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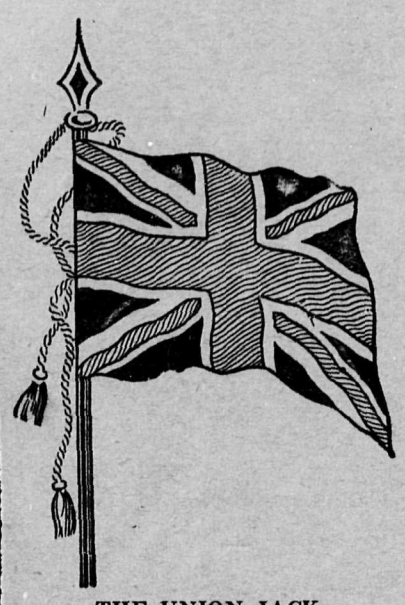

THE UNION JACK

The Union Jack is the national flag of the British Empire, and is made up of the flag of St. George, a red cross on a white ground. In 1606 King James I. added to it the banner of Scotland, which was a blue flag with a white St. Andrew's Cross diagonal, that is, from corner to corner.

In 1801 the banner of St. Patrick of Ireland was added to the flag; St. Patrick's Cross was a red diagonal cross on a white ground, so that the flag now means the union of England, Ireland and Scotland.

People should understand the right and the wrong way of flying the Union Jack. If it is flown upside down it is a signal of distress.

It will be noticed that the red diagonal arms of the flag have white bands on each side, one side having a broad white band and the other side a narrow one. The broad white band should be to the top of the flag on the side nearest the pole.

PARIS PARAGRAPHS

All shops, other than those connected with eatables, drinkables or drugs are closed at 6 o'clock throughout France.

All theatres and movies close one day each week.

A tax of from three to five francs is levied on all bills at restaurants.

General Roques, Minister of War, has gone to Salonika on a special mission.

A Canadian Army band played at the Trocadero Pallace in aid of the Holiday Fund for the Children of Soldiers, which was the special work of the "Intransigeant Newspaper."

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, lunched with the President of the French Republic at the Elysee Palace recently in company with Lord Bertie, M. Briand and Admiral Lacaze.

It is quite in accord with the spirit of the entente cordiale to find that two such famous songs as "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Malbrouk s'en va-t-en Guerre" have identical tunes. Beethoven introduced the air into his battle of Vittoria to describe the French, while the English he represented by their national anthem. It is likely to become popular in Russia also, since Rachmaninof, having heard it in England, decided to adopt it as the theme for a suite of variations for orchestra. —J.C.G.

KEEP COOL

The school principal went from room to room explaining what to do in case of fire. The pupils listened with respectful attention until he came to his final instructions, then smiles and giggles disturbed the principal's serenity.

"Above all things," he said, "if your clothing catches fire, keep cool."

MILITARY MENTION

Pte. Basil Taylor, Kerrisdale, B.C., has been decorated for bravery twice in the last three months, on both occasions being given the Military Medal.

The 158th Batt. of Vancouver has reached England safely. They are at Shoreham-by-the-Sea, six miles from Brighton. Col. Charles Milne is the officer commanding the regiment.

Lt. Harry A. Black has returned to Vancouver after serving many months with the 47th Battalion at the front. He took part in the taking of the Regina trench, where Major F. A. Robertson, of Victoria, was so badly wounded, and Sergt.-Major Taylor killed.

Lt. J. K. L. Ross, whose donation of a new wing to the Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal, a memorial to his parents, which was opened by the Duke of Connaught before his departure for England, has just given an additional $50,000, increasing the accommodation from 325 to 600 for public patients.

Lt. Walter K. Gordon, of the Journal of Commerce, Montreal, and formerly city editor of the Montreal Gazette, has been killed in action.

Sergt. Mayell, of Winnipeg, Princess Patracia Light Infantry, who lost his sight at the battle of Festubert, is now a masseur in a Middlesex hospital.

Capt. Hardi de Perini of the French Heavy Artillery, has received the Legion of Honor. His father was General Hardi de Perini; his grandfather, also a general, was killed in the Crimean war, and his great grandfather was one of Napoleon's generals. Two of his sons have been wounded and his youngest son has just enlisted.

Major General Sir Francis Lloyd has opened the new Salvation Army hospital for Service Men, in London. It is within a stone's throw of Victoria Station.

Lt. Chas. Claridge, 225th Batt., now stationed at New Westminster, is visiting friends in Fernie over the holidays.

Capt. R. L. Barclay, who is at the National Headquarters of the Y.M.C.A. in London, will be glad to receive any donations toward the expenses of the institution that is doing so much to provide a "Home from Home" for the men at the front.

Lt. Col. F. H. Cunningham, officer commanding the 104th regiment, has received instructions to recruit a company of men 250 strong as a reinforcement draft for overseas battalions. It is to be composed of one captain, six lieutenants, eight sergeants, two buglars, eight corporals and 232 other ranks.

Former Mayor W. J. Hindley, of Spokane, now pastor of the Congregational church, Winnipeg, is chaplain of the 190th Batt. C.E.F. with the rank of Captain.

SOME HEALTHY EXERCISE FOR YOUNG LADIES

Throwing—a fellow over.
Tossing—one's head in the air.
Jumping—at a chance.
Pushing—one's self forward.
Getting—in the swim.
Fishing—for an invitation.
Shooting—glances at a man.
Twisting—him around one's little finger.
Casting—about for an excuse.
Running—up millinery bills.
—Boston Transcript.

Be the architect of your own fortune even if you can't make the sun shine in every room.

Some people give advice just to get rid of it.

PROVINCIAL PREFACES

The Dominion Express Co. has granted an increase of 10 per cent in wages to its employees who are receiving less than $2000 a year.

There were no serious casualities in the province during Christmas week, but there are a lot of dead soldiers lying around.

League Creek, 120 miles east of Prince Rupert, whose station is Pacific on the G.T.P., is experiencing a revival of its copper mining and will soon be a factor in the copper industry. The ore bodies are especially rich and attractive.

R. H. Pooley, is the new M.P.P. for Esquimalt by two votes.

Pte. H. H. Howland, of the 88th Batt., Victoria, has been sentenced to 12 years in a German prison after being captured and placed in an internment camp. The nature of his offence has not been made public.

Calgary will hold its 12th provincial dairy convention, Jan. 31 to Feb. 2.

Alberta's 1916 crop was worth fifty millions more than its 1915 crop.

Victoria is the home of Holly. The district around the provincial capital is practically the only section on the Pacific coast where the berry-bearing holly will grow. The price prevailing is $600 per ton. Most of the Victoria crop this year has gone to California, where it brings a big price.

The third annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Royal Astronomical Society, which was formed by F. Napier Denison in 1914, was held last week and W. A. McCurdy was again elected president.

The Hon. Wm. Sloan, Provincial Minister of Mines, says he has already broken one of the planks of his platform by working more than eight hours a day, fixing up his new offices in the parliament buildings. There will be no red tape in his department.

EUROPEAN EVENTS

A naval engagement took place on Dec. 23 between French and Austrian warships in the Straits of Otranto.

The New York Herald stated on Tuesday that the German people are demanding their government to resume the campaign of submarine frightfulness, even at the cost of war with the U.S.A. This is why President Wilson sent out his peace note. The President was informed that, unless some radical step was taken, Germany would force war on the United States if he did not declare war on Germany.

Christmas Day in London was like Sunday in its universal quiet, although the streets were full of sailors and soldiers. The new regulations barred elaborate dinners.

General Joffre, the victor of the Marne, has handed over his command of the French forces of the north and northeast to General Robert George Nivelle. General Joffre is now President of the Allied Military Council.

The Empress Eugenie Hospital, converted out of a wing of her country home, Farnborough Hill, is under the direct charge of a lady 90 years of age, who forty years ago was Empress of the French. Nowhere in Britain are soldiers more tenderly cared for.

Remorse is memory gone to seed.

A red-haired woman is like the stove in the editorial sanctum. Leave her alone and the snapping sparks of her temper are almost indistinguishable. But once you open the draught —good lord!

BELGIUM'S PLIGHT

(By Maurice Maeterlinck)

One knows but little of what is going on in invaded Belgium.

Now and then there comes to light some scandal more sensational than the previous, the murder of more heroic patriots, the monstrous slave-harvesting in the North, the further deportation of Belgians of military age together with such outrages as the six hundred million franc robbery from the Banque Nationale, and many others too numerous to mention, for the recital of woes and horrors has its wearying effect.

These are only the cries of anguish or revolt, which perchance suddenly break the terrible silence which severs from the rest the world of victims, abandoned defenceless before the scientific hatred of a foe to whom the pitiless abuse of force is the primary principle of his mad criminal code. In the unbroken stillness there has been enacted during the past two years a terrible tragedy—a tragedy without words, yet those echoes reach out to us in time.

In fact we can hardly comprehend that just a few miles from our trenches a whole nation, or nearly so three or four million men, women and children—is slowly dying of inactivity and is being systematically and diabolically subjugated and decimated by famine.

A recent article printed by the London Daily News — an article which would have seemed exaggerated and incredible, had I not received in confirmation reliable private information about the dreadful hell which my native country today actually is — gives evidence of the situation in Belgium, "a situation which is growing more painful, more abominable each day."

Only that admirable intervention of Americans has saved from absolute starvation more than one half of the Belgium population. Of the eight million inhabitants in Belgium before the war there remained in their native country about seven million people, all at the mercy of the invader who knows not what mercy means. Eliminate one million of these people who through their comfortable circumstances have until now succeeded in finding the necessaries of life; a million and a half farmers, country folk and those who live on what the land produces; and add to these, although the figure is doubtless excessive, another million comprised of mechanics, domestics and laborers, who may still find some work to perform, and there remains a little more than three million unfortunate ones—small traders, and working men—who are completely without resources.

In fact every branch of industry is stilled, the work shops are closed and from them the dismantled machinery has been taken and shipped to Germany. There remains to these wretched people nothing upon which to live save the sustenance afforded by the soup and bread distributions which, thanks to the magnificent American generosity, are admirably organized in all the crowded centres of the country. But these distributions, which have now been going on for over two years absorb enormous sums, and to face the ever growing misery they must be daily increased, thus forcibly becoming more and more difficult and scanty.

The Daily News correspondent, who viewed all this with his own eyes, gives us a description of the impressive and pitiful spectacle of those crowds which daily, patiently wait for the meagre ration which prolongs life but does not avert death.

There are no paupers. You will not find there the rags of misery. Those who stand in line have never before held out their hand. They are neatly dressed, resigned, silent, dignified. But all of them, from the older to the younger ones and more particularly the youngest, wear the mask which cannot deceive, the wan features of people who, for nearly two years, have not eaten to satisfy their hunger.

Let us try for the moment to fix in our minds the actual meaning of those cruel words, "have not eaten to satisfy their hunger," when they are applied to a nation, industrious above all which until the present day, had lived by its own labors in healthy, plain abundance and, indeed, was less prepared than any other for such a trial, the end of which is not yet even in sight.

But in spite of it all it maintains its courage, its head is not bowed, it does not complain. The spirit bears up under the blow of fate, even though the body weakens. It cannot stand with impunity through endless months a regime of misery which no civilized nation would dare inflict upon its worst criminals.

And now tuberculosis has begun its dreadful havoc among these emaciated throngs and as is always the case, it levels its attacks at young men, women and children, moving its way through the very vitals of the nation. In Brussels alone hundreds of cases are reported daily and in several centres where the working classes predominate, especially in Ghent, Alost and Liege, the plague is making its inroads with a frightful rapidity and alarming virulence. The future of the race is at stake and the Germans, with satisfaction that they no longer endeavor to conceal await the ultimate extermination of that little nation which, first of all, dared commit—in their eyes—the unpardonable crime of preferring death to dishonor.

And how they are dealing out to this nation, coolly, slowly, methodically, that death which Belgium preferred to their monstrous offer of gravely offended Germany. What can be done? What is the remedy?

To redouble relief?

Undoubtedly, if it is possible. To appeal once more to the conscience of neutrals and of humanity overflowing with indignation? Perhaps; one does not readily lose that habit of hoping against all possible hope. But at all events it was necessaryeven now to enter this offense, more perfidious than the others, upon the sombre list of crimes which shall be accounted for on that day of settling accounts so near at hand.

THE VALUE OF BOYS

At a time when governments are considering farm stock to be so important that they are willing to set aside money and men to raise its quality—not because animals and fowls are of value in themselves, but because of what they may be madde into, or may produce for the benefit of the people—shall we not be willing also to provide men and money to raise the quality of our Canadian boys?

Boys are important not alone because of what they may become or may produce in the future— but because of what they are now and what as boys they can do today.

'Teen-age boys throughout Canada are even now proving their ability to help mould the destiny of our country by altruistic service in High schools, Sunday schools, the Church and the Young Men's Christian Associations. Investigation will inevitably reveal previous leadership in the lives of such boys.

A Happy New Year to Everyone.

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A NEW YEAR

In a few days we shall come to still another milestone on the Trail of Life, another turn in the Great Road to the Summit of Existence. It is no use looking back over the wrongs that were; it is important to keep an ever vigilant eye on the fleeting present, but it is more than imperative that we, who are fellow travellers on the Broad Highway, should have an ever hopeful view of the future, a helpful inclination to others less fitted for the journey, and a trustful apprecition of the Great Mercy that surrounds us as we tramp or trudge to the top of the Hills of Happiness, through the mire of the lowland, past the woods of worrying work, along the slippery banks of insidious temptations, up the steep sidehills of seemingly impossible asperations, under the strain of perpetual overload, to the Ultimate Crest of the Climb, a Last and Everlasting New Year.

That there were snags and snarls on the trail we have safely passed over; that there were depressing swamps that took some manoeuvering to circumvent, and rocky patches on the Road that tore and wore our patience and perseverance; that the drear, dank woods were full of low-hanging branches, impeding and entangling; that the timber tried our timbre to the utmost; that the underbrush was rank and the trail blurred and hard to follow, is but too true; but there were fresh blazes along the entire way, if we had only kept a stricter outlook, blazes that only the clearsighted can see, and for them we should indeed be more than thankful.

That we have safely passed the slippery banks of many down rushing creeks, or at least have been allowed to climb back on to the trail, after we were mired to the neck in the pools of pleasure or the ponds of despair, should make us more careful for the future and less given to grumble at the hardships of the Way, and restart us with a surer, firmer footing on the Right Path.

Our aims and ambitions, were they noble or otherwise, we have had a chance to make realities in these past miles, and have no one to blame but ourselves if the joys of the present do not represent the pains we took to satisfy them. There is a gladness in reviewing what we may think we have accomplished, but it is not to be compared with the content which accompanies the daily accomplishing, however great the strain or steep the incline.

And now another milestone is here and we should endeavor to keep climbing and smiling till we reach the top, the while giving a hand to the laggard or the slumberer, for even the goal is not all the guerdon if we should reach it alone.

May the coming New Year be full of Happiness for everyone and make up for the sorrows of the past and bring success and joy to those who have not seen too much of either, is his New Year greeting to you from the

Mentioner.

CURRENT COMMENT

Luther Burbank, the plant wizard and world famous horticulturist, has married his former secretary, Miss Elizabeth Waters. Mr. Burbank is 65 years old and has done more for the good of the human race than any man living, an enviable record. We consider Miss Waters a very fortunate lady and wish the happy couple every possible good fortune and happiness. It is safe to say that their lives will be rose strewn and with thornless roses at that.

Prince Guido Henchel von Donnersmarck, reputed to have been the second richest German, has died at the age of 85 years. It is possible he does not value the mark at so high a value just now.

The drug store of C. F. Nelson at Kaslo was broken into last week and a quantity of morphine taken. The thieves left the cash alone. This certainly looks as if the miscreants were tired and wanted to steal a nap. It is one way of taking forty winks.

It is reported that the thermometer went down to 30 below here the day after Christmas and has not changed its mind since. At Silverton there is a lady who has the number for this kind of weather. The wife of Manager North of the Standard mine has gone to California for the balance of the winter. With Mrs. North so far south of us it is obvious we cannot expect anything but cold for a few months.

The first week of the New Year is to be observed throughout Canada as "National Service Week." Those who have not filled in their cards before this should get busy at once. To be of any use to the department at Ottawa in charge of "National Servicee" the desired information is wanted right away. There is, however, one question that requires some explanation. What is a married man to answer to the query, "Are you willing to change your present work for other necessary work at the same pay during the war?" It is evident that a married man may be perfectly willing to do so, but can he support his wife and family on the same pay if he is at Halifax on munition work and his family in B.C?

In the recount, before Judge Forin, Wm. Hunter, the Conservative candidate for the Slocan in the provincial elections, was beaten by one vote by C. F. Nelson, the Liberal candidate. This looks like a pretty evenly divided community. It will be as hard for the new member to represent the district as for the defeated one to tell whose solitary vote saved him a trip to the coast. It cannot be called a liberal majority anyway.

Christmas 1916 is over for the present. The present had a good deal to do with the good times of Christmas. Of course the hard times had a good deal to do with the fewer presents presented this Christmas, but it was some day after all.

And New Year with its many resolutions is drawing near. We have a shrewd idea that only about one-half per cent of the noble yearnings for renunciation of pet idiocincracies will be anyways permanent. Yet it is a good sort of a starter to try to quit quitting.

President Wilson has asked the warring nations to confer on peace. Why should not the warring nations ask President Wilson to confer on war. A peaceful nation should know as much about war as warlike nations are expected to know about peace. A knowledge of war does not preclude a high respect for honorable peace, but a knowledge of peace and its inestimable benefits should include a high respect for the preparedness-for-peace-producing-war.

Here's wishing everyone, everywhere, a Happier New Year.

LATEST DISPATCHES

Paris—The government has decided to raise General Joffre to the dignity of Marshall of the French in recognition of his good work.

London—Roumania continues to be the theatre of greatest activities. In Northern Wallachia the Teutons have made gains over the Russians and Roumanians, capturing Filipechti and west of Rimnik Sarat are on the offensive.

In Mesopotania the British forces are still in quest of Kut-el-Amara. They have made further advances on the right bank of the Tigris. Grassabs fort, 20 miles south east, has been destroyed.

The British victory over the Turks at Maghdaba, 90 miles east of the Suez, resulted in the capture of 1350 men, seven guns, a large number of rifles, much ammunition and a quantity of war stores.

London — Premier Lloyd George contemplates not an ordinary imperial conference but a special war conference of the Empire, to which all overseas Dominions will be invited.

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FERNIE FACTS

Dr. H. S. Simmons is expected home from the coast on Jan. 4th.

Drr Corsan returned from the East yesterday.

Pte. Edwin Whalley is once more out of the hospital.

No leave was granted to members of "E" Co., 107th, during the Christmas week.

A very Prosperous New Year to all our Advertisers and Subscribers, and everyone else.

Dr. McCormick is leaving for San Francisco to attend a medical convention.

I. F. Pickett leaves tomorrow for Rogers, N.D., for two weeks' holidays.

Her many friends will be glad to hear that Mrs. Wm. Lancaster is recovering from a very serious illness.

Last Thursday, Dec. 21—To Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Rewers, of Fernie, a daughter. The Mention offers its congratulations.

On Tuesday evening the Commercials obtained a win over the Knights of Gladness by 5 goals to 4. A large attendance and a clean game.

His many friends in Fernie and the Kootenays will be sorry to hear that Alex. Watson met with a serious accident on Sunday last, breaking his leg. He is now at the Fernie hospital.

Our felicitations to the happy couple to be married tomorrow at West Fernie, when Miss Lydia Minnie Munkwitz will become Mrs. Michael P. Aume.

Pte. Wm. Oliver, 225th Batt., returned to Fernie from New Westminster on Saturday to visit old friends over the Christmas holidays. He is staying with Mr. and Mrs. George Whalley.

A lightfingered gink has been visiting the hotels this week and helped himself to a Grand Forks overcoat at the Fernie and a pair of new woolen gloves at the Waldorf. May his wife have eternal cold feet and he never get a divorce.

H. D. Phillips, who has been in charge at the Fernie-Fort Steele Brewery up to last week, left for Lethbridge on the 23rd to take a similar position with the Lethbridge Brewing and Malting Co. He will be missed by many good friends in Fernie.

Mr. Hewat, Govt. Agent, has received a letter from his son, Pte. John A. Hewat, stating that he is well. Jack was one of the earliest guards at Morrissey, later joining the 225th at Vernon. Recently he transferred to the 10th Halifax Siege Battery, and is now on his way to the Old Country on the Olympic, with a draft of 53 men. His father taught him early to be a good shot and it has borne good fruit, for out of 500 men he ranked 20th and took 8th place in "A" Co. when a member of the 225th.

G. Dorenbecker, the veteran cigar maker of Fernie, has been making good cigars for 27 years in B.C. and has been through no less than four fires in this city. He imports tobacco from Eastern Canada, whence it comes from all the great tobacco fields of the world. The special boxes are made in Canada, too, London, Ontario, being the centre of manufacture. Even to a non-smoker it is interesting to know how the care killers are made, and a visit to his shop on Howland avenue will repay the visitor.

SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

To run at least one train a week on time.—P.C.R.

To allow no more P.O.W. to escape. —"E" Co.

To take jolly good care of the other leg.—A. W.

To buy a winning ticket in the next C. N. P. C. Brass Band Christmas Drawing.—Some Losers.

To kill the man who woke me at six on Christmas morning. — The Mentioner.

To take out a big accident policy with M. A. Kastner and refrain from trying to get young ladies under the mistletoe.—Mac.

To open the skating rink—some day. —T.B.O.

To send the Nov. P.S.L. to Ottawa before 1918.—E. H. L.

Tomake up for lost time.—A Bachelor.

To butt-in no more.—W. W.

Money is inedible but melts like butter.

An ounce of intuition is better than a pound of tuition, sometimes.

WHIST DRIVE

The Whist Drive at Morrissey camp last Thursday was a great success, and one of the best of the season. Thirty-six players were eagerly expectant of winning the prizes, which eventually fell to the best players and a booby. Our correspondent omitted to furnish us with their names, but it is evident that they deserved what they got. After the whist wrangle those present danced to the inspiring music of the 107th orchestra, led most ably by Pte. H. Barr. The regiment can well be proud of the efforts of the new rivals of the famous Sousa.

"TANGLED HEARTS"

Louise Lovely, newest, and some say prettiest of photoplay stars, again heads a Bluebird company. Ida May Park furnished the scenario, Joseph De Grasse directed and "Tangled Hearts" is the title. "Tangled Hearts" is a prblem play, forceful and direct in its purpose and engaging a decision that in real life must be faced by married couples, more than might ordinarily be presumed. The wife has miscalculated the qualities of manliness in the first love of her life; deceived and betrayed, her child lives to be provided for. Subsequently she marries and after a lapse of several years the nurse who has cared for the unwelcome child has died.

There is a man in the circle of good society where the principals in photoplay move whose mission in life seems to be extricating people from their troubles. The wife comes to this man and confesses. He in turn goes to the husband and prevails upon him to adopt the child. Right there, as may be surmised, complications begin and on through to the end of the play there are "tangled hearts," lives and purposes to an extreme extent.

In working out the happy termination of the complications, Lon Chaney and Hayward Mack play strong roles, and the women who support Louise Lovely are Agnes Vernon and Marjorie Ellison, as principals.

At the Orpheum Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2.

Old Friends

Officer—"Didn't you see me coming up the lines?"

Recruit—"Yes, sir."

Officer—"Then why ddidn't you ask, 'Who goes there?'"

Recruit—"Why, hang it, I've known you since you were a kid."

It is better to be disappointed in love than in marriage.

DISCIPLINE IN AUSTRALIA

Critics say there is no discipline in an Australian army. From the continental standpoint there is not. Australians obey orders promptly and intelligently but retain their individuality, explains the American Review of Reviews. Gen. Girdwood delights in relating experiences characteristic of the men of Anzac. An English colonel of the old school once complained that the Australians did not show him proper respect.

"That is nothing," replied Gen. Girdwood; "they seldom salute me, either. One day, when on the rounds, of inspection, I passed a burly Queenslander on sentry duty who stared at me with nonchalant interest without saluting. Just then a shell came screaming over the Queenslander, and turning quickly to me he cried warningly: "Duck your blamed head, Birdie!"

"And what did you do?" inquired the colonel, aghast, anticipating an account of a summary court martial.

"Why, I ducked my blamed head, of course," was the smiling reply of the distinguished general.

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Planked White Fish

First be sure that the white fish is not a carp. Sprinkle salt on the tail before and after catching. Then saw a rib plank from the fattest tree in the front yard. Place white fish on plank, feet first. A piece of lemon squirted in the left eye will make it look better. Add a sprig of cabbage, a bunch of bananas and the the whites of nineteen eggs. If eggs are expensive, use grape fruit. Place in oven and fry for two days. Test with straw and if thoroughly done eat the plank.

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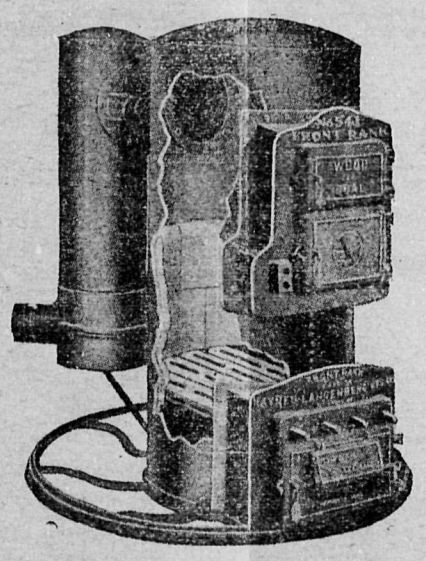

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ECHOES FROM ELKO

The Sunday school Christmas tree was held in the opera house, Hirtz block, on Dec. 21. The house was crowded with the parents and friends of the participants of the tree and other donations from the business men of the town. Rev. McInnes, Presbyterian "Skipper of the Heavenly Sea," acted as chairman and in his opening remarks paid many compliments to the children's ability, artistic and dramatic. The musical feature of the evening was a duet by Mr. P. Brewer, of Elko, and Mrs. Waters, of Saskatoon. The children's program was carried out without a hitch and sustained the chairman's remarks. The hall was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the church, who acted as waiters and saw that every child got a present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bare, of Cowley, are spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with Mrs. Bare's parents, the Lethchers, Square Deal Ranch, Roosville VaVlley.

I. M. Watson, J. M. Watson and J. P. Stocks, of the 225th, are spending the holidays at their homes in the Roosville Valley.

Miss E. B. Paterson, school teacher at Roosville, left on Dec. 23 for her home at Port Haney for the holidays, via the G. N.

Jim Thistleebeak says, just because a woman is married and has to do her own housekeeping is no reason why she should go around the house all day looking like something the dog had dragged in.

A big band of Tobacco Plains Indians passed through Elko on their way to the St. Eugene Mission for their Christmas duties.

Miss Lynn, of Fernie, is the guest of the Misses Sylvia and Esther Scott at the Geo. H. Scott ranch at the International Boundary Line, Roosville Valley, this Christmas.

Ignorance may be bliss but that does not keep a woman from opening her husband's mail.

Several of the business men in Elko have shaved their mustaches off so they can smoke their cigars shorter.

Messrs. Richardson and Harmour, game wardens, were down in the Gold Creek country and Tobacco Plains last week on business.

The Hawkshaw of Waldo was down to Flagstone on Saturday.

An Alberta syndicate is looking over the Roosville Valley timber with the intention of putting in a mill.

Jim Thistlebeak is spending his Christmas holidays down on Tobacco Plains.

A large band of Peigans passed through Elko on their way to Tobacco Plains to attend the big Black Tail dance.

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Another Class in History

"Aren't you ashamed to hit such a little fellow as that?"

"Naw. We're playin' war and he's Belgium. He's supposed not to want me to go through his back yard and I'm going through."

"Johnny," not "Tommy"

The Greeks in Salonika have droped quite naturally into the habit of calling our soldiers "John" and "Tommy," just as the Greeks, Turks and Bulgars hailed them as "Johnny" in the Crimean war.

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