

## OPERATE SUNDAY DESPITE ORDERS

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Theatres in Montreal will operate as usual on Sunday, all of them offering the customary program. The moving picture theatres will run full blast; the vaudeville show at the Princess will be presented; there will be burlesque at the Gayety, and the French theatres in the east end will offer drama. It is estimated that between 60,000 and 70,000 persons will

visit the shows on Sunday, despite the recent instructions from the city hall. There may, however, be changes in this arrangement in regard to future performances.

### WINTER CARNATION.

LONDON—"Winter glow," a new carnation carnation, was exhibited at the Royal Horticultural Hall by Stuart Low of Enfield. It is the product of many years' experiment for a carnation that would look cheerful in winter

## RATEPAYERS TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST ZOO

City Council of St. Thomas  
Make Keeping of Animals  
Civic Issue.

### CONDITIONS IMPROVED

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 16.—The fate of the zoo at Pinafore Park will be decided by a vote of the ratepayers on January 1. At a special meeting of the city council Friday night it was decided that the people should be asked whether they wished to continue the keep of the animals.

This action was taken, not because the city fathers were of the opinion that the zoo should be abolished, but because they felt in honor bound to let the people vote on the question in keeping with a promise made last June when an unfavorable report of the institution was brought in by inspectors from the Provincial Humane Society. Since that time, however, diseased animals have all been cured and the cages and grounds have been put in excellent shape. The councillors believe that the animals can now be kept successfully, and they believe also that the people are generally in favor of keeping the zoo, but they decided that a plebiscite should be taken on the matter.

The promise of the plebiscite was made when the inspectors of the provincial society recommended that some drastic changes should be made at the zoo. Since that time the zoo has again been visited by the inspectors, and an excellent report resulted. Preparations for the coming municipal elections were made, and it was decided to hold the nominations for the mayor and the various commissioners on the morning of December 25, and the nominations for aldermen and school trustees in the evening of the same day. The laborers recommended that all nominations should be held in the evening, but it was felt that all the work could not be accomplished satisfactorily in such a short time.

## LOW VALUE OF MARK AFFECTS WORLD AFFAIRS

German Financiers Blame Decline On Forced Payments of Reparation Debts.

### ALLIES ALLEGE TRICKERY

Previous to War German Marks Were Third in Importance in Exchange.

The decline in the value of the German mark, normally worth 23.8 cents before the war, to a fraction of a cent, and, perhaps, "the vanishing point," greatly complicates the financial outlook of every nation in the world.

The "tobogganing" of the mark has been attributed by German financiers to the forced payments on the allied reparations of \$3,750,000,000, while others see in their almost negligible value the result of unsound finance, cut-throat export sales and the rush of the German masses to the stores to exchange their almost worthless currency for any and every kind of commodity. German printing presses have been so busy putting out paper marks (40,000,000,000 were issued in one recent month) that some of the currency has appeared engraved on only one side.

It has been said that Germany does not possess one-half of one cent of the gold required to meet her tons and tons of paper obligations. Representatives of the government of France, as an indication of this, recently arranged terms with Germany at a conference in Weissenhof by which Germany has agreed to deliver seven billion gold marks worth of building material. German bankers have repeatedly urged the necessity for an international conference and the declaration of a three-year moratorium to enable Germany to recover her equilibrium.

Many allied economists, however, maintain that the depreciation of the mark has been artificially brought about by the machination and trickery of German financiers. They point out that Germany is much more prosperous in comparison with other European countries, and that, while there is a great contrast between the extremes of wealth and poverty in Germany, speculators are making millions and nearly everyone is at work even if at low wages.

The sub-committee, known as the guarantee commission of the reparations commission, has gone to Berlin to investigate whether German marks really have any value. In event of finding them worthless, all foreign trading with Germany conducted on a paper currency basis, will cease, and the allied governments may face such a crisis as will necessitate new action by the allied powers. Prior to the war, German marks in New York were third in importance in foreign exchange transactions, the British pound sterling and the French franc being first and second, respectively.

Since Germany agreed to the allied reparations terms last May, the following dates and amounts were fixed for payments:

June 1—1,000,000,000 gold marks to the reparations commission.  
July 1—Delivery to the commission of bonds for 12,000,000,000 gold marks.  
July 15—First quarterly payment of annual sum of 2,000,000,000 gold marks.  
Aug. 15—First quarterly payment of the 26 per cent of the value of German exports.  
Oct. 15—Second quarterly payment of annual sum of 2,000,000,000 gold marks.  
Nov. 1—Delivery to the reparations commission of bonds for 28,000,000,000 gold marks; also bonds without coupons attached for \$2,000,000,000 gold marks.  
Nov. 15—Second quarterly payment of the 26 per cent of the value of German exports.

The guarantee commission now in Berlin is composed of M. Mauciere of France, its chairman, and M. Bemelmans, vice-chairman. Other members are Sir Hugh G. Leveick, Great Britain; Signor Damaggio, Italy; M. Sokha, Japan; M. Tourtch, Jugo-Slavia; and Roland W. Boydton, United States.

The duties of the commission are described under eight heads as follows:

"First—To insure enforcement of Articles 241 and 245 of the Treaty of Versailles.

"Second—To supervise the collection of German customs, export taxes and other revenues for the payment of reparations.

"Third—To see that Germany supplies funds for the interest on reparation bonds.

"Fourth—To watch German legislation so that the revenue is not diminished, to require Germany to submit to such measures for approval and also to require new income if the old sources of income are abandoned.

"Fifth—To determine if German resources devoted to the interest on bonds are adequate.

"Sixth—To examine the German fiscal system in the name of the reparations commission.

"Seventh—To check and correct, if necessary, the German figures on exports on which a 25 per cent tax is collectable.

"Eighth—To take any other measures deemed necessary to assure fulfillment of its mission, without, however, interfering with the German administration."

### OPPOSE WOMEN TAKING PULPITS

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—With regard to the all-Canada vote of Methodist quarterly boards on the question of admitting women to the ministry, Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Methodist General Conference, said today that there were 2,080 Methodist congregations in Canada, and it would take some time to get the returns in and tabulate them. Toronto, as a whole, opposes the admission of women to the ministry, but almost a third of the churches in this city voted in favor of it.

### CAYUGA GIRL WINS CARTER MEDAL

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
CAYUGA, Dec. 15.—Rev. Eric Lewis received word Thursday from the department of education that his daughter Ruth had come out first in Haldimand County in the contest for the Carter Scholarship. Miss Ruth was unable to attend the faculty of education this year, not being old enough, and much pleasure is felt in town over her success.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church took place Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John E. Fissette, the following officers being elected: President, Mrs. J. H. Nagel; vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Fissette; secretary, Miss B. Ferguson; treasurer, Mrs. S. Stinson.

## FINED \$1,000 AND SIX MONTHS JAIL

George Bell Pleads Guilty To  
Offence Under O. T. A.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

HARRISTON, Dec. 16.—A fine of \$1,000 or six months in the county jail was the penalty meted out to George Bell by Magistrate Raib at Palmerston on the charge of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, to which George Bell pleaded guilty. The accused came to Palmerston last week with two suitcases, thought by the authorities to contain liquor, and on Wednesday evening he was noticed taking the suitcases to a Palmerston home, where Constable Wilson made a search during which time Bell made a getaway and it was thought, he had gone to Toronto and

the police there were notified and secured the suspect.  
Inspector Beckett went down and brought the prisoner back for trial. When the accused was asked as to where he had secured the liquor, he said he did not know the name of the Jew in Toronto who supplied him, but that he was operating in the vicinity of Jarvis and Queen streets.  
When the magistrate made known his decision, the accused stated that the fine would be paid in a few days and announced himself as ready to go to Guelph in the meantime and seemed anxious to make the trip at once.

### FUNERAL OF MARTIN EICH.

LISTOWEL, Dec. 16.—The funeral of Martin Eich was held from the home of Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Main street, to Fairview Cemetery. Mr. Eich had been sick for nearly a year. He was a resident of this town for 33 years, and well-known in this district. He was night watchman in Malcom's furniture factory for fifteen years, and in the piano factory for a number of years. He is survived by two sons and three daughters.

## SENIOR ELGIN COUNTY JUDGE DIES SUDDENLY

C. O. Ermatinger Succumbs  
To Pneumonia After Two  
Weeks' Illness.

### NOTED WRITER ON LAW

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 16.—After two weeks' illness, following an operation, Judge Charles Oakes Ermatinger died in Amasa Wood Hospital at 11 o'clock tonight from pneumonia.  
Judge Ermatinger was born Feb. 5,

1851. He was the son of the late Edward Ermatinger, M. P. His mother was Achsa Burnham, daughter of the late Hon. Z. Burnham. He was educated in the St. Thomas public schools and the Galt Grammar School. He was married in 1876 to Charlotte Dickson, daughter of the Hon. Hugh Richardson. He became a barrister in 1873, and in 1885 was made a K. C. On Jan. 20, 1890, was appointed junior judge of Elgin County. On Jan. 26, 1921, he became senior judge of Elgin, succeeding Judge C. W. Colter.  
Judge Ermatinger was a member of the Ontario Legislature from 1883 to 1888. He was author of two books, "The Canadian Franchise and Election Laws," and "The Talbot Regime." He is survived by his widow, one son, Percy, at home, and one daughter, Mrs. M. Moorhead, wife of the American consul in Serbia.

### REAL WAR STORY DUE.

PARIS—The first volumes of the French official history of the war are expected to be published in the early part of 1922. They will deal with the opening campaigns of 1914.

## GIFTS THAT LAST

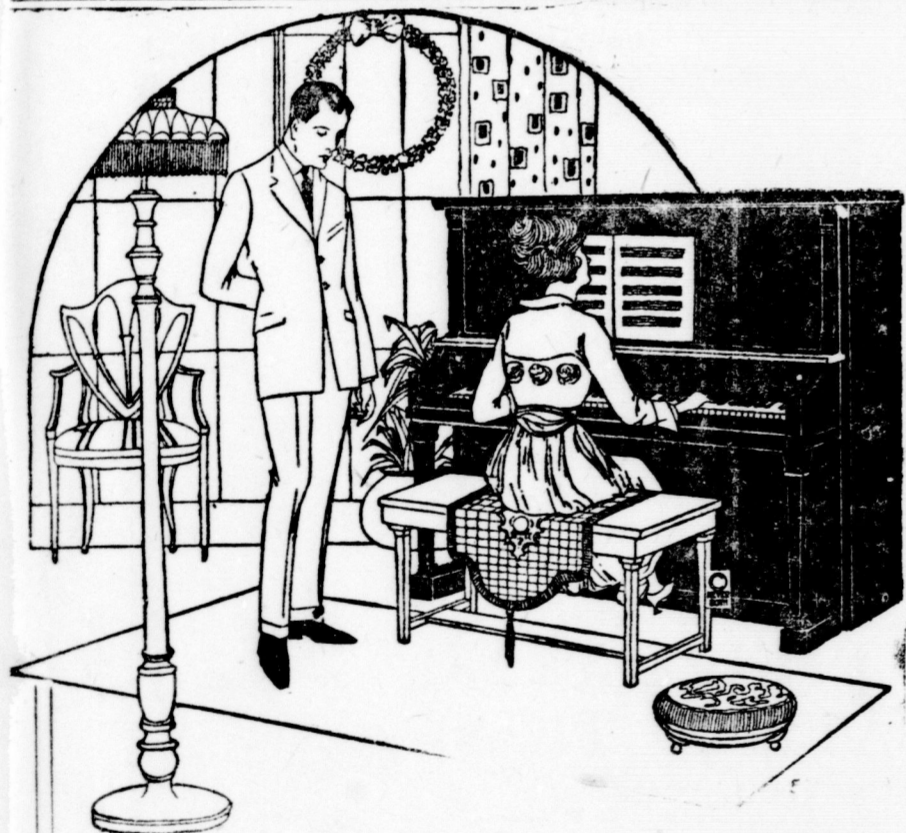
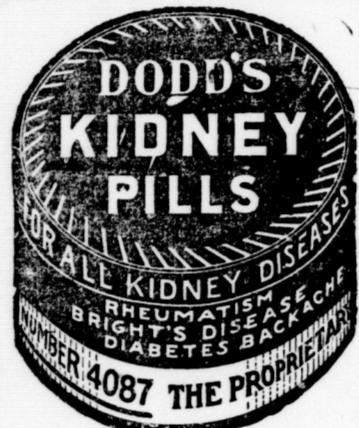
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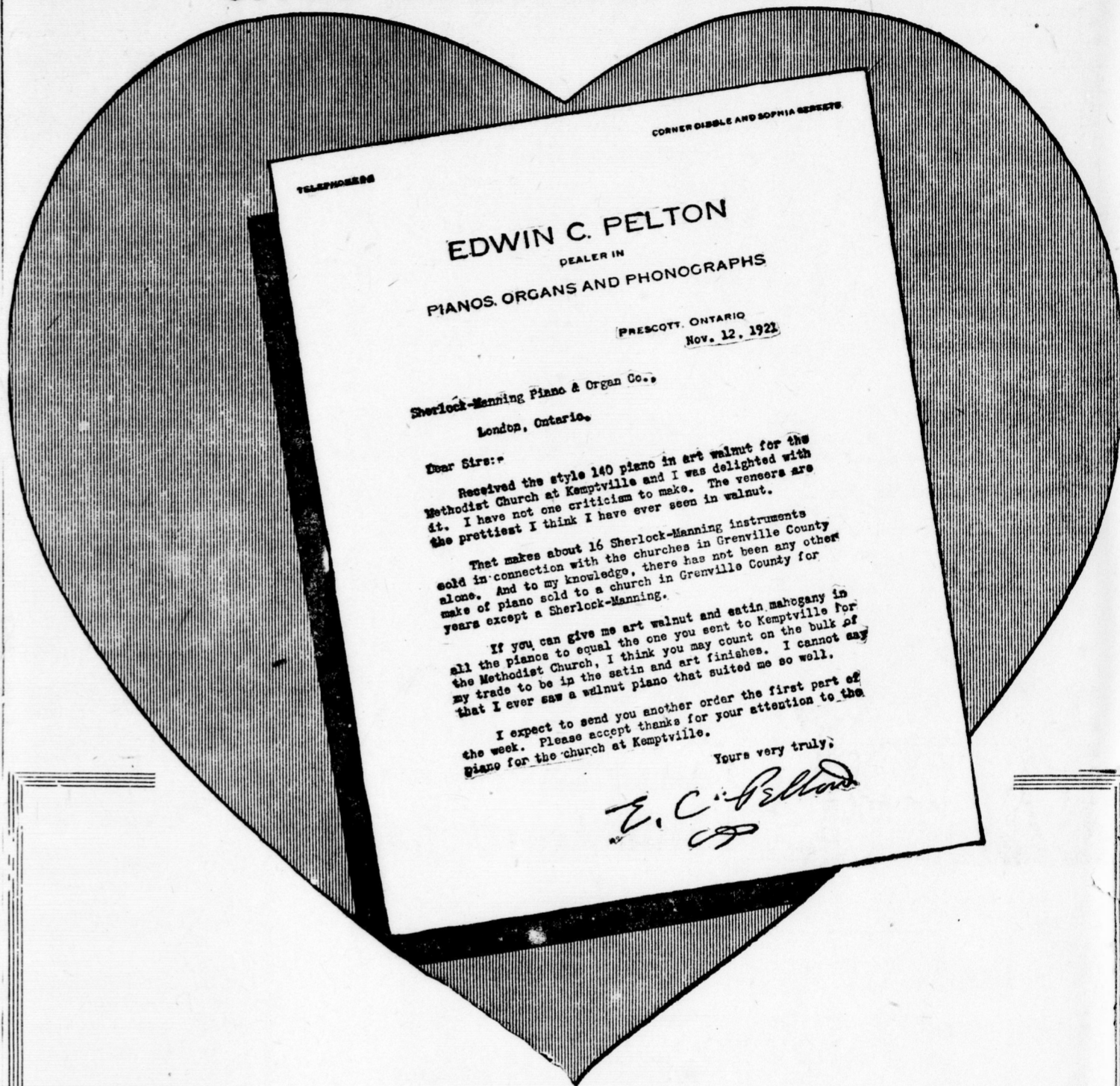


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