

Local News

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ENTERTAINMENT

The "Blue Birds" assisted by two other classes of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School, gave a very pleasant entertainment in the Sunday School Room on Friday evening. There was a table of fancy work and one of home made candy. Between \$32.00 and \$33.00 was raised.

NOTICE

Will the people please take notice that "I am prepared to FRAME or ENLARGE in both FLAT and OVAL style. Have the best stock of MOULDINGS, MIRRORS, HYMN BOOKS, BIBLES, TESTAMENTS and FRUIT PICTURES that I ever had. Also a nice stock of CHRISTMAS MOTTOES. Some new styles.

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Somerville  
Car. Co. N. B.

War News

London, Dec. 14.—The most striking feature of the day's official news is the candid admission by the Austrian government of the defeat of the Austrian army, in Serbia, and apparently of the abandonment of its third attempt at the invasion of the territory of its small Slay neighbor.

While attributing the failure to the enemy's superior force, the Austrian war office announces plainly an extended retirement and many losses.

Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering, while the opposing armies drive each other back and forth, occupying and re-occupying cities and villages, and inflicting upon the inhabitants bombardments similar to those that have been inflicted upon the people of Belgium and Northern France.

More than five hundred Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts from the correspondents. Both armies accuse the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictures the fate of Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with the slaughter of four hundred civilians and the sacking of the city.

A distressing feature of the lighting in Poland is the blood-stained pitted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks, and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians.

Marvellous Feat of Submarine B-11

New York, Dec. 15.—A London cable to the Herald this morning says:

"Even greater than the rejoicing which followed the victory of Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturdee, in the South Atlantic, last week, was the measure of enthusiasm throughout the United Kingdom, yesterday, which greeted the official announcement of the daring exploit of the British submarine B-11.

"With the stealth of a panther, and daring which surpasses everything hitherto recorded in British naval history, the B-11, commanded by Lieut. Commander Norman B. Holbrook, of the Royal Navy, braved destruction by five separate chains of mines, laid in the most treacherous of currents, and sent the Turk'sh battleship Messudieh to the bottom of the Dardanelles.

"As a just reward for such intrepidity, Lieut. Commander Holbrook and his crew escaped in their submerged craft, running the gauntlet of heavy gunfire from other warships of the Turkish fleet and the shore forts. Elusive as a living thing, the submarine dived, manoeuvred, came to the surface and dived again, finally escaping unharmed from the guns, pursuing destroyers and difficult currents. The feat of the B-11 has served to convince the British public of one fact concerning which there might have been a lingering doubt. It is that the efficiency of the British submarine is as great as that of the German, and that when opportunity presents itself the British commanders may be relied upon to dare as great dangers as have hitherto been dreamed of."

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hartley returned on Friday night from a visit to New-castle.

Rev. M. H. Manuel, of Florenceville, occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's church Sunday evening.

J. P. Pickle was removed to the Fisher Hospital on Friday, suffering badly from an abscess on the neck.

A. R. Foster, of the C. P. R. was here on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have taken the R. B. Jones residence for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Graham and Miss Lou Smith of Hartland, were guests of Mrs. W. L. Carr last week.

The engagement is announced of Byron T. Griffith and Miss Elizabeth E. Duna, the wedding to take place at the bride's home in Milville, York Co. on December 25th.

A. P. Allingham, provincial manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Co., St. John, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Allingham, last week.

Mrs. A. F. Tabor and family, who have been spending the summer with friends in Woodstock and other parts of the province, have returned to their home in Vancouver, B. C.

The friends of Mrs. W. B. Belyea will regret to hear of an accident that happened to her while skating on the creek Saturday afternoon, when a fall, resulted in breaking the left arm in two places.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snow and Miss Florence Snow will leave this evening for Victoria, B. C., where they will spend the winter. They will be accompanied by Mrs. C. A. McKeen, who will spend the winter with friends in California.

Major W. W. Melville, of Peel, who left here with the Engineers in the first contingent, received a letter from Mrs. Melville, announcing the arrival of a baby girl. When he communicated the news to his fellow officers at mess, they gave three cheers for Mrs. Melville, and suggested that the baby be christened "Mary Salisbury," which request has been complied with.

Mr. J. Stewart Mavor, a former Fredericton boy and now a member of the legal firm of Burns & Mavor, at Bessano, Alta., has been offered and has accepted the Liberal-Conservative nomination for the House of Commons.—Fredericton Gleaner.

Wm. M. Connell, left for Montreal on Monday evening, where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Rutter. He expects to return in time to attend court which opens on the second Tuesday in January.

Miss E. Henderson, who has been visiting Mrs. H. C. Grosvenor, at Meductic, has returned home.

The Rev. Frank Baird is in Toronto this week attending a meeting of a committee of the church.

Miss Jennie Dorey is visiting relatives in Montreal and Detroit.

Mrs. E. W. Mair, who has been in Montreal visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Connell, has returned home.

Miss E. Henderson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. S. Miller, Hartland.

E. W. Mair went to Campbellton on Tuesday to see his father.

Dr. H. A. Farris, Quebec, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hay, left last week for Whites' Cove, Qu. Co., where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Farris.

Red Cross Work

The ladies of the Red Cross Society wish to acknowledge and thank the following for donations:—

- Mrs. W. A. London, Jacksonville, 1 pair socks
- Ray, Woodstock, 1 pair mittens
- Jas. Montgomery 1 "
- W. D. Rankin 2 sleeping helmets
- Stokes 1 pair socks
- H. V. Dalling 1 pair socks
- Henry Walker 1 "
- Walter Belyea 1 "
- S. E. Boyer 1 "
- Chas. Watson 1 "
- Ferguson 1 "
- B. H. Smith Sr 3 pair wristlets
- Harry Nash 2 pair knitted gloves
- W. D. Forster St. John 1 pair wristlets
- Isaac Graham Bloomfield 1 pair socks
- Geo. Watson Upper Woodstock 1 pair socks
- Dunlop 1 pair socks
- Cliff 1 "
- Golding 1 "
- Eliza Shaw 1 pair socks
- Delaney Smith 1 pair socks
- Miss Furrington 1 "
- Mrs. J. T. A. Dibblee 1 "
- W. Fisher 1 pair wristlets
- Miss Katharine Clark 2 pair socks
- Domestic science pupils 2 dozen handkerchiefs
- Mrs. J. K. Flemming wristlets and sleeping helmet
- Gratton Red Cross Society, Mrs. H. Blackmore, president, 5 pair bed socks, 1 pair mittens, 4 pair socks, 9 night shirts.
- Mrs. Howard Burt 1 pair socks
- D. H. Smit 1 "
- Frank Foster 1 "
- Jarvis Watson 1 "
- Ingraham 2 pair mittens
- Miss Lingley 2 sleeping helmets
- Bellville Red Cross Society, Mrs. Mc-Bride, president, 14 pair mittens, 6 pair socks, 5 pair wristlets, 3 sleeping hel-

- nets, 1 day shirt.
- Mrs. Will Jewett, Mrs. Hedley Jewett, Florenceville, 6 hospital night shirts.
- Ben'on Red Cross Society, Mrs. W. H. Murchie, president, Mrs. Wm. Gibson, secretary, 16 pair socks, 1 sleeping cap, 1 cholera belt.
- Mrs. James Montgomery 1 pair wristlets and 1 helmet.
- Stewart 1 scarf
- Comben 2 helmets
- J. R. Brown 2 scarfs
- Miss Katharine Jarvis 1 scarf
- Mrs. Perkins 1 helmet and 1 pair mitts
- Dalling 2 pairs mittens
- Leighton 1 "
- Thompson 1 scarf
- F. H. J. Dibblee 1 pair mitts
- Creighton 1 scarf
- Benn 2 pairs mitts
- Guy Manzer 3 pair wristlets
- Bowles 5 pair wristlets
- Corbett 1 pair wristlets
- Miss Lingley 2 helmets
- Mrs. B. H. Smith 1 pair mitts

MRS. W. P. JONES Pres  
MRS. E. R. TEED, Secty

A box was sent to Halifax on Dec. 11th, for shipment to England. The box contained:—  
48 g flannel field shirts, 73 pair socks  
36 pair knitted mittens, 14 sleeping helmets, 16 pair wristlets, 34 pair bed socks  
2 flannel belts, 14 w flannelette hospital night shirts, 9 col flannel hospital night shirts, 6 cotton hospital night shirts, 1 pair flannelette blankets, 2 pair pillow slips, 2 dozen cheese cloth handkerchiefs, 2 dozen cambric handkerchiefs, 5 towels.

In addition 30 pair socks have been distributed among the boys who have recently joined the second contingent.

ELLEN M. TEED, Secty.

Kaiser's last Will and Testament

The following "Kaiser's Will" is being circulated in England.

It is rumored in Germany that the Emperor now realizes that his number is up, and is accordingly making his Will, revoking all Wills made heretofore.

The will is said to read as follows:

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me Wilhelm, the sausage-swanker and ruler of the sausage-eater, recognizing that I am fairly up against it, and expected to meet with a violent death at any minute at the hands of Brave Johnny Bull, hereby make my last Will and Testament.

I appoint the Emperor of Austria to be my sole executor (by kind permission of the allies.)

1—I give and bequeath to France, the territories of Alsace and Lorraine (as this is only a case of returning stolen property, I don't deserve any credit for it, and am not likely to get it either)

2—to Servia, I give Austria.

3—to Russia I give Turkey, for the Czar's Christmas dinner.

4—to Belgium I should like to give all the thick ears, black eyes and broken noses, that she presented me with when I politely trespassed on her territory.

5—to Admiral Jellicoe I give all my Dreadnoughts, Submarines, Torpedo-boat destroyers and fleet of Funters generally, what's left of them. He's bound to have them in the end, so this is only anticipating events.

6—to John Bull I give what's left of My Army, as his General French seems so handy at turning my men into sausage meat, I suppose he means to finish the job with his Kitchener the champion German sausage cooker.

7—to the British Museum, I leave my famous mustaches, souvenir of the greatest swanker, in this or any other age.

8—to Mrs. Pankhurst, and the wild women, I leave my matted fist, they'll find it useful, no doubt, when they resume their militant tactics.

9—to Sir Ernest Shackleton, I leave the Pole, I've been up it for so long I regard it as my own property.

Signed H. I. M. WILHELM,  
Lord of the Land, Sea and Air,  
Not forgetting the sausages and Lager Beer.

Signed by the above named WILHELM, as his last Will in the presence of us, his ministers and keepers present at the same time, who in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

BARON VON SAUERKRAUT,  
GRAF VON MUNICHLAGERBIER.

On Oct the 8th, the ladies of Bedell and adjoining districts met at the



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home of Mrs John Bull and organized a Society to be known as the Bedell Red Cross Society, with a membership of twenty six members.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs John Bull; vice-president, Mrs John Montgomery; 2nd president, Alice McIntyre; secretary treasurer, Mrs Garnet Campbell.

The following goods have been sent to the Queens Needle Work Guild:—  
1 dozen pair socks, 25 rolls bandages, 30 pads, 10 pair pillow cases, 8 pair bed socks.

And the following to the Canadian Over Seas Contingent:—  
11 dozen pair socks, 8 pair wristlets, 14 flannel cholera belts, 3 flannel day shirts.

In addition to the above there were two sugar barrels of clothing sent to the Belgian Relief Fund.

At the bean supper which they held on Dec 1st, in the Orang. hall, at Richmond Corner, they realized the sum of \$25.96 after the expenses were paid. At the last meeting a vote of thanks was rendered to the Orangemen for the free use of the hall and lights. They also wish to extend their thanks to the following persons for their donations:—

- John Montgomery.....\$ 50
- Everett Montgomery..... 50
- John Blackie..... 50
- Garnet Campbell..... 1 00
- Woodbury McIntyre..... 50
- Leo McKeen..... 50
- Frank McKeen..... 50
- John Bull..... 1 00
- Harry Bull..... 50
- Will McKeen..... 50
- Mrs John B Currie..... 25
- Wesley Slipp..... 50
- Lorne Slipp..... 1 50
- Ernest Haynes..... 1 00
- Samuel Hall..... 1 00
- George F Vanwart..... 50
- John Milbury..... 50
- Guy Hall..... 50
- Lee Campbell..... 50
- Robert Bull..... 50
- Mrs Robert Bull..... 50
- Beecher Haynes..... 1 00
- Alfred Brown..... 1 00
- Will Elze..... 1 00
- Charles Hand..... 1 00
- Edward B. nt..... 2 00
- Mrs Thos Matthews 2 skeins yarn
- Annie Blackie 13 rolls bandages and 30 pads
- Mrs John Montgomery 1 lb yarn
- Everett Montgomery 1 lb yarn
- Harry McIntosh 1 pair socks
- MRS GARNET CAMPBELL, Treasurer

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