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HAIL, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING CAME TO CITY LAST EVENING

Showers of Ice Drove Theatre Crowds to Shelter.

A real winter thunderstorm passed over the city last evening, coming with such suddenness that no one was prepared, and many a gorgeous winter connet was beaten out of all shape and loveliness by the icy bullets hurled earthwards, as the clouds and wind en-deavored to impress on puny pedestrians their superior forces, which might be increased to gigantic proportions at any moment. Abandoning all efforts at fur-ther progress, the people on the streets sought refuge in doorways and on verandas. By the time the storm had lashed itself into the very height of its fury, the theatres and concert halls be-gan to empty themselves of their gaily-dressed throngs, who, abandoning all earthwards, as the clouds and wind engan to empty themselves of their gally-dressed throngs, who, abandoning all dignity, picked up their skirts and scuttled in every direction. Two by two, mostly, those who had taken shelter in doorways, despairing of any let-up in the fury of the storm, dashed on to the next stopping place a few doors ahead in an effort to make home with the least amount of damage.

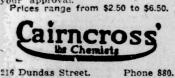
The lightning flashed like great searchlights in the sky, and the thunder rolled in mimicry of anti-aircraft guns, and the ley rain beat down like tiny bullets from the sky as the elements united in their efforts to stage for London a sham air-raid. don a sham air-raid.

And today the debris remains behind in the form of an icy covering over everything. The weather has become milder, so that all the sugary particles are melting into a great sheet of ice, bound to prove a source of amusement throughout the day. For slippery sidewalks do more to subdue pride than any number of well-prepared sermons, and stage a more irresistible burlesque sham air-raid.

than the greatest producer. **WESTERN DOES NOT DESIRE AEROPLANES**

Pres. Braithwaite Says No Need For One.

Fountain Pen



SERGT. ALFRED BENBOW Mrs. Benbow, 187 Garfield avenue, as received word that her husband, sergt. Alfred Benbow, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in pattle. Sergt. Benbow went overseas with the 142nd Battalion, He was wounded in the left knee on August 28, after having served in France twenty months. He is at the 16th Canadian Hospital at Orpington, Kent. He is now able to get around with the aid of crutches, and his wife and family are expecting him home for Christmas.

WINS MILITARY MEDAL

NEWS

the gravel road, Fred Stacey, a former employee of the defunct company, appeared this morning before the magistrate, and upon a plea for leniency being offered by both Mrs. E. H. Caughell, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, and Constable Mattis of the Elgin Humane Society, the case was withdrawn on condition that Stacey pay the costs.

The animal was discovered by Inspector Mattis, who told the court that he found it without proper food and in a terrible condition. Stacey said that he left enough food with the horse while he went to work at Port Stanely, and he told a youngster residing nearby to see that it was watered.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. New York, Dec. 11.—Arrived: Steamer Ascanias, from Liverpool.

HAVE MILDER TYPE

Some Pneumonia Cases Still Being Found.

As a evidence that the "flu" situation is still quite serious, both St. Joseph's Hospital and Victoria Hospital are crowded with "flu" patients. At Victoria there are still some pneumonia patients in critical condition, and at St. Joseph's there are two serious pneumonia patients. At both hospitals, it is claimed, that the influenza is of a milder type.

Within the last 24 hours, 6 patients, not serious cases, were admitted to Victoria to the still be serious cases, were admitted to Victoria to the still be serious cases, were admitted to Victoria to the still be serious cases, were admitted to Victoria to the still be serious cases, were admitted to Victoria to the still be serious cases, were admitted to Victoria to the still be serious cases, were admitted to Victoria the serious cases, were admitted to Victoria the serious cases, were admitted to Victoria the serious cases.

not serious cases, were admitted to Vic-toria Hospital and 2 were discharged. A total of 55 now remain in that hospital. Physicians report that the second "flu" epidemic, if it were a recurrence of the disease, is on the wane, although there are numerous cases throughout the city

BIG IMPROVEMENTS ST. JAMES' CHURCH

are expecting him home for Christmas. Men s Association Formed To Forward Plans.

CLOTHES ON FIRE.—The fire department had a run at 1:35 p.m. today to 132 Ridout street south. where to 132 Ridout street south, where too near the stove, ignited. About \$5 damage was done.

CHURCH FAIR.—A big church fair will be held on December 13 and 14 under the auspices of the ladies of King Street Presbyterian Church at 791 Dundas street, when a sale of fancy work. Christmas goods, homemade cooking and fruit will be conducted.

G. T. R. OFFICIAL HERE.—W. D. Robb, vice-president of the G. T. R., passed through this city at 2 p.m. today on his way to Chicago. C. G. Bowker, general superintendent of the Ontario lines, accompanied Mr. Robb as far as this city.

\$2,000 REALIZED.—The magnificent sum of \$2,000 was raised at the bazaar held in aid of the Mount Hope Refuge and Mount St. Joseph Orphanage, the success of which was due to the untiring efforts of the ladies who conducted the bazaar and to the clitzens who patrolic it.

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The idea is to connect the new building (which is still an air castle) with the church, south London, which will also be used as a parish centre and club house, preliminary steps were taken last night towards the organization of a men's association. The growth of a men's association. The growt

work. Established 1874. Four grad-

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HOSPITALS CROWDED RECTORY STREET CROSSING, G. T. R., BUT FLU PATIENTS HELD UP OTTAWAY CARS NEARLY 2

Street Railway Company's Records Show This and 'Also That On the Following Day the Time Lost at Same Crossing Was 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

On one day, Friday, November 29, the cars on the Ottaway avenue line lost 1 hour and 58 minutes on account of the grade crossing of the G. T. R. at Rectory street. This statement is made by the street railway company, which had a record taken of all delays at this point on that day and the following. On the latter, the time lost was 1 hour and

NORTHBOUND OTTAWAY CARS DELAYED.

Freight 6:52 a.m. Shunting 6:40 a.m. 130 7:23 a.m. 7:27 a.m. Shunting 7:43 a.m. 8.26 a.m. 8:33 a.m. Freight 1:39 p.m. 1:41 p.m. Passenger 2:00 p.m. Shunting 1:55 p.m. 3:17 p.m. 3:22 p.m. Freight 5:05 p.m. 5:01 p.m. SOUTHBOUND OTTAWAY CARS Cause Shunting Shunting 6:50 a.m. 6:40 a.m. 6:56 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:17 a.m. Shunting 7:19 a.m. 7:57 a.m. 8:24 a.m. 8:33 a.m. Freight 8:39 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Freight 9:12 a.m. 9:18 a.m. 12:07 p.m. 12:05 p.m. 2:05 p.m. 2:08 p.m. Shunting 2:19 p.m. 2:23 p.m. Shunting 2:51 p.m. 2:53 p.m. Passenger 4:13 p.m. 5:49 p.m.

UP GO SALARIES OF ALL CITY'S TEACHERS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS. IF COMMITTEE IS SUPPORTED

General Increase Recommended and New Schedule Is Drawn Up To Take the Place of That Now in Force-Assist-

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The cause for which they've striven, the cause for which you prayed, And for which your soul has suffered untold grief, Has been won, and into Germany, in battle form arrayed Our lads have marched to tune of Maple Leaf.

It may be that the spirits of your loved ones hovered nigh As the Angel did at Mons in '14,
And around each wooden cross "out there," clear cut against the sky A holy halo sent from Heaven was seen.

We have seen the Sun of Righteousness break through the clouds of strife And the Truth, though crushed to earth, did rise again, Though the vacant chair at home may cast its shadow o'er your life, Yet, thank God, your sacrifice was not in vain:

AND SERBIA WILL **BE'GOOD CUSTOMERS**

Great Quantities of Goods Are Needed in Devastated Areas.

CANADA HAS SUPPLIES

Government May Be Required To Advance Certain Credits.

London, Dec. 11.—(Special Cable from John W. Dafoe).—The largest immediate opening for Canadian trade and industry is in relation to the reconstruction of devastated areas in Belgium, France and Serbla. This is in the general charge of the committee internationale de revitaillement, which is a reconstitution of the international war purchasing committee. Canada is to be represented on this by Lloyd Harris.

A preliminary survey shows that for Belgium and France there will be urgent need for large quantities of these goods: outer garments, all kinds of cheap, durable material, denim or duck, boots and shoes, stoves to burn soft coal, simple cooking utensils, cheap household furniture, especially iron beds and readymade houses, knocked-down. Apart from clothing, a part of which can be supplied by Great Britain, these supplies can only be obtained in available time from Canada and the United States.

To Advance Credits.

The reconstruction committee will have to determine the extent of supplies needed and finance their purchase wherever they can be obtained, arrange for the shipping and provide for their distribution. The methods are not worked out, but it is expected that whatever proportion of what total supplies is allotted to Canada will be purchased on the order of the international commission by the Canadian war trade board, through the war purchasing commission.

through the war purchasing commission through the war purchasing commission. It will be necessary for the Canadian Government to advance the credits to cover a proportion of these purchases, perhaps 50 per cent. In the first instance, this vast volume of buying will be done by the allied Governments, but ultimately the debt will be liquidated from Germany's payment for the reconstruction of areas devastated by her truction of areas devastated by her

armies.

Great Opening for Trade.

Mr. Harris had made arrangements to visit the Belgian and French areas to inform himself by personal inquiry as to the possible extent of the opportunity for Canadian goods, but his trip has had to be postponed owing to indisposition.

Mary Lamess appeared in punce court this morning, and after their trials, they were remanded for a week. These women were in court as a result of the operations of two other women who were employed by the police. One of the witnesses told of having gone to

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REMANDED A WEEK. **BEING CHARGED WITH** TELLING FORTUNES

Two Women Accused of Illegal Practice.

Charged with telling fortunes for money, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris and Mrs Mary Lamess appeared in police court the witnesses told of having gone to Mrs. Morris' house, which is across from the fair grounds, and into a room where there was a table. Here one o the witnesses sat down at a table, and Mrs. Morris passed a card to her to sign. The witness declared that she signed it without reading it, and that signed it without reading it, and that the fortune teller did not read it to her. Then the fortune telling began. "You will live until you are 80," said Mrs. Morris, "but your husband will die before you, and you will work for another three years. Mrs. Morris then charged the witness \$1 for reading her hand, and told that it would cost \$2 to read her head.

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Toronto, Déc. 11.—Morning sales: Cement, pfd., 5 at 96; Stele of Canada, 200 at 64@65; Steamships, 37 at 48¼ @ 48½; do, pfd., 59 at 79¼ @79¼; Bell Telephone, 15 at 130; Maple Leaf, 100 at 19½.

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Dome Extension, 2000 at 26½, 1000 at 26¾; Davidson, 500 at 6¼; Dome Mines, 100 at 13.00; Hattie, 2500 at 45; Holly, 215 at 630; Kirkland, 200 at 50; McIntyre, 1300 at 173, 85 at 174; New Ray, 1000 at 16½; Porcupine Crown, 1000 at 25; Schumacher, 500 at 32½; Waska, 1500 at 51, 2800 at 51½, 2000 at 52; Rock, 100 at 9, 1000 at 9½; Adanac, 500 at 9, 500 at 9½; Rock, 2000 at 3½; Nipissing, 200 at 875; Peterson Lake, 1000 at 9½.