

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

THE FIRM THANKED

The employees of E. B. Crompton & Company wish to thank the firm for their annual Christmas remembrance and good wishes.

ANOTHER ORDER

The Adams Wagon Works Company recently received another order from the Canadian Government for wagons for the front.

COURIER GETS THERE

There is a farmer who is looking for a helpmate, matrimonially, and desires to make acquaintance through the columns of this family journal. The Courier ads. get there! Watch and see?

SOLDIERS HAPPY

Brantford soldiers, home for Christmas leave, expressed great satisfaction at Christmas Chocolate Box presented to them through the efforts of the Children's Choir. It came as a great surprise and many of the souvenirs were brought home and will be left in the care of wives and families.

P. C. FROM COBDEN

Mr. Chas. Coulson of 26 Market St. this morning received a post card from Constable Cobden, on which he stated that he had been in London for the last three weeks and was feeling better. He had been up for two and a half hours and felt happier. Coupled with regards to his friends is his wish that he will soon be back again among them.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE

The celebration of Christmas by the men on furlough from Toronto, both of Infantry and O. M. I. was remarkable for the behaviour and soldierly self-respect shown by the men. They had evidently taken their commanders' advice to heart, and it would be difficult to find in any city a better behaved soldierly than those who returned for Christmas.

ACKNOWLEDGED

Christmas Day was happily celebrated at the House of Refuge. The superintendent heartily thanks the following for timely gifts: W. F. Cockshutt, oranges, candies, nuts and raisins; Frank Cockshutt, large turkey; I. O. O. F., turkey and material for plum pudding; Mayor Spence, oranges and candies; Whitaker Baking Co., Christmas cake; Miss Lapsley, candies and handkerchiefs for the men; Mrs. J. G. Cockshutt, oranges and candies; Miss Leinster, handkerchiefs for the women.

A SAD ACCIDENT

A Simcoe despatch says: "While attempting to jump to safety from a cutter, L. C. Mitchell, a young farmer of this town, was instantly killed by a Port Burwell freight train at the Union street crossing early Christmas morning. Deceased, with two other young men, drove in a motor car, the train, which was being shunted, and had he remained seated, would have escaped unhurt, like his companions. He was popular in the district and was known by the sobriquet of 'Tony' next." The young man was a cousin of the Misses Wright, William St. and was well known in Brantford.

Your Money

can purchase genuine bargains

Chinaware

—AT—

VANSTONE'S CHINA HALL

Thousands of pieces of this year's importations will be offered in this great clearance sale.

Open Evenings, 19 George St.

After Xmas Shopping

If you have forgotten a friend, whom you intended remembering at Xmas time, why not make it a New Years Gift. Come in and select a good serviceable gift, such as a Suit Case, Club Bag, Hockey Shoes, Hockey Skates and many other lines.

NEILL SHOE CO.

BLANCHARD IS NOT CASUALTY AS REPORTED

Friends of Brantford Police-man Have Received a Letter From Him.

Police Constable Blanchard, or as he is now, Private J. Blanchard of the Coldstream Guards, is alive and well, fighting in the lines. There is no truth in the reports which have been current that he was killed in action, for a relative in the city has just been informed by his wife that he had written to her just two weeks ago. This disproves absolutely the statements that he was shot or disabled. At the time of writing he was in the firing line at an unguessed point. He sent the best of Christmas wishes to his wife and hoped soon to see the end of hostilities.

P. C. Blanchard is apparently a man of action, too busy for words, for he says nothing of the scenes through which he has passed, and Mrs. Blanchard only passed on the word of his activity, because she had heard rumors from Brantford that her husband was dead. She has recovered since he left for the front, to Wiltshire, from which place she writes. Her letter confirms the opinion expressed in the Courier that Blanchard was not officially posted as killed in a list of Coldstream casualties, it was probable he had escaped from the enemy, although cut off, in action from the main body of his regiment. Under the circumstances, it is probable that Blanchard to-day lies in the trenches opposed to the German lines.

THEATRES ALL HAD GOOD DAY ON CHRISTMAS

All Kinds of Patriotic and Enjoyable Bills Were Presented.

Theaterdom in Brantford yesterday was packed in every house in the city to the doors. Never before were such Christmas audiences so evenly distributed; every theatre had reason to congratulate himself and perhaps the seasonable weather with its bitter winds accounted for the crowds. People coming into the city from the suburbs would after their walk be tempted to make for the nearest and most comfortable shelter offered and if from New or s they had an immediate choice. The variety of the bills was remarkable; from war and battle scenes to comedy, and the Colonial children's day, the citizens were catered to with a lavish hand and much thought during Christmas tide.

THE GRAND.
The Belgian war pictures of which there still remains opportunity at both matinee and evening performance to witness to-day, were superb inspiring and are the real scenes of the awful days of Belgium's martyrdom in September. Both houses were crowded.

Taken during September and October by Edwin F. Weigle staff photographer of the Chicago Tribune, with the authority and co-operation of the Belgian government, whose Red Cross will receive 50 per cent. of the profits.

Consequently these are the only authentic motion pictures of the war in Belgium that ever have been or can be taken. Four sensational reels, portraying the burning of Antwerp, the Battle of Alost, the Destruction of Termonde, the Battle of Aerschot, the Flooding of Lierre, the Battle of Malines.

The pictures are being shown this afternoon and to-night.

THE BRANT.
"The biggest laugh of the season," is the comment heard on the Brant's Ar-kan-saw fiddler act in which Dixon, Bowers and Dixon with Miss Annie Burt make joy rings exude from the foot lights to the souls of the sitters.

Salome Parke and Company is one of those roaring sketches which make laughter a national basis of human life, and not an adjunct to its painful life. They are a trio of clever people who amuse with a distinct trend hard to surpass.

"The Gentleman from Mississippi," is a feature film play which has been a take all over and bids fair to rank as a big "draw" wherever it is advertised. The houses at the Brant were well filled and overflowing. The question heard yesterday, certainly presented a paradox—"What did Brantford do before the Brant opened?" That takes some answering. Manager Gould was the recipient of many good wishes and his program was justly earned. At no time was Brantford better served for amusement than since Manager Moule began the Brant.

THE COLONIAL
The Colonial yesterday had bumps; houses, and the well selected and increased film entertainment was much applauded. Manager Symons is making a success, which is rare in provincial circles, out of the all picture show. It takes thought and careful study of the world of picture-dom, if from week to week, an audience of satisfied movie critics is to be below.

CROMPTON'S | The House of Quality and Good Value | CROMPTON'S

Continuing the Half Priced Sale of Women's and Misses' Coats



Now that the rush of Christmas is over one can pause, take a sigh of relief—even though inaudible—and turn once more to the consideration of more serious matters.

First for your consideration we ask you to take note of the sale of stylish wearing apparel commencing to-morrow. Styles are just as you would have them, and prices were never so low.

For instance:

Blanket Coats, navy, brown, wine, plaids, stylish seven-eighths length, raglan sleeves, belted back. Reg. \$12.50. **\$6.50**

Ladies' and Misses' Black Caracul Coats, raglan sleeves, full mannish back, excellent style. Regular \$14. **\$7.75**

Cape Coats, ladies' and misses', detachable cape with military collars, nicely trimmed with black velvet pipings and buttons, sizes 16, 18, 36, 38. Regular **\$8.50**

Very Smart Redingote, with raglan or the new butterfly set-in sleeves, trimmed with velvet piping. The season's most attractive style. Colors are black, blue and grey. \$15.50 value. **\$8.50**

Heavy Soft Mixed Tweed Coats, full length, slightly cutaway, deep belt, tailored set-in sleeves, satin lined throughout. Regular \$15. For... **\$9.50**

Smart Redingote, Copenhagen, Curled Cloth Coats, with black velvet trimmings, deep belt at waist, new flare skirt. Reg. \$16.50. For... **\$9.75**

Ladies' Coats, outside sizes, in fine mixed tweeds, greys and fawns, set-in or raglan sleeves, self trimmings. Regular \$15. For... **\$11.50**

—Second Floor.

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Women's Fine French Kid Gloves, 2 dome fasteners, heavy silk braid points on back, all shades. At, pair **\$1.25**

Women's Fine French Kid Gloves, pique and over-sewn seams, heavy silk embroidered back, black, white, tan, brown and grey, and modes shades. At, per pair... **\$1.50**

Perrin's Best Suede Gloves, silk embroidered back, shades black, tan, brown and grey shades. At, per pair— **\$1.25 and \$1.50**

Men's Mocha Gloves, one dome fastener, lined through out with a knitted wool lining, tan, brown and grey shades. At, per pair— **\$1.00 and \$1.50**

Men's Real Mocha Gloves, fur lined, dome fasteners. At, per pair— **\$2.50 and \$3.00**

Annex, Queen & Colborne.

Inexpensive Jewelry Fancies

Sterling Silver Necklets. Reg. \$2.50. Special **75c**
Sterling Silver Bar and Beauty Pins to match, plain or chased. Reg. \$1.50. For **75c**
Bangle Bracelet, sterling or gold, plain or chased. **\$1.25**
Each
—Right Main Aisle.

Dainty Military Bouquets

Violets, Roses, Lillies-of-the-Valley, Daisies, Orchids—these are some of the blossoms, and they look very real indeed. **25c, 50c, 65c**
—Centre Aisle.

Soft Lacey Neck Fixtures More and More the Vogue

Crompton's offer wide, choice selections.

Military Vestee, the latest vogue, made with high stock collar and full length vest, some are of fine silk bengaline, others of French pique, trimmed with brass or black buttons. Boxed 75c to **\$1.25**

High and Flare Collars, with full length Vestees, in fine organ-die or pique, some with cuffs to match, very smart **\$2.50**

Smart High Collar and Vestee of very fine Brussels net, collar daintily embroidered, finished with picot edge and lace. **\$2.25**

Organdie, Lace, Pique and Crepe Collars, also fine tucked organdie collar and vestee, large assortment, for... **25c**

—Centre Aisle.

FIFTY YEARS SINCE CHRISTMAS WAS SO COLD

Jack Frost Hit Brantford Hard—Mercury Took Drop.

Brantford, in common with many other Ontario cities, yesterday experienced the coldest Christmas Day for years. Early in the morning it was to be seen that the thermometer was registering some five degrees below zero, when it began to drop. Gradually it continued on its downward path until it was thirteen degrees below the ancient Greek nothing, and here it made a fairly lengthy stay. It only eased up a point towards morning, and a raw nip was experienced by all out-of-door unfortunate. This temperature has not been exceeded on a Christmas Day for coldness for fifty years, it being 30 degrees below on Christmas morning, 1855. Since then, the colder periods have not set in until January was commenced. Different thermometers registered 30 below last night. The cold wave was extensive, and much more severe in some points than at Brantford. Toronto varied by 7 to 12 degrees below, and Hamilton was from 5 to 12. The White River experienced 45 below, and Prince Albert 40, while Quebec came in for 22 degrees. The probability that a prolonged cold spell may be expected.

THE APOLLO
"The way of the beginner is hard, but it lies upward!" says the optimistic gentleman with the magnificent voice, who presides over the Apollo. Manager Spencer has got the "git" in his system, toned up and the intends to let it out on his work. His featuring of the siege of Adronople and its hundred movements in the Balkan War, with fighting Serb and dashing Bulgar, lined up in blood lusty array, is a picture of the real Balkans, where the savagery of centuries is little restrained. The scenes are good and they are well taken. There is little of the uninteresting, and drab detail and more of the live action of battle than in many kindred pictures that are good, and of a classy type and the best part of all, however, are the songs rendered by the manager, Mr. Spencer. One has only to hear the splendid baritone voice he so quietly, restoring the notes of a patriotic refrain, to acknowledge the fact that he is unsurpassed in the city.

Only Six Were On Drunk List

It is but natural at this cordial time and season that some good souls drink the red, red wine to their hearts content, but unfortunately, deprived themselves of their ability to do so. However, all's well that ends well, and so quietly, restoring the notes of a patriotic refrain, to acknowledge the fact that he is unsurpassed in the city.

Thus it was that the local police were called upon to look after the welfare of six citizens on Christmas eve who had, unfortunately, deprived themselves of their ability to do so. However, all's well that ends well, and so quietly, restoring the notes of a patriotic refrain, to acknowledge the fact that he is unsurpassed in the city.

One drunk was the only offender brought before Magistrate Livingston to-day, he having been caught out in the cold last night, quite oblivious to his harmful effects.

COUPON

Saturday, December 26, 1914

Heart Songs

CABLES FLASHED BEST GREETINGS

"On behalf of the men, wish you, and all, Merry Christmas."

The above was the Christmas greeting received by Mayor Spence from Fighting Mac Calquhoun, now at Salisbury Plains. The Mayor sent the following reply:

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to yourself and men, and the wish for a speedy and safe return, is Brantford's best greeting."

The cable carried both messages.

THE BELGIANS OF THE SOUTH
From the New York Times:—What a wonderful record is that of this little people (the Servians) in not only encountering, but routing the army of a great empire, and this when they have not yet recovered from two wars that ended only last year! Burke did not know how to frame an indictment against a whole people, but after seeing Servia we know how to frame a eulogy of a whole

people. It is the whole Servian people that have done this astounding thing; they say old men, boys, and women are fighting in the ranks. The world honors Belgium for the heroic fight that failed; it should not honor Servia less for the equally heroic fight that, so far at least, has succeeded. Not only beaten, but apparently crushed out of existence, her people have risen for their homes with one tremendous blow hurled the gigantic invader back from their land. They are the Belgians of the south; the difference is that they still stand among their own homes, unconquered, terrible to the foe.

JEANNE D'ARC

FAMILY HONORED.
PARIS, Dec. 26.—Among officers mentioned in dispatches from the front is Major Haldal de Lys, a descendant of the family to which Joan of Arc belonged, who commanded a battalion of the 102nd Infantry Regiment with the greatest bravery and utter disdain of danger from October 10 to November 9. He is recorded in the Official Journal as an officer of the greatest value.

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