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AMERICAN LINER, WITH MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT ABOARD, DRIVES OFF U-BOAT NEAR IRISH COAST; JUST MISSES IT

U. S. Army Staff Lands Straight Fire of Cannons—Passengers Don't See Boats, But Submarine Submerges Before Steamer Gets the Range—Liner's Name Not Given

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—The American liner which arrived here today with Major General Hugh L. Scott as one of its 98 passengers, engaged a German submarine in battle off the Irish coast on December 19. The American gunners fired several shots at the U-boat, which made its escape, however, by submerging without attempting to attack the liner.

Major General Scott praised the ship's crew highly. He said they had acted rapidly and well. Had the submarine remained in sight a moment longer the general declared that the gunners would have scored a hit as they were fast finding the range.

GERMANY FAILS TO STIR UP SEDITION IN INDIA.

London, Dec. 20.—Germany's efforts to stir up sedition in India have failed. Advice received today from Calcutta stated that the visit of E. S. Montague, secretary of state for India, has proved a great success and wiped out the feeling of unrest which the German agents were able to create in some quarters by the lavish use of gold.

RECOVER FLAG FROM SUNKEN CORMORANT.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A German flag, taken by naval men from the sunken converted cruiser Cormorant, was hung in the office of Secretary Daniels today. The tattered ensign was sent to Washington by Captain Roy Smith, naval governor of Guam.

Y. SCHOOL TEACHERS TO LEARN FATE TODAY.

New York, Dec. 20.—The fate of A. Henry Schaefer, Thomas F. Murfson and Samuel Schmalhausen, New York school teachers, charged with disloyalty will be decided today by the Board of Education. All three teachers were instructors in De Witt Clinton High School, but have been suspended since the disloyalty charges were brought against them.

POLICE AND BANDITS IN DUEL IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—More than 40 shots were fired in a pistol duel here today between two bandits barricaded in a vacant garage and the police.

GREEKS JOIN FORCES IN MACEDONIA OF BRITISH AND FRENCH

Letter Overhaul Air Corps of Hellas Army—Aviators Take Part in Raids on Constantinople and Dardanelles Defenses—Three Airmen Decorated by King George of England.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Greek troops are now fighting with the Allies in Macedonia. French and British officers have overhauled the air corps of the Greek army and advised received today said that Greek aviators are seeing constant service. Some of them have taken part in raids over Constantinople and the Dardanelles defenses.

U-BOAT SINKINGS 963 SINCE MARCH 1 LAST

England Has Three New National Ship Yards Under Construction—Construction Schedule.

London, Dec. 20.—The 17 ships sunk by submarines and mines during the past week brings the total destroyed from March 1 up to 963, according to figures compiled today from Admiralty records. Of these 14 were over 1,600 tons and three were under that size.

FIGHT IN NORTHERN ITALY VIOLENT; DEADLOCK UNCHANGED—MORE ATTEMPTS TO CROSS PIAVE

Rome, Dec. 20.—Furious fighting in the midst of a howling blizzard has marked the activities of the past 48 hours on the Italian front.

In the sector of Monte Asolone the Austro-Hungarians began a series of attacks with great masses of troops and captured the mountain, but the gain was of small strategic importance. The assaults were launched after a terrific bombardment that was carried out through a snowstorm so severe that the gunners could not see more than a few yards in front of them.

Owing to the scarcity of cotton and wool in the Central empires the Austro-Germans are unable to fall back on their old trick of putting white uniforms upon their troops so that they are hard to distinguish against the background of snow.

JAPANESE BUILD 250 SHIPS A YEAR.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—Japan is able to build 250 ships a year, their tonnage totaling 1,000,000, according to a Government statement. The shipbuilding business of Japan has had an unprecedented growth since the beginning of the war, and on September 1 there were 113 shipbuilding slips owned by forty-two firms, besides twenty-four slips which are building and will be ready before the end of the year. These facilities are more than three times as great as at the beginning of the war.

TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The kindergartners of the South Methodist Sunday school will have their annual Christmas party in the church parlor Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock. There are 33 children in the department and each will receive a gift. A Christmas tree will be provided and Santa Claus will be present to distribute the gifts.

LOCAL RED CROSS TO GO AFTER \$500 PRIZE

Executive Committee Meeting Held This Noon and Decision Reached

CONTEST IS STATE-WIDE

Every Effort to Be Put Forth to Push Manchester Across a Winner—Teams to Speed Up.

Manchester's Red Cross campaigners, over 300 in number, are going right out after that \$500 State prize!

This decision was arrived at during an important session of the executive committee of the local chapter of the Red Cross held this noon at the committee rooms in the War Bureau headquarters in the Ferris block. The members of the executive committee are: Edward J. Holl, Chairman; C. Elmore Watkins, Frank Cheney, Jr., Rev. W. J. McGurk, Miss Emily Cheney, Lawrence W. Case.

All of the team captains were invited to the meeting, and there was a large attendance of workers. \$500-a-month Trophy. The coveted Red Cross state trophy is a prize of \$500 made possible by the deposit of \$105,000 with the Bankers' Trust Company, of New York. The prize will go to the chapter securing the largest number of pins in the contest for membership ship during the present campaign. The points will be determined as follows:

One point will be allotted for each percent of the population enrolled in the territory covered by the chapter and one point for each percent by which the total enrollment exceeds...

BOATS WOULD HELP.

In connection with this request Governor McCall discussed with officials of the Shipping Board today, and also will take up with Dr. Garfield, the question of shipping for New England. The New England coal men have been seriously handicapped in handling coal because of the commandeering of shipping, especially ocean-going tugs, by the Navy department and the Shipping Board.

SITUATION BECOMING WORSE.

Boston, Dec. 20.—New England's coal situation hourly grows graver. Boston, along with many other cities has extended the holiday recess of the schools from three days to a week in the campaign to conserve the fuel supply. The vacation period may have to be extended still longer. The time given the school children now will be made up in June.

"BILLY" SUNDAY HOISTS SERVICE FLAG FOR SON

Atlanta, Feb. 20.—Billy Sunday has a service flag on the pulpit at the Tabernacle. His son George is now a lieutenant in the aviation corps. Although he was exempted on account of his wife and two children, George enlisted anyway.

NEW ENGLAND COAL SHORTAGE WILL BE RELIEVED—GARFIELD

Soft Coal Lack Greatest Gov. McCall Tells Fuel Administration

TUGS ARE PROMISED BY U. S. FUEL HEAD

Manufacturing Plants Won't Have to Close Down—Situation Becoming More Serious.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The intensely critical fuel situation in New England, but especially in Massachusetts, will be laid before Dr. Harry A. Garfield, federal fuel administrator, late this afternoon by Governor McCall of Massachusetts. The governor, accompanied by fuel administrator J. J. Storrow, who has charge of the fuel situation for the entire New England states, was prepared to tell Dr. Garfield that unless immediate action is taken many public utility plants and big manufacturing establishments making munitions and army and navy supplies will have to shut down.

SENATOR REED EXPRESSES SURPRISE COMPANY DID NOT GO BANKRUPT.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Investigation into the sugar shortage by a Senate sub-committee began to speed up today. Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining company was on the stand for the third day.

Chairman Reed was not entirely out, however. When Babst declared that for the quarter ending in September his company had made but \$490 on one brand of sugar, Senator Reed interjected: "It's a wonder to me you are not in the hands of a receiver."

"It amazes me, too, and I shall certainly see that the price on this brand of sugar is increased," declared Babst.

Senator Jones gave Babst a chance to make the statement which he has persisted in and which Chairman Reed has consistently deferred. Babst explained the difficulties in the sugar market early last spring, which he declared were due to labor troubles, caused by I. W. W. agitation.

THREE HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE AT WATERBURY

Dr. G. A. Faber, F. R. Woodward and Mrs. Marion McKenzie Under Bonds of \$2,000 Each.

Waterbury, Dec. 20.—When arraigned in city court this morning on the charge of abortion, Dr. George A. Faber of this city and Frank R. Woodward and Mrs. Marion McKenzie of New Haven, all waived examination and were ordered held for the superior court under bonds of \$2,000 each.

PAY DAY CHANGED.

Tomorrow and Saturday morning, Cheney Brothers' employees will receive their pay, which they would receive Monday and Tuesday, were it not for the fact that the mills are to close from Saturday noon until Wednesday morning. This should make the Christmas shopping even better than it has been, between tomorrow night and Monday night.

THIEVES GET \$41,000.

Summit, Ill., Dec. 20.—Burglars tunneled under the vault of the Summit State bank early today, burned open the safe and escaped with \$41,000.

FORTY CABLEGRAMS SENT BY COUNT VON LUXBURG AT BUENOS AYRES TO GERMANY ARE MADE PUBLIC

Germany Must Rule Universe, Berlin Pan-German Paper Says

Geneva, Dec. 20.—Pan-Germans have thrown off their mask and are now boldly admitting that Germany has plotted to rule the entire world and is fighting with that object in view.

SUGAR "TRUST" HEAD REVEALS PROFITS MADE

Big Concern Cleared Only \$490 on One Brand of Sugar E. D. Babst Says I. W. W. ONE TROUBLE

TO DEAL SEVERELY WITH MEN WHO LEAVE DEVENTS WITHOUT LEAVE

Major Wainwright Says Penalty in War Time Is Unlimited

ONLY FEW CONNECTICUT MEN LEFT THE CAMP

They Will Be Placed Under Arrest—Men Want a Furlough on Christmas.

BOMBARDMENT OF BRITISH POSITIONS IS RENEWED

Germans Active in Passchendaele Sector—English Airmen Attack Bruges in Belgium.

AMERICAN WOMAN GETS FRENCH WAR CROSS.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Dr. Craven of Evanston is believed to be the first American woman to be honored by the French cross de guerre. The cross has been bestowed upon her by the French government for aiding and rescuing wounded under fire, according to word received in Evanston, from Mrs. Charles Haxson of New York, sister of Dr. Craven.

MISS HARRIET TALCOTT

Miss Harriet Talcott died yesterday afternoon at the home of William Paterson of Haythorn street. She formerly lived in Vermont and came to Manchester about twelve years ago. She leaves a wife, a law, Mrs. S. C. Talcott of Mountain Grove, Missouri. The funeral services will be held in Watkins Brothers' funeral parlors probably Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in the East cemetery.

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"Wires" Transmitted Through Swedish Diplomatic Channels Given Out by U. S. Department of State This Afternoon—Were Intercepted by United States—Argentine Gets Them Too

Washington, Dec. 20.—Forty cablegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, former minister of the Imperial German Government at Buenos Ayres, to the foreign office in Berlin through Swedish diplomatic channels will be made public by the State department late this afternoon.

The cablegrams all were intercepted by the American government and are understood to contain even more flagrant violations of Argentine and Swedish neutrality than the three telegrams given out some months ago by Secretary of State Lansing. The making public of the first telegrams, which included the now famous "Sink Without Leaving a Trace" message, for a time seemed to threaten a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Sweden and led to the dismissal of Count Luxburg.

ARGENTINE TO GET THEM.

With the cablegrams will be given out a statement by the foreign minister of the Argentine Republic, bearing upon them. The messages were turned over by the State department to Ambassador Naon for transmission to his government, shortly after the first Luxburg dispatches were given out.

NEW RED CROSS BUTTONS

The local Red Cross chapter has received a supply of enameled Red Cross pins and buttons which sell for 25 cents. There are different sizes for the men and the women. These buttons may be obtained either at the Red Cross Headquarters in the Recreation building or at the War Bureau in the Ferris block. Each member is entitled to one of the ordinary buttons, but if they want something a little better they can buy these enameled buttons.

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A Little Money Goes a Long Way At This Store

Our stock offers hundreds of useful Xmas gifts at money saving prices. You can buy a single article or as many as you want for your family or friends.

BUY YOUR XMAS GIFTS HERE ON CREDIT. Open an account with your purchase and pay for it next year in small weekly or monthly payments. You can have as high as \$35 worth of gifts sent to any address FOR \$1.00 A WEEK and a small initial payment. Comparison will convince you that whether you buy for CASH OR ON CREDIT that OUR PRICES ARE ALWAYS THE LOWEST.

WHAT TO BUY FOR FATHER OR HUSBAND. A Morris Chair or large leather Rocker, A Suit Case, or Travelling Bag.

WHAT TO BUY FOR MOTHER OR WIFE. A Vacuum Sweeper or Dinner Set, A Sewing Machine, or Upholstered Willow Chair.

WHAT TO BUY FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS. A Baby Carriage or High Chair, A Fur Robe or Baby Walker.

AND THEN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. A Columbia Grafanola—the gift that will surely please the whole year round. For your friend who owns a Grafanola we have Columbia Christmas Record Boxes that hold from 3 to 6 Records, a very excellent gift.

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- BATTERIES,
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- TRICYCLES,
- MOTORCYCLES,
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- AUTO TIRES,
- WEED CHAINS,
- SPOT LIGHTS.

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Lots of Them--by Taking Advantage of Our Anniversary Sale Special Prices on Groceries This Week.

Big List. Here are Just a Few Items:

- 22 cent Tomatoes..... 20c can
- 20 cent Tomatoes..... 18c can
- 22 cent Peas..... 20c can
- 20 cent Peas..... 18c can
- 18 cent Peas..... 16c can
- 15 cent Peas..... 13c can
- 18 cent Peas..... 15c can

PLACE YOUR ORDERS EARLY FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TURKEYS AS WE SHALL CARRY NO STOCK EXCEPT WHAT IS ORDERED.

O. F. Toop

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British socialist is usually a Tory. And now you discover what great shape your garden work put you in for snow shovelling.—Indianapolis Star.

FIRE EXPERTS TO VISIT MANCHESTER THIS WEEK

To Inspect Business Section and Suggest Fire Preventive Measures—Nation-Wide Campaign.

Within a few days, Manchester will be visited by a committee from the newly formed Conservation Association of the State of Connecticut, which is affiliated with the National Council of Defense. The object of this committee's visit is to inspect property in the business or congested sections and to offer suggestions for preventing fires. All the men will be expert inspectors and will be provided with a card of authority issued by the governor of the state and countersigned by the State fire marshal and the chairman of the Connecticut State Council of Defense. The services rendered will be without cost to the state or to the property owners whose properties are to be inspected.

This movement is part of the general nation-wide campaign to prevent the waste of the country's resources and it is hoped and believed will result in a material reduction of the losses by fires, which might otherwise occur.

Chief O. J. Atwood of the South Manchester fire department, Dr. F. A. Sweet, president of the Eighth School and Utilities district and Robert J. Smith have been appointed a local committee to meet the inspectors, when they come to Manchester and escort them about the town.

CURE FOR THE MEASLES AND MUMPS WANTED QUICK BY UNCLE SAM

Two Go Together Usually, at Training Camps and Elsewhere—Small Epidemics Have Appeared—After Effects of Measles Feared by Army Surgeons.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Fame and Fortune await the man who can trace to its source that periodical bugbear of the Army and Navy—the measles and mumps epidemic.

For some unknown reason, wherever troops are concentrated, either in large camps or on board ship, one of the first diseases to make its appearance is measles.

Measles is one of the most dreaded by army surgeons. Symptoms of the disease appearing in any of the men is the signal for the immediate quarantining of the soldier's company and the barracks where he is located. Purgative of the barracks then follows and every precaution is taken to prevent an epidemic.

An after-effect of measles, greatly feared by army surgeons, is the development of pneumonia, and it has been found that the fatalities among mature persons are much greater than with children. The pneumonic result has been more prevalent in the cantonments located in the Southern States than in those of the North or West.

Generally speaking, surgeons look for mumps at about the time measles appear, and are rarely disappointed. The fatalities through mumps do not begin to reach the number of those by measles, but the same rigid quarantine is observed in both cases.

For many years the best surgeons in the army have been working on theories that would eradicate the source of these diseases but they have to admit they are now no nearer a solution than ever before.

This is the season of the year that the epidemics usually start, and it would not be surprising to hear of the quarantining of entire cantonment posts in all sections of the country through the holiday season.

TERRIBLE NEWS. Washington, Nov. 20.—A Durham, N. C., enthusiast today telegraphed to United States Marine Corps Headquarters:

"Terrier belonging to U. S. Marine kills huge rooster after battle royal in main thoroughfare. Indignant chicken fanciers witness affair and demand dog pay death penalty. Then they learn ill-fated rooster's name was 'Kaiser.' Result: Dog is now pride of Durham."

William Fitzgerald and "Pop" Edgar drove to Springfield yesterday to get Christmas trees for the Ninth district schools.

NOTICE

Fishing or Cutting Ice on our ponds is prohibited. MANCHESTER WATER CO. 684

AMUSEMENTS

WHAT'S WHAT AND WHO'S WHO IN MANCHESTER MOVIE HOUSES

AT THE PARK

Crowds still continue to pack the Popular Playhouse during the second anniversary celebration and last night was no exception. Not only was another lot of sugar given away as souvenirs but the audience witnessed one of the greatest features ever shown in Manchester.

And if the fame of "The Man Without a Country" does not pack the Park theater to the doors again tonight then the announcement of a gold distribution surely will. Tonight fifty dollars in ten \$5 gold prizes will be the souvenirs. Tomorrow night again \$50 will be distributed and with it another big anniversary bill.

The story of tonight's feature is too well known to every American to bear repeating. The book by Edward Everett Hale has been read by millions and those who saw the play last night said it was even better than the book. A majority of the audience were high school students and there will be hundreds of them on hand tonight to see the feature for the last time. It goes from here to Boston for a week's run at fancy prices.

On its first presentation at the Broadway, the N. Y. Critics said: "Man Without a Country" big hit on screen."—Zit, N. Y. Journal. "Cannot be too highly commended."—N. Y. American. "A lesson in patriotism not soon to be forgotten."—N. Y. Times. "Booked for a successful run at the Broadway."—N. Y. Tribune. "Best war film yet shown."—N. Y. Telegraph. "The Man Without a Country" at the Broadway is a patriotic appeal that thrills spectators and confounds traitors. It is simply immense."—N. Y. American. "One of the finest film productions and one of the most unique stories ever filmed."—N. Y. Review.

So in the face of last night's hit and with the added attraction of the gold distribution you must secure your seat early this evening.

AT THE CIRCLE

"Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," comes to the Circle today for a limited engagement. The big film will be shown this evening and also tomorrow afternoon and evening. William Fox, who produced "Jack and the Beanstalk," which broke all records at the Circle recently, also produced this picture. But contrary to "The Beanstalk" picture it is not a "kid picture." It is a film designed for both old and young alike. The production is elaborate and spectacular, several of the scenes will cause a great deal of comment owing to their novel and lavish nature. The magical effects demanded by the story have been supplied by the unlimited resources of the screen, no task imposed upon the slave of the lamp being beyond the skill of the director. The palace of the Sultan, the scenes in the desert and the interiors of Aladdin's magic palace are all wonderful examples of screencraft, and the atmosphere of the far East is never lost during the unfolding of the story. Virginia Lee Corbin and Francis Carpenter are the stars of the picture and with a few exceptions the rest of the characters are taken by grown-ups. The two juvenile stars are called upon to play a number of serious scenes, some of them being of an intensely dramatic order. Francis Carpenter commands respect for his work in the desert scene where he nearly dies of exhaustion, and Virginia Lee Corbin's expression of grief or fear comes very close to the real article. The plot is clear and it follows the story closely. It is a picture that will please anyone old or young. In addition to this picture the newest Mack Sennett comedy will be shown, "A Pullman Bride" and also the "Hearst-Pathé."

It is a good woman who can resist the temptation of a party line telephone.—New York American.

ST. MARY'S LEAGUE

Close Games Feature the Contests Last Evening.

At the semi-weekly session of St. Mary's bowling league last night, No. 6 team took two out of three from No. 4, while No. 3 administered a like defeat to No. 5. There were two close games in the contests, No. 6 winning its second game by only two pins and No. 3 capturing its first game by three pins. J. Thier of No. 4 made high single of 93 in the first match and Joe Moore, anchor man of the same team, secured high three string of 258. In the second match, John Hyde was the star, with a single of 116 and a three string of 295. Following is the summary:

J. Thier	80	77	93	250
G. Schrieber	78	77	68	223
J. Moore	86	83	89	258
	244	237	250	731
Wm. Clegg	74	85	91	250
Wm. Perrins	80	76	77	233
T. Rogers	80	78	95	253
	234	239	263	736
No. 3.				
R. Kissman	87	82	76	245
A. Poy	82	78	101	261
Ed Wisotski	98	87	89	274
	267	247	266	780
No. 5.				
H. Weir	76	79	81	236
G. Torrance	94	89	77	260
J. Hyde	94	116	85	295
	264	284	243	791

League Standing.		W.	L.
No. 6		23	13
No. 2		17	13
No. 7		15	15
No. 4		14	16
No. 1		14	16
No. 5		13	17
No. 3		13	17
No. 8		11	19

RECREATION LEAGUE

White wash Used Plentifully in Last Night's Games.

White wash was administered freely at the weekly session of the Recreation Bowling league last evening, the Mohawks blanking the Braves in the first match, while in the second match the Sioux took three straight from the Iroquois. Paul Cervini made high single of 98 in the first match and Harry Benson secured high three string of 263. In the second match, John and Howard Thornton tied for high single with scores of 98 and John made high three string of 269.

The summary follows:	
Braves.	
C. Anderson	68 80 — 148
P. Cervini	— 98 93 191
Ford	76 77 67 220
Wiganowski	76 — 77 153
	220 255 237 712
Mohawks.	
Noren	76 — 97 173
Walsh	— 80 — 80
Olson	78 87 82 247
Benson	88 97 78 263
	242 264 257 763
Sioux.	
Carl	— 78 — 78
H. Thornton	82 87 98 267
Anderson	73 — 81 154
J. Thornton	97 73 98 268
	25 238 277 767
Iroquois.	
R. Russell	79 78 82 239
Vittner	78 71 91 240
Wilkinson	— 72 — 72
W. Russell	77 — 74 151
	234 221 247 702

Touching the assertion that kissing is unsanitary, Buck Kilby says those who kiss do not do it for their health.—Bridgeport Telegram.

ROLLER SKATING

At the Armory. Every Afternoon and Even'g 2:30 to 5 7:30 to 10

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FOR SALE—Figs. W. E. Orcutt, North Coventry. Phone 142-5. 621

FOR SALE—Good all round horse. Weight about 1,100 lbs. Inquire Arthur Mercer, 227 West Center St. 691

FOR SALE—A late Ford panel delivery car in first class condition. Will sell at a sacrifice; also a new 1917 Buick. Phone 343-14. 693

FOR SALE—\$2,800 buys a two-family flat with large lot and easy terms. A. H. Skinner. 693

FOR SALE—\$1,200 buys a 5 roomed house with extra building lot, 5 minutes walk from Main St. A. H. Skinner. 693

FOR SALE—Heaters. We have two new and three used heaters at a very low figure to close out. Pay now and save money. 24 Birch St. Hall, Modan & Co., Phone 630. 693

FOR SALE—Sterling range, with counter top, Christmas present to wife or daughter; price \$16. Inquire A. Warren, Middle Turnpike and Hawthorne St. 693

FOR SALE—Wicker Chairs, Rug, Dresser, Table, Tables, Heaters, Beds and Fur Robes. Call and see us. Just off Main St., 24 Birch St., Hall, Modan & Co., Phone 630. 693

FOR SALE—A good horse, used all summer at the Manchester Country Club. Have no use for it now, the only reason for selling a bargain for some one. C. Elmore Watkins. 693

FOR SALE—Used Dining and Kitchen tables, chairs, rockers, comodes, chiffoniers, beds and springs. Large line of new beds, springs and mattresses. 24 Birch St. Hall, Modan & Co., Phone 630. 693

FOR SALE—Light, one-horse cutter. Inquire Joel Hawley, 53 Cottage St. 693

FOR SALE—Just received 100 Christmas trees. Can be seen at 52 Pearl St. Foley's Express. 693

FOR SALE—Christmas Trees. Inquire at house of late William Taylor, Grove St., Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22. Mrs. G. B. Slater. 693

FOR SALE—Business sled. Apply to 36 Porter St., So. Manchester, Tel. 518-12. 693

FOR SALE—Mixed Wood, delivered. Stove length, \$12 cord, also slab wood stove length \$8 cord. H. W. Case, Buckland, Phone Hrd. Div. 678 253-13. 693

FOR SALE—Main Street Barber shop doing good business. Price only \$250. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 693

FOR SALE—Good building lot near car line price only \$250. A \$50 Liberty Bond will be accepted as first payment balance easy terms. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 693

FOR SALE—\$2800 buys a large 12 room house within 15 minutes walk to Silk Mills, always rented, good home or investment. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 693

FOR SALE—10 acre farm, seven room house, barn, good level land, driving distance from town on State road. A good chance to work in factory and raise your own crops, poultry and pigs, price only \$1350, easy terms. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 693

FOR SALE—Near the center, large 12 room house, lights, settees, bath, etc. Lot about 30 feet front, price only \$4,000. It will pay to investigate this property. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 693

FOR SALE—Twenty acres wood and timber land, four miles from Manchester. Price \$500. C. C. Prentice, 18 Asylum St., Hartford, Conn. 693

FOR SALE—Single horse cutter. Price reasonable. Inquire Henry Black, 160 Spruce St. 693

FOR SALE—Six-room bungalow on Cambridge street, near Bank Bldg., improvements, easy terms. Inquire Thomas F. Sullivan, Main street. 693

TO RENT.

TO RENT—Modern flat, nice neighborhood. W. L. Buckland. 693

TO RENT—4 room tenement near trolley, good location. W. L. Buckland. 693

TO RENT—Tenement on Hartford road, 6 rooms besides pantry and sink, 671 Hartford Road and premises, room, heat st. Inquire Harriette Dickson, Middle Turnpike East. 693

TO RENT—Four room tenement with running water on Middle Turnpike East. \$8 month. Mark Hewitt, 127 Middle Turnpike East. 693

TO RENT—A six room house with furnace, light, bath and laundry tubs. Five minutes walk to mills. Apply John McCluskey, 38 Garden St. 693

FOR RENT—6 room tenement modern improvements. Edridge St. 693

TO RENT—Four room flat upstairs. Inquire G. Schaller, 826 Center St. 693

FOR RENT—Four room tenement, Ridgewood St. to small family. 46 Hohenthal, 467 Center St. 693

TO RENT—Two tenements five rooms each. American families preferred. Inquire 372 North Main St., or phone 63-12. 693

TO RENT—Seven room single house. Inquire 45 Cottage street. 693

WANTED.

WANTED—A few used ranges. We carry the famous Herald Ranges, your old range taken in exchange. Call and see us. Hall, Modan & Co., 24 Birch St., Phone 630. 693

WANTED—Sewing machines to repair. A sewing machine will make a nice Christmas present to wife or daughter. We have the well known Singer machines and will take your old machine in exchange. Hall, Modan & Co., 24 Birch St., Phone 630. 693

WANTED—To do your picture framing. Rush work finished before Christmas. Manchester Wall Paper Co., 533 Main St. 693

WANTED—Woman for general household work. One to go home nights preferred. W. W. Harris, 105 Center St. 693

WANTED—THAT PIANO YOU CANNOT play in exchange for a Victrola which can give you the world's best music anytime you ask for it. Telephone for someone to look at your piano. Watkins Brothers. 613

WANTED—A driver and footman. Inquire at Adams Express. 693

WANTED: You to know that we set, repair and sell window glass; any size cut to order. Putty, paint, etc. Manchester Wall Paper Co., 533 Main St. 693

WANTED: Old False Teeth. Don't matter if broken. I pay \$3 to \$15 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. L. Mazer, 3007 So. Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa. 693

LOST.

LOST This morning, pair of spectacles in case, between 200 East Center street and the silk mills. Finder please call 308-4. 693

LOST—Auto tire chain between 24 Flower street and 32 Hill street. Finder please notify Dwight Blush, Tel. 339-2. 693

LOST—Brown and white shepherd dog. Reward if returned to A. Davidson, 52 Wadsworth St. 693

FOUND.

FOUND—A black and white dog about three months old. Owner can have by applying to Earl Hollister, 142 Pearl St. 693

MISCELLANEOUS.

SKIRT MAKING: We will make a skirt to measure, from your materials for \$2. We furnish trimmings. Ladies' Shop, Main St., near Center. 693

Millionaire's Death Suspicious.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Coroner Hartung of Toledo, Ohio, has been requested to exhume the body of Lucius B. Berdan, millionaire, whose death here a week ago Wednesday has been a source of investigations by local authorities. Coroner Hoffman of this city asked the Ohio official for the organs of the dead man and today was awaiting an official reply.

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From our show windows to our smallest display case, **EVERY IS COMPLETELY STOCKED WITH CHRISTMAS GOODS.** Fancy Xmas Boxes for the gifts, and all at PRICES THAT CANNOT BE DUPLICATED ANYWHERE. Just glance over this partial list.

- LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, in Christmas boxes, embroidered and with initials 50c up to \$1.50
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 - BABY SWEATERS AND SACKS 50c to \$2.75
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 - LADIES' VESTS, in Christmas boxes \$1.25 to \$1.98
 - LADIES' GOWNS AND CHEMISE 75c up to \$1.98
 - BABIES' BATHROBES \$1.00 and \$1.50
 - LADIES' BATHROBES \$3.50 to \$5.50
- These Bathrobes are heavy blanket material in many quaint designs and are exceptionally low priced.
- SCARFS AND TOQUES 98c, \$1.25, \$1.39 up to \$2.98
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A pair for every member of the family. Our stock of **SHOES, SLIPPERS and MOCCASINS** is complete and the quality of our goods is too well known to need praise.

We carry a full line of Dr. Scholl's Arch supports, a very useful gift for people with foot trouble.

GIFTS FOR MEN.

- Gloves, all kinds. 35c to \$6 a pair
- Mufflers 50c to \$5
- Neckwear 25c to \$1.00
- Silk and Cotton Hose 20c to \$1 a pair
- Men's and Boys' Caps 50c to \$6
- Bath Robes \$5.00 to \$10.00
- Sweaters \$3 to \$9.50
- Suits \$15.00 to \$25.00
- Overcoats \$15.00 to \$25.00
- Shirts 79c to \$4.00

BELTS, SUSPENDERS AND ARM BANDS.

George W. Smith

LOCAL RED CROSS TO GO AFTER \$500 PRIZE

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ceeds the quota assigned to the chapter. This gives each chapter an equal chance to win no matter what its size, and is expected to stimulate interest among all the chapters of the state.

Manchester's Fine Chance.
The general opinion, among the workers was that Manchester has a fine chance of winning that state prize. Upwards of half of the town's population has already been enrolled. Chairman Edward J. Holl called the meeting of the executive committee and captains to order shortly after noon. He explained the condition of the contest for the state prize. Holl said that Naugatuck and Bristol are sharp contestants. Hartford has enrolled 18,000 but is not a dangerous competitor on the percentage basis. State headquarters informed Mr. Holl by telephone today that in view of Manchester's fine showing to date, its prospects of winning the prize are bright.

Frank D. Cheney Enthusiastic.
Frank D. Cheney, chairman of the effective factory teams, said: I think that the Manchester Red Cross should go right out after that prize. If we win it, the \$500 a month can be expended for war entirely under the direction of the Manchester chapter, and tremendous service for our own Manchester soldiers could be rendered, in addition to what we could do for others.

George H. Williams also favored going after the prize, and suggested the utilizing of the services of Polish and Lithuanian interpreters in canvassing the districts in which many of foreign nationality reside. He told of securing nine new members in one plant today through the use of an interpreter.

C. Elmore Watkins, president of the Manchester chapter, was heartily in favor of competing for the prize. The opinion seemed to be that with the fine foundation already laid, the Manchester chapter can be pushed across the line a winner. Among the other speakers were William S. Hyde, Thomas Ferguson, Fred J. Bendall, Willard B. Rogers and Attorney Raymond Johnson.

New Life Among Workers.
New life was put into the campaign by the decision to go out for the \$500 prize. During the afternoon many inquiries came to committee headquarters over the telephone from team captains and members asking the conditions. There was a very general disposition, on the part of those who telephoned to do all possible for the soldiers, and the prospect of securing \$500 a month for Manchester soldiers and others in the military service gave impetus to the workers.

Mills, Offices, Schools.
"Speed up" is now the slogan among the workers on the teams which are canvassing the factories, offices and public places. The booths will be occupied in the different business places as heretofore, and the house-to-house canvassing will go right on. The fact that Manchester has already secured over 7,000 members will not be taken advantage of by any conscientious workers for the Red Cross and the soldiers. The best that can be done for our boys in the service is none too much.

All who have not yet been approached to join the Red Cross will be seen, now that the prize contest is on. Literature will be distributed in town tomorrow on the contest, and the public speakers will renew their efforts. The pastors of the different churches will undoubtedly be heard from Sunday in behalf of the soldiers.

Mill Percentages.

American Writing Paper Co.	65 per cent.
Orford Soap Co.	62 per cent.
C. R. Burr Co.	34 per cent.
Carlyle Johnson Co.	33 per cent.
A. Willard Case Co.	100 per cent.
Case Brothers	90 per cent.
Connecticut Co.	7 per cent.
William Foulds Co.	100 per cent.
Colonial Board Co.	100 per cent.
Lydall & Foulds Co.	100 per cent.
Glastonbury Knitting Co.	63 per cent.
E. E. Hilliard Co.	20 per cent.
Norton Electrical Ins. Co.	100 per cent.
Rogers Paper Co.	100 per cent.
Cheney Brothers	51 per cent.

Cheney Mill Departments.

Old Mill	61 per cent.
Main Office	30 per cent.
Lower Mill	52 per cent.
Dressing Mill	41 per cent.
Ribbon Mill	35 per cent.
Machine Shop	61 per cent.
Outside Labor	80 per cent.
Throwing Mill	39 per cent.
Weaving Mill	65 per cent.
Spinning Mill	53 per cent.
Velvet Mill	50 per cent.
Executives	63 per cent.

H. M. SEDGEWICK GIVEN FEDERAL APPOINTMENT.

New Haven, Dec. 20.—The appointment was announced today of Hubert M. Sedgewick as secretary of the athletic department of the United States commission on naval training camps of which Walter Camp, former director of Yale athletics, is the head. The commission has general direction of all competitive sports in the 13 naval stations in the United States. Mr. Sedgewick is a Yale graduate, was for eight years secretary to the mayor of this city and is also widely known as a writer on athletic matters.

TO CROSS EXAMINE GRAFT SYNDICATE'S MANAGER

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Tom Costello, self-styled business manager of Chicago's alleged police corruption syndicate, will face the first fire of cross examination at the trial of former Chief of Police Charles Healey, William R. Skidmore and Detective Sergeant Stephen Barry today.

Efforts of the defense will attempt to prove false Costello's assertions that he acted for Chief Healey in the collection of thousands of dollars in bribes from resorts of the underworld. Costello's charges that Chief Healey and the members of the graft syndicate plotted to collect \$7,500 from 30 policemen seeking promotions also is expected to be the object of a bitter defense attack.

U. S. WAR COUNCIL WILL ROUND UP FARM LABOR

Department of Labor to Act as Clearing House for Unemployed

AFTER MIS-EMPLOYED

Latter Also to be Corralled—25 Per Cent. More Wheat in 1917 To Harvest.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Military plans for a long war have led to the adoption by the new co-ordinated war council of a constructive program to insure a larger production of staple crops on American farms. The threatened shortage of farm labor is the first problem officials have set out to solve. This shortage will prove disastrous to next year's production, according to officials, unless a huge agricultural army is raised and put in the field.

The war council has approved a program which calls for a country-wide recruiting campaign by the Department of Labor, serving as a clearing house through which labor employment agencies of every sort may round up the unemployed as well as the mis-employed for service on the farms. The reports of field agents of the Department of Agriculture indicate that farmers everywhere have greatly increased the acreage of grain and other crops. On the basis of acreage reports now in hand it is estimated that next year approximately 1,000,000 acres about a quarter of a billion in excess of the crop this year.

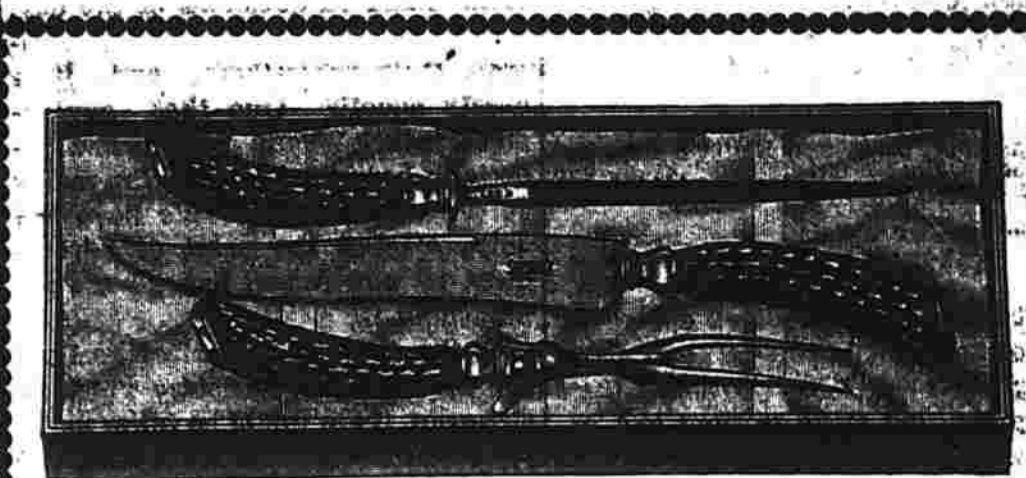
SENATE CONTINUES INVESTIGATIONS OF ARMY, SUGAR SHORTAGE, RAILROADS AND LA FOLLETTE

Washington, Dec. 20.—Startling revelations of the manner in which the packing business of the country is conducted developed soon after the federal trade commission began its investigation into food profiteering here today. Examination of the first witness, Frank R. Pegram, treasurer of the Chicago Stock Yards company, showed that he is merely a dummy official and that a banking syndicate controls the organization. Members of this syndicate, according to Francis J. Heney investigator for the commission, are the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; Merchants National Bank, Boston; Chase National Bank, New York; F. S. Moseley and company, brokers, Boston, and F. H. Prince and Company, Bankers and Brokers, Boston.

Pegram's Confession.
Pegram admitted that he was the holder of 79,990 shares of stock in the Stock Yards company, which he has never seen. Heney's questioning brought out the fact that Pegram, two years treasurer of the Stock Yards company, was for 26 years a book-keeper with F. H. Prince and Company. Pressed on the point that he is merely a dummy in the company, he confessed: "Yes, I'll sign any thing they put in front of me." "They," it developed, were the other officials of the company.

Heney also showed that communications from the federal trade commission to Pegram were not answered by him but that he merely went through the motions of replying, the answers being dictated by others. Letters addressed to the company at Chicago were found in the Prince offices at Boston, Heney charged.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The spotlight of Congressional inquiry glared with increased intensity today on the various branches of the government having to do with the conduct of the war. The Senate military affairs committee planned to place the quartermaster's department on the grill before the end of today's session to ask it to explain alleged shortages of clothing and blankets coincident with numerous deaths by pneumonia in the training camps. In advance of this phase of the administration, however, the committee again went over the head of the War department and called in more representatives of private industries to ascertain the progress of the rifle and machine gun manufacture. The Colt Fire Arms company was one of the first subjects of inquiry today.



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- Universal Bread Mixers, No. 44, \$2.50, No. 4, \$3.00, No. 8, \$3.50
- Food Choppers \$1.50 to \$4.25
- Oil Heaters \$3.50 to \$6.00
- Radiolite Ingersoll Watches \$2.50
- Thermometers (Spirit and Fancy House Thermometers) 50c to \$1.50
- Cello Hot Water Bottles \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50
- Erector Sets \$1.00 and \$2.00
- Pocket Knives and Cutlery 50c to \$3.00
- Carving Sets \$2.50 to \$7.00
- Thermos Bottles \$1.00 to \$3.50

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MARKET STILL SAGS WITH MANY NEW LOWS

Baltimore & Ohio and Other Halted Hit Hard—Liberty Bonds Hold Up—Quotations.

New York, Dec. 20.—There was a sagging of values all through the forenoon, bringing a number of issues to new low records for the year. Midvale Steel dropped 1/2 to a new low record of 39 1/2 and Union Pacific declined 2 1/2 to 101 1/2. B. and O. dropped nearly four points to 39 1/2, the lowest price at which it has sold since it has been on the dividend paying list. St. Paul Preferred dropped to 65, a new low record for recent years.

Steel Common dropped from 81 1/2 to 79 1/2, making a new low record on this movement. Similar losses were sustained all through the list, with brokers again commenting upon the absence of buying power. Many of the specialties declined from three to four points. American Tobacco dropped 3 1/2 to 123 1/2. Liberty 3 1/2's sold at 98.38 and the 4's at 97.

Clearing-house statement: Exchanges, \$585,862,316; balances, \$46,442,337. Money loaning at six per cent. Cotton. New York, Dec. 20.—At the opening of the cotton market today the tone was steady and prices were one to eight points higher. Liverpool purchased January and sold March. After the call, some realizing forced prices down a few points but the tone continued about steady.

Bethlehem Steel	67
Butte & Sup	13
Chile Copper	13 1/2
Cons Gas	78 1/2
Col Fuel	30 1/2
C & O	43 1/2
Can Pac	128 1/2
Erle	13 1/2
Erle 1st	19
Gen Electric	120 1/2
Gt Northern	80 1/2
Illinois Cent	96
Kennecott	29 1/2
Louisville & Nash	106
Lehigh Valley	61
Mexican Pet	63 1/2
Mer M Pfd	78 1/2
Mer M	29
Miami Copper	25 1/2
Norfolk & West	94 1/2
Nev Consol Copper	16 1/2
National Lead	89
North Pacific	77 1/2
N Y Cent	63 1/2
N Y N H & H	27 1/2
Press Steel Car	60
Penna	41 1/2
People's Gas	38 1/2
Repub I & S	72 1/2
Reading	67 1/2
Southern Pac	77 1/2
Southern Ry	33 1/2
St Paul	87 1/2
Third Ave	13
Tex Oil	113
Union Pac	103 1/2
U S Steel	123 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	103 1/2
Utah Copper	103 1/2
Westinghouse	51 1/2
Liberty Bonds 3 1/2's	97 1/2
Liberty Bonds 4's	97 1/2

WANT AIRPLANE TANKS.
Paris, Dec. 20.—An "armistice" is the latest. The Allies published an article by Deputy Minister of War that armored bombing aeroplanes constructed after the same principle of the land tanks, should be put into use right away. The deputy minister said that the present type of machine is inadequate. The Germans, for example, have been using "junk" machines composed entirely of metal, flying at a great height and dropping from the ground the load of its force that it makes a hole in the steel of the tank.

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SHOP EARLY.

It is for the benefit of everybody concerned that buyers do their shopping early—and not merely their shopping, but their mulling and expressing. It's a good thing for the shopper himself, because he has it over with and doesn't help clutter the aisles of the stores with a jam of buyers. It is a piece of practical helpfulness to store employees, because they aren't suddenly buried in a turmoil of double or triple business and fatigued to the limit of their physical endurance. It aids postoffice and express forces for the same reason, and the forces not only here, but all along the route which the letter or parcel takes.

The Christmas holiday season is one of anything but good cheer for thousands or even millions of employees of store and transportation agencies, just because the public procrastinates or forgets to do its buying and sending early. And then, when gifts don't reach their destination by December 25, there is a howl of protest against inefficient or conscienceless forwarding concerns or the government. Ordinarily the public itself is to blame. Anybody who has seen the mountains of express matter in the great cities needn't wonder at all that things get smashed, delayed or lost in transit.

It's up to you reader, to do your bit to better these conditions.

THE CASH SYSTEM.

The Evening Herald, generally speaking, is behind any local movement that aims at cutting the high cost of living. It is behind a certain grocer who has adopted the "cash and carry" plan, not because he advertises, but because he gives the benefit of the plan in lower prices.

Cash payment ought to be extended to all retail business, and the public given the benefit of the saving thereby effected. Grocers are not the only retailers in town that have adopted the practice. Various other stores use it, including a few of the best in Manchester. We would hate to see any employee of any store's office force lose his position by reason of a change to the cash plan, but we would have no choice, if it were a question of that or higher prices to the general public. Collectors, especially, ought to be unnecessary in any business.

Prices are probably no higher here than elsewhere in the East. But they are unnecessarily high for some things. The town needs enough stores competing with one another in each line to give life to trade. It doesn't need to encourage the small sales, large profits policy, however, and to do so is directly against its own interests. If the number of grocers and butchers in town were cut in half and trade fairly distributed among them, it is safe to say that the larger volume of trade which each store would get would enable each to cut its profits in half.

The public gasps at the dividends paid by large corporations. We wonder how it would act if it realized the "dividends" in percentage of profit on capital invested every successful retail store makes.

There are limits to the degree to which business can be concentrated, even in a single line of goods—limit its physical, practicable and so on. But there are or should be limits to which business can be dispersed, regardless of the goods in question.

THE SUGAR FAMINE.

There is a chance for the grocers of Manchester to make themselves solid with their customers by bestirring themselves to get some sugar. At such times as these it is useless to sit and wait for the job to be distributed at his own convenience. Other retailers by exerting pressure are able to get sugar. The situation in Manchester the past three weeks has been worse than in most places in this state. If the retailers in Manchester would get together and act in concert they could do far better than they are doing. Together they could place an order that would command attention and be understood very well that

there is no money in handling sugar under present conditions. Still it is a grocer's duty to take care of his customers in bad going as well as good. If he doesn't do it, then he cannot blame them if they go elsewhere for all their groceries. Manchester has a reputation for getting what it goes after. We feel very sure that if the local grocers got together and united their strength they could relieve the urgent need of local housewives.

PUBLIC'S DOUBLE FRANCHISE.

Newspapers, and in fact publications of any sort which take an editorial stand on questions of the day, are at the mercy of their "consumers," their subscribers, and it is nearly equally true that government principle and policy, and especially personnel, are at the mercy of the newspapers. We have not quite reached the point of government by newspaper, but we are approaching it.

If the average subscriber realized the power of this franchise which he possesses, there would be fewer newspapers of doubtful public spirit, and that of service to the public. Newspapers organize and articulate public opinion, as well as express and influence it, and millions of subscribers have no other means of expressing their political attitude between elections than by means of newspapers devoted to the public service.

Their power is that of veto, by cutting off their subscription, or by letter to the newspaper they read and pay for. Many a reform has been worked in New York City through letters to public-spirited newspapers. Yes, the metropolis has a few.

No newspaper can please everybody, as a newspaper or as an organ of political opinion, but the general public is likely in the long run to give a paper all the credit it deserves for honesty of conviction and purpose.

Political parties, and hence government to a large degree, both as respects constitutional amendments, state and federal, and new legislation, will be at the mercy of the newspapers in proportion as the newspapers fulfill their true function of public utilities.

It is high time to awaken the electorate to a sense of its power and responsibility, as regards their franchises as newspaper subscribers. Organs of purely selfish interests ought to become things of a forgotten generation. And it is high time to awaken certain newspapers to the fact that public service is the best business policy a newspaper ordinarily can adopt.

BOSTON'S NEW MAYOR.

"My election as Mayor," says Andrew J. Peters of Boston, "means that I shall do my best to give this city a sound, wideawake, business-like administration of four years, an administration in which all citizens will be invited to participate and take the benefits for themselves."

This is a post-election promise, not a pre-election one, and Mr. Peters' past speaks for his future. His record is notable. For one thing he hasn't been a hide-bound partisan, which means in his case that he hasn't been a tool of the bosses, although he realizes that political parties like every other institution must be organized. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law school, which is one of the two or three best in the country. He sat in the Massachusetts House in 1902 and in the Senate in 1904-5. Two years later he was elected to Congress. In 1915 he became Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and took up the interpretation and execution of the law of his department. All in all, Mr. Peters is the type of man that will lift municipal governments in America to higher standards.

The Open Forum

Editor Evening Herald:
Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence, Senator Brandegee instructs me to write that he has a vacancy for cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and in filling this position he is allowed to recommend to the War Department a principal and two alternates. The boy who secures the appointment will enter the Academy on Friday, June 14, 1918. In view of the great number of applications which the senator received from deserving young men, for these positions, he some time ago adopted the policy of requiring all applicants to take a competitive examination. This examination will be held under the direction of the United States Civil Service authorities on Wednesday, January 9, 1918, at 9 a. m., in the Federal Post Office buildings at Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Washington, D. C. The examination for designation to the United States Military Academy consists of the subjects of algebra, geometry, and grammar, for which three hours are allowed, and, after an intermission of one hour, geography, United States history, and general history, for which three hours are allowed. No permit or authorization is required to take this examination, as it has been arranged so that any applicant who presents himself at the place of examination on the above date may be examined. The three boys who stand the highest in this examination will be recommended to the War Department. The three boys thus selected will be required to take their final examinations given by the War Department on Tuesday, March 19, 1918. The boy who stands the highest in this final examination the senator will nominate as principal, and the next two, in order of the merits of their examinations, he will nominate as first and second alternates. In the event of the failure of the principal on account of any physical defect, the first alternate, if qualified, will be admitted to the Academy, and the second alternate has the same chance of being admitted in case of the failure of the principal and the first alternate. All candidates are required to be citizens of the United States, must be actual residents of the State of Connecticut, not under 17 nor over 22 years of age on the date of admission to the Academy, and not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height at the age of 17, nor less than 5 feet 5 inches in height at the age of 18 and upwards. A candidate is eligible for admission from the day he becomes 17, until the day he becomes 22 years of age, on which latter day he is not eligible. Should you desire copies of the regulations, etc., and also samples of examination papers, you may secure the same by addressing the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., and for any further information the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,
W. Don Lundy,
Secretary.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1917.

LABOR EXCHANGES.

State Council of Defense Getting Ready for Spring Work.
Hartford, Dec. 20.—In anticipation of the heavy labor demands that are expected by spring or earlier, the Connecticut State Council of Defense, at its weekly meeting today, appointed a special committee consisting of Joseph W. Alsop, F. D. Cheney, George M. Landers and Herbert Knox Smith to draw up a resolution providing for the formation of labor exchanges throughout the state under the auspices of the Council. The resolution will be presented at the next meeting of the Council. The labor exchanges will act as clearing houses for the transfer of workmen from non-essential to essential industries, including farms, where the labor shortage will soon become a serious problem.

E. K. Eyerly, supervisor of farm management, Northeastern Regional District, United States Department of Agriculture, and David Elder, a farm labor specialist of Rhode Island, were at the meeting to present the labor needs of the farmers of Connecticut and the necessity for providing labor to plant and raise a record food crop during the season of 1918.

Observer's Column

Facts and Near Facts of Interest to Evening Herald Readers

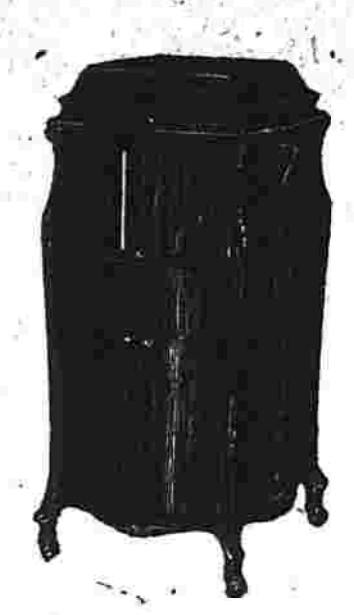
"I do not believe in the present principles of the government," said a Hillstown man to one of the Red Cross canvassers last Sunday. Of course he was a German and apparently was a German sympathizer. He refused to give one cent for the Red Cross because he believed that the money thus contributed would assist the government in the prosecution of the war. The canvassers looked about them and in every direction they could see evidences of prosperity. Large barns full of the summer crops, a new barn recently built in order to store the overflow crops. Horses well fed and cattle that were in the best of condition. And yet these people did not believe in the principles of the government. The only evidence that these people displayed that they were foreigners was the slight German accent in their tongue. They did not believe in the principles of the government that afforded them the prosperity that was so evident. These people are unfortunately located outside of their element. They should be in Germany where Kaiser Bill would at his will take their farm products for his own use or that of his officers. They certainly are out of place in free America.

The residents of Adams street say that that thoroughfare never was in such poor condition as at present. Of course the heavy fall of snow has in a measure filled in the holes in the street and made it fairly good going for sleighs. This piece of highway from Love Lane to the Buckland corner has been the source of trouble for the last two years. It is a state highway but unfortunately Road Commissioner Bennett has had no money to spend on this particular road. Men who are forced to travel over this road complain of it continually. The automobile men, rather than drive over it, reach Depot Square by way of the Center, although this is going a long way out of their way. The taxpayers in that section are of the opinion that the town should repair the highway temporarily. The state will no doubt make a permanent job of the improvements when it gets around to it. But the residents of the street should not be forced to suffer the inconvenience for a year or two more.

Some people were inclined to scoff at the "billie cops" when they first made their appearance. They have done good service, however, and although an automobilist may occasionally try to steal by on the wrong side the horses, wise animals that they are, have learned to respect the "billie." A striking example was afforded at the Center the other evening. A horse, attached to a cutter without a driver, came up the Center hill from the north at a lively clip and dashed across the Center square and around the "billie cop" as nicely as it could have done had he been guided by the reins.

Louis Fitch, son of J. A. Fitch, who recently moved back to Manchester, tells a good story on himself which is certainly worth repeating. When he returned to town the leader of the North Congregational church choir induced him to sing in the choir. He sings bass and the first Sunday that Mr. Fitch appeared in the choir all his friends attended church to hear him. The second Sunday none of his relatives were present and the third Sunday the pastor of the church read his resignation. But Mr. Fitch is persistent and continues to sing with the choir.

There is one young man in Manchester who is setting an example in thrift which might well be followed by others. He invested in Liberty Bonds and with the interest received on the first coupon of his first bond he bought some Thrift or War Savings Stamps. Thus he is giving two-fold assistance to the government and the stamp investment will net him interest on the interest from his bond.



Give the Children a Victrola For Its Educational Value

The Victrola quickly develops in children an appreciation of the best music. They never tire of it. Did you know that there are many Victor records especially suited to children?

The Victrola puts at your command the art of the world's best singers, musicians and entertainers—something to please all who enter your home, no matter what their tastes are. The cost is one that every family can afford.

Prices as you know are \$20, \$30, \$45, \$57.50, \$85, \$110, \$165 etc.

If your family is so fortunate as to already have a Victrola, here are some wonderful records that should be added to your library.

RECORDS FOR CHILDREN.	CHRISTMAS CAROLS
"Little Orphan Annie"	"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"
"Séein' Things at Night"	"Joy to the World"
Sally Hamlin	Hayden Quartette
"Dog and the Kitty Cats"	"The Coming of the Year"
"Little Bull Calf"	"Chimes"
Sara Cone Bryant	"Lord Dismiss Me with Thy Blessing"

Watkins Brothers, Inc.

cert to take place in the evening. It will be a fitting close of a very successful pastorate and it certainly does not reflect on the work of the pastor that the last number on the program will be the Hallelujah Chorus.

CREATE A DEMAND FOR WHEATLESS BREADS, ADVICE OF MRS. HOOVER.

Women must create a demand for bran, wholewheat, and corn breads, until they are put on the menu of hotels and restaurants not only on wheatless days, but for constant use by patriotic food savers, according to a statement by Mrs. Hoover, wife of the U. S. Food Administrator, yesterday. She feels that many people will acquire the habit of eating coarse grained breads, if they have the opportunity of ordering them on six days of the week, instead of one. Other advice of Mrs. Hoover to American women, is to stir the imagination of servants and people before whom they are demonstrating, to appreciate that their saving food actually conserves it for starving people. "There is some individual, who is unknowingly dependent upon you, for life. She says, "it may be a soldier in the trenches, it may be a little child, it may be a peasant woman, who will not have anything to eat, next spring, if you do not think of them now."

Have you noticed that the less a man says the more guessing his wife does?—New Haven Union.

Christmas Suggestions Merry Xmas to All

Call and look over our display for Xmas before selecting your gifts.

We have a large assortment of the best known Chocolates in the market, such as, Page and Shaw, Huylers, Apollo, Belle Mead Sweets and Samoset put up in fancy boxes for the Xmas trade from 1/2 pound to 5 pound boxes.

TOILET ARTICLES.
Toilet Articles—White Ivory pieces, Combs and Brushes, Soaps and Perfumes and Toilet waters, Safety Razors, Gillette, Gem, and the Auto Strip.

FANCY STATIONERY.
Eaton, Crane & Pike fancy writing paper in all colors and correspondence cards for the Holiday trade.

UNIVERSAL VACUUM BOTTLES.
In half pints, pints and quarts, also Lunch Boxes, Sterno Folding Stoves.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO AND SMOKERS SUPPLIES.
We have a large variety of Cigars put up in boxes of 10, 25 and 50 of all the well known brands, such as King Perfectos, Rosedales, Blackstones, German Lovers and Peter Schuylers. Cigarettes in Xmas packages, Pipes, Cigar Cases, Cigarette Cases. Domestic and Imported Cigars.

FOR THE SOLDIER BOY.
Auto Strip safety Razor in Army Kits, Parker Fountain Pens, Every Ready Search Lights, Army Pillows, Trench Mirrors.

Packard's Pharmacy

"The Store of Quality."

I. O. O. F. BUILDING SOUTH MANCHESTER
WATCH OUR NEW DISPLAY WINDOWS.

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Will be at the office of DR. LE VERNE HOLMES 15 MAIN STREET

4-5 p. m. and 8-9 p. m.
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
Phone 151-4
Residence Phone 3

OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY of the Exquisite Tiffany Favorite Glass

IS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EVER BEFORE. ELECTROLIERS IN GREAT VARIETY. COCKTAIL GLASSES, DECANTERS, BOWLS, ETC.

We are exclusive agents in Hartford for this choicest of Glassware.

Hansel, Sloan & Company

JEWELERS 70 PRATT STREET, HARTFORD.
Beginning Wednesday, December 19th, Store will be Open Evenings Till Xmas.

"Over The River and Thru The Woods to Santa Claus' House We Go"

Santa Claus' Home is in our store from now till Christmas. This year he has come with more gifts than ever at very low prices. He has presents for Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Husband, Wife, Aunt and Uncle and Little Folks.

CLOTHING DEPT.

Suits
Overcoats
Raincoats
Mackinaws
Bath Robes
House Coats
Boys' Suits
Boys' Overcoats
Trousers

FURNISHING DEPT.

Shirts
Gloves
Suspenders
Armbands
Hats
Caps
Pocket Books
Garters
Handkerchiefs

SHOE DEPT.

Shoes
Slippers
Moccasins
Gaiters
Leggins
Rubbers
Arctics
Boots
Felt Boots

P. S. If in doubt about size or color, we will exchange after Xmas.

C. E. HOUSE & SON, Inc.

Gold Rings

For Everybody and Every Purpose

Are a striking feature of our holidays stocks. What could be more appropriate as a gift, a constant reminder of the donor.

Our rings are made of 10K. and 14K. gold and the setting of the stones is done in the best possible manner.

STONE RINGS.

Rings set with all kinds of stones, single stones and in clusters of new and pleasing designs.

FOR MEN, \$4.00 UPWARDS.

FOR LADIES, \$1.75 UPWARDS

SIGNET RINGS.

FOR MEN, \$5.00 UPWARDS.

FOR LADIES, \$2.75 UPWARDS

ARMY AND NAVY RINGS

\$9.00 and \$9.50, including marking inside of name, branch of service, town and State.

Fine Sparkling Diamonds set in Rings at \$7.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 upwards

The Dewey-Richman Co.

JEWELERS STATIONERS OPTICIANS
845 MAIN STREET

Are you doing your part? Hand your name to a Red Cross canvasser today.

Gift Slippers

WOMEN'S FELT COMFY SLIPPERS, padded or Leather Soles and heels, some fur trimmed \$1.00 to \$1.50 pair

CHILDREN'S COMFY SLIPPERS low and high cut 75c to \$1.10 pair

MEN'S COMFY SLIPPERS, leather soles and heels, felt tops or leather tops, \$1.50 to \$2.00

MEN'S ALLIGATOR SLIPPERS in black or tan, will wear for years \$2.50 pair

BE SURE AND LOOK OVER OUR LINE BEFORE BUYING.

PARK SHOE STORE

New Johnson Block Main Street

KEEL OF FRUIT SHIP OF STEEL LAID TODAY

More Than 1,000 Towns Interested in Production of Merchant Fleet

WORK FOR 45,000

That Number of Employees Required in East Alone by Ship Construction—Some Data.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The keel for the first fabricated steel ship in the Submarine Boat corporation's yards at Newark Bay, N. J., was laid today by Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board. The driving of the first rivet in the keel for the 5,000 ton vessel marked the beginning of the big drive by the government for the increased production in Atlantic coast yards. The program now calls for the completion of 150 fabricated steel ships in the Newark yard in the shortest possible time. The Newark Bay plant is one of the largest in the world and was over 90 per cent completed in 67 days. It will be possible, officials stated, to have 28 ships under construction at one time in the new yard.

The shipping board announced today that with the completion of the enormous building facilities at the Newark yard finished ships will be turned out from that plant with clock like precision. Officials stated that never before has the building of the ships by one plant been attempted on such a vast scale, as the program for the Newark Bay yard calls for. The experience which the company has gained in the past in reproducing submarines and submarine chasers in large quantities will count heavily in the speed of production and rapid completion of ships now under way.

1,000 Communities Concerned. More than 1,000 cities and towns are directly or indirectly interested in supplying material, labor and equipment for the vessels being laid at Newark Bay yard. This ship yard is an assembly point which will be fed 46 fabricating shops accustomed to manufacturing steel material for skyscrapers, bridges and gas plants.

With the plant going at full speed 15,000 workmen will be required upon hull construction alone. Officials estimate that fully 30,000 more workmen will be engaged at eastern industrial centers in the big task of fabricating the materials for the new vessels.

SOUTH METHODIST S. S. TO HAVE GIVING XMAS

To Raise \$100 to Pay Native Preacher in Farr Of India.

The South Methodist Sunday School will have a "Giving Christmas" again this year. Instead of having the traditional exchange of gifts between teachers and their classes there will be a gift sent to India to carry on Christmas work there. In a caste that numbers 50,000,000 people there is going on now a "Mass movement." Whole communities are coming en masse and asking to be received into the Christian church. Missionaries are utterly unable to take care of the crowds. It is perhaps the greatest revival the world ever saw. A million people might have been received into the Christian church last year, but the church could not provide them with an adequate number of missionaries, pastors, schools and houses of worship. 193,000 actually came and begged to be accepted into the Methodist Episcopal Church and had to be denied admission. But the Methodist Episcopal Church has raised a commission to secure at once \$1,000,000 for this work. \$100 will send a native preacher to some village for a year, providing that community with religious instruction and pastoral care.

The South Sunday School is hoping to collect that amount of money for its Christmas Gift to India. It will be remembered that this Sunday School two years ago by a similar gift helped establish a frontier church in the State of Washington. The church is known as the Sherman E. Ellis Memorial, in memory of the late pastor of this church. The contributions of the various classes for the gift to India will be received at the Christmas Tree exercises next Monday evening when a delightful entertainment will be held by the Sunday School.

U. S. TRADE COMMISSION PROBES FOOD PACKING

F. J. Heney of Frisco, Who Cleaned Up City, in Charge of Meat Price Inquiry.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Sensational revelations regarding profiteering by food dealers were promised by the federal trade commission today when that body commenced its hearings in the President's food price investigation. Francis J. Heney of California was in charge and called witnesses to tell of the methods alleged to have been employed by the big Chicago meat packers in turning the war to their advantage, in bidding up prices of meats and packing house products.

At the opening it became apparent that the commission does not intend to put any of the packers on the stand themselves. To place on the stand meat packers against whom the commission has damaging evidence, would give them immunity. The adoption of this course by the commission was interpreted to mean that the government intends to prosecute any food dealers guilty of exacting extortionate prices for food under the cloak of war conditions.

Long After Evidence. Ever since President Wilson wrote a letter to the trade commission last summer, stating that an inquiry into the rising cost of food products appeared desirable agents of the commission have been quietly conducting a searching investigation of the big Chicago dealers. Under direction of Mr. Heney this evidence has been correlated and today was in shape to confront representatives of the packers.

TRADE SCHOOL EXHIBIT PLEASES THE PARENTS

Many people visited the Barnard and Franklin schools last night. The work of the students in both schools was on exhibition. In the Barnard school the work of the grade children was shown. Much interest centered upon the work done in the kindergarten. Teachers were in charge of the rooms. Many parents took this chance to see the work done in the grades.

The most interesting exhibit was that in the Franklin or Trade School. Here the pupils were busy at their work. All who saw this exhibit took pride in the fact that Manchester was fortunate to have such a school.

Young men were busy in the machine shop displaying their skill. All the machines were busy and the visitors were given every chance to see what the Trade school boys are doing. The carpentry shop held the interest of a number of the visitors. Some of the work done by the students was on exhibition.

In the textile department almost every step in the silk manufacture was shown in a small way. All the machinery was running and the students of the textile course were busy doing different things in the process of silk making.

The electrical department, though only started, has drawn a number of young men into the Trade school. The work in this course was displayed through the exhibition of a lighting plant.

The exhibition was considered a success for it brought out a number of parents and showed them their children's time was not wasted.

Trade Shop Notes. Mr. Tucker received a letter today from John Sanderson, who has enlisted for service in the American Ordnance Base, France. Sanderson is a graduate from the carpentry department of the State Trade school and will serve at his trade in the Ordnance department.

The Trade school basketball team will play a return game with the Connecticut Business college team at the Northeast gymnasium, Hartford.

The school will close Saturday noon, December 22, until Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, for both day and evening classes.

YALE CLUB SQUASH TENNIS TOURNAMENT CLOSING.

New York, Dec. 20.—Players in the national handicap squash tennis tourney, being held here at the Yale club, reached the semi-final round today. The matches scheduled in the semi-finals brought together F. Van S. Hyde and R. L. Streibigh, and J. V. Onativia, Jr., and J. W. Appel, Jr. Appel won the national title last year.

"STRANGLER" LEWIS GETS ANOTHER VICTIM.

New York, Dec. 20.—"Strangler" Lewis is defeating opponent after opponent with his punishing head hold. Tommy Draak of Holland is added to the list of victims today and in tonight's bout Lewis hopes to dispose of George Manich, the Servian entry.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK.

CARRY SMALL PARCELS—AVOID C. O. D.'S

SAGE-ALLEN & CO. INC.

Join The Red Cross Today and Help Along A Grand Work.

Be Sure The Children Have A Happy Christmas

Have plenty of Toys to fill the Stockings. Load the Christmas Tree with things the Children Like ALL TOYS REDUCED FORTY PER CENT FRIDAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT CUT IN PRICE.

Still a Big Assortment But It Is Advisable To Buy Without Further Delay, as What You Want May Be Gone If You Don't Come in Friday.

ONLY THREE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE XMAS

HERE'S A GOOD ONE. AMERICAN FLYER MECHANICAL OUTFIT, \$1.24 AND UP. SANTA CLAUS HOLDS DAILY RECEPTIONS IN THE TOY SHOP.

WHAT THE SOLDIER WANTS AND NEEDS. ASSEMBLED AT THE SPECIAL SOLDIERS' BOOTH. (Main Floor)

New supply of the fountain pens that are used with ink in tablet form.

Fleece lined moccasins.
Smoker's requisites.
Keen Kutter army knives, special, \$1.50.
Gillette, Keen Kutter and Ever Ready Safety Razors.
Collapsible shaving brushes.
Condensed coffee.
Horlick's malted milk tablets with chocolate flavor.
Bouillon cubes, 24-hour ration.
Sleeping Boots.
Knitted helmets.
Gunning mittens.
Red Cross towels and wash cloths.
Military stationery.
First aid kits, \$1.25 and up.

PRACTICAL GIFTS AT THE NOTIONS AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY SECTION.

Shinola outfits are very convenient. Suitable for gifts, 50 cents.

Sewing Baskets, \$1.79 to \$7.50. Some fitted, others not fitted. All handsomely lined.
Hairpin cabinets, 25 cents.
Needle cases, 29 cents to \$3.50.
Child's sewing boxes, 25 cents.
Jap Sewing baskets, 79 cents for set of two.
Holly boxes for Xmas gifts, 4 cents and higher.
Arm bands, 25 cents to 75 cents.
Fancy hose supporters, 50 cents.
Spool holders, 25 cents.
Eiderdown bed socks, all sizes, 30 cents.
Scissor sets in leather cases, an unusually nice set at \$1.50 to \$4.50.

POSSIBLY THESE ARE ON YOUR LIST.

TOILET ARTICLES IN IVORY—Such beauty and refinement. Powder boxes, hair receivers, cream jars, brushes, files, button hooks, shoe horns, and all the rest. Lowest prices. SELECT NOW.

PERFUMES—All the leading makers represented. Foreign and domestic. Hudnut's, Colgate's, Miro-Dena, Coty, Houbigant, D'Orsay, etc. All the favorite odors at lowest prices. Special Christmas packages.

EXTRA SPECIALS—GLOVES—REDUCED. Regular \$2.15 washable cape gloves, made with contrasting embroidery; one clasp; in pearl white, sand and canary color. Reduced for Friday to \$1.89 per pair.

New shipment of the famous Reynier kid gloves from France. The finest French kid glove made. See them before buying other makes.

Glove certificates cost nothing extra and are very convenient.

KNITTING BAGS, the latest, in cretonne, linen and silk. Big new assortment at lowest prices.

LEATHER GOODS—Splendid assortment of leather and velvet bags, leather purses, dressing cases, manicure sets, cigar cases, bill folds, wallets, etc., at lowest prices.

STATIONERY. The best of the writing papers, cards, fountain pens, etc. Emerson records, 25 cents.

REMEMBER, THE STORE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

You will find the first hour in the morning a good time to do shopping.

Make sure of prompt delivery by carrying your parcels.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

PERFUMES
THERMOS BOTTLES
GILLETTE RAZOR LATEST STYLE (ARMY AND NAVY) IN A BEAUTIFUL CASE INCLUDING TRENCH MIRROR
GIRLS' BOOKS
THE RED CROSS GIRLS MOTOR MAID SERIES
RUTH FIELDING SERIES CORNER HOUSE GIRL SERIES
BOYS' BOOKS
THE BIG WAR SERIES TWO AMERICAN BOYS SERIES
BOY SCOUTS OUR YOUNG AEROPLANE SCOUTS
APOLLO CHOCOLATES
MAKE YOUR SELECTION EARLY OF THESE DISTINCTIVE CHOCOLATES PACKED IN ATTRACTIVE BOXES

MAGNELL DRUG CO.

THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGGISTS

TYPEWRITERS
All makes overhauled or repaired
RIBBONS
And Supplies for all Machines.
D. W. CAMP
P. O. Box 508. Phone, Valley 244
HARTFORD

AUSTRALIA BALLOTS
ON CONSCIENCE
Melbourne, Dec. 20.—Ballots determine whether conscription be put in effect in Australia today.

HEAVY TRUCKING
Long Distance Hauls a Specialty
5 Auto Trucks and Full Equipment of Competent Men
G. E. WILLIS
164 East Center Street. Phone 533
No Christmas-at-home for the boys in the trenches. Get into the Manchester Red Cross drive and help.

13 SOLDIERS HURT IN R. R. COLLISION.
Baltimore, Dec. 20.—Thirteen soldiers were injured early today in a collision between two Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis electric cars about 10 miles from Baltimore. J. F. Donahue of Northampton, Mass., suffered a lacerated cheek.

Furs for Christmas

What better for Christmas gift to wife, sister or daughter than a nice fur set, neckpiece or muff. We offer exceptional values in our furs.

Fur Sets in Coney, China Fox, Natural Fox, Muskrat, Skunk and Opossum, new style neck piece—barrel muff **\$15 TO \$59**

LADIES' NECKWEAR.

FUR SCARFS AT **\$10 TO \$29**

MUFFS AT **\$3.98 TO \$25**

Large assortment of the latest novelties in Ladies' Neckwear at 25c to \$1

UMBRELLAS

Ladies' Umbrellas a large assortment at \$1.00 to \$5.00
Gentlemen's Umbrellas \$1.00 to \$5.00
Children's Umbrellas 75c to \$1.00

Elman's

Your country needs you in the Red Cross. Join the Manchester chapter today.

Buy Your Xmas Gifts FOR MEN and BOYS' AT THE POPULAR MEN'S GIFT SHOP

We specialize in Men's and Boys' furnishings and shoes. Our assortments are large enough to give you a wide variety to select from.

GIVE SHIRTS

No man owns too many shirts, they make a practical gift and also a sensible gift. We are showing an extra large assortment of patterns priced from \$1.00 to \$3.50. You'll find just what you want in our shirt stock.

NECKWEAR

Is also a popular gift and when you buy your Christmas neckwear you of course want the best value obtainable for your money. To appreciate the completeness of our assortment is to see it, 50c to \$1.50.

Make our store your headquarters for all your gifts for Men and Boys.

GLENNEY & HULTMAN

Your country needs you in the Red Cross. Join the Manchester chapter today.

O'Leary's Gift Chocolates

We placed our orders for our Christmas candies before the sugar shortage and are fortunate in being able to offer a complete assortment of high grade chocolates in fancy containers, from the best makers.

BELL'S FORKDIPT CHOCOLATES.
You'll go far to find better candies than these. 1 lb., 2 lb., 3 lb., and 5 lb. packages.

LOWNEY'S CHOCOLATES.
In half-pounds, Pound and upward.

FARMHOUSE CHOCOLATES.
These popular chocolates in all sized Holiday packages.

SCHRAFFT'S CHOCOLATES.
In full assortment, one and two pound boxes. Boxed Chocolates packed for shipment by mail without extra charge.

Manchester must have 6,000 new Red Cross members. Enroll today and back up those who serve.

ABOUT TOWN

TONIGHT IN MANCHESTER.
Single Tax Club, Tinker hall.
South Manchester Camp, M. W. O. A., Foresters hall.
Scandia Lodge, Order of Vasa, Tinker hall.
Manchester Tent, Maccabees, Brown's hall.
Park Theater, gold distribution.
Circle Theater, "Alladin and His Wonderful Lamp."

Lighting Up Time.
Auto lamps should be lighted at 4.52 p. m.
The sun rose at 7.15 a. m.
The sun sets at 4.22 p. m.

Dr. J. L. Renehan of Main street spent the day at his former home in Naugatuck.

Clarence Linde, who is a student at Tufts college, is home for a few days.

Oliver Brusie, who is stationed at Fort Slocum, is home on a few days' furlough.

A pool table has been installed in the Recreation building for the use of the girl members.

Rev. Dr. Hesselgrave has been confined to the house this week with an attack of grip.

The South Manchester Free Library will be closed for repairs on December 24 and 25.

A farewell reception is to be tendered to Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Calderwood at the North Congregational church next Thursday evening.

The Manchester Single Tax Club will hold its monthly meeting this evening in its headquarters in the Tinker block.

The Junior chorus of the Swedish Lutheran church will meet at the new church at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for rehearsal.

A Red Cross booth will be opened in the Talcottville post office Friday afternoon and will remain there all day Saturday. It will be in charge of Talcottville young ladies.

The men's classes of the Swedish Gymnasium club will practice in the Recreation building gymnasium tomorrow evening, from nine to ten o'clock.

John Jensen, of this town, has been appointed manager of the Hartford branch of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit company. He takes the place of Manager C. M. Shute who goes to Springfield.

The Philathea class will hold its annual Christmas party in the South Methodist church tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock. Each member is requested to come and bring a ten cent present.

MRS. THOMAS BENNISON.
Mrs. Thomas Bennison of Elm Terrace died early this morning from a complication of troubles. She had been ailing for some time and had been confined to her bed for the past eleven weeks. Mrs. Bennison was born in Manchester and spent her whole life in this town. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Miss Eleanor Bennison; also her mother, Mrs. Ellen Dwyer and two sisters, Miss Ellen Dwyer and Mrs. Patrick Chune, all of this town. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it probably will be held Saturday morning.

\$200 FOR RED CROSS.
As a result of the entertainment and dance given by the Daughters of Britain Circle in Cheney hall a week ago last night, the American and British Red Cross societies each will receive \$100. The society held a meeting yesterday afternoon to hear final reports on the entertainment and found that \$200 had been cleared with all expenses paid. The entertainment was given for the benefit of the American and British Red Cross societies and each will receive a check for \$100 from the treasurer of the Daughters of Britain Circle, the money to go toward the Christmas drive for Red Cross funds.

WINS MORE PRIZES.
Father McCann Adds Seven Ribbons to His Large Collection.

Rev. C. T. McCann's Rhode Island Reds won seven more prizes at the Springfield Poultry Exhibition yesterday. There were three thousand birds exhibited and nearly 200 prize Rhode Island Reds. The prizes won by Father McCann were: third cock; second hen; sixth cockerel; third, fourth and fifth, pullet and third for pen. These ribbons were added to over 200 prizes Father McCann has already won in poultry shows.

At the same exhibition Edward Zimmerman won a first and second prize with his birds in the Black Minorca class.

Getting Ahead of Santa Claus

There is still a chance to get a better choice of Xmas goods and better attention from salespeople—if you will shop once, and in the early morning hours. Assortments at this store are still excellent—and prices are extraordinarily low. If you have been in doubt as to whether your "Xmas Money" would buy all the presents you'd like to make, just bring your list in here—and we'll see to it that it means it at the ends.

Only Three Days Left!

Store Open 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Practical Garment Gifts

COTTON SHIRT WAISTS .99c, \$1.25, \$1.98 and \$2.98
In sizes 36 to 52, many of them in handsome Christmas boxes.

SILK WAISTS \$3.98 to \$8.98
A beautiful line—in plain colors and novelties—Crepede-chine and Georgette Crepe.

NOVELTY WOOL SWEATERS \$4.98 to \$12.98
The price of these same sweaters for next year will be ABOUT 50 PER CENT. higher.

HEAVY SHAKER KNIT SWEATERS .. \$7.98 to \$9.98
For real serviceable presents, these sweaters are ideal.

SILK AND FIBRE SWEATERS \$5.98 to \$18.00
For the young miss who appreciates something stylish.

BATH ROBES \$3.98 to \$7.98
A splendid variety of Beacon robes in very choice patterns.

FLANNELLETTE KIMONAS 75c to \$3.49
Long and short in soft tones of grey, lavender, etc.

WOOL CARDIGAN JACKETS \$1.25 to \$1.98
For the elderly woman who appreciates something warm.

HAND CROCHETED SNUGLLERS \$1.49
Light and dark colors.

LONG NOVELTY KIMONAS \$2.98 to \$12.98
Finest silk materials in dainty colors.

SILK PETTICOATS \$2.49 to \$5.98
Each in Christmas box.

Practical Gifts for Baby

INFANTS' BOOTEES 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and 90c
White, pink and blue combinations.

CROCHETED SACQUES 50c, 90c up to \$1.50
Nearly all are hand made.

CASHMERE SACQUES 90c, \$1.49, up to \$2.49
Wool has nearly doubled in price. We offer these at the same prices as last year.

KNITTED SWEATERS 50c, 90c up to \$3.98
A wonderful assortment for children up to 4 years old.

CARRIAGE ROBES (Silk covered) \$2.98
Pink and blue with hand Japanese embroidery.

BATH ROBES \$1.25, \$2.49 up to \$2.98
Made of heavy bath robe flannel or dainty silk Japanese embroidered.

WHITE DRESSES (Sizes 2 to 6) \$1.25 up
All Christmas boxes if you wish.

Keep The Children Happy

Our basement is a regular joyland for the little ones. Read this partial list.

- Pianos 35c to \$4.98.
- Doll beds with mattresses 50c to \$4.98.
- Kitchen Cabinets 99c to \$1.98.
- Doll dishes 25c to 50c.
- Roller Chimes 50c to 99c.
- Scoters 99c to \$1.98.
- Carpenter work benches \$7.98 to \$11.98.
- Dolls 50c to \$4.98.
- Sand Cranes 99c.
- Pile Drivers 99c.
- Busy Handy trip hammers 50c.
- Cyclone pumps 99c.
- Dumping Sandy 50c.
- Christmas stockings 25c to \$2.
- Tinker Toys 50c!
- Bowling pins 25c to 99c.
- Wagon blocks 25c to 99c.
- Blackboards 99c to \$1.49.
- Friction toys 50c to \$1.98.
- Erectors (the child mind builder) 50c to \$10.00.
- Erector electrical sets \$5.00.
- Erector telegraphing sets \$5.00.
- Brick toy sets \$1.50 to \$5.00.
- Kiddie cars 99c to \$1.98.
- Go-carts 99c to \$1.49.
- Doll carriages \$3.49 to \$15.98.
- Sleds \$1.25 to \$2.98.
- Novelty carts 99c to \$1.69.
- Bibles 99c to \$2.98.
- Small children's books 5c to 99c.
- Girls' books 25c to \$1.50.
- Boys' books 25c to 69c.
- Boys' educational games 5c to 99c.
- Girls' educational games 25c to 99c.
- Sewing sets 25c to 99c.
- Blocks 25c to \$1.50.
- Large assortment of unbreakable children's furniture sets (3 piece ivory sets) \$12.50, consisting of table and two chairs, prettily decorated to match the nursery.

Xmas Postal Cards

Nearly 3-4 Sold Already
7 for 5 cents

- 5 piece sets (oblong table) \$10.98, mission finish.
 - 5 piece sets (round table) \$11.50, mission finish.
 - Tables 50c to 99c, either oblong or round, varnished.
 - White tables \$1.25 to \$2.98.
 - White chairs and rockers 99c each.
 - Shoo-flys \$1.98 to \$6.98.
 - Rocking horses \$6.98 to \$12.98.
- WHITE FINISH DOLL FURNITURE.**
- Cradles 29c to 59c.
 - Beds 29c to \$1.49.
 - Gribs 99c to \$1.69.
 - Chairs 29c to 50c.
 - Tables 29c.
 - Costumers 99c to \$3.49.
 - Swings 59c.
 - Bureaus 50c to \$3.49.
- Practical Gifts for Home**
- Bed spreads, \$1.49 to \$5.98
 - Each one in Xmas box if you wish.
 - Embroidered pillow cases, \$1.25 pair.
 - Size 46x36.
 - Embroidery cases, 99c pair.
 - One pair in a box.
 - Hemstitched Pillow cases, 75c pair.
 - Linen Huck Towels, \$1.00 to \$2.98 pair.
 - Linen Guest Towels, \$1.50 pair.
 - Colored hand embroidery.
 - Linen Guest Towels, 39c, 75c ea.
 - Percale Dress Patterns, \$1.50 each.
 - Best Percals 6 yards in box.
 - Turkish Towel Bath Set, \$1.98
 - Set consists of 1 rug, 2 towels, 1 wash cloth.
 - Colors, white with either pink, blue or gold.
 - Novelty Crib Quilts, \$1.39 and \$2.49
- For the Soldier Boys**
- Money Belts, 50c to \$1.98
 - Tobacco Pouches, 35c
 - Sewing Kits, 25c
 - Trench Mirrors, 25c to 99c
 - Combination Kits, 50c

The J.W. Hale Company

SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.

AT LAST IT'S ARRIVED!

Local Boys Are About to Take Up Knitting.

And now the boys are at it! It is an actual fact! A number of the high school boys have formed a knitting club! Whether this will be a source of pleasure to soldiers remains to be seen.

Miss Elizabeth Craig of the high school faculty has succeeded in enthralling the young men with the knitting spirit. The thing which has tended to lure the boys to this dangerous sport is the fact that high school girls are to be the instructors. It is expected that girls and boys in the school will be busy on their way to and from classes now.

Those boys who are late for classes may now have the excuse that they dropped a stitch and had to stop and pick it up.

MANCHESTER GUESTS FINED IN ROCKVILLE

Not All Is Joy for Those Who Seek Pleasure in the Loom City.

(Tuesday's Rockville Leader.)
A Manchester couple, who came to Rockville to put through a wood deal, according to their own story, visited some local booze emporiums and found themselves in trouble. Myron A. Evans was charged with intoxication, and Mrs. Mabel Pierce was charged with intoxication and breach of the peace. Officer S. J. Tobin made the arrests last night about 10.30 o'clock. The couple claimed they stopped at the American House Restaurant to have something to eat and later they visited a Village street saloon keeper by the name of Griswold, a Manchester resident. It is said that the woman had a couple of highballs in a side room. Afterwards, the couple left the saloon. The woman claimed she had paid for a room at the American House, but S. J. Connors, the proprietor, denied this. She created a disturbance and her arrest followed. Mrs. Pierce was fined \$10, with costs of \$8.08, and Evans was fined \$7, with costs of \$9.08. Both paid.

Baldwin's Eating Places

When you are in Hartford doing your Christmas shopping, you will find it restful and refreshing to drop into Baldwin's Eating Places, 26 Asylum street and 631 Main street, for a lunch or dinner, or even "just a bite." The best of foods, excellently prepared, are served at reasonable prices.

Lewis A. Hines, Ref.
HOUSE & HALE BLOCK
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

Eger's Men's Dept. Is Ready for Xmas

Just as our Ladies' Department is stocked full of bargains, as our other advertisement in this issue proclaims, so also is our Men's Department as a glance at this partial list will prove.

- MEN'S TIES, over ONE THOUSAND to choose from 50c to \$1.00
- SILK MUFFLERS, the best on the market . 50c to \$3.50
- CHENEY SILK TUBULAR TIES, Firsts worth 65 cents, in Xmas boxes at 59c
- SILK SOCKS, Swell goods for this price 35c to 50c
- DRESS SHIRTS \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.50, \$2.00
- SILK SHIRTS \$5.00
- MEN'S BATHROBES, big assortment . . . \$4.50 to \$6.50
- SUITS AND OVERCOATS AND HATS AND EVERYTHING FOR THE BOY OR YOUNG MAN CAN BE FOUND IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

F. Eger & Co.

30 YEARS A SALVATIONIST.
Sergeant Major Thomas Hopper, one of the oldest members of the local corps of the Salvation Army, will have charge of the Friday night holiness meeting this week. He will be assisted by Deputy Band Master David Addy. The sergeant is celebrating his thirtieth year as a soldier in the corps and all his friends are invited to join in the service tomorrow night.

LETTER FROM FORT SLOCUM.
A letter has been received from Albert Todd who has recently enlisted. Todd is stationed at Fort Slocum and says that the fort is a terribly cold place. While looking around the fort Todd met Albert Dwyer who was sent to the fort from Plattburgh. Todd has just received his uniform and he had to stand in line four hours in order to get it. After being inoculated, Todd writes that he could not lift his arm.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner Talcott of Talcottville have issued invitations for the marriage of their sister Miss Ruth Morgan Talcott to Mr. Charles Orson Britton of Hartford. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride in Talcottville Tuesday evening, January 8 at half past six.