

LOCAL NEWS

One of the best Christmas gifts is a pair of felt slippers. We have a large variety to select from at Steel's Shoe Store, 521 Main street.

Wait for Lesser's, \$10.98. 12-15

COMFORT GIFTS.

Slippers, all kinds, shapes, colors and sizes; overshoes, gaiters, skating sets, mufflers. Good sensible practical remembrances. Lowest prices. King Square Sales Co.

Ladies' black cloth boots, wool lined, rubber sole and heel, high cut, laced, only \$5.50 a pair at Steel's Shoe Store, 521 Main street.

Wanted first-class bread baker; good wages. Apply McLaughlin's Bakery, Brussels street.

Mrs. David Hutchinson has received word from Winnipeg that her son, William, and his two children are improving. Dr. Hutchinson is due in Winnipeg today.

Appropriate in sentiment, economic in price, splendid display of Christmas gifts. Foyas & Co., 12 King Square. See ad. Page 11.

At Steel's Shoe Store, 521 Main street, for \$5.75 you can buy a pair of ladies' tan calf boots, no-lace sole and heel. This makes a very suitable Christmas gift.

Try Duval's before you try elsewhere. 89654-12-19

If you are thinking of giving something in footwear for Christmas, call at Steel's Shoe Store, 521 Main street. We will be glad to help you select them.

The commissioners of the General Public Hospital inspected the kitchens in the McAvity munition plants yesterday and it is probable that similar kitchen arrangements will be installed at the hospital.

ORDERS FOR XMAS CAKES. We are taking orders for real honest goodness Xmas cakes. Decorated or plain. Our lines include three prices in Fruit, do Plain White, Marble, Sultana and Heavy Pound. Goods delivered on all orders of \$2 and upwards. Hygienic Bakery, Phone Main 1167.

Christmas gifts, suggestions and prices. See Foyas & Co. ad. Page 11.

At this Christmas season we are showing a large number of different styles in men's boots at special prices. Among these are some of our Gold Bond Shoes which cannot be beaten. Steel's Shoe Store, 521 Main street.

A meeting of the Stationary Engineers, Local 648, was held last evening in the Market building. A feature of the meeting was a talk on labor problems by W. F. Hatheway.

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TOUCHES THE SPOT. There's something about a real bargain that strikes most people in the right place. By almost every commodity has cost so much that genuine money saving opportunities were very scarce. Folks leaving our store look real pleased and happy after making a footwear purchase. Men's "lucky" good wearing boots at \$8.98 and \$9.98 are such an unusual buy. Then in ladies' shoes \$8.98, \$9.98 and \$9.98 the savings are equally apparent. If you want to feel absolutely satisfied that you made an exceptional bargain visit King Square Sales Co.

Whatever and wherever you shop, shop at Bassett's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches. 12-11-tf.

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SMART WINTER MILLINERY. At greatly reduced prices for women who know. Trimmed and made hats that will suit the most exacting taste, from \$1.40 to \$5 each.—Marr Millinery Co., Limited.

"Canada's Aid to the Allies"—the ideal gift to send to friends over seas. Order a copy now. 12-15.

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"Canada's Aid to the Allies" is on the way.

CHRISTMAS. Comes but once a year and it's up to you to make your friends happy. Don't forget them and they won't forget you. You can always get something to please the whole family at Charlotte street, Wilcox's, corner Union. 12-13

Pictures of the 55th Battalion and 4th Siege Battery will appear in "Canada's Aid to the Allies." 12-15.

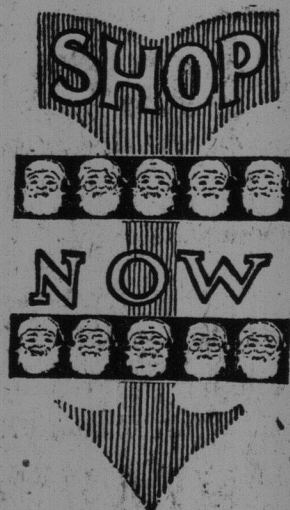
INTERESTING

FETE OF DOLLS

(From Women's Section, Department of Public Information.)

The sponsors of the Children's Jewel Fund are by no means content at having inaugurated a great movement and raised an immense amount of money. They mean to raise more money and compel the public to keep up the interest they already feel in attempting to save English babies by giving them and their mothers the best of care. These noble women won public confidence by giving lavishly of their own treasures before asking the public to contribute. They are now planning a fascinating doll fair for Christmas.

There will be dolls representing all the famous admirals, generals, statesmen and diplomats who have had any connection with the war for the Allies. There will be dolls representing actresses in their favorite parts, social celebrities, characters from nursery rhymes—indeed any celebrated one who ever lived in story or in real life is quite likely to be reproduced as a doll. The dramatic section being accounted for by Lady Tree and she has already received promises of noteworthy reproductions sent by famous actors and actresses. Lady Randolph Churchill promises to secure dolls dressed in the uniforms of British women war workers. She also promises an exhibit showing the evolution of dress during the 19th century the Duchess of Marlborough has undertaken to supply dolls



Why Not Make Your Gift This Year in a Practical Form, That Assures Comfort as Well as Pleasure

Make It FOOTWEAR

We Have Special Holiday Lines to Meet Every Demand.

FOR "HIM"

Overshoes,
Felt Boots,
Skating Boots
Dress Boots
Rubber Boots,
Kid Slippers,
Cozy Slippers,
Kid Romeo Slippers.

FOR "HER"

High-Cut Skating Boots (Fleece lined)
Dress Boots—Two-tone effects
High-Cut Cravenette Boots (Fleece lined)
Walking Boots, Kid and Patent Pumps
Cozy Corner Slippers
Felt Slippers—Fur trimmed, (all colors)
Overshoes, Gaiters
Rubbers—White, Grey, Brown and Black.

SENSIBLE

AND

COMFORTABLE

BOYS' and GIRLS'

Hockey Boots
High Cut Sporting Boots
Rubber Boots
Felt Slippers
Dress Boots
Boys' Moccasins and Shoe
Packs
Children's Leggings
Rubbers—All Sizes

PRACTICAL

AND

ECONOMICAL

LEVINE'S SHOE STORES

107 Charlotte St.
Opposite the Dufferin

8 1-2 Brussels St.
Near Union Street

showing the French and American uniforms for women war workers. Lady Henry will take charge of dolls representing great personages and also models contributed by great shops. Social celebrities will go to Lady Diana Manners, art to Lady Lavery, historical groups to Lady Newnes, the army at home and abroad to Lady Paget.

There will also be the perennially popular every-day doll whether war-china or real best-dressed doll in each section will receive a prize. After gaining an idea of the number of dolls needed one is naturally prepared for the little girl's note which asks for all sorts of "scraps" pretty and odd to be used in dressing the dolls.

PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS

(Toronto Star.)

Because next year there will be a Republican Congress and a Democratic president, there is some talk of a conflict such as occurred between congress and Andrew Johnson, who became president of the United States when Lincoln was assassinated. Johnson quarrelled with congress over the question of reconstruction, and especially over the treatment of the States that had rebelled. He was inclined to favor the conciliatory policy of Lincoln, but he had not Lincoln's ability or his influence. He barely escaped impeachment; one more vote would have given the necessary two-thirds majority.

Wilson is a man of far greater capacity than Johnson, and he has the advantage that the present congress is friendly, and that the new one will not begin its life until next March, and may not sit until December, 1919. The Republicans see the point, and are not pleased with the situation. Theodore M. Knappen in the New York Tribune says that by the time the Republican Congress gets into power the executive power will have finished the job of reconstruction, or will have committed the country to the president's policy.

"Now the victorious Republicans must stay out in the cold, without place to go and nothing to do for a year, while the president, with all the machinery of government at his command, can appoint reconstruction committees innumerable to deal with every conceivable problem. And he can go ahead and act on everything that is within the realm of executive power, and, finally, when at last he

has a hostile congress on his hands, he will have definite programmes worked out, and if they are good the congress will have to accept them. If they are bad they will not have a thoughtfully worked out body of policies of their own."

Reconstruction, of course, is a large subject. So far as relations with Germany are concerned, it is likely that the peace conference will have done its work before the Republicans are in power. But reconstruction within the United States may be a work of years. A Republican congress, for instance, might revise the tariff on protectionist lines against the president's wishes. Such a conflict as occurred with Johnson, however, is not probable. The president would not like to close his career with a useless wrangle. His mind is essentially constructive, and he will be desirous of leaving behind him a record of that kind.

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TURNING TO SETTLEMENT WORK

The Woman's Canadian Club of Port Arthur, which for the last four years has devoted its energies to supplying comforts to the men in the trenches, having raised more than \$19,000 for this purpose, will in the future engage in settlement work.

At a special meeting the following resolution was adopted: "Moved by Mrs. McKay, seconded by Miss Inglis, and carried: That the Woman's Canadian Club accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and engage a community worker for work among the non-English-speaking population of the coal dock section."

This action is distinctive in that the club is believed to be the first Canadian Club, to undertake the support of a community worker among the immigrants.

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HABANA

The Utmost in Cigars

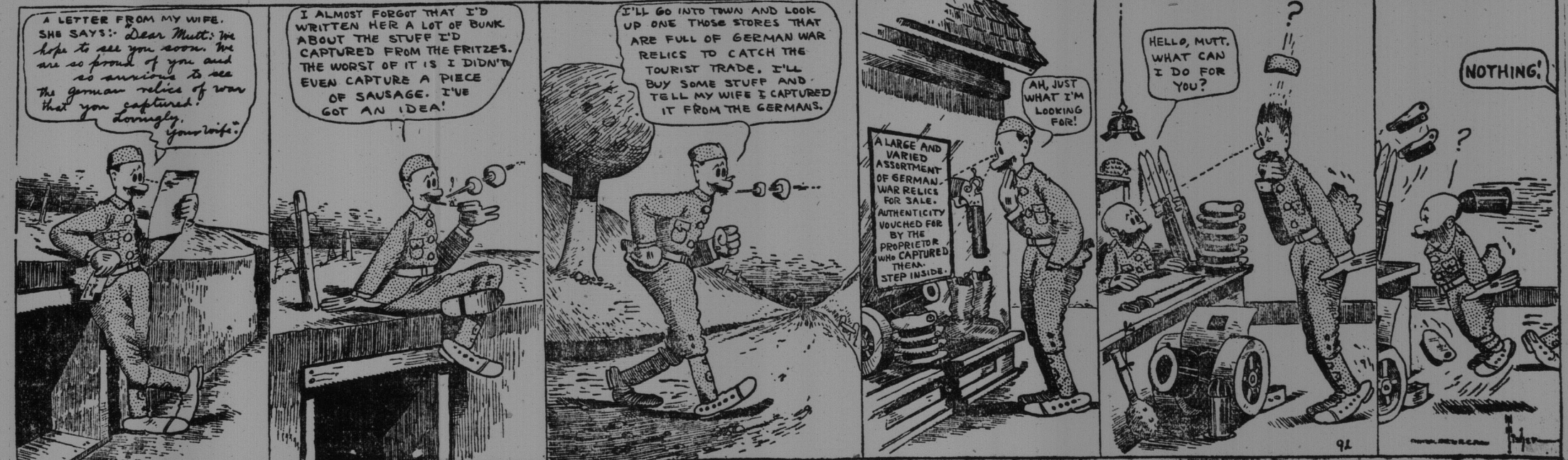
GIVE THE MAN WHO SMOKES—a box of "OVIDO" CIGARS and be certain that your gift will be appreciated.

10 Cents

L. O. Grothe, Limited, makers, Montreal

MUTT AND JEFF—LOOK AT THIS JUNK; NO WONDER THE GERMANS SURRENDERED

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SERBIAN NURSERIES DESTROYED IN THE WAR

Before this war Serbia possessed very interesting agricultural institutions, called district nurseries, which were created by the law of 1898. (A Serbian district comprises about 600 kilometers.) According to this law, every district was obliged to establish one nursery on a surface of about thirteen acres, and to maintain it as well as the directing personnel, which is composed of a chief and his assistant. The aim for the foundation of these nurseries was to furnish to the people the fruit trees and vine-grafted plants of the better varieties, and to develop with these institutions, by means of this personnel, lively propaganda in the people for a more advanced and more economical method of farming.

The great advantages of these nurseries was quickly shown and, consequently, appreciated by the people. The institutions grew from year to year, so that in almost all the districts in old Serbia one nursery was founded, until there were sixty-eight in existence before the beginning of the war.

The same destiny that has hit all the Serbian institutions of a public character, did not spare the district nurseries. All the cattle, all the agricultural implements, all the rolling material which these nurseries possessed, were taken away, destroyed or perished now the bare, devastated fields, where only empty buildings, ruined or damaged, indicate their places.

There is a wide and very fruitful field for the action of private initiative and of the philanthropic societies. Their assistance in restoring these district nurseries would not only be of material value, but would also be of educational importance, and certainly would be highly appreciated by the Serbian people. An effort is now on foot to interest Pennsylvania educational institutions in the agricultural training of Serbian youth and to secure funds for providing tools, seeds and live stock for the people of Serbia.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Ship News Once More.

(Boston Transcript.)

Cheerful "A-hoy!" to the order which has lifted the veil of censorship from the news of shipping. The order's chief significance lies, of course, in the witness it bears to the re-establishment of safety at sea. No more will the sailing of a great liner, or the humble departure of some tramp freighter, be an undertaking fraught with dark peril—an embarkation for a port indeterminate. Liverpool as the master hoped, the black depths of the ocean if some scowling Prussian, commanding a submarine, have his way. The strong lives of our men, the precious lives of our women and children, will once more dwell on the seas as safe from all but the ordinary and infinitesimal dangers of accident as they are on American soil or on European. The lawless hand that struck down the Lusitania is become impotent. The memory of that deed will still be mourned, but as for the ensuing departures of ships for foreign waters, they can go now once more with the music of bands as in the piping times before the war, and with all flags flying. The last vestige of camouflage having been stripped from the Hohenzollern's weakness, it can be stripped now from our ships and their strength revealed.

Yes if this is the great boon that has been established, there is another which should not be forgotten. The order from the navy department means the speedy recurrence in the daily press of that intimate, if sometimes routine gossip of the sea which is so dear to the hearts of those to whom it is dear at all. The baffling words "From an Atlantic port" will be seen no more. In its place we shall have again the Portland, Charleston, Key West, Panama—the exact local color of the port that is sending us the information, together with the information itself. We shall know once more, at the dinner table, that the schooner Shark has come down Boston harbor after a record trip from the Grand Banks, or that the Gigante is surely in on this day from Naples, via the Azores. We shall begin to live again at the salt-water's edge, with some commingling of its mysteries within our possession and not merely with its tempting smell in our nostrils and a dark fog obstructing all view beyond the horizon.

These Metropolitan Artists As Your Christmas Guests

THAT would be a privilege, wouldn't it—to have these eminent artists singing to you in your home? "But the idea is preposterous," you reply. "It's inconceivable."

Far from it. So far as the enjoyment of music is concerned you can sit in your living room and revel in the beauty of Marie Rappold's wonderful voice, for example, exactly as though the great diva were standing there in the flesh. And the same applies to any other of our assemblage of world-renowned artists.

The NEW EDISON.

"The Phonograph with a Soul."

re-creates the human voice with such accuracy, such fidelity—it renders so complete and perfect a reproduction that no human ear can distinguish the slightest difference between the living artist and the record.

This is not a claim; it is an established fact. Over two million people have attended our, famous tone tests where thirty eminent artists sang in direct comparison with the New Edison's Re-creation of their own interpretations, and not one could tell where the voice left off and the record began. In the case of instrumentalists the verdict was the same. Over 600 newspaper critics have gone on record to this effect: "Thomas A. Edison has not merely imitated—he has actually re-created the human voice."

A Gift Which Means Life Enriched

As a Christmas gift what can equal a New Edison? It adds something real and vital to life.

Why not purchase one as a family gift? Eliminate the small individual presents to one another, pool your funds and secure a "Phonograph with a Soul."

Come in for a demonstration.

(Phonograph Dept., Second Floor.)

W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd.

Submarines and Others.

Admiral Sims, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet in Europe, was one of the speakers at a banquet given in London on October 11 to visiting American newspaper men. The following is the report in the London Times of Admiral Sims' speech:

Admiral Sims said that it was very important that the American people should be absolutely informed as to what was taking place on this side. They had not been too accurately informed. There had been a number of misapprehensions which had done some damage, but to what extent that was the fault of the press he was not sure.

He had questioned a good many Americans who had come to this country as to what they thought of things over here. For example, he had asked Americans who, as was customary when they crossed the Atlantic, had had to elbow their way through submarines, how many submarines they supposed were operating against the merchant ships and transports coming in. He would like to ask the editors present how many they thought were operating. When he had asked, the estimate given had never been less than 50, and sometimes it was 100. As a matter of fact the average number was eight or nine, and it sometimes ran up to 12 or 13. Of all the submarines that the enemy had that was the most that were kept out.

Another idea was sometimes in the American mind that the American navy had been doing the bulk of the business over here—at least a half. That was not correct. There were about 5,000 anti-submarine craft operating day and night, and the American craft numbered 160, or three per cent. The figures were about the same in the Mediterranean. Again, Americans seemed to regard it as a miracle of their navy that they had got a million and a half troops here in a few months and had kept them there on the way. "We didn't do that," said Admiral Sims. "Great Britain did." (Cheers.) "She brought over two-thirds of them and escorted a half. We escorted only one-third of the merchant vessels that came here."

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