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GERMANS AND BULGARS MAY ATTACK THE ALLIED TROOPS AT SALONIKI; STRONG ITALIAN FORCE HAS LANDED IN ALBANIA

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE CITY SCHOOLS

Successful Term Completed With the Usual Christmas Examinations--Honor Certificates Presented to Bright Pupils ---Rev. A. F. Newcomb Presents Lieutenant Governor Wood's Medal to Miss Beatrice Phillips

The public schools of the city closed today for the Christmas vacation with the customary exercises and the presentation of certificates. Fortunately, the weather was fine and there was a large attendance of parents and others interested in the schools. At the Model School and Smythe Street School, where there were opportunities for the assembling of all departments, there were combined exercises. The pupils of all departments made an excellent showing and the various Christmas songs and recitations were well received. The presentation of certificates closed the proceedings at the various schools. At the Smythe Street School Mr. J. W. Spurden made the presentation, Mr. Phillip Cox at the Regent Street School, Mr. J. J. Weddall at the York Street School and Secretary Sampson at the Model School.

AT THE HIGH.

At the Fredericton High School, the regular school work occupied the greater part of the morning. At noon the pupils and members of the teaching staff gathered in the Assembly Hall of the school. There was also a large gathering of spectators. The occasion was the presentation of the Lieut. Governor's prize for highest average on the High School entrance examinations. The winner was Miss Beatrice Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Phillips of this city. The presentation was made by Rev. A. F. Newcombe, who made a short address. Dr. G. C. VanWart, chairman of the School Board, presided at the meeting.

AT SMYTHE STREET SCHOOL.

The program at the Smythe Street School this morning was as follows:
Chorus--There's a Song in the Air.
How He Caught Santa, by several pupils from Miss William's room.
Harry McCatherine taking the solo part.

Chorus--Holy Night.
Recitation--Grandma's Wish, by Margaret Poeter.
Santa's Surprise Party, Richard MacDonald as Santa.
Chorus--Immanuel.
Allies' Christmas Party, Mary Palmer representing Britannia and Maud Daye, Canada.
Chorus--Khaki.
Revolt of Toys, a play by the pupils of Miss McCann's and Miss Carruthers' departments. Wilbur Steen and Eugene Powers taking the lead.
The others taking part were:
Alfred, the Boy--Frederick Campbell
Mother of Alfred--Marion Edney
The Captain--Wilbur Steen
The Drum--Vincent Minue
The Sled--Helen Purvis
Santa Claus--Eugene Powers
Faith, Hope and Charity--Helen Chappell, Mabel Harris, Lillian Foster.
Dolls and Tin Soldiers.
Presentation of Certificates.
National Anthem.
Professor Harrison was the accompanist to the closing march played by Mary Palmer.

MODEL SCHOOL.

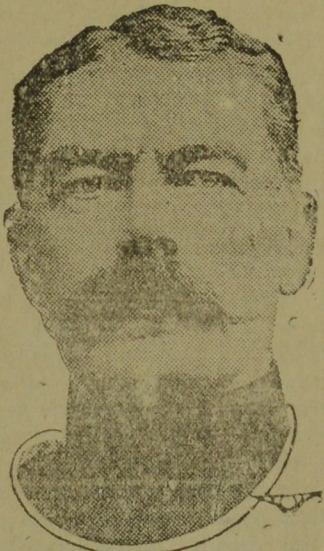
At the Model School the four departments devoted the first hour of the morning to the ordinary school work and at eleven o'clock united in the drill hall of the Normal School where the following interesting program was carried out:
Opening chorus.
Recitation by Doris Wainwright.
Drill, "Dance of the Snowflakes," by children of Miss Mills' department.
Dialogue by children of Miss Harvey's department.
VIII.
Physical drill by children of Grade Dialogue by children of Miss MacDougall's department.
Chorus by the school.
Dialogue, "The Allied Christmas Party."
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MICHAUD, M. P. CHOSEN FOR NEW CONSTITUENCY

(Special to The Mail.)
Edmundston, Dec. 17--The first Liberal convention of the new federal constituency of Restigouche and Madawaska was held yesterday afternoon at St. Leonards. The attendance of delegates was very large, upwards of three hundred coming from Restigouche county over the International Railway from Campbellton by special train and as many over the Temiscouata and Transcontinental Railways from Edmundston and the upper part of Madawaska county. A large number also arrived by team.
When the time for opening the convention arrived at two o'clock in the afternoon, it was found that the large City Hall could not hold those who attended and the meeting was divided. Those unable to be accommodated at the regular meeting place went to the Bellefleur Hall and nearly all the speakers addressed both assemblies. Mr. Pius Michaud, M.P. for the former constituency of Victoria-Madawaska was unanimously chosen the Liberal candidate for the new constituency, no other name being presented to the convention.
The nomination was proposed by Hon. C. H. LaBillette, seconded by Mr. L. A. Dugal, M.P.P., both of whom made felicitous addresses in making the nomination. After the nomination had been unanimously made, the meeting was addressed by Mr. Michaud, the candidate, and Messrs. LaBillette, F. B. Carvell, M.P., the Carleton candidate; L. A. Dugal, M.P.P.; P. J. Veniot, A. Lawson, J. E. Michaud and others. Mr. Wm. Currie of Campbellton, and Mr. B. R. Violette of St. Leonards, were joint chairmen of the convention.

LORD KITCHENER IS SOON TO WED

(Special to The Mail.)
London, Dec. 17--It is rumored here that Lord Kitchener will shortly marry the Countess of Minto, the widow of a former governor general of Canada.



GOVERNMENT MEETING.

At the meeting of the provincial government in St. John yesterday, Mr. Ralph St. J. Freeze was appointed clerk of the Kings County Court, in succession to Mr. W. D. Turner. Mr. P. G. McFarlane of St. John, a son of the late Mr. George McFarlane of Nashwaakasis, was temporarily appointed school inspector for Northumberland in succession to Lieut. Col. Mersereau, who is going on active service. Governor Wood entertained the members of the executive to supper at the Union Club in the evening.

GET INTO LINE.

Don't miss the opportunity to get a stylish winter coat or suit at Edgecombe's at a big reduction.

Paris, Dec. 17--Reports received here indicate that the Bulgars and German armies are massing on the Greek border preparatory to making an attack on the Allies at Saloniki a strong Italian force landed in Albania but what disposition will be made of it is not yet known.

An official Montenegrin communication today says: "On December 14, the Austrians directed a general attack at all the positions in Sanjak. At night fall our advance guard troops had to retire north of Chahovre and Bielo in the direction of Ipek-Razai. The enemy, after several days of fighting, succeeded in occupying Roxai.

PRISONERS REACH FRANCE

London, Dec. 17--A despatch from Marseilles says: Seven hundred and fifty Bulgarians with German and Austro-Hungarian officers were taken prisoners by the Serbians and forty thousand soldiers captured in Serbia, arrived here during the night on the way to a concentration camp.

AUSTRIA'S REPLY RECEIVED

Washington, Dec. 17--Austria's reply to the Ancona note is in the hands of the State department. It was received shortly after midnight. It is now being decoded and will be placed before Secretary Lansing immediately. It is believed the reply will be an ultimatum.

MORE PIRATICAL WORK

London, Dec. 17--The Italian liner Porto Said has been sunk by a submarine, believed to be an Austrian boat.

TURKISH LOSSES HEAVY

London, Dec. 17--A British official statement issued tonight says: "General Townsend reports from Kut-el-Amara that, according to Arab reports, the Turks lost 2,000 men in their attack on the evening of Dec. 2. General Townsend cannot affirm this, but he himself estimates that the Turks lost fully 1,000. They have not resumed their attacks since."

GERMAN TRENCHES ENTERED

London, Dec. 17--The following official communication was issued this evening: "Last night two small enterprises were successfully carried out near Armentieres, hostile trenches being entered and their occupants disposed of. The enemy losses are estimated at seventy men killed. Our losses were trifling. "Today there has been an artillery bombardment by both sides about Ypres. "The report in the German wireless of the 15th that we lost four aeroplanes is untrue."

GRAVE SCANDAL UNEARTHED IN WESTERN PROVINCE

Ottawa, Dec. 16--A large-sized scandal in connection with British Columbia dredging under the department of Hon. Robert Rogers has developed.

The auditor-general, who has been making some investigations during the last few weeks, has, it is understood, held up payments to contractors.

The recent "resignation" of John L. Nelson, who was appointed superintendent of dredging for British Columbia by Hon. Mr. Rogers in 1912, is one of the first developments so far made public. It may be explained that Mr. Nelson, who was one of Mr. Rogers' associates in Manitoba, and who was a contractor, was given the federal position after the previous inspector, H. A. Bayfield, a qualified engineer, and most reliable official had been forced out. Shortly after Nelson assumed the position there were rumors in British Columbia that the patronage and middleman system was being exploited to the full. One case has recently been investigated by H. P. Hill, of Ottawa, who was sent out by the government as a special commissioner. Briefly, what he found was that, through the connivance of Nelson, coal for the Dominion dredges and tugs on the Pacific coast was supplied through W. H. Price, secretary of the Victoria Conservative Association, who secured the order for Kirk & Co. at \$7.50 per ton. The evidence taken by Mr. Hill showed that Price had got a rake-off of fifty cents per ton from Kirk & Co., and the coal could have been bought from other coal dealers at \$5.25 per ton. Nelson swore that he had certified to the prices charged as being fair and just, and after repeated (Continued on Page four)