

## Local News

## Special Program

At The Salvation Army on Easter Monday night a special program will be given Entitled "Christ's Cross and Mine." Don't fail to be present.

## Kiltie Koncert Kompany

The Crack Brass Band under the able leadership of Bandmaster M. E. Perkins, presents an unique musical feature in the entertainment given by the Kiltie Concert Kompany, which appears here on the 11th. The opening number of the programme is a Military Fantasia entitled "For King and Country" composed by Lieut. J. Ord Home. It is a descriptive musical setting of the life of a soldier in the Empire's Army and introduces a number of military marches and popular airs. The Brass Band, it will be remembered, was originally with the 115th Battalion and when that Battalion was broken up in England as drafts, the band was kept intact and returned to Canada to form a part of the 236th Battalion. It is considered by critics to be the finest Military Band now on Home Service.

## Red Cross Society

Statement of receipts and expenditures of Woodstock Branch Canadian Red Cross Society from Jan. 1st to Mar. 31st 1917.

1917  
Jan. 1st Balance on hand \$65 91  
Mar. 31st Receipts to date \$548 85

1917  
Jan. 1st Lady Tilley for Paris Hospital \$50 00  
Mar. 31st Expenditures to date \$280 40

\$604 76  
\$274 26  
SARAH A. HARTLEY  
Treasurer

## WANTED

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## MARRIED

MCINTOSH-WELCH.—At the Manse Woodstock, on Wednesday April 4th, by Rev. Frank Baird, Alexander McIntosh to Clara Welch, both of Bristol, N. B.

## DIED

STEPHENSON.—At Florenceville, N. B., on Wednesday April 4th, after a long illness, Mrs. C. E. Stephenson.

## Your Duty

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## PERSONALS

Miss Helen McKibbin entertained at a chain party on Wednesday evening.

Rev. A. T. Dykeman occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Macgregor Watt, of Brooklyn, N. Y. arrived in town Saturday, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Watt, Albert Street.

Miss Edith Finnamore, who has been visiting in the west, returned home last week and has resumed her duties in the post office.

Mrs. F. L. Atherton and Mrs. Wm. T. Montgomery went to Boston last week to attend the funeral of their sister Mrs. Henry Burrage who died in Spierley, Mass.

Mrs. John McLaughlan and Miss Marguerite left for Montreal on Saturday to spend Easter with Mrs. McLaughlan's son Harry McLaughlan of the Bank of Montreal.

Mrs. F. B. Armour and little daughter Olga, left Saturday a. m. for Hail fax to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Broadfoot. Mr. Broadfoot has just returned from overseas on three months furlough. Mrs. Armour's only brothers are overseas, one in France in 36th Siege Battery, the other in the 9th Stationary Hospital, England.

Miss Jean Smith is visiting friends in St. Stephen.

Mrs. Mary Ferguson is visiting friends in St. John.

Rev. H. G. Kennedy of Houlton was a visitor to town last week.

Miss Marjorie Rankin, who is attending the Pratt Art school in New York, has arrived home.

Lyman Flemming of the Bank of Montreal staff, has been transferred to Peterboro, Ontario.

Mrs. A. D. Cooke of Montreal is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace at Carleton Hall.

A. B. Connell, K. C., was in St. John last week to attend a meeting of the public utilities commission.

H. D. Stevens, town treasurer, left on the 26th ult., for Boston, Mass., to consult a specialist as to his health. Chas. Comben is filling the position during the absence of Mr. Stevens.

Miss King, of the staff of the Fisher Memorial School, is ill with typhoid fever at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Comben.

Lieut. A. C. Baldwin, of Chatham and Lieut. B. S. Everett, of St. Andrews, who have both seen overseas service; but who are now with the 236th Kiltie Batt., Fredericton, were in town last week making arrangements for the Kiltie concert to be held in the Hayden-Gibson Theatre on Wed. April 11.

Mrs. Frank Baird and daughter Elizabeth leave on Friday morning for Fredericton to spend a few days with Mrs. Baird's mother, Mrs. S. H. McKee. Miss Elizabeth has just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.

## Conduct of the German Soldiers

Philip Gibbs, in a telegram from the French front says:

It is difficult to find any clue to the character of these German soldiers, who left behind them proofs of wonderful labor and skill, and proofs of great sentiment and religious piety, and proofs of ordered cruelty worse than anything seen in France since the barbarous days. Yesterday I went to a village called Liaucourt. There is a great chateau there, with a strong round tower and high peaked roofs and great wings of dark old brick. It was centuries old when the revolution made its heraldic shields meaningless, but until a year or two ago its walls were still hung with tapestries and its halls filled with Empire furniture, and its great vaulted cellars filled with wine. When the Germans came they made it a hospital for their wounded. Their Red Cross is still painted on one of the sloping roofs. When the Germans went away a few days ago they left but an empty shell. They stripped the walls of panelling and tapestry; they took all the clocks, pictures, furniture and carpets, and I wandered yesterday through scores of rooms empty of every thing.

The chateau of Liaucourt had been looted from attic to cellar, but quite close to the chateau the Germans have left the bodies of many of their soldiers, as all over this country.

By the roadsides and in the fields there are graves of German dead. Here and there was one of their cemeteries, strong walled with heavy blocks of stone, each grave with its big wooden headpiece, with a stone chapel built for burial service, and with a monument in the centre of all these dead. It was a memorial put up by Hessian troops in July, 1915, to the honor of the men taken on the field of honor. In this graveyard one sees the deep respect paid by Germans to the dead—French dead as well as German dead. But just a hundred yards away is another graveyard. It is the cemetery of a little church in the grounds of the chateau and is full of vaults and tombs, where lay the dust of French citizens, men, women and children, who died before the horrors of this year. The vaults had been opened by pick axes, the tombstones split across and the graves exposed. Into these little houses of the dead—a young girl had lain in one of them—rubbish had been flung. From one vault a coffin had been taken away. The church had been a little gem, with a tall pointed spire, which was destroyed not by shell fire, but by an explosive charge placed there the day before the German went away. The sanctuary had been opened and the reliquaries smashed. Statues of the Saints had been overturned and the vestments of the priests trampled and torn. I went into the villages of Cre-

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mory, not far away. Here also graves had been opened in the churchyard, and in the church the relics of saints had been looted, and in the sacristy fine old books of prayer and music lay tattered on the floor.

## The War News

(St. John Globe).

Steadily maintained pressure against the so-called Hindenburg line has made the early capture of St. Quentin and La Fere almost a certainty. At the present time the British hold two of the four railroads to St. Quentin, and their guns dominate the other two, while the French dominate La Fere. These circumstances make a further German retreat a certainty of the near future. If stories of the destruction of St. Quentin are true the German retreat may come soon, disarranging all German plans based on the retirement to the now threatened Hindenburg line. In the opinion of Philip Gibbs, one of the ablest of British correspondents with the armies in France, both the Kaiser and General von Hindenburg were recent visitors to the Western front. They planned the retreat which, thanks to the masterly skill of the French and British advance, failed to secure the advantage expected, and now, under the pressure of a resistless offensive, is slowly being forced from main supply points. Every first rank military writer to-day argues that the Entente Allies not only compelled the German retreat, but followed up so rapidly that the enemy is to-day in a relatively worse position, having lost the advantage of high ground as well as of much territory. What will the Germans do if compelled to make a second retreat immediately on the heels of the first? The further shortened line and the consequent release of men would not offset the loss of prestige, nor in the face of such successes would it be possible for the Germans to weaken the Western front for drives elsewhere. The desperation of the enemy is shown in his military defeats, as well as in the diabolical expedients resorted to in the hope of killing a few British and French soldiers. A story of the recent retreat is vouched for by Philip Gibbs in these words:

Horrible also to say, he (the enemy) has tried to delay us by foul and poisonous means outside the pale even of modern warfare, which is very broad minded in its definitions of lawfulness. A German agent has been caught in our lines with a bacteriological culture for spreading disease among our horses. His orders were to mix these virulent microbes with the animals' food or scratch their nostrils with wire tainted with these living organisms of disease. It is on a level with the befouling of wells, which I have seen with my own eyes.

Traps of death remain, though men have gone. It is a brave man who is to kick open a closed door. It is a foolish man who first opens a shut book such as a big chest left obviously in the square of Bapaume. I and other men walk through these places with every sense alert for the menace that is in an iron rod thrust into a rubble of bricks and in shell cases protruding from a turmoil of earth, or lying in rag heaps and the litter of German bullets. These things must have been done on the authority of those in command. They are on a part with the poisoning of wells, the poisoning of Red Cross bandages and the hundreds of other crimes which brand Germany an out law nation.

## PUBLIC HACK

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and COUNTRY work

H. H. JONES

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Capt. Squarebriggs of the Salvation Army, was in St. John last week conducting services at No. 1 Citadel.

Mrs. Howard Smith, of Presque Isle Me., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Howe Jacques.

## German Kultur In Southern States

New York, April 4.—A Tribune despatch from Grenboro, N. C., says: As in Ireland, Egypt, South Africa and India, so here in the South, secret agents of the Imperial German government have been fomenting revolt under the pretense of spreading "kultur." They have been insidiously working to bring about a rising of the negroes against the whites.

The facts are difficult of access and for obvious reasons are discussed most guardedly by those who know them best. A Southerner hates to talk of trouble with negro. He prefers to prepare silently to meet it and that is what is now going on in the South, from North Carolina to the Gulf.

No one knows how serious the situation is. The Southerner counts heavily on the loyalty of a great majority of the blacks and fears at the worst local demonstrations by such lawless and reckless elements of the negro population as the German agents have been able to reach. Many well-known negroes are working earnestly to counteract or "backfire" the German propaganda. The Kaiser's apostles of "kultur" have probably much misconceived the negro character.

They could easily underestimate its loyalty and mistake a kind of chronic discontent for a spirit of rebellion. Nevertheless the colored population recently has been showing symptoms of unusual ill-temper and there are some cool-minded Southern men who are prepared before the thing is over to see a return of conditions similar to those of "reconstruction days."

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