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LAST FORT BATTERED DOWN IN RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED ERZERUM

Russians Have Scored Notable Strategical Victory—Opens Roads for Them to Fight Way Towards Army Operating Against Persians and Turks and Towards British Troops at Kut-el-Amara—Stormy Weather on Western Front Prevents Violent Fighting Which Marked Last Few Days—British and Germans Still at Grips Around Ypres.

TURKEY'S CHIEF CITY IN ARMENIA TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

ERZERUM IN HANDS OF RUSSIAN ARMY

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 16.—Official announcement is made that the Russians have captured Erzerum. Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed the Emperor as follows: "God has granted the brave troops of the army of the Caucasus such great help that Erzerum has been taken, after five days' unprecedented assault. I am immensely happy to announce this victory to Your Imperial Majesty."

Erzerum, Turkey's chief city in Armenia, is in the hands of the Russians. Heavy assaults by the Russians against the long line of detached forts protecting the city, lasting over a period of five days, and described by Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief as "unprecedented," have resulted in the capture of the fortress.

Unofficial reports early in the present month said German Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, with 80,000 men, was besieged in the city, with provisions for only a fortnight. The capture of Erzerum is considered of great strategic importance. From it radiate roads leading in all directions. Over those to the southeast and south it will be possible for the Russians now to fight their way toward their compatriots operating against the Persians and Turks in Northwest and West Persia, or proceed south toward Bagdad, to the relief of the British bottled up in Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris, southeast of Bagdad.

The immediate effect of the Russian victory on the situation in Persia and Mesopotamia is problematical, however, for despite the roads, the country is mountainous and there is still much ground to be covered—something over 200 miles before the Lake Urmia district in Persia is reached, and over 600 miles before a junction with the British at Kut-el-Amara could be formed.

Stormy on Western Front. With the advent of stormy weather on the western battle line, the heavy fighting of the past few days seemingly has simmered again to artillery bombardments and mining operations. Berlin reports, however, the British and French have endeavored to recapture trench positions taken from them by the Germans, respectively southeast of Ypres and in Champagne near Tahure, but that the attacks failed. Paris asserts, on the contrary, that near Tahure the French have retaken portions of their former trenches.

The British and Germans are still at deadly grips for possession of the trenches captured from the former southeast of Ypres, artillery and hand grenades being employed in the fighting. London reports that in the attack in which the British lost 600 yards of a front line trench the Germans attacked over a front of 4,000 yards, but were everywhere repulsed with considerable losses, except at the point the trench was captured.

On the Russian front a driving snowstorm along the entire line has almost stopped operations. The usual bombardments, interspersed with infantry attacks, continue on the Austro-Italian front.

Austrians and Bulgars Unite in Albania. In Albania, the Austrians and Bulgarians are said to have formed a union, and are battling for the capture of the important seaport of Durazzo, which is being defended by Essad Pasha's forces, consisting of Albanians, Serbians and Montenegrins.

Strumitsa, Bulgaria, has been raided by thirteen French aeroplanes, which dropped 158 bombs and returned to their base unscathed. Several fires were started by the bombs. The ministers of the Entente Powers have informed the Belgian government that hostilities against the Germans and their allies will not be permitted to end without Belgium having re-established its political and economic independence. They added that the Belgian government also would be called upon to take part in the peace negotiations.

The question of submarine warfare still remains an open one by reason of Germany's announcement of the intention to treat as warships all armed merchantmen after Feb. 23. Secretary of State Lansing is making a careful study of Germany's latest reply with reference to the Lusitania question, to ascertain if there is anything in the German memorandum concerning armed merchantmen which conflicts with the assurances given by Germany in the Lusitania negotiations regarding the sinking of liners and the safety of their passengers.

German Aeroplanes Brought Down on Russian Front.

Petrograd, Feb. 16, via London, Feb. 17.—The following official statement was issued today: "In the Riga section the fire of our heavy howitzers, compelled the descent of a German aeroplane northeast of Repe. The enemy's heavy artillery violently bombarded the Isakull bridgehead for half an hour.

"On the Drinsk sector our fire caused two explosions in an enemy heavy battery. In the Iloukist region we repulsed two German attacks on our positions, and in the district north thereof.

"In the region of the Upper Ilva our artillery put down enemy attempts to bomb our trenches with trench mortars.

"On the fourteenth, one of our aeroplanes attacked the town and station of Podastse, dropping seven bombs weighing about forty pounds each, and in addition smaller bombs on the town. Enemy aeroplanes were encountered by the aeroplane, but avoided a fight and fled.

"An enemy attempt to attack one of our entrenchments at Ujeliczko was repulsed.

"North of Rojan the enemy exploded a mine, but the crater remained in our hands after a hand grenade action.

"Caucasian front: In the Black Sea littoral our troops dislodged the Turks from a series of mountainous positions, and threw the enemy across the river Vitseus.

"As announced yesterday our troops captured nine forts of the Deve Boyun position, which covers the fortress of Erzerum, and took about seventy guns, in addition to munitions and prisoners. The general staff reports that it is compelled to abstain from mentioning the name of the glorious regiment which dislodged the Turks at the point of the bayonet.

"This success is now being developed, notwithstanding the enormous cold and local obstacles. The Turks are hurrying up troops from the west and south for the relief of Erzerum. The southern part of Erzerum is in flames.

"In the Khopy region our offensive continues successfully."

The reference in the above despatch to the operations at Erzerum evidently ante-dates the announcement of Grand Duke Nicholas that Erzerum has been captured by the Russians.

Heavy Fighting With Hand Grenades.

London, Feb. 16.—The British official statement on the campaign in Flanders, issued tonight, reads as follows: "An artillery bombardment by both sides and heavy fighting with hand grenades have taken place in the past twenty-four hours between the Ypres-Comines Canal and the Ypres-Comines railway. The fighting continued. "With the exception of the above, the day passed quietly along the whole British front."

GATEWAY TO ASIA MINOR NOW OPEN

Petrograd, Feb. 16, via London, Feb. 17.—The fall of Erzerum, which had been confidently awaited since news of the taking by the Russians of nine of the sixteen forts guarding the gateway to Asia Minor, is the cause of great elation in Petrograd.

Controlling the roads through Armenia, with access to Trebizond, Tabriz, and Mesopotamia, the capture of Erzerum is calculated to have immense strategic importance in the Russian campaign in the Caucasus, and it will indirectly affect the Balkan campaign by relieving the pressure on the Allies at Saloniki.

The conviction entertained by all Russian military observers that Erzerum would ultimately be forced to capitulate was based on the fact that the remaining nine forts were of considerably less importance than those already in Russian hands and could be readily flanked, or even ignored, by forcing the evacuation of the Turkish stronghold.

The taking of the first fort is believed to have destroyed the plan of defense, since the impregnability of Erzerum rested on the assumption of the German engineers who constructed the fortifications that the position was safe against assault from the south.

In spite of the intense cold and deep snow, the Russian troops took Kop mountain by storm, and dealt the Turks the first staggering blow. Having driven them from this position, the Russian artillery broke through and flanked the other positions, which went like a house of cards, the result being the Russian onslaught exceeding all expectations.

The Caucasian campaign derived great benefit from the Russian domination of the Black Sea, which enabled the army to receive a plentiful supply of provisions and munitions. The number of men garrisoning the Turkish positions before the recent retreat of the Turkish army was estimated at 50,000. These numbers are believed to have been considerably augmented by the falling back of the Turks upon this position.

It was before Erzerum that the Russians suffered defeat in the Russo-Turkish war.

Erzerum is the first instance of a strong fortress being taken by a whirlwind assault.

BRITAIN TAKES ONE THIRD OF U. S. EXPORTS

Using Three Times as Many American Products as Any Foreign Country, U. S. Dept. of Commerce Figures Show.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Great Britain is using now three times as many American products of any foreign country, and is absorbing more than one-third of all American exports. Export trade figures made public today by the Department of Commerce show that British purchases of all kinds in the United States last year amounted to \$1,191,000,000. France holds second place among America's customers, with purchases last year of about half a billion; Canada is third with \$344,000,000, and Italy fourth with a quarter of a billion.

Great Britain's 1915 purchases were double in value those of 1914; France's tripled, and so did Italy's, and those of Greece. Exports to European neutrals increased anywhere from twenty to seventy-five per cent. except in the case of Sweden, which bought \$80,000,000 worth or three times as much as the year before.

3 ENEMY U BOATS SUNK; THE FINAL FIGHT FOR ALBANIA

New York, Feb. 16.—A news agency despatch from Paris today says:

"Three Teutonic submarines have been sunk in the Adriatic Sea by French cruisers, according to the Echo De Paris."

FINAL STRUGGLE FOR ALBANIA. London, Feb. 16.—The final struggle for the mastery of Albania has begun, according to a despatch received in London. The Austrians and Bulgarians have succeeded in forming a junction, and their combined armies are now in contact with Essad Pasha's army of Albanians, Montenegrins and Serbians, which is defending Durazzo.

AIR RAID ON STRUMITSAS. London, Feb. 16.—Thirteen French aeroplanes carried out a raid on the town and camps of Strumitsa, Bulgaria, yesterday, according to a Reuter despatch from Saloniki today. The machines dropped 158 bombs, causing several fires, it is added.

The despatch states that the machines, although subjected to a severe bombardment, returned to their base untouched.

FLEET OF GERMAN SHIPS PREPARING TO MAKE RAID ON ATLANTIC COMMERCE?

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16.—Eleven German steamers laid up in the Canary Island ports have been secretly armed for commerce raiding and are preparing to make a dash for the open sea, according to a statement made here today by Captain F. E. Maguire, of the American schooner Edgar W. Murdock, who says he delivered 2,100 tons of coal to German agents in Tenerife and saw it loaded into the bunkers of the intended German vessels. The Murdock is in port here.

Warning to Alien Enemies in Canada. Treasonable utterances will Get them Into Trouble—Status of Austrian and Germans in Civil Service will be Investigated.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The government issued a warning today to German citizens of Canada that treasonable utterances and acts of violence would result in vigorous action.

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes made a statement regarding the raiding of a German hall in Berlin, Ontario, last night by soldiers, the destruction of German flags displayed there, and the abduction of a bust of the Kaiser. He said the people in the locality had been "exasperated by the language and action of a Lutheran clergyman—an American citizen named Cappert—and a German-born Canadian subject named Assumsson who, whether with good or bad intent, have been semi-apologists for German atrocities and Kaiserism."

"Alien enemies," said Gen. Hughes, "have been treated by the government in the most tolerant and lenient manner, but utterances and conduct that even indirectly encourage sedition, treason, or disloyalty will not be tolerated. The case of Cappert is under consideration by the government. He cannot be deported as he has been three years in the country. Meanwhile it is stated that the justice department will send Gen. Sir William Oller to Berlin to take charge of the situation there until quiet has been restored. Gen. Oller is in charge of the internment camps for alien enemies throughout the Dominion. The premier stated in reply to Mr. Boulay, of Rimouski, that the government had decided to conduct investigations into the status and conduct of all the Germans and Austrians in the civil service. With regard to Dr. Haanel, deputy minister of mines, he said that he was a naturalized American and that he had come to Canada at the invitation of Victoria University. He entered the government service in 1901. Sir Robert said he was an efficient official and a law-abiding citizen and he did not consider that it was in the public interest or in the interest of justice to remove him from his position."

BERLIN'S MOVE REOPENS WHOLE SUBMARINE ISSUE

Lusitania Agreement Presented Yesterday by Bernstorff Cannot be Finally Accepted Until U. S. Knows Whether it Will Conflict with New Policy of Sinking all Armed Merchantmen.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Secretary Lansing said today that the German government's announcement of intention of sinking armed merchantmen without warning after Feb. 23 has reopened the entire question of submarine warfare.

The Lusitania agreement presented by Count Von Bernstorff today cannot be finally accepted until the United States determines whether anything in it conflicts with the new policy of sinking armed merchant ships. As now drawn and formally signed by the German ambassador, the agreement is in reply to the last American note. It begins with reference to the formal assurances given by Germany last September that submarines would not sink unresisting liners without warning and regard for the safety of life aboard, and that the instructions to submarine commanders were so definite as to allow no misunderstanding. It then states that the submarine warfare around the British Isles was a reprisal for what is characterized as the "inhumane blockade" of Great Britain to starve the Central Powers, and then promises indemnity for Americans lost on the Lusitania, and expresses "profound regret" for their deaths.

It goes on to say that the German government receiving liability for their loss, makes proposals contained in the draft submitted today, and then goes on to deal with the question of reprisals against others than enemy subjects. The change which the Berlin Foreign Office has made in the wording of the latter proposal has not been publicly disclosed, but from the air of optimism which prevailed today it is inferred that such a statement from the German government would be desirable.

Mr. Lansing is understood to have informed his staff such a statement from the German government would be desirable. In his conference with Secretary Lansing today the German ambassador discussed the advisability of a postponement of the effective date of the new submarine orders to give opportunity for negotiations. Count Von Bernstorff told Secretary Lansing it was his personal opinion that in carrying out the new submarine campaign it was not the intention of the German government to sink "liners."

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lost his head as had been intimated by Mr. Glass, and said that if any valuable minutes were lost he claimed they must have been lost by Mr. Glass in giving the alarm. He was positive the fire started in the second double desk in the reading room, not in the first, as a couple of witnesses have stated. The reason the fire got away from him when he applied the extinguisher, he explained, was because the fire was coming out on both sides of the double desk, and he could only fight it from one side. As he did this, the fire spread from the other side to the adjacent desks and walls. He differed from Chief Graham, who gave the opinion that the fire broke out in several paper files where chemicals had been set. Constable Moore said the fire did not break out in several places, but simply spread rapidly.

Constable Knox also expressed the opinion that the fire, while it spread rapidly, did not break out in more than one place, but that it spread in a natural manner. The only explosion he heard was, he thought, in the liquor store room, and was no louder than that caused by the breaking of an electric light globe.

All six witnesses who were examined were asked regarding explosions. None heard them, with the exception of two members of the fire department, who were called at the request of Chief Graham. The chief was also authorized to get a statement from Major Stethem, now in Halifax, who was with the chief for some time during the fire, and who the chief says described one of the explosions as being like the bursting of a shell.

The inquiry was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

CONTRADICT EVIDENCE GIVEN BY PREVIOUS WITNESSES IN FIRE PROBE. Ottawa, Feb. 16, via leased wire.—Evidence directly contradicting that given by Mr. Frank Glass, M. P. for East Middlesex, and also the opinions expressed by Fire Chief Graham, was given by demolition policemen in the parliament building fire investigation which was resumed this afternoon. Constables Moore and Knox, who had previously been heard, came back to elaborate their previous testimony. Constable Moore denied that he had

BELGIUM TO HAVE VOICE IN MAKING PEACE

Allies Renew Pledge Not to End War Until King Albert's Country is Indemnified and Independence Re-established.

Havre, Feb. 16.—The Allied powers signatory to the treaty guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of Belgium have decided not to end hostilities until the political and economic independence of Belgium is re-established and the nation is indemnified for the damages suffered.

This decision was communicated to the Belgian Foreign Office on Monday by the ministers representing the Entente Allies.

The Russian minister acted as spokesman, addressing the Belgian minister for foreign affairs, as follows: "The allied powers signatory to the treaties guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of Belgium have decided to renew today by solemn act the agreements made regarding your country, which has been heroically faithful to its international obligations. Consequently we, the ministers of France, Great Britain and Russia, duly authorized by our governments, have the honor to make the following declarations:

"The Allied and guaranteeing powers declare that when the moment comes the Belgian government will be called upon to take part in peace negotiations, and they will not put an end to hostilities without Belgium having re-established its political and economic independence."

The Belgian Foreign Minister, Baron Beyens, replied: "The government of the King is profoundly grateful to the governments of the three powers guaranteeing the independence of Belgium of which you are representatives, for their generous initiative in making known today this declaration. I thank you heartily in his behalf."

"The Italian minister told Baron Beyens that although Italy was not among the powers which guaranteed the independence and neutrality of Belgium he had no objection to the foregoing declaration. A similar announcement was made on behalf of the Japanese government."

FLOODS IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 16, 11:28 p. m.—The storm which is now raging over Holland is causing great anxiety of further floods and disasters. Day and night hundreds of laborers are working feverishly to prevent fresh ruptures of the dykes. The force of the storm is such that all kinds of strengthening material are speedily washed away by the giant waves breaking across the dykes. Should the storm continue it is feared that two-thirds of the town of Middelendam, in the province of North Holland, a few miles from Amsterdam, will be flooded. In several other towns the waters have washed through the sluices and have reached many houses, the occupants of which have been obliged to evacuate them. Telegraphic and telephonic communication throughout Holland is at a standstill.

NEW SCHEME TO DEFEND ENGLAND FROM AIR RAIDS

DEBATE ON AIR DEFENCE ELICITS PLAIN SPEAKING IN THE BRITISH COMMONS

Army Navy and munitions Departments to Co-ordinate Under New Plan—Baron Astor Takes Seat in Lords for First Time.

London, Feb. 16, 9:55 p. m.—Today's debate in parliament on the air defence of Great Britain was chiefly remarkable for the frank admissions made by the cabinet's spokesman that the present conditions are far from satisfactory. Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, and H. J. Tennant, under secretary for war, all spoke in this vein. They declared, however, that the government was doing all that was humanly possible.

Mr. Balfour scored the sensation of the day when he declared that one of England's great mistakes in the days prior to the war was her failure to develop a dirigible airship fleet, along lines similar to that of Germany. "With regard to Zeppelins," he said, "looking back on events I am sorry that we did not develop that type of vessel, not so much for aggression and defence, as for maritime and other scouting. Such airships might have played for us an important part. Certainly Germany has had an advantage in possessing them."

"We are doing what we can to remedy this state of things, but I do not pretend that, when we began the race ten years behind the enemy, there is any reasonable probability of catching up. However, something must be done and what can be being done."

The matter of Zeppelins came up early in the day in the opening speech by William Joynson-Hicks, Unionist, who recalled Winston Spencer Churchill's statement of March, 1914, that England was to have a fleet of airships and that one of the Zeppelin type had been laid down.

"Mr. Churchill," continued the speaker, "said we had built or were building fifteen airships. Where are they?"

Towards the close of his speech Mr. Joynson-Hicks referred to this same subject, remarking: "I have left out the possibility of our defending ourselves from an air raid by means of airships of the Zeppelin type, because we have not got any. Regarding this lack, a heavy responsibility rests on the gentleman who was the first Lord of the Admiralty some time ago."

Therein for placing the air service of the country on a firmer and stronger basis."

At the close of the day's debate Mr. Joynson-Hicks consented to withdraw his amendment on the understanding that further opportunity would be offered for discussion later in the session of the air problems.

The government supporters tonight expressed the hope that the ministerial statements today would do much to clarify the atmosphere and reassure the country. Mr. Bonar Law's summing up of the cabinet's position on air defence, in a short speech, was as follows:

"I make no pretense that the government is satisfied with this branch of the service, but I assure the house that we are trying to effect remedies for all defenses."

"Mr. Tennant, in behalf of the war office, after outlining a new scheme for the co-ordination of the army, navy and munitions departments in the work of air defense, closed with the statement:

"While we have made strides in providing proper equipment and defenses for the arsenals, and vulnerable points of the country, the safety of every part of the United Kingdom against attack by long-range aircraft can never be complete."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Richard McKenna, announced today that the German national debt at the end of the financial year, March 31, will be 2,200,000,000 pounds.

Germany's gross war expenditure to the end of 1915, was more than 1,500,000,000 pounds.

Credits voted by France between the outbreak of the war to the end of December, 1915, were about 1,240,000,000 pounds and for the first quarter of 1916, 300,000,000 pounds.

Immediately on the resumption of the sitting of the House of Commons Premier Asquith moved and obtained the consent of the house that the whole session, until March 31, shall be devoted to government business. This aroused protests from various quarters, whereupon the Premier declared that private members seemed singularly lacking in a sense of perspective.

Such members, added the Premier, did not seem to realize the conditions under which the country was living. It did not warrant a mass of legislative proposals from private members which were never intended to be discussed, he declared.

an attack on the government, but rather a patriotic effort to improve the country's defenses, in regard to which public feeling was very strong, especially in those places visited by Zeppelins. He desired to know who was responsible and would assume responsibility in the future.

Mr. Joynson-Hicks criticized the present defenses, which he characterized as antiquated, and said it ought to be as easy as pressing a button to send up squadrons of battle-planes to meet a Zeppelin attack. He asserted that the Allied airmen at the front were outclassed by their adversaries.

Ronald McNeill seconded the motion, making similar arguments. Sir A. J. Balfour said "I am sorry that we did not long ago develop a fleet of rigid lighter-than-air machines, not so much for offensive purposes as for sea scouting."

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, in replying made an important announcement. "From today," he said, "the navy will deal with all hostile aircraft attacking the coast of Great Britain, but the control of the air defenses within the country has been transferred from the Admiralty to the War Office."

Percy Scott has been taken over by the army from the navy, and a joint naval and army committee will be formed to co-ordinate the air defenses."

A. J. Balfour said that one of the great difficulties in connection with the enlargement of the air service had been lack of material.

"We are still behind in certain directions," he said "because the government is oblivious to the necessities of the situation, but because the material cannot be obtained."

Col. Arthur Lynch, National member for West (Ipswich), interrupted Mr. Balfour, asking what particular material he referred to, but the first Lord ignored the question, continuing:

"Every possible resource in Europe and America is being tapped for the provision of air material. One of the difficulties is that nothing can be standardized, because the air service is constantly developing and changing."

"We are deficient in air defense guns," continued Mr. Balfour, "but that is due to lack of material. The whole question here has to be considered in relation to the demands of the army and the navy for competing material."

Baron Astor Takes His Seat in Lords
Baron Astor of Hever West (William Waldorf Astor) took his seat for the first time in the House of Lords. The house sat for only twenty minutes. There was no debate.

Some Remedies
Among the remedies suggested are the encouragement of land settlement, greater attention to mixed farming, increased production, with the just standardization and improvement of the quality of farm products, together with co-operation and improvement in the quality of farm products, together with co-operation in their distribution; the extension of the parcel posts and the making of good roads, cheaper and more accessible working capital, especially to farmers of the west, and a comprehensive system of vocational training to promote greater efficiency of service in all lines.

GOSPEL OF EASE FACTOR IN HIGH COST OF LIVING

Commission Which Has Been Studying Question for Two Years Submits Report.

INCREASE OF FIFTY PER CENT. IN 15 YEARS.

Standard of Living in Canada Has Been Raised—Vocational Training in Schools Suggested.

Ottawa, Feb. 16, via leased wire.—The long awaited report of the Royal Commission appointed on December 29, 1913, to investigate the increase in the cost of living in Canada and its causes, was tabled in the Commons this afternoon by the Prime Minister. There are two big volumes packed with interesting information, deductions and recommendations. The commissioners, Messrs. John McDougall, commissioner of customs; C. G. James, agricultural commissioner; R. H. Coats, chief statistician of the department of labor, and J. U. Vincent, deputy minister of inland revenue, after spending two years on the task, have produced a report of over 2,000 pages. In the main, they find that the increase in the cost of living during the past fifteen years, which has been practically fifty per cent, is due to the increase in the gold supply, which reduces the purchasing power of money, to manifold forms of extravagance and waste, public and private, individual and social; to restricted supply following upon disproportionate rural development; to uneconomic methods of distribution and marketing of products, to higher standards of living by the rich and poor; to restricted supply of vocational training; to vice and to the gospel of ease which has permeated the national life of the Anglo-Saxon race; to uneconomical household expenses; and to the effect of mergers and trusts and combinations.

Under the heading of "Industrial efficiency" the commissioners point out that inefficient service, mainly through the lack of a proper system of vocational training, has been one of the notable causes which have brought about the recent advance in the price of commodities. They urge that teaching in public schools should be supplemented by special courses in vocational training in all lines of industry. Another cause for the increase of the cost of living is described as a dearth of farm labor at reasonable price.

"In this dominion," says the report, "we are proportionately working fewer hours than ever before, and we have a greater number of the inefficient and the idle in our midst."

Under the head of "production" emphasis is laid on the fact that in many lines of agricultural products, Canada has not, by any means, kept pace with the increase in population. For instance, during the three-year period ending with March 31, 1914, imports of mutton and lamb totalled \$1,409,334, while exports totalled \$115,362; imports of eggs totalled \$7,031,983, while exports totalled \$299,833; imports of butter totalled \$4,925,491, while exports totalled \$2,706,379.

Another contributing cause for price advances is stated to be adulteration of foods. Manufacturers and retailers have sought to obtain a larger return for a smaller value. Instead of advancing the price of products in many cases the quality has been lowered and the quantity of the goods offered for sale at the same price has been reduced.

A considerable portion of the report deals with waste and extravagance. There has been waste in marketing, waste through purchase in small quantities, a tendency to get flavor or tenderness instead of nutrition, and sheer extravagance in the waste of cooked foods, etc.

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C.P.R. PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET

Sir Thos. White's Measure Seems Most Feasible, Lord Shaughnessy Believes.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—The following statement was today issued by Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway:

"The war has, as we all know, added, and will for some time continue to add, important financial burdens to those the country was already carrying, and the Minister of Finance is compelled to resort to drastic measures of taxation for the purpose of meeting the situation."

"The measure now before the House would appear to be about the most feasible means of providing the additional revenue required, but it strikes me that it has some features requiring elucidation, and that Sir Thomas White would be inclined to amend before the bill becomes law. It may be pointed out that, if the amount paid up on its capital stock is to be determined by the share capital actually issued as fully paid, some of our Canadian companies, although making large profits just now, will have oceans of water between their net revenue and the proposed tax, while others, like the Canadian Pacific, for instance, have outstanding capital stock less in amount than the money actually paid for it, without reference to appropriations from revenue for capital expenditures."

"Every good citizen and reasonable man will loyally stand back of the plan of action that they find may be considered best in the circumstances, but in return, the people of the country will demand, probably more emphatically than ever before, that expenditures in connection with making large profits and with extravagance, and that the Minister of Finance, with his colleagues, shall see that the country's money is neither pilfered nor squandered."

Was Troubled With BOILS ALL OVER HIS BODY.

When the blood becomes impure the first symptoms manifesting themselves are a breaking out on some part of the body of various sorts of bad blood troubles, such as boils, pimples, abscesses, sores, etc.

How many times have you met a friend with a handkerchief tied around his neck, and have asked him: "What is the matter with you?" "Oh! I have a boil on the back of my neck; I guess I will have to take something for my blood."

The best blood cleansing remedy on the market to-day is Burdock's Blood Bitters, and the speediest and most thorough method of expelling all the useless and corrupt matter from the blood is to use this old and well tried remedy that has been on the market for the past forty years.

Mr. W. E. Cockerill, Golden, B.C., writes: "I was troubled with boils all over my body, and my blood was very bad. I tried all kinds of medicines and the doctor got no relief. I had to quit work, as I could not stoop to do anything. My boss told me to use Burdock's Blood Bitters, and before I had finished it the boils were all gone. It is the best blood cleanser I have ever taken. I have told several others who were suffering with boils, and they all say it is great. I feel like I had a new lease on life, but I feel like sixteen since I got rid of the boils."

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SERBIA U. S. MUNITIONS VALUED AT \$2,000,000

Estimated quarter billion dollars worth sent to Europe since the war began

Washington, Feb. 16.—American-made munitions now are pouring into Europe at the rate of nearly two million dollars worth daily, with the figures swelling rapidly as production increases. For a long time after the war began shipments were negligible, and not until the middle of 1915 did the millions of dollars worth of war materials contracted for begin to move in considerable quantities.

Estimates made at the Department of Commerce today put the total munition shipments since Europe began to purchase for the present war close to a quarter of a billion dollars. At the rate shipments are going now, the left American shores. Powder comes next, with shipments estimated at nearly one hundred million dollars, and small arm cartridges are third with \$30,000,000. Five arms, including ordnance exports, are put at less than \$20,000,000, with small increases shown. The heaviest month's fire arms shipment was in January, 1915, when more than \$2,000,000 worth went to Europe.

PREMIER AND MRS. CLARKE LEAVING FOR TRIP TO CLIFTON SPRINGS

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Feb. 16.—The provincial government concluded their meeting this afternoon with a meeting of the board of education at which routine matters were taken up.

The evening Attorney General Baxter left for St. John, but the other members are remaining for meetings of the treasury board and other committees of the council tomorrow.

The attorney general will be here again on Friday on business before the court of appeal.

Premier Clarke accompanied by Mrs. Clarke is expected to leave in a few days for Clifton Springs to enjoy a rest that health resort prior to the opening of the session of the legislature which, as stated in The Standard today, will not now open until March 9th.

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Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 16.—Death came with startling suddenness this evening at five o'clock to Nehemiah Cole, one of the oldest and best known farmers at Rockland, about two miles from Dorchester. He was about his accustomed duties throughout the forenoon. On coming into dinner he complained of feeling tired. He remained on the sofa during the afternoon and death came at five o'clock. He was 82 years of age. He is survived by two daughters and three sons. Notice of funeral announced later.

Pneumonia Finds Its Weakened By Col

This Letter Tells How to Gain Strength by Using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is Prevented

Epidemics of colds and grip are almost invariably followed by much loss of life from pneumonia. When the body is worn down by colds and the lungs weakened from coughing, pneumonia finds an easy victim.

Careful inquiry into many thousands of cases of pneumonia shows that this disease usually attacks the person who is tired and worn out, and who is therefore lacking in resisting power.

In this letter is described a case in which the patient was in the greatest danger of contracting pneumonia or some similar disease, but fortunately sought the aid of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and was soon restored to health and strength.

Miss E. J. Russell, Centralia, Ont., writes: "Last winter my mother contracted a bad cold. She was bothered with shortness of breath, wheezing, fevered and too sore to cough. Our doctor prescribed treatment which brought relief from these symptoms, but when she got up she was tired and weak. I had heard of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and bought a bottle. I took it for a few days and my mother's condition improved. She was able to get up and about. I had heard of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and bought a bottle. I took it for a few days and my mother's condition improved. She was able to get up and about. I had heard of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and bought a bottle. I took it for a few days and my mother's condition improved. She was able to get up and about."

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DEBATE ON FREE WHEAT CONTINUED

Sir Thos. White calls attention of Grit advocates to important point in Underwood tariff which they seem to overlook

(Canadian Press) Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Mr. Thomas Mc Nutt, of Saltcoats, resumed, at the opening of the house, the debate upon Mr. Tupper's motion calling upon the government to place wheat, wheat products, and potatoes on the free list...

ACTRESS TELLS SECRET

A Well Known Actress Tells How She Darkened Her Gray Hair and Promoted Its Growth With a Simple Home Made Mixture

FUNERALS

The funeral of John Mageo took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son-in-law, 35 Elliott Row...

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CZAR THANKS FRENCH FOR AIDING SERBS

Emperor Nicholas Sends Personal Message of Appreciation to Premier Briand of France

Paris, Feb. 16.—Emperor Nicholas sent the following telegram yesterday from the general headquarters of the Russian staff to President Poincare: "I have just received news that the Serbian army finds itself removed from all danger, thanks to the efforts of the French government..."

Card of Thanks

The Union Foundry and Machine Works, Ltd., wish to extend thanks to the West St. John firemen for their prompt and efficient manner in which they handled the fire in the boiler room of the works yesterday afternoon...

U. S. CONSUL TO RUSSIA RESIGNS OWING TO ILL-HEALTH

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 16.—George T. Marrye, the American ambassador, has resigned, giving ill-health as his reason...

RETAIL MERCHANTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 24th

FT. MONCKTON CHAPTER L.O.E. ANNUAL MEETING AT PORT ELGIN

Port Elgin, Feb. 16.—The Fort Monckton Chapter of L. O. E. held their February meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. McLeod...

Combing Won't Rid Hair Of Dandruff

The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely...

COMB SAGE TEA INTO GRAY HAIR

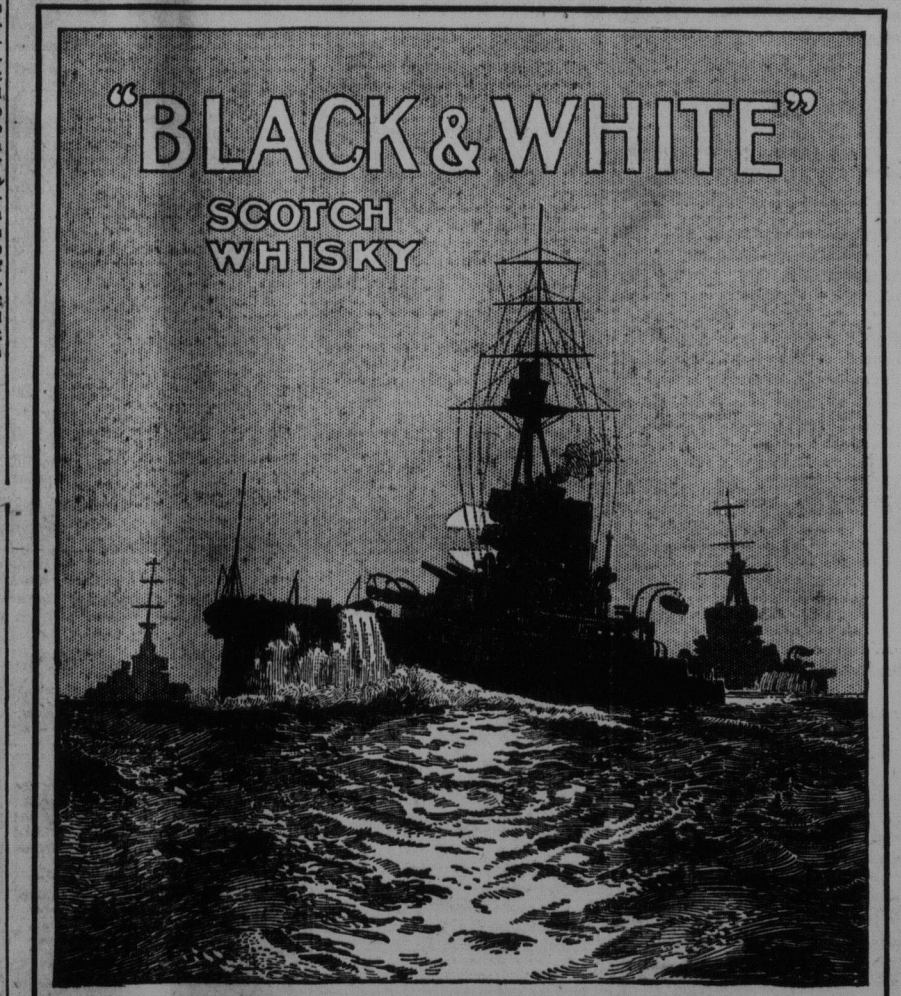
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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

A SAFE AND SANE BUDGET. The proposal in Sir Thomas White's budget speech which will probably attract the most general interest is that providing for a special tax on the profits of the wealthy industrial, commercial, transportation and utility companies in Canada, and particularly those firms which have made a profit out of the performance of war contracts, or the sale of war materials.

German in its sympathies. We would be very sorry indeed to think that the editor of the Times is personally responsible for it. There is no desire to make any cheap parade of the loyalty of the young men employed on this newspaper but, in justice to them and to correct any erroneous impression that may have been created by the Times' item, we take the liberty of submitting a few facts.

When the war broke out the staff of The Standard consisted of thirty-three adult males, in addition to eighteen employees in the mailing and delivery rooms,—for the most part lads under military age. Up to the present time eleven of the thirty-three male adults who were in the service of The Standard in August, 1914, have enlisted, while four of the mailing room boys, on coming of age, also joined the colors.

The majority of The Standard men in khaki are now in France or Flanders, and three of them have been wounded in the Empire's service. The list includes two former city editors, and three reporters, while the others were employed in various capacities. In addition to this, the vice-president of The Standard Publishing Company is now in khaki, while five young men who were in the service of this newspaper up to a few months ago, but who entered other lines of work, have also enlisted.

When the war broke out the directors of The Standard Publishing Company decided that, so far as possible, employees joining the service would have their positions held open for them until their return. That policy is being adhered to and as a result we have been working under great difficulties for months.

An enlistment of one-third of the total number of adult males employed at the outbreak of war, is, we submit, rather a creditable record. And until the Times can make a showing of at least one contemporary to indulge in cheap insinuations of pro-German tendencies on the part of The Standard.

THE COST OF LIVING. Judging from the report of the commissioners appointed to enquire into the cost of living in Canada, as tabled in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, the individual who complains of the cost of living has the remedy largely in his own hands.

In fact the commission appeared to feel so strongly that much of the increased cost was due to changed and advanced standards of living that one paragraph of the voluminous report indicated that the question should be considered under the title of "the cost of high living."

There is no question but that the present generation of Canadians would not be willing to go back to the standards of living followed by their fathers. Men now drive where formerly they walked; they eat more expensive foods, wear more costly clothing and indulge themselves more luxuriously than was the case a decade ago.

The exception of twenty years ago has practically become the rule of today, and it is doubtful whether the nation is the better or the stronger for the change.

But, aside from personal extravagance, the commission makes many useful and valuable suggestions. One is that there should be a greater development of the rural districts, a sort of "back to the land" policy.

There is much evidence to support the view that many young men who leave the farm for the city would be of more value to themselves and to the country if they had not made the change. Canada is a young nation and needs producers, producers of agricultural products, tillers of the soil, to supply her people with the essentials of life.

There are too many uncoupled farms in this country, while the men who should be converting them into profitable producers are toiling for a pittance in the factories and workshops. More attention to the land, a greater production, and a general revival of the good old fashioned gospel of work and thrift are the factors most likely to combine to bring about a reduction in the cost of living in Canada, or in any other country.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS. There will be general approval in the choice of men selected to fill the

position of Chairman of the Board of Assessors, and of County Treasurer. C. B. Allan, who succeeds A. W. Sharpe, as Chairman of the Board of Assessors, has been a useful citizen of St. John for many years. As secretary, and practically administrator, of the local Patriotic Fund, he has done splendid work, and in a report of the funds in Canada, published not long ago, it was stated that the expense of collecting and administering the local fund was less than in any other Canadian city of equal size.

The new County Treasurer, J. L. Thorne, is also a well known resident of St. John. He has had a lengthy business career as a member of the old established firm of Thorne Brothers, and is in every way a good citizen. The municipal councillors are to be congratulated on the selection made.

It is reported that Mr. "Grape Juice" Bryan will oppose President Wilson for nomination as the presidential candidate of the Democratic party. Meanwhile the "Keystone" convention of the Republican party of New York State decides upon military preparedness as the prime plank in their platform.

It begins to look as if next November's battle of the ballots in the United States may be more than usually interesting. But how nicely Mr. Theodore Roosevelt will fit in as a candidate on a platform of military preparedness.

The response from young business men appealed to to don the King's uniform and form a "Business Men's Platoon" has been so unsatisfactory that the Citizens Recruiting Committee has abandoned the project.

Meanwhile the Roll of Honor in St. John yesterday contained but two names. Apparently the brisk response of Tuesday was only a flash in the pan, and the young men of this city do not yet realize that there is an urgent call to service and that the call is meant for them.

S. A. McLeod who succeeds to the honorable office of High Sheriff of Kings, rendered vacant by the death of F. W. Freeze, is one of the most widely known residents of that county and his appointment will be received with satisfaction, as it is the general opinion that a better selection could not have been made.

NO PROOF BROOKLYN FIRE INCENDIARISM. Damage along waterfront yesterday nearly \$4,000,000—Only one man missing, although 300 lives in danger.

New York, Feb. 16.—No evidence of incendiarism has been found by Chief Fire Marshal Brophy, it was announced tonight, in connection with the fire on the Brooklyn waterfront early today, which caused the destruction of three British steamships, thirty-seven lighters and barges, a new 200 foot pier belonging to the New York Dock Company and \$1,000,000 worth of merchandise consigned to the Eastern Allies.

The total loss is estimated at between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. Although nearly 300 persons were imperilled by the flames, which raged

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Miss Mary A. Northrop, Cole's Island, N.B., writes: "I have been a sufferer from kidney trouble for two years. I tried quite a number of remedies, but they did me no good. My mother got me a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, and they did me so much good that I got the second one, and when I had taken that I was completely cured."

Little Benny's Note Book

THE PARK AVENUE NEWS. Me and pop was taking a walk before supper today, and a big skinkie man stopped in front of pop and sed, its Willie Potts, or ill eat my shirt, you don't remember me, ill eat my shirt if you do.

Grate nite is rite, sed pop, it sertainly brings up old times to see you, I woodent of missed this for millyin dollis.

Neither wood I, sed the big skinkie man, and speeking of a millyon dot lirs, im in the imments bitties now, and I must say im handling a most attractive policy.

O, sed pop, no dows, no dows, well, I goes Benny and I will half to be getting on, suppr will be waiting.

This policy is abolutely the ony awffer of the kind ever issued by anybody, sed the big skinkie man.

Re hah, sed pop. And I no youll be intristed in it, sed the big skinkie man.

I dont dows I shood be if I had more time and wessent so well provided for in that respect, sed pop.

But this policy will abolutely not conflict with any uther policy, its positively unsek in the history of policies, sed the big skinkie man.

Verry sorry, verry sorry, glad to of met you agen, sed pop. And he grabbed me by the hand and we started to wawk home, pop saying, Do you no wat a fir in the olntment is, Benny, and me saying, No sir, and pop saying, Do you no wat a rift in the loot is, and me saying, No sir, and pop saying, Live and tern.

severely for several hours, only one was unaccounted for tonight. The missing man was a member of the crew of one of the steamers. Several persons were injured, however, and there were many sensational escapes and rescues.

There were reports throughout the day that the fire was started by an incendiary, but they probably were based upon the fact that the immense quantity of merchandise on board the vessels and on the pier was destined for European governments now engaged in war. A slight investigation conducted by officials of the fire department has convinced them that defective electric wires were responsible for the fire.

The Servant Problem—who ever heard of it in the home where the housewife knows Shredded Wheat? In five minutes you can prepare a wholesome, satisfying meal with Shredded Wheat Biscuit without kitchen worry or work.

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YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS - 115th - Yesterday was pay day for the 115th and all the boys were happy.

140th - The 140th spent the day in the usual drill yesterday. Today the officer of the day will be Lieut. J. H. Manning and the principal parade will be the pay parade and everybody will be present.

HOTEL ARRIVALS - Royal - A. A. Dyasart, Moncton; C. N. Sommer, J. R. MacKenzie, Montreal; C. S. Everett, St. Andrews; F. J. Crad, Minas; W. Bonner, J. W. McCannan, T. Preston, F. A. Landon, E. Eley, Montreal; F. J. Ward, Halifax; G. A. Fraser, Roseland, B. G. J. S. Nacin, Sydney, A.

SIX HELD IN "MURDER TRUST" AND THEIR CAPTOR - HOW A "MURDER SYNDICATE" WAS FORMED TO KILL ONE MAN WHEN OTHER ATTEMPTS TO TAKE HIS LIFE HAD FAILED IS THE STORY THAT SHERIFF WESLANDER HAS SUCCEEDED IN UNRAVELING FROM SIX OF THE ALLEGED "SYNDICATE" HE HAS CONFINED IN THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY JAIL, NEW YORK. THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME WAS GREGORIO GEORGE. THE PRINCIPALS IN THIS CRIME, WHICH WAS COMMITTED ON JANUARY 15, ARE—MRS. ANTONETTA GEORGE, WIFE OF THE VICTIM; VITO RAIMONDA, BOARDER IN THE GEORGE HOME; MRS. MARY FIGOLIO, SISTER-IN-LAW OF ANTONETTA; KITTY MCCORMACK, ALLEGED PROCURER OF ASSASSINS; WILLIAM MNAMARA, ACCUSED OF THE MURDER, AND ADOLPH RISO, ALLEGED TO HAVE AGREED TO MURDER FOR PAY, BUT FAILED TO DO SO BECAUSE HIS MOTHER DIED. MRS. GEORGE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN IN LOVE WITH RAIMONDA, AND THE MCCORMACK WOMAN IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ENGAGED THE ASSASSINS TO GET RID OF HER HUSBAND.

Is Your Tongue Furred? Have You Headache? - How few feel well this time of the year? The whole system needs house-cleaning; the blood is impure; it needs enriching. Nothing will do the work more effectively than Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

CONCERT PROVED A MUSICAL TREAT - Entertainment under auspices of King's Daughters one of most delightful of season - When it was announced from the platform at the concert held under the auspices of the King's Daughters of St. John, at the High School, last night, that the Chevalier Rodolfo Formai, would be unable to fulfil his engagement, a shadow of disappointment passed over the faces of the large audience, but this quickly passed away as the various artists went on with the programme.

PROBATE COURT - Administration of the estate of William H. Andrews, late of this city, executor, is granted to his widow, Gertrude Andrews. The estate consists of a piece of land at Charlotte county, valued at \$100 over and above income. Total probate value, \$174.00. Proctor, Mr. C. A. McDonald.

The Health and Beauty Bath - Lifebuoy is an honest soap - unwraps a cake and smell it. A mild carbolic odor is there—that means an utterly healthy skin. But, the odor vanishes immediately after use.

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HILLSBOROUGH

Hillsborough, Feb. 16.—Miss Jennie Bulmer returned on Saturday last from Moncton where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Paul Edgott.

A number of the young people enjoyed a sleigh drive to Albert on Thursday evening of last week.

Lieut. L. Stanley Edgott of Halifax was the guest of his mother, Mrs. F. J. Steeves for the week-end at Hillsboro and Riverside road on Saturday evening to skate.

The carnival held on Friday evening, Feb. 11th, on the open air rink was a decided success and proved one of the most enjoyable events of the season, especially for the young folk.

Hillsborough, Feb. 16.—On Saturday afternoon last the United Women's Institute met for their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Osmán, "Grandmother." There was an unusually large attendance, including members and visitors.

After the regular routine of business Mrs. Osmán addressed the Institute, the subject being "Is Enfranchisement Best for Women?"

The subject is one in which Mrs. Osmán is deeply interested and one could doubt and in the manner in which she handled it and the effect it produced on those who heard it was shown at the close when a round of applause greeted the speaker.

Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Holmes read bearing on the same question.

ST. GEORGE

St. George, Feb. 15.—Mr. Charles P. Crawley left on Tuesday for Sussex to join the 15th.

Mrs. Cynthia McLaughlin of Woodland, Me., and her two daughters, Helen and Bertha Dunn, are in town on account of the illness of Mrs. James McLaughlin.

Mrs. D. S. Curtis and family left for Brunswick, Me., on Monday where they expect to remain for some time.

Miss Grace McCallum, Shelburne, N. S., is visiting her brother, George C. McCallum.

Miss Blanche Haines, St. Stephen, is the guest of Mrs. George Meating.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D'Amour spent a few days in St. John last week.

Three more young men, namely: Douglas C. Campbell, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Gordon Stuart and Sylvanus Mahar, Jr., signed the honor roll for active service at Wednesday's recruiting meeting held in the town hall.

Mrs. Guy Clark, St. Stephen, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spofford.

Mr. Jesse Milliken is visiting his friend, Guy Humphrey, of St. John.

Miss E. M. Arnold is a guest at the Victoria, St. John.

Mr. Charles Parks, Milltown, is the guest of friends in town.

GENTREVILLE

Gentreville, Feb. 15.—A recruiting meeting was held in Sherwood's Opera House, Wednesday evening.

After a lingering illness Mrs. John Gillard, of White Glen, passed away leaving a large circle of relatives, a husband and five sons to mourn their loss.

Miss Annie Anderson, who has been visiting friends in Greenfield, has gone to St. John to attend the millinery opening there.

Miss Jennie Chapman spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Chapman, Florenceville, returning to her school in Gregg Settlement, Monday.

Anson MacKinnon, of East Florenceville, returned Saturday after taking several cars loaded with potatoes to Toronto.

Thomas and Samuel McCain, of Florenceville, left Friday for Mattaweban to attend a double funeral for their brother John and his wife, both of whom died of pneumonia within a few hours of each other.

Another brother, Allison, and Mrs. Daniel Mathews which occurred at his home in Halcob last week.

The deceased was a devoted member of the Baptist church.

The death of Mrs. Ralph Parker took place at her home in Whitneyville on Saturday, Feb. 12, after a few weeks' illness. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

The Women's Missionary Aid Society held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ernest Tozer.

Miss Mary Stewart of Halcob spent the week-end with friends here.

Mrs. Margary Mathews is spending a few weeks with friends in Whitneyville.

On Friday evening Miss Jennie Jewett entertained a number of friends at the home of Mrs. William Travies.

Games were played and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Peck are spending a week with friends in Coombsville.

Prescott Walton of Waterside spent a few days at his home in Albert last week.

Mrs. G. D. Prescott shipped to the Daughters of the Empire, Moncton, this week, three pairs of socks for our boys at the front.

The Valentine's social held on Monday evening was well attended and the sum of \$19 raised towards the purchasing of yarn for the soldiers.

On Wednesday evening Walter McRay, who was in France when the war broke out, will give an address "On the Road to Berlin," in the Consolidated School building, at Riverside. The proceeds will be devoted to Red Cross purposes.

Miss Mabel Steeves left on Tuesday to attend the course in household science and handicraft given in Sussex by the Agricultural Department. She represents the Hopewell Hill Women's Institute.

Capt. and Mrs. Toft returned to Lac, Me., on Monday after a ten day visit with relatives.

Our young women are so often subject to headache—are languid, pale and nervous—because their blood is thin or insufficient. They are not really sick and hesitate to complain, but they lack that ambition and vivacity which is their birthright. They do not need drugs—but do need tonic and nourishment in Scott's Emulsion that makes richer blood, fills hollow cheeks, suppresses nervousness and establishes strength. Nourishment alone makes blood and Scott's Emulsion is the essence of concentrated nourishment, free from wine or opiates.

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Classified Advertising advertisement with details on rates and discounts.

Notice of Sale advertisement regarding land parcels in the Parish of Greenwich.

Business Opportunities advertisement for established businesses for sale.

Wanted advertisement for a male teacher for the advanced department of a school.

Notice advertisement regarding coal mining regulations.

Notice advertisement regarding Canadian North-West Land Regulations.

Notice advertisement regarding the sale of a house and land.

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Hotels advertisement listing The Prince William, Royal Hotel, and Victoria Hotel.

Hotel Dufferin advertisement listing Foster & Company, Proprietors.

Wines and Liquors advertisement for Richard Sullivan & Co.

Wholesale Liquors advertisement for William L. Williams.

M. & T. McGuire advertisement for direct importers of wines and liquors.

Elevators advertisement for E. S. Stephenson & Co.

The Union Foundry & Machine Works, Ltd. advertisement for engineers and machinists.

J. Fred Williamson advertisement for machinists and engineers.

Watch Repairers advertisement for W. Batley.

Patents advertisement for patents and trade-marks.

Musical Instruments Repaired advertisement for Sydney Gibbs.

Engravers advertisement for F. C. Wesley & Co.

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Those in charge of the lectures for

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Mrs. S. D. Scott was elected presi-

dent by acclamation at the 21st annual

meeting of the Local Council of Women

at Vancouver held February 7th.

The Free Kindergarten Association

are arranging for a tag day on Satur-

day, February 26th. The mayor has

given permission and all friends of

children are asked to help. A small

button will be the distinctive emblem

for this day.

The Loyalist Chapter of the Daughters

of the Empire are working very

hard for their variety revue which is

to be held at the Imperial Theatre

on March 2nd. Old chests are being

ransacked for ancient costumes and

steps are being practised in front of

mirrors. We are promised tableaux,

old and new-fashioned dancing, two

very patriotic songs, a Harry Lauder

song. The Imperial Orchestra will as-

ist and an interesting feature will be

that the opening chorus is a hymn

composed for the occasion and dedi-

cated to the Daughters of the Empire

by W. W. Swanborne. The words were

written by D. H. Waterbury. Mr.

Swanborne will act as musical direc-

tor.

For this revue as many as possible

of the different societies have been

asked to arrange a part of the pro-

gramme and much care and thought

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The following note from an English

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months. Pretty practical good-will, I

think that.

The work at the Convalescent Home

is now in full swing. The Voluntary

aid Department is in splendid working

order. Professional nurses are in at-

tendance every day and assisting them

are the V. A. D., who are now busily

working on their new uniforms. These

uniforms are very neat, consisting of

a cotton khaki dress with blue shoulder

straps bearing the letters V. A. D.,

white apron and white military-
style cap. The names of those who help

in this way are: Nurse Mrs. E. R.

Warren, Mrs. Clifford Williams, Mrs.

Earle, Miss Elsie Matthew and Miss

Wederburn. The probationers are:

Misses Helen Church, Mary MacLaren,

Annice Allen, Catherine McVitty, Mar-

tion Maseo, Kathleen Sturges, Emily

Sturges, Doris DeVeber, Geraldine Lee,

Gertrude Fleming, Alice Rising,

Idella Haley, Jeannette Bridges, Miss

Bramley and Mrs. T. C. Girran.

Last week at the Soldiers' Club the

canteen was in charge of the ladies of

St. David's church.

This week the ladies taking charge

of the Soldiers' Club are from the

Queen Square Methodist church. The

canteen is well patronized and Sunday

is usually a very busy day for those

behind the counter.

This organization of ladies of Queen

Square Methodist church is a very ac-

tive one. Every Friday of the month

both this year and last they meet for

sewing and knitting. Three days a

month the work is for the Red Cross,

the fourth Friday being devoted to the

Soldiers' Comfort. On this afternoon

they not only meet and sew, but each

member brings a suitable offering and

many splendid boxes full of comforts

Children's News Of The St. John Theatres

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

"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE."

By Mrs. Arthur M. Purdy.

"Somewhere in France" they called my

boy—

A message urgent sent;

"Somewhere" he felt they needed him,

And quickly heading, went.

"Somewhere in France," he exulted

And wrote,

"We're hustling to the front,

Somewhere to fill a widening gap,

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WORLD OF FINANCE

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

(McDOUGALL & COWANS) New York, Feb. 16.—The market remained unsettled throughout the day, although there was some improvement from the lowest prices.

STOCKS AGAIN UNDER PRESSURE WITH PROFESSIONAL SELLING IN EVIDENCE

C. P. R. Drops Five and Half Points Following Budget Announcement.—Trade Report in U. S. Continues Optimistic Mexican issues, especially Mexican and California Petroleum, Texas Company and American Smelting were heavy to weak on reports affecting the stability of the existing government in the southern republic and American Tobacco, the Motor group, and Mackay Companies were 3 to 5 points lower on disappointing dividend prospects.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

Table with columns: (McDOUGALL & COWANS), Open, High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Am Beet Sugar, Am Car Ry, Am Loco, etc.

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns: (McDOUGALL & COWANS), Montreal, Wednesday, Feb. 16th. Lists transactions for various commodities like Steel of Canada, Cement, etc.

Money To Loan On Mortgage On Freehold or Leasehold At Current Rates. CHAS. A. MACDONALD & SON

BRIDGES Buildings and structures of steel and concrete. I. CUSHING, M.Sc. (M.I.T. Boston)

W. Simms Lee, F.C.A. Chartered Accountant and Auditor. Osgood Building 77 Beville St.

Monthly Income Policy New York Life Ins. Co. J. W. V. LAWLOR, Agent

Paul F. Blanchet Chartered Accountant Telephone Connection St. John - and - Rothesay

DOMINION COAL COMPANY GENERAL SALES OFFICE 112 ST. JAMES ST. MONTREAL

R. P. & W. F. STARR, LTD. Agents at St. John. COAL or Grates—Old mines and new and Cannel.

SOFT COALS Now Landing Sydney and Minudie—Fresh Mined, Screened—JAMES S. McGUIVER

FOR GRATES Old Mine Sydney Coal and Rock Maple Hardwood GEORGE DICK

STEAM BOILERS The following new Matheson built boilers are on hand at our works, and are offered for immediate shipment.

HERRING Fresh Frozen Herring by the Hundred. JAMES PATTERSON, 19 and 20 SOUTH MARKET WHARF, ST. JOHN, N. S.

Oranges Oranges Landing five cars new crop California Navel Oranges. A. L. GOODWIN

RAILWAYS. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS. Saint John—Montreal. MARITIME EXPRESS.

STEAMSHIPS Head Line St. John to Dublin. S. S. Torr Head

MANCHESTER LINE From Manchester to St. John. Feb. 5 Manchester Engineer

FURNACE LINE From London to St. John. Dec. 31 Shenandoah

EASTERN STEAMSHIP LINES. INTERNATIONAL LINE. Steamship North Star

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

THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (LIMITED). On February 11th and until further notice

UPPER CANADA HOCKEY Montreal, Feb. 16.—Canadians won from Quebec on the Montreal arena to-night by 4 to 3

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES (McDOUGALL & COWANS) Jan. 12.41 12.33 12.37

MONTREAL MARKET (McDOUGALL & COWANS) Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, 7.80; seconds, 6.80; straws

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE PRICES (McDOUGALL & COWANS) Chicago, Feb. 16.—Wheat, No. 2 red, 1.31 1/4

BRITISH PORTS. Dunegness—Passed previous to Feb. 14, stmr Palham

FOREIGN PORTS. Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 14.—Arrd schr P. J. McLaughlin

MILITARY NOTES. Newcastle, Feb. 16.—Provisional Lieutenants—Frank J. Lawlor

FOUR CROWN Scotch Quality Counts Whether used in the home medicinally or for the entertaining of your guests

PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET (McDOUGALL & COWANS) Montreal, Feb. 16.—Corn, American, No. 2 yellow, 85 to 86

MONTREAL MARKET (McDOUGALL & COWANS) Ames Holden Com. 21 1/2 22 Ames Holden Pfd. 73

McDOUGALL & COWAN Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange 58 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B.

THOMAS BELL & CO., St. John, N. B. Lumber and General Brokers

FIRE INSURANCE Western Assurance Co. INCORPORATED 1851. Assets, \$3,213,438.28

An Important Saving The large and increasing policy dividends of the Canada Life are to a material extent an outcome of the very favorable mortality experience it has always enjoyed

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Bringing Up Family FOR GOODNESS SAKE—WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU? I DON'T KNOW—MAGGIE—I THINK I'M GOING BIPPY—I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY MORE

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS
Saint John—Montreal.
MARITIME EXPRESS.
Leave St. John 6.10 p. m. Daily.
OCEAN LIMITED
Leave Halifax 5.00 a. m. Daily
except Sunday.

STEAMSHIPS
Head Line
St. John to Dublin.
S. Torr Head Mar. 23
S. Torr Head April 23
St. John to Belfast.
S. Inshaven Head Mar. 23
S. Bengore Head May 2
St. John to Avonmouth.
S. Bengore Head Mar. 17
S. Bray Head April 5
Subject to Change.
WM. THOMSON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

MANCHESTER LINE
From
Manchester St. John
Feb. 7 Manchester Express Feb. 19
an. 23 Manchester Inventor Feb. 19
an. 30 Manchester Merchant Feb. 23
Steamers marked * take cargo for
Philadelphia.
WM. THOMSON & CO., LTD.
Agents, St. John, N. B.

FURNESS LINE
From
London St. John
Dec. 31 Shenandoah Feb. 13
Jan. 30 Kanawha Feb. 15
Feb. 10 Hapsahannock Feb. 25
WM. THOMSON & CO., LTD.
Agents, St. John, N. B.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP LINES.
All-the-Way-by-Water.
INTERNATIONAL LINE.
Steamship North Star
Will leave St. John Thursdays at nine
a.m. for Lubec, Eastport, Portland
and Boston.
Returning leave Boston Mondays
at nine a.m. via Portland, Eastport
and Lubec, due at St. John Tuesday
afternoon.
MAINE STEAMSHIP LINE
Between Portland and New York.
Steamships North Land and Herman
Winter.
Reduced Fares—Reduced Stateroom
Prices.
Schedules disturbed—Information upon
request.
City Ticket Office, 47 King Street.
A. C. CURRIE, Agent, St. John, N. B.
A. E. FLEMING, T. F. & P. A.,
St. John, N. B.

CHANGE OF TIME.
Fall and Winter Time Table of the
GRAND MANAN S. S. CO.
Grand Manan Route—Season 1915-16.
After October 1st, 1915, and until
further notice, a steamer of this line
will run as follows:
Leave Grand Manan Mondays at
7.30 a. m. for St. John, via Eastport,
Campobello and Wilson's Beach.
Returning leave Turnbull's Wharf
St. John, Wednesdays at 7.30 a. m.
for Grand Manan, via Wilson's Beach,
Campobello and Eastport.
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.
Returning same day, leaving St. An-
drews at 1 p. m., calling at Campobel-
lo and Eastport both ways.
Atlantic Standard Time.
L. C. GUPPILL, Manager,
Grand Manan.

THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO.
(LIMITED).
On February 11th and until further
notice the S.S. "Pace" and "Abe."
("Canal No. 2") will run as follows:
Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf
and Warehouse Co., on Saturday, 7.30
a.m., for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper
Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Har-
bor, Back Bay, or Letete, Deer Island,
Red Store, St. George. Returning
leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St.
John, calling at Letete or Back Bay,
Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and
Dipper Harbor, tide and weather per-
mitting.
AGENT—Thorne Wharf and Ware-
housing Co., St. John, N. B.
Phone 2581. Manager, Lewis Con-
nor, Black's Harbor, N. B.
This company will not be responsible
for any debts contracted after this date
without a written order from the com-
pany or captain of the steamer.

Don't Forget
to Call West 7 or West 81
When Needing
Oats, Middlin's,
Lran or Hay
We have Western Oats—good
quality, reasonable price
A. C. SMITH & CO.
Union Street—West St. John

Live Sporting Topics

THE WILLARD-MORAN BOUT POSTPONED

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Jess Willard and Tom Moran, his manager, decided today that the proposed bout with Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, must be postponed for at least two weeks from the date originally set, March 8. According to Jones, March 25 is now regarded as the probable date of the contest. Willard, who is suffering from a cold, will be unable to train for at least two weeks, it was said.

LOCAL BOWLING

In the City League, on Black's alleys, last night, the Wanderers captured three points from the C.P.R. team. The scores follow:
Wanderers..... 99 107 88 294-88
C. P. R. 99 81 79 259-86 1-3
Lemon 95 95 95 285-95 1-3
McLeod 95 84 106 285-95
Logan 96 110 88 294-88
..... 484 478 456 1418
C. P. R. 88 101 95 286-95 1-3
McLaren 76 88 94 248-82 3-3
McDonald 87 89 106 281-93 2-3
Cleary 95 89 131 315-105
Melstrove 95 85 88 278-83 3-3
..... 441 454 513 1408
The Swoops and Elks will roll tonight.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.
In the Board of Directors League at the Y.M.C.A., last night Hasting's team took all four points from Henderson's. The following is the score:
Hasting 75 82 70-223
Hutchinson 82 83 83-243
..... 137 168 163 498
Henderson 51 37 67-145
White 66 69 84-209
..... 107 106 141 354

MARITIME RACING CIRCUIT.
Representatives of the different tracks in the Maritime Provinces met in the Brunswick House, Moncton, Tuesday, and arranged the following schedule for the coming season:
Moncton—July 4th, 5th, 6th.
Fredericton—July 11th, 12th, 13th.
St. John—July 20th, 21st, 22nd.
Charlottetown—July 27th, 28th, 29th.
New Glasgow—August 3rd, 4th, 5th.
Moncton—August 10th, 11th, 12th.
Chatham—August 17th, 18th, 19th.
Campbellton—August 24th, 25th, 26th.
The following stake races for all meetings were decided upon:
2.30 pace, 2.30 trot, 2.19 pace and 2.16 trot.
It was decided that the purse for the stake races shall be \$400 and for the class races \$300, each track to nominate their own classes.
It was also resolved that the following shall compose an executive to which all questions arising for settlement shall be referred: H. O'Neill, Fredericton; Sheriff G. B. Willett, Moncton; H. J. Fleming, St. John; Hammond Kelly, Charlottetown; J. D. Johnson, Chatham.
Mr. J. D. Black of Fredericton was appointed permanent secretary of the circuit.

UPPER CANADA HOCKEY
Montreal, Feb. 16.—Canadiens won from Quebec on the Montreal arena tonight by 4 to 3 in a gruelling N. H. A. contest that was in doubt still just before the finish.
Toronto's Spring Surprise.
Toronto, Feb. 16.—Although Toronto has practically no chance themselves to win the N. H. A. championship, they are going to upset the calculations of some of the other teams. Tonight they defeated Ottawa at the arena by 5 to 1.

ST. ANDREWS CURLERS WIN AT CAPITAL

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Feb. 16.—For the first time in years St. Andrew's curlers of St. John defeated Fredericton curlers here. The games were close, St. John winning by two points.

Afternoon
St. Andrews Fredericton
W. J. Wetmore W. Limerick
F. P. C. Gregory T. Chapman
F. C. Smith E. J. Miles
F. B. White H. H. Hagerman
Skip 24 Skip 15
E. L. Rising F. A. MacKay
W. D. Foster J. Neill
H. W. Cole T. A. Wilson
F. U. Thomas E. F. Randolph
Skip 22 Skip 15
W. T. White H. M. Blair
A. L. Foster F. W. Porter
W. B. Tennant R. H. Allen
F. C. Beattie L. H. Hawthorn
Skip 14 Skip 19
This Evening's Games.
St. Andrew's Fredericton
H. G. Ellis R. Hoben
F. MacNeil J. Page
D. Stevens H. Colwell
D. S. Smith F. P. Hatt
Skip 23 skip 14
R. M. Robertson C. W. Hall
A. G. Stevens J. R. Howie
Dr. Merrill L. C. McNutt
R. P. Rankine S. D. Simmons
Skip 13 skip 17
D. W. Ledingham George Clarke
C. H. Peters H. E. Fowler
C. H. McDonald J. A. Hughes
E. A. Smith B. MacFarlane
Skip 12 skip 24

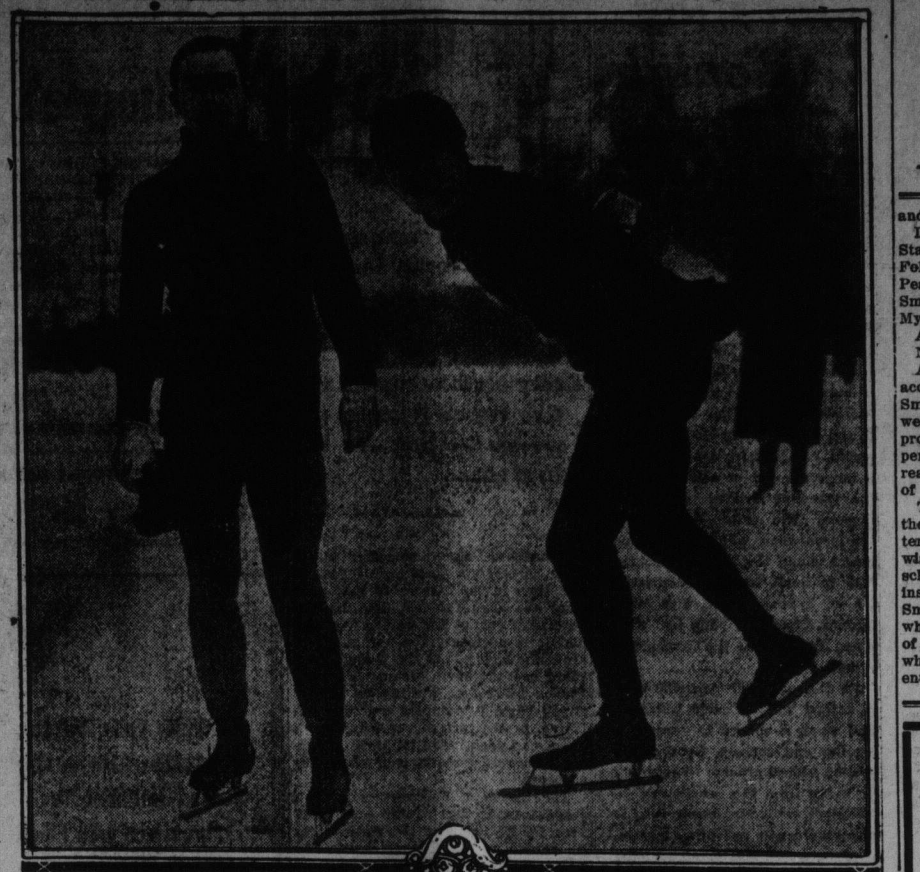
Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL.
In the senior league, last night, Russia won from England by a score of 25 to 19. The line-up was as follows:
England. Russia.
Forwards. Thome
Lightfoot Brown
Willet Brown
Centre. Gentry
Long McDonald
Guards.
Sterling H. Ryan
Simonds L. Ryan

Business College Won.
Teams from the St. John Business College and the St. John High School played a lively game of hockey on the Queen's rink between six and seven o'clock yesterday evening, with the result that the college team won by a score of six to three.

Carleton vs. Hampton.
Four rinks of Carleton Club curlers will go to Hampton today to play a match with the club of that village.

Retail Merchants
THURSDAY, Feb. 24th

STARS WHO FIGURED IN EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS



R. I. LOGAN, MONTREAL, A. A. A. WALTER KEUHN.
THESE STARS WERE THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE EASTERN SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH WERE HELD AT NEWBURG, N. Y. "BOBBY" LOGAN, OF MONTREAL, CAPTURED TWO OF THE THREE MAIN CONTESTS—THE QUARTER AND MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS. HE FELL IN THE FINAL OF THE HALF MILE. THIS WAS WON BY WALTER KEUHN, OF NEW YORK. TWO THOUSAND PERSONS SAW THE RACES, WHICH WERE SKATED IN A DRIVING STORM.

THIRD ROUND TROPHY PLAY THISTLE ICE

Skips J. S. Malcolm and W. A. Shaw were the winners in the third round of the President's trophy match at the Thistle rink last night. The following were the rinks playing and the scores:
J. A. Likely R. S. Orchard
T. A. Armour W. H. Mowatt
J. M. Barnes J. A. Sinclair
J. S. Malcolm W. J. Shaw
Skip 17 skip 13
H. A. Wilson H. W. Stubbs
W. E. Demming G. A. Stubbs
H. K. McAlpine L. Lindsay
W. A. Shaw W. J. Currie
Skip 18 skip 7
The semi-finals and finals in this match will be played next week.

SWINDLER IS SOUGHT
J. GRANT LYMAN.
Dr. J. Grant Lyman, who is charged with having swindled hundreds of investors out of \$350,000 since December 15 last, is being trailed by postal inspectors.



Jones' Red Ball Ale or Porter
are the best stimulants for body and brain.
The traveller, the workmen in the woods drink them, the brain-workers in the city find grateful comfort in their use.
All physicians recommend them.
SIMEON JONES, LTD.
Brewers
St. John, N. B.

"I want Bovril—not that!"

No substitute will save money in the kitchen as Bovril does, or give the same nourishing value to soups and stews. It takes the beef of an entire ox to make less than two dozen bottles of Bovril. Bovril is thus so strong that it cannot possibly be put up in cheap cubes. Get the real thing—Bovril in the Bovril bottle.

ANTIGONISH WINS.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, Feb. 16.—Picton and Antigonish played off last evening in the semi-finals for the Johnston Cup provincial championship trophy and Antigonish won out by 9 points. Two rinks played in Picton and two on the home ice. This means that the Antigonish curlers will be pitted against the winners of the Halifax Truro game in the final contest.
Paris, Feb. 15, via London.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:
"The day was relatively calm. In Antois our trench guns shelled the enemy organisations in the neighbourhood of the road to Lille. To the west of the Oise our batteries bombarded a train and a revictualing convoy in the station at Epeuvy, north of Vic-sur-Aisne. To the northeast of Soles we carried out destructive fires on the German works.

OUR COMPETITIONS For Boys and Girls Splendid Prizes A "Sum" Contest

This week's Contest is quite different to any others you have previously been asked to compete in, but I am sure nearly every reader of the Children's Corner will be having a hard try to win the prize.
Below will be found a simple division sum, but a few of the figures are missing. What you have to do is this: Write the complete sum out carefully on a piece of paper, filling in the missing figures, and forward the result, together with one of the usual coupons correctly filled in, to
UNCLE DICK,
THE STANDARD,
ST. JOHN, N. B.
2*) 5*4* (*4*
4*
10*
*4
20*
*89
20

All entries must reach this office by Wednesday, February 16th, 1916, and to the Boy or Girl, not older than fifteen years of age, who sends in the most neatly written, and correct solution, I shall award a beautiful Story Book. A second prize of a Story Book will also be given to the sender of the next best attempt. Remember, neatness will count a great deal, and also there will be every chance given to the kiddie of say, six years of age, as well as to those older. Now get busy and let me see how clever you all are.

Can You Draw a Teapot?

As you have enjoyed the last Drawing Contest, I have decided to let you have another. Make a careful drawing of a TEA-POT, either in pencil or pen and ink. Send result, together with the usual coupon correctly filled in, to
UNCLE DICK,
THE STANDARD,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

This contest is open to all kiddies not older than fifteen years of age, and the age will be carefully considered when judging. Attempts must reach this office not later than Wednesday, February 23rd, 1916. To the senders of the best two sketches I shall award two beautiful story books.
STANDARD COMPETITION.
For Boys and Girls
Full Name.....
Address.....
Age..... Birthday

Bringing Up Father



THE WEATHER.
Forecasts.
 Maritime—Moderate winds, light local snowfalls, but most by fair and milder.
 Washington, Feb. 16—Northern New England—Overcast Thursday; Friday fair; moderate west winds.
 Toronto, Feb. 16—The rain has ceased in British Columbia and the weather continues mild in that and the western provinces. The temperature has risen above the freezing point in Ontario, and is now rising in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.
Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	48
Vancouver	44	44
Kamloops	36	40
Edmonton	26	34
Battleford	24	30
Medicine Hat	34	54
Moose Jaw	29	46
Regina	29	38
Winnipeg	20	42
Port Arthur	20	46
Perry Sound	24	30
Toronto	25	36
Kingston	20	34
Ottawa	14	28
Montreal	8	26
Quebec	2	20
St. John	0	30
Halifax	4	30

 Below zero.

Around the City

Drunk and Obscene.
Robert Stevens was arrested on the south side of the King Square last evening by Police Officer Armstrong and is charged with being drunk and using obscene language.

Street Walker Arrested.
A young girl named Wanamaker, who, a couple of months ago, figured in an unsavory case, was arrested last evening by the police and charged with street walking.

Profane and Fighting.
Two Scotchmen off one of the steamships in port were arrested last evening near the east side ferry dock by Policeman Gill and are charged with fighting together and using profane language.

Uniform Found.
The North End police report that a soldier's uniform was found by a boy named Thomas Ramsay on the Long Wharf yesterday. He took it to the police station and it was sent there to the central station.

Policeman Harry Young.
The many friends of Police Officer Harry Young were pleased to see him about the city yesterday afternoon. The popular officer had been confined to his home on Charlotte street for some weeks through illness. He is recovering, and hopes to be well and hearty again in a short time.

Now at Shorncliffe.
Captain Gordon Taylor, 28th N. B. Dragoons, who went overseas as captain in the 8th Mounted Rifles, has been placed in command of the Cavalry Depot, Shorncliffe, Eng. Captain Taylor is a grandson of the late Harbor Master Charles Taylor, and a son of Mrs. W. A. Avery, of this city. News of his selection for this important post will be heard of with satisfaction by his many friends.

His Pluck Saved Him.
What might have been a serious accident occurred at the head of Waterloo street last night, but fortunately no one was hurt. A young man was riding bareback up Waterloo street when the horse started to back. He finally reared in the air, turned a somersault and fell with the rider under him. The rider pluckily held to the bridle and the only damage done was that he got covered with snow.

West Side Fire.
A fire broke out in the boiler room of the Union Foundry and Machine Works, Ltd., on Union street, West St. John, yesterday afternoon about five o'clock. An alarm was sent in from box 115 and the West Side department promptly responded. The fire had gained considerable headway but by hard work the firemen confined the blaze to the boiler room, and no other section of the plant was damaged. The entire roof of the boiler room was destroyed, but the damage will not cause delay as the works will be in operation today as usual.

Married Last Evening.
Last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fulton, Victoria street, a pretty wedding took place, when the youngest daughter, Miss Elizabeth Edna Fulton, was united in marriage to Harry Burton McAloney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, in the presence of relatives and friends of the young couple. The bride wore white satin and was given away by her brother, Eldon Fulton. The presents received were magnificent and valuable. A wedding supper was served after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. McAloney left on the night express for River Hebert, N. S., the former home of the groom. On the return from their honeymoon they will reside at Coldbrook.

BUSINESS MEN NOT KEEN FOR PLATOON IDEA

Plan abandoned because of lack of interest shown

Recruiting committee decides to continue Sunday night meetings—Reports of sub-committees

A large number were present at the meeting of the recruiting committee yesterday afternoon. T. H. Estabrooks occupied the chair and reports were received from the different sub-committees. After considerable discussion it was decided to continue the Sunday evening meetings. Capt. Tilley will have charge of the meeting on Feb. 27th and the speaker will be Lieut. Col. Guthrie.

The report of the ways and means committee was received and it was decided to hold a public meeting every Thursday night at the recruiting room. H. G. Marr was appointed to take charge of the German street room until further notice.

Col. Sturdee reported that the response to the appeal sent out for the formation of a business men's platoon was so small that the idea would have to be given up. D. McArthur said that 90 names of rejected men had been given him out of about 1,400. It was the intention of the committee to get in touch with as many of these men as possible and try to get them to take up the physical culture work so that they might fit themselves to pass. The committee will meet again on next Wednesday at 3.15.

POLICE STILL AFTER THE WARY GENTLEMAN WHO SELLS "BOOTLEGS"

Civilians who supply liquor to soldiers will get short shrift—One case last night

Policeman Gorman, last evening, arrested a soldier for being drunk, and also gathered in a civilian on the charge of supplying the soldier with liquor. The "bootlegger" refused to give his name when arrested, but will, no doubt, be identified by the time he reaches the police court this morning. Despite the fact that the police have arrested, and had fined, a large number of "bootleggers" during the past year, it has not proven a warning to others, for from all appearances, soldiers are receiving all the liquor they desire.

PART OF 150TH BATTALION NOW AT AMHERST

Special to The Standard, Amherst, N. S., Feb. 16.—Three hundred and fifty of the 150th French-Canadian Regiment arrived in Amherst by special train at 6.30 this evening under command of Major Sturms. After disembarking they were marched to their barracks led by their splendid bugle band. The men made a fine showing, hundreds of the citizens being at the station to bid them welcome.

Major Moffatt, H. A. Stevens, president of the Board of Trade, and W. L. Ormond, president of the Canadian Club, gave them a very hearty welcome on behalf of the citizens. Major Sturms greatly appreciated their reception. The officers in charge of the advance guard, who arrived yesterday, express themselves highly pleased with their quarters. A joint meeting of the I.C.R. telegraphers of the Moncton and Truro divisions assembled in Amherst last evening and had a very harmonious and pleasant business session in the

Monster Meeting Tonight

The recruiting committee has made arrangements for a big parade of soldiers and blue jackets through the streets tonight, and after the parade there will be a monster meeting and smoker in the recruiting rooms on Germain street. Lieut. Col. Danneberg has offered the services of the 6th Regimental Band and with fifty soldiers from the 118th, offered by Lieut. Col. Waddsburn, this body of men will parade at the armory at 7.30 o'clock. They will march to the Grand Union Hotel on Mill street, where there are quartered a large number of sailors from the warships Sydney and Melbourne. The sailors will join in the procession which will then march along the following route: Mill to Dock, to King, Chartetta, Union, Sydney, South Side King Square, Chartetta, King and then along Germain to the recruiting rooms.

At the rooms all men who wish to attend will be made welcome, and given a chance to enjoy a smoker and concert. Good cigars will be passed around. There will be songs from the sailors and local talent, while Magistrate Ritchie and others will deliver addresses. D. Arnold Fox will preside at the piano and a good time may be expected by all who attend.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Past twelve months has seen considerable extension of library's work.

The report of the Commissioners of the Free Public Library, which was filed with the mayor yesterday, shows that that institution is being used more every year. The number of books issued in 1915 was 44,866; the number used in the reference room was 5,063. The number of new cards issued in 1915 was 267. The new books added amounted to 862. The juvenile work is growing in interest all the time and threatens to outgrow the present accommodations. Some changes have been made in the regulations, which will probably result in a larger use of the library.

The report of the auditor was as follows:

Receipts.	
Special deposit in Bank of Nova Scotia, Dec. 30, 1914.	\$1,000.00
Less current account over-draws	886.28
	\$113.72
City Chamberlain	5,000.00
Interest on deposit	18.91
Interest on bonds	160.00
	\$5,181.63
Receipts from Librarian	84.61
	\$5,266.24
Expenditures.	
Salaries	\$2,741.53
Fuel	401.26
Light	277.65
Repairs	145.96
Water rates	12.00
Interest on overdraft	34.15
Books, magazines, papers, etc.	939.97
Binding and printing	300.96
Expense account	75.54
Postage and exchange	4.82
Sundries	7.10
	\$4,840.94
Special deposit Bank Nova Scotia	\$1,000.00
Less current account overdraft	562.70
	437.30
	\$5,278.24

C. F. SANFORD, Auditor.

Orange Hall, Black's Block, J. D. McNutt of Truro and D. R. Mitchell of Moncton presided over the gathering. The Canadian Car and Foundry Co. is chief telegrapher from the two divisions. Following the business meeting a banquet was held at the Amherst Hotel and an excellent menu was provided by the management of that hotel. Following the banquet the toast list was taken up. There were over forty members present. The death occurred here today of Mr. J. W. McCallum, for many years superintendent of the Amherst branch of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters. The sons are W. H. and A. W. of the Canadian Car Co., Amherst, with one of the overseas regiments, and David with the 106th. The daughters are Mrs. W. B. Strong of Amherst and Mrs. Lawson Burgess of the U. S. A. The late Mr. McCallum was one of the highest types of citizen and greatly beloved by all, especially those with whom he came in contact.

A useful call. C. H. Flewelling and his gang out to their customers a very pleasant day. The dealer is a map of the war.

LOOKS LIKE A FINE YEAR IN WINTER PORT

More steam tonnage in port yesterday than for years

Every berth occupied and five vessels lying in the stream waiting for the first chance

There are more steamers in St. John harbor now than ever before at one time in the history of this port. They are coming so fast that the harbor-master cannot find berths for them and it is necessary for a number to lie in the stream. At the present time there are nineteen steamers in this harbor loading or waiting to unload. Every berth is occupied and five are lying in the stream waiting for a chance to dock. The nineteen steamers represent a tonnage of about 70,000 tons.

The month of February will be a record-breaker for winter port business for St. John, as the sailings for the month so far number twenty-two and these, with the nineteen now in port, and others to arrive will easily make a total of fifty sailings for the month.

DEATH IN BOSTON OF RICHARD F. RITCHIE

Native of St. John, but for many years resident of "Hub," passed away last night

Word reached the city last night of the death in Boston of Richard F. Ritchie, son of William Ritchie, of Hampton, and for some years a resident of this city. Mr. Ritchie, who went to Boston some thirty-five years ago, was a hairdresser by trade, having served an apprenticeship with the late W. A. McInlay. For a time after his removal to Boston he engaged in the same business. Later he was in the service of the city as a draftsman and still later operated a motor truck and express business. He was 54 years of age and is survived by a widow and one son, Fred, who is manager of the Edison Graphophone Sales Department in New York. He also leaves three brothers, Messrs. George E. and Dr. Stephen G. of Halifax, and W. Norman, the well known cartoonist of the Boston Post staff, and one sister, Miss Rose Ritchie, who with the father of the deceased resides in Hampton. The late Mrs. S. D. Crawford was also a sister of the deceased.

PERSONAL.

W. D. Baskin, who was suddenly taken ill on Tuesday, was much improved last night. Mrs. Ralph Coleman, who has been ill in now on the high road to recovery. Rev. Walter Small, wife and young daughter, of West China, are visiting at the home of Mrs. E. S. Hennigar, Orange street.

ENJOYABLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT AT NORTON.

On Thursday evening last a very successful concert under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday school was held in the Temperance hall at Norton. Rev. R. H. Stavert occupied the chair. The following programme was well rendered: Opening chorus, "Take Me Back to Canada," choir.

Linens. An extraordinary purchase, consisting of twelve hundred pieces made up of runners for side boards, or bureaus, pillow shams, five o'clock covers and cushion covers. All have been bought at about one-half their usual price and are now on sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s at 29 cents each. The natural linen runners and cushion covers are all pure linen and beautifully embroidered, while the white goods are very neatly embroidered and hemstitched. Their window display will give you an idea of the class of goods that are being sold at this extraordinary price.

To clean a watch or to put in a main spring is a very simple matter. Yet many so-called watch makers do not even do these small jobs well. On the more difficult work they are simply lost. Why? Never mind. That's a scandal. Gundry's work preserves your watch and gives you satisfaction.

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Slightly damaged by water and smoke:
 Mortise Locks 5 cts. each
 Mortise Knobs 5 cts. each
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 Carriage Jacks 75 cts. each
 Box Hooks 10 cts. each
 Cross Cut Saws \$1.00 to \$1.50 each
 Axe Handles 3 cts. each
 Brackets 8 cts. pair
 Wrenches \$1.00 to \$1.50

BLACKSMITHS' FORGES \$4.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 each
 BALANCE OF CARPENTERS' TOOLS including Wrenches, Squares, Try Squares, Hammers, Files, Saws, Pick Axes, Chisels, Shovels, Rakes, Forks and other Fire Goods reduced from former prices to clear.
 WOOD WASH TUBS, 5 sizes 30, 35, 40, 50, 65c. each
 FIBREWARE WASH TUBS 50, 60, 70c. each
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