

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Idea is a Good One And is Catching on All Over Canada

The indications are that War Savings Stamps will be a popular Christmas gift this year. From all accounts the idea is taking on, and by Christmas Eve is quite likely to be very widespread. The proposal is a good one, combining the features of genuine value in the gift itself and inducing the recipient to save. It is also to be remembered that, being interest bearing, the gift increases in value as the days go by. Four dollars will buy one of these Christmas gifts. There is no limit on the number of War Savings Stamps that may be purchased, so any one who may desire to give another good start has the opportunity to do so. It is not necessary to have \$4 in order to start a friend on the way towards getting a War Savings Stamp. If a person wants to do something of this kind for some one else at Christmas and does not desire to spend \$4, then, instead of giving a War Savings Stamp, he or she may buy Thrift Stamps at 25 cents each and give them. Sixteen of these equal a War Savings Stamp and may be exchanged for the latter. No one could do a friend a better turn than to buy Stamps that will put that friend in a way of profitable saving.

STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 19.—The striking cotton operatives here held a mass meeting today and decided to return to work at once. The operatives accepted the terms of an agreement by which they will receive an increase of about thirty per cent. over their present wages.

War Saving Stamps pay well. War Savings and Thrift Stamps make fine Christmas gifts.

POLISH NOBLEMAN A PRIVATE.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Private A. M. Jasienki, with the regimental number 100, like the rest of them, came back amongst the Ottawa soldiers Tuesday. In reality, his proper cognomen is "Count Jasienki," and he comes of one of the Polish noble families. He came from Boston Mass., when the war broke out and got a commission in the 97th (American Legion) then transferred to become one of the lieutenant instructors at the Royal School of Infantry at Halifax, N.S. Later he gave up his commission and went overseas as a private in the 258th Battalion. He has served recently in the intelligence branch of the British war office, and came back to Canada on the Olympic. He is at present staying at The Chateau, but expects to get away with the Serbian forces and afterwards he intends to write a book on his experiences.

ACCOUNTANT DEAD

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 19.—Austin Gurlay, relieving accountant at the Bank of Montreal, died here last night after an illness of one week. He was the only child of J. E. Reginald Gurlay of Picton, Ontario, the well-known author and journalist, and a grandson of the late Sir John Hon. Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of Canada and of the late Lieut. Colonel Gurlay, of the 33rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was stationed at Hamilton and later at Perth, coming here from the latter place eight days ago. The body will be taken to Picton for interment.

KARL AND FAMILY HAVE FLEW.

Copenhagen, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and four of his children are suffering from influenza, according to a telegram from Vienna. The former Emperor has a very high fever.

Latest reports have been that the former Austrian imperial family were at Castle Ekhartau, near Vienna.

Orient Becomes Modern As One of the Results Of British Occupation

Twenty Australian harvesters, accompanied by expert operators, are about to leave for Mesopotamia to assist the work of rejuvenation in which the British are engaged. According to Maj. C. W. C. Marr, of Sydney, in command of the Australian and New Zealand Wireless Squadron attached to the British army in Mesopotamia, and now on furlough, the effects of British occupation are amazing. When he travelled up the Tigris about two years ago he saw only drab desert wastes. When he came back about a year later the countryside was verdant as far as the eye could see. Thanks to the Royal Engineers and irrigation, wheat, oats and barley were growing in profusion, and poultry farms, vegetable farms and dairy farms were flourishing; Arabs were becoming industrious and in a measure progressive. All of Mesopotamia occupied by the British is under the Resources Department of the army, and it has supported the Mesopotamians in feeding themselves and furnishing the British troops with milk, eggs and other produce. Ancient irrigation ditches are in use and new ones as well. The Arabs are encouraged by the British to grow cereals, thousands of tons of seed wheat has been distributed among them, and they are taught in British currency—hard cash instead of the Turkish sort. Bagdad, Maj. Marr says, is being converted into a modern city. It was cleaned of the dirt of ages directly the British were in secure possession of it, and it now boasts a municipal Government, decent streets, a sanitary system, electric lighting and a water supply. In addition the British are opening up the country in every direction by laying down hundreds of miles of light and standard gauge railroads. Maj. Marr witnessed the recapture of Kut and participated in the capture of Bagdad. He has the first Australian flag flown over Bagdad.

London Police Duty. London's 22,000 policemen guard more than 4,000 miles of streets and roads, and at least one and a quarter million houses and shops.

In the County of London—the heart of Metropolitan Police London—there are 800,000 houses, which are worth \$55,000,000 a year, and \$1,000,000,000 at least to their owners. The contents of these houses—furniture and household requisites—are worth at least \$400,000,000.

Over the whole of Metropolitan Police London the value of the contents of the million and a quarter houses is not less than \$500,000,000. Over the standard gauge railroads in Police area there are more than 120,000 shops. If the average value of the contents was put at \$1,000, their total value would be \$120,000,000,000.

London is the greatest manufacturing, distributing, and consuming area in the world. Every week more than \$5,000,000 is spent on food.

The warehouses in the City of London, the docks on the outskirts, and the factories are crammed with goods worth many millions of pounds. In the whole of London there is stored in docks, warehouses, and factories some \$50,000,000 worth of goods.

If we said that the portable property in Metropolitan Police London exceeds \$500,000,000 it would not be an exaggeration. It is this property which the police guard and also the lives of seven and a quarter millions of people.

8,000,000 Tramps. In England there are approximately 3,000,000 children twelve to seventeen years of age out of school. Many have gone to work. Thousands of school buildings have inevitably been used for other purposes; half of the teachers have enlisted; educational appropriations have been cut down. Juvenile delinquency has increased at least 40 per cent. due to this and other causes. Now England has discovered her mistake, and is endeavoring to reorganize her free education, and is appropriating several millions for the purpose. This because "we have no right to handicap these children because of the state's necessities of the moment." The British Health of Munitions Workers' Committee says: "When war is destroying so much of its best manhood the nation is under special obligation to secure that the rising generation grow up strong and hardy, both in body and character. It is necessary to guard not only against immediate breakdown, but also against the imposition of strains which may stunt future growth and development." The importance of taking such a stand is greatly emphasized by an investigation of seventeen towns made by the Home Office. This study revealed a 50 per cent. increase in larceny and a 30 per cent. increase in assault and gambling by children. The condition seems to be almost universal in England, France and Italy, and almost as bad in Canada.—The Christian Herald.

Have Gained Confidence. The girl train announcers in the various railroad stations in the Old Country were quite shy at first at the sound of their own voices, but they gained confidence and their calls carry almost as well as male shouts.

No Fancy Bread! "Tell me where is fancy bred?" chirped the poet. "I wouldn't tell you if I knew," retorted the plain old man. "It's up to you to eat war bread like the rest of us."

Children OY FOR FLETCHER'S GASTORIA

Gifts That Capture a Woman's Fancy

IN ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS YOU WILL FIND A CHARMING ARRAY OF PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS. ANY OF THE GIFTS SUGGESTED HERE WILL DELIGHT THE RECEIVER AND THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WILL SUIT ALL TASTES.

Blouses

Blouses—of Georgette Crepe, Habutai Silk and Crepe de Chine—in all the dainty shadings or darker tones. You will be sure to find something to suit you in our superb collection.



Evening Gowns

Immensely smart models in Gold and Silver fabrics. Silk, Net, Taffeta and Satin in the new shadings—orchid, sky, pink and maize.

For Someone You Would Want a More Intimate Gift!



Silk Undies

Dainty Camisoles, Combinations, Gowns and Underskirts—fascinating bits of loveliness that any woman would be delighted with.

Bedroom Caps

whose chief smartness lies in silk, satin and ribbons—with dainty combinations of lace, flowers, bows or tassels.

Neckwear

modish and charming in styles, adapted to all sorts of tastes—and prices to suit all purses.

Kimonas

of Crepe-de-Chine, in such pretty styles and dainty colorings. More practical garments in Eiderdown and Blanket Cloth.

Ladies' Purses and Hand Bags

In leather, silk and velvet—something that is always extremely useful and serviceable.



Dainty Handkerchiefs

There are sure to be a few names on your list for whom a dainty handkerchief or two will prove the most acceptable gift you could choose. In our assortment you will find every conceivable style and pattern—plain or initialed—dainty Armenian lace or Maderia embroidery designs.



In the Hosiery Dept. Silk Stockings

are an ever acceptable gift—these are shown in the ever useful black and white, also grey, mauve, sky, pink and champagne.

Umbrellas

that are very smart. These are shown in silk or silk and wool coverings, with the new smart handles, and finished with the fashionable loop of silk cord.

Gift Suggestions in Knit Goods

Warm Woollen Spencers, in white and dainty colors. Silk or wool Sweaters—a splendid collection of these cosy garments.

Silk Underskirts

plain shades and shot combinations, in taffeta, also dainty jersey silk styles, and Skirts with jersey top and satin flounce.



Gloves

There is always someone for whom Gloves are a practical gift. They are to be had in suede, glace or cape skin, also delightful shadings in useful silk gloves.

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