

## POLITICS GETS A TOUCH OF HOME

Spirit of Trenches Catches Womenfolk Throughout Toronto

Devotion To Soldiers—Tears and Triumph Mingle at Polls and in the City Streets

(Toronto Globe.)

"Ye know, I never thought I'd like women in politics—but I do. It gives them a touch of home, like."

It was an old man in Vancouver who said that, a year or more ago now, when some of British Columbia's women entered the political arena in the hope of making things better for their fellow women, and his words came out of memory's recesses yesterday as the homes of Toronto reached out and touched its polling booths.

You found the home touch everywhere. The woman who had run out to vote for her boy between "redlin' up" after breakfast and "getting the old man's dinner," as she told the friendly poll clerk, a being who wore a white crepe de chine blouse, and was much more self-possessed than the youthful masculine who scrutinized beside her. There were two women, hurrying homeward, congratulating themselves that the ballot was cast and a good hour and a half left before the children would be home from school, and "I'll be fine telling them I voted for their daddy while they get their dinner," said one as she reached her doorstep.

A third group of voters surrounded one elderly woman who told them that she had voted for union because she said: "If it please God to send my boy home, I want him to have a free home to come to."

Other Reasons Why.

All sorts of little reasons for a union vote gurgled and scolded and played and looked solemn or slept at the Creche in Victoria street, where their mothers had left them on their way to work—and to vote.

"We were all union here," said the superintendent, "and the women were keen to do their share in sending help to the fathers of our babies."

Devotion General.

"Keen to do it," was the verdict everywhere, as one young soldier put it, when he saw an aged and fragile mother and her daughter go in to one of the polling subdivisions.

"When the women care about a thing at all they care an awful lot," devotion spoke eloquently in the action of the superintendent of one philanthropic institution who allowed her cook to go at 12.30 to vote and shouldered the responsibility of the dinner. In another instance a Rosedale matron, on finding that her paper-hanger hadn't voted, ordered him to stop work.

"My room can't vote," she said, "but the boys in the trenches can't. Get on your coat and I'll drive you to your booth," which happened to be west of Sunnyside.

"Have you got an hour to spare, madam?" was the inquiry of a breathless little woman who happened to meet a reporter wandering in apparent aimlessness, in a side street, "because, if you have, I'd take it very kindly if you'd look up two women for me. They've got union government votes on them, but they'll maybe not come out without being spoken to. I was for doing it myself, but my old mother's bed-ridden and I've been away from her overlong now."

So the reporter became a canvasser and rounded up the victims, who only needed a firm prod and a friendly nod, as it were.

Tears and Triumph Mingle.

Pathos and comedy mingled yesterday, as perhaps never before in the city's streets. Mothers wearing the purple band crept to the booths with their arm linked in that of a son whose sleeve bore more than one gold stripe, and together they voted for the lad who sleeps in Flanders. A voter in one polling booth led in a many little lad who, of three, and the tears rained down his face because a husband and father, poisoned by the deadly German gas, is dying in an English hospital.

"But he'll be that proud of us when he hears we've sent more men after him, won't he, sonny?" she asked, knotting a finger round her wee boy, as she left the booth and sonny nodded sagely: "Daddy glad, daddy glad."

Eleventh Hour Conscience.

Needless to say, the day when women first cast a ballot in a Dominion election

## LOCAL NEWS

Frame pictures at Hoyt Bros. 12-23.

Christmas bargains, sleighs, — Edgecombe's, City road. 12-24.

Bargains in dolls at Hoyt Bros. 12-23.

Best Christmas cards at Hoyt Bros. 12-23.

MOCHA GLOVES

Wool-lined, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-23.

Buy talking machines at Hoyt Bros. 12-23.

Buy fancy china at Hoyt Bros. 12-23.

NOTICE!

Commercial travelers' Your 1918 certificate can be had at 61 Dock street, any time, commencing Monday, Dec. 24. W. V. McKENNEY, Secretary. 12-24.

For dainty woaden slippers in soft and cozy felt go to McRobbie's, 50 King street. 12-24.

Crackling boards, rocking horses.—Dural's, Waterloo. 12-24.

Fancy armlets, 25c. and 35c.—At King's, Union street. 12-24.

## LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

Men's Negligee Shirts..... \$1.00 to \$2.50  
Men's Silk Neckwear..... 25c. to \$1.00  
Men's Sweater Coats..... \$1.00 to \$8.00  
Men's Gloves..... 50c. to \$3.00 pair  
Men's Socks..... 20c. to 75c. pair  
Men's Mufflers..... 50c. to \$3.00  
Men's Braces..... 25c. to 75c. pair  
Men's Combination Sets, including Garters and Armlets..... 50c. set  
Men's Combination Sets, including Braces and Garters, 75c. set  
Men's Armlets..... 15c. to 75c. pair  
Men's Garters..... 25c. and 50c. pair  
Also Men's Handkerchiefs, Soft Collars, Pyjamas, Night Shirts, Umbrellas Club Bags and Suit Cases.

## H. N. DeMILLE

199 to 201 Union St., Opera House Block

## Christmas Gifts For Father, Mother, Wife, Sister, Brother

Make this the most joyous and happy Xmas in your home by selecting Furniture for Xmas gifts. We have lots of useful pieces of stylish Furniture for Xmas presents. Read below:

FOR XMAS REMINDERS:  
Leather Chairs and Rockers, Morris Chairs, Willow Rockers, Couches.  
Buffets, Dining Chairs, Ladies' Dressers, Hoosier Cabinets, Parlor and Music Cabinets, Etc.

XMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN

High Chairs, Low Chairs, Rocking Horses, Kiddie Cars, Etc.

## AMLAND BROS.

19 Waterloo Street

was full of dramatic incidents, but possibly there was nothing more striking than the eleventh-hour conversion of a young woman whose brother is overseas, who had declared nothing would make her vote to have her husband go. She went to her polling subdivision, and stepped inside the door, determined to cast a vote for the Laurier candidate. A returned man on duty outside the booth came forward to ask her name. The rest of the story is best told in her own words:

"And I didn't hear a syllable the man said to me," she told the friend, who told the story. "All I heard was what sounded like Bernie's voice, saying 'Oh! Jesus, you wouldn't do it—you wouldn't go back on us out here, would you? And so I voted union.'"

Convicted on Five Counts.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—Albert C. Kalschmidt, was convicted on all three counts of an indictment charging conspiracy against the United States, by a jury in United States district court here early this morning. Four of the five others who have been on trial with him also were found guilty on one or more counts in the indictment. Franz Regpa was acquitted.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Private A. Malley, of Neguac, Northumberland county (N. B.), who is reported as dead of wounds, was the only casualty reported from the maritime provinces in Thursday night's list of twenty-five names.

## XMAS. SALE

AT YERXAS

FANCY FRESH FRUIT

Sweet Florida Oranges, 25c, 35c. and 40c. doz.

Fancy Seedless Navel, 35c, 45c. and 48c. doz.

Fancy Grapefruit, 9c, 3 for 25c.

Best Lemons, 40c. doz.

New Mixed Nuts, 27c. lb.

Shelled Walnuts, 65c. lb.

Xmas Mixed Candy, 25c. lb.

Barley Tots, 25c. lb.

Best Cream Mixture, 25c. lb.

Turkish Delight, 25c. lb.

Bishop Pippin Apples, 50c. and 60c. peck

Blenheim and King Apples, 60c. peck

CANNED GOODS

Tomatoes (3c.), best quality, 20c. can

Corn, best quality, 18c. can

Peas, best quality, 15c. can

Strawberries, best quality, 23c. can

Peaches, best quality, 20c. can

Plums, best quality, 18c. can

FLOUR

Five Roses—98 lb. bags, \$12.50 bbl.

Ivory, Manitoba—98 lb. bags, \$6.15

Victory Blend—98 lb. bags, \$5.90

Royal Household—\$12.50 bbl.

Royal Household—98 lb. bags, \$6.10

Choice Delaware Potatoes, 39c. peck

6 lbs. Onions, 25c.

Minicemeat (bulk), 18c, 2 lbs. 30c.

Whitby's Minicemeat, 13c, 2 pkgs. 25c.

Baking Powder, Jersey Cream, 25c. can

3 cans Old Dutch, 25c.

4 pkgs. Bee Jelly Powder, 25c.

Choice Dairy Butter, 45c. lb.

2 bottles Worcestershire Sauce, 25c.

Blue Banner Tea, 50c. lb.

Also Raisins, Dates, Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, Spice, Flavoring Extracts, at Lowest Prices.

Store Open Every Evening.

Yerxa Grocery Co.

443 MAIN ST. Phone Main 2913

## PAINLESS EXTRACTION

Only 25c



We make the best teeth in Canada at the most reasonable rates.  
BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS  
Head Office: 287 Main St.  
Branch Office: 35 Charlotte St.  
Phone 486 St.  
DR. J. D. MAHER, Prop.  
Open 9 a.m. Until 9 p.m.

## When Preparing Your Christmas Dinner

Remember we Carry the Highest Quality of Groceries

## BROWN'S GROCERY CO.

86 BRUSSEL STREET

'Phone Main 2666

134 KING ST., WEST

'Phone West 166

Royal Household Flour, Bbl., \$12.45

Five Roses Flour, Bbl., 12.45

98 lb. Bags Royal Household, 6.10

98 lb. Bags Five Roses, 6.10

24 lb. Bags Royal Household, 1.65

24 lb. Bags Five Roses, 1.65

24 lb. Bags Forest King, 1.55

2 pkgs. Raisins, 25c.

2 pkgs. Not-a-Seed Raisins, 25c.

2 pkgs. Table Raisins, bulk, 25c.

15 Ounce pkg. Fancy Table Raisins, 1.55

2 lbs. pkg. Table Raisins, 25c.

2 pkgs. Dates, 25c.

Orange and Lemon Peel, per lb., 33c.

Mixed Nuts, per 5 lb. bag, 1.25

5 lb. Pails Domestic, 75c.

5 lb. Pails Domestic, 75c.

5 lb. Pails Domestic, 75c.

Choice Creamery Butter, 46c.

FOUND—Your last chance to buy tea at the old prices:

Red Rose, King Cole, Salada, per lb., 50c.

Cheddar, Waxed, per lb., 25c.

Oranges, Apples, Peaches, Candies, Chocolates, at lowest prices.

Goods delivered all over the city, Carleton Place, etc.

Our big sale continues all this week.

Specials For Christmas

10 lbs. Gran. Sugar (with orders), \$1.00

5 lbs. Flour—24 lb. bags, \$1.65

Purity Flour—24 lb. bags, \$1.70

Choice Country Butter, 46c. lb.

Pure Lard, 30c. lb.

Choice—1 1/2 lb. tin, 45c.

Mixed Peels, 45c.

Not-a-Seed Raisins, 2 pkgs. for 25c.

Red Ribbon Raisins, 2 pkgs. for 25c.

Assorted Crystallized Fruits, 65c. lb.

Almond Paste (bulk), 20c.

Shelled Almonds, 60c. lb.

Shelled Walnuts, 65c. lb.

Shelled Walnuts, 35c. lb.

Dates, 15c. pkgs.

2 pkgs. Raisins, 25c.

2 pkgs. Seedless Raisins, 25c.

Table Raisins, 30c. doz.

Mixed Nuts, 25c. lb.

Seedless Sunbaked Oranges, 40c. and 60c. doz.

Fancy Boxes of Chocolates in all sizes and varieties, from 10c. to \$2.00

A large assortment of Peas and Beans

Candy from 20c. to 60c. lb.

Jewel Cases filled with Chocolates, \$1.25

Christmas Stocking—All Sizes.

Sugar Sugar

Now prepared to sell with orders, 10 lbs. Finest Granulated Sugar for \$1.00—not more than \$2.00 worth with each order.

10 1/2 lb. Light Brown Sugar, For \$1.00

2 lbs. pkgs. Lantic Sugar, 25c.

2 lbs. Loaf Sugar, 25c.

2 lbs. Pulverized Sugar, 25c.

Store Open Every Evening Till Christmas.

E. R. & H. C. ROBERTSON

Cor. Main and Douglas Av.

'Phones—M. 3461, M. 3462

Sore Eyes

Granulated Eyelids, Eyes inflamed by exposure to Sun, Dust and Wind quickly relieved by Murine Eye Remedy, No Smearing, Just Eye Comfort. At Drugists or by mail 50c. per Bottle. Murine Eye Remedy, E. C. Chicago

## S GOLDFEATHER

Expert Optician

With Over 20 Years' Experience.

695 Main St. Main 3413-11.

'Phone Main 3413-11, 625 MAIN ST.

Open 9 a.m. Until 9 p.m.

NAVAL STRENGTH

QUADRUPLED IN

LESS THAN YEAR

Secretary Daniels Tells Congressional Committee of Progress Made

424 Ships Being Built—Personnel of 280,000 Officers and Men, Compared With 70,000 When America Declared War

Washington, Dec. 20.—A recital by Secretary Daniels of how the navy department prepared for war by adding several hundred ships to the fleet and letting contracts for hundreds of others, including dreadnoughts, battle cruisers, destroyers and auxiliaries, and an explanation of the operation of the navy supply department by Rear Admiral McGowan, paymaster-general, marked the opening day of the inquiry by a house sub-committee into the navy's war activities.

"We have 424 ships in course of construction," Secretary Daniels told the committee. "That does not include submarine chasers, of which we are building 480, and does not include the small craft. The chasers will be in service by early spring."

Included in the 424 ships, he said, were battle cruisers, battleships, scout cruisers, destroyers, fuel ships, gunboats, hospital ships, ammunition ships, sea-going ships, tugs, mine-sweepers and submarines.

Secretary Daniels said the navy now had more than 1,000 ships in commission, as against 800 two years ago, and an enlisted personnel of 280,000 officers and men, compared with 64,680 men and 4,876 officers when America declared war.

"Has the navy measured up?" he asked. "It is my firm belief that at the close of the investigation your answer will be 'It has, and the country has every reason to repose confidence in the navy.'"

Secretary Daniels gave a general review of what the navy has been doing, avoiding, as he explained, disclosing any facts that would be of value to the enemy. He told how the navy is now at the height of its activity, and that it has 424 capital and other important ships.

Discussing the use of submarine chasers, he said they were regarded as necessary, but there was "no great enthusiasm" about them as a weapon for permanent effectiveness.

Naval aviation, he said, has been hampered by lack of manufacturing facilities. Secretary Daniels praised the co-ordi-

## WASSONS CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

Very Low Prices For Today and Monday

### Manicure and Toilet Sets

Persian, Ivory, Ebony

3.50 Sets..... For \$2.47

3.75 Sets..... For 2.89

4.50 Sets..... For 3.79

4.50 Sets..... For 3.79

5.50 Sets..... For 4.49

6.50 Sets..... For 6.89

7.50 Sets..... For 5.98

13.50 Sets..... For 11.75

Cases..... 50c. and 75c.

Military Brushes

\$1.19, \$1.39, \$2.00 up

Shaving Sets

\$1.89

Mirrors..... \$1.19

5c Wood Toys

3 for 10c.

Filled Stockings

10c, 15c, 25c.

Safety Razors

19c, 39c, 89c, \$1.00, \$1.50

Writing Paper

In Xmas Boxes

12c, 25c, 29c, 60c.

Cut-Rate MAIN ST.

Drug Store

REAL VALUE

In Women's White Flannelette Nightgowns..... Priced 85c. to \$1.00

Over-Size Gowns..... Marked \$1.25 and \$1.60

Rubbers for Men, Women, Girls and Boys

245 Waterloo Street, Corner Brindley Street. Store Closed 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 p.m.

THE FUEL SHORTAGE.

(Toronto Globe.)

The shortage of coal is continent-wide, and is even more acute in the New England States than in Canada. In New York city half the yards are bare, and many thousands of homes and apartment houses are dependent upon gas for their heating. This distress is general in the United States, but is accentuated in large cities by the congestion of railway terminals. The mine operators throw

the responsibility on the railroads, and the railroads on the mine operators. It is not denied that transportation difficulties are a factor. There is a shortage of cars and locomotives, combined with an increased volume of traffic of all kinds. But the chief cause of the trouble is the excess of the demand for coal over the supply. The Springfield Republican points out that the miners have been making the young men efficient is really one of the big things of the navy in this war. We have put guns on every ship going into submarine war zones that require it."

The secretary said he was glad to have congress and the public know somewhat of the navy's activities. The present inquiry cannot fail to bring ways for still further improvement and for still more efficient work in the future, he said.

THE FUEL SHORTAGE.

(Toronto Globe.)

The shortage of coal is continent-wide, and is even more acute in the New England States than in Canada. In New York city half the yards are bare, and many thousands of homes and apartment houses are dependent upon gas for their heating. This distress is general in the United States, but is accentuated in large cities by the congestion of railway terminals. The mine operators throw

the responsibility on the railroads, and the railroads on the mine operators. It is not denied that transportation difficulties are a factor. There is a shortage of cars and locomotives, combined with an increased volume of traffic of all kinds. But the chief cause of the trouble is the excess of the demand for coal over the supply. The Springfield Republican points out that the miners have been making the young men efficient is really one of the big