PUBLIC RESPONDS TO SOLDIER NEEDS

Hospitals to Be Well Supplied Thru Soldiers Comforts.

"The response this year from a generous-hearted public has been tre-were placed; in lumbering, 574 place-ments are recorded, including 278 mendous. It is simply wonderful and never have we felt to be so great the ince to another. In the manufacturprivilege of working for the hospitals ing industries, placements have in-

membering the men in the military soldiers and 985 civilians).

and glistening tinsel, while dozens of boxes bearing their message of holly and speaking loudly of the Christmas spirit stood tied ready for shipping to

Between the sentences with which Mrs. Van Koughnet told of Canada's POLICE MAKE BIG appreciation, she signed letters, answered queries from rushing assistants, saw a motor start on its mission of gathering turkeys, gave orders for greenery, examined a parcel of holly, five cases of whiskey seized last night received and dismissed several callers, by Plainclothesmen Ward and Clarkson. not a more busy spot in Toronto than wagon from Peter street to a ho

forts.

Working Day and Night.

"Yes, we've worked every night during the past week and will have to do the same this week until Christmas eve," said the untiring head of the institution, which is surely all that its name implies. "We want to make this Christmas a real victory festival, even more than last year, and so we are putting more shimmering, glistening bright things in our decorations than ever before. We placed 16 Christmas trees in one hospital alone," was the sample of work being done.

No soldier is to be neglected and the Nursing Sisters, too, are everyone to be remembered, the boxes for them containing some of the nice soap, powder and similar things things the sample of the nice soap, powder and similar things the sample of the nice soap, powder and similar things the same to be remembered.

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rew's, the College Street Hospital and the Base Hospital, At Pearson Hall the festivities are arranged to take place on the 25th, when the Christmas tree and dinner will find their grand finale in the performance at Shea's Theatre, for which the men will be provided with tickets.

TRAVEL TO THE OLD COUNTRY.

ing the large number who wish to cross the Atlantic. How long this condition will last, it is hard to say, but certainly there is no indication that the rush back and forth will subside in the very near future. in the very near future.

matter to secure a passage in any street. class, on almost any ship, two or three weeks in advance, but now the trav-eller is lucky if he secures what he wants two or three months in adincreasing number traveling, of course, make this condition of affairs unavoidable, which not only affects European travel, but to Bermuda, West Indies and all points south, as well.

A. F. Webster & Sons, 53 Yongs street, the oldest established steamship agents in Canada, report a great many bookings for the winter and spring, and are urging their friends to book as early as possible both for art as early as possible both for outward and return reservations.

BIGAMIST REMANDED

attempted to kiss his alleged second wife, despite the fact that his first their special care during the winter. wife and little child were in the court, but he was restrained by a guardian of wife No. 2.

WOULD-BE TRUSTEE BADLY BURNED.

ation, will be unable to stand owing morning

"Rumania" will be the subject of an services at Holy Name will be at 6. 7, 8.30 and 10 a.m. on Christmas morning. address given this afternoon at the weekly meeting of the Women's Press Club. Tawie Belge has been invited as BABY'S DEATH MEANS INQUEST.



EMPLOYMENT RETURNS

Vacancies for Women Far Outnumbe Applications, Especially in Factories.

The employment service of the de-partment of labor of the Ontario government reports a slight decrease in the business of the bureaus for the week ending Dec. 13. In agriculture, the placements were 48; in the build-ing trades 140, a decrease of 31 from the week before; in general laboring, in spite of the decreased demand, 595 transferred from one part of the provas we do this year."

This is the testimony of Mrs. Arthur yan Koughnet, honorary superintendent of Soldiers' Comforts, regarding the manner in which people. ent of Soldiers' Comforts, regarding the manner in which people are re-

hospitals.

As Mrs. Van Koughnet spoke she vacancies far outnumber the applicants. The greatest demand is in the packing cases half filled, on several manufacturing, where applications for were lying rolls of brilliant red paper 203 workers were received during the the various convalescing homes of the this, 836 old orders are reported un-

HAUL OF WHISKEY

but why enumerate, there is surely Ward and Clarkson followed an express the headquarters of Soldiers' Com-forts. wagon from Peter street to a house on Oxford and when the driver started to

ST. PATRICK'S CHAPTER.

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The St. Patrick Chapter of Royal Arch Masons on Saturday evening held its annual meeting when the installation of the first state of the firs feasted by Soldiers' Comforts are the tion of the officers for the ensuing Spadina, General and Western for sol-dier patients. This, however, is but a consisted of M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Har-This, however, is but a consisted of M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Har-the work. They have court, K.C., R. Ex. Comps. A. L. Tinker, small part of the work. They have under their care and provision military hospitals in C, D and F districts, which include hospitals in London, Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener, Kingston, Stratford and other centres.

GREAT CHRISTMAS DOINGS

This is the "red letter day" of the Red Cross in peace times. Beginning with the Orthopaedic Hospital, which they will visit at 8.30 a.m., they will distribute Christmas stockings. From 9 to 10 there will be the delight of seeing and stripping the Christmas trees; then comes a motor drive for the patients who are able to go out, and on their return a sumptuous Christmas dinner. This will be followed by vaudeville and other entertainment, the who e to end with a good old Christmas dance.

The steamship companies operating at present from New York and Montreal to England and the continent, are having great difficulty in accommodat- Department, where a force of trained surroundings, in soundproof rooms In pre-war times it was an easy Mason & Risch, Limited, 230 Yonge

WILL ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

The University Settlement will envance. Labor troubles and the ever tertain between 400 and 500 children

ENTERTAINED SOLDIERS.

Ward 424, Christie Street Hospital Robert J. Rae, a returned soldier, Princess Patricia Pals Parkdale Club. appeared in the police court yesterday, charged with bigamy. Accused plead-gram given by Miss Lamont and Miss ed not guilty, and claimed that he had been shell shocked and did not entertainment, in the distribution of remember committing the crime. He which Mesdames Carey and Stewart assisted. Miss Mary McKellar is president of attempted to kiss his alleged speed the "Pals" who are making Werd 424 the "Pals," who are making Ward 424

MIDNIGHT MASS DISCONTINUED

Midnight mass on Christmas morning WOULD-BE TRUSTEE BADLY
BURNED.

Miss Frawley, 77 St. David street.

Miss Frawley, 77 St. David street. who had been asked to contest ward 6 a.m. which will be celebrated in all two for a seat on the board of edu-

cation, will be unable to stand owing to severe burns on her left hand and face, received when coal exploded on filling the kitchen range.

WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB.

"Rumania" will be the subject of the services at Holy Name will be at 6, 7.

Chief Coroner Johnson has decided to hold an inquest into the death of a three-months-old baby who died on Bolton avenue Saturday. Elsie Stoner, an eighteen-year-old unmarried girl, is the mother of the infant, which died vithout having been attended by

HOW TIMES CHANGES SOME FOLKS Mr. Duhame was formerly Miss Hazel Gainer of West Daly St.—Butte (Mont.)

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Dr. J. P. Treacy of St. Cecilia's Gives Views on Irish Situation,

Very Rev. Dr. J. Power Treacy, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Toronto, which he laid the deepest stress on the power which still lay behind the

According to Father Treacy, the bulk of the children of Ireland look towards constitutional methods for the chievement of their national aspira-"There are exremists in Canada and

the United States," said Father Treacy, "and to the casual observer there would seem to be no via media in Ireland between the ultra violet rays of revolutionists and the ultra yellow rays of ascendancy. I venture however, to emphasize the fact that there is another Ireland which is still strong and forceful, tho at the moment strong and forceful, tho at the moment voiceless—the Ireland of Parnell and Redmond and Dillon. The constitutional party may appear at the moment to be dead, but the people who were, and who are, behind it believe in a forthcoming resurrection of their principles, and they form a strong, the silent, body of patriotic Irishmen in cities, towns and villages, and in the country generally. They believe that Ireland's salvation is to be found in a system of home rule corresponding to that in Canada, to which Irishmen of every religion have proved men of every religion have proved their loyalty in the past, and especially during the war. Irishmen in Canada are loyal because they are free.

Asked whether that incentive to loyalty could be given as heart to loyalty could be given as heart to which Irishmen in Canada are loyal because they are free. alty could be given or be said to apply to Irishmen here at home in the present conditions, Father Treacy said: "Loyalty is the direct consequence of gations made, that lumber men filiberty, and the extension of liberty the various camps and others followed bring with it, as it did to Canada, a consciousness of the ployed to supplement the work of the responsibilities which self-government fire rangers instead of engaging my

Viewing the Ireland of today, Father Treacy said that what to him seemed a requisite condition of success and prosperity was more self-control in accordance with his own ideas of the subject and that in conjuncted proportion, and a greater tolerance of with Hon. Beniah Bowman, minist another's opinions of mines, he would see what

As to the claim put forth for an Irish republic, Father Treacy said that the realization of such a thing was impossible and visionary, and outside the region of practical politics. What would be your view of the present method of administering the affairs of the country? Silly Methods. Father Treacy replied: I would de-

in my early days I have seen militarism at short range in central Europe yet, never before have I known a more puerile exhibition of the form of governments. puerile exhibition of the form of government which we all hoped we had helped to destroy for ever, and which I regard as wholly inconsistent with the principles of the constitution.

In conclusion, Dr. Treacy said that Irishmen needed wider constructive tendencies in their national character. The gospel of hate is as impolitic as it is unchristian. It seemed to him that we fed too much on the past and did not visualize enough into the future. Let the dead bury the dead. The shibboleths of the seventeenth century shibboleths of the seventeenth century have little to do with the era of reconstruction that awaits us. Side by side with Irishmen of other political beliefs and religious creeds, we must bend all our energies to the task of convincing the world that, in the newer

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

A verdict of accidental death we returned by Coroner Dr. W. J. M lum's jury at the inquest morgue last night on the body Robert C. Winlow, 222 Beach aven rather than use the word despotic. Nay, further, I would add that whilst

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