

### PRINTERS' DEVILS BRING PANTOMIME TO THE TRENCHES

#### A Gripping Tale of New Year's Eve on the West Front

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press correspondent in France.)

New Year's Eve—The insignia of the Maple Leaf distinguished them, but their friends call them the Printers' Devils. And they will live in history—not only because of their battles, but because they brought to the firing line the first pantomime in the history of the western front. And in so doing they gave to fighting men just out of the trenches a clean, sweet touch of home that sent them out into the night refreshed and strengthened after hard days. There are those who dined at the Savoy with members of Canada's veteran division on the night that ushered in the second year of the war. There are others who will remember the first night at Daly's when members

of that same division crowded the boxes and Betty won their hearts in "A Kiss for Cinderella." They were privileged. But those who were with the Printer's Devils to-night saw the New Year come in bringing with it their own production—"Aladdin France." A Lad in France was the heart of that performance. Other lads were with him. The play they produced was nothing short of miraculous. It seems exaggeration, perhaps. But the theatre—or lecture room—held a thousand. The Electrically lighted footlights. The scenes were of an Emperor's palace—a village in England—a Demon's Cave. The music was partly from Chu Chin Chow, partly from The Maid of the Mountains, partly from Les Cloches de Corneville, partly from the Palace Revue. "Airs and Graces," partly composed by the men of the party themselves. There were other airs, too, from New York. The orchestra was supplied by a Manitoba regiment, and very well supplied.

Now will you believe that the performance was a miraculous one? Not, come to the theatre yourself. Remember that it is New Year's Eve. A Highland battalion has just come out of the line and has celebrated the occasion and the night at dinner. The theatre is crowded with men and officers. You will notice that there are benches for every body, that the floors are earth save of

### MAD SNAKE SCARE NOW

#### Pennsylvania Fears Serpents are Afflicted with Hydrophobia

Hawstone, Pa., Jan. 29.—A mad snake scare has seized the town of Richfield, as a result of the biting of John Watt's dog by a rattler December 9. The dog shows almost all the symptoms of a developing case of rabies. The bite has become very sore, swollen and painful. Snakes have never before been so restless in these parts as this winter, and owing to the biting of Watt's dog, the natives are catching all they can find roaming at large and are confining them for observation, to determine whether they have hydrophobia.

Henry Baird, foreman at the Hwek quarry, caught an eleven-foot racer the other day and is keeping him in an abandoned whiskey barrel. If he acts queerly Henry will chop off the head and send it to the anatomical laboratories for analysis.

### VETERAN PRINTER AND EDITOR DEAD

#### T. J. Shanks, of Hamilton Spectator Called by Death

By Courier Leased Wire

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 29.—T. J. Shanks, chief editorial writer, of the Hamilton Spectator, who was stricken with paralysis last week, died yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Shanks was born 64 years ago near Belleville, and learned his trade as a printer with Sir Mackenzie Bowell. He declined an offer to take charge of the Belleville Intelligencer because he did not agree with some of Sir Mackenzie's protection ideas. Mr. Shanks was on the staff of The Montreal Witness for a time, and later joined The True Witness of New York. He also became associated with the Wall Street Journal, and in this position met Sankey and Moodie, the famous evangelists. For years he acted as Moodie's private secretary, editing many of his books and assisting in the establishment of the Northfield Institute. Returning to Canada, he took charge of The Kingston Standard, and in 1902 returned to Hamilton and became editor of The Royal Templar. For the past five years he was The Spectator's chief editorial writer.

### Rippling Rhymes

A Winter Day.

It is a bitter roaring day, the wind comes whooping down the hill; the skies are of a leaden gray, and I would give ten cents for May, with azure sky and babbling rill. The winds each moment colder grow, that through my whiskers blow apace; and there are symptoms now of snow; my cordwood pile is getting low; such weather is a rank disgrace. It's sad to see the furnace eat the costly coal, and call for more, then shed around some sickly heat, not strong enough to melt the sleet that drifted underneath the door. It's sad to shovel in the coal, and know that each expensive lump, diminishes your hard-earned roll, and puts you deeper in the hole, and brings you nearer to the dump. My scanty wages I have earned by labors fierce, that made me yell; it's hard to see such money burned, to see one's savings hourly turned to ashes, which one cannot sell. An asphaltic all I have to show for long weeks in the clanging mart; for endless journeys to and fro, for weary trips in rain and snow and things that rend the human heart. The day wears on to evening, each minute brings an added jar; I sit as gloomy as a king, the while the girls waltz round and sing, "Brighten the corner where you are."

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**NEWSIES ON STRIKE**  
By Courier Leased Wire

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**NO RE-HEARING**  
By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The Supreme Court by declining to grant a re-hearing of their cases ordering the mandate issued at once, to-day refused to delay further the carrying out of the sentences of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, convicted in New York of conspiring to violate the draft law. The court sustained their convictions on January 14.

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