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MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 25.

The Christmas Peace

Christmas Day is the day on which lands from time immemoron that account and because it symbolizes the birth of the new spiritual life in the world, and in the heart of every man, without which the race would descend to the depths. On this third Christmas of the great war more than ever may the inner life. freedom for the untrammeled developnent of which we are struggling, be

of the nations, and the new birth must is well worth receiving. He says that he bring a new life and a new evangel to has been watching the mayor's stewthe race, or humanity must sink to a ardship this year, and "the way he moral death, worse than the life of the has looked after the work pertaining lower kingdoms of nature. Germany to the militia and to the soldiers and had pinned her faith, such as it was, to those dependent upon them," leads him the gospel of material efficiency, and to think it proper that the citizen materialism entered into her heart, should reward his efforts by giving cankered all her life-organs, and debased her purposes. Her devotion to intellectual supremacy was a material devotion, and "her steps took hold

What distinguished the action of the entente allies, if anything distinguished them, from Germany, was the suprem-Great Britain of cant and hypocrisy by her treaty and her honor, and declined to regard these as no more than a scrap of paper. What would these critics say had Great Britain violated the treaty she had pledged herself with balance under flattery, and is not car-Russia, France and Prussia to observe? ried away by success, has escaped one .This question has not been answered of the dangers of public life. by the critics, but they would probably have enlarged upon Britain's moral degeneracy for having selfishly violated the treaty under which she hald Germany have not met.

We must continue to regard the deand Greater Britain on those fateful to the fund. days before the 4th of August. 1914, as due to a moral supremacy and a development of moral consciousness. development of moral consciousness taken in 1914. which Germany had not attained. When the arrangements for the Belglan "tag day" were being made, it
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opening the meeting Reeve Griffith, who
was acting as chairman, received the nomination meeting in the
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not file his declaration and has a candidated win, E. F. Burton and J. M. Pearin. Nom-Germany was deficient in moral effilectual, material and irreligious. That science and all our science was a heritage from the old Saracenic civilization of near a thousand years ago. There has been nothing more significant in the war than the virtual downfall of Turkey, the material side of Islam, and the erection of Arabia into the committee. The committee consists of 28 ladies, all of whom have not only given their services gratiutuously, but in addition have contributed a monthly sum out an independent kingdom under the aegis of the spiritual hierarchy of the Saracenic race.

May we not take this as a token that the new age will be one in which we months by Clarkson, Gordon & Direction of the committee will may look for a spiritual science as we have already an intellectual and mater-ial science, and that it will be coupled Belgian relief work at the headquarwith moral efficiency to balance the ters, 80 West King street. maierial efficiency which has been Germany's boast? It was all a vain boast without the moral efficiency which alone brings victory. All the

and at the cannon's side as well as by the fireside at home. This peace is waiting for all who open their hearts

Stather as a rude shock to our national pride comes the opinion of Chief Justice Howells, speaking for the Manitoba Court of Appeals, which has just declared unconstitutional the act of the Manitoba Legislature, granting to the people of that province the long-desired boon of "direct legislation." The act under review provided that any bill upon the petition of eight per cent of the electorate should be submitted to a referendum, and if a majority of the people so desired the bill thus submitted should become law.

We can understand that the law may be unconstitutional, because it excludes the crown from its undoubted prerogative of sharing in all legislation. The Manitoba Act should have been drawn in such a way as to require the royal assent after the act had been passed by the people. The B. N. A. Act provides that the provincial legislature of any province may amend the constitution of that province, except in respect to the office of Meutenant-gov. ernor. This, in effect, ordained, and properly enough, that no legislative assembly shall deprive a province of the monarchical form of government.

It might be argued in reply to this that the eroun thru the flettenantgovernor, having assented to the "direct legislation" act passed by the legislature, thereby waived its right to essent to or veto future legislation passed by wirthe of that act, by the

The Toronto World people. But, however that may be the court certainly went out of its way vhen it declared:

"In Canada there is no sovereignty of the people. So far as we are concerned it is in the parliament of Westminster, and our powers to legislate are such, and only such, as that parliament has given us.

"The United States is a pure democracy, while the king must be a part of each legislative body in the British Empire."

The Winnipeg Free Press indignantly lendes that the Dominion Parliament and the various provincial legislatures derive their powers and shine by rethe sun turns northward on its annual frected light from the parliament at rney and has been a sacred day in Westminster. Our legislatures, national and provincial, The Free Press deconsent of the governed, and demand that our constitution be so re-written as to vindicate beyond all cavil the sovereignty of the Canadian people.

A Fine Compliment

Mayor Church's finest complir was paid him by his regular opponen The birth pangs of a new era are to of the last two years, Mr. Winders he recognized in this gigantic struggle whose tribute is a high-minded one and him another term by acciamation. The same idea has evidently been general. Another thing that will be noted to the credit of the mayor, is the fact that his head has not been turned, nor has he made any change in his demeanor notwithstanding the extraacy of their moral purpose. Many accuse ordinary adulation and homage that have been lavished upon him by some and self-seeking because she held fast of his friends. The stability and good sense he has exhibited under these conditions is the best token of his

common sense and judgment that

could be had. A man who keeps his

BELGIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE

sworn to protect a little nation. There brought to the notice of the is a dilemma here which apologists for Belgian Relief Committee that a rumor is being spread abroad to the effect that a paid organizer is receiving cision taken by the people of Great a percentage of all sums contributed

> When the arrangements for the Belcase if arranged by amateurs. Later, however, the women to whom the organization was entrusted very gen-erously offered to give her services ree—an offer that was gladly accepted by the committee.

of which has been paid such necessary expenses as postage, telephone, caretaker, type-writing, etc.

The accounts of the Belgian Relief

worth. Members of the committee wil Helen M. Pepler.

CONTESTS IN GALT.

which alone brings victory. All the bloodshed will not have been vain if Germany learns that there are greater things than material supremacy and if the rest of the world learns to turn away from the success which is only an injury to others.

The peace of Christmas is an inner peace that may prevail in the trenches and at the cannon's side as well as by the firestide of the success which is only as a cleared school trustee in Ward One; G. B. Elliott retiring. Geo. Turnbull was elected water commissioner by acclamation.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CHURCHES.

At St. Peter's, corner of Eloor and Markham streets, at the Christmas midnight mass Sila's Mass in "C" was sung by the choir, also the following, specially composed for the first time in Toronto: Coppoci's Introit and the Grodual and Communion by Folkenstein.

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CHRISTMAS TURKEY QUITE OUT OF REACH



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SCARBORO TOWNSHIP

CORNELL UNOPPOSED.

Scarboro nominations held in Wo-

burn on Saturday afternoon were not

largely attended, and no important

matters were discussed. For reeve-

J. G. Cornell will be unopposed. For

first-deputies Messrs Stewart and Mc-Cowan were elected, while the two

members of council will be opposed by Arthur Mitchell of Birch Cliffe,

W. P. DAVIS IS DEAD.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.-Wim. P. Davis,

stock broker, son of M. P. Davis, the

well known contractor, died suddenly

PRINTING PLANT BURNS.

R. C. CHURCH IS DESTROYED.

Rockland, Ont., Dec. 24.-The Roman

Catholic church here was almost total-ly destroyed by fire Saturday, entailing

CONCEALING FIREARMS.

William Sim, of 86 Edwin avenue

was arrested at his home on Saturday night, charged with concealing

loss of about \$100,000

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The printing plant of Rolla L. Crain. Limited, was almost totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. The cause is unknown.

this morning.

TERM BY ACCLAMATION

YORK COUNTY

WEST TORONTO

ALD. RYDING AND WHETTER CHARLTON GETS ANOTHER **ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

W. H. Weir, Nominated on Friday, Lively Fight is Expected for Fails to File Declaration.

Ald. Samuel Ryding and F. G. I. Whetter, the Ward Seven representatives, are returned to council by acclamation thru town hall. Weston, on Friday evening, the withdrawal of their opponent, W. H. Weir. At the nomination meeting in the Annette Street School Friday night, Mr. Annette Street School Friday night, Mr. Was acting as chairman, received the nomdefinitely that he will not be a candidate.
Ald. Ryding, the senior representative
of the ward, has been for five successive
years a member of the city council. He
served on the Toronto Junction Council

years a member of the Toronto Junet.

for ten years.

Ald. Whetter entered the council in 1914. He was defeated in 1915, but was returned the following year. He also was a member of the Toronto Junction County and a number of years.

No Opposition is Offered Members of Present Council

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YORK TOWNSHIP

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Alembers of Present Council

Township nomination proceedings. Saturday afternoon in the counmber, King and Jarvis street, haracterized by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised complimented on their exercised complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmo opposition developing, the ris instead of the customary criticing complimented on their exercised by the greatest harmon opposition developing, the risk of the process of the proce York Township nomination proceedings held on Saturday afternoon in the council chamber, King and Jarvis street, were characterized by the greatest harmony, no opposition developing, the members instead of the customary criticism being complimented on their members instead of the customary criti-cism being complimented on their ex-cellent record during the past twelve months. Ex-Reeve John T. Watson was in the chair at the public meeting, which followed the nomination proceedings. The council for York Township for 1917 will consist of Reeve Thomas Griffith; first deputy, Fred N. Miller; second deputy, Robert Barker; third deputy, W. H. Graham, and Councillor Charles McKay. annual statement presented to the rate payers.

H. J. Cousins, proposed by S. Macklin and R. J. Bull, gained the seat on the commission owing to H. J. Smith, the other prospective candidate, declining, Mayor Charlton, in rising to address the citizens, was accorded a very warm reception. The past year had not been altogether smooth sailing, he said. Indeed in many matters there had been a wide difference of opinion.

Two years ago he went into council on the platform of economy without marring efficiency. By this principle the council had greatly reduced the town's debenture debt. The mayor urged the building of a good road to the east of the town, and the installation of the ward system by next year. Many new industries are looked forward to in Weston, anongst which will be an acroplene factory and shoe factory, the representatives for both of these concerns having been locking ever possible locations with the mayor and reeve.

The separation of the council and commission was advocated by the mayor, as the commission would assume the responsibility of the town's debentures. Reeve. J. M. Gardhouse, and J. L. Macklim also spoke, signifying their desire for re-election.

AGINCOURT

EXPECT LIVELY FIGHT.

One of the liveliest municipal fights n years will take place in Agincourt, Saturday night's meeting bringing out many candidates and a spirited dis-cussion on local affairs. With three to be elected these men were nominated: W. H. Paterson, John Elliott, Frank Wier, Thomas Shadlock, T. A. Paterson and Lewis Forsythe.

CANADIAN

INFANTRY. Previously reported missing, now killed in action—4082b/, Wm. Chaik, 84 Augusta ivenue, Toronto.

Wounded and missing—W. H. Roberts, lastings. Ont

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Seriously ill-T. E. Broadhurst, Cannon street. Hamilton; Samuel Chapman, London, Ont.

MOUNTED RIFLES.
Killed in action—Lieut. Leonard Duns

CASUALTIES

BRITISH AIRMEN IN SPECTACULAR FIGHT (Continued from Page 1).

going, and the sky became a fret-work of white smoke balls, each one marking a spot where a breaking shell had showered its leaden builets upon the fast traveling Germans.

Eager to Meet Foe.

Plugging in and out among the ex-ploding shrapnel, the approaching airplanes left a trail of these flecks and powder puffs in their wake. In

airplanes left a trail of these flecks and powder puffs in their wake. Up and up, taru the danger zone of their own guns, the British aviators climbed eagerly to the fight. The distant hum of the hos ile motors could now be heard, mingled with the louder, beslike drone of the English machines, and between the scarcely pe ceptible intervals of the 'Archies' fire came the staccato notes of the machine the staccato notes of the machine guns. The British airmen had opened fire before reaching the level of their

fire before reaching the level of their adversaries.

Now the British machines began to close in from various direct ons, and the invaders turned suddenly and started for their own lines. Their somewhat precipitate retreat was marked by the same trail of shell fire as had been their approach. The British aviators pursued, but having in this instance the distinct advantage of height and a diving start for home the Germans temporarily got away. the Germans temporarily got away. Fight Like Birds

This was the first phase of the day's battles in the air—a prelude to the later fighting, when two German machines came crashing to earth in spinning nose dives.

spinning nose dives.

Aeroplanes are never so much like birds as when they meet in an aerial combat. They dart dash, circle, turn and swoop like so many feathered warriors and often the battles rage at such ligh altitudes that the machines become all but invisible. Again there will be a fight among the clouds, when the more daring aviators make startling plunges thru the intervening mist to catch their oppenents unawares. Always there is great manoeuving for position and spectators are filled with wonder at what the modern aeroplane can do, even to excelling the birds in their own element by flying upside heir own element by flying upside

Most of the fighting aviators prefer o "get on the other fellow's tail." This means a position above and alightly behind the adversary, where one can fire down into him. Others, however, prefer to attack from a position almost directly underneath, thinking they have a steadier firing platform in climbing than in diving.

Wonderful Stability.

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The latter-day machines have such wonderful stability that they can only be brought down by direct hits, killing the pilot or piercing the petrol tank, in which latter event the aeroplane generally ratches fire and falls in a blazing spiral, "Archie" shells often blow aeroplanes out of the line Wounded and missing—W. H. Roberts, Hastings, Ont.
Previously reported wounded, now missing—M. Caughren, Whiterish, Mont.; M. L. Davey, Winnipeg.
Missing—Flavien Cardinal, Montreal.
Dangerous, III—S. W. Leard, Alberton, P. M. I.; F. P. Reeks, Hull, Que.
Wounded—Georges Carney, Port Daniel, Que.; W. H. Barnatt, Amigara, Ont.; J. W. Foley, Perth, N.D.; Alfred Higsimbottom, Montreal; John Russon, River Desert, Que.; Donat Teasdale, Three Rivers, Que.

Dangerous, VIII—S. W. Leard, Alberton, When the history of aviation in the IT-seemt war is written, it will contain some of the most thrilling chapters of the Strange world conflict. The British flying corps, which grow from almost nothing at the beginning of the war, has already established records

tish aviator brought his machine down with only one wing. He could only effect a landing with his engine going and had deliverately to collide

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ing unhurt. Another time two British aviators attacked 11 dermans and once a second lieutenant of the British corps, attacked five hostile machines. He, in turn, was attacked from behind, but turned and got in the rear of the hostile craft, and keeping "on its tail," drove it down.

Recently the Germans let go hombs which fell into their own lines during an extended air battle.

FORMER EDITOR OF THE MONETARY TIMES DEAD

James A. Hedley, Aged Seventy-Five, Held Position for Thirty-

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MOUNTED RIFLES.

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MIFANTRY.

Killed in action—J. U. Gration. Vancouver.

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Dangerously III—Head and distinct fights in a single day.

Previously reported weunded, now wounded and missing—Lieut, J. Machan. Wolfwelle, N.S.

Previously reported messing, now not missing—John Mitts Ivanhoe. Ont.

Wounded—Alex. Williamson, Detroit; W. Wilson, Saskatoon, Sask.; P. J. Wolffel—Bred Chan. Repair the sex of the English have gone to the English and French in the French in the English have gone to the English and the English and the English have gone to the English and the English and French in the English have gone to the English and the English and French in the English and French in the English and French

only effect a landing with his engine going and had deliverately to collide with a tree, seriously injuring himself.

Spectacular Feat.

There was one memorable occasion when three British machines deliberately dived into a formation of 17 German machines, destroying two of the hostile planes and themselves escaphage.

Kingston, Dec. 24.—Willie Gordon, aged 11 years, son of Wm. Gordon, is in the Hotel Dieu in a critical condition as a result of being shot by a younger brother with a revolver. The boys got possession of a revolver in their home and while playing with it the one brother accidentally fired it off, the charge hitting the boy near the left eye. At the Hotel Dieu tonight it was stated that there is very little chance of the lad's recovery.

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