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Saturday, 21st December, 1918.

O Christmas Present
will be more ap-
preciated by your
friends than a
year's subscription
to **The Beacon**.

THE PROGRESS OF PEACE

THE most notable event of the past week in connection with the preliminaries of the Peace Congress was the arrival in France of President Wilson and his party, who landed at Brest on Friday afternoon of last week, and reached Paris on Saturday morning. The reception accorded the President at Brest and at Paris was of the most enthusiastic description, and whatever doubt may have existed, either in the United States or elsewhere, as to the wisdom of the President being on the spot while the Peace Conference was being organized, must now be entirely removed. His presence will have greater weight than that of any other individual, and his personal conferences with those who will compose the membership of the Conference will be of inestimable value. The actual Conference will not assemble till some time in January, but the interval will be fully employed in formulating terms and perfecting details. So far as the Conference is concerned, it will probably only give expression to the perfect agreements which have been reached previous to its assembling.

The armistice has been extended to January 17, and will be further extended as required, and the Germans have been granted a longer time for the delivery of locomotives and some other things called for by the terms of the armistice.

The Allied troops are now in full occupation and control of that part of Germany west of the Rhine lying between Switzerland and Holland, and of those place east of the Rhine specified in the armistice agreement.

The Germans seem more than reconciled to the army of occupation, though they are finding out that they must submit to what amounts to martial law, the Generals of the Allied troops having imposed strict regulations with which all must comply.

The political situation in Germany is still in a somewhat chaotic state, and minor counter revolutions are being suppressed with some difficulty. Dr. W. S. Solf, the Conservative Minister of Foreign Affairs, has had to resign; and it is a matter of wonder that he held the office as long as he did, in view of his known monarchical sympathies.

The Kaiser, as his host continues to call him, still remains in Holland, though the Netherlands' Government has intimated to him that his presence in that country is no longer desirable. Whither will he go? Time alone will decide that question, as it will also decide that tribunal is to try him, and all others responsible in any degree, for the atrocities committed during the war.

We have given much space of this issue to print in full the great speech delivered by King George in the Palace of Westminster on November 19, for we are sure many of our readers will appreciate having it complete, and will probably preserve it for future reference. The speech is worthy of our revered Sovereign and of the occasion on which it was delivered.

We also reprint a leading article from *The Times*, London, on "The Day," and this too, will be read with much interest by readers of the BEACON.

Great numbers of returning Canadian troops continue to arrive almost daily, and their home-coming is a cause of great rejoicing on the part of their friends. They will not be like the guest of the "Village Preacher" as described by Goldsmith.

"The broken soldier, kindly bade to stay,
Sat by the fire and talked the night away,
Wept o'er his wounds or tales of sorrow done,
Shouldered his crutch, and showed how fields were won."

Those of our men who return uninjured will reoccupy positions held before going overseas, and those who return maimed or in shattered health will meet with all the tender care and attention which a grateful nation can bestow.

It is a pleasant thought that this Christmas season is not darkened by war clouds, though the rejoicing in many homes will

be modified by the sad thought that some dear ones will return no more.
"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallow'd mold,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod,
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.
By fairy hands their knell is rung;
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There Honor comes, a pilgrim gray,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay,
And Freedom shall awhile repair
To dwell a weeping hermit there!"

The thaw and rain of Saturday and Monday caused most of the snow to disappear and completely spoiled the excellent sleighing. Since Monday the weather has been extremely pleasant, though rather cold. Christmas shopping has been brisk all week, and the local shopkeepers seem to be doing a good business. Some of them have made special preparations to cater for "Victory Christmas," and have duly announced the fact, as will be seen on reference to our advertising columns.

The 1919 Calendars are being distributed. We have received a very artistic one from Messrs. Gardner & Doon, the enterprising local fish merchants. One has also reached us from Mr. A. Hansel-packer, of Elmsville.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

December 22.—United States took possession of Louisiana, acquired by purchase from France, 1802; Thomas Higginson, American writer, born, 1823; Lord Alverstone, English jurist and former Lord High Chancellor, born, 1842; Ope Read, American author and journalist, born, 1852; Solon Hannibal Borglum, American sculptor, born, 1868; Mary Ann Evans ("George Eliot"), English novelist, died, 1880; Captain Dreyfuss, of the French army, convicted, 1884; Dwight L. Moody, American evangelist, died, 1899.

December 23.—Michael Drayton, English poet, died, 1631; Sir Richard Arkwright, English inventor of the spinning frame, born, 1732; Sir Martin Archer Shee, English portrait painter, born 1770; Joseph Smith, Mormon prophet, born, 1805; Rev. W. E. Channing, American Unitarian divine, died, 1842; Oscar J. Straus, American diplomat, born, 1850; Moldavia and Wallachia united to form Kingdom of Rumania, 1861; Henry W. Grady, American journalist and orator, died, 1889; Accession of Albert King of the Belgians, 1909.

December 24.—Galba, Roman Emperor, born, 3 B. C.; King John of England, born, 1166; Vasco de Gama, Portuguese navigator, died, 1525; George Crabbe, English poet and divine, born, 1754; Jerome Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon, married Elizabeth Patterson, of Maryland, 1803; Kit Carson, American scout and pioneer, born, 1809; Matthew Arnold, English poet and essayist, born, 1822; Earl Morley, O. M. English statesman and author, born, 1838; James Smith, London banker and humorist, died, 1839; Hugh Miller, Scottish geologist, died, 1856; William M. Thackeray, English novelist, died, 1863; Emanuel Lasker, German chess player, born, 1868; Johns Hopkins, founder of University at Baltimore, died, 1873; Queen Alexandrine of Denmark born, 1879.

December 25.—Christmas Day. Samuel de Champlain, French explorer in Canada, died, 1635; Sir Isaac Newton, English scientist, born, 1642; William Collins, English poet, born, 1721; Richard Porson, English Greek scholar, born, 1759; Baghdad taken by the Turks, 1833; Mont Cenis tunnel completed, 1870.

December 26.—St. Stephen. Thomas Gray, English poet, born, 1716; Count von Moltke, Prussian military leader, born, 1800; Venice annexed to Kingdom of Italy, 1805; Dion Boucicault, Irish dramatist and author, born, 1822; The Great Powers acknowledged the independence of Belgium, 1830; Stephen Girard, American philanthropist, died, 1831; Admiral George Dewey, American naval commander, born, 1837; Norman Angell, American writer, born, 1874; Gen. John A. Logan, American soldier and statesman, died, 1896.

December 27.—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Pierre de Ronsard, French poet, died, 1585; Captain John Davis, English navigator, killed, 1605; John Wilkes, English demagogue, died, 1787; Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former Premier of Canada, born, 1823; Charles Lamb, English essayist, died, 1834; Late Duke of Norfolk born, 1847.

December 28.—Innocent's Day. John Logan, Scottish poet and divine, died, 1788; Thomas Henderson, Scottish astronomer, born, 1798; Alexander Keith Johnston, Scottish geographer, born, 1804; Lord Burnham, English journalist, proprietor of the *London Telegraph*, born, 1833; Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, born, 1856; Duke of Portland, English nobleman, born, 1857; Lord Macaulay, English historian, poet, and statesman, died, 1859; T. H. Estabrooks, St. John, N. B., merchant, born, 1861; Tay Bridge, Dundee, Scotland, destroyed, 1879; Dr. Sun Yat-sen, elected President of the Chinese Republic, 1911.

"You make life a burden to me," said the busy man to the persistent life insurance agent. "In that case you can't take out this policy any too soon."—*Louisville Courier Journal*.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

E. A. SMITH'S ADDRESS
The second monthly meeting of the Women's Canadian Club was held in Memorial Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th, the President presiding.

After the reading of the minutes and Treasurer's report, the President introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. E. A. Smith. Mr. Smith thanked the Club for the honor they had conferred upon him in calling on him to open the winter course of lectures. He then gave a most interesting address on "Our Navy, its work in the great war."

The speaker dealt with the different departments of Naval Service. He drew vivid and striking word-pictures of the different engagements, in which our battleships have taken part. The Battle of the Bight, of Dogger Banks, and of Falkland Islands, where the gallant Craddock was avenged.

The British submarines did a splendid work; not so spectacular as that of the Germans, for the material was not there. Most of the German ships were safely anchored. On one occasion, in an engagement, a German ship was sunk, and the British sent out men in a whaling boat to pick up the survivors. The Germanships now appeared in such force that the British ships had to fly, leaving the men in the whaling boat. But all at once popped a submarine, took the men on board and conveyed them to safety. It was found that there was not room on the submarine for the rescued Germans, so they were given the whaling boat, with plenty of food and water, and started for land, which was only twenty-five miles distant. Quite different tactics from that of the Germans, who again and again shelled the survivors in their life-boats.

Mr. Smith spoke at some length of the splendid work done by the patrols and mine-sweepers. The comparative safety of the seas during this awful war, was due to these indomitable men, who day after day, at the risk of their lives, swept the seas of these engines of destruction.

Our transport system was the wonder of the whole world. Millions of men, millions of tons of munitions, and millions of tons of food-stuffs have been transported, with comparatively little loss. We owe our lives and our liberty to the fact that Britannia still rules the waves. The work done by our grand and glorious Navy can never be over-estimated, culminating as it did in our "bloodless Trafalgar" on Nov. 21st, when two long lines of British battle-ships led the proud German Navy safely to anchor, in British waters.

At the close a standing vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Smith, who responded in a few well-chosen words.

Mrs. Andrews spoke feelingly of the

death of the young soldier, Arthur McMullon, the first of our gallant boys to be brought home for burial. A vote was taken to extend the sympathy of the Club to Mr. and Mrs. McMullon in their bereavement.

During the evening the Chorus Club sang "O Canada," and "Heroes of the Flag," the solo parts in the latter being taken by Miss Gardiner and Miss Bessie Thompson.

The meeting adjourned by singing the National Anthem.

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Scarfs, Camisoles, etc. In
sensible goods, Knit Jack-
ets, Kid Gloves, Silk Petti-
coats, Wool Scarfs, Blank-
et Robes, Kimonos, Sweat-
ers, Furs. But the main
thing to do this Christmas
is to be cheerful and try
to make everyone else
the same.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

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St. Stephen, N. B.

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CHRISTMASTIDE is close upon us, the season of kindness and good cheer. Friendly impulses and kindly acts are now the order of the day. Some subscribers to the BEACON now have an opportunity to do a friendly act, in some cases a long time in abeyance, by paying up arrears of subscriptions. We shall appreciate it, and they will have the satisfaction of discharging an obligation as well as conferring a favor.

Every paper sent to a subscriber constitutes a statement of account, for the date on which a subscription expires is shown on the address slip. As soon as that date is reached a renewal subscription is due. We want to collect all subscriptions due, and especially those long overdue. We have to pay our help, the people who supply us with paper, ink, fuel, and all the other things required to run a newspaper office; and we have to pay the butcher, the baker, the family dress-maker, and all the other good people who supply us with sustenance and clothing. We have given you a good newspaper, which we know you appreciate, and we want you to show your appreciation by paying for it.

All accounts for subscriptions one year overdue at the end of 1918 will be placed in the hands of a collector on the first of January, 1919. Please do not impose upon us the necessity of doing this, and of putting you to unnecessary expense—for subscribers in arrears must pay the collector's charges. The subscription price of the BEACON is net, and to secure the lowest rate it must be paid in advance.

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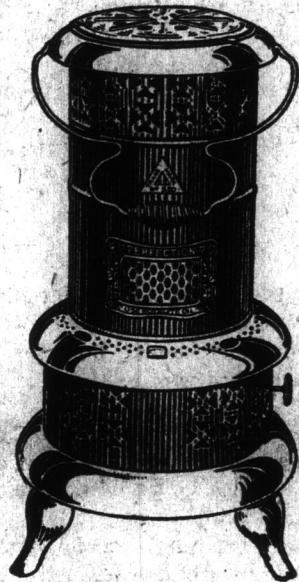
ST. Andrews, N. B.

14th December, 1918.

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Social

Mrs. Arthur have returned
Pte. Donald been visiting
and Mrs. Stur in Houlton.

Mr. Frank Saturday to
niece, Miss N.

Mr. Douglas Frederickton
Mrs. G. D. G. chen, N. J., for
Rev. Wm. P. John.

Mrs. H. S. B. Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Howard
the winter with Bucknam.

Miss Nellie Corner.
Mrs. Velma Greenlaw, of
Rev. Wm. Amos Dec. 11.

Rev. Father from Milltown
the roads in ex Dr. Dienstadt
St. Andrews on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. dren, of St. John
Hahn's father, Hahn returned
evening.

Mrs. Florence to St. Stephen
a saint week with T. A. Kendrick,
Andrews.

Pte. Frank M. 236th Battalion,
Mimodora on St. Stephen on Sunday
his home here He is the first St.
since the signi was accompanied
Stephen, whose Later Pte. and N.
St. Stephen.

The members tion were enter-
by Rev. Wm. an Russell. Her S.
sent Miss Rus gregation a man
were Mesdames Goodchild, and
Misses Margaret Rigby, Carol E.
Marie Lusinkew Malloch, Ada C.
Vesta Lord.

The Evening B Percy Odell on
Ralph Goodchild highest score. T.
dames Vernon Harold Stickney,
Warren Stinson, Everett, and the
lin, Bessie Grim

Miss Carolyn R this week.

Mr. Ernest Gra in Elmsville recent
Mrs. Theodora Stephen.

Mr. J. R. McMo Prince Arthur Sch
afternoon for his having received a
that his whole fam sisters, and a brot
necessitated the c School on Thursd
on which day the the Holidays.

The Misses F Fern McDowell ha
John, where they Business College.

Mr. Daniel Cook with up-river frien
Miss Nina Field her teaching duties
Christmas greeti ceived by friends
Grimmer, and Cap his son, Wilmot.

WANTS TO REL

Editor THE BEACON
Dear Sir:—

Having relatives on my father
to put a personal in hope that some of
living, or cousins will communicate. Unfo
their addresses, or I you.

I am the oldest s late William Wilson,
in the early fifties, 18 invalided home from
Europe, having enlisted Imperial Forces in the
Hoping that you will Yours truly,
James Lak