to put in the field such an overwhelming majority of men and guns that, no matter what the cost, the offensive could be pursued until the enemy's armies were largely destroyed and their country invaded, the war would not be prolonged. Every man who can possibly be spared for the army and navy directly assists in shortening the war, and thereby diminishes the industrial loss."

THE CANKER IN THE HEART OF KULTURLAND

Moral decay of German Empire moves newspapers to frank condemnation—Nation tired of the war.

(London Daily Express.)

The moral decay of the German nation continues to occupy a large share of the attention of the German press. The canker in the heart of Kulturland has been in existence, of course, for many years, and to travellers it has been notorious, because it is so open and unmasked; but it is only quite recently that the newspapers of the Fatherland have been moved to such unreserved frankness in its condemnation.

A nation is made by its teachers. Germany's teachers have detroned the Deity and set up the State in His place. And the State is the Kaiser, the enlightened ruler whose soldiers took atomic toll of the womanhood of Belgium and who himself countenanced, supported, and justified the wholesale massacre of Armenian Christians by the Turks. It is only in the natural order of things that the nation should react as that which follows:

"Shameless Depravity."

The conduct of the people, however, must be more flagrant than was suspected when even the Berlin Kreuzzeitung is moved to make such a protest as that which follows:

What difference between the august days of last year and today! For many the war has already lost its terrors, simply because they are not personally affected by its results.

Agat because their roofs are not burning over their heads and the glow of the war-fury does not scorch their breath, they feel themselves secure, and re-assure their old life. Even in their greatest joys they retain a painful pitiness. The exploitation of the distress and a shameless profit-hunger show themselves like so many festers on the body of the nation.

The people live a life of such repulsive immorality and indecency, so shameless in its open ostentation and depravity, that soldiers returning home to heal their wounds turn away their heads in horror and ask themselves why they should sacrifice their lives and their health for such a people.

Why, indeed? Were these heroes somewhat more initiated into the secret of what goes on in our midst daily they would see that, however dark the picture seems on the surface, it was blacker by far beneath.

And we talk about the religious and moral regeneration of our people and about the German spirit bringing about the world's salvation! Let us rather look to our own salvation. It is high time indeed, for unless we abandon, and that instantly, our criminal conduct, all the victories of our brave soldiers will not save us from that perdition towards which as a nation we are rushing so fleetly.

Sold Into Bondage.

Another aspect of this social decadence is dealt with in Maximilian Harden's review, "Die Zukunft," which makes some astonishing revelations. It is imperative and in the most vital interests of the German people that a solid barrier be placed against the hurried and reckless matrimonial alliances which, thanks to the cupidty of the tribes of marriage brokers, are being made in every part of the country.

"Every girl is possessed by the obsession of getting married." How frequently we hear men talking in that fashion! Yet their mental indolence prevents them from seeing how faulty it is that young girls find no way but that of marriage to realize their aspirations for sympathy and psychological communion.

It is due to the brutal heartlessness, the sordid race after money of a great mass of our men, forcefully aided as they are by the vile marriage brokers, that young girls lightly sacrifice love, youth, and happiness for a marriage that is in most cases nothing but a British enslavement.

A National Shame.

The picture is an ugly one, but the sequel is even worse, for the writer in the "Zukunft," declares that today in Berlin alone there are 30,000 divorced girls-wives. It is only necessary to reflect for a moment on what that bare statement means to understand how near to Gehenna is the German Empire. The article goes on to say:

And why not, ask the men? Their coats are paid by others. Who are those others? The poor victims themselves. What do we see as the result of this inhuman system which is gnawing like a canker at the very heart of the German nation and destroying its hopes of future regeneration of the race at a time when those of us who are real men are shedding their hearts' blood on the battlefields?

The result is this: that today in Berlin alone there are 30,000 divorced girls-wives.

This is nothing short of a national shame, which cries out aloud to the authorities for instant and drastic action. To remove this shame from our midst is every whit as imperative as the engineering of the food question, because where one involves the material, the other concerns the moral starvation of the race.

Germany Sick of the War

To the German pleas for peace already published in this column must be added one of a still more polemic character from the Berlin Socialist journal "Vorwarts":

The real cause of the high cost of living is the long duration of the war, and every successive week of action. To remove this shame from our midst is every whit as imperative as the engineering of the food question, because where one involves the material, the other concerns the moral starvation of the race.

The great manufacturing interests, the popular Press, and the Chancellor declare that there is no reason for terminating the struggle, seeing that Germany holds Belgium, a part of France, and a part of Russia, and has her road free to Egypt and the Indies.

"What does all this prove? That we are not fighting to protect our frontier, but to add to our territory. We appeal to the leaders of the party to take up openly and frankly the campaign against all sorts of annexation plans so that the constantly growing desire of the proletariat for peace may be finally satisfied.

If the party enters resolutely on this road it will attack to itself all the great masses of the people only, but also all sections of middle class society, who are equally sick of the war.

The Single Bell

Even the "Vossische Zeitung" joins in the peace cry and asks in some agitation, "What ARE we fighting for?" We are still of opinion that the Government has done wisely in prohibiting discussions in the Press of what we all exact as the price of a victory which as yet is not at all certain.

Such programmes—all of them more or less fantastic—have already been far too much exploited abroad contrary to German interests. Nevertheless, it is quite legitimate to put the question, whether it would not be practicable meanwhile to permit the discussion of such problems as need an immediate solution, such as the nature of the objects which the Government thinks will be gained by the war.

We may perhaps be allowed to remind the authorities of the danger of permitting only one bell to sound in the belfry, because in such a case every word that is uttered passes as though it were inspired, and every effort of the people to arrive at a clear understanding as to what the Government hopes to achieve against our adversaries is rendered fruitless beforehand.

B. C. Hurley Grateful.

S. C. Hurley, who has been convalescing in Ormococto after his recent operation, returned to the city Friday to spend the holidays here. Mr. Hurley desires to express his thanks to the sisters and nurses of the St. John Infirmary for the care given him, to Doctors S. H. McDonald and W. N. White for the manner in which they treated him and to the many friends who remembered him during his illness.

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

GERMANY'S FINANCES.

One frequently hears or reads the statement that Germany has plenty of money with which to bear the expenses of the war in which she has been engaged for almost seventeen months. One year after the outbreak of hostilities, or in August, 1915, the German Finance Minister assured the members of the Reichstag that Germany had already employed all the usual methods of taxation and that further funds would have to be raised by loans and issues of bonds. That course, he assured them, would not be necessary until March 1916, as Germany had sufficient cash to carry on operations until that time. The German people were also promised that the terrible expenses of the war would be borne in total by the indemnities to be exacted from the Allies—after Germany had won.

That the German Finance Minister was deliberately attempting to deceive the people as to the real condition of affairs is evident now that the Reichstag has been called upon to authorize a new credit of \$2,500,000,000 and the German government has decided that new measures of taxation must be imposed to replenish the war chests even though it has already acknowledged that all means by which the German people may be employed.

It is also doubtful whether Mr. Roosevelt will secure the Republican nomination. Many old line Republicans blame him for the Democratic victory of the last election, and, consequently, it is an open question whether he will fight Wilson alone or again be the third man in the field. Aside from Roosevelt the best man in line for the Republican choice appears to be Elihu Root, close personal friend of Taft, and an advocate of old line Republican ideas. Senator Burton of Ohio, Senator Sherman of Illinois, and Justice Hughes of the United States Supreme Court, and ex-governor of New York, are the most prominently mentioned in the American magazines engaged in the harmless occupation of speculating on the candidates. Justice Hughes, however, has stated that he does not desire nomination, so it is probable that the contest in November of next year will be between Wilson and Roosevelt or Wilson, Roosevelt and Root. In the latter event it would look as if President Wilson's new bride would again be the first lady in the land after the inauguration day, single handed, Roosevelt would probably win.

March. It has been rumored that Mr. Roosevelt would go after the Republican nomination as well as that of the Progressive. Should he receive it his chance of election would be bright, as the returns of the last content show that Taft, Republican, and Roosevelt, Progressive, combined had a majority of 1,300,000 over the vote polled by Mr. Wilson's supporters.

Unquestionably Mr. Wilson's safe and sane attitude in the White House has gained supporters for him and in a time of crisis such as now faces the world even men opposed to Democratic rule might hesitate before voting to place in power a man of Mr. Roosevelt's impetuosity. An impulsive man in the American President's chair during the past two years could easily have involved the nation in war at a time when the best interests of the world as well as of the United States, itself, demanded that they should maintain a strict neutrality. Consequently it is possible that men who in ordinary times would be inclined to favor Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy might look askance at him as a national pilot when a steady hand and a calm brain are needed at the helm of the ship of state.

Germany's industries are well organized or militarized and yet despite this fact the cost of the war to her has already been \$8,000,000,000 or more than the burden imposed on any of the other belligerents. Vorwärts, one of Germany's leading newspapers, has figured out that it will require \$500,000,000 per year to pay the interest on the war expenditures and it will be a grave problem to provide even this sum, as all the sources of taxation are already in use.

As the Mail and Empire sees the situation "the clearest thing about the change of front by the German government is its recognition that Germany must finance its own war costs out of its own pocket."
In August Dr. Helfferich promised the German people that the immense expenditures would be recouped out of indemnities from the Allies. Now he says that despite any indemnities Germany must raise the required money itself. That is, in effect, a complete backdown from the boastful claims of a few months ago. It is a recognition that there is no use counting on indemnities. Germany is therefore "about-facing," and endeavoring to finance its way on its own feet, as it inevitably must. The taxing of war profits up to 50 per cent. is one of the methods determined upon. What the others will be may be left to the ingenuity of Dr. Helfferich.

AN EXCELLENT SHOWING.

Leading merchants in the city have expressed the opinion that their Christmas business for 1915 was greater than in any previous year, that there was no apparent scarcity of money and that while people showed a disposition to select useful gifts instead of purchasing articles of luxury, there was no diminution in the volume of business done.

This showing affords a good index to the general prosperity of St. John. To all intents and purposes, so far as trade has been affected, this community has hardly realized that a war existed in Europe; there has been no depression and very little financial shortage. It is as yet but the beginning of the winter season. Already there are indications of a very large volume of business to be done here in the coming months. Big business naturally involves the employment of men and from the outlook it can reasonably be forecasted that there will be comparatively little unemployment in St. John.

Advices from the larger Canadian centres, and from national advertisers, whose agents ever keep their finger on the business pulse, are to the effect that the coming year should mark a new standard of prosperity for Canada. St. John will probably be one of the last centres to feel the "boom" as it has been one of the least affected by any depression, but the outlook is good for even better times, and if the improvement continues throughout the year in proportion to the record made by the Christmas trade as compared with other years, then Christmas, 1916, should be a real record breaker.

Altogether the business men of St. John have reason to feel well satisfied with their circumstances.
Mayor Mitchell, of New York, has been requested by a delegation of

clergymen representing all religious denominations in Gotham to test that licensed cafes and restaurants over which he can exercise authority shall close not later than 1 a. m. on New Year's Day, in order that their patrons may have a few minutes for serious thought and reflection. Mayor Mitchell may agree to comply with the request, but it does not follow that the goal of the clergymen will be reached. By 1 a. m. men or women who have spent New Year's Eve in revelry should, if their time has not been wasted, be too hilarious for serious thought. When they awaken later on, with "the head" and similar accompaniments, will the time for serious, if not strictly sober meditation, for, as a minor poet put it, "It is no time for mirth and laughter in the cold grey dawn of the morning after."

The fact that the New York Board of Health has revoked the law prohibiting the sale of horse flesh for food, opens a new line of service for the noble equine. Hitherto, Dobbin's "finch" has been reached by the give factory route. Now there are possibilities of the oven and the soup pot.

Henry Ford has "come a cropper." Apparently that little disturbance on the peace ship enabled him to endorse all General Sherman ever said about war without visiting the trenches.

The United States is to send another "note" to Austria. But it is unwise for Vienna to become too truculent. The haughty Austrian may learn some day that there is a limit to even the White House brand of patience.

Well, now that the Christmas turkey and firkin have been disposed of the important question is "what are you doing for the Empire?"

HUNGRY BELGIANS
FED JOHNNY CAKE.
Discovery of Corn Leads to Introduction of New Dish from "Pig Feed."

A story has come from Belgium, which only goes to prove that the Belgian Relief Committee is administering its affairs in the most efficient manner possible. One of the workers in a communal distribution depot discovered that a quantity of corn had escaped the notice of the Germans, who had despoiled the place of almost everything of value, and he at once seized this corn and put it under the control of the neutral committee, where it was safe from requisition by the Germans. The corn was ground into meal and given to the Belgians, but to them corn had always been known as "pig feed," and they did not know how to prepare it for their own consumption. Neither did the committee man, but he did know that it could be made into palatable food for humans as well as pigs.

Undaunted by the difficulties facing him he called to London to friends and as a result a West Indian negro appeared at the communal bureau a few days later. He was turned loose in the public kitchen and surrounded by sipping Belgians, introduced them to the mysteries of "Johnny Cake."
Now Belgians know the use to which communal can be put.

THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

- Single—Allison, Mrs. Frank, \$5; proceeds picture shows etc., per Rev. G. W. Follett, \$20; Neill, William, artist, \$10; Tennant, Miss M. Maude, sale of dolls dressed by her, \$25; Conroy, Mrs. Julia, \$5; Miller, W. J., \$1; McCarty, Mrs. 25c.; Breen, Mrs. P. C., \$5; Bonnell, F. S., \$5; Irvine, Lily, 50c.; Rodgers, Joseph, 25c.; Luthy, S. B., \$10; Munroe, Alice, \$5; Martin, Mrs. A. H., \$1; Deimler, F. E., 50c.; Clarke, Mrs. Walter, 50c.; Clarke, Mrs. Eugene, 50c.; Chesley, C., \$3; Evans, Thos., \$1; Melick, Miss Clara, drawing for doll's carriage, \$5. Monthly—Woodrow, Mrs. O. J., (2 months), \$2; Antell, John (2 months), 50c.; Moore, Mrs. W. A., (2 months), \$1; Ferguson, Mrs. G. (2 months), \$2; Webb, Mrs. L. R. (2 months), \$1; Graves, Mrs. F., 25c.; Bennett, E., 10c.; Belyea, A., 50c.; Easton, Mrs. E. W., 50c.; Linn, Fred, 50c.; Linn, Mrs. A. M., 50c.; Doherty, Joseph, 25c.; Christianson, Mrs. C., 50c.; Phillips, Mrs. Geo., 50c.; Dexter, Mrs., 50c.; Marshall, E. E., \$1; Williams, W. L., \$5; Logan, E. P., \$3; Featherstone, J. C., (2 months), \$2; Armstrong, Robt. J., \$10; Ward, Mrs. W. E., 25c.; Helme, Rev. R., \$1; Butler, H. V., \$5.

DONATION AT OAK POINT.

The beautiful cottage at Oak Point, once the home of the late Rev. Joshua Barnes, and since purchased as a Baptist parsonage, was the scene of a delightful gathering on Thursday evening, 23rd inst., when the people of this place, regardless of denomination—Baptist, Episcopalian, and Methodist alike, met to extend the season's greetings to the Rev. Mr. Harvey and his

Little Benny's Note Book

Last night us fellows gave a show for the benefit of the Club, giving it in the clubroom over the place where Sam Kravasse further keeps his swilling-beel, with at least we didn't think it would be big snuff of a place, my holding 15 chairs, but we only took 5 tickets, so it was plenty big snuff.
The show was rote by me and was called, Rockless Remold the Boy General. It was a good show the way it was rote, me being Rockless Remold and Pude Gimkins being the Spy and Sidney Marks being the Traitor. The Traitor being the part that Ed Wernick wanted to play and we wouldn't let him on account of him not being a member of the Club.
There was 3 girls and 3 fellows in the audience, Ed Wernick being one of the fellows, and the show started by the Spy coming out in a spy uniform and saying, Ah bah, I wouldn't be surprised if there was a Traitor around here.
Which jest then somebody in the audience said, O, you don't say so. Being Ed Wernick. And the girl all giggled and the show kept going on the Traitor coming out and saying, Its cold nite, I hope theres no spy around.

That's only wat you hope, sed Ed Wernick in the audience. And all the girls giggled sum more and the author of the show, being me, wended out and sed, Ladies and gentlemen, This show will not proceed wile any member of the audience is trying to show off out of spite for not being allowed to run on the stage and pull the curtain across it at the end of each act, on the Traitor saying, Its a cold nite, I wonder ware Rockless Remold the Boy General can be.

At your service, Traitor, I sed, coming out on the stage with my sword. O look hoox heer, sed Ed Wernick, Making the girls giggle again and pritty near spotting the show. And I winked at Reddy Mery and Reddy went down in the audience and sat lawnside of Ed Wernick staring at him and Ed Wernick was afraid to say anything else, and Reddy Mery sat there keeping Ed Wernick quiet all the rest of the show except wem it was time to run on the stage and pull the curtain across it at the end of each act, the show having 14 acts.

family, and bringing with them in the form of fens, turkeys, chickens and other commodities, tangible evidences of their esteem and regard.
At the close of an enjoyable evening spent in social intercourse, and enlivened by several musical selections, Deacon William Hamilton in an eloquent address made feeling reference to the commendable spirit existing among the religious denominations of Oak Point and vicinity, and paid a fitting tribute to the work done by the Rev. Mr. Harvey during his ministrations here.

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OBITUARY.
John Murphy.
The death occurred on Christmas morning of John Murphy, a well known resident of Fairville. He leaves his wife three daughters and one son to mourn. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning.
William Harper
The death took place on Christmas day of William Harper, a well known resident of this city, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Fleming, 1 Elliott Row. He was an employe of the James Robertson Company for more than twenty years, being by trade a file cutter. He lived for many years in Bangor before coming here and was a veteran of the civil war. He leaves, besides his wife, one son and four daughters. The son is Harry of Cambridge, Mass., and the daughters, Mrs. L. E. Almon of Charleston, Mass., and Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. William Fleming and Mrs. John Bridges, all of this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from No. 1 Elliott Row.
Harley Ebbett.
Hartland, N. B., Dec. 24.—The death took place on Tuesday morning of Harley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ebbett of Middle Simonsia. He had been operated on for appendicitis and good hopes were held out for his recovery, but blood poisoning set in and his young life was snuffed out. He was 22 years of age. Deceased was an officer in Brighton Lodge, K. of P., and

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CORRESPONDENTS' CORNER

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Names intended for publication in this column must be written in ink or typewritten, otherwise they will be given no attention.

ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, Dec. 23.—The Misses Helen Young, Lella Anderson and Hazel McFarlane, students at Normal School, are home for the holidays.
Miss Florence Whitlock left last week for Chicago to spend the winter with relatives.

WOODSTOCK

Misses Pauline and Louise Prescott, daughters of Dr. A. H. Prescott, who are attending Edgell school, are spending their holidays at home.
Mrs. R. Wilmet Balloch, of Centreville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. F. Gordon this week.

SALISBURY

Salisbury, Dec. 26.—The advanced department of the school has closed on account of Mr. Colpitts, the teacher, having resigned. The other departments closed Friday for the Christmas holidays.
Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens left on Tuesday for the Christmas examinations.

SUSSEX

Sussex, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. James Cross have returned from a trip to Boston, Mass.
Miss Mabel Duffy and Miss Lulu Duffy are spending the Christmas holidays at their home in Moncton.

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HAMPTON

Hampton, Dec. 22.—Miss Margaret Turnbull spent Tuesday in St. John with friends.
Mr. Kenneth Schofield, Montreal, arrived on Tuesday in Hampton to spend the holiday season with his family.

TITUSVILLE

Titusville, Dec. 22.—There was a largely attended prayer meeting in the hall on Friday evening last. The meeting was presided over by the pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. W. H. Hatfield.
The closing exercises of the Upper and Lower Titusville public schools was held on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

DORCHESTER

Dorchester, Dec. 21.—Mrs. J. A. McQueen and Miss Chapman, spent a few days in Amherst last week guests of friends.
Misses Julia Palmer, Annie and Eleanor Lockhart, who are attending Normal School, Fredericton, are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes here.

UPHAM

Upham, N. B., Dec. 21.—Mrs. M. M. Reid and Mrs. Harry Fowler spent Wednesday in Salt Springs visiting friends there.
Mr. Holt and W. B. Foster were here on Friday in the interests of

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Sophomore Latin—Class I, Miss Scott, McIntosh, Miss Chestnut, Miss Davis, Bridges; Class II, (Miss Anderson, Miss Robinson), Miss Rundle, Miss Miller.
Freshman Latin—Class I, Miss McMonagle, L. P. Smith, Somers, Miss Trueman, Kilburn (Miss VanWart, C. G. Smith); Class II, Bishop, Miss Loggie, Richards; Class III, (Hebert, Buchanan), Miss Stephenson, Abbott, Nowat.
Sophomore Mathematics—Class I, Miss Scott, Barnett, Miss Robinson, Snodgrass, Carney, Miss Rundle, Bennett; Class II, McWilliams, Saunders, Burns, Miss Davis, Miss Anderson, Miss Chestnut; Class III, (Caldwell, Bridges), Miss Miller, Whitaker, Buchanan.
Freshman Mathematics—Class I, L. P. Smith, Taylor, (Miss Stephenson, Kilburn), Miss Loggie, Puddington, Somers, Abbott, (Carter, Hebert), Miss McMonagle's, McFarlane, Engle; Class II, (Miss Trueman, Miss VanWart), (Maxwell, Main), Bishop, (Richards, Willet), Nowat, C. G. Smith; Class III, Kitchin.
Junior and Senior English—Class I, Miss Bliss, Cronkite, Bridges, (Miss Gorman, Miss Gregory), (Miss Gale, Emerson); Class II, VanWart, Creighton.
Freshman History—Class I, Kilburn, Miss McMonagle, L. P. Smith, Miss Trueman; Class II, Somers, C. G. Smith, Miss VanWart, Bishop; Class III, Hebert, Maxwell, Addison, (Miss Stephenson, Carter), (Miss Loggie, Buchanan).
Junior and Senior English—Class I, McMonagle, Baird, Miss Isabel Bliss, MacLaren, Miss Ella Thurrott, Miss Gregory, Cronkite, Miss Gorman, Miss Greene, (Miss Ethel Thurrott, M. E. Smith); Class II, (Miss Helen Bliss, Haines), McKnight.
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Junior and Senior German—Class I, Emerson, Miss Gale; Class II, M. E. Smith.
Sophomore German—Class I, Miss Chestnut; Class II, Saunders, Burns, Freshman German—Class II, Miss Loggie.
Junior and Senior Geography—Class I, (Emerson, Emerson), Wallace, Miss Anderson, (Miss Thurrott, McMonagle, McMonagle, Edgewood); Class II, Armstrong, Gibson, Miller, Millidge, Junior Anatomy—Class I, Kelley, (M. E. Smith, MacLaren), Miss Trueman, VanWart, Bridges, Haines, Miss Greene, (C. R. Smith, Praseor), Turner, Cranston; Class II, McKnight.
Sophomore Zoology—Class I, Miss Chestnut, McIntosh, Miss Scott, (Miss Appleton, Miss Rundle), Miss Miller, Somers, Snodgrass; Class II, Bridges, Maxwell, Miss Robinson, Miss Davis, Freshman Botany—Class I, L. P. Smith, Kilburn, Taylor, Somers, Miss VanWart, C. G. Smith, (Miss McIntosh).

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YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM CHIEF SCOUT

His Royal Highness and the Scouts in War Time

The Boy Scouts Association Canadian General Council, Ottawa to the officers and members of the Boy Scouts Association throughout Canada: An appeal was made early in the war from both the British and Canadian Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association for the performance of any services which the officers and membership of this organization could usefully render in aid of the war cause. The ready response thereto has shown that in war as in peace the Association is trying to live up to its principles with resultant benefit to the boys themselves and to the community at large.

To the Boy Scouts throughout Canada, I am charged to convey this year-end message from His Royal Highness the Chief Scout:

"Thank you Boy Scouts each and all for all that you have done and are doing. The inspiration of your youth full example means far more to many of us seniors than you yourselves know." During the past year there has not been a spot in the whole Dominion in which the Scouts have not had some opportunity of service related to the war. The opportunities for boyish good turns in aid of the many worthy appeals connected with the war have, indeed, increased with the progress of events and are likely to still further increase with the continuance of hostilities, the raising of larger forces, the extension of the battle line and the return of so many invalided soldiers from the scene of conflict overseas.

When the invalided men began to arrive at Quebec last summer the Boy Scouts of that city, 140 strong, volunteered, on their own initiative, in a body, for any service they could perform, and soon made themselves so useful that they were cordially welcomed by all the authorities concerned. "A squad of twenty," writes Colonel William Wood, "was attached to a draft to land just after daylight this morning. The boys go aboard and help the crippled men in every way they can. Some go every day to the Immigration Building to see what is wanted—shopping for men who don't go out, guiding others about, etc. Others help at the Khaki Club and the Overseas Club which latter is for invalids only." Here is work worth doing during the coming months at the winter ports of debarkation, not only at these points alone, but elsewhere, wherever returned Canadian soldiers are arriving, about, or in any need of help. This is the kind of helping can perhaps best be left to local thought and action.

In some parts of the Dominion the school children are already making scrap books of pictures, short stories and other reading matter, and these would be likely to interest the older boys overseas. Advice from the front is to the effect that it is well nigh impossible to fill the demand for reading matter in the camps and hospitals. Perhaps this is a want which some Boy Scouts would like to help in meeting. The local branches of the Red Cross Society in Canada will welcome reading matter of this character intended for the sick and wounded soldiers and will also give free transportation to scrap books for Canadian soldiers in the training camps overseas, provided the same are so marked and packed in care of the British Red Cross Society.

The suggestion is made that letters of cheer and encouragement from Boy Scouts in Canada to sick and wounded soldiers whose names appear in the published lists of casualties among our fighting forces would be both heartening and helpful. It is well worth doing each locally might assist in remembering the dead from their own midst who shall suffer until the casualty lists are ally closed and the blood bought treasures of liberty and justice for which the allied armies are now so worthily contending, have been saved from those who sought their destruction.

In conclusion, on behalf of His Royal Highness the Chief Scout, and the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association, I am to extend their congratulations to all ranks on the results accomplished during 1915, and their hope for even better things in the year to come.

By direction, GERALD H. BROWN, Hon. Dom. Sec.

How to Run a Troop

Fourteenth Week's Work—Continued

5. Address. How to Wear Your Uniform. Nothing looks worse than to see a boy untidy in his uniform, and yet it is true that many Scouts seem to think that this is a matter of no importance. It is a good thing, therefore, from time to time, to call attention to defects.

(a) The hat.—Keep the brim stiff and clean; have four denials in the crown, one in front, one behind, and one on each side. Keep it on with a lace, tied at the front of the hat in a bow, and passed round the back of the head.

(b) The neckerchief.—Tie it with the middleman's knot.

(c) Shirt and cuffs.—Keep them clean, free from dirt and grease, and see that they have all the buttons they

are supposed to have. Wear the sleeves rolled up.

(d) Belt.—Belt and polish it from time to time to keep it soft.

(e) Garters.—Worn on the outside of the leg.

(f) Havr sack.—Keep it clean and wear it evenly; not over the side.

(g) Shoulder Knot.—Fix it at the bottom of the left shoulder strap of the sash.

(h) Troop name tag.—Sew on the arm of right sleeve, flush with the seam joining the sleeve to the shoulder.

Outdoor Work. 1 Staff Drill.—Five minutes. You are not to get into the habit of giving a lot of time to drill, but these movements with the staff may well be revised this week. You should get all the practice you require in marching, turning, stopping staves, etc., when going to and from your clubrooms or the country or home again. But whatever you do, do it smartly.

And remember that when you have got the command "Alert," you are to STAND STILL, even if bees sting you, bullets go through you, or Zeppelins drop bombs on you. You may not move.

It looks very bad to see a lot of boys who are supposed to be alert, wobbling all over the place, chattering, and gazing about, as if they were at a circus.

2. Game Relay Race (S. for B., p. 133, and Scouting Games, p. 14.) This game wants about 20 miles of road. Play it in the area that you have to learn for your Pathfinder's Badge.

Scout News

St. James Church Troop.

Some six boys scouts from the above troop did very valuable service last Tuesday, through assisting at the Soldiers' Kitchens. By acting as guards, guides, cloak room attendants, and orderlies, they gave a splendid object lesson, as to what it was possible for Scouts to be used for. The Ladies of the League wish to tender a hearty thanks to the boys, and to the members of the

Waterloo Street Troop

who gave a most creditable exhibition in first aid, and also worked as did the other Scouts. Members of this troop did valuable service by getting the huge Christmas Tree from North End, and in helping to arrange things in the Knights of Columbus Hall, where the Treat was held.

New Year's Day Parade

It is expected that a large number of Scouts will take part in the parade which has been suggested to take place on the 1st January.

Meeting of Local Committee.

Last Monday evening the committee of the Local Association held their monthly meeting in the Church Institute, with a large attendance and many interesting subjects and suggestions were discussed.

Mr. A. C. Skelton occupied the chair, and was supported by Senator Daniels, Rev. H. A. Coyle, W. B. Turnbull, Mr. M. W. Galloway, and others. During the course of the meeting, W. B. Turnbull, who has been secretary, tendered his resignation, as he has enlisted for Overseas Service, and B. C. Waring was appointed in his place.

W. C. T. U.

"FOR GOD AND HOME, AND EVERY LAND."

The weekly meeting of the St. John Women's Christian Temperance Union, was held on Tuesday afternoon, with a large attendance.

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this thing burning upon his heart and mind and intellect, he would never go back to the old state of things where the Troop did not lead to this crusade. At least they could hope for it, pray hard for it, and send their thanks, and the thanks of all Temperance Associations to him, for the sincerity of soul, the simplicity and the thankfulness of the thanks of his people at this moment were not at all unwelcome to him. Lady Carlisle read the proclamation that was issued on April 6th, because it might be, she said, that April 6th would be a notable day in the history of the Temperance Reformation. "By the King's command," they answered, "Ready, aye, ready," to this command—"No wines, no spirits, no beer will be consumed in any of His Majesty's houses after today, April 6th."

BAPTIST

Acting Brotherhood and Solidarity.

Rev. J. C. Carlie, of Folkestone, Eng., in an article on "The Uses of Adversity" in the Baptist Times writes:

Things will never be with us quite as they were. This war, the greatest of all calamities, except that of dishonor, will not leave us where it found us. It will change many things for the churches. Already the effect is seen in the preaching, to which the people turn. The old pulpits platitudes and rhetorical flourishes about brotherhood and solidarity fall upon deaf ears. We must change the method of the preaching, to which the people turn. The old pulpits platitudes and rhetorical flourishes about brotherhood and solidarity fall upon deaf ears. We must change the method of the preaching, to which the people turn. The old pulpits platitudes and rhetorical flourishes about brotherhood and solidarity fall upon deaf ears. We must change the method of the preaching, to which the people turn.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Items: Wheat, Corn, Soy Beans, Oats, Barley.

MONTREAL MARKET

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Items: Ames Holden Com, Ames Holden Pfd, Canada Car, Canada Car Pfd, Canada Cement, Can. Cotton, Can. Fruit, Detroit Iron, Dom. Iron Pfd, Dom. Iron Com, Dom. Text Com, Laurentide Paper, MacDonald Com, Minn. and St. Paul, M.L.H. and Power, N. Scotia Steel, Ottawa L. and P., Ogilvie, Penman's Limited, Quebec Railway, Shaw W. and P., Sher. Williams Co., Spanish River Com., Toronto Co. Can., Trustee Halls, Tuckett's Tobacco.

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MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS) Morning Montreal, Friday, Dec. 24th—C. P. R.—100 @ 181. Colliers Bonds—3,000 @ 85. Steamships Com.—30 @ 154, 2 @ 16.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Items: Jan, Mar, May, July, Oct.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers of real estate in St. John county have been recorded as follows: W. W. Allingham, et al, to John Allingham, property in Guilford street. West End, 10 x 120 ft. Thomas Bell to F. C. Macnell, property in Germain street. Michael Driscoll to Michael Driscoll, Jr., property in Lancaster. S. H. Ewing, et al, to G. A. Kimball, property in Simons. Sadie E., wife of F. E. Fiewelling, to W. A. Nelson, property in Lancaster. M. A. Miller to F. L. Boone, \$600, property in St. Martin.

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It is gratifying to us that, notwithstanding general conditions, our Canadian trade has suffered the least.

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CHANGE OF TIME. Fall and Winter Time Table of the GRAND MANAN S.S. CO.

Grand Manan Routes—Season 1915-16. After October 31, 1915, all until further notice, a steamer of this line will run as follows:

Leave Grand Manan Mondays at 7.30 a. m. for St. John, via Eastport, Campobello and Wilson's Beach.

Returning, leave Turbulent Wharf St. John, Wednesdays at 7.30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via Wilson's Beach, Campobello and Eastport.

WOMENS

Coms hundreds of kiddies, like the one made happy as a result of the splendid work League, and Members of The Standard Christmas Club.

Helpful Hints. To clean glass bottles, cut lemons in small pieces, drop into the bottle, half fill with water and shake well.

When ironing, it is a very good plan to get a clean brick, a white one if possible, and rub much longer than if an open front-stand is used.

Midew on leather may be removed with a little pure vaseline. Rub this into the leather till quite absorbed, and then carefully polish with a clean clean's leather cloth.

To clean a mackintosh, pour some vinegar into a saucer and dip a soft rag or sponge into it; then place the mackintosh on the table and rub the soiled parts lightly.

Brooms put into boiling water once a week and then plunged into cold water will become tough and durable, last twice as long as those not treated thus, and will sweep better and not cut the carpet.

Reliable Recipes. Oatmeal Ricks. Two cups shortening, 2 cups sugar, 2 beaten eggs, 2 cups flour, 4 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 2 1/2 cups oatmeal, 2 teaspoonfuls cinnamon, 1 teaspoonful cloves, salt to taste.

Cream sugar and shortening, add eggs, flour and oatmeal, baking powder.

Bringing Up

I SAY: OLD TOP LET'S HAVE A GAME OF POKER!

The Maritine Steamship Co. (Limited). Until further notice the S. S. Coronador Bros. will run as follows:

Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf at 10 a. m. for Port au Prince, Eastport and St. John Tuesday afternoon.

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CHANGE OF TIME. Winter Time Table of the Grand Manan S.S. CO. Manan Routes—Season 1915-16...

INTERNATIONAL LINE. Steamship Calvin Aueten. St. John Thursday. St. John Thursday...

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RELIABLE RECIPES. Oatmeal Reckle. Two cups shortening, 2 cups sugar, 2 beaten eggs...

Womens' Realm



Some hundreds of kiddies, like the one in the above picture, were made happy as a result of the splendid work done by the Soldiers' Wives League...

Helpful Hints

In creaming butter and sugar, if the butter is hard, never warm it. It makes the cake coarse. Warm the sugar or the bowl.

To clean a copper kettle, first rub it with a lemon dipped in powdered bath brick. When the stains are removed wash in warm soapy water...

Vaseline stains may be removed by washing the stained article in warm water, and soap; rinse and apply alcoholated soda to the stain. When ironing, it is a very good plan to get a clean brick, a white one if possible...

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FINDING OF THE CONCILIATION BOARD ACCEPTED BY C. N. R.

Amicable settlement between Company and Employees leaves Canada without one strike in progress.

Fashion Hints

One of the most interesting style notes in the models sent over by the Paris creators of dress for the recent FINE-CARTON Fashion Show was the very marked Spanish tendency in contour and trimming in these new demi-season models.

To those who are not vitally interested and, as yet, to some American designers of garments the transition of an ancient style into a modern costume is not fully understood.

MIDDLE SACKVILLE

Middle Sackville, Dec. 25.—Miss Emma Read, who has charge of a school at Lewisville, is spending a couple of weeks with her mother, Mrs. Edward Read.

Private Major James W. S. Black has already secured a number of recruits for the 14th Battalion, one of the latest being Edward DeWarr...

In a lounging or tea robe two shades of yellow—orange and one lemon tone—were placed, like two sleeveless garments one over the other. Corsetage on the evening gowns shown were of dark satin or velvet; the skirts were in pale tints.

As long as it is a friendly game and I deal first. Why-er-a certainly. My word. I'm sorry-old tops-I take the pot-I've got four aces!

LEADERS IN MOVE TO END BASEBALL WAR



Here are shown the central figures in a move to end war in the baseball world. The best proof that peace was on the way and that only details are needed now came when attorneys for organized baseball and the Federal League...

FACTORY HORSE FALLS DEAD AFTER 1ST HEAT

Fredericton, Dec. 25.—Practically all six inches of snow which fell on Christmas Eve had disappeared by this evening a result of rain storm which commenced yesterday afternoon and has since continued without a let up.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of William M. Fraser took place on Christmas Day at 3 p. m. from his late residence, 23 Paddock street, interment being in Fernhill. Services at the home were conducted by D. Dowling.

HEADQUARTERS FOR Horse Blankets, Fur Robes, Harness, Horse Clippers and Horse Furnishing Goods. Power Horse Clippers from \$8.50 to \$15.00 each. Street Blankets from 3.50 to 7.00 each.

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Bringing Up Father



THE WEATHER

Forecast:
Gulf and Maritime—North-west to west gales, decreasing at night, local snow showers, but generally fair and colder.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The disturbance which was in the Mississippi Valley on Friday night is now situated over the Maritime Provinces as a severe storm accompanied by fresh to heavy gales and rain. It has also given snow and rain in southern Ontario and heavy snowfalls in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys.

Temperatures

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	22	42
Vancouver	22	40
Calgary	12	24
Edmonton	10	26
Moose Jaw	11	11
Regina	14	12
Dartford	14	12
Prince Albert	16	11
Winnipeg	18	12
Port Arthur	22	26
Perry Sound	22	23
London	22	23
Toronto	18	25
Ottawa	12	24
Montreal	26	30
Quebec	22	24
Halifax	28	30

*—Below zero.

26TH ARE IN THE TRENCHES

Major W. R. Brown, back from firing line, describes memorable Crater Fight in which several members of 26th died death of heroes—Graphic account of Life on the Firing Line.

Among the officers returning from the front yesterday was Major W. R. Brown of the Fighting 26th. Major Brown, who was wounded in the foot in the crater fight of October 13th last, is feeling much better and expects to be back at the front again some time in January. He said when the 26th took over these trenches things were very quiet and it was supposed that the German trenches were weakly manned, but the quietness was due to the fact that the regiment which were in before the 26th did not bother the Germans very much and they are quite willing to keep quiet when we do. Our boys could not quite see the fun in simply marching in and doing nothing, so they got busy and the regiment that takes over that particular bit of trench will not be lonesome.

When asked about the care of the wounded he said too much praise could not be given to the medical department of the service. When a man is wounded he is carried to a dressing station where first aid is administered; he is then taken to the base hospital where amputations are made when necessary. He is likely to be in hospital over three weeks he is transferred to England and taken care of there. The reason for transferring them being to keep the base hospitals clear in event of a big battle when they would need all the room available. When Major Brown was wounded he was sent to a hospital at London Bridge, from there he was transferred to a convalescent home at Exton on Sea where he spent some time.

MR. BROWN PRAISES BEST HOUSES FOR THE LOCAL LONGSHOREMEN

Thoughtfulness of Minister of Marine greatly appreciated by men at Sand Point.

The winter port workers of St. John on Friday entered into formal possession of the two rest houses thoughtfully provided for them by Hon. Mr. Bennett, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. A most acceptable Christmas gift these rest houses proved to be as they provide comfortable quarters at all times and during the hours when the men are off duty. Built under the direction of J. C. Chesley, agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, these rest houses are warm, substantial structures, with concrete and galvanized iron walls, reducing to the minimum the fire risk. One 18x31 feet in between No. 7 warehouse, is heated by steam and has in the centre a large coil on which dinner pails can be warmed. The other and larger is to the west of the new No. 16 annex, and is 26x45 feet, heated by a large range with top surface 25x36 inches. These rest houses, which were on Friday formally opened to the Longshoremen's, Checkers and the Freight Handlers' Association, will be under the care and direction of the government's watchmen, but the three organizations will see that they are kept clean and in good condition.

FIRE SALE

AT THORNE'S

As a result of the recent fire in our establishment, we have decided that during the process of rebuilding and repairs, to clear the remaining stock in our King street retail store, consisting of Sterling and Plated Ware, Leather Goods, Japanese Brumware, Table Cutlery, Cut Glass, Clocks, Brooms, Electric Reading Lamps, Ceramic Dishes, Toilet Table Accessories, Toys, Games, etc., at the earliest possible moment, and allow, therefore a

Special Discount on All Goods

In these departments, thus affording an excellent opportunity both for the purchase of New Year's remembrances and to supply household needs in these lines AT CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS. The greater portion of the stock is in good condition and purchasers will have the advantage of securing practically perfect goods at much less than regular selling prices.

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Around the City

Recruiting Committee.
A special meeting of the Citizens Recruiting Committee will be held this afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms at three o'clock. As important business will be brought forward a good attendance is desired.

Presentation to Pastor.
At the close of last evening's service at Zion church an address was read to the pastor, Rev. J. B. Champion, expressing appreciation of his services in connection with the church. It was accompanied by a gift of \$40. Rev. Mr. Champion thanked those who had remembered him and said he would always try to uphold the work.

Inquests into Recent Deaths.
Coroner Robert will conduct inquiries into the deaths of Mrs. Mary Spittle and Mrs. Mary Littlefield. The jury which viewed the body of Mrs. Spittle on Thursday morning will hear evidence in the coroner's room this evening at eight o'clock, and the jury which viewed the remains of Mrs. Littlefield on Thursday evening will resume session tomorrow at 8 p. m. in the court house.

Seaman's Mission.
A large number of sailors attended the Christmas service in the Seaman's Institute on Sunday evening, when the Rev. Mr. Haughton gave a splendid and helpful address to the men. Miss Alcorn sang "Holy Night" very sweetly. At the close of the service the manager distributed tickets for the annual Christmas entertainment to the sailors in port, which will be given in the institute on Tuesday evening.

Santa At The Armory.
On Christmas morning one of the 6th marched in Santa Claus costume through the Armory and invited those present to follow him to the Y. M. C. A. quarters. The response was general, about 500 of the men going with him. When they got there each man was given a surprise packet which was much appreciated. Mr. Sparks wishes to thank all those who contributed the articles necessary to provide this treat.

Sailor Injured at Sand Point.
Yesterday afternoon a sailor named Thomas Wilson fell from the deck of a steamship lying at Sand Point. The fall was about fifty feet and when the unfortunate man was hoisted up to the deck of the ship and examined by the ship's doctor it was seen that he was badly injured. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man removed to the General Public Hospital. On examination it was found that Wilson's back was broken and his condition is most critical. The injured man is a native of England.

Christmas in Police Station.
Never in the history of the police force was there such good cheer as on Saturday. The old guard room was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a citizen who is a great admirer of the force presented a Christmas tree and hanging to the tree was a slight token of esteem for each member of the force. Chief of Police Simpson was presented by the members of the force with a handsome smoking set. The members of the force were each remembered by a present given by Chief Simpson and Inspector Wickham.

Fight in a Road House.
On Saturday evening about six o'clock George Eber, an old man, received a severe beating in Mrs. Eber's house on the Bethsaya Road. He complained to the county police and they bore out warrants against Alfred Boyce and Harvey Boyce, two persons who reside with Mrs. Eber. The two were arrested Saturday night by County Policemen Saunders and Officer Armstrong of the city force, and charged with the assault. The prisoners later got out on leaving a deposit for their appearance in court today. A report had been circulated about the city that a man had been beaten to death out the road and the story arose from the circumstance that the man Eber had been assaulted.

Shells No Longer Worry Them

The boys have got used to shell fire now and it does not bother them at all, but what does trouble them is wet weather. The first week they were there it rained all week and they went into the trenches wet and came out wet.

Asked about the crater fight Major Brown said there were only seven men engaged who were not killed or wounded. The attack was in the nature of a reconnaissance, it being impossible to find out what they were doing with this crater at night. It was decided to make an assault in daytime. Major Brown was given command of the storming party. The bombing party went first and as they drove the Germans out they went in, but it was impossible to stay there as they were subject to heavy machine gun fire. The Germans were about five minutes too late exploding their mine as all the men who were alive had escaped. He said he had written to find out if any further use had been made of this crater but had not heard as yet. When he was in the trenches they were in a week and out a week, but he believed since the cold weather had come they were relieved every four days. When the men come out of the trenches they go back about two miles where they have baths, each man has a hot bath and exchanges his dirty clothes, "and sometimes they are almost unable to walk" for clean ones, and the change is surely appreciated by the men. The baths are large tanks or vats sunk in the ground and hot water piped into them.

26th Hold Three-Quarter Mile of Front
One thing that is especially noticeable is the difference physically between the territorials and the Canadians, the Canadians being more strongly built. The 26th have a frontage of about three-quarters of mile of trench, two companies are in the front, one in support and one in reserve. The company in reserve have to keep the communication trenches in repair which usually keeps them fairly busy. They are also responsible for water and food supply for those in front trenches.

Major Brown said the commissariat department was all that could be desired; they had plenty of everything and the quality was good, the only lacking at all was socks in wet weather as then each man could use four or five pairs a day.

Yarmouth Man Back

Capt. F. W. Pickles of Yarmouth was also in the city yesterday on his way home on leave. Capt. Pickles is attached to the first Division Ammunition Column and has been through a lot of fighting. The first Division has been in practically every engagement that has taken place to date and have made a great name for themselves. Nearly all the men in his command are Saint John men and he was the best ever. He said he saw Major Magee about three weeks ago and he was looking fine. He also saw Capt. Harrison, Lieut. Hayes and Capt. Gamin a short time ago. The boys are all well and fit. When asked about the work of the Canadian troops and recovered again he said the Canadians have never left a gun behind them yet. They have lost only one and that was blown up by a shell which dropped in the battery. The guns that were lost at that time were territorial 4.7 the Canadians had 60 pound guns and were some distance further along the line where they did most excellent work. The Canadians in all branches of the service are more than making good.

A CHRISTMAS DAY FIRE IN NORTH END BUILDING

Beatty & Giggey's store and accompanying apartments gutted by fire.

The residents of 687 Main street had a Christmas present they did not expect. It was a fire that gutted the building. The building was owned by L. B. Mayer and Mrs. Ida Kominsky. It was occupied by Beatty & Giggey on the ground floor who conduct a gent's furnishing and clothing business. Mrs. Kominsky occupies the second floor and Mr. P. A. Farley occupied the third floor.

About 7:30 Saturday morning Mrs. Kominsky's maid got up to light the fire and smelled smoke. She alarmed the household and they had to leave in their night clothes. The building is insured for \$5,000 and the damage is estimated at about \$3,000. The fire started in Beatty & Giggey's place and their stock will probably be a total loss. As far as could be learned they did not have much insurance.

Mrs. Kominsky and Mr. Farley each had a small amount of insurance on their furniture but not nearly enough.

Body Brought Home
The remains of Mrs. Kenny, widow of the late Mr. Kenny of Halifax, who was president of the Royal Bank of Canada, arrived in the city yesterday from England and were removed to Brennan's undertaking warehouses and will be conveyed to Halifax this morning for interment. The remains were accompanied from England by the deceased's daughter, Miss Margaret Jones Kenny.

Christmas Treat in Municipal Home
There will be a big Christmas tree and entertainment for the inmates of the Municipal Home this afternoon and the citizens of St. John are invited to be present. The street cars on the East St. John line run very near the home, it is expected that a great many citizens will take this opportunity and be present.

MERCHANTS SATISFIED WITH THE CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

In many cases the Christmas trade for 1915 exceeded all previous records—A good index of St. John's general prosperity

Enquiries made of several of the principal commercial firms of the city elicited the information that trade during the Christmas season of 1915 compared more favorably with that of last year, and indeed with that, in some cases, of many years past. In more than one instance it has been pointed out that although there was less disposition to incur expenditure for articles that could be classed as luxuries any falling off in receipts on this account was more than counterbalanced by increased buying of necessities and articles of general utility. There seemed to be plenty of money available amongst the general public, and all the stores and business houses seem to have been well patronized, a condition which, in view of war conditions and an anticipated tightening of the purse-strings, was scarcely expected by the most optimistic. In all departments, whether it be hardware, clothing, articles of food or the many other things that one expects to see on sale in special variety and quantity at the Christmas period, good sales are reported and the merchants and shoppers are, in general, well pleased, with recent trade results.

night that business had been much better than anticipated. "December, generally," he remarked, "was exceptionally good for trade, and we cannot at all complain of results; we were kept busy all the time."

Macaulay Bros. & Co. said that their sales had far exceeded those of last Christmas. Business had been good since the beginning of December, and results for the month had far exceeded all expectations. "More articles of necessity were bought this time such as good wearing apparel and other useful things," said a representative of the firm last night.

Better Than Other Years.
F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd., also say that business with them was extremely good, and much in excess of any preceding Christmas. "There seemed to be plenty of money available for making purchases, and we could not well have hoped for more trade than that which fell to us," was the closing reply to The Standard enquiry.

"In all our stores," said Waterbury & Hising's representative, "we have been very busy since the first of December. We did much more trade than last Christmas or the Christmas before, by the way, was a very good one."
T. McAvity & Sons state that Christmas trade was good; about the same as last year.
James W. Philips, of the North End, said that business in his line, that of groceries and provisions, was good.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.
Saturdays our stores will be open until 10 p.m.; open at 8 a.m.; close 6 p.m., excepting Saturday 10 a.m.

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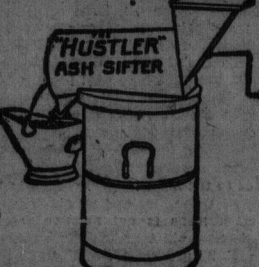
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The M. R. A. Sewing Machine is absolutely high-grade, and while it costs only \$28.50, it is the equal of any other machine at from \$15.00 to \$20.00 higher in price. The cabinet work and finish of the machine is first class, and the mechanism is the very last word in sewing machine construction. It has all the latest attachments and is capable of turning out to perfection every grade of work, from the coarsest to the very finest.

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New Black and Colored Silks

Handsome Black Silks

BLACK PALETTE—Wide width	Yard 90c. to \$1.50
BLACK DUCHESSE MOUSSELINE—Wide width	Yard \$1.15 to \$3.50
BLACK CHARMEUSE SATIN—Wide width	Yard \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$4.25
BLACK PONGEE—32 inches wide	Yard \$1.10 and \$1.25
BLACK TAFFETA—36 inches wide	Yard \$1.15, \$1.55, \$1.80
BLACK BENGALINE—40 inches wide	Yard \$1.65 and \$1.75
BLACK BENGALINE—48 inches wide	Yard \$3.60
JAPANESE WASH SILK—27 inches wide	Yard 50c. to \$1.25
JAPANESE PEAU DE SOIE—30 inches wide	Yard 75c. to \$1.40
JAPANESE PEAU DE SOIE—40 inches wide	Yard \$2.50 and \$3.40

Colored Dress Silks

SATIN DE CHINE—In mid. brown, dark brown, light navy, wisteria and Copenhagen; 36 inches wide	Yard \$1.10
MERVE SUBLIME—In mid. and dark brown, light blue, maize, mid. navy, dark navy, steel, Copenhagen, etc.; 30 1/2 inches wide	Yard \$1.10
OUR SPECIAL PALETTE—In twenty-five shades, including all of the newest, such as light, mid., dark seal and zigzag browns; light, mid. and dark navy blues; light and dark Copenhagen; bronze and myrtle greens, old rose, light blue, pink, ivory, peach, maize, roses, wisteria, etc.; 33 inches wide	Yard \$1.10
DUCHESSE SATIN—In navy, brown, Copenhagen, light blue, maize, pink, etc.; 36 in. wide	Yard \$1.15
CREPE FAILLE—In light blue, maize, rose, wisteria, navy; 36 inches wide	Yard \$1.25
SILK AND WOOL FANCY STRIPES—In ivory, light blue, pink, rose, maize, maize; 42 inches wide	Yard \$1.50
JAPANESE WHITE WASH SILKS—36 inches wide	Yard 60c. to \$1.10
STRIPED TAFFETA SILKS—In a variety of colors; 42 inches wide	Yard 95c.
REGIMENTAL STRIPES—The latest Silks for Blouses, Waists, Girdles, etc.	Yard 75c.
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