

## THE DAILY MAIL

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To all patrons the Mail extends its best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS.

While the expectations of a year ago, that the second Christmas after the signing of the armistice would find the peace of the world firmly established, the cost of living materially reduced, an absence of strife and unrest among the toiling masses, and all nations settled down to the great work of reconstruction after the most awful war in the world's history, have not been realized, nevertheless there is no reason why the approach of Christmas should not kindle in the human heart a feeling of cheerfulness and thankfulness. After what this old world has gone through during the past five years, cheerfulness should certainly be the cardinal virtue for the crowning holiday of an eventful year. And there should be a feeling of devout thankfulness that conditions are no worse than they actually are.

Christmas in 1918 came a few weeks after the signing of the armistice which for Great Britain and her Allies terminated successfully the great world war that had drenched two-thirds of Europe in blood. Hundreds of thousands of our Canadian boys, who fought the brutal Hun with such gallantry were then separated from their homes by the Atlantic ocean. Those men have since returned to Canada, and the day of all days should tomorrow be observed throughout the country with considerable of the old time spirit. Alas! the cruel ravages of war have left vacant chairs in many households and now, in this time of rejoicing, our thoughts should go out to the noble men "who saw the sunset's glow and who loved and were loved," but who today in a far country sleep the sleep which knows no awakening. While they will be sorely missed around the firesides at this festive season, their mourning relatives can find consolation in the fact that they died while performing a sacred service to mankind, and their names will always be cherished by a grateful country.

The observance of the Christmas festival is general throughout the civilized world and it is right that this should be so. It is the one season of the year when the true spirit of Christ seems to be dominant in the land, and the hearts of all mankind beat with a generous impulse for the common good. It is the one season of the year when our burdens seem to be lightened and all classes should seek to emulate the example and teaching of our glorious Saviour. We are told in Holy Writ that the poor are always with us, but too often in the great race for things material this self-evident fact is overlooked by many people upon whom Dame Fortune has bestowed her golden smile. We are often told that there is altogether too much selfishness in the world and there is considerable truth behind the statement. There are Scrooges abroad today just as there were in the days of the immortal Dickens. The Yuletide season provides them with the opportunity to

open their flinty hearts and scatter seeds of kindness along the pathway of their more unfortunate fellow creatures, but too few of them act on the spirit of the Scriptural message that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." In this they not only show lack of appreciation of the great boon which Christianity bestowed upon the world, but utterly disregard the sacred teachings of Christ. Born in a manger, of humble parentage, Christ was ever the staunch friend of the poor and afflicted. Before the advent of our blessed Saviour the entire Roman Empire, with the exception of the remote province of Palestine, was buried in idolatry. The people worshipped graven images, they worshipped the almighty dollar or its equivalent; in fact they worshipped about everything except God. Many of them were in possession of great riches, kept slaves to toil for them and had their fashionable villas and watering places. It must be remembered that it was not to men of this stamp, but to the lowly shepherds watching their flocks at night, that the Angel of the Lord on that first Christmas Eve, 1,919 years ago, imparted the glad tidings of great joy, fraught with so much meaning to the human race. It was not to the palace of the Emperor Augustus, or to that of the brutal King Herod that the Star of Bethlehem led the wise men of the East as they went forth to lay their offerings of gold at the feet of the New Born King. Christ was not ushered into the world amid the pomp and splendor of imperial majesty, but amid the environments of a humble child of toil. Although He had the choice of parentage, he chose to be a poor man's son and remained poor. Imagination cannot conceive and reason cannot calculate the magnitude of the debt the human race owes to the advent on earth of Jesus Christ. As has been well said: "He taught all mankind to know one true God—a God existing from eternity to eternity, a God who created all things by His power, who governs all things by His wisdom and whose superintending Providence watches over the affairs of nations as well as of men. He proclaimed a God infinitely holy, just and merciful. Before the coming of Christ man was a riddle and a mystery to himself. He knew not whence he came nor whither he was going. All he knew for certain was that he was passing through a brief phase of existence. The past and the future were enveloped in a mist which the light of philosophy was unable to penetrate. Our Redeemer has dispelled the cloud and enlightened us regarding our origin and destiny and means of attaining it."

The men of wealth and power in the world today cannot perform miracles as the Saviour did, but they can emulate the spirit of Christ by alleviating the sorrows of others and they can do much toward bringing sunshine to hearts that are dark and desolate. When Christ came on earth such an institution as a hospital was unknown. Today they are found in every Christian land. More are urgently needed and some already in existence need financial assistance to enable them to more efficiently perform their mission of mercy. There is opportunity here for philanthropic effort on the part of people of means. The great cause of education must take a forward stride if the world is to recover from the effects of the great carnage. Colleges need larger endowments that they may better carry on their work for the youth of the land. The men of

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### Can Solemnize Marriage

Rev. Benjamin Chalmers Salter of Tide Head, Restigouche County Presbyterian and Rev. H. T. Raynor of Stonehaven, Gloucester County, Presbyterian, have been registered to solemnize marriages.

### Admitted to Hospital

Neill Logue son of Mr. James Logue of Burton was brought to the city this morning and admitted to Victoria Hospital. He has an attack of typhoid.

### Remarkable Pictures

Large numbers of people saw the remarkable pictures at The Gaiety Theatre Monday and Tuesday which showed the actual sinking of ships of the British Mercantile Marine by German U-boats. Tramps and schooners as well as other craft were shown being torpedoed, shelled or bombed by the subs. The motion-photos were taken from the conning-towers of the German craft.

### Late Miss Evelyn Byrne

Miss Evelyn Byrne of this city passed away yesterday in Victoria Hospital after a short illness with pneumonia. The deceased was a daughter of the late John G. Byrne for years manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city. One brother Charles T. Byrne of North Sydney, N. S., survives. The funeral took place this afternoon from the residence of Hon. J. H. Barry, service being conducted by Very Rev. Dean Carney at St. Dunstan's Church. Interment was made at the Hermitage.

## A BLOW AT PROHIBITION

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22—Until provincial legislatures act, there will be no interference with importations of liquor for domestic use.

Cancellation of the Federal order-in-council it is admitted here, deals a severe blow at provincial prohibition laws. Provincial restrictions on sale remain, but there will be nothing to prevent the resident of a dry area from importing liquor, so long as he does not import it for sale, and with the restrictions on importation to that extent removed the New Year will no doubt be marked with a great stocking of cellars in anticipation of the return of more arid days.

Master Emerson Edgcombe is home from Rothesay School for the holidays.

wealth and influence, if they would follow in His step, must not be backward in contributing to the happiness and welfare of their more unfortunate fellow creatures. In this way, and in this way alone, can they liquidate the great debt which they owe to the Saviour, the anniversary of whose birth will tomorrow be joyously celebrated throughout the Christian world.

# Wool Underwear

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No need for any lady to go around shivering these cool days. **JOHN J. WEDDALL'S STORE** is well stocked with all the best makes in **LADIES' UNDERWEAR** in both **COMBINATIONS** and **TWO PIECE GARMENTS**.

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## Give Gifts Worth the Giving

THERE WAS A TIME when "The Hardware Store" seldom found a place on the Xmas shopping list; but that day has long gone by. Our store is full of **USEFUL** and **SERVICEABLE XMAS GIFTS**.

Just a few Suggestions of Gifts That Will Really Please:

### FOR BROTHER

Pocket Knife, Shot Gun  
 Target Rifle, Skates,  
 Safety Razor, Tools  
 Sleds, Toboggan  
 Foot Warmer, Bicycle  
 Razor, Lather Brush  
 Lunch Set, Manicure Set  
 Snowshoes,  
 Boxing Gloves, Striking Bags,

### FOR MOTHER AND SISTER

Community Silverware Percolator  
 Carving Set, Manicure Set  
 Casserole, Pyrex Oven Ware,  
 Aluminum Cooking Utensils  
 Electric Iron, Electric Toaster  
 Steel Range, Elec. Washing Machine,  
 Perfection Oil Cook Stove  
 Turkey Roaster, Nickel Tea Kettle  
 Carpet Sweeper, Vacuum Cleaner  
 Food Chopper, Teapot, etc.

### FOR FATHER

Electric Room Heater  
 Razor, Hammer, Tools  
 Machinists' Tools  
 Gillette Safety Razor  
 Razor Straps and Lather  
 Brushes  
 Thermometers, Flashlights  
 Oil Stove, Carving Setts,  
 Auto Strop Razors  
 Pocket Knife, Rifle, Shotgun, etc

COME IN AND LOOK AROUND. We'll be glad to show you our stock of useful gifts that are worth while. Open evenings until Xmas. See our windows!

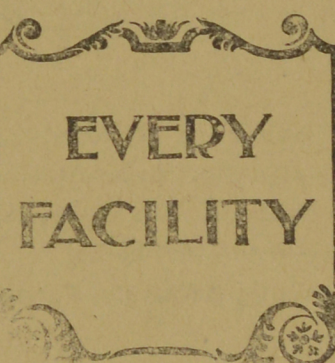
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**WILLIAM FARNUM**

—IN—

'Last of the Duane's'

Zane Grey's Thrilling Story

Also - - - TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Fri.—WM. S. HART in "BORDER WIRELESS" and Episode I "SMASHING BARRIERS"

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 Men's Sweaters . . . . . \$2.25 to \$16.50  
 Men's Overcoats . . . . . \$20.00 to \$45.00  
 Men's Suits . . . . . \$20.00 to \$50.00  
 Men's Smoking Jackets . . . \$7.50 to \$16.00  
 Men's Dressing Gowns . . . \$13.50 to \$22.00  
 Men's Mackinaw Coats . . . \$12.00 to \$20.00  
 Men's Fur Coats . . . . . \$30.00 to \$200.00

Boys' Sweaters . . . . . \$2.00 to \$4.50  
 Boys' Caps . . . . . 75c. to \$3.00  
 Boys' Mackinaw Coats \$8.00 to \$10.50  
 Boys' Suits . . . . . \$3.50 to \$22.50  
 Boys' Overcoats . . . . . \$5.00 to \$16.50  
 SUIT CASES . . . . . \$2.50 to \$25.00  
 CLUB BAGS . . . . . \$7.50 to \$46.50  
 WARDROBE TRUNKS . . . . . \$35.00  
 Umbrellas . . . . . \$1.50 to \$13.50  
 Wool Mufflers . . . . . \$1.25 to \$3.50

Knitted Mufflers . . . \$1.25 to \$7.50  
 Silk and Knitted Ties . . 50c. to \$2.00  
 Wool Gloves . . . . . \$1.00 to \$2.00  
 Mocha Gloves . . . . . \$1.75 to \$2.50  
 Fur Lined Gloves . . . . . \$5.50  
 Silk Sox . . . . . \$1.00 to \$2.00  
 Silk Handkerchiefs . . . 25c. to \$1.00  
 Soft Shirts . . . . . \$1.50 to \$7.50  
 Fancy Braces . . . . . 75c.

Let this Big Store serve you from its stock of merchandise suitable for Gifts

