

NORFOLK NEWS

MORE SIMCOE MEN RETURNING HOME

Party From Overseas Reached The Town on Saturday

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

From our own Correspondent. Simcoe, Dec. 23.—Among Saturday's arrivals from overseas were Clayton Bewley, Norman Gell, Earl Fleming, Fred Cripps, Shanks, Banks, Lawrence, Wm. Hasley, Jack Farr. There were several others destined to different parts of the country, and they are in two or three by radial and steam roads, and it was impossible to give them a reception together. In fact, even their parents, in many cases, did not have notice of the time of their arrival. But they are home and resting after the long voyage and journey, and of them all not one has a grouse. In this respect they conform to spirit of our former arrivals. They have added to the Christmas cheer of their several homes. It is inspiring, too, how readily our returned men have found their places in civil life, in months past, and are still dropping in to occupations and carrying on. Already perhaps more than two hundred of Norfolk's men are home and back in civics carrying on as before. Q. M., St. K. McLachlan, of the 1st Depot Battalion C. O. R., Hamilton, has returned home, the unit having been demobilized. Many others who were in training in Canada have been relieved from further service. Brant Bloodworth, formerly of the Bank of Hamilton staff here, was in town a few days ago in civilian attire.

Local church services yesterday were characterized by large audiences and good music, with sermons appropriate to the occasion. The choirs everywhere measured up to the occasion.

At St. Paul's, the choir rendered "Holy Night" at evening service with good execution. The choir sang Christmas carols marked the offering of the choir of St. James and of the Baptist church.

Trinity choir too had a splendid repertoire for the day.

Wycombe Burglars Captured in Woodstock

Advice was received at Delhi yesterday that Ontario Constabulary agents have taken in custody two men who had apparently connection with the safe blowing and burglary which occurred at Smith's general store, Wycombe last Thursday night. Some of the Victoria Bonds, deeds and

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promissory notes and \$140 in cash is said to have been found on the men.

The store is a few rods from the dwelling of the proprietor, and the burglary was first noted by an early customer who had reached the store before the proprietor. The safe had apparently been used as a common receptacle for \$300 in cash, \$10,000 in registered bonds and \$8,000 in mortgages, along with some promissory notes had been taken off. Mr. Sutherland of Delhi, upon request, endeavored to get in touch with the crown attorney's office on the county constabulary.

A stenographer passed the word on to Simcoe's chief of police, who has quite enough troubles of his own but the county constabulary—nut sed.

This lawlessness follows wholesale stealing of robes from church sheds across the north of the county, which has been going on for some weeks, and up to the present no one has come to justice. The crown had a memorial from the county council last June, but no effort has since been made to revise, organize and uniform the constabulary. Sheriff Tisdale favors an early clean-up.

Meanwhile, Norfolk is depending on adjacent counties. Presumably that the men held at Woodstock have been implicated in the Wycombe affair, their only blunder seems to have been that they left the county.

And it is safe to assume that even yet the members of the so-called Norfolk constabulary have not yet been advised of the affair.

Press Photographs
Mrs. J. M. Hodgson is home from Creighton Mine for the holiday and Miss Hodgson has joined her from Toronto. Mr. Hodgson, who has been at the mines as missionary pastor, will join them and the family will move their household effects back with them after the holiday.

Miss Nellie McCosh is home from Toronto for the vacation.

Keep the Teams Working
Our attention has been called to the fact that locally many teamsters and little to do. And it has been suggested that the council should at once determine the programme for next summer, and begin now to get their haulers in for bridge work and the like in order that the teams might be given an opportunity to keep busy. This suggestion is deserving of consideration. No town can get along without teams. If private citizens fail to follow the business.

the corporation is obliged to maintain its own stable. In any system of road improvement the Kent Creek bridge on Colborne St. must be replaced by a permanent concrete one, and it is quite possible that the gravel could be hauled now quite as economically as next summer, and with less destruction to our present streets.

Odd Ends of News
Wiggins' school closed Friday night with a concert which most have gladdened the popular teacher, Miss Grace Petty, who is well liked and idolized in the section. Trustee Bruce Steinhoff presided through a program of more than 25 numbers, and Trustee David Secord had more than that many dollars from the small admission fee charged. A children's Christmas tree was a feature of the evening.

Penny Bank System is a Success
Paris School Children Deposited 60 Cents Per Head Last Month

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

From our own Correspondent.
Paris, Dec. 23.—Word was received in town of the sad drowning of two lads at Saskatoon, Sask., and South Ward, aged 12 and 13, and his brother, Johnny, aged four years. It seems that the lads had ventured out on the ice on the Saskatchewan River, while the parents were at church. They broke through the ice and were drowned. They were cousins of Mr. and Mrs. John Kempthorne, Walnut St.

King Albert of Belgium Is Progressive Monarch Beloved by His People

NO mighty conqueror or sovereign in all history ever marched into his capital with such world-wide acclaim and hearty good wishes as Albert, King of the Belgians, when he re-entered his capital in triumph at the head of his noble little army, after a banishment of more than four years. No king ever had a people of which he had a right to be prouder—no nation ever had a ruler more worthy of honor and devotion. Menaced by the most terrible of fates, Belgium refused to sell its soul or its honor, held back the Hun avalanche for a precious week, and through all its crucifixion its spirit has never been cowed nor its faith and courage lost. What a splendid triumph of honor, faith and courage the re-entry of Brussels by Albert signifies!

The Belgian King, who has shared the hardships of his little army for four years, has aged much since he was last seen in his capital. The lines of care and suffering were etched in his face, but with his honor unharmed and his courage and faith higher than ever.

Albert Leopold Clement Marie Ferdinand, to give him his full name, was born in Brussels in 1875, his father, the Count of Flanders, being



KING ALBERT.

King Leopold's younger brother. He went through the Belgian military school and entered the Grenadiers as sub-lieutenant, quickly working his way up to the rank of colonel. Realizing the danger of being one-sided, he managed to combine the fulfillment of his military duties with a thorough education along other lines. He wandered through the tortuous paths of diplomacy, studied sociology and made a hobby of engineering. When he was 23 he spent a year in America. He traveled extensively from north to south and east to west in order to observe at first hand the American method of dealing with educational, scientific and industrial problems. He was particularly interested in American railroads and was fortunate in having the able services of James J. Hill, a Canadian, as his "railroad guide."

A few years later he visited the Belgian Congo in order to investigate conditions there. On his return he urged strongly the imperative necessity for reform in the treatment of natives.

His desire to keep abreast of the happenings diplomatic and otherwise, in foreign countries is shown by the fact that he is a reader of the London Times, the Paris Temps, the Berlin Kreuzzeitung and the Vienna Neue Freie Presse.

In 1906 he married Elizabeth, Duchess of Bavaria. She is an unusually accomplished woman, being a regular M.D., besides having a sound knowledge and great love of art, literature and music. She has done much hospital work during the war. While her husband worked for the betterment of his country along scientific and industrial lines, she did much to encourage and develop their latent artistic ability.

Salt Water.
An instrument has been recently devised which gives a continuous record of the salinity of sea water by the measurement of its electrical conductivity. A pair of electrolytic cells have been designed which, when used with a suitable alternating-current galvanometer, will give satisfactory operation in connection with a recorder. The temperature compensation is obtained by placing both cells, which are in the two arms of a Wheatstone bridge, in a uniform temperature bath.

Gaza.
Gaza has played a rather more important part than BeerSheva in the history of Palestine. With it are prominently associated the lives-works of many of the prophets, while Samson's connection with it is well known. Destroyed in 634 by the Arabs, it was retaken by the Crusaders and passed into the hands of Saladin in 1187. It has come into the hands of the Allies during the last year.

ANOTHER CRISIS
By Courier Leased Wire.
Zurich, Dec. 23.—(Havas)—The Ebert Government in Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis through the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet.

Political circles in Berlin, another report says, are agitated by a rumor that General Groener, who succeeded General Ludendorff as chief quarter-master-general, has threatened to seize Berlin with troops that have remained faithful if order is not re-established there shortly.

WAR EXPENDITURE
By Courier Leased Wire.
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Net expenditure of the war trade board from its inception to Nov. 30, 1918, totals \$98,153. It is estimated that another \$50,000 will be required to meet outstanding accounts and expenses to the end of the year.

GO-BETWEEN FLEES.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, Sunday, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—Dr. Carl Duisburg, of Leverkusen, head of the German aniline dye industry, is reported to have fled to Switzerland.

Dr. Duisburg was generally looked upon as the connecting link between "business" and General Ludendorff, and was one of the most active of the pan-Germans.

PRESIDENT TAKES OATH.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 22.—Professor T. G. Masaryk, president of the Czech-Slovak republic, took the oath of office as president today in the Diet building. President Masaryk, who reached here from America by way of Paris, was preceded on his arrival with an address by Premier Kramarz in the name of the first free Government of the Czech-Slovak state.

INDICTMENT DISMISSED.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Gladys Gannon Webster, on trial at Genesee for the murder of Edwin Dyer Webster, in August last, is a free woman. On motion of District Attorney Wheeler, this morning Judge Thompson dismissed the indictment charging murder.

ZONE LIFTED.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson has called attorney general Gregory to lift barred zone and promissory on Christmas Day. Thereafter no restrictions will be imposed unless developments make them necessary. During the war enemy aliens have been barred from waterfronts at seaports, the District of Columbia, the canal zone and other areas.

Lieut. Roy L. Vining, B.S.A., lecturer in animal husbandry at Ontario Agricultural College, died of Spanish influenza contracted at the Winter Fair last week. The Government's plan of land settlement laid before Provincial representatives last month at Ottawa is made public.

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VOTE FOR LYLE

Grace Church CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion, and sermon. Preacher, the Rector.
Special Music.
"O Come, Let Us Adore Him."

Mayor McBride Stands by His Guns

In connection with the resolution said to have been passed by the Uplift League, Mayor McBride issues the following statement: "It is all a part of the poison gas propaganda for political purposes. I shall welcome the most thorough and minute inspection of all matters pertaining to coal and they will not find one red cent misappropriated.

"In the matter of the whiskey, this also they may investigate to their heart's content. I brought it to the city in an effort to save the lives of some of our people, and will accept full responsibility for doing so. It was an extreme emergency, and should conditions ever again make prompt action necessary, I shall never hesitate to do my duty. I am thankful that Brantford is free from influenza, and we should all be thankful that we are not afflicted as many other cities are."

CLOSING NOTICE

J. S. Hamilton and Co., Brantford, give notice that their wine house will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23rd to Thursday, January 2, 1919. No orders will be accepted before January 2, 1919. We are compelled to do this because we have a large number of orders on our books to get shipped before January 1st, 1919.

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Facts Are Facts, and Facts Are Stubborn Things

The Municipal League proposes to show that the administration at the City Hall during the past year, has been of the Kaiser, Autocrat variety, much to the detriment of the welfare of this city.

The Municipal League will show that the trust of civic office has been wantonly abused, both in act, speech, and design by the present incumbent of the Mayor's chair.

The Municipal League will show, in due course, that good behaviour for the first year has been lacking in the Mayor's chair, and therefore, the ratepayers whose vital interests are involved, have every right to withdraw the courtesy of a second term.

As decided at a general meeting Friday evening last, Christmas was regarded as a good time to postpone going into records, and delving into facts, all of which, in due time, will be placed before the electorate. The general policy of the Municipal League was, however, decided upon. That policy stands for enquiry into the whiskey and coal business as conducted under municipal enterprise, controlled by one McBride.

The ratepayers of Brantford have put up the money for the purchase of all the coal stored up, and have a perfect right to know the relationships existing between M. MacBride, Mayor, and Louie Stander, said by many to be vice-Mayor. It is not a right condition that members of the City Council should have to confess ignorance of these dealings.

The Municipal League stands pledged for investigation, and will present to the ratepayers, reasons why an enquiry should be held. Christmas, as in the days when our boys were in the trenches, does not represent any truce with wrong. There is no truce, as far as the Municipal League is concerned, merely a postponement of the more serious issues of the campaign until after the busy season.

The incumbent of the office of the Mayor calls for Christmas truce. At the same time, his misguided satellites are spreading stories that Tom Lyle is out to cut wages, that he says the Catholics are more honorable than the Orangemen, and various other insidious, sneaking, insinuations which dare not be said by any responsible party in the open.

The fight has resolved itself into one of clean business as represented by Tom Lyle, and an appeal to class and creed, in every hold, and corner of the city, to beat Tom Lyle. J. W. Bowley, who has been Mayor of Brantford five times, is being edged on, to attack Lyle. Only last week, Louie Stander met Mr. Bowley and proffered his heartiest support, on the public street. And so the game is being played. Bowley must stick in the ring, by all means, for the interests of MacBride.

Just as a plain ordinary master of business, ratepayers should at this juncture keep an open mind on the municipal situation.

The present incumbent of the Mayor's chair knows pretty well, what evidence is being accumulated against his administration, and has time to prepare all the alibis in the world.

Lyle is the man for Mayor, the one man who can serve this city in the present crisis.

POLAND HOPES

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Ukraine soldiers. The report originally came in a telegram from Lieberberg to the Polish bureau at Lausanne.

Socialization Failed.
Bern, Dec. 23.—Reliable information from Russia brings confirmation that the socialization of industry there is a complete failure. Official statistics show that in almost all the 518 mills and factories controlled by the state, expenses have considerably exceeded receipts. During the first four months of 1918 the government paid out over 400,000,000 rubles to cover these deficits, and has been obliged up to the present to advance over one billion rubles to the factories under its control. Technical experts assert that Russian industry has been crippled for many years to come by the Bolshevik regime.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S MASTOIA

ELECTION CARDS and LETTERS
The advertising rates for election cards this year will be as follows:
Regular 1½" space to run from nomination to election day or for shorter time—
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Spaces run for longer periods will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch per insertion.
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Bowlby for Mayor
After the newspapers had announced me as a candidate for Mayor, Mr. Lyle comes out in opposition, as he has a right to. He is honest and respectable, but not infallible. I was Mayor in 1907, and procured from the Provincial Hydro Board the location of the power house in Brantford with the three transmission wires, and submitted a \$65,000 by-law to carry it out. Mr. Lyle violently opposed this, and he with others defeated the by-law. The Hydro Board then took all three wires from Brantford, and located the power house at Dundas and ran the remaining wire miles North of Brantford. In 1908, in order to tap this wire, a \$115,000 by-law was carried. The city thus lost directly \$50,000 and indirectly a half million over losing the immense power house now at Dundas; also the two wires for an automatic switching, thus avoiding stoppage of factory work, street cars and lights. Vote for Bowlby and no blundering.
J. W. BOWLEY.