

ACCIDENTS IN HEAVY FOG

Many Ships Collided—London a City of Perpetual Night

London, Dec. 17.—Numerous shipping accidents are reported owing to Saturday's heavy fog, the heaviest in fifty years. The crew of the English and Welsh ground lightship have been landed at Barry, and report that the lightship was sunk in collision with the steamer Annavore.

The steamer Royal Transport collided in Barry Roads with an unidentified vessel and was compelled to drydock. The steamer Norah Elsmie was towed into Portsmouth Harbor after a collision with the steamer Chloris.

TWO MEATLESS DAYS COMING

In Britain Soon—Penalties Imposed to Enforce Observance

London, Dec. 17.—According to The Daily Mail the promised new order of Food Controller Deroport in enforcing a meatless day on the nation once a week has been drafted and will be issued shortly.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Hospital for Sick Children COLLEGE ST. TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Editor:—Thanks for the privilege of appealing through your columns to behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children, the great Provincial Charity.

Our need of money is measured by the children's need of help, and you can judge how great that need must be when last year 3,046 sick little ones were treated as in-patients, and as will be seen from the 1916 figures, 532 patients were admitted from 242 places outside Toronto.

Last year 271 in-patients were treated for deformities, such as club feet, bow-legs, knock-knees, Pott's disease of the spine, lateral curvature of the spine, dislocations, infantile paralysis, tubercular disease of knee, hip, ankle.

The Hospital for Sick Children take dollars out of your pocket, or its death to take babies out of their cradles? That is the question.

One gift more in the Hospital's treasury means one coffin less in the LITTLE WHITE HOUSE.

Let your money fight in the trenches of some mother's trouble and rescue some little child from the dogout of pain, disease and death.

Can the Hospital leave children to die because the fathers of those children have left home to fight for Liberty on the British battle line, and can the Hospital help the children of Canada's soldiers with its care unless you help the Hospital with your cash?

You have money enough to help every other war fund without keeping back a dollar from the Hospital's war fund—the fund that helps the Hospital save the lives of little children, including the soldiers' little children.

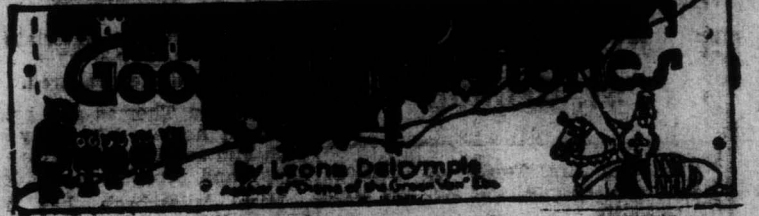
Do not let the little children pay, in the loss of the Hospital's care, the contribution that should be given and must be given to the war funds.

Your money can send a message of cheer to some father in the trenches, yes, send that message from the cot where the Hospital nurses some little child back to life, the child of the father who is fighting your battle in the trenches.

Every dollar kept from the Hospital's power to serve the little children is a weight added to the burdens and a grief added to the sorrows of this war.

You can bear to have your pocket emptied of a little money each time some mother can bear to have her home emptied of a little child.

Will you send a dollar, or more if you can, to Douglas Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Hospital for Sick Children, 30 Dalhousie Street, Toronto.



THE COBBLER'S SPELL

It was plain to the wind as he hurried along that the little Dutch fairy just ahead of him was worried. The wind liked the Dutch fairy. He liked her snowy cap. He liked her wooden shoes. He liked her gauzy wings that looked like tulip petals.

"I suspect she's been up to something," said the wind. "I'll just fly up and ask her." And he did.

"To tell you the truth," said the little Dutch fairy, "I am worried. Have you seen a wooden shoe, mortal size, sailing along in the moonlight?"

"No," said the Wind. "I brought it to Millpede Village and Centipede Town," said the fairy, "just to give these foolish insect folk who made wooden shoes for their feet out of hickory nuts a chance to see a real wooden shoe."

"And you," said the Wind shrewdly, struck it with your magic wand and sent it sailing off toward Holland!"

The fairy hung her head. "It ought to be somewhere straight ahead of me," she said, "but it isn't. I've lost it and I'm worried, but not about the millpedes and the centipedes. I use that wooden shoe for an airship when my wings are tired."

She flew on talking to the Wind, but never a glimpse did she get of the wooden shoe.

On and on, until the meadows and canals and windmills of Holland loomed ahead. And then, as the

Wind works pretty hard in Holland with so many windmills to attend, he had to leave her.

"The only thing I can do is to stay home and wait," she said. "For the shoe is enchanted and it must come home."

So the little fairy waited and, sure enough, it wasn't long before the wooden shoe sailed into sight and came toward the tulip bed. But it never stopped. It turned around and started back. Greatly frightened, the little fairy flew after it.

"Where is the shoe going?" she cried to the millpedes and the centipedes. And they all stared sternly at her for this was the shoe they suspected, who'd started them off touring in a wooden shoe.

"A fairy cobbler," said an old centipede, "has come to your rescue. On the way here he called us down to him with his magic which is only for shoes. And he said, 'though he couldn't stop the shoe from journeying to Holland, he could start it home again the minute it got here and he did. What's more, the spell is so strong, that once the shoe touches earth in Millpede Village and Centipede Town, there it must stay forever and we are going to use it for a town hall!'"

So they sailed and sailed and sailed back through the misty green moonlight to Millpede Village and Centipede Town. The little fairy followed, but try as she might with her magic, she couldn't budge that shoe an inch. And so "her" mischievous tricks lost her her airship and ever after the millpedes and centipedes had a giant town hall.



"Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgotten?"

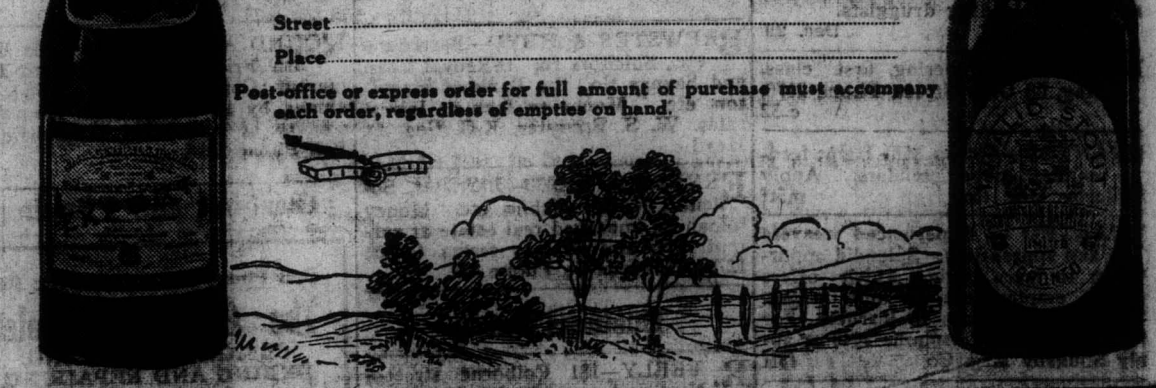
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THE PILGRIMAGE. It is a weary road we wend, through this dim vale of tears; it harder grows as we ascend, accumulating years. The pilgrim murmurs as he walks, in voice of doleful pitch, and fall into that ditch. The dust gets in my aching glims. I'm pierced by grievous thorns; the dogs come out and bite my limbs, cows heek me with their horns. All things terrestrial conspire to make my life a cross: I'm frozen, drowned, and

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

News From Terrace Hill. Corporal Ayres has rested his home on Dundas Street for a year to Mr. McCormack of Grand St., the latter to take possession the first of January.

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SIDE TALKS

Christmas to gather up these loose threads of friendship.

I love my cards. I like to look them over the day after Christmas and back in the friendly feeling that I know made people send them to me and think kind thoughts of them, and realize what a beautiful and enduring thing friendship is.

The kind of cards most desirable also came under discussion. The Author-Man's wife favored the engraved personal cards. "They are so distinguished," she said. "They strongly opposed them."

"I think the engraved ones are in perfect taste," persisted the Author-Man's wife. "Perfect taste?" said Molly. "Yes, that just describes them. They're all taste and no feeling. They are as impersonal as a house done by a decorator."

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