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## ROUMANIAN RED CROSS HEAD BRINGS TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA

Hardly a Whole Pane of Glass Left in Moscow, Says C. T. Williams, a Foreign Secretary of American Society—Internal Affairs Chaotic—Comes from Ambassador Francis

At Atlantic Port, Dec. 26.—Carrying important dispatches from American Ambassador Francis in Russia to the State department, C. T. Williams, secretary of the American Red Cross in Roumania, arrived at this port today on a liner from Archangel, en route to Washington. Mrs. Butler Wright, wife of the counselor of the American Embassy at Petrograd, arrived on the same liner.

The dispatches brought by Williams carry a detailed account of the true situation in Russia and are of the utmost importance. They give, it is believed, an accurate account of the strength of the Bolsheviks and also an idea of just how much help may be expected from Russia in the world war.

Recent advices from Petrograd were to the effect that the leaders of the Bolsheviks were bitter because of the alleged activities of Ambassador Francis against their cause. The documents brought by Williams, it is believed, tell just what Francis has done.

An idea of the importance of the news Williams started for Roumania in July. Twenty days were consumed in making the trip, and the train was frequently attacked by armed bands representing various factions. Williams stated that Russia's internal affairs were a state of chaos and that conditions have steadily grown worse since.

Former Premier Kerensky, Williams said, has not been heard from since the report was circulated several weeks ago that he was leading an army against Petrograd. Regarding the alleged escape of ex-Czar Nicholas, Williams believed the report unfounded, as the former ruler is being guarded with the utmost care.

At Moscow, Williams said they found armed bands of marauders roaming the streets. Hardly a pane of glass remains unbroken in the entire city. The once magnificent hotel Metropole was wantonly riddled with bullets, but no one was in the hotel at the time.

### ONLY 4 PASSENGERS OF R. R. WRECK IN HOSPITAL.

Danbury, Dec. 26.—Only four of the passengers injured when the passenger train from Litchfield to this city left the rails, one coach overturning in the Shepaug road near Roxbury yesterday, remained in the hospital today. They are Margaret Palmeter of Washington, Conn., who has a broken collar and collar bone; Miss Elizabeth Preston of Roxbury, who has injuries to her spine; Miss Minnie Anderson of Roxbury, who sustained scalp wounds, and Jacob Pruitt of Bridgewater, who has a dislocated shoulder and scalp wounds.

All are resting comfortably and will recover. Three patients were discharged today. The investigation of the wreck indicated that a broken axle was the cause.

### PRESIDENT TO TAKE OVER RAILROADS ON DEC. 31.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The President is said here on good authority to take over the operation of the railroads on Dec. 31. Mr. Williams will make known his intentions in connection with representatives of the four Brotherhoods and the railroad presidents later in the week. The President will determine compensation to the roads and wages of the employees.

## BOSTON "HELLO" GIRLS THREATEN TO STRIKE

Operators, 3,500 Strong, Vote Today on Question—U. S. Conciliator There WOULD STOP BUSINESS

Arbitrator Says Hub Would be Completely Paralyzed—Girls Want Dollar a Week More.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Boston faces a telephone tie-up as the result of the proposed strike of 3,500 operators, according to labor leaders today. The girls began voting at 10.32 a. m., and judging from the opinions of the leaders the voting will be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike to enforce their demands for higher wages.

The ballot used by the girls read as follows: "Do you favor a strike to enforce the wage schedule as proposed by the telephone operators' union?" "Yes" calls for \$16.00, proposed by the union. "No" calls for \$15, proposed by the company.

Anticipating a vote in favor of a strike David W. Benjamin of Washington, United States commissioner of conciliation of the Department of Labor, arrived in Boston today from Pittsburgh. He told a reporter he was on his way to prevent the girls from going out on strike.

## FIVE MONTHS SUPPLY OF FLOUR ON HAND

Enough with Wheat to Cover That Period, Regardless of Foreign Buying, Says Hoover.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The nation now has a full five months' supply of flour and wheat, despite the unrestrained foreign buying, which has helped to drain the market, Food Administrator Hoover announced today. Hoover declared that if for any reason the marketing of wheat from the farms should cease entirely the country should sustain five months on the stocks already accumulated as reserves.

Thorough surveys have just been completed by the grain corporation created by the President, and these reports show that stocks now in hand are much larger than even the wheat handlers believed.

The grain corporation reports to Administrator Hoover that flour exports to the nation's allies have increased fifty per cent over last year.

## GOVERNMENT WANTS BRICK-LAYERS AT ONCE

Washington, Dec. 26.—Brick-layers among the men selected in the first draft, but not yet called into military service, are to be called to the colors at once to build the great aerodromes that will house America's air fleets in France.

Provost Marshal General Crowder sent today telegraphic instructions to all governors, quoting an appeal from General Pershing for 1,000 brick-layers immediately. Local boards are instructed carefully to examine all questionnaires and to single out brick-layers from among the men chosen in the first draft for immediate service.

Brick-layers who waive exemption under the second draft are to be sent with the others to Kelly Field at San Antonio, Texas, for instruction. As soon as a sufficient force has been raised these workmen will be transported to France.

## COAL SHORTAGE TOTALS FIFTY MILLION TONS GARFIELD TELLS SENATE

Bituminous Most Serious Lack—Anthracite Used Instead of It

CONSUMER FIRST, FUEL HEAD SAYS

"Production Rather Than Prices" Aimed at by U. S. Coal Administration.

Washington, Dec. 26.—America faces a coal shortage of fifty million tons today because of the war. This was the answer of Dr. Harry A. Garfield, Fuel Administrator, today to the inquiry of the Senate sub-committee investigating the coal shortage. Coal operators have made high profits, Dr. Garfield admitted, but he declared it was impossible to check high prices without, at the same time, checking production. "Production, rather than prices," Dr. Garfield declared is his policy. He testified that he had granted increases to operators on the theory that higher prices are necessary to maintain production.

The greatest shortage is in bituminous coal, the witness said, but added that anthracite coal has been substituted for bituminous and thus there has been created an anthracite shortage.

"In this severe weather I have considered the domestic consumer even before the government," Dr. Garfield said. "With a discontented people we would be greatly hampered, and I have attempted to keep American homes warm. I can't guarantee that the coal shortage will not be suffering, however. I believe the production situation is well in hand and labor is patriotic, but transportation difficulties are great."

## U. S. TROOPS PURSUING MURDEROUS MEXICANS

Three Mexican-Americans Killed and Store Looted at Candelaria, Texas.

Valentine, Texas, Dec. 26.—Detachments of American troops today are pursuing Mexican bandits who cut the throat of Michael Welch, driver of a mail stage, hanged him and shot and killed two Mexican-American passengers aboard the stage at Candelaria. Reports that the troops had overtaken the bandits and that fighting ensued were brought here by men who brought the body of Welch to this city.

The troops took up the trail of the bandits within thirty minutes after Welch had been killed. It was believed that the soldiers would easily overtake the bandits, who were burdened with loot taken from the L. C. Britte store at Candelaria.

No definite word of the result of the pursuing expedition, however, has been received.

## PRESIDENT ISSUES HOOVER SUGAR STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The President yesterday broke all precedents and gave out through the Committee on Public Information the statement which Food Administrator Hoover wished to make in rebuttal of the Red Committee's allegations regarding the sugar shortage. The statement says no stores are withheld in America and the shortage is due to the demands of our allies. A shortage next year is threatened.

## 4,776,000 ENGLISH WOMEN DO MEN'S WORK

London, Dec. 26.—Since the beginning of the war, 1,421,000 English women have taken up men's work, increasing the number of employed women to 4,776,000, the Labor Gazette stated today. About 875,000 of them are working in munition factories.

## Red Cross Members 10,282

HAS MANCHESTER WON RED CROSS PRIZE?

Local Workers Expectantly Awaiting Awarding of \$500 Trophy

MEMBERSHIP OF 10,282

Has Manchester won Campaign Brilliant Success—That Glorious Finish—Got Day-Old Babe and Men of Ninety-five.

"Well, have we won that \$500-a-month prize?"

That is the question which is sure to be asked when two or more workers in the Red Cross campaign meet on the local streets and in public places. The state officials of the Red Cross are now busily engaged in going over the returns from the 268 towns, and at this writing it is not possible to give a full report of the result of the state-wide contest in the Christmas membership campaign.

Manchester, in common with other large centers of population, is deeply interested in the campaign.

How Manchester's achievements in the Christmas membership campaign is regarded at the state headquarters of the Red Cross is evident by the following telegram which reached Manchester early Christmas day:

American Red Cross Headquarters Bridgeport, Conn. December 25, 11 a. m. Edward J. Holl Campaign Manager Red Cross, Manchester, Conn.

I extend hearty congratulations to you and your workers for your splendid part in putting Connecticut "over the top." We have one-third of a million members and believe Connecticut only Atlantic Division state to reach its quota Christmas eve. Please accept my best wishes for a joyous Red Cross Christmas.

WALTER B. LASHER, Manger Connecticut Campaign American Red Cross.

Holl Extends Thanks. Campaign Manager Edward J. Holl issued the following appreciative letter of thanks this forenoon:

Manchester Chapter, American Red Cross. December 26, 1917.

In behalf of the executive committee of the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign which has been so successfully brought to an end, I wish to extend to the chairmen of the various committees, the team captains, and the host of efficient workers and friends who helped us achieve such wonderful results, our hearty congratulations and thanks. Assurance of our deep appreciation is extended to the press for its generous and very valuable cooperation. With the compliments of the season, EDWARD J. HOLL, Campaign Manager.

10,282 at Close. When the final count was made at the executive committee headquarters, Monday evening, the sheets showed 10,282 members. There are many inquiries as to the showing made by other communities, with special reference to Naugatuck, but there was no information available during the evening.

The closing scenes of the campaign at headquarters were characterized by enthusiasm and activity. Each fresh arrival from the canvassing field was greeted with exclamations of welcome and approval.

Shiny Prizes Coming. One point has already been decided, and that is that the state headquarters.

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## ITALIANS AND FOES BOTH GAIN: ARMISTICE "A SCRAP OF PAPER"

GERMANY DEFIES IT; MOVES TROOPS

Massing Forces on Roumanian Front—Ensign Krylenko, Bolshevik Commander-in-Chief, Says Teuton Army Formation on East Front Also Has Been Changed

Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—Russia's civil war has extended to the interior of Siberia and reports of hard fighting in that district were received here today.

(The former czar and his family are at present confined in a monastery at Tobolsk, Siberia, but whether hostilities between the Bolshevik and anti-Bolshevik forces are in progress in that vicinity was not stated.)

The Cossacks have suffered a slight reverse near Bielgorod, in Ukraine, sailors from the Black Sea fleet having reinforced the Bolshevik troops.

Germany has begun to mass troops in the east, despite the armistice.

A dispatch from Petrograd today said that Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, has issued an official statement saying that Germany is re-arranging her troop formations on the eastern front, is transporting men to the western fronts and to Roumania.

Roumania adjoins that part of Russia known as Ukraine which recently declared war against the Bolshevik government at Petrograd.)

Bulgaria Rejects Terms. Geneva, Dec. 26.—Bulgaria has balked at the peace terms of the Russian Bolsheviks, protesting especially against the clause calling for no annexation of occupied territory, said a telegram from the German frontier today.

(A cablegram yesterday reported that the Central Powers were replying to the Russian peace terms, asking for a "modification" of them.)

## Japan Tried To Unload A Million Tons Of Old Shipping Upon America

Washington, Dec. 26.—The story of how certain Japanese commercial interests were foiled in a clever attempt to unload on the United States government one million tons of old merchant shipping, at a fancy figure, will provide a sensational chapter in the Senate Committee's Shipping Board probe. The public may never get the complete history of the deal, for the State department has clamped down the lid on certain portions which have a diplomatic connection. Members of the Senate investigating committee are being importuned by department officials to place a veil over the facts.

Officials today admitted that had the Japanese ship deal gone through, along lines planned by the Japanese promoters, it would have developed a scandal of serious proportions. Naval experts, who were called to the aid of the shipping board, and made a survey of the tonnage which was proposed to sell this country, reported that the ships in question were nothing less than a lot of old "tubs of obsolete type" which Japan had practically discarded in her race to maintain supremacy of the Pacific.

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## MANNHEIM FACTORIES BOMBED BY AVIATORS

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—Heavy damage was done to factories manufacturing war materials when British airmen, bombed Mannheim, Germany, on Monday, it was learned today from a German source.

One bomb narrowly missed the statue of Bismark, the Iron Chancellor, in the public square. (Mannheim lies in the grand duchy of Baden and contains many manufactures of chemicals and iron and steel plants. It is 325 miles from the British aerial base at Dunkirk, although the flight may have been made from some other starting point.)

## WILLIAMS TO BE R. R. DICTATOR

Washington, Dec. 26.—John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, will be designated railroad dictator by President Wilson tonight, it was officially stated this afternoon. It was said also that the President will take this step without consulting Congress.

It is expected that the railroads will oppose the President's action. The railroad heads say that Williams is a financial expert, knows nothing about railroads and that a practical railroad man is needed for the position.

## Japan Tried To Unload A Million Tons Of Old Shipping Upon America

Vice Chairman Stevens Summoned. The Japanese deal may be explained during the testimony of Raymond B. Stevens, vice chairman of the Shipping Board, who has been summoned as the first witness when the committee re-assembles tomorrow. A full report covering the transactions was being whipped into shape today by Chairman Hurley and his associates on the board. They were forced to forego the Christmas holiday yesterday because of Senator Fletcher's insistence that all data bearing upon the proposed Japanese contracts should be before the Senate at the earliest possible moment, in order that the committee may hurry its investigation to a conclusion.

## INVESTIGATE \$200,000 FIRE AT LONG BEACH

Long Beach, L. I., Dec. 26.—A thorough investigation was begun today into the origin of a fire which caused \$200,000 damage to valuable property along the boardwalk. It was first thought that the blaze started from a Christmas tree. It is now believed the fire may have been of incendiary origin. Four valuable buildings were practically gutted by the flames.

Long Beach is one of the most popular resorts in the vicinity of New York. A number of families who are wintering here were driven from their apartments by the fire.

## SNOWFALLS IN ALPS HELP DEFENDERS

Fight Raging on Each Side of Brenta River—Most of Ground Lost to Invaders Recaptured—Berlin Claims 9,000 Prisoners—Enemy Food Seizures Bring Suffering to Natives

London, Dec. 26.—In terrific fighting in northern Italy, carried out in zero weather, both the Italians and the Austro-Germans have made gains, according to advices received here today.

Berlin claims the capture of Col del Rosso and adjacent heights, along with 9,000 prisoners, while Rome announces that most of the ground lost to the invaders on Sunday was re-taken, together with numerous machine guns and cannon.

The fighting is raging on both sides of the Brenta river, and in the mountains the men have been compelled to burrow their way forward through deep snow drifts.

The Italian warplanes have fallen at various places in the Venetian Alps.

The fierce and sudden thrust launched by the Austro-Hungarians in their sector of Monte Valvella gave them a gain of over half a mile. The attackers had a double motive for delivering their assaults in that district:

1—To wipe out a small Italian enclave which dented the Austro-German line.

2—To push forward the Austro-German lines in the encircling movement which is being carried out against the powerful Italian position on Monte Grappa.

No sooner had the Austro-Germans advanced their line than the Italians were upon them like tigers, counter-attacking all along the line, while their artillery held down a heavy barrage fire behind the Austro-German front to prevent the arrival of reinforcements.

Food Seizure Brings Suffering. Austrian prisoners captured on the Piave della told their captors that the Germans have commandeered all the foodstuffs in Udine, (the former Italian base) and that there is much suffering among the civilian population.

The Austro-German armies are short of provisions, and prisoners taken in the mountains were nearly famished. They said that the heavy snowfall had interrupted their transport service and that supplies were being moved over the steep mountain roads with the utmost difficulty, ammunition taking precedence over food.

The hungry, weary Austro-German soldiers are being borne up by promises of unrestricted plunder when the rich plains are reached that lie south of the Venetian Alps.

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PAUL LAMBERT HOME.

Paul G. Lambert, who is attending the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia University, is spending the Christmas vacation with his aunts, the Misses Anna and Clara Lambert of Oak Place. He had as his guest over Christmas, Dr. G. R. Lomer, formerly professor of English at the Pulitzer school and now editor of the Warner Library of the World's Best Literature.

**HAS MANCHESTER WON RED CROSS PRIZE?**

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quarters of the Red Cross is to receive an emphatic protest from the Manchester Chapter of the Red Cross and the Christmas campaign committee regarding the quota assigned to this town.

Manchester's quota was placed at 6,000 whereas Naugatuck, with almost the same population, was given a quota of only 3,500. Figures issued by the state controller's office at the capitol in Hartford Monday, based upon school enumerations, give the following:

Manchester	16,836
Naugatuck	13,671

In view of these figures, it is hard to understand why there should be such a difference in the quotas assigned to Manchester and Naugatuck. It has already been stated that one reason for Manchester's high quota, according to state Red Cross officials, was because of the efficiency already shown by the town in patriotic campaigns. The injustice of thus penalizing a town in a prize contest because of its previous good work is apparent. Chairman Edward J. Hill, of the Christmas campaign committee, President C. Elmore Watkins, and Frank D. Cheney of the Manchester chapter, were in conference Monday evening regarding a formal protest to be filed with the state Red Cross officials.

There is a possibility that there will be a revision of the quotas. Such action would have an important effect in the result of the contest.

**Old Men and Babies.**  
An indication of the thoroughness of the canvassing was furnished when one of the teams came in from the Wapping district and reported a membership for an eight-hours-old babe. The fact was duly and gravely bulletined in the window of the War Bureau with the modest statement: "Manchester has the youngest Red Cross member in the United States."

A scrutiny of one of the lists showed some men of about nine years of age in the returns made by Captain George H. Williams which indicated the tendency of the workers to gather both the young and the old into the Red Cross harvest.

Fourteen minutes before the closing hour of 9 o'clock N. B. Richards remarked to Scott Simon that there was still a chance of securing a name on a nearby street, the name of a Polish young woman who had shown signs of near-conversion during the afternoon.

"Shall we go out again?" he suggested. Mr. Simon was into his automobile coat in a moment. Eight minutes later they returned with the application and the dollar; the conversion had been made complete.

At 9:20 Chairman Hill sent a telegram to Walter B. Lashar, of Bridgeport, who directed the activities of the various chapters of the Connecticut Red Cross; the telegram gave a report of the progress made in the Manchester campaign.

**A Glorious Finish.**  
Christmas was a welcome day to the army of campaigners for more reasons than one. It was a day of rest after the strenuous activities of the preceding days.

It would be a difficult task to come anywhere near giving credit where credit is due for the success of the Christmas membership drive. The workers were tireless in their efforts and went into the campaign with zeal and determination. To Campaign Manager E. J. Hill great credit is due for the success of the campaign. There was no denying the fact that the Christmas period is a difficult season for conducting a campaign of any kind; there are many distractions at such a time, and furthermore many workers absolutely cannot give time from business hours at such a period. Notwith-

standing this, Mr. Hill perfected an organization and directed a highly successful campaign and had the satisfaction of seeing the whole program carried out to a glorious finish. The effectiveness of his organization can be judged by the results—10,282 members in a town of 16,000 population. President C. Elmore Watkins, of the Manchester Chapter, Frank D. Cheney, captain of the mill teams, Mrs. J. P. Cheney and Miss Bennett, who had charge of the public booths, the various team captains, team members and booth attendants all rendered loyal and faithful service and would gladly do it all again for the great American Red Cross.

**MARKET IS HEAVY; MANY RAILS DECLINE**

Steels Also Weak—Trading Large in Liberty Bonds—1's Lower, 3's Up—Quotations.

New York, Dec. 26.—Prices were irregular at the opening of the stock market today, with the tendency to lower levels.

Steel Common yielded 1/4 to 84 1/2%, while Bethlehem Steel B rose to 71 1/4%.

Canadian Pacific declined one point to 131 1/2%, while Union Pacific advanced nearly one point to 105 and Reading rose 1/2 to 69.

Marine Preferred declined 1/2 to 79 1/2%. Atlantic Gulf rose 1/2 to 97 1/2%. Marine Common declined one point to 21.

Texas Company advanced 2 1/2 points to 129 1/2%, while American Tobacco fell 1/2 to 133. General Electric yielded one point to 123 1/2% and Mexican Petroleum advanced 1/2 to 74 1/2%.

Liberty 4s sold off to 97 and the 3 1/2s were traded in at 98.24. The stock tone was heavy all through the forenoon, with losses ranging all the way from one to four points, the specialties showing the greatest decline.

Union Pacific declined to 103 1/2% and losses of around one point were sustained in Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific and a number of other railroad stocks. There was an absence of demand for the motor issues. General Motors dropping three points to 93 and Studebaker 1 1/2 to 44 1/2%.

Steel Common ranged from 85 1/2 to 83 1/2% and Bethlehem Steel B, which sold early at 71 1/2%, declined to 69 1/2%. Marine Preferred sold down from 80 1/2 to 78 1/2%. Reading after advancing 1/2 to 69, dropped to 67 1/2%.

The trading in Liberty Bonds was on a large scale, with price movements in diverse directions. Liberty 4s were traded in from 97 to 96.92, while the 3 1/2s advanced to 98.22.

Clearing house statement: Exchanges, \$483,726,426; balances, \$49,737,853. Money loaning at 6 per cent. Cotton.

New York, Dec. 26.—The feature of the opening of the cotton market today was the decided strength of January contracts, which in absence of notices started 23 points net higher, with later positions unchanged to 13 points higher. January sold at 30 cents, a new high record.

At the end of the first 15 minutes January was holding steady at an advance of 20 points and later months were up about 10 points.

**Stock Quotations.**  
Reported for The Evening Herald by Richter & Co., 6 Central Row, Hartford, 2.30 p. m. prices:

At G & W I	97 1/2
Alaska Gold	84 1/2
Am B Sugar	84 1/2
Am Tel & Tel	100 1/2
Anaconda	56 1/2
Am Smelter	69 1/2
Am Loco	49 1/2
Am Car Foundry	64 1/2
A T & S Fe	78 1/2
Balt & Ohio	38 1/2
B R T	38 1/2
Butte & Sup	15 1/2
Chile Copper	14 1/2

**AMUSEMENTS**

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

**AT THE PARK.**

Two stupendous features on one bill. That is what John F. Sullivan offers tonight to the patrons of the Popular Playhouse. It is really hard to state which is the greater; whether it is "Over Here" or "The Burglar."

"Over Here" is the military film of the hour. It is not a war picture—in the sense of battles and the like. It shows how America took care of its drafted men so Manchester folks who have been to Ayer, Mass., to see our boys will see how the buildings were erected there. You will see how a virgin forest was converted into a home for 40,000 men in just 52 days. Thousands upon thousands of mechanics and horses and auto trucks are shown and the houses spring up like magic. In one scene, three huge barracks to accommodate 900 men are erected in just 38 minutes. The film is sanctioned by the government and is used to show how America got ready for the war. It should be seen by every American in Manchester, man, woman or child.

The other feature will be "The Burglar" with three stars, Carlyle Blackwell, Madge Evans and Evelyn Greeley. It is from the play by Augustus Thomas, the world famous playwright. It is a big feature and tells one of the most thrilling stories ever told. William A. Brady said that this was the best picture he ever directed and when you see it tonight you will agree with him. A startling situation forms the foundation of this production. Unexpected turns and twists adds to its intense interest and the end is a startling, electrifying climax that will keep you wondering for days.

There was much disappointment yesterday when Billy West, the famous comedian, was not shown at the Park. The film came from New York but because of some trouble on the railroad it did not arrive in Manchester. It was just as great a disappointment to the management but it could not be helped. Billy West will be shown, however, in his next picture, as soon as it is released.

Cons Gas	77 1/2
Col Fuel	32 1/2
C & O	42 1/2
Can Pac	129 1/2
Erie	13 1/2
Gen Est	123 1/2
Gen Electric	123 1/2
Gt Northern	81
Kennecott	30 1/2
Louisville & Nash	106 1/2
Lehigh Valley	53
Mexican Pet	72 1/2
Mer M Pfd	75 1/2
Mer M	19 1/2
Norfolk & West	96
Nev Consol Copper	17
National Lead	39 1/2
North Pacific	76 1/2
N Y Cent	85 1/2
N Y N H & H	26 1/2
Press Steel Car	53
Penna	42 1/2
People's Gas	36
Repub I & S	74 1/2
Reading	67 1/2
Southern Pac	75 1/2
Southern Ry	25 1/2
St Paul	36 1/2
Tex Oil	126 1/2
Union Pac	103 1/2
U S Steel	83 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	103 1/2
Utah Copper	75
Westinghouse	36 1/2
Liberty Bonds 3 1/2s	98.46
Liberty Bonds 4s	96.96

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FOR SALE—East Center street section, thoroughly up-to-date 8 room single, sleeping porch, hot water heating system, large lot, garage, price very reasonable on easy terms. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 701f

FOR SALE—Modern 7 room bungalow, low, inlaid floors, panel ceilings, spacious halls and rooms, excellent view, extra large lot, garden and fruit, few minutes from car line, price \$4,800, easy terms, Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 701f

FOR SALE—Near Center and Main street, large 2 family house, 12 rooms, lights, bath, wash trays, a nice home and 10 per cent investment price, only \$4,000. This is real value. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg. 701f

FOR SALE—\$2,800 buys a two-family flat with large lot and easy terms. A. H. Skinner. 701f

FOR SALE—\$1,200 buys a 5 roomed house with extra building lot, 5 minutes' walk from Main St. A. H. Skinner. 701f

FOR SALE—\$2,700 buys a place at Manchester with house, barn, henery and fruit, with about 3 acres of land. A. H. Skinner. 701f

FOR SALE—Heaters. We have two new and three used heaters at a very low price to close out. Buy now and save money. 24 Birch St., Hall, Modern & Co., Phone 630. 6915

FOR SALE—Good light sleigh. Apply to C. B. Elsworth, Marble St. 7212

FOR SALE—Several pairs of ice tongs but little used. Apply H. A. Slater, 15 Hudson St. 7212

FOR SALE—Wicker Chairs, Rugs, Dressers, Buffets, Tables, Heaters, Sheds and Fur Boxes. Call and see us. Just off Main St., 24 Birch St., Hall, Modern & Co., Phone 630. 6915

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. 691f

FOR SALE—Used Dining and Kitchen tables, chairs, rockers, comedoes, chiffoniers, beds and springs. Large line of new beds, springs and mattresses. 24 Birch St., Hall, Modern & Co., Phone 630. 6915

FOR SALE—Mixed Wood, delivered Stove length, \$12 cord, also slab wood, stove length \$5 cord. H. W. Case, Buckland, Phone Hfd. Div. Laurel 263-13. 6915

FOR SALE—Six-room bungalow on Cambridge street, steam heat, all improvements, easy terms. Inquire Thos. F. Sullivan, Main street. 421f

**FOR RENT.**

TO RENT—Six room tenement with all modern improvements, on Aldridge Street. Inquire 156 Center St. 701f

TO RENT—Tenement of six rooms at 38 North St. with bath and tubs. Inquire at 38 North St. 701f

FOR RENT—Steam heated apartment of 4 rooms, second floor, Ross Block. Inquire of Walton W. Grant, 22 Cambridge St., Manchester, Conn. Phone 221. 701f

TO RENT—Four room tenement with running water, on Middle Turnpike East, 38 month. Mark Hewitt, 37 Middle Turnpike East. 691f

FOR RENT—Four room tenement on Ridgewood St. to small family. E. J. G. Hohenthal, 467 Center St. 691f

TO RENT—Seven room single house. Inquire 46 Cottage street. 691f

**WANTED.**

WANTED—Woman for general housework. One to go home nights preferred. W. W. Harris, 103 Chestnut St. 701f

GIRLS WANTED—We can give you and your friends from 16 to 45 years old steady employment on light assembling and machine work in a clean, well lighted, modern factory. Experience not necessary and beginners earn good wages which increase with proficiency. The Royal Typewriter Company, Inc., Hartford, Conn. Employment Dept. 701f

WANTED—A few used ranges. We carry the famous Royal Ranges, your old range taken in exchange. Call and see us. Hall, Modern & Co., 24 Birch St., Phone 630. 6915

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, Modern & Co., 24 Birch St., Phone 630. 6915

**LOST.**

LOST—A pocketbook containing a sum of money in Hale's Store. Finder please return to the St. Herald Office. 701f

**FOUND.**

FOUND—Watch chain, with charm, on Bissell St. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this ad. Inquire 137 Bissell St., Tel 177-12. 701f

FOUND—Wedding ring on Main St. Inquire 23 Purnell Street. 701f

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

SKIPT MAKING: We will make a skirt to measure, from your materials for \$2. We furnish trimmings. La. Shoe Shop, Main St., near Center. 691f

**WAR ON IN EARNEST BETWEEN BOLSHIEVIKI AND UKRAINE GOV'T**

**Petrograd Authorities Bringing Big Army from Caucasus to Fight Letzer and Cossacks—Food Famine in Capital—Coalition Cabinet Reported in Prospect.**

New York, Dec. 26.—Negotiations between the Bolshieviki government and the Ukrainian government for settlement of their differences have been broken off and both sides are preparing for a decisive military campaign according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Jewish Daily Forward here today.

In addition to the Red Guard of Petrograd and Moscow, the Bolshieviki are bringing up a big army from the Caucasus to fight the Ukrainians and Cossacks.

Mutinous soldiers have pillaged and burned the city of Irbrit in the province of Perm.

The food shortage in Petrograd has been made acute by the looting of food trains on their way to Petrograd, the dispatch added.

**Coalition Government Formed.**  
Petrograd, Dec. 26.—A coalition government has been effected between the Bolshieviki and the Social revolutionaries and a coalition government is being formed, the Petrograd Agency announced today.

Seven members of the Social revolutionary party will be included in the new cabinet, it was said.

(The Bolshieviki Revolutionaries have been at odds over the program of the Bolshieviki government and its peace policy.)

**STRAIGHTEN THAT BENT BACK**

No need to suffer from that tired, dead ache in your back, that lame-ness, those distressing urinary disorders. Manchester people have found how to get relief. Follow this Manchester resident's example.

Mrs. J. Gabbey, 49 Edward St., says: "I am seldom without Doan's Kidney Pills in the house. I find them a much needed medicine at time when I am taken suddenly with an attack of backache, caused from overwork or a cold. Sometimes dampness also affects my kidneys. Many a time, especially in the morning, my back has felt so stiff and sore I could hardly straighten up. Doan's Kidney Pills which I usually buy at W. H. Grant's Drug Store, give me great relief and make my housework a much lighter task."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Gabbey had. Foster Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

No one can properly deny the German claim that it required the submarines to speed up the activity in shipbuilding.

**BELLANS**  
Absolutely Removes  
Indigestion. Druggists  
refund money if it fails. 25c

CARRY PARCELS WHEN POSSIBLE **C. S. HILLS & CO.** RETURN AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE AVOID C. O. D. PACKAGES, DELIVERY ONLY ON \$1.00 OR OVER.

**Pre-Inventory Sale of High Grade Fur Coats**

- OUR OWN CAREFULLY SELECTED STOCK. Every Coat a Gem—beautifully blended Skins, handsome plain or fancy linings, trimmed with contrasting Furs, and workmanship of the very best order. The Prices are lower than the same coats can be procured from the Manufacturers at the present time. 1—\$300 Hudson Seal Coat, Jap Mink Collar and Cuffs, size 42, pre-inventory, sale price \$189.00. 1—\$325 Hudson Seal Coat Untrimmed, size 42 pre-inventory Sale price \$249.00. 1—\$389 Hudson Seal Coat Muskrat collar and cuffs, size 40 pre-inventory Sale price \$295. 1—\$349 Hudson Seal Coat, black Lynx collar cuff and band, size 44, pre-inventory Sale price \$285.00. 1—\$150 Hudson Seal Coat, Beaver trimmed, size 38, pre-inventory Sale price \$100.00. 1—\$295 Hudson Seal Coat, Belted Model, size 44, pre-inventory Sale price \$239. 1—\$295 Hudson Seal Coat, Skunk collar and cuffs, size 44, pre-inventory Sale price \$239. 1—\$239 Hudson Seal Coat, belted model, size 38, pre-inventory Sale price \$179.00. 1—\$250 Hudson Seal Coat, natural collar and border, size 42, pre-inventory Sale price \$175.00. 1—\$389 Hudson Seal Coat, blended squirrel collar and cuffs, size 44, pre-inventory Sale price \$295.00. 1—\$195 Hudson Seal Coat, plain model size 40, pre-inventory Sale price \$149.00. 1—\$359 Hudson Seal Coat, skunk collar and cuffs and border, size 40, pre-inventory Sale price \$295.00. 1—\$225 Hudson Seal Coat, belted model size 38, pre-inventory Sale price \$189.00. 1—\$215 Nutria Coat, belted model size 40, pre-inventory Sale price \$165.00. 1—\$259 Hudson Seal Coat, belted model, size 42 pre-inventory Sale price \$195.00. 1—\$250 Caracul Coat size 38, pre-inventory Sale price \$175.00. 1—\$195 Natural Muskrat—let down size pre-inventory Sale price \$149.00. 1—\$489 black Muskrat—let down size 40 pre-inventory Sale price \$375.00. 1—\$149 Imitation Muskrat, size 42, pre-inventory Sale price \$125.00.

Many will avail themselves of this offer, as it will be the best opportunity of the season to procure a Muff, scarf or set of Furs at prices far below the regular retail price. The Furs we offer at this Sale are from our own Stock, and you can figure prices for yourself by deducting 20 per cent. from the original selling prices. There are Scarfs, Capes, Stoles, Collars, and Shawl effects in Fox, Lynx, Skunk, Hudson Seal, Beaver, Coon, Cat Lynx, Mole and Mink. There are Muffs, some plain others trimmed, made up in the new Canteen Ball, barrel and 1/2 barrel shapes in Lynx, Cat Lynx, Skunk, Beaver, Fox, Coon, Mole and Hudson Seal. The assortment is large to choose from. We are sure of the quality and workmanship, and the price concession we offer makes each garment a wonderful value.

**Pre-Inventory Sale of Silk Dresses**

One of the Big Features of this Sale will be the Clearance of all street and afternoon Dresses. These frocks are smart and will be shown in a wide assortment of Models and colors.

**Pre-Inventory Sale Price \$12.95**

These Dresses have been formerly sold for \$18.75 and \$22.50. There is a good range of sizes, Thursday morning and for this sale \$12.95. Make your selection early. You are sure of the greatest Bargains that you have ever had occasion to participate in.

**Other Dresses Reduced**

Nearly every other dress in stock will be reduced for quick selling. They are mostly Good quality Satin and well assorted.

**Party Dresses**

Our Stock of party dresses will be greatly underpriced for this sale. There will be special Racks for \$12.95, \$18.75 and \$25.00. These prices are very much under the regular selling prices.

**Sage-Allen & Co.** (Incorporated)

**Plenty of Opportunity To Save Money in Desirable Merchandise of All Kinds Holiday Articles Greatly Marked Down for Clearance**

**WISE, SMITH'S INVENTORY SALE IS MORE WELCOME THAN EVER.**

Although you expect extraordinary bargains at Wise, Smith & Co.'s inventory sale, we are sure that you will really appreciate them more than ever this year, because economy is the watchword throughout the country and true economy means buying what you need at the lowest possible price consistent with value. Throughout the store, on every one of the nine mammoth floors you will find staple merchandise at mark down prices, and when Wise, Smith & Co. mark down prices they do so in a hearty manner. Take for instance the floor devoted to women's suits, coats, furs, dresses and outer-garments. Nothing is reserved. Every garment in the entire unrivalled stock has been subjected to a most drastic mark down in price, affording you an opportunity to procure stylish apparel that will be in vogue for months to come, at remarkably low prices. The same applies to almost all lines. Of course many lines are higher in price than in peace times, but the price reductions are proportionately impressive to warrant getting a goodly supply of whatever you need. In other words, by buying at Wise, Smith & Co.'s inventory sale you will practice true economy and the money you thus save can be used to good purpose in the direction of lessening your general living expenses.

**Butterfly Carnival.**

A strange sight was seen recently in County Roscommon, and indeed, throughout central Ireland, where myriads of rare and beautiful butterflies were dispersing themselves. The lovely peacock butterfly was the most numerous and clusters of this species might be seen on a single plant. It was a record occasion for collectors.

Germany hasn't as many divisions by one on the western front, as did during the attempt to take Verdun, there can be little fear that she will now be able to drive the allies back to the Rhine.

Probably Pancho Villa considers the present times awfully dull in comparison with the happy days when there was plenty of German money in circulation.—Galveston News.

**MANCHESTER SENT 2,500 MAIL SACKS FOR XMAS**

Almost That Number Came In—'Biggest Christmas Rush in History of the Town.

Postmaster Thomas J. Quish of the south end postoffice announced this morning that more mail had been handled at the local post office than in any previous year of its history. For a week the rush has been on, each day bringing in a quota of 175 to 200 sacks. About 2,500 sacks were sent from town and almost that number came in for distribution. In spite of the fact that the quantity of mail this year far surpassed that of any other year, and in spite of the limitations of space, there were only six parcels undelivered in the office when it closed at one o'clock yesterday afternoon and these were to stores on Main street.

**Good Team Work.** The good team work of the force was responsible for the efficient handling of the mail. There was not a single tie-up and not a single person in town was disappointed in not getting parcels addressed to him. In order that everyone might be served satisfactorily every postal employee had to work at top speed every minute of the day for the last week. Had the rush gotten ahead of them for a minute there would have been a serious congestion. The Christmas aftermath rush is still on but Postmaster Quish expressed confidence that since this force had so successfully handled the bulk of the work that it would have no difficulty in keeping the mail cleared up until business is normal again.

**War Thrift Stamps.** There was a great Christmas increase in the sale of War Thrift Stamps. Cheney Brothers were, to a great extent, responsible for this increase. About two thousand dollars worth of stamps were sold and of the number Cheney Brothers took about 4,500 stamps for their employees. Many people chose to make their gifts in Thrift Stamps, especially to their children. This idea was noticed by postal authorities in other cities as well.

**That Extra Cent.** Not a few people insisted on sending post cards for a cent and refused to understand that there were no bargain rates even though the cards were sold for a cent.

A chance and put a one cent stamp on each of their gay cards of greeting. Most of the patrons of the office, however, knew of the extra charge and the postal employees had but little trouble in this regard.

**UNUSUAL SALE NOW ON AT WATKINS BROS. STORE**

Unusual Goods, Unusual Prices and An Unusual Opportunity to Save Money.

Watkins Brothers are holding a rummage sale beginning today and lasting until Monday night that is unusual in more than the name.

First the mention that a first class store is to hold a rummage sale is unusual. Next it is unusual for the rummage to be just what the word means. To explain. The dictionary tells us that "rummage" comes from "roomage" which meant to make room. The word has degenerated until now it has come to mean old shop worn goods that are sold for charitable purposes to get rid of them. Watkins Brothers interpret the word literally. The goods are neither old, out of date nor shop worn but they are to be sold to make room for new stock. Another unusual feature of the sale are the prices. These are in the "rummage" class while the articles themselves are in the "roomage" class. The sale will also be unusually short as it lasts from today until next Monday.

The only way for the prudent housekeeper to find out the true value of the articles advertised these few days at the big Main street store, is to drop in and examine the articles offered at the sale. This will be the supreme test. In these days of soaring prices, an opportunity like this is seldom offered.

Miss Opportunity is knocking. It is up to Manchester's housekeepers to answer the knock.

**\$40,000 FIRE AT NEWCASTLE, DEL.**

Newcastle, Del., Dec. 26—Fire which for a time threatened to destroy the residential district here was brought under control early today by the local and Wilmington fire departments. Four houses were destroyed and a number of others damaged. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

**HOW XMAS WAS PASSED BY MANCHESTER FOLKS**

Red Cross Drive—Many Soldiers Home and Many Missing—Impressive Services at Churches.

Christmas of 1917 always will be remembered as Red Cross Christmas because of the great drive for members in the Red Cross. As told elsewhere in The Evening Herald, the drive in Manchester resulted in bringing the local chapter's total membership up to 10,282, more than half the town's population and it is hoped also will result in bringing to Manchester that prize of \$500 a month during the period of the war. Aside from the Red Cross membership drives the observance of Christmas in Manchester was much the same as in other years, although the great war affected many homes where there were the vacant chairs of loved ones in the service. On the other hand, some homes were made especially happy, because the one in service was able to be there over the holiday.

Despite the general war conditions, Christmas business in Manchester was brisk and many of the merchants report a bigger business than ever. Because of the sugar shortage, the housewives were unable to do their usual amount of cooking and baking and as a result the bakers had to work overtime to keep up with their orders. The South Manchester postoffice had the biggest business in its history and the increase was chiefly in the outgoing mail, which shows that the people of the town were both prosperous and generous and were giving more than they were receiving.

Christmas day itself was a dark, cheerless sort of winter day, with occasional snow squalls during the forenoon. Christmas cheer reigned in the homes, however, and in the churches inspiring services were held during the morning hours. There were not many on the streets during the morning, except those going to and from church. Travel was heavy on the trolleys all afternoon and evening, many going to the shows in the city while there was the usual throng of holiday visitors returning to their homes. But the cars were not loaded as heavily as on Christmas eve, when the late shoppers were coming home. Many happy family reunions were held during the day, with the Christmas trees and presents for all.

The movie houses drew their usual holiday crowds in the afternoon and evening, but there were many of the young people preferred to spend their time in the open and enjoyed a sleigh ride. Automobiles also were out in large numbers.

Although there are numerous chances for fires when Christmas trees are lighted by candles, the local firemen were not disturbed by any alarms last evening or on Christmas eve.

All of the local churches were beautifully decorated. The Catholic churches had the customary crib within the altar railing. At the South Methodist church there were decorations worthy of mention. There was a scene of the city of Bethlehem, 9 by 27 feet flanked on both sides by Christmas trees. On one side of the picture there was an angel pointing to the star of Bethlehem and guiding the shepherds while on the other side was a picture of "The Three Wise Men." The committee which arranged this was composed of G. W. Ferris, W. L. Rogers, William McKinney, Richard Turkington and J. B. Grimes.

**FINGER PRINTS THOSE OF ACCUSED HIMSELF?**

Witness To Testify Peoria Bank President Caused Marks After He Shot Cashier.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 26.—An eye witness to the movements of Edgar A. Strause, president of the State Trust and Savings Bank, of Peoria, after he shot and killed Berne M. Mead, cashier of the bank, will testify at the inquest to be held today, according to announcement made by Coroner Elliott. The coroner refused to divulge the name of the witness.

Finger prints found on Strause's collar, Chief of Police Rhoades declared, were made by Strause himself. Strause is said to have asserted the finger prints were made by Mead in the struggle for possession of a revolver. The state will attempt to show the finger prints were made by Strause as a subterfuge. Strause spent Christmas day in jail, apparently in good spirits, and gave no sign of concern over the inquest or the outcome of the case.

The longer the vacation the better it will suit the army of school-children.

**TONIGHT AT THE -CIRCLE-**

**WILLIAM FARNUM**

In the greatest picture he has ever produced for the screen

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OTHER REELS IN CONJUNCTION

Final Showing this evening, Prices 10 and 15 Cents

**TOMORROW AND FRIDAY JANE COWL**

In her photodramatic debut in Basil King's

**THE SPREADING DAWN**

**SYDNEY BROOKS LAUDS**

**COLONEL E. M. HOUSE**

Has Established New Profession, British Journalist Says, That of "Political Consultant."

London, Dec. 10.—(By mail)—Colonel E. M. House, head of the American Mission to Europe, has made a deep impression upon certain European statesmen.

The well-known British publicist, Sydney Brooks, writing in the Daily Chronicle, says of Colonel House: "There are very few Americans more discussed and less known than Colonel House. I have watched American public life at close range for twenty years, but I cannot recall any one like him. His personality, his position and the use he makes of it are all unique."

"Colonel House could hold, I suppose, at this moment any post he pleases in the Wilson cabinet, but prefers to remain a private citizen. He has established a new profession—that of political consultant; and the conditions on which alone he could make a success of it were that he should be absolutely disinterested, should owe nothing to any man, should never appear in public and should offer his advice and make his recommendations with a single eye to what was best for his party, his state and his country."

"Some things are very requisite in a man who should play such a part. He must be an honest man; and Colonel House is honesty itself. Another requisite is an eye for men and the knowledge of how to handle them. In both respects Colonel House has ability of the first order. He is one of the shrewdest judges of character and capacity I have ever encountered. He sits and listens and appraises, saying next to nothing himself. He is a master of sympathetic silence."

"Colonel House foresaw the war more closely than any other American. From the very first moment of its outbreak, or at least since the sinking of the Lusitania, he foresaw also where duty and honor and self-interest would lead the United States. His visits to Germany, France and Great Britain, during its progress, have brought him in contact with all the chief actors in the drama; as head of the American Mission he is at this moment playing an invaluable role; and a still greater part is reserved for him when the time comes for framing the final settlement at the peace conference table."

**One on the Judge.**

A clever young lawyer was defending a man accused of housebreaking.

"Your Honor, I submit that my client did not break into the house at all. He found the parlor window open, inserted his right arm, and removed a few trifling articles. Now, my client's arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish him for an offense committed only by one of his limbs."

"That argument," said the judge, "is very well put. Following it logically, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, just as he chooses."

The prisoner calmly unscrewed his cork arm, and, leaving it in the dock, walked out.

**Sometimes Justified.**

Representative John N. Garner of Texas, told this story at a social affair a few evenings ago, as an illustration that one is sometimes eminently justified in reverting his judgment.

In a happy little home in the south there is a pretty seven-year-old daughter named Bessie. Recently Bessie forgot her parlor etiquette and was told by her mother to go upstairs and sit on a certain chair for an hour.

Straight upstairs went Bessie. Straight to that certain chair walked Bessie. In fact, Bessie obediently did all that her mother told her to do.

"Mamma," softly called a small voice, after a half-hour of cold, lonesome silence, "may I come down now?"

"No, Bessie," was the prompt response of stern mamma. "You must remain right where you are until I call for you."

"All right, mamma," returned Bessie, with a sighful air of resignation, "but I ought to tell you that I am sitting on that new hat you just bought."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Our idea of an utter lack of a sense of decency is the man who will cross after this war.—Baltimore Star.

**STUCK UP**

is no name for the feeling we have about our present offering of high class Furniture Proud as we have been of previous offerings this one caps them all. For in excellence of quality and moderation in prices we have never before seen the like and hardly expect to again—not for many years a new way. Don't fail to stop in and investigate. You'll find what we say is right.



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## PEACE AND INTERDEPENDENCE

Whatever we or our allies have been fighting for in the past, the one object we are fighting for now is permanent peace.

The Evening Herald has done its share in trying to keep before the consciousness of its readers the fact that the material welfare of the United States, and consequently of every part of it, is bound up with that of the world in general.

The material greatness of Germany has helped to make America materially great only in less degree than that of Great Britain.

German territory is part of the same earth with American territory; German human nature, however perverted the present German government may be, is about the same human nature as that of mankind in general.

The Springfield Republican said recently editorially that capital had nothing to gain now from the war.

It is well to begin to consider how far the welfare of the world in general would be promoted by a continuance of the war beyond the bounds of a condition likely to bring permanent peace.

## CHRISTMAS HARMONY.

One of the things which thought about Christmas and its central figure should do is make for harmony among Christians of all shades of belief and even between Christian and Hebrew.

Christmas ought to be a time when men look over the fences of their own particular religious persuasion and examine the religious products of their neighbors.

Christ was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, and sensible members of both the race and creed can take pride in the fact of their kinship with one who, at the very least, was the greatest prophet and teacher of all time.

Every one of the Christian denominations or churches has some noteworthy point of excellence. The humanity of the Methodist's religious attitude and service, the dignity of the Episcopalian's, the democracy of the Congregationalist's, the firmness of the Catholic's amid the shifting sands of doctrine, are all alike worthy of the best that is in the race.

This way of looking at the various churches will do much for tolerance, and if there is any time when tolerance is admirable, it is at Christmas.

Let nobody who failed to join the Red Cross during the Christmas campaign which ended Monday night imagine that it is too late for him to join.

other chapter, and the more members obtained now, the more the chapter will have even after the coming year is over.

The total enrollment of the Atlantic division of the Red Cross is given as 2,580,000, according to revised figures made public in New York City yesterday.

The round up of fifty vagrants and idle men in the Hartford police court this week provided a striking exhibit of the product of the east side saloons.

The demands of the war are constantly bringing to the front the impossibility of harmonizing rum and efficiency.

Thirty million pounds of sugar for New England will be ready for distribution during the next three weeks!

There ought to be an end now to hoarding of more than a week's supply of the sweet.

For the benefit of the readers of the Herald 25 years hence we record the fact that Christmas day opened cloudy and sour; that snow squalls in the forenoon were followed by clearing and colder weather.

Many Manchester residents will keenly regret the death of Dr. E. J. McKnight, which occurred suddenly Christmas morning.

Yes, we think there are munitions makers who believe thoroughly in the efficacy of guns and shot, and in war in general, to bring back peace and sensible co-operation to the world.

"Peace on earth to men of good will" sounds strange with the echoes of a hymn of hate still ringing in our ears.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—An agreement between packers and their employees, calling for a wage increase, shorter hours and pay for overtime, is to be signed here today.

Among the happiest persons these days are those who have completed their Christmas shopping.

## The Open Forum

**THE KAISER AT THE GATE.** The Kaiser came up to the gates of Heaven. And boldly demanded that entrance be given.

With somewhat anxious and crest-fallen mien At the door of Hades the Kaiser was seen.

"Alas," cried the Kaiser and burst into tears, "Of such awful treatment I've never had fears.

## Notes of 8th. District School

During the Fall term, the following pupils were perfect in attendance at school:

Grade 8, Miss Hazel B. Shepard, teacher; John Boyle, Leo Coughlin, Edward Ingraham, Albena Jamroga, Mary Limerick, Ruth McLagan, Vincent Moriarty, Ethel Turkington, Hazel Waldorf.

Grade 7, Miss Henrietta C. Devon, teacher; Howard Carter, Josephine Emonds, Helen Gayle, Norma Paxson, Lillian Spillane, Merle Tyler.

Grade 6, Miss Ruth K. Patten, teacher; Theodore Bidwell, Edward Gill, Alice Hickey, Vincent Ingraham, Carl Peterson, Cyrus Tyler.

Grade 5, Miss Gertrude J. Lund, teacher; Margaret Bechtler, Edith Hanson, Dorothy McConnell, Lawrence Paisley, Lillian Sheridan.

Grade 4, Miss Gertrude Holt, teacher; Faith Fallow, Brunka Rikowski, Lillian Steele.

Grade 3 and 4, Miss Dorothy Tooby, teacher; Emily Dent, Lena Dent, Ralph Ingraham, Rose Steele, Agnes Waickowski.

Grade 2, Miss Gertrude Carrier, teacher; Joseph Limerick, Richard Bill, Clara Emonds.

Grade 1, Miss Ivy B. Clark, teacher; Edith St. John. Special Room, Miss Winifred Grant, teacher; Heiman Ames, George Dent.

French military aviators, in addition to fighting the German machines, directing the artillery fire and making photographs of the enemy's lines, trenches and fortifications, have found a new field of usefulness in the scientific pursuit of ornithology.

# Can't You Hear The Knock Of Miss Opportunity?

WHEN a HIGH GRADE STORE announces a RUMMAGE SALE there must be something UNUSUAL in it. THERE IS. UNUSUAL BARGAINS—UNUSUAL GOODS—AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY.

## December 26th to December 31st

Just glance over the prices below to see what A RUMMAGE SALE REALLY MEANS WHEN HELD BY A HIGH GRADE STORE.

**Dining Tables**

42 inch golden round dining table six foot extension, regular price \$15.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$9.98**

44 inch plank top golden oak round dining table pillar base and claw feet, regular price \$22.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$16.75**

44 inch golden oak round dining table with Colonial base, square pillars, regular price \$32.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$24.75**

48 inch golden oak round dining table, Colonial style with platform regular price \$38.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$29.75**

**China Closets**

Golden oak china closet, full swell front, three shelves grooved to hold dishes, regular price \$25.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$16.75**

Golden oak china closet with mirror on top four shelves, regular price \$30.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$19.75**

Colonial style China closet in fumed oak 38 inches wide with double doors, regular price \$35.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$22.50**

Stickley, fumed oak china closet with inlay of holly wood and ebony, regular price \$40.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$25.00**

**SERVING TABLES**

Fumed oak serving table with full length drawer and under shelf regular price \$11.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$7.98**

Fumed oak serving table with double drawers and under shelf, regular price \$15.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$11.75**

Serving table in Jacobean oak, William and Mary style, regular price \$27.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$19.75**

**BUFFETS**

42 inch golden oak buffet, rubbed and polished with morror back, three drawers, Colonial style regular price \$36.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$29.50**

45 inch golden oak buffet, heavy Colonial, mirror back, regular price \$45.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$36.50**

48 inch polished golden oak buffet, four drawers, large beveled plate mirror in back, regular price \$54.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$43.25**

**PARLOR SUITES**

Three piece parlor suite upholstered in tapestry, finish slightly checked, regular price \$39.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$27.75**

3 piece parlor suite upholstered in tapestry, William and Mary style, regular price \$40.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$31.50**

3 piece parlor suite in solid mahogany, automobile cushions and valance on back, upholstered in mulberry velour, slightly shagreened, regular price \$129.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$89.00**

3 piece parlor suite solid mahogany, upholstered seat and back in a high grade velour, velour slightly faded, regular price \$150.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$109.00**



## AIRMEN STUDY BIRD LIFE.

The degree of perfection of observation obtained by the French aviators has enabled them to make a minute and scientific observation of the habits of birds in flight.

French military aviators, in addition to fighting the German machines, directing the artillery fire and making photographs of the enemy's lines, trenches and fortifications, have found a new field of usefulness in the scientific pursuit of ornithology.

**ODD CHAIRS**

Chair and Rocker in light fumed oak with inlay of ebony, regular price \$20.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$15.00**

**Library Tables**

42 in. library table with side shelves for magazines finished in fumed oak, regular price \$25.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$18.75**

45 inch library table in William and Mary style, Jacobean finish, regular price \$36.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$25.00**

45 inch mahogany finish library table with square top, mission style, regular price \$27.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$21.00**

Library table 45 inches in Jacobean style regular price \$27.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$21.00**

**Davenport Beds at Cost**

Davenport beds size 4 feet by 6 feet, a choice of fumed oak or mahogany, all somewhat damaged in transit, value from \$60 to \$70.00 complete with mattress. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$45.00**

**Odd Chiffoniers**

These chiffoniers left over from suites. One solid oak chiffonier with 5 drawers and oval mirror, regular price \$15.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$9.98**

Solid oak chiffonier with shaped mirror regular price \$16.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$11.98**

Large size solid oak chiffonier with Colonial mirror, regular price \$17.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$13.98**

Plain oak chiffonier with large mirror, regular price \$20.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$15.98**

Plain oak chiffonier with shaped mirror, regular price \$22.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$17.98**

All quartered oak chiffonier, rubbed and polished with shaped mirror, regular price \$24.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$17.98**

Special men's chiffonier with extra deep top drawer in dark mahogany, regular price \$29.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$21.75**

Very large Colonial chiffonier, genuine mahogany with six drawers, very large shaped mirror, regular price \$45.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$27.50**

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**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.**

"Gold" cloth, bleached 36 inch wide, extra fine quality for underwear, etc., regular 19c, sale price 16c yard.  
Bleached Cambric, 36 inch wide, regular 18c, sale price 15c yard.  
Fruit of the Loom Pillow casing 6-4 wide, regular 39c at 33c yard.  
Teddy Bear Crib blankets, all colors, regular 75c at 65c each.  
White crib blankets assorted borders, regular 25c, at 22c each.  
Colored blankets, extra heavy, regular \$2.69, sale \$2.39 pair.  
White wool blankets, assorted borders, full size, regular \$4.89, sale price \$4.59.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.**

All wool broadcloth, 54 inch wide, full range of most wanted colorings, regular \$2.25, sale \$1.89 yard.  
Wool storm serge, 36 inch wide, navy, old blue, brown, wine, gray, green and black, 36 inch wide, regular 89c, sale 69c yard.  
All wool chiffon broadcloth sponged and shrunk, taupe, brown, plum, burgundy, navy, wisteria, gray, gold and black, 56 inch wide, regular \$4.50, sale \$3.25 yard.  
All wool etamine, 42 inch wide, navy, brown, green, tan and black, regular \$1.25, sale 79c yard.  
Velour pulshes, all the newest colorings, 54 inch wide, regular \$3.50, sale \$2.79 yard.  
Remnants of wool dress goods at cost.

Buy your dress goods here and we will make you a stylish tailor made skirt for \$2, we furnish the trimmings.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.**

50c and 60c chifon and chifon fin- gery, all the season's best color- ings, 54 to 60 inch wide regular \$1.49 at \$1.25 yd.  
Silk poplins, newest shades 36 inch wide regular 89c and 95c now 75c yard.  
All our all-silk crepe meteor, pee wee taffeta, crepe de chine and charmeuse in the best colorings 40 inch wide was \$2 and \$2.25 now marked down to \$1.69 yard.  
All our \$2 and \$2.25 fancy stripe and plaid novelty silks 36 inches wide now at \$1.79 yard.  
All our \$1.50 and \$1.59 fancy stripe novelty silks 36 in. wide marked down to \$1.29 yard.  
All our black silks greatly reduces Remnants of silks at less than cost.

**INVENTORY SALE PRICES AT WOMEN'S SHOE DEPARTMENT**

Women's 75c Felt Slippers now 49c.  
Women's 69c Crochet Slippers now 49c.  
Women's \$3.50 Patent Colt boots cloth or kid top now \$2.50.  
Women's \$11 novelty boots now at \$6.95.  
Women's \$8 novelty boots now \$6.45.  
Women's \$6 plain or colored top boots \$4.95.  
Women's \$5 Kid lace boots, military heels \$3.95.  
Girls' \$5 Patent colt button boots now \$3.49.  
Children's \$3.50 Champagne top lace boots \$2.45.  
Women's lace and button boots, dull or patent leather, mostly small sizes, values up to \$5 at \$2.49.  
Women's Ko-Ko brown lace boots worth \$6.50 at \$5.50.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT LACE AND EMBROIDERY DEPT.**

3,500 yards of wash laces, fllet edges, oyster and ecru, cotton bands, cluny lace edges, platt vals set values up to 25c at 2c yard.  
Corset cover and skirt flouncings 17 in. wide extra quality nainsook or cambric embroidered extra deep while they last 15c yard.  
All over embroidery 22 in. wide, dainty new patterns for blouses, worth 49c sale price 29c yard.  
Corset cover embroidery Venice lace edges, wonderful variety of lace patterns on extra fine organdie or batiste worth 75c sale price 49c yd.

## The Inventory Sale Brings You Truly Wonderful Bargains In SUITS, COATS DRESSES AND FURS

Entire Mammoth Stock Without Reserve at Drastic Mark Down Prices

**STYLISH COATS.**

The seasons most desirable models in eight wonderful bargain groups as follows:—  
Group 1—Coats worth up to \$17 NOW \$10  
Group 2—Coats worth up to \$19.98 NOW \$13.00  
Group 3—Coats worth up to \$24.98 NOW \$16.00  
Group 4—Coats worth up to \$29 NOW \$19.00  
Group 5—Coats worth up to \$32.50 NOW \$22.00  
Group 6—Coats worth up to \$37.50 NOW \$27.00  
Group 7—Coats worth up to \$45 NOW \$31.00  
Group 8—Coats worth up to \$50 NOW \$35.00.

**REMARKABLE VALUES IN VELVET AND SEAL PLUSH COATS.**

An opportunity to make a big money saving. \$27.50 to \$32.50 Velvet and seal plush coats, very stylish garments with guaranteed satin lining at \$17.50.  
\$35.00 Seal plush coats with wide full sweep and guaranteed satin lining at \$25.00.  
\$45.00 Seal plush coats very lustrous, guaranteed satin lined \$30.00.  
\$49.00 Esquimette' trimmed seal plush coats full length extra full sweep, guaranteed satin lining at \$35.00.  
**ENTIRE STOCK OF TAILOR MADE SUITS MARKED DOWN.**

Styles that are appropriate for months to come. Arranged for easy selection in five remarkably interesting groups as follows:  
LOT 1—Suits worth up to \$18.98 at \$10.  
LOT 2—Suits worth up to \$19.98 at \$13.  
LOT 3—Suits worth up to \$32.50 at \$18.  
LOT 4—Suits worth up to \$39 at \$22.  
LOT 5—Suits worth up to \$49 at \$27.

**\$1.25 UNDERMUSLINS AT 69c.**

Envelope chemise of nanisook, trimmed with lace and embroidery.  
\$1.00 High neck muslin night gowns at 69 cents.  
69c White skirts with embroidery flounce 48 cents.  
35c Drawers with embroidery ruffle 25 cents.  
59c Bloomers of pink batiste 39 cents.  
\$1.00 Flannelette short skirts 45 cents.  
\$1.25 Extra size flannelette night gowns 95 cents.  
79c Extra size flannelette skirts 59c.

**FUR SETS. A SPLENDID SELECTION AT REDUCED PRICES.**

\$20.00 Red Fox large bolster muff and open animal scarf the set \$15.00.  
\$25.00 Natural wolf full size ball muff and double animal collar the set \$16.98.  
\$27.50 Pointed Manchurian wolf ball muff and double animal collar the set \$22.50.  
\$30.00 Natural gray fox ball muff and large open animal collar trimmed with heads and tails, the set \$22.50.  
\$35.00 Taupe fox large canteen muff and open animal scarf the set \$25.00.  
\$49.00 Piret fox ball muff trimmed with heads and tails and open animal collar the set \$42.50.  
\$60.00 Taupe fox large ball muff and open animal scarf trimmed with heads and tails the set \$49.00.  
**LUXURIOUS FUR COATS AT LIBERAL PRICE MARK DOWNS.**  
\$79.00 Marmot coat 42 inch length, full sweep with large collar and cuffs now \$62.50.  
\$110.00, Natural muskrat coat, hand- somely marked, 45 inch long with full sweep and large collar and cuffs, now \$85.00.  
\$175.00, Genuine Hudson seal coat of fine quality, trimmed with large fur buttons and lined with brocade satin \$125.00.  
\$175.00, Raccoon coat beautifully marked, lined with Skinner satin, has extra large square collar and deep gauntlet cuffs \$135.00.

**SILK WAISTS AN-DELOUSES.**

Blouses of silk crepe-de-chine and georgette. Very charming models at \$1.85, \$2.85, \$3.85 and \$5.85.

**CHILDREN'S COATS.**

All at inventory sale prices. Values up to \$6.98 at \$4.00. Values up to \$8.98 at \$6.00.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT OUR POPULAR THIRD FLOOR WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S WEAR DEPART- MENTS.**

C. B. A la SPIRIT CORSETS. Made to sell as high as \$5.00. Price at the inventory sale 69 cents.  
They're called manufacturers slightly irregulars which means merely a small oil spot or perhaps a drop or double stitch, nothing to detract from the wearing qualities of the corset. The models are all up to date, having long hips and medium bust, lace and ribbon trimmed, sizes 18 to 36 and the price only 69 cents.

**HANDSOME GOWNS FOR WINTER'S SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS.**

All at Inventory Sale Prices.  
Evening gowns worth up to \$14.98 now \$9  
Evening gowns worth up to \$19.98 now \$13  
Evening gowns worth up to \$24.98 now \$19  
Evening gowns worth up to \$32.50 now \$24.98.

**THE SEASONS LATEST MODELS IN CLOTHS, SILKS AND SATIN FOR AFTERNOON STREET AND CALL- ING.**

Dresses worth up to \$10.98 at \$6.00.  
Dresses worth up to \$17.98 at \$11.00.  
Dresses worth up to \$19.98 at \$15.00.  
Dresses worth up to \$24.98 at \$19.00.  
Dresses worth up to \$32.50 at \$25.00.  
Dresses worth up to \$39 at \$29.00.  
**STYLISH DRESS SKIRTS.**  
Dress skirts worth up to \$5.98 sale price \$4.49.  
Dress skirts worth up to \$8.98 sale price \$6.49.

**FUR MUFFS AT REDUCED PRICES.**

\$7.98 Large black Manchurian wolf pil- low muff now \$5.00.  
\$9.98 Black coney ball shape muff, sale price \$6.98.  
\$10.98 Lustrilyn cushion muff, sale price \$7.98.  
\$18.98 Natural muskrat ball shape muff sale price \$9.00.  
\$14.98 Lustrilyn large bolster muff, sale price \$10.00.  
\$18.98 Natural raccoon ball shape muff, sale price \$14.00.  
\$22.50 Black fox muff trimmed with heads and tails \$17.98.  
\$25 Black wolf large ball muff with heads and tails \$20.00.  
\$32.50 Large Kolinsky melon shape muff at \$25.00.  
\$39.00 Black Lynx bolster shape muff for \$32.50.

**\$1.25 to \$1.50 HOUSE DRESSES AT 88c.**

Gingham, chambray and percale several modes, sizes 36 to 44.  
\$2.98 Corduroy lounging robes \$1.75.  
\$4 Beacon Blanket Bath Robes \$2.95.  
\$1.25 Flannelette long kimonas 88c.  
\$1.25 Girls gingham and chambray dresses 88 cents.  
\$1.00 Bungalow aprons 69 cents.  
35c Gingham aprons 25 cents.  
\$1.25 Sateen Petticoats black and ocl- ors 85 cents.  
Women's \$5.00 sweaters now at \$3.00.  
75c Brush wool caps and scarfs white only 39 cents.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT THE NEW WASH GOODS DE- PARTMENT.**

Dress percales, assorted patterns, regular 16c, sale price 13c yard.  
2000 yards remnants of serpentine crepe, newest patterns and color- ings, regular 23c, sale price 19c yd.  
Plain color tussah silks 36 inch wide, street and evening shades, regular 59c, sale 44c yard.  
2500 yards of dark outing flannel, extra heavy quality, assorted pat- terns, regular 23c, sale 17c yard.  
White figured and stripe madras, regular 21c, sale 16c yard.  
One case of plain white outing flannel, regular 15c at 12 1/2c yard.  
1500 yards of remnants of Wind- sor Plisse, plain light blue, pink, and yellow, regular 29c, sale price 21c yard.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.**

Boys 59c and 69c Wool toques and aviation hats now 47c.  
Boys play suits all at 10c per cent reduction.  
Boys \$5 Suits and Overcoats now \$3.45.  
Boys \$6 Suits and Overcoats now \$4.45.  
All our high grade Suits and Over- coats at reduced prices.  
Boys Mackinaws were \$5 to \$15 now \$2.95 to \$12.95.  
Many other inventory bargains at our Boys department.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT ART EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT**

59c to 75c white drawn work bu- reau scarfs at 45c.  
Slightly soiled fancy linens re- duced 25 per cent.  
59c card table covers at 45c.  
Hand embroidered model pieces reduced to less than half price.  
\$1 and \$1.25 lace trimmed bureau scarfs at 89c.  
59c stamped articles now 39c.  
Pillow tubing, pillows, fringe aprons, cross stitch scarfs.  
Children's dresses and rompers, towels, carriage robes, etc.  
59c cretonne scarfs and pillows at 39c.  
39c stamped huck towels 25c.  
39c stamped children's dresses at 25c.  
39c stamped baby pillows with em- broidery cotton 25c.  
35c cross stitch pillows at 25c.  
35c stamped hot biscuit and toast linens 25c.  
45c stamped pillow tous and backs and embroidery silk 25c.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT LINEN DEPARTMENT.**

72 inch extra fine all linen table damask new patterns regular \$1.89 at this sale \$1.69.  
72 inch extra heavy bleached mercerized table damask, assorted patterns regular \$1 quality at 85c yard.  
64 inch bleached mercerized table damask new patterns regular 65c, sale price 55c yard.  
One case of unbleached face and dish toweling, regular 15c and 19c kind at 12 1-2c yard.  
Bleached Turkish towels extra large size regular 25c at 21c.  
Bleached mercerized napkins hem- med ready for use regular \$1.49 doz- en sale price 10c each.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.**

Women's medium weight wool vests and tights, the tights are knee or ankle, the vest low neck with or without sleeves, regular size \$1, ex- tra size \$1.25.  
Boys' Joeger fleeced union suits large size 24 to 34, regular \$1 value at 88c each.  
Women's white cotton hosiery re- inforced heel and toe smooth seem- less feet, regular 17c at 12 1/2c pair.  
Women's out size full fashioned regular made black fine cotton hose, Elite brand, regular 50c, sale price 39c pair.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT MEN'S FURNISHING DEPART- MENT.**

Briefly quoted but big money sav- ings.  
Men's \$5 coat sweaters now \$3.98.  
Men's Grey or brown flannel work shirts \$1.98.  
Men's heavy ribbed shirts and drawers 75c each.  
Men's heavy natural color shirts and drawers at 79c each.  
Men's dress suspenders 29c pair.  
Men's \$1.50 soft or stiff cuff shirts at \$1.15.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT HOUSEWARES AND CHINA- WARE DEPT.**

Bathroom fittings, heavy nickel plate on brass, bath tub soap dishes, towel bars, tumbler holders, etc., values to \$1 at 79c.  
Sanogenic Toilet tissue cabinet with two packages of rice fibre tissue paper, complete 29c.  
Bungalow fire screens four fold, regular \$4.98 at \$3.98.  
Family scales weigh up to 24 lbs., made by Landers, Frary & Clark, regular \$1.75 at \$1.39.  
Ironing tables worth \$1.98 for \$1.59.  
Savory Bread Boxes, large size white, regular \$1.49 sale \$1.19.  
Gas irons with 6 ft. of metal tub- ing, regular \$2.98, sale \$2.29.  
Butter churner, conserve on butter make two lbs of butter out of one \$2.19, and \$2.69.  
High grade enameled water pails, dish pans, preserve kettles, sauce pans, values up to \$1, all at 69c.  
Punch oil mop, regular 75c sale for 59c.  
American porcelain decorated din- ner sets, 42 pieces, for \$4.19.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT TOILET GOODS DEPARTMENT**

Talcum powder assorted odors, regular 10c at 2 for 11c.  
Sanitol tooth paste 17c.  
Derma Viva regular 50c size at 39c.  
White Ivory Combs, regular 25c at 19c.  
Babcock's Corylopsis talcum 15c.  
Rajah cucumber cream, regular 50c at 35c.  
Flotilla toilet soap per dozen 30c.  
Toilet soap, witch hazel, turkish bath at 6 for 25c.  
Hard water castile soap 6 for 25c.  
Rajah peroxide cream regular 25c at 19c.  
Rajah cold cream regular 25c at 19c.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT MEN'S SHOE DEPT.**

Men's \$4 Woonsocket short boots at \$3.69.  
Men's \$6 Gun metal and Russia calf English model shoes at \$5.25.  
Men's \$4 One buckle Top Notch duck Over felt boots \$3.39.  
Men's 4 buckle heavy sole arctics regular \$3.50 kind at \$2.89.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS IN FURNITURE.**

\$15.95 Golden Oak Dressers at \$13.95.  
\$24.75 Quartered Golden Oak din- ing tables \$19.99.  
\$11.95 Bed Couches with mattress and bolster \$9.95.  
\$14.45 Fumed Oak Mission Rock- ers \$12.45.  
\$26.75 Solid Mahogany Library Tables \$21.99.  
\$34.75 Women's Dressing tables \$24.95.  
\$103 Eight Piece Golden Oak din- ing room suites \$89.  
\$27.75 Mahogany Dressers at \$23.75.  
\$34.5 Golden Oak box frame din- ing chairs \$28.99.  
\$104 Three piece Mahogany bed room suites \$89.  
\$119 Three piece Tapestry Living Room Suite \$95.  
\$7.45 Women's Golden Oak or Ma- hogany finish desks \$6.69.  
\$16.75 Brass Beds, guaranteed lac- quer finish \$13.95.  
\$10.95 Quartered Golden Oak Living Room Rockers \$9.45.  
\$44.95 Solid Mahogany Poster Beds at \$34.95.

**INVENTORY SALE BARGAINS AT DRUG DEPARTMENT.**

Peroxide Hydrogen oz. 7c, 8 oz. 11c, 16 oz. at 19c.  
20 Mule Team Borax 10c pkg.  
Bordens Malted Milk 30c and 60c.  
Stereo Bullion tubes 23c.  
Toilet paper regular 5c roll 7 for 25c.  
Dr. Hecklers brand palatable cod liver oil with malt and hypophos- phites regular \$1 size at 59c.  
Dr. Hecklers brand Sodium phos- phate regular 4 oz. size 25c pound size 65c.

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Women's white cotton hosiery re- inforced heel and toe smooth seem- less feet, regular 17c at 12 1/2c pair.  
Women's out size full fashioned regular made black fine cotton hose, Elite brand, regular 50c, sale price 39c pair.

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MRS. MARY MCCARTHY. Mrs. Mary L. McCarthy, wife of M. F. McCarthy, local manager for Morris & Co., died late Monday afternoon at her home on Hudson street, after an illness of several months. Mrs. McCarthy was a native of St. John's N. B., being born there forty years ago. She came here with her husband about three years ago from Spencer, Mass., where she had spent the greater part of her life. Beside her husband she leaves one daughter Frances, four years old. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters, all of whom live in Massachusetts. The body will be taken to Spencer, Mass., Friday for burial.

SUGAR COMING IN. Within the last few days, beginning Monday morning, sugar started to come into town in such a way as to greatly relieve the sugar shortage. Almost every store in town has recently received an allotment of the sweet stuff and each family has been able to get a small amount. One local store received its allotment Christmas eve and it was forced to close up shop until the sugar was done up in pound packages. The majority of the local store men think that from now sugar will come into town and soon the shortage of sugar will be forgotten.

CHRISTMAS AT S. A. The Salvation Army Sunday school observed a giving Christmas this year. Santa Claus was at the school's entertainment Christmas eve and the children brought to him their gifts of money, totaling \$61.82, which will be forwarded for relief work among the Armenian orphans. The citadel was well filled and the guests and children greatly enjoyed the program, which was considered one of the best programs given by the Army Sunday school.

ABOUT TOWN

TONIGHT IN MANCHESTER. This is Wheatless Wednesday. Home Guard drill. Roller Skating, Armory. Grange, Thompson's bungalow. Memorial Lodge, K. of P., Orange hall. Manchester Lodge of Moose, Foresters' hall. Sons of St. George, Tinker hall. Park Theater, "Over Here" and "The Burglar." Circle Theater, "The Conqueror." Lighting Up Time. Auto lamps should be lighted at 4.55 p. m. The sun rose at 7.18 a. m. The sun sets at 4.26 p. m.

Sherwood Bowers is home, from Dartmouth College for the holidays. W. W. Robertson and family of Syracuse, N. Y. are in town for the holidays. A daughter was born early this morning to Dr. Francis B. Crane and wife at their home on Parker street. The creditors of the Harry F. Hills Lumber company have appointed Attorney Frederick Manning as trustee.

Edwin Swanson of the Naval Reserves spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Swanson of Laurel street.

The Ladies Guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church will meet in the guild room of the parish house at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The funeral of Walter Belout who died at the New England House will be held from the home of his father in Severy, Kan., where Belout formerly lived. Undertaker Holoran shipped the body last night.

The Columbus club of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Christmas social in its rooms in the Ferris block Thursday evening. Prizes and presents galore will be given the different members.

The service flag, raised last week by Linne Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is in honor of the following members in service: Elmer Anderson, John Olson, Edwin Swanson, Clarence Peterson and Clarence Anderson.

Richard Schuetz, of Company C, 303rd Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Devens, was among the lucky few to get a Christmas furlough, which he spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schuetz of Cooper street.

The merchants throughout the town report the largest Christmas business ever done in town. Last Saturday and Monday the local stores were crowded all day long and just as long as the stores kept open in the evening.

The reception to Rev. Charles M. Calderwood and wife at the North Congregational church tomorrow evening will not be confined to the members of the church and congregation. Many of his friends outside of the church are expected to be present and will be welcomed.

The staff of Somanhis Events is planning an informal dance for Friday night. Former staff members only are invited. The dance will be held in the Recreation building. It was planned to hold this dance during the Christmas vacation for a number of the former staff members are at college.

Manchester police were not kept very busy this Christmas and the three arrests made during the last three days could not be laid at the doors of the local saloons for there are none. Heretofore the practice of the saloon men in giving their patrons a present of a pint of whiskey was the cause of a lot of trouble for the police.

Edward Cassidy, who has been before the local court six different times charged with intoxication, was sent to jail this morning for 30 days. He came to town late last Saturday and after being given some warm clothing and food was allowed to stay in a garage for the night. Yesterday he became very drunk and was placed under arrest.

Friends of Dr. Joseph A. Higgins formerly of this town who enlisted in the medical corps have received word from him in England. Dr. Higgins was located at a base hospital there but expected to be moved very soon. Many of the doctors in the hospital had been sent to Italy and he was the next on the list. By this time the doctor may be behind the firing line doing medical work.

Instead of buying Christmas candy and presents for each other to be given at the annual Christmas tree exercises, the members of the North Congregational Sunday school donated the amount that would have been spent in this way to the Armenian and Syrian relief fund for children. The money was collected at the exercises at the church Christmas eve and amounted to \$82.80. This was in addition to the church collection for this purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferris and Mr. and Mrs. George Gregory of Springfield spent Christmas with relatives in town.

The semi-weekly session of St. Mary's Bowling League will be held at the Center alleys this evening.

Harold Symonds of Pittsfield, Mass., has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Symonds of Ridgewood street.

Leroy Nelson of Geneva, Ill., who is serving with the Naval Reserves, spent Christmas with his cousin, Mrs. Charles Johnson of Eldridge street.

Francis Smythe, who recently accepted a government position at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smythe of Spruce street.

The War Bureau headquarters, which have been alive with Red Cross workers the past week, have now been turned over to the legal advisers and the draftees, and they will use the facilities in filling out the questionnaires.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Grimes and family of Orange, N. J., spent the holiday with Mr. Grimes' parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grimes of Wells street. Mr. Grimes returned to his work in New York this morning, but Mrs. Grimes and the children will remain in town for a week.

HOME FROM CANADA. William May, who is training as a mechanic with the Royal Flying Corps at Toronto, Canada, is enjoying a furlough of a few days with his uncle, Dr. George W. May of East Center street. He has been at the camp for some time and has made 11 flights. Young May expects to leave for foreign service some time in February. He will return to Canada tomorrow.

NEW SERVICE FLAG. Two service flags are now floating from Cheney Brothers' machine shop building. The electrical department unfurled a flag with seven stars about two weeks ago and now the pipers, in the adjoining room, have one with five stars in honor of the following pipers who are in the service: Henry Newman, James Clifford and Ernest McNally of Company G, Alexander Bickford, in the navy and Ernest Morse, in the artillery.

ORANGE LODGE'S FLAG. Washington Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 117, has raised a service flag in front of Orange hall in honor of the following nine members who are in service: George Brown, Thomas Muldoon, James Clifford, Robert D. Clifford, George Tedford, Harrison Wilson, William Moore, Samuel Hynds and William Preston. An honor roll, bearing the names of these men, hangs inside Orange hall. To show its patriotism the lodge also has voted to keep all members, who have or shall join the colors, in good standing during the period of the war.

TO USE AUTO TRUCK. In their attempt to solve the shipping problem Cheney Brothers have decided to purchase a five ton auto truck. This new truck will be used to carry goods from Manchester to New York. The congested conditions of the freight and express traffic have forced the local concern to take this step. Various ways have been tried to overcome the problem but no one of them was successful. Other large concerns throughout the country are meeting with success by using auto trucks and Cheney Brothers decided to try it. The silk will be carried by truck direct from the local factory to the wholesale houses in New York city. Other trucks which the concern now owns will be pressed into service and will take part in the trucking between here and the metropolis.

BASKET-BALL RULES TO BE FRAMED. New York, Dec. 26—The annual interpretation meeting of the basketball rules committee will be held here tonight at the Hotel Astor. Representatives from every athletic body in amateur sport will be present. The joint rules committee is made up of representatives of the Intercollegiate Association, A. A. U., Y. M. C. A., and Interscholastic Association.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS TO MEET. New York, Dec. 26—Plans for conducting college athletics during the coming year will be shaped here this week when a number of collegiate athletic bodies meet for their annual sessions. The National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America, the Association of Graduate Managers of Athletics and several other athletic bodies will be represented.

Toys at Half Price All This Week

We shall offer a few small remaining lots of toys all this week at HALF PRICE. ALL BOOKS, GAMES, WHITE FURNITURE SETS, FRICTION AND METAL TOYS.

10 Per Cent Off On All The Following

Doll Carriages, Bibles, Erector Sets Scooters and All Dolls

Big Sale of Suits

All Suits Included

\$15.00 \$20.00 \$25.00

Formerly sold \$20 to \$25 Formerly sold \$25 to \$35 Formerly sold \$35 to \$50

See Big Window Display

The J.W. Hale Company SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

That was the Question Asked by South End Firemen.

The South Manchester fire department came near duplicating the north end department's favorite trick of hunting all over town for a fire, Monday afternoon. The fire trucks all appeared upon the scene but the fire could not be located. The alarm was rung in from the corner of Bissell and Spruce streets. After some inquiries it was found that the fire had been put out by Louis Grazel of Hose Company No. 3 who was the first to arrive upon the scene.

The fire was the result of a fight between David Powers and Sam Tedford. Both were intoxicated. In the mixup the heating stove was overturned and this set fire to a couch. Powers and Tedford were arrested by Chief Gordon. Both men were fined five dollars and costs in court yesterday morning.

THOSE QUESTIONNAIRES.

To Be on Safe Side See Member of Advisory Board.

Although the local advisory board is working with those men who come for information regarding their questionnaires there are registrants who have other questions to ask. E. L. G. Hohenthal, the local district board's chairman, has enlightened the men regarding many of their questions.

One thing which bothers the registrants is whether they will have their questionnaires returned if it is found they have made a mistake. This will not be done. If a man makes a mistake which is discovered by the district board he will be asked to go to Wells Hall in East Hartford to rectify it. In order that there may not be many who will make mistakes all registrants are urged to consult a member of the local advisory board before filling out the questionnaire.

Many registrants have enlisted since registration day. In that case the questionnaire is mailed to the home of the registrant and as a special favor the registrants' people are asked to return the questionnaire to the district board.

If you haven't become a member of the Red Cross don't wait to be asked, step right up and join.

POST XMAS CLEARANCE SALE

SO THAT EGER CAN BUY HIS SPRING GOODS. This week, he offers WONDERFUL BARGAINS UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT to clear his counters for next week. Just glance at these prices and COME AROUND EARLY WHILE THE CHOOSING IS GOOD. There will be few garments left after this paper gets into Manchester homes.

LADIE'S COATS

Wool Cheviot, wonderfully beautiful—WORTH \$15.00 at but \$8.00

Broadcloth and wool materials, plush collars, all colors \$18.00 values at \$10.00

\$25.00 Values, some with fur trimmings. Just see them, that's all \$16.50

Wool velours and Broadcloths worth \$32.50 fur cuffs and collars, at \$20.00

House Waists, worth 59 cents Anywhere at 38c

Heavy Voile Waists, only a few left, big collars, nicely embroidered, worth \$1.00 Anywhere. Just see them and wonder at the price 69c

SERGE AND SILK DRESSES

\$13.00 VALUES AT \$8.00

\$18.00 and \$20.00 VALUES AT \$10.00

REMEMBER THIS SALE WILL POSITIVELY CLOSE ON SATURDAY NIGHT. If you wish you may pay a deposit to keep your choice. No alterations at these prices. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

F. Eger & Co.