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NEW RUSSIAN MOVE ON NORTHERN FRONT BIGGEST UNDERTAKEN IN THAT THEATRE BY EITHER SIDE

RUSSIANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VERDUN FIGHT TO LAUNCH BIG DRIVE AROUND DVINSK

ANTICIPATE PLANS HUNS MIGHT HAVE IN MIND AND START MOVEMENT WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WILL DRIVE GERMANS FROM POSITIONS THEY HOLD IN NORTHERN FRONT.

Petrograd, March 22.—The Russian operations on the northern front promise to develop into the most serious movement undertaken by either side in this theatre of war since Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's campaign against Dvinsk last autumn.

Taking advantage of the German pre-occupation at Verdun, the Russian staff decided to anticipate any plans the Germans might be making for an offensive in the Dvinsk region by a series of manoeuvres which, if successful, will make it not only impossible for them to institute the advance they apparently intended, but will force them out of the positions they now hold against the northern Russian army.

The position of the German forces in the northern sector takes the form of an arc, with the army before Dvinsk occupying the point in the arc further extended into Russian territory.

This alignment makes the German position particularly susceptible to flanking attacks by the Russians north and south of Dvinsk. These, an official announced, have already begun.

In the region of Lake Norocz, south of Dvinsk the Russians advanced along a ten mile front, threatening the Vilna railroad and German communications between this point and Dvinsk. It is unofficially reported that this movement against the southern flank of the German Dvinsk position was accompanied by manoeuvres of the same nature against the northern German flank in the neighborhood of Friedrichstadt. The effect of these two attacks, if successfully executed, will be to squeeze the Germans from their extended position before Dvinsk and convert the present arc into a straight line from Friedrichstadt to Svientsyank.

KING AND QUEEN STAND WHILE BAND PLAYS "THE MAPLE LEAF"

London, March 22.—A pleasing incident, complimentary to Canada, and indicative of King George's appreciation of the dominion's military aid, occurred at today's royal entertainment at Buckingham Palace on behalf of wounded soldiers. Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence, and his aide de camp, Captain John Bassett, occupied seats just behind the royal party as guests of the King and Queen. One item on the programme was "The Maple Leaf Ever," rendered by the famed choristers of the Temple Church. Just as the opening bars were played, their Majesties rose to their feet and turning round, bowed to General Hughes with cordial smiles, and the audience manifested its sympathy. As General Hughes left the palace he was warmly greeted by large numbers of Canadian wounded assembled from the London hospitals, and these all received a cheery word from the minister.

At the conference which Sir Sam had this morning with the brigadier-generals commanding brigades at Shorncliffe and Bramshot camps, testimony was given regarding the good conduct of the Canadian troops, charges of drunkenness being only one per cent, and other evils being of correspondingly small proportions.

BOY SENDS IN TEN CENTS FROM HIS SAVINGS TOWARDS BAND FUND

Two contributions towards the fund for the 140th New Brunswick Battalion Band were received by The Standard yesterday and are accounted for herewith.

The Standard and The Brunswick Chapter, I. O. D. E., are endeavoring to secure the best possible information with respect to the purchase of instruments, and before long will be in a position to outline exactly what instruments will be required giving the definite cost of each one and of course the total cost for the whole band. It is quite certain that nothing in the vicinity of two hundred and thirty-five dollars will pay for the whole band equipment, so it is up to friends of this battalion all over the southern portion of the province to respond most generously to this request for funds in a very worthy cause.

One of the most encouraging features of the whole affair so far is a letter received yesterday afternoon by The Standard, dated from Fairville, addressed to Uncle Dick, Editor of the Children's Corner in Saturday's Standard. The writer is a little boy who says, "Do you think the kiddies of the Children's Corner could send in a little money to help to buy the band for the 140th Battalion. I am enclosing ten cents for it if you think it will help. With love, from Willie Harris."

Previously acknowledged \$230.50
Dr. W. S. Carter, Fredericton 5.00
Willie Harris, Fairville 10
\$235.60

HUNS GAIN FOOTING ON HAUCOURT HILL NEAR MALINCOURT

HELD IN OTHER SECTIONS BY FRENCH BARRIER FIRE AND ALL ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE FAIL - GIG GUNS OF BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO HAMMER OPPOSING POSITIONS.

Infantry attacks northwest of Verdun, preceded by vigorous bombardments, have enabled the Germans to gain a foothold on the small hill of Haucourt, which lies just south of the village of Malancourt, and between that town and the eastern edge of the Malancourt wood.

The entire sector of about two and a half miles from the Avocourt wood to Malancourt has been subjected to a violent artillery bombardment and several German infantry attacks, but except in the immediate vicinity of Malancourt the Germans were held by the French barrier fire and were unable to advance.

Northeast of Verdun, around Dounmont and Vaux, an intense artillery bombardment is still in progress. The infantry forces, however, have remained inactive in this district.

From the west, in the forest of the Argonne, the French are heavily shelling the Malancourt wood, which is in the hands of the Germans, and at various points in the forest have bombarded German communications, especially at Four De Paris, La Fille Mortis and Montfaucou.

The Russian offensive against the Germans in Northwest Russia has increased in intensity, and fighting is in progress day and night. The latest official statement from Russian general headquarters says that desperate infantry fighting is proceeding north

of the town of Postavy, where the Germans launched violent counter-attacks in an attempt to dislodge the Russians from trenches which they had previously captured. Respecting this operation the Berlin communication says that at this point the Russians delivered their heaviest attack, and their losses reached "extraordinarily high figures, even for the number of Russians in action."

The Russians captured three lines of the German trenches on the southwestern shore of Lake Narocz, where, it is officially declared, the fighting is developing in favor of the Russian forces. Here the Russians, despite "astounding" losses, and a "murderous fire," forced three lines of wire entanglements and made their gain in a series of fierce hand-to-hand encounters.

The Russian war office also officially announces the capture of Ispahan, in Persia, after an engagement. An unofficial report, received by way of Rome and London, says that the Austrians have abandoned Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina.

Bad weather again has broken over the Austro-Italian front, but it has not put a stop to the violent bombardments. The Austrians have delivered surprise attacks with infantry against Italian positions at various points, but these, according to Rome, have everywhere been repulsed.

N. S. STEEL PREFERRED DIVIDEND

Directors Decide to Declare Dividend for First Quarter of 1916 Payable April 15.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, March 22.—The directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company met yesterday at New Glasgow. It was decided to declare the dividend on the preferred stock for the first quarter of 1916 payable April 15th. The reports of the company's operations were satisfactory. Sufficient orders are in hand to keep them busy for the whole of this year.

SEVEN RECRUITS AT NEW DENMARK

Andover, Mar. 22.—A very successful recruiting meeting was held tonight at New Denmark. The hall was filled with a most enthusiastic audience. The Rev. Mr. Howell acted as chairman and the speakers were Lieut. Wilson, Sergt. Ashworth, Sergt. Mackey, Pte. Bell, Pte. Hovey and Pte. Coulson. Councillor A. J. Jensen and N. J. Wootton, the recruiting officer for Victoria county, Pte. Lawless was present and added much to the pleasure of the evening by his work on the violin. Seven men offered their services to the empire as follows: Gifford Watson, Bev. Jensen, Peter Swanson, John Oquilt, Edgar Prinkham, Carl Jensen and Arnold Jensen. This makes twenty-six men from Victoria county for the first three days of the week, and it is hoped to get fifty before the week ends.

CASUALTY LIST REPORTS DEATH OF PTE. JOS. McELHINNEY

The midnight casualty list has only one New Brunswick, Pte. Joseph McElhinney, 209 Paradise Row, a member of the 26th Battalion, notice of whose death was received through private sources from the Militia Department at Ottawa a couple of days ago. This is the only Maritime Province casualty in the list.

PROROGATION IS EXPECTED ABOUT APR. 15

Ottawa, March 22.—Indication of the approaching end of the session is given in a notice of motion by the prime minister for morning sittings of the House beginning on Monday next. The motion also provides that starting with next week government orders shall have precedence every day.

Prorogation is expected by April 15, giving the members ample time to get home for Easter.

WILL ASK SUBSIDY FOR ST. JOHN-FCTON STEAMER SERVICE

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, March 22.—A delegation is expected to appear before the government tomorrow asking for a subsidy for a steamboat service on the St. John river this season between St. John and Fredericton.

With the steamer Victoria burned, steamers owned by the company headed by Mr. D. J. Purdy of St. John are said to be the only ones available to furnish the service for the St. John and Fredericton route this year. Without a subsidy it is claimed the service cannot be maintained and will not be attempted.

Largely signed petitions have been forwarded here from St. John asking that the requested financial assistance be given for this steamboat service, Fredericton as well as districts along the river will watch with interest the result of tomorrow's hearing.

I. A. Governor Wood and Mrs. Wood were assisted at their weekly reception at Queen Hotel this afternoon by Lady Tiley of St. John. First double dinner of session tomorrow night.

GALLOPER LIGHTSHIP AT MOUTH OF THE THAMES TORPEDOED

Bulletin—London, Mar. 22.—The Galloper Lightship, at the mouth of the Thames, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to a Lloyd's report. The Dutch steamer Amstelland, from Buenos Aires for Amsterdam, reported according to a Reuter despatch from

ORANGE GRAND LODGE FOR CONSCRIPTION AND PROHIBITION

Resolutions to this Effect Passed Yesterday at St. Stephen - B. N. Clarkson New Grand Master.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, March 22.—Sessions of the Orange Grand Lodge today have been mostly devoted to matters concerning the welfare of the order. At the morning session Col. Percy A. Guthrie was made a life member of the association, in recognition of the distinguished service he has rendered the Empire.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Wilson Field, secretary of the Dominion Temperance Alliance, was granted the courtesy of appearing on the matter of provincial prohibition, and at the close of his address the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That, whereas there is a strong movement in favor of the principle of the prohibition of the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors,

"Therefore, be it resolved that this Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, now assembled, place itself on record as being in hearty sympathy with the policy of conscription. We wish to observe, however, that the members of our own order have not been backward in enlisting. Up to the first of June, when approximately 3,000 men had enlisted in the Province of New Brunswick, we had contributed of that number 500 men."

At the close of the evening session the members of Grand Lodge and some invited guests were entertained at a banquet by the local lodge.

Officers were elected at this evening's session: Grand master, B. H. Clarkson; Sr. deputy grand master, J. N. Perry; Jr. deputy grand master, D. A. Nesbitt; grand chaplain, E. H. Penwarden; grand secretary, Niel J. Morrison; grand treasurer, H. G. Wadman; grand lecturer, W. A. McFarlane; D. of C., P. A. Baird; auditors, H. Selken, J. W. McFarlane.

Truident, that she set her course for the Galloper Lightship but found on the spot only a mast above the surface of the sea.

MEXICAN AFFAIR TAKES ON MORE SERIOUS ASPECT

Late Reports Show People Not Unanimous in Carranza's Policy of Aiding U. S., and Garrison at Chihuahua Has Revolted, the Commandant Declaring Himself for Villa.

El Paso, Texas, March 22.—The silence which for two days has enveloped the Mexican situation, as far as any definite news of the pursuit of Villa is concerned, gave fresh force today to the numerous reports from various sources of grave disaffection among the Carranza troops.

On the border, at least, it is firmly believed that the soldiers of the First Chet are far from giving any real co-operation to the American expeditionary force. It is admitted that General Carranza and some of his lieutenants are sincerely anxious to avoid friction with the United States, but it is not believed that the head of the de facto government represents the attitude or sentiments of his army or fellow citizens.

From several different sources, a circumstantial report was received to the effect that the Carranza troops at Chihuahua, supposed to number 2,000 men, had revolted, and that their commander, General Luis Herrera, had declared in favor of Villa. Andres Garcia, the Carranza consul here, branded this report as false, but in high official circles here it was accepted as at least possible, in view of the fact that more than half of the Mexican troops at Chihuahua were former Villa followers.

Since yesterday morning General Gavira, at Juarez, has claimed that the wires along the Mexican North-western Railroad between Juarez and Casas Grandes have been cut, and that consequently he could give no information in regard to the reported battle at Namiquipa between the Carranza and Villa forces. Americans here, especially refugees from Mexico, are frankly skeptical both as to the reported battle and the cut wires.

MT. A. DEBATING TEAM WINNERS AT DALHOUSIE

Halifax, Mar. 22.—Mt. Allison University won from Dalhousie University tonight in the annual intercollegiate debate, two of the judges voting for the New Brunswick debaters, and one for the local men. The assembly hall of school for the blind was crowded with students and their friends.

The judges were Mr. Justice Harris, Mr. Justice Russell and Judge Jonah. Principal Clarence MacKinnon presided.

The subject of the debate was "Resolved that the United States should have entered the present war on the side of the Allies." Dalhousie had the affirmative.

ANXIETY AT WASHINGTON

Washington, March 22.—Grave apprehension regarding the outcome of the American expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa was evident, for the first time, in Washington tonight after receipt by the war department of a despatch from General Punston saying a report had reached him that 2,000 Carranza troops at Chihuahua, under General Luis Herrera, had revolted and aligned themselves with the bandit chief.

While no confirmation reached the State Department or the Mexican embassy, fear that the report might be true was not disguised in official circles.

ARRAIGNS THE BRITISH AIR SERVICE

New Member of Commons Says Blunders in Building Machines Cause of Several Airmen's Deaths.

London, Mar. 22.—Noel Pemberton-Billing, who was recently elected to parliament after a campaign in which he demanded sweeping changes in Great Britain's air defense methods, stirred the House of Commons this afternoon with an arraignment of the British air service, which he charged with inefficiency. He asserted that a blundering policy in construction of the committee on control of air defence because he was not well informed on the subject.

Mr. Billing said that within the next few years the big nations would possess from 100,000 to 200,000 aeroplanes, with which the sky would be blackened, while even the smaller nations, which were unable to afford battleships, would be able to maintain fleets of aircraft which cost only from £100 to £200 a piece.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, replied that Mr. Billing's charges were grotesquely absurd and untrue, and he argued that the commander-in-chief at the front was thoroughly satisfied with the air service, while the word "murder" in connection with the deaths of airmen never should have been used.

Mr. Billing again sprang to his feet, saying: "I repeat the statement, and if Mr. Tennant wishes to challenge, if I will produce such evidence as will shock the house."

Mr. Tennant retorted that the member had done little to justify his charges of "murder."

Nothing further developed in the Commons in connection with Mr. Billing's "murder" charge, but in the House of Lords the Duke of Devonshire, replying to a question by Baron

HOW GRIT OFFICIAL ORGAN JUGGLES WITH THE FACTS

Ottawa Free Press, Liberal, Gives Its Impressions of Canadian Liberal Monthly.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 22.—The Ottawa Free Press, the Liberal organ in the capital, says tonight:

"The Canadian Liberal Monthly for March features the speech of Mr. F. B. Carvell in the House of Commons on January 25, when he made 'grave and positive charges of manipulation for the benefit of party friends, who were awarded contracts for hay purchased by the Borden government for the British government,' and declared that the favored political friends were 'placed in a position to slich \$45,000.'"

"The Canadian Liberal Monthly says: 'To this day the charges have not been answered,' and again: 'As was stated at the outset of this article, the charges made by Mr. Carvell have not been answered in any particular.'"

"Yet Hansard shows that Hon. Martin Burrell, on January 27, did undertake to reply to the accusation made by Mr. Carvell, and twelve pages of the official record are occupied by that portion of Mr. Burrell's speech directly dealing with the matter referred to by the Canadian Liberal Monthly. An additional five pages of Hansard are devoted to Mr. Burrell's relation of an incident at the time of the Boer war with which Mr. Carvell was apparently connected—an incident not at all inappropriate in view of some of Mr. Carvell's statements, and one that the beneficiaries are probably desirous of forgetting."

"The Canadian Liberal Monthly issued by 'The Central Information Office of the Canadian Liberal party' was established to give facts to Liberals throughout the country, but if its facts are to be no more authentic than the assertions above quoted, its value as a medium for the spread of information seems doubtful."

Hereford on the same subject, said: "No authentic record exists of any officer losing his life through a faulty machine, although two officers were killed while making important experiments."

Baron Buresford thereupon apologized for his statement, saying that his information came from what he had considered a reliable source.

SOCIALISTS IN REICHSTAG
LOOK TO GOVT TO BRING
ABOUT AN EARLY PEACE

Berlin, via London, March 22.—The Socialist membership in the Reichstag has decided to present the following resolutions: "The Reichstag expresses the expectation that in the negotiations concerning the employment of the submarine weapon everything will be avoided which could damage the just interests of neutral states and effectuate an unnecessary sharpening and extension of the war."

NO TRACE OF
REMAINS OF
LATE MR. LAW

Although Debris all Removed from Burned Parliament Building—Exterior Not to be Changed in New Plans.

Ottawa, March 22.—Hon. C. J. Doherty told Mr. Alphonse Verreille in the House today that the prosecution of Jack Reid, who was convicted on a charge of sedition in Calgary and sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment was initiated and carried on by the local authorities. The charges of the judge who tried the case indicated that Reid, who claimed to be the representative of the socialist party in the Province of Alberta was accused of having declared that he knew of atrocities committed by British soldiers in South Africa during the Boer war equal to any charged against the Germans in the present conflict, that British soldiers during the present war had sold as souvenirs in Scotland and in Paris German singers preserved in alcohol, that "we have nothing to be proud of that we have been born under the British flag and that the war was being carried on in the interest of capitalist class."

Mr. Doherty declined to express his judgment in reply to the question "were the words pronounced by Reid more offensive than those used by Armand Lavergne, M. P., on the floor of the Quebec legislature assembly?" The minister of justice simply stated that he had no information as to the words of Mr. Lavergne. He told Mr. Verreille that petition praying for clemency in the case of Reid had been received and was receiving consideration. Mr. Verreille asked: "Is it the intention of the government to give equal rights to Reid and Armand Lavergne?"

In reply the minister of justice stated that the rights of these men were governed by and equal under the law, they have been and will be equally respected by the government. A committee consisting of three members from each side in the House of Commons will be appointed to act with the minister of public works in making arrangements for the restoration of the burned parliament buildings. This was agreed upon in response to the request of Hon. Robert Rogers in the House today.

Mr. Rogers made a statement in which he told of the completion of the work of removing the debris from the burned building and the failure of the workers to discover any trace of the remains of the late B. E. Law, M. P. of Yarmouth.

No Change in Exterior. Sir Robert Borden thought that the plans prepared were the best that could be made without changing the exterior of the buildings and this, he held, should not be done unless absolutely necessary. That Sir Sam Hughes was visiting

AN APPROVED
INCREASED BUSINESS
IN ST. JOHN POST OFFICE
REQUIRED BIGGER STAFF

Hon. Mr. Hazen Shows Opposition Member Larger Number of Employees Necessitated by Great Increase in Mail Traffic in Past Few Years.

Borden Government Believes in Acton, While Laurier Regime was Notable for Promises.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 22.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, when the estimates of his department were taken up today, made a vigorous defence of the postal service, and showed that the increased expenditure was due entirely to improved and modernized service. The chief increase was due to the extension of free rural mail service. Rural mail, which was not attempted to be extended to the Dominion. In fact, it was used largely for the sake of political patronage and to win the support of the rural population. Under the Borden Government free rural mail routes have been extended in every province until now they total nearly 4,000. All of Prince Edward Island, most of the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and the west are now furnished with this urban advantage for the Canadian farmer. Mr. Casgrain pointed out that the railway mail clerks and postal officials were promised living wages before every election by the late government, that was as far as the promises ever got. These long-delayed increases were granted by the Borden Government under legislation passed in 1912-13. They account for an increase in the expenditure of \$400,000.

Another cause of the increased expenditure has been the increase in salaries of the postal officials throughout the country. It has been notorious in Canada that letter carriers, railway mail clerks and postal officials generally have been underpaid. They were promised living wages before every election by the late government, that was as far as the promises ever got. These long-delayed increases were granted by the Borden Government under legislation passed in 1912-13. They account for an increase in the expenditure of \$400,000.

Mr. Casgrain pointed out that another reason for the increase in the expenditure of the department was the establishment of the parcel post. The great increase in mail carried as a result of this legislation had necessitated large increases in the staffs of the post offices. There had been a great extension in the letter carrier service in the larger cities, while in the smaller growing cities letter carrier routes had been established. Another cause of the increase in the expenditure was the increase in the amounts paid the railways for carriage of mail. For years the Canadian railways have been asking for a higher rate of sixteen cents per mile per annum was decided upon. This is still much below the American rate which is twenty cents per mile per annum.

Mr. Casgrain also pointed out that under the Laurier regime there was an annual increase in the expenditure of the post office department, due to the ordinary growth of the country's population over eleven per cent. If this increase was added to the expenditure due to new and improved services it would more than account for the growth in the expenditure of the department. The Postmaster General disposed of the charge of Mr. E. M. MacDonald of Pictou, made earlier in the session, and which has been discussed by several speakers. Mr. MacDonald's charge, in brief, was that at Sunny Brae, in Pictou county, the postal service had been reorganized for political purposes. Mr. Casgrain showed that the service had been vastly improved and the increase was only \$6.10 per year.

FUNERALS. Largely attended was the funeral of Blake A. Hoyt, which took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, 174 Adelaide street. Rev. D. J. McPherson conducted services and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery. The officers and members of the various lodges of the Knights of Pythias attended the funeral in a body.

The remains of James Huggard were taken by the Halifax train yesterday morning to Springdale, Kings county, for interment there yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted at his late residence, Main street, on Tuesday evening by the Rev. G. F. Scovill. The funeral of John Hayes took place yesterday afternoon from his brother's residence, March Road, in St. Joseph's church. Silver Falls, N. B. Rev. A. J. O'Neill, pastor, officiated in the new Catholic cemetery, and relatives acted as pall-bearers. Many attended the funeral.

From his late residence at Little River the funeral of Peter Leo took place yesterday morning at St. Joseph's church, where High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. A. J. O'Neill. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives wore the pall and the funeral was an exceptionally large one, many following the remains to their late resting place.

DIED. LYNAM—In this city, March 21, Mrs. Annie Lynam, widow of Richard Lynam, aged 87 years and 9 months. Funeral will take place from her late residence, 29 Exmouth street, Thursday afternoon at 2:30, followed by services at St. Mary's church. MCGLODRICK—In this city, on the 21st, after a short illness of pneumonia, J. Harold, son of Jennie and the late John McGlodrick, leaving a mother and three sisters to mourn. Notice of funeral in evening papers.

POTATO GROWERS
IN PROVINCE TO
ORGANIZE TODAY

Hon. Mr. Hazen Shows Opposition Member Larger Number of Employees Necessitated by Great Increase in Mail Traffic in Past Few Years.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Mar. 22.—In connection with the agricultural course now being conducted here, the potato growers will perfect their organization tomorrow. W. W. Hubbard this afternoon spoke on "Varieties of potatoes suitable for New Brunswick," and S. J. Moore, seed commissioner, Truro, had for his subject, "Potato improvement and seed selection." The potato growers' association was read by J. Hubbard, C. G. Cunningham of Ottawa showed that Canada stood fifth in the yield of potatoes throughout the world. Since 1900 in New Brunswick the average yield had increased from 127 to 200 bushels an acre.

This evening A. D. Holyoke presided over a large sized meeting and interesting addresses were made by J. Hubbard, W. T. Macoun on "Potatoes and its culture," and E. W. Jarvis on "Potatoes and community finances." Mr. Daggert, after explaining the absence of Hon. J. A. Murray, said he is confirmed in his convictions that New Brunswick should stand in very first place in the production of Canada as regards agriculture. The province had entered upon a new era, lumber used to be the chief industry and agriculture a side-line, but the conditions have been reversed, and now the people are turning to agriculture, which is no mean calling and requires as much intelligence as any other profession.

W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, who has been head of that department for twenty-eight years, gave his experience on potato raising. He said the ground should be well prepared by harrowing. The best results are obtained from seed planted last week in May.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 22.—At the close of the public accounts committee today Mr. P. B. Carvell asked if there was any tidings of the whereabouts of Col. J. Wesley Allison, or if there were any hopes of securing him.

"I don't know where he is," replied Hon. J. D. Reid, "but if there is any way under heaven of getting him we will do so. I remember an attempt made several years ago to secure a witness, Mr. J. Orr Lee, who was in British territory. Mr. Carvell argued in the colonial legislature, was appointed today assistant judge of the Supreme Court, succeeding the late Justice Emerson, who died three weeks ago. The new judge was attorney-general in Sir Robert Borden's cabinet from July 1907 until the resignation of the late minister early in 1909, and represented the electoral district of St. John's East continuously since 1904. His father, Robert Kent, was speaker of the House of Assembly from 1881 to 1893.

CAPTAIN SAYS SHIP STRUCK BY TWO TORPEDOES. London, Mar. 22.—The sinking of the Dutch liner Tubantia and Palembang is still being given much attention in naval circles. The latest development is in the form of a report from the captain of the Palembang to the admiralty which states that his ship was struck fore and aft by two torpedoes. He also expresses the belief that another torpedo which failed to explode, hit amidships.

This report is based on statements by the chief officer and boatswain, who swore they saw the streak made by both torpedoes. The liner almost stopped when the first warning of trouble came in the form of a blow amidships, the depositions state, but an examination showed no damage. A moment later the forward bulkhead blew in, and this was followed almost immediately by an explosion aft.

King Albert's Day. On April 8th the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E. with their friends met at a social gathering at the King Albert's Day. The occasion was marked by the presentation of a photograph with autograph, through the city, the object being to raise money for the Belgian fund, which is indeed a worthy one. This noble king and his little "Kingdom of Grief" has suffered much for liberty, justice and freedom.

Calling Out the Reserves—Happy is the man or woman who can call upon reserves of health and strength in every crisis. Building up reserves is a question of eating the right kind of food. Shredded Wheat Biscuit supplies all the material needed for nourishing the tissues and it daily use keeps the bowels healthy and active. Eat it for breakfast with hot milk or cream.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL
CLAIM RIGHT TO
SEIZE U.S. SECURITIES

Because Sale by Germans Give them Credit and Place Bonds in Same Category as Gold Shipments.

London, Mar. 22.—Replying to the formal protest of the United States against the seizure of American securities, the British government will give to Walter Page, the American ambassador, an informal interim reply, in which Great Britain will claim the right to make such seizures because their sale by Germans gives them credit, which places the bonds in the same category as gold shipments.

The ambassador Page has presented a number of specific complaints to the British foreign office in behalf of American claimants of the seized securities, but no reply showing what disposition the British government intends to make in these cases had been received. It is understood the Ambassador will press for an early reply to these complaints.

There is a disinclination in official circles to make any statement regarding the possible fate of these seized securities, as they constitute a form of contraband which has no precedent.

MARRIAGES. Trueman-Gass. Hampton, March 22.—The marriage of Mrs. V. Gass to Bayard Trueman, son of Judge Trueman, Campbellton, N. B., took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Church of the Messiah, which was presided over by Rev. A. H. Crowfoot performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Clarence Ferguson of St. John was attired in a navy blue travelling suit and wore a corsage of red roses. She wore a becoming hat of deep blue trimmed with satin ribbon of the same shade, and pink rose buds.

After the wedding the bride and groom, with a few of their intimate friends, enjoyed afternoon tea at the home of Miss F. Fairweather and Miss Turnbull.

Mr. and Mrs. Trueman left on the C. P. R. for Fredericton and Campbellton and on their return will reside in Bridgeport, N. B.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. Royal. J. H. Evans, Moncton; H. Wilson, Hamilton; A. B. Connell, Woodstock; P. Robinson, Fredericton; H. W. Thompson, Toronto; J. Lapham, J. M. Scovill, Montreal; W. M. Moore, Ottawa; L. E. Goodwin, Boston; C. Guttman, N. Y.; R. Birdwhistell, Ottawa; C. A. Archer, J. R. Saunders, Toronto; F. S. Pickard, Sackville; E. L. Philips, W. Allport, Halifax; A. H. Jones, Moncton; L. K. Caplin, W. E. Lurain, Montreal; N. Bernstein, Brownville; J. S. White, Sussex; D. L. Robertson, Moncton; G. R. Harris, Sackville; G. R. Montreal; J. G. Gant, Montreal; H. Neilson, A. Allen, Toronto; A. H. Webb, Halifax; J. J. Tatro, Utica, N. Y.; M. Stephens, London; T. S. Gardner, Nottingham; W. A. McNeill and wife, New Glasgow.

Coal Branch. Mar. 20.—Mr. Peter McKinnon, of Moncton, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. Hudson. W. F. Little, of the 11th Battalion, of St. John, and Pies. Albert and Eddie Little, of the 14th Battalion, Moncton, are visiting their parents here.

Miss D. Harris of Sunny Brae, is visiting friends in Clairville. Miss Muriel Spencer, of Moncton, visited her parents here, one day last week. Mrs. Andrew Hudson and grandson, Ronald Sherwood, returned on Thursday, from a visit to relatives in Moncton. Mr. Polycarpe Gallant, was presented with a long service medal, on Wednesday last week. Mrs. Thomas Beers spent Sunday in Beauséjour. Mr. John Brown visited Moncton, recently. Mr. Auguste Arsenault, of Adamsville, spent Sunday in Clairville. Mr. Robert Little, of St. John, visited his mother in Clairville, last week.

NINE MORE
RECRUITS FROM
NORTH SHORE

Chatham, March 21.—Recruiting Officer Murdoch has enlisted the following men since Saturday: John S. Layton, Blackville. Geo. A. Lockhart, Chatham. John J. Williston, Bay Side. Wesley Williston, Bay Side. Fred. Clark, Chatham. Hippolyte Miosas, Bel River. Wm. Robichaud, Chatham. John P. Cunhaingham, Chatham. Jarvis McLean, Black River.

This makes a total of 128 men recruited by Lieut. Murdoch to date. Five in R. A. Murdoch's residence at an early hour this morning. The appraisers have not placed the damage yet. The lobster fishermen are preparing for the coming season, getting their traps and factories in readiness for business.

JAPANESE STEAMER HOKOKU MARU IS GIVEN UP AS LOST. London, Mar. 22.—The Japanese steamship Hokoku Maru, long overdue, has virtually been given up as lost. She was posted as missing at Lloyds today. She left Portland, Oregon, on November 3, with a cargo of wheat for the United Kingdom, and was last reported as leaving Singapore on December 20.

Concert, St. Philip's church, tonight, by the Fireside League. Hillsborough. Hillsborough, March 18.—Mrs. Thos. McLaughlin is the guest of her parents, at Rosedale, N. B.

Mrs. Orris K. Dawson returned last week from Boston and Lowell, Mass., where she visited friends. Robert Duffy who recently enlisted in the 1st Battalion, in the engineering corps, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duffy, last week.

Mrs. George Harper returned from Moncton, on Wednesday last. Mrs. Marjorie Smith, of Moncton is the guest of friends in town. The Ladies' Village Club, met on Wednesday last, at Grassfield, the home of Mrs. C. J. Osmun, Mrs. Osmun was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. J. H. Berrie, "Current Events" was the topic, and an interesting letter on "A Trip to England in War Times" was read by Mrs. Berrie. Miss Ethel Robinson, of Riverside furnished patriotic music at the piano. Refreshments were served, after a pleasant and profitable afternoon devoted to sewing for Red Cross benefits.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duffy are in Moncton. Mrs. George Stearns returned to her home in Moncton, this week. Mrs. Willard Porter is the guest of friends in Sussex. Mr. F. M. Thompson accompanied by his daughter, Miss Katherine, were in Fredericton, this week. Mrs. George Wallace is the guest of friends in St. John. Miss Martha Steves returned from a visit with Moncton friends last week.

Mrs. Thad Stevens returned to her home in Pictou, N. S., on Friday of this week, having been the guest of Mrs. Robert Slater. Mrs. Manning Duffy, of Moncton, was a guest of her son, Mr. Ernest Duffy, on Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. W. B. Dickson, of Moncton, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Bain.

On Friday evening, March 17th, a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slater, met at their home, and surprised them with a party, on the occasion being Mr. Slater's seventy-third birthday. The evening was spent in games and a good time generally. Refreshments were served.

Spring Washer. The weather yesterday was rather mild, and on the sunny side of the streets the snow and ice had melted. Towards evening it became colder and it rained. The snow storm which commenced on Saturday evening continued to snow. The snow storm which was at all night, and it was still snowing at three o'clock this morning. There was quite a fall and the sleighing was excellent.

Penian Raid Veterans Din. Members of the Penian Raid veterans, to the number of fifty, met at Wansamakers last evening to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. Addresses were delivered by Mayor Frink, Commissioner Potts, Postmaster Sears and others and the function was a most successful one. Complete Courses at Halifax. Major F. Roy Sumner, son of Agent General F. W. Sumner, and Major C. Lionel Hamilton, of Dorchester, have returned from Halifax where they have been taking a field officer's course. Both officers have completed the course. Cheese and Apple Salad. To one cup of diced cheese add two cups of diced peeled apples and one-fourth cup of chopped dates. To one-half cup of thick sour cream add one tablespoon each of sugar and lemon juice and a pinch of salt. Beat until well mixed and pour over the salad. Mix lightly and serve on a bed of crisp lettuce leaves.

TAX ON GRANTS
OUTSIDE ST. JOHN
FOR EDUCATION

Resolution Moved in Legislature Last of Victoria County—Committee Deal With Matter—Bill Relating Companies Considered by the House.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 22.—A tax of from one to two cents per acre on all unimproved lands outside of school districts in New Brunswick, by which the provincial revenue can be augmented by a sum estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per annum, is to be considered by a special committee of ten members of the legislature, who will report back to the House before the close of the present session. The proposal was brought before the legislature tonight by Mr. White of Victoria, whose proposition called for such a tax on granted lands and its use for educational purposes, but his resolution was so amended as to give the special committee power to make a thorough enquiry into the matter and it was intimated that the committee would take up the question of making this tax also apply to Crown timber lands under lease.

Mr. White, in a thoughtful speech, dealt in a concise manner with educational problems of the province generally and pointed out improvements and extensions which could be made if increased revenue were available. He said that the present tax on school property was an amendment to refer the matter to a committee which plan was adopted without discussion. The House resumed at 8:15. Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the University of New Brunswick. Mr. White (Victoria) moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to impose an annual tax of from one to two cents per acre to be imposed for educational purposes upon all granted land in the province situated outside of established school districts."

In rising to move the resolution Mr. White said since he had begun to look into the various educational interests which require public attention he felt himself unable to deal with this matter in as comprehensive a manner as he could wish, but he trusted that the justice of his cause would be so apparent that it would make up for a deficiency in presenting his case. The province was under a debt of obligation to the Hon. George E. King, the father of the Free Schools Act, who in 1871 put the masses of the people who were familiar with school matters know that for the last thirty-five years the successful working of that Act had been in a very large measure due to the assistance of the ability and sound judgment of the late Dr. William Crockett. The Act had been in force for about forty-five years and it deserved the hearty support of all. He suggested that in the scheme of taxation evolved and the different regulations decided upon by the Board of Education had been utilized by different provinces of the Dominion, and he believed by several States in the United States, and even the Government of South Africa had at the close of the Boer War employed the late Dr. Mullen to go out there and aid them in working out a system based upon the same principles. What was considered a good education thirty-five years ago was not so considered at the present time, and what is considered a good education at the present time will not be so considered thirty-five years hence. He believed the scope of the Act could be enlarged and amended so as to meet the growing demands of the age and the necessities of the people. They had an excellent force of teachers in the province and the Government deserved credit for the pension system which it had adopted in working out a system which he believed could be further extended.

The school inspector force was in his opinion one of the hardest worked and most poorly paid of the Government employees and it was impossible for them to successfully perform the work required of them. He felt that a system of inspection should be adopted, and he suggested that a system be set up by an inspector and the benefits to be derived from such frequent visits would be almost incalculable. Those improvements would require more money, and he contended with the financial condition of the province would permit of a material increase of the salaries of those connected with the school work. He believed that about all that any man or woman who gives all or her life for educational work gets is the satisfaction of hearing the public say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" and that was usually left unused until after his or her death.

EVERY THREE MINUTES ONE DIES IN THE U. S. The Anti-Tuberculosis Society illustrates the frightful toll of consumption by extinguishing a light every three minutes, and shows that it is the man or woman, girl or boy, who neglects colds, whose blood is impure, who feels weak and languid, who is the very one to contract tuberculosis—and none are immune. During changing seasons, or after sickness, blood-quality is most important, and if you and your family wish to take Scott's Emulsion after meals it will charge your blood with health-sustaining richness, quicken circulation, and strengthen both lungs and throat. Scott's Emulsion is free from drugs—entirely natural. Get a bottle to-day. Scott & Bower, Toronto, Ont. 15-25

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1916.

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

RUMORS OF PEACE.

The ridiculous story sent broadcast on the authority of the New York Post, purporting to tell of a conference between the American Ambassador to Germany and Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg Imperial Chancellor and spokesman for the Kaiser, at which the question of peace was informally discussed, is not the only medium through which peace rumors are being circulated. Galveston, Texas, has heard that steamer charters have been countermanded because the war is about over. As to why this "news" should reach such a quarter as Galveston has been the port through which lumber has been shipped to the Allies and the agents in the case do not want the lumber if there is to be an immediate peace. "It all looks natural enough," says the Boston Transcript, "but there is no basis for assuming that lumber buyers have been 'tipped off' in any such way. Galveston refuses to disclose the names of the parties to the alleged countermanding orders. In this part of the world, highly important purchases, based on an indefinite continuance of the war, are proceeding without interruption."

The other day, the French Finance Minister, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, expressed it as his opinion that the end of the war is in sight. This statement doubtless set many other reports in motion of which the one circulated by the New York Post is but an example. J. P. Morgan of New York who has acted as financial agent for the Allied Governments, in connection with war contracts in the United States returned the other day from Europe where he had been in close touch with those supplying the stinews of war and when interviewed by the New York Times on peace prospects with special reference to the pronouncement of the French Finance Minister, expressed an opinion very different from those referred to. The Times reports Mr. Morgan as follows:

"He said it was true that the end of the struggle was in sight, if one used that expression to mean that the turning point had been set by the attack on Verdun, but he believed that Germany would be a long time on the defensive before she would agree to terms that the Allies were bound to obtain. Mr. Morgan came back firmly convinced that Great Britain would never enter negotiations looking to a settlement until she was in a position to assure the world that the menace of another great war had been entirely removed."

The opinion of the eminent financier as to the terms on which the Allies would be willing to concede peace is supported by the very definite statement of Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey that the Allied powers will continue to fight until Belgium has been completely recompensed for the wrongs she has suffered.

This is a vastly different from the concession Von Bethmann-Hollweg is reported to have made, that Germany would undertake to rehabilitate Belgium and would not exact an indemnity from her, but would insist on the payment of indemnity before consenting to the removal of her troops from Northern France.

Close students of the situation, including political and military reviewers, are inclined to regard as serious the effect German reverses at Verdun will have on the Teutonic people. German military authorities for years have taught the civilian population to regard the army as invincible but the fact that it has not scored a decisive success on the western front since the Battle of the Marne has shaken the confidence formerly held in that army and the knowledge that now, after twenty months of fighting, Germany is growing steadily weaker has served to dispel it altogether.

It was to demonstrate that the German war machine is still a creation to be feared that the attack on Verdun was undertaken and its failure means the collapse of German hope. Generally the disposition is to believe that the enemy will fight on the defensive for a long time yet, but the events of the past month have brought the end of the conflict materially nearer. It is yet, however, too early to talk of or think of peace, especially on terms so impossible as those suggested by the German Chancellor.

THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.

Although last week's result in recruiting through the Province of New Brunswick was more satisfactory than has been the case in some other weeks, yet the men are not yet coming forward in sufficient numbers to fill the battalions now being raised. The 115th and 140th are many men short of the number required to bring them up to strength. Recruiting meetings, so far as St. John are concerned, are not bringing the results desired for the reason that young men do not attend them.

New Brunswick should certainly be in a position to do as well as Nova Scotia in giving tangible expression of her loyalty to the Empire and the Empire's fight. Yet in the sister province 1,200 men were enlisted in two days, a showing that New Brunswick has not yet been able to equal. Commanding the Nova Scotia result, the Ottawa Journal under the title "Well Done, Nova Scotia," has this to say: "Recruiting for the battalions of the new Nova Scotia Highland brigade is remarkable. For some time after the war began recruiting was somewhat slow in the Maritime Provinces, and there was considerable wonder expressed at that condition of things in the fine old provinces. It seems in view of recent happenings that they just hadn't struck their gait. Speed in recruiting has come now with a vengeance. Twelve hundred men enlisted in two days recently. 'Col. A. H. Borden, a cousin of the Prime Minister, and a native-born Nova Scotian is the leader of the recruiting campaign, and he is to command the brigade. This in itself has aroused enthusiasm. One of the four battalions is mobilizing now at Halifax. So enthusiastically are the people of the whole province behind the movement, that the spirit of it has extended even to the young men who have left Canada to make their way in the United States, and many of them have sent messages asking that places be kept for them until they can arrange their business affairs and hurry home to enlist. 'And not only the young men of the provinces are rushing to the colors, but older men as well. Clarence McKinnon, president of Pine Hill Presbyterian College, has offered his services, and they have been accepted. He is one of the best known educationalists in the east, and is a man of large influence. President Outten, of Acadia College, has also enlisted, and with him has gone Professor H. A. Kent, of the same college. 'The traditions of these people of Nova Scotia are no better than the story of today. They have set a high standard of patriotism, and the hearts of the rest of the Dominion will beat faster at the thought of them.' It is useless to attempt to abuse the young men of New Brunswick into the khaki. Also, apparently, they cannot be shamed. If they can the showing made by Nova Scotia should be sufficient to send them flocking to the recruiting offices."

THE SECOND WAR.

Another, and what, to Germany, is likely to prove an equally expensive war is scheduled to commence after the present conflict of armed men has ceased. The weapons will be the product of commercial industries, railways and steamships, banks and money. Germany must never regain the place she once held in the commercial world. For the blood and tears she has brought on mankind she must pay what to her will be the most costly penalty—that of trade and commerce.

Measures to exact this penalty are already under way. An economic conference is to be held in Paris at which all the Allies, including Belgium and Japan, will be represented. Walter Runciman, president of the British Board of Trade, will preside and the principal matter to be considered will be a proposition whereby none of the Allies will enter into separate commercial treaties with Germany and Austria. The Allies who have fought side by side through the greatest war the world has ever known will trade side by side in the piping times of peace to follow.

The new compact will put Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Serbia, Belgium and Japan in the position of a commercial federation of nations acting one for all and all for one, and the weight of the blow which the combination will be able to deal to German trade and commerce may, indeed, be regarded as staggering. Germany's prosperity, prior to the war, was built up on her great export

trade and her largest customers were the nations now arrayed against her. Not only will their markets be closed but the combination will be able to offer such inducements to neutral nations with whom Germany did much business, that it is believed her commerce will be kept off the seas from which it has been driven through the agency of the British navy. Never again will a world at peace contribute to German manufacturers the money that, in time of war, may be used to feed and equip soldiers, provide Zepelins, submarines and the other engines of destruction by which the cause of civilization is being impeded. The approaching conference is likely to authorize a commercial war on Germany and for the Teutons this second conflict is likely to prove as deadly as the first.

EXACTLY!

Says the Times: "The Standard has come to the conclusion that if commission government is all right it is all right, and if it isn't it isn't. Quite so." That's exactly it, is it, or is it ain't? The profundity of our brother's reasoning is astounding. Now let us hear his opinion of commission government, as he has the panacea for all civic ills. Does he still think not to attend them.

THANKS FROM OFFICERS N.C.O.'S AND MEN OF 140th

To the Editor, St. John Standard, St. John, N. B. Sir—On behalf of the officers, N. C. O.'s and men of the 140th Battalion, I wish to convey to you, and through you to the Brunswick Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, our appreciation of the efforts you and they are making to secure the necessary funds to provide this battalion with a band, and assuring you that we will give every assistance, and believing your efforts will be crowned with success, I remain, yours very truly,

LT.-COL. BEER, Commanding 140th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

REV. GUSTAV A. KUHRING WRITES FROM EGYPT

Grateful to Soldiers' Comfort Association for Parcel Sent to a "Lone Australian Soldier."

That an Australian soldier in Alexandria, Egypt, has been made happy through the efforts of the Soldiers' Comfort Association of St. John, is shown by the following letter received yesterday by the president of the local Soldiers' Comfort Association, from Alexandria, and sent by Rev. Gustav A. Kuhring, captain and chaplain, No. 3, Can. Stat. Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt.

3rd Can. Stat. Hospital, 22nd Feb'y, 1916. My Dear Madam: On the arrival of our "unit" from Lemnos, here at Alexandria, a large number of parcels came to me, and among them one addressed for "a lone Australian soldier," from the Soldiers' Comfort Association of St. John. We had no Australians with us, as our hospital is closed until we are given a new field, but I felt it a solemn duty to find an Australian, so day by day here in Alexandria I kept my eyes open, and yesterday at the gate of the Convalescent Hospital I saw a group of three Australian soldiers. I put the case to them and they said "Give the parcel to Private Roach, he will be the best man." So this morning I took it to him and left him in the happy possession of the same, a little late for Christmas, but all the more acceptable, for good things are rarer now than at the Christmas season.

Will you kindly convey to the kind person who sent it our united thanks; mine for the pleasure of giving it, and his for receiving the same. We are just waiting orders, they may come tomorrow or they may not for weeks. We are simply standing by ready to serve. Prospects for the Allies are brighter than ever. We look for a great smelt and collapse somewhere. Many thanks. Gratefully yours, GUSTAV A. KUHRING, Capt. and Chaplain No. 3 Can. Stat. Hospital, care Army Post Office, London, England.

MILITIA APPOINTMENTS.

The following late appointments to the militia have been reported: Cavalry. 28th New Brunswick Dragoons—To be provisional lieutenants (super-numerary): Lyle Stewart MacGowan, Gerald Alleyne Hubbard, gentlemen. 18th January, 1916. Infantry. 74th Regiment (The Brunswick Rangers)—To be provisional lieutenants (super-numerary): Lionel LeBlanc, gentleman. 12th January, 1916. Joseph Alfred Blanchard, gentleman. 15th January, 1916. To be lieutenants (super-numerary): Herman Firth Harper, gentleman. 19th January, 1916. To be provisional lieutenants (super-numerary): William Kenneth McLeod, gentleman. 19th January, 1916. Ernest Adams Fortier, gentleman. 20th January, 1916.

Memo. The appointment of Lieutenant Su-

Little Benny's Note Book

The Park Ave. News. I stayed at my cousin Artie's house all night last night, sleeping with Artie but not sleeping very much on account of having to push Artie back on his own side all the time, and this morning after Art Gladie had called us 3 times we got up and had a race getting dressed, me losing on account of a knot in my shoe lace, and then we went down to breakfast and when I opened my soft-boiled egg I saw there was something funny about it and when I tasted it I saw there was. G waz, I don't want to eat this, I thwat.

And I just let it stay in the egg thing, not saying anything about it on account of ma having told me never to say anything about anything when I was out, no matter wat was the matter with it, and after a while Ant Gladie sed, Wuz Benny, your not eating your egg. Yes mam, I sed, I ate another spoonful of it, something being the matter with it, all rite, and after another while Ant Gladie sed, Benny, is anything the matter with your egg? No mam, no mam, its fine, I sed.

And pritty soon there wasent any of it left, and when I got home after school I sed to ma, Wat do you think, ma, I had a feare had soft berled egg Ant Gladie this morning, and I didnt say anything about it on account of being out in the company. That was rite, sed ma, wat did you do, jest leave it in your egg cup, I suppose. No mam, I sed.

What, good hevving, you didnt eat it, did you, that was rotting a little to far, sed ma. I didnt eat it all, I sed, I only ate 3 spoonfuls. O, and left the rest of it, sed ma. No ma, I sed, I dropped the other 3 spoonfuls underneath the table. Wich I did.

SACKVILLE POWER CASE BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Residents of Sackville will await with interest the decision of the Public Utilities Commission, which yesterday heard evidence of their demand upon the Eastern Light and Power Company for an all day service. M. G. Teed, K.C., appeared for the residents of Sackville; Dr. Palmer, Mt. Allison institutions, while the company has retained Attorney General Baxter and R. Triggs of Sackville. The evidence submitted yesterday was highly technical. K. S. Plockard, F. Harris and Mr. Vaughan of the Vaughan Electric Company testified. The commission would not hear argument last evening and the lawyers were instructed to prepare written briefs to be submitted to the commission before Saturday. The commissioners, F. Michaud, G. O. D. Oxy, A. B. Connell and the secretary, F. P. Robertson, left last evening for their respective homes.

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BILL TO ENABLE CITY TO PROVIDE WORKMEN'S HOUSES

Introduced in Legislature at Fredericton Yesterday by Mr. Lockhart—Other St. John Bills.

Fredericton, March 22.—The House met at three o'clock. Mr. Dugal brought down a bill to enable the city of Fredericton to provide workmen's houses. The bill was introduced by Mr. Lockhart. The bill provides that the city of Fredericton may acquire land and erect workmen's houses on any land owned by the city. The bill also provides that the city may sell such houses to workmen at a price not exceeding the cost of the land and the cost of erecting the houses. The bill was passed by the House yesterday.

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BILL TO ENABLE CITY TO PROVIDE WORKMEN'S HOUSES
Introduced in Legislature at Fredericton Yesterday by Mr. Lockhart—Other St. John Bills.

Fredericton, March 22.—The House met at three o'clock.
Dr. Morehouse rose to a question of privilege. A day or two ago an article appeared in the Fredericton Gleaner which reflected upon himself and Mr. Plnder. The article spoke in high terms of praise of Lieut.-Col. Guthrie with every word of which (Morehouse) was in the least sympathy, and he wished he could add to what was said in that respect, but he failed to see why himself and Mr. Plnder should be singled out from a dozen or more members of the House who were not present at the time that Col. Guthrie made his speech, for censure for their absence. It seemed to him to be a puerile and senseless attempt to create trouble and disorder and was like ripping off the scab of an old sore, which he considered was an entirely uncalculated operation. He would just like to explain shortly to the House why he was absent at that time. A young man who had enlisted and is now with one of the local battalions, was taken ill, and in need of being looked after by local medical military authorities. He went to his home, which was near where he (Morehouse) was living. It developed that he was suffering from pneumonia and his case was serious. Officers of the company said they had no responsibility in the matter and he (Morehouse) could look after the soldier or not just as he liked. He happened to be in Fredericton when he saw Lieut.-Col. Powell, to whom he explained matters, and the colonel promptly ordered the regular military doctor to attend to the man. Still Major Wainwright, surgeon at this depot refused to attend the man and he (Morehouse) proceeded to attend him at the family's request. Major Wainwright was particular to tell him that he would not get any pay for it. Well, he (Morehouse) did not ask for any pay. Whatever good he had done the man—and he was glad to say that the man was now steadily improving—he was only too glad to have been able to render, but what he would like to know is why soldiers when once they are enlisted are not taken care of by their own military staff when they fall sick, just as readily as they would be if they had been shot in action. His absence at the time that Col. Guthrie made his speech was caused simply and solely because he was attending this young man, whom at that time he did not expect to see recover, and if he did wrong in taking the course he did, he was quite ready to accept any censure the Gleaner might pass him for it.

Mr. Carter presented report of committee on standing rules.
Mr. Dugal gave notice of security regarding duties of the provincial railway engineer; also as to completion of construction of the new bridge at the Reversing Falls, St. John; also as to placing of any taxation upon railways in the province; also regarding purchase by the Farm Settlement Board of some property in Kings county; also as to operation of the Valley Railway by the I. C. R.
Notices of Enquiry.
Mr. Pelletier gave notice of enquiry regarding claims of special contractors on the St. John and Quebec Railway Company; also as to license to moving picture shows; also as to was clerk of the Supreme Court for Carleton county; also as to the construction of the new wharf at Renfrew; also as to what permanent public works were in course of construction at the beginning of the present fiscal year; also as to amounts spent upon capital account on New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's railway since November 1, 1907.
Mr. Swin gave notice of enquiry as to the amount of money spent by the public works department upon the highway at St. Mary's, York county.
Mr. Dugal gave notice of motion to bring down papers relating to the purchase of potatoes for patriotic gift.
Dr. Price gave notice of motion for suspension of rules in favor of a bill relating to the Moncton hospital.
Mr. Lockhart introduced a bill to enable the City of St. John to provide houses for workmen.
Mr. Humphrey introduced a bill to exempt certain property in the parish of Shediac from taxation.
Mr. Grannan presented a petition of the City of St. John in favor of a bill to permit closing up of buildings unfit for human habitation.
Lieut.-Col. Guthrie presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the sale of Church Hall in the City of Fredericton.
Mr. Grimmer presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the St. Croix Power Co.
Mr. Guptill presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate Campobello Library.
Hon. Mr. Morrissey presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate Miramichi hospital.
Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill an act respecting companies, which on ground of urgency was read a second time.
Dr. Price presented petition of the Moncton hospital in favor of a bill relating to that institution.
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The R. M. S. P. steamship Caracquet arrived in port yesterday afternoon at four o'clock from Bermuda and the West Indies, with the mails, a full general cargo and thirty passengers. The majority of the passengers were ladies and gentlemen who have been enjoying the beautiful midwinter excursion offered by the company through the islands, where there is summer weather during this time of the year. Ten of the passengers are naval ratings and marines, two of them being accompanied by their wives. The list of passengers is as follows:
From Demerara—Commander White R. N., for Halifax; A. E. Dankes for Toronto; A. H. Webb for Halifax; Mrs. Beaumont for the United Kingdom; H. Nelson and A. A. Allan for Toronto.
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The Caracquet left Bermuda last Saturday evening at nine o'clock and up until nine o'clock yesterday morning experienced stormy weather. The ship docked at the Atlantic Refineries pier where she is discharging a large consignment of sugar.

YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS
Yesterday the men of the 15th spent the morning in the usual routine work. In the afternoon they went for a route march under the command of Major Kinneer. They are showing the benefit of the drill they have already received and are improving every day. The following promotions are in order: Lance Corporal Dibble to be Corporal; Private P. A. Grimmer to be Lance Corporal. Fourteen men were taken on strength. The orderly officer, today they will be Lieut. Turner and routine drill will be the order of the day. The officers and men are doing some recruiting work all the time in a quiet way, and they are getting results. Quite a number of men have been added to the battalion in the last few days as the direct result of personal work done by both officers and men.
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The Sunken Metal.
After working pumps in the hold of the sunken steamship Matatus for four hours, yesterday morning, the water was lowered considerably, but those in charge of the operations were convinced that more pumps were necessary if all the water is to be taken out between decks. More preparations were made at low water last evening and another attempt may be made today to float the ship.

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At a mass meeting of residents of the Parish of Lancaster held in Temperance Hall, Fairville, last night to protest against the inadequate water supply, Ruseph W. Wigmore, commissioner of water and sewerage, said that he was compliant with the situation, and that as soon as the frost left the ground he hoped, with the sanction of the council, to undertake work which as a temporary expedient would furnish more water until an improved system can be established. He said he proposed to renew the 12-inch main from Spruce Lake, to put in a new main from the reservoir to Moore's Hill, and if possible to extend the new main down Prince to Ludlow street. By this arrangement a divided service the higher points on the West Side would be supplied with ample pressure by a pump at the reservoir. A supply would go by way of the old 24-inch main and the 12-inch main into Barnhill's Corner. He proposed to put the parish on the high service.
The meeting appointed John A. Barry, Mr. Quaker, H. Deyou, the chairman, William J. Linton and the secretary, Frank V. Hamm, as executive members, a committee to act with the parish councilors in co-operation in bringing about an improved service.
Meeting Breezy at Times.
The meeting lasted two hours and a quarter, and was breezy at times. When the meeting had been in session half an hour Commissioner Wigmore was invited to take a seat on the platform. After he had explained the situation at length he was questioned by a dozen or more in the audience for some time.
The sentiments of Commissioner Wigmore and others was that the water situation need not deter people who desired to take up their residence in the Parish of Lancaster from doing so, and that there was no occasion for insurance underwriters to become unduly cautious in their business dealings with the residents of that parish. It was pointed out, that the suburban districts within its bounds are steadily growing and that it was not desirable to take any action which would retard their development.
A committee was appointed to attend the meeting by the rate-payers in the Beaconsfield section last Monday night. This committee consisted of John A. Barry, H. Colby Smith, Mr. T. Quaker, H. Deyou, Fred R. Whipple, David Linton, Harold Mayes, George Maxwell, David Wells and Michael Kane.
Mr. Maxwell told of conditions of Lancaster. He said he was a miller and his mill had a pump in the cellar and an electric pump in the kitchen. He said he purchased 100 feet of hose to water the lawn and it did it in good shape. Two or three years ago, Mr. Tilton said, the hose was useless and he couldn't even wash a wagon with it. Last Friday he was totally without water. The same thing occurred September 28 last. The city, he continued, had doubted its customers at Sand Point, but had not spent one dollar to add to the supply the parish was deprived of. As a result of a shortage of water consumers should not forget they are paying for what they do not get. The residents were looking to Commissioner Wigmore to remedy the situation.
Mr. Tilton, before he came into office and he is not wholly responsible. "It is up to us," said Mr. Clark said he was in the same boat.
Mr. Dunham, trustee of the Tower school, followed. "We have been trying to get water for the school, but there was no force," he said. "Last spring the trustees waited upon Mr. Wigmore. He used us nicely and said he would try to see what he could do. He did try but found that no flow of water would go to the school. There are over 100 children, and it is necessary to get water. The water in a tank there is not fit for the children to drink."
At this point at the suggestion of Councillor O'Brien, Commissioner Wigmore took a seat on the platform.
Mr. Roche said he thought they were all agreed that some kind of a remedy was necessary, he suggesting that a lawyer be engaged to look after the legal interests of the parish.
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NEWS OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.
 We are always pleased to receive any news of Women's Societies, fashion notes, new tried recipes, etc., which may be of interest to our readers and we will publish same when suitable. All communica- tions for these columns to have name and address (not for publication), and to be ad- dressed to the Editor, Women's Column, The St. John Stand- ard, St. John.

Polish Filled Fish.
 Take a five-pound cod, file or other fish liked, and after it is scaled and cleaned split it down the back and remove carefully the backbone. Have ready a highly seasoned filling and stuff the fish, not too full; then sew up the back and sew up the apron, filling the head with the remainder of the stuffing. Turn a little olive oil over the fish, dust it with pepper and salt, and bake it in a slow oven until the melted butter in which the fish is cooked is thick and brown. Have ready a highly seasoned filling and stuff the fish, not too full; then sew up the back and sew up the apron, filling the head with the remainder of the stuffing. Turn a little olive oil over the fish, dust it with pepper and salt, and bake it in a slow oven until the melted butter in which the fish is cooked is thick and brown.

Codfish Turbot.
 Flake, skin and bone two pounds of boiled codfish. Place a layer of the fish in a well buttered pudding dish, then a layer of the dry crumbs a little finely minced onion, pepper and salt. Repeat the layers until the dish is full, then add a cup of cream, a gill of melted butter and a cup of sweet milk. Bake in a medium oven forty minutes or more until it is a good brown.

Onion-Tomato Scallop.
 Place alternate layers of sliced fresh tomatoes and young onions in a buttered baking dish. Cover each layer with crumbs, a sprinkling of salt and pepper and bits of butter. If a quart dish is used, pour on one cup of stock. Sprinkle the top with crumbs and bake an hour in a slow oven. Cover the top with a plate for the first half hour to keep the tomatoes from burning.

Codfish Balls.
 Three pints of boiling water, one cup of shredded salt codfish, two cups of potatoes, peeled and quartered. Put all together in a pan and boil until the potatoes are soft. Drain off the water, wash and beat until smooth. Then add one tablespoonful of butter, a little pepper, and when cool one egg well beaten. Shape into balls with tablespoon and fry in hot lard.

Parsley Sauce.
 Dip a bunch of parsley into boiling water for one minute. Drain and then cut very fine. Stir into a drawn butter gravy. Serve with the fish.

Salmon Souffle.
 Flake one cod boiled salmon to make two cups. Add pepper, salt,

Prune Whip.
 Steep one pound prunes until soft with one-half cup sugar. Beat whites of three eggs stiff. Stir prunes into whites of three eggs thoroughly. Set each apple cut into eight pieces. Sprinkle with sugar over the top and put a layer of biscuit dough over it. Bake in a moderate oven for about three-quarters of an hour.

Apple Shortcake.
 Make a short biscuit dough, roll it out to cover a baking dish. Fill the dish with six apples, pared, cored, each apple cut into eight pieces. Sprinkle with sugar over the top and put a layer of biscuit dough over it. Bake in a moderate oven for about three-quarters of an hour.

Don't worry about the price of meat—drink Bovril

OBITUARY.
Napier Lothian.
 Napier Lothian, an old time opera manager and orchestra leader, died suddenly a few days ago in the Colon theatre, Boston, of which his son, Thomas B., is the business manager. He went on the stage in 1842 in New York. In the seventies he produced the opera Pinafore, with Henry Clay Barnabee and Tom Karl in the cast. By an unusual coincidence, Tom Karl died within one day of Mr. Lothian.

Theodora M. Videto.
 The death is announced in Framingham, Mass., of Theodora H. Videto, a retired manufacturer. Mr. Videto was born in 1834 at Paradise, Annapolis Co., N. S., the son of Rev. Nathaniel Videto, a Baptist minister.

Frank L. Theal.
 News was received in this city yesterday of the death in the Moncton hospital of Frank L. Theal, formerly of Shediac and Sussex. Mr. Theal was an uncle of T. W. Harper, manager of the Provincial Bank on Gormley street, and of Mrs. H. B. Steeves, Mrs. May Harper and Miss Beatrice Harper of Shediac. He was born in Shediac 69 years ago. Many years ago he was a member of the Provincial Bank in Chicopee Falls and Philadelphia. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Margaret McFarlane, of Chatham, N. B., who predeceased him four years. His second wife was formerly Miss E. Elliott, of Moncton, who survives him. He is also survived by five sisters, viz., Mrs. D. S. Harper, Shediac; Mrs. H. S. Bell, Moncton; Mrs. Thea W. Manning, and Mrs. D. S. Harper, Chatham, N. B., and Miss Kate Theal, of Winnipeg. He has many former friends in this part of the province and in Philadelphia, who will regret to hear of his death.

Tom Karl.
 Tom Karl, well known for years as an opera singer, is dead in Rochester, N. Y. He was born in Dublin in 1846. He was a partner with Henry Clay Barnabee and William H. Macdonald in the famous Bostonians.

Charles J. H. Woodbury.
 The death is announced in Lynn, Mass., of Charles Jephth Hill Woodbury, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Cotton-Manufacturers, which has membership in St. John and other parts of Canada. He was an expert in textiles, engineering and a historian and writer.

Mr. F. L. Theal.
 Word has been received of the death in the Moncton hospital at seven o'clock last evening of Mr. F. L. Theal. A little over two months ago relatives of Mr. Theal, residing in Shediac, received news of his serious illness in Philadelphia. They answered the summons and brought Mr. Theal to Shediac, where for eight weeks he was ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. S. Harper. His physician advised an operation. Mr. Theal entered the hospital at Moncton a little over one week ago. On Friday last he was successfully operated on, but yesterday morning he took a weak turn from which he did not rally. The deceased was sixty-nine years of age, a man of kindly disposition, held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He had resided in Philadelphia for over twenty years, and in that city and in other parts as well as in his native town of Shediac, his death will be learned by his large circle of friends with deepest regret. The late Mr. Theal is survived by five sisters, Mrs. H. S. Bell, Moncton; Mrs. Hicks, wife of Rev. Thos. Hicks, of Marysville; Mrs. C. C. Carlyle and Miss Thea W. Manning, and Mrs. D. S. Harper, Shediac, from whose home the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon. D. W. Harper, manager of the Provincial Bank in this city is a nephew of the late Mr. Theal.

Mrs. Archibald McLean.
 Chatham, March 21.—The death of Mrs. McLean, wife of Archibald McLean, one of Chatham's leading business men, occurred at the family residence, Howard street, Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness of heart disease. The deceased was a member of St. John's Presbyterian church and a highly respected lady. She leaves, besides her husband, three sons and three daughters, Herbert of the Overseas Battery, St. John; Harry and William, and Misses Catherine, Bessie and Eva.

Capt. Partelow.
 Capt. C. G. Partelow died suddenly at Boston, Mass., on the 21st inst. Captain Partelow was formerly of St. John. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. William Ingraham of this city. His mother and one sister reside at Ormoco, and one brother, George, lives at Readville, Mass.

News of The St. John Theatres Told in The Right Way

Who's Who and What's What in the Picture Game and on the Stage --- Film Favorites and What They Say and Do.

The Imperial.
 Pennington's Choice was promised to us as a treat and it certainly is. It is one of the best pictures seen here for some time. The fight with really truly Jim Jeffries, the ex-champion, is robbed of its brutality (for the ladies' tender hearts) by the fact that it is a friendly bout and in the fierce battles which Bushman fights with the French-Canadian bullies, why the villains only get what they deserve and they get it good and hard. They must have been black and blue when the fights were really waged. The acting of the whole cast is splendid and the scenery taken in the Quebec woods is magnificent, with huge trees, streams and steep hills. It is played by Francis X. Bushman and Beverley Bayne and that is enough said. Miss Bayne gives an Annette Kellermann dive and she is exceedingly graceful and pretty to a degree. I have objected to actresses with flowing locks but Miss Bayne's are most beautiful and becoming and the style suits the part. The play has a good moral, showing how Pennington made the best of himself and proved a man. It gives his favorite actor a chance to show off his wonderful physique. To tell the story would spoil the surprise of the play but I strongly advise you to go early and see it for yourself.

The Universal Weekly.
 The Universal Weekly showed views of Villa who is to be captured alive or dead," pictures of British troops, German troops, United States troops detouring at Mexican border. Mr. Mayer's cartoons on Illustrated novels were very good.

Miss Marcella Spencer.
 Miss Marcella Spencer sings songs from The Fire-Flies. She wears a pretty gown of blue chiffon tulle and white lace.

Unique Theatre.
 Yesterday the Diamond from the Sky—The Jewel is retrieved from a pig pen by a tramp who goes to an optum den. Some clever scenes follow here of the Chinese temple, the restaurant and den and a most horrible looking chink steals the diamond, gives it to the priest, who adorns with it his throne. Blair Stanley with Blake the detective and Vivian are sightseeing in Chinatown, they discover the whereabouts of the stone and Blair manages to steal it back. In the meantime Hagar is discovered in the hidden chamber where Blair has flung her but her mind is affected and she sabbles of the past, giving away secrets to not only Blair's mother but to Esther. They go back to the Gypsy camp in hopes that it will restore Hagar's reason and Quabba, the hunchback, watches faithfully over Esther. This is also a fine chapter.

The Unique is fond of Jewels.
 Another picture yesterday was "The Stolen Jewels," featuring Miss Mignon Anderson. It was well acted but had a very weak plot.

Sir Charles Wyndham.
 Sir Charles Wyndham, actor manager, was recently married to Mary Moore, who for some years has been the leading lady in Sir Charles' company, and also has been interested

London theatre.
 It is reported that Lillian Russell may be a candidate for the majority of Pittsburg.

Mrs. Frederick Harriot.
 Mrs. Frederick Harriot, known widely as Miss Clara Morris, actress, birthday at her house, on the Shore road, Whitestone, L. I. There will be no festivities. Owing to her failing health and sight, she practically is confined to her room overlooking Long Island Sound and the East River. With her lives her mother, now more than ninety-four years old. Miss Morris still devotes part of her time to magazine work, dictating to a stenographer.

John O'Malley.
 John O'Malley, tenor, at the concert at the Hippodrome on Sunday night, accompanied by Sousa's Band.

Two performances of "Hedda Gabler"
 are to be given in Stamford, Conn. before the special matinee presentation of Ibsen's play at the Globe Theatre here. All of the performances are to be under the auspices of the Blue Cross Fund.

Donald Crisp.
 Donald Crisp, director of "Ramona," the photo drama adapted from Mrs. Clemens' famous novel, which W. H. Clune and Lloyd Brown, will present at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre in New York City. The cast includes fifty-two persons and the scenery is utilized in the presentation.

Cleveland and its populous residential suburbs.
 Cleveland and its populous residential suburbs, Lakewood and East Cleveland, are paying more attention to the question of children's matinees. It is interesting to note, however, that the subject of children's matinees is attracting greater attention in all parts of the city and that all the agencies are exercising greater care in the selection of their week-end programs.

Charlie Chaplin Organizes Music Company for Own Songs.
 The Charlie Chaplin Music Company composed of Charles and Sidney Chaplin and Herbert Clark, has been organized and has opened an office in Los Angeles, says Motion Picture News.

The purpose of this company is to popularize the music written by the well-known comedian. The selection published to date include "Oh, That Cello," "There's Always One You Can't Forget" and "The Peace Patrol."

Gertrude McCoy.
 Gertrude McCoy is now a Gaumont star, to be seen first in "The Quality of Faith," a five-reel feature.

Among the prominent Gaumont players supporting Miss Iva Shepard
 in the forthcoming production of "The Haunted Manor," are Earl O. Schenck, Gertrude Robinson, Robert Clingston, Henry W. Pemberton, Mathilde Barling, Olive Trevor, William R. Hopkins and James Levering.

Survivors have begun the work of laying the lines for Mirroville,
 which is to be the film city raised on the ground recently acquired by the Mirroville Film, Inc., at Glendale, Long Island. There is great elation among the studio folk in Mirroville for they realize that once Mirroville is a fact, the street car rides and life in Harlem flats can be left behind.

The first picture in which Nat C. Goodwin will be seen on any screen for the Mirroville Film, Inc., has been called "The Marriage Bond." It will soon be projected before the public. Goodwin has returned to New York from Florida. Billy Quirk, president of the Screen Club, came with him, as did Flora Finch, who off and over assisted the late John Bunny in creating the laugh heard round the world.

This week Francis Ford is finishing three one-reel dramas, at U. City, in all of which he plays the stellar role. "The Key of a Flat" and "A Bad Start" are the titles of two of these plays, with Grace Cunard playing opposite him, and Jack Holt in the cast. In "The Three Veterans," Ford, Foto Gerald and Jack Conley, are the principals.

Graig Hutchinson will start in a few days on a one reel comedy, entitled, "The Boarding House Tangle," at Universal City. The cast has not as yet been announced.

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 All diseases and blemishes of the skin are caused by the blood being in an impure condition.
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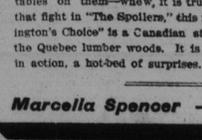
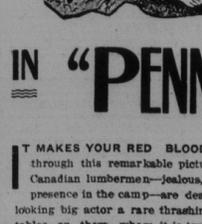
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GET TICKETS EARLY.
 This feature was so very successful yesterday in pleasing our patrons that our business today should be unusually heavy. This applies particularly to our evening program and patrons will greatly facilitate themselves as well as us by securing their tickets early, also their box reservations.

Marcella Spencer - Universal Weekly - Festival Orchestra



All the Latest News and Comment From the World of Finance

HEAVY TRADING IN ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS YESTERDAY

Early Quotations Showed Strength, but Slight Reaction Before Closing.

SHORT COVERING LATE IN SESSION

Persistent Weakness in Exchange on Germany and Austria—Progress Reported in New Canadian Loan.

New York, March 22.—In keeping with its recent irregular and illogical course, today's market recorded some substantial recoveries from lowest levels of the early week, mainly in consequence of official denials of overnight peace rumors.

Developments of broader financial interest, such as the persistent weakness of exchange on Germany and Austria, and another break in the Paris rate, excited little attention, except in banking circles.

Domestic news touching upon the market includes the announcement of the placing of additional large orders for equipment by railroads and weekly reviews of the steel trade authorities.

Stocks opened unevenly, hardened and fell again before mid-day, that of a period covering the major portion of the day's operations.

United States Steel, Crucible Steel, Mercantile Marine preferred, Metals and Equipments—in fine, the usual leaders, contributed measurably to the relatively small total of \$10,000 shares.

The course of Anglo-French war bonds was watched with special interest, that issue having come to be regarded as a barometer of conditions affecting the Allies.

Local monetary conditions show no change from long prevailing ease, but rates west and southwest stiffened on increased mercantile demand.

Bonds were steady, with no special feature, except for the war issues. Total sales, par value, \$3,550,000.

SHIPPING NEWS. MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March—Phases of the Moon. New Moon, 3rd, 11h. 58m. p. m. First Quarter, 11th, 2h. 35m. p. m.

BRITISH PORTS. Liverpool, March 19.—Sld steam arrival, St. John.

FOREIGN PORTS. Gulfport, Miss., March 20.—Arrd schr Alice B. Phillips, Fort de France.

SCHOONERS ON FIRE. Word has been received that the schooner C. D. Pickles was burned to the water's edge on the south side of Cuba, four days ago.

THE CAPTAIN FORGOT. The Russian bark Resina, which left Gulfport, Miss., 10 days ago, lumber laden for Barcelona, Spain, returned Monday.

THE CREW SAVED. New York, March 15.—Star Pina reports March 1, lat 31 19 S, lon 62 36 W, took of the crew of the three-masted schooner Lilla L. Davenport.

BETHLEHEM STEEL EARNED NEARLY 25 MILLIONS NET

Annual Report of Company Showed an Increase of 260 Per Cent. Over Year 1914.

The annual report of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 1915, issued at New York, Sunday, disclosed that the net earnings of the corporation and subsidiary companies, after deducting expenditures, amounted to \$23,213,408 as compared with \$5,642,667 in 1914, an increase of nearly 260 per cent.

A statement by Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors, and E. G. Grace, the president, referring to the remarkable recovery of the steel industry from its low ebb prior to the outbreak of the European war, declared that today there exists an actual shortage of steel-making capacity in this country.

An interesting feature of the report was the statement that the average number of employees of the company in the United States had increased from 15,586 in 1914 to 22,064 in 1915, and that wages paid in 1915 amounted to \$21,800,664 as against \$14,512,948 the previous year.

Else it is frankly declared that the sole purpose of the proposed enterprise is that the government may secure its armor plate at a lower price, your officers have submitted the following proposition to the federal government:

"We will agree to permit any well known firm to inventory our plant and make careful estimate of cost of manufacture. With that data in hand we will meet with the secretary of the navy and agree to manufacture armor plate at a price which will be entirely satisfactory to the secretary of the navy as being quite as low as the price at which the government could possibly manufacture armor on its own account, after taking into account all competitors as a concrete working basis for such negotiations.

The Bethlehem Corporation has offered to manufacture one kind of armor plate required for the contemplated five-year naval programme (estimated at approximately 120,000 tons) for a price of \$395 per ton for side armor, as compared with the price of \$425 per ton now obtaining."

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MONTREAL MARKET

Ames Holden Com. 25 1/2 @ 71 1/4. Brasilia L. H. and P. 66 5/8. Canada Car. 54 5/8 @ 54 1/2.

Canada Cement Pfd. 91 1/2 @ 92. Can. Cotton 40 41. Can. Cotton Pfd. 77 1/2 @ 78.

Crown Reserve 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2. Detroit United 87 1/2 @ 88 1/2. Dom. Bridge 212 1/2 @ 213.

Dom. Cannery 31. B. C. Fish—20 @ 62, 45 @ 61, 18 @ 59, 25 @ 45 1/2.

McDonalds—10 @ 16. N. S. Steel—10 @ 105 1/2, 25 @ 105 1/2, 25 @ 105.

Quebec Railway—100 @ 16 1/2. Quebec River—25 @ 74, 205 @ 7. Dom. Bridge—25 @ 212 1/2.

Ames Com.—1,406 @ 25, 4 @ 24 1/2. 25 @ 25 1/2, 75 @ 25 1/2, 50 @ 39 1/2. Canada Cottons Pfd.—15 @ 78.

Penman's Limited 42 @ 42 1/2. Penman's—100 @ 62. Royal Bank—13 @ 22 1/2. Halifax Tram—20 @ 160.

Cedars Bonds—1,900 @ 86, 1,500 @ 85 1/2. Cedars Com.—10 @ 75 1/2, 25 @ 75 1/2. Steel of Canada Pfd.—5 @ 91 1/2.

MORGAN DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF NEW WAR LOAN

Says Resources Created by the Last Anglo-French Loan Have Not Been Exhausted

New York, March 18.—J. P. Morgan, head of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., who arrived here today from Liverpool on the steamship Philadelphia, reiterated the denial recently issued from his office here that a new credit against American securities said to have been mobilized in London had been arranged by him for the entente allies.

He asserted he did not know of any new loan to the allies being contemplated now and asserted that the resources created by the last loan were not exhausted, supporting his assertion by reference to the steadiness of the exchange market.

"I understand they expect to handle these securities as they have been doing in the past and they will be taken care of in a way that will not hurt the market."

The financier refused to discuss his mission abroad or in what transactions he had been engaged. He declined also to talk of a second appearance as a witness before the Thompson legislative committee to testify regarding the affairs of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

Asked what impressions he had gathered while in Europe as to the progress of war, he smilingly replied: "I am not a military man, hence I cannot discuss that question. I did not observe, however, any signs of weakness."

Mr. Morgan sailed from New York on Feb. 2 and it was then reported he had been engaged in connection with a new French loan. This report was denied by Octave Humborg of the Anglo-French commission, the government's financial representative here.

Later reports from abroad were that his mission had to do with American securities.

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS. Montreal, Wednesday, Mar. 22.—Cedars Bonds—700 @ 86.

Cedars—25 @ 45 1/2. Steamships Pfd.—10 @ 17 1/2. Steamships Pfd.—248 @ 75, 25 @ 75 1/2.

Steel of Canada Com.—265 @ 43 1/2, 55 @ 43 1/2, 75 @ 43 1/2. 7 @ 50 1/2, 180 @ 51 1/2, 735 @ 52, 50 @ 51 1/2, 245 @ 52 1/2, 75 @ 52 1/2, 25 @ 52 1/2.

100 @ 52 1/2, 385 @ 53, 75 @ 53 1/2, 200 @ 53 1/2. Dom. Loan—1,500 @ 97 1/2, 200 @ 97 1/2, 100 @ 97 1/2.

Dom. Iron Com.—55 @ 46, 25 @ 45 1/2. 42 @ 43 1/2, 25 @ 45 1/2. Montreal Power—30 @ 224, 25 @ 235.

P. Lyalls—50 @ 70 1/2, 200 @ 70. General Electric—25 @ 113 1/2, 25 @ 114, 50 @ 114 1/2. Detroit United—135 @ 87 1/2, 12 @ 87.

Osgilvie Pfd.—29 @ 115. Laurentide Pulp—XD, 1 @ 183, 5 @ 180.

B. C. Fish—20 @ 62, 45 @ 61, 18 @ 59, 25 @ 45 1/2. McDonalds—10 @ 16. N. S. Steel—10 @ 105 1/2, 25 @ 105 1/2, 25 @ 105.

Quebec Railway—100 @ 16 1/2. Quebec River—25 @ 74, 205 @ 7. Dom. Bridge—25 @ 212 1/2. Ames Pfd.—35 @ 70.

Ames Com.—1,406 @ 25, 4 @ 24 1/2. 25 @ 25 1/2, 75 @ 25 1/2, 50 @ 39 1/2. Canada Cottons Pfd.—15 @ 78. Penman's—100 @ 62.

Royal Bank—13 @ 22 1/2. Halifax Tram—20 @ 160. Cedars Bonds—1,900 @ 86, 1,500 @ 85 1/2.

Cedars Com.—10 @ 75 1/2, 25 @ 75 1/2. Steel of Canada Pfd.—5 @ 91 1/2. Steel of Canada Com.—180 @ 43 1/2, 65 @ 43 1/2, 50 @ 43 1/2.

LIQUIDATION FOLLOWED THE PEACE REPORTS

Canada Cement Very Strong on Montreal Street—Power Stocks were Reactionary.

Montreal, March 22.—There was further liquidation going on in the market today caused by the reported peace talk, which has turned out to be a false alarm.

Canada Cement stock was very strong and the West seemed to be the principal buyers. Steamships Pfd. also was in good demand.

The power securities were reactionary and were well taken on the decline. While the terms of the proposed merger have not been discussed, everything is ready and we believe it will go through shortly.

The New York market opened steady, fell off, and closed strong. Anglo-French bonds were in good demand and reports from Berlin look as if the submarine warfare was going to be modified.

The finance minister's war tax on companies will not be nearly as severe as the first estimates.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE. Am Beet Sug. 70 1/2 @ 70 1/2, 70 1/2 @ 71 1/4.

Am Car Fr. 69 1/2 @ 69 1/2, 69 1/2 @ 70. Am Loco. 75 1/2 @ 75 1/2, 75 1/2 @ 76 1/4.

Am Wool. 51 1/2 @ 51 1/2, 51 1/2 @ 51 1/2. Am Smelt. 101 1/2 @ 101 1/2, 101 1/2 @ 102.

Anacosta. 86 1/2 @ 86 1/2, 86 1/2 @ 86 1/2. Am Tele. 129 1/2 @ 129 1/2, 129 1/2 @ 129 1/2.

Atchafalpa. 103 1/2 @ 103 1/2, 103 1/2 @ 103 1/2. C. P. I. 45 1/2 @ 45 1/2, 45 1/2 @ 46.

Sou Pac. 99 @ 99, 99 @ 99 1/2. Studebaker. 142 1/2 @ 142 1/2, 141 1/2 @ 142 1/2.

U. S. Steel Com. 84 1/2 @ 84 1/2, 84 1/2 @ 84 1/2. U. S. Steel Pfd. 116 1/2 @ 116 1/2, 116 1/2 @ 116 1/2.

U. S. Rub. Com. 52 1/2 @ 52 1/2, 51 1/2 @ 52 1/2. Westing Elec. 65 1/2 @ 65 1/2, 65 1/2 @ 66.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES

High. Low. Close. Jan. 12.46 12.40 12.40. Mar. 11.99 11.93 11.88.

May 12.08 12.14 11.96. July 12.22 12.10 12.11. Oct. 12.29 12.19 12.19.

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CLOSING LETTER OF N. Y. MARKET BY E. & C. RANDOLPH

New York, March 22.—The market showed some firmness in the afternoon session, although price movements were small and trading was largely of a professional nature.

A sensational advance took place in the price of copper metal in London which had an effect on copper shares here, but practically none in this market.

It is expected that further large orders will soon be placed by the Allies. Information reaching Washington is to the effect that a complete change in submarine policy is now under consideration in Berlin.

Steel common display firmness throughout a good part of the day's trading but lack of public participation in the market makes it hard to draw much of a conclusion from the day's business.

The recent decline in the industrial issues has improved the technical position of the market but it is not yet clear whether there has been sufficient adjustment to offset any further talk of peace possibilities, which the market will undoubtedly have to face periodically from now on until there is some actual movement toward peace.

Before such a development actually comes, however, present reports are likely to be forgotten by the market and other matters such as the excellent business conditions throughout the country can be expected to influence the market.

Total sales, 503,000 Bonds, \$3,421,000. E. & C. Randolph.

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, March 22.—Oats, Canadian western, No. 2, 52 to 53 1/2; No. 3, 50 to 50 1/2; extra No. 1 feed, 50 to 50 1/2.

Flour—Man, spring wheat patents, firsts, 6.60; seconds, 6.10; strong bakers, 5.90; winter patents, choice, 6.10; straight rollers, 5.10 to 5.90; straight rollers, bags, 2.35 to 2.55.

Milled—Bran, 23 to 24; shorts, 25 to 26; middings, 27 to 30; moultie, 30 to 33.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, 20 to 20 1/2. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, 1.70.

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE PRICES

Chicago, March 22.—Wheat, No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, 1.10 1/4; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard, 1.00 to 1.06 1/2.

May 108 1/2 @ 108 1/2, 107 1/2 @ 107 1/2. July 108 1/2 @ 108 1/2, 107 1/2 @ 107 1/2.

May 75 1/2 @ 75 1/2, 74 1/2 @ 74 1/2. July 75 1/2 @ 75 1/2, 74 1/2 @ 74 1/2.

May 44 1/2 @ 44 1/2, 43 1/2 @ 43 1/2. July 44 1/2 @ 44 1/2, 43 1/2 @ 43 1/2.

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MANCHESTER LINE

From Manchester to St. John. Feb. 5 Manchester Engineer Feb. 19 Jan. 22 Manchester Inventor Feb. 19.

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

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Leave Grand Manan Thursdays at 8 a. m. for St. Stephen, via Campobello, Eastport and St. Andrews.

Returning leave St. Stephen, Fridays at 7.30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via St. Andrews, Eastport and Campobello.

Leave Grand Manan Saturdays at 7.30 a. m. for St. Andrews.

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On March 3, 1916, and until further notice the S. S. Camora Bros. will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., for St. Andrews, N. B., calling at Dipper Harbour, Beaver Harbour, Black's Harbour, Back Bay or Letete, Deer Island, Red Store or St. George. Returning leave St. Andrews, N. B., Tuesday for St. John, N. B., calling at Letete or Back Bay, Black's Harbour, Beaver Harbour and Dipper Harbour. Weather and tide permitting. Agent—Thorne Wharf & Warehousing Co., Ltd., Phone 2831, Mgr., Lewis Connors.

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Mr. G. F. Ward, Station Agent, left for Montreal, on Saturday night, where he will be a delegate at the Order of Railway Telegraphs, which meets in that city.

Miss Marjorie Buckley is visiting in New Brunswick, at the home of her uncle, Mr. D. J. Buckley.

Miss Bernice MacNaughton, principal of the Superior School, spent the weekend at her home in Moncton.

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REXTON

Rexton, March 21—The death occurred at his home at Mous River, Tuesday, the 14th inst., of Christian Henry Olsen, a well-known carpenter. Mr. Olsen was highly respected and a native of Norway, and came here when young man, and married Miss Sarah J. Falconer, who survives him. He also leaves to mourn, seven sons, and two daughters. The sons are William of Mous River; James in the United States; Frederick, of Mous River; Herbert of Burnsville, Gloucester Co.; Colin, David and Arthur, at home. The daughters are Mrs. George Dargavel, and Mrs. George Jacobson, both of Mous River. The funeral of William Beattie was held Sunday afternoon, and was very largely attended. Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. G. S. Gardner, and interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery. The pallbearers were: William Jardine, Martin Langlan, John Orr, H. M. Ferguson, James L. Ghrvan, and H. M. Ferguson. Private Stanley Peters, of Halifax, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Peters, Peter's Mills. Private Manley Maloney, of the 145th Battalion, at Moncton, has been spending a few days at his home here. Mrs. J. L. Bishop is visiting friends in Moncton. Mrs. W. A. Martin and children, are enjoying a visit with friends at Upper Rexton.

APOHAQUI

Apoahqui, March 22—Private Percy L. Polkins, of the 104th Battalion, and Mrs. Polkins, spent a few days of last week with friends here. Private Polkins has shown marked patriotism in that he has recently undergone an operation in St. John Hospital, his physician deeming it necessary. To fit him for the strenuous life of a soldier. Private Polkins is now convalescing, and in the meantime is spending a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Polkins, of Centreville, and hopes to take up his training with the 104th as soon as his health will permit. Private Polkins was a valued employe in the firm of Jones Bros. for ten years, and many friends here, who wish him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Herbert Jones, wife of Major Jones, 55th Battalion, C. E. F., has just made an appeal to her home town for funds to procure yarn for that battalion, has received \$32.35, from Quincy Mass., to which may be added the sum of \$2 contributed by the pupils of the Primary Department, of the Apoahqui Superior School, through the kindness of the teacher, Miss Ada B. Connelly. Mrs. Jones has received acknowledgment from the Soldiers' Comforts Association, St. John, of 46 pairs of socks, with the statement that they have been shipped to the 55th Battalion. Mrs. Warren H. Colpitts was hostess, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, when she very pleasantly entertained at a "Thimble Party." Tea was served at 5 o'clock, after which a guessing contest provided entertainment, in which Mrs. Edward Erb, proved her efficiency in guessing the correct answers to a number of questions, the other ladies making it a close contest. Miss Colpitts presented Mrs. Erb with a very pretty sewing-bag, as a prize for her cleverness. The invited guests included: Mrs. Frank S. Smith, Mrs. Murray Gilchrist, Mrs. J. P. McAuley, Mrs. G. I. Vexey, Mrs. Edwin Cripps, and Mrs. Edward Erb. Capt. Highland and Lieut. Taylor, of the 104th Battalion, were visiting friends in the village, on Sunday. Geo. B. Jones, M.I.A., returned to Fredericton on Monday after spending the week-end at his home here. Miss Annie Bray, St. John, was a weekend guest of the Misses Connelly. Mrs. L. D. Pearson returned on Monday from Titusville, where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Floyd, for a few days. The illness of Greta and Ada Connelly, spent Saturday in St. John.

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TENDERS WERE ASKED FOR PROVINCIAL BOND ISSUES

And No Commissions Paid, Hon. Dr. Landry Replies to Opposition Inquiry—Bonded Debt of Province, Including \$1,700,000 St. John & Quebec Railway Bonds is, \$10,804,646.66.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 22.—The provincial budget will be brought down in the legislature next Tuesday, Hon. Dr. Landry, provincial secretary-treasurer, having given formal notice in the House this afternoon that he would move the House into supply on that date. This was about the only item of special importance in this afternoon's proceedings in the House, although some interesting information as to the bonded debt of the province and other affairs was contained in the answers given some of the enquiries. The bonded debt of the province was placed at the present time as \$10,804,646.66, which included \$1,700,000 St. John and Quebec Railway bonds. Some of the most important questions of the day with their answers were: Hon. Dr. Landry in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry: (1) "What is the bonded debt of New Brunswick at this date?" said the bonded debt of the province at this date is \$10,804,646.66. This includes \$1,700,000.00 St. John and Quebec Railway bonds. (2) "What is its contingent liability for the St. John and Quebec Railway, New Brunswick and Seaboard Railway and Southamptown Railway?" Ans.—See page A 23 Auditor-General's report, 1915, which gives information asked for, except in case of the St. John and Quebec Railway. In this case \$680,000, at 1 1/2 per cent. in term bonds have been redeemed since October 31, 1915. (3) "What have the several issues of provincial bonds sold for since October 31, 1915?" Ans.—The issue of \$702,000 sold for 95 at 5 per cent. The issue of \$1,700,000 sold for 91.21 at 4 1/2 per cent. (4) "To whom was each issue sold, what commissions were paid; were tenders asked from financial firms for each issue?" Ans.—Nothing has yet been paid to the province from these railways as percentage of earnings, but we now have a special railway auditor auditing quarterly returns with a view of finding out correct amounts which are due province. Hon. Mr. Murray in answer to enquiry by Mr. Pelletier said: "The purchase of Knowles farm in the county of Gloucester was made by the Farm Settlement Board previous to its coming under control of the department of agriculture. The price agreed upon by the Farm Settlement Board in payment for the property was \$1500, for which equal value was received. The Farm Settlement Board has lost nothing by the transaction. The property was resold on a basis of a fifteen hundred dollar valuation. The claim appears to be one of Mr. Knowles' former owner of the property, against Mr. Stewart of the Royal Bank of Canada, or both. It is in good condition. "Train movements are governed by time table rights and special train orders issued by telephone or telegraph. The usual method of train despatching is by telephone. 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THE WEATHER.

Forecast.
Maritime—Winds shifting to north and northwest, gradually decreasing, clearing and cold.

Washington, Mar. 22.—Forecast: Northern New England—Snow Thursday; Friday fair; northeast to north gales.

Toronto, March 22.—The disturbance which was over Kansas last night is now off the coast of Connecticut, while pressure is still highest to the north of the Great Lakes. Snow has fallen locally in southern Ontario, and is now falling in the Maritime Provinces, accompanied by gales.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	9	10
Prince Rupert	38	44
Kamloops	38	48
Edmonton	28	34
Medicine Hat	32	56
Battleford	16	22
Prince Albert	8	22
Moore Jaw	8	20
Fort Arthur	6	20
Parry Sound	12	26
Toronto	24	41
Kingston	14	22
Ottawa	10	24
Montreal	6	18
Quebec	6	18
St. John	6	28
Halifax	18	42

—Below zero.

STRANGE TALES CONCERNING BURNING OF STMR. VICTORIA

The Standard Learns That at Least One Company Holding Insurance on Her Will Not Pay Without Legal Action—Private Investigation Said to Have Developed Peculiar Evidence.

On Friday morning February 4th, at 3.30 o'clock, the steamship Victoria which had been laid up for the winter months at the Cushing wharf in Millford, was discovered to be on fire from stem to stern. Four hours after the superstructure had burned off, what was left of the hull plunged to the bottom amid a cloud of smoke and steam, leaving nothing above the surface of the water but the funnel. The vessel was owned by E. C. Atkinson of Fredericton and was insured for \$12,000; of this amount \$5,000 was held by Lloyds in England, and the remaining \$7,000 by St. John agents. The steamer was said to be worth about \$20,000.

At the time the ship was burned it was stated that the owner had been on board the day before and left for the capital that night. There seemed to be no person at the time who could give any cause for the starting of the fire and there was no night watchman on board. The day watchman was Captain Daniel Mitchell of Main street and his credit was saying that he left the steamer on the afternoon before the fire at four o'clock. He had a fire on in the galley stove during the day, but when he left the stove was cold and there was no fire in any part of the ship. The cause of the fire at the time was a mystery and there were some who hinted that, perhaps, it was a case of incendiarism.

It was learned yesterday by The Standard that, so far, no insurance has been paid over to the owner, or at least the five thousand dollars held by a local agent has not been paid. The insurance agents, though not making any statements for publication, appear to have suspicion that all was not exactly right in regard to the fire.

A prominent insurance man, directly connected with the company which holds the \$5,000 on the ship, speaking to The Standard yesterday said: "The insurance has not been paid over as far as we are concerned, and if we are sued for the amount we will fight the case to the bitter end."

When asked if there would be a charge laid against any person for burning the steamer, or if there would be an investigation into the ship's destruction, the insurance man smiled and remarked, "No, there is no charge laid, or no inquiry to be held so far as we are concerned."

While there is to be no charge laid against any person or persons for the burning of the steamer, and so far as the insurance company is concerned there is to be no inquiry into the matter, this does not say that a private inquiry has not been made, and to such effect that the insurance company is satisfied they are not obliged to pay over the money.

The steamer had not been destroyed very long before those interested in the insurance company were looking into the matter. Just who were working on the case could not be learned. It is stated, however, that information has been gleaned which leads the investigators to believe that the destruction of the Victoria was not a mere accident.

On the date of the fire the Globe published an item to the effect that the Victoria was said to have not been a paying proposition, while on the St. John and Fredericton route, the last season was counted as her best on the route and still no dividends were paid.

Mr. Atkinson, of Fredericton, also, according to the Globe, is said to have bought practically all of the Victoria stock last fall, and had arranged to transfer it to an outside syndicate, said to be American.

It has also been rumored that on the day before the fire a quantity of furnishings had been removed from the steamer. It is further stated that there is good reason to believe that a person has been offered a fairly large sum of money to fire the ship, but just how true this rumor is can only be proven by those who have been investigating the fire telling all they know of the affair.

It could not be learned yesterday whether the owner had yet made application for his insurance, but there is one thing certain and that is if he has made application to the local agent the money has not been paid and will not be without a fight, and the agent believes he has a good reason for such a course.

The fire was first discovered by the watchman and others at the Partition Pulp and Paper Company mill at Union Point, and at that time, 3.50 o'clock in the morning, the steamer's superstructure was all ablaze, with no chance of saving the ship from total destruction.

The hull of the Victoria was built in the McDougall shipyard in Courtenay Bay, in 1897, and the steamer is said to have cost \$17,000. She was 191 feet in length, thirty feet beam, seven feet nine inches depth; had a gross tonnage of 1,902, net 631. She had accommodation for one thousand people, but was only equipped for carrying 600. She was propelled with paddle wheels, by a fifty-three horse power engine, and steamed seventeen knots when first in service. The machinery was rebuilt by the James Fleming concern on Pond street, and had been taken from an American steamer, the St. Lawrence, which was brought here during the civil war.

At the time the Victoria was destroyed by fire she was said to be worth about \$20,000, or about \$5,000 more than she was insured for.

H. C. Harrison and Frank Clements are said to have been the last local persons to hold stock in the steamer.

Captain C. W. Starkey was the steamer's first commander, and Captain Harvey Weston, the last one.

THIRTEEN MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Recruiting Takes Another Encouraging Jump.

Capt. (Rev.) G. M. Campbell and Capt. Dr. G. G. Corbett Speakers at Last Night's Meeting.

ROLL OF HONOR.

- A. B. Vernon, Pittsville, Mass.
 - George S. Uihman, St. John.
 - Robert Corey, Havelock, N. B.
 - Eugene Clark, St. John.
 - Fred Peck, Forest City, Kings Co., N. B.
 - Donald Boone, Forest City, Kings Co., N. B.
 - Nelson Hooper, Eastport, Me.
 - John Guidy, Rexton.
 - W. Murphy, Adelaide, Australia.
 - G. E. Westherbe, Antigonish, N. S.
 - Charles E. Ross, St. John.
 - Edward Clark, Rothesay.
 - A. H. Gleason, St. John.
- The clock stood at 9:45 last night. What will it be tonight?

Capt. Sanford occupied the chair last night at the recruiting meeting in the Germain street rooms. The speakers were Rev. Capt. Campbell and Capt. (Dr.) G. G. Corbett. H. V. MacKinnon and Dr. J. H. Barton acted as accompanists. R. G. Carson and John T. Kelley sang and Pte. Lavigne of the 104th contributed some whistling and harmonica solos which were much enjoyed.

Capt. Rev. G. M. Campbell was the first speaker called on. He referred to a telegram which had been read at the meeting the night before in regard to peace. He did not know what the feeling of the audience might be, but he, personally, was not a peace man. He did not believe that under present conditions it was any use to talk of peace. It was useless to gray for peace until the principles for which this right was being waged were vindicated. A crime had been committed by the Hun and until the punishment that crime merited had been meted out there could be no thought of peace. It was an insult to the memories of the men who had fought and died, and to the men who were now fighting for liberty, and the right of the small nations to work out their own destinies unhindered, men who were fighting in the cause of justice and truth, to talk of peace until it had been made impossible for any nation to again plunge the world into such a conflict as the present. He believed that this was the crucial hour in the great struggle and if the cause of truth and justice was to win it was up to the men of Canada to get busy and don the khaki. He urged the young men of St. John to rally to the nation's aid in this hour of dire need and thus make it possible for the meteor flag of England to face for another thousand years the battle and the breeze.

Capt. Corbett was the second speaker of the evening. He had a message for the men between 18 and 45, one for the men over 45 and one for the ladies. His message to the young men was to come over and help the boys now in the trenches, to the older men and ladies it was that they must take the places of the men who went to fight, and keep things going in the homefront. In England he had seen women acting in the postmen, street car conductors, and filling various other positions usually held by men. He spoke of the frat contingent and the fact that they needed reinforcements. A great many of them would never come back, a great many had already come back disabled. The places of these men had to be filled and the only way in which that could be done was for the men to enlist and get the necessary training to fit them to take the places of the boys who had fallen. He was personally acquainted with Lieut. Col. Wedderburn and knew him for a true soldier and a good leader. He said he could hardly conceive how any man could refuse to answer when the call for help was so insistent.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Tonight the speakers will be Capt. E. F. May of the 24th and W. S. Fisher.

GREAT SALE OF CURTAINS AT M. R. A.'S.

This will be an unprecedented opportunity for economical housekeepers as these curtains consisting of Scotch net, Irish point, scrim, voile and marquisette are to be offered at savings of from twenty to fifty per cent. Sale this morning at 9 o'clock sharp in Curtain Department, second floor.

Victoria "Wet Wash" Laundry is the best—they cleanse the clothes thoroughly, 2 to 10 Pitt street. Phone 399.

Wanted—Boy to assist chef at the Royal Hotel.

Lost.

Uptown, Friday, gamee brooch. Reward offered for its return. Call at Standard office.

Around the City

Tonight's Meeting.
Don't forget the meeting tonight at Germain street recruiting rooms. The speakers will be Capt. F. P. May and W. S. Fisher. Both have been at the front. Capt. May will speak from the military standpoint, and Mr. Fisher from the standpoint of the civilian, and give his impressions of the fighting line.

Alarm of Fire.
The fire department were called out yesterday afternoon about four o'clock by an alarm from box 152, for a fire which started from a stove in a watchman's shanty near the ruins of the government railway elevator off Mill street. The shanty was quite badly gutted.

Officers on Inspection Trip.
Brigadier McLean accompanied by Major Steehan is now on an inspection trip through the province. Tuesday they were at Campbellton, Barrington and Dalhousie. Yesterday they were at Chatham and Newcastle inspecting the different companies of the 132nd, stationed in those places. Lieut. Col. Mersereau accompanied them on their tour. Today they will be in Moncton and will inspect the 14th and the 165th at that place.

Rev. B. H. Nobles III.
Rev. B. H. Nobles, pastor of the Victoria street Baptist church, is very ill, and grave doubts are entertained for his recovery. The news of his serious illness will come as a shock to most of his friends, for while not in the enjoyment of the best of health for some time, he had been able to be around and attend to his pastoral duties.

Police Court.
In the police court yesterday afternoon there was a further hearing into the case in which a barber is charged with having liquor for sale on his premises without a license. Two soldiers were called and gave evidence that they had been drinking liquor in the shop. The case was adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon for judgment. Wm. Mason, the Australian, who resides on Main street, was fined \$100 for having liquor for sale in his house without a license. A Russian who was in the case was found guilty of supplying a soldier in uniform with liquor last Sunday and he was fined \$50. Both fines were paid.

Men of 1910 Entertained.
The B. Y. P. U. of the Charlotte street United Baptist church paid a visit to the 140th Battalion last night, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present. A splendid program was provided and refreshments were served. The following took part in the entertainment: Misses Earle, Brown, Pierce, Brindley and Coude, and Mr. Bonk. Mrs. P. West acted as accompanist. The soldiers taking part were Sergt. Key, Corp. Markham, Lance Corporal West, Lance Corporal Gaudet, Sergt. Gerlie, Corporal Pitt, Sergt. Major Palmer and Lance Corporal Logan. The committee in charge were Mrs. W. Lynch, Mrs. B. Treartha, Mrs. William McLeod, Mrs. H. Blythe, Miss Alice Furlerton and Miss Ella Clark. Those serving were Miss Grace Kierstead, Miss Laura Carlson, Mrs. Charles Adams and Miss S. Tullis. A guessing contest in charge of Miss N. E. Lynch was won by Lance Corporal Albert Whittle.

NEW MUSICAL COMEDY AT THE OPERA HOUSE TODAY.
The Feldman and Christie Musical Company at the Opera House change the programme today and offer for the first time here, the two act musical comedy, "The Elopers," with all new songs, dances and features. There will be a matinee today, tomorrow and Saturday.

Have you looked at the small diamond solitaire rings offered at Gundry's, 79 King street. Even those at \$10.00 make a wonderfully effective show. Genuine finely cut brilliants in heavy 14 kt. mounts. Others at \$16.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and up.

TWO MORE CASES WHERE LETTERS DIDN'T "ARRIVE"

Someone Has Edward Connelly's Three Dollars and Hiram Friars' Puzzle Charts

Yesterday The Standard received a letter from Edward Connelly, Martins Head, St. John county. Mr. Connelly writes: "I sent you in January three dollars, amount of renewal subscription for The Daily Standard. I cannot tell by the wrapper on my paper if you received it or not. Kindly let me know by letter or by making the date on the wrapper so that I can send it again. The money was mailed at Sussex."

The Standard has not received Mr. Connelly's letter.

On Saturday last there was mailed from this office to Mr. Hiram Friars, of Sussex, an envelope containing puzzle charts. Under date of March 22nd Mr. Friars writes The Standard inquiring why his charts have not been sent. They were sent all right.

MOTHER STILL WAITS FOR NEWS FROM SON

Pathetic Situation in Connection With Death of Private J. R. W. Scott.

The sad case of Private J. R. W. Scott who enlisted in the Army Service Corps in Vancouver and went to France with the first contingent, has been recalled by a letter received by The Standard the other day. Private Scott, it will be remembered, arrived in St. John on the 17th day of December last along with eleven others, all suffering from mental trouble brought on by shock and German gas. On the 18th day of December he wrote a letter to his mother in England. On the 22nd, while he with five others were being brought across the bridge at the Falls to be sent to their homes, his cap was blown off by the wind. In his efforts to recover it he went over the railing and plunged to his death in the waters below. The body has not been recovered, and never will be, and the lonely mother in England has been waiting and watching ever since for some further word from her boy.

Imperial's Matinee Souvenir Today.
Handsome calendar souvenir portraits of Francis X. Bushman will be given to lady patrons at the Imperial's matinee today, "Pennington's Choice" packed the house yesterday both afternoon and evening. Most people were attracted because of the fame of the story and the personnel of its leading players, Francis X. Bushman, Beverly Bayne and James J. Jeffries, the ex-champion. The story appeared as a serial in the well-known magazine "The Women's World," and was therefore quite familiar to many. Further than this, it being a Canadian story localized in the Quebec lumber woods and introducing some splendid athletic encounters between Jeffries and Mr. Bushman, also a budget of startling surprises in which Miss Bayne and her large supporting company took part, the production as a whole, made a profound hit.

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SCOTCH NET CURTAINS, white only, a large variety of patterns, three to six pairs of a kind, three and three and a half yards long. Sale prices, per pair 50c. to \$2.75

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