

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR CELEBRATED FIRM

Hundreds Flocked to Recital and Inspection at R. S. Williams Company.

### A UNIQUE COLLECTION

Products of World Renowned Makers and Instruments of Old Masters on View.

Yesterday several hundred people called at the R. S. Williams building with birthday greetings, and to enjoy the excellent programs put on in the recital hall through the day. The R. S. Williams and Sons Company, Limited, were in gala array on the occasion of their 47th birthday anniversary when the products of 25 world renowned makers were to be seen during the tour of inspection.

The Williams building has five floors devoted to retail and five to wholesale business. On the fifth floor is to be seen a unique collection of valuable old violins among them the famous Ayleford Stradivarius, valued at \$10,000 and dating from the period of 1720. Other antique instruments of rare value were also shown in the cabinets displayed on this floor, in connection with which was shown the violin repair department supervised by a famous expert from abroad.

**Unique Feature.** The unique feature of the R. S. Williams business is the fact that they carry so many widely represented makes in all departments. On the piano showroom floor may be viewed no less than nine makes. These include Chickering, Williams, Apollo Solo Electric, Ewins, Everson, Martin-Orme, Princess Kyndler and the Canadian Piano, all of which possess the most superior qualities.

The fact that over 80 per cent. of the famous artists who come to play in Toronto use the Williams pianos, shows where the popular favor lies. The importance of Thomas A. Edison's recent invention—the Edison Diamond Disk, was emphasized in the phonograph department where both the Edison and Victor makes were displayed.

## KNITTERS CONGREGATE AT WORLD BUILDING

Fourth Floor Filled With Willing Workers for "Sox Day" Campaign

### ENJOYABLE PROGRAM

Small Sacrifice on Part of Citizens Means Much to Boys in Trenches.

The largest attendance yet on record filled the fourth floor of the World Building yesterday afternoon when Mrs. O. B. Sheppard presided at the donation tables which were heaped high with beautifully knitted socks. A very enjoyable program added yesterday's success in the knitting room, W. A. Sherwood giving a most inspiring address on "Our Duty to the Empire."

"This splendid work that you are assisting in today," said the speaker, "is deserving of the most enthusiastic support and I feel sure The World 'Sox Day' will be the success that the promoters are hoping for."

**Is Well Under Way.** The other feature of the program was contributed by Mr. Sommerville, nephew of the late W. E. Gladstone, who entertained the large assembly with several humorous recitations.

The World campaign is well under way now. There are many clubs and small knitting circles all over the city and in the surrounding towns working in the interest of "Sox Day." But we need every body's help. We want thousands of pairs of socks; not dozens or hundreds, but thousands. There are millions fighting and they all need socks. Will you help one out of these millions to have the necessary comfort which warm clean foot-wear means?

A small sacrifice on the part of every loyal citizen would mean much to some lad in the trenches. Six ounces of wool makes a pair of socks. It can be purchased for 35 cents. If there is any point concerning "Sox Day" that you wish explained, please phone "Sox Day" convenor, Main 5808.

## JEWISH AID SOCIETY HELPS MUCH IN RUSSIA

Hundred and Seventy Thousand From War Zone Relieved by Organization.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 20.—None of the voluntary relief organizations at work with the war refugees, has gone about its task with greater skill than the Jewish, whose central committee is in this city. According to its information 250,000 Jewish residents of the territory now occupied by the Germans and Austrians were sent away by the military authorities, and 200,000 left voluntarily. There are now 170,000 Jews receiving help from the Jewish committee and their number is growing; scanty financial resources having helped many to keep their feet up to the present. Employment agencies have been opened in thirty-one cities and ten workshops have been equipped. The greatest and most useful help has been afforded in the extension of credit thru co-operative loan societies.

## NO DECISION REACHED AT LIBERAL CAUCUS

Laurier to Decide Party's Attitude Towards Extension of Term.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—It was unofficially stated by Liberal members this afternoon that it had been decided to leave the matter of the attitude of the party towards the bill to extend parliament in the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The caucus this morning could reach no decision.

## DON'T FORGET



Toronto World Sox Day, Feb. 15.

### GRIBBLE GOES TO JAIL.

Socialist Is Punished for Using Seditious Language.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 20.—Wilfred Gribble, Socialist, was sentenced today by Judge Crockett to two months in the county jail here for using seditious language. He was convicted last week.

Application of counsel for Gribble for a reserve case was denied. Gribble slandered the King at a public meeting, and also said the phrase "Your King and country need you" should be, "Your King and country bleed you."

Old friends and new friends unite in saying

# Red Rose Tea "is good tea"

## RUSSIANS SEIZE CENTRE OF GERMAN PROPAGANDA

Town of Kum Celebrated for Sanctity Thruout Mohammedan World.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Kum, the headquarters of German agents in Persia, which just fell into the hands of the Russians, is an important place strategically, as it stands at the junction of roads leading to Teheran, Isfahan, Yezd and other points. It is the centre of the telegraph system of Persia, and its occupation by the Russians restores communication between the allied colonies in different parts of Persia. The German minister, the Prince of Reuss, the disbanded remnants of the Persian constabulary, with some of their Swedish officers, and a number of

German and Austrian military prisoners, who escaped from the Russians, had gathered at the town before the Russians came.

Kum is an interesting place historically, as it contains the shrine of Fatima, the immaculate, who died in the year 116. The mosque which stands over her remains is celebrated for its gilded dome and minarets, which can be seen at a great distance away. Many of the old Persian kings were brought there for burial, and lie in the cemeteries under slabs of flat stone. Because of its shrines, Kum has a reputation for sanctity thruout the Mohammedan world.

### SPERANZA MUSICAL CLUB.

A "Burness Story in Song," the numbers of which were presented in costume, was arranged by Mrs. Bernard Ryan and Mrs. W. C. Raymond and presented at the Speranza Musical Club gathering which met at the house of Mrs. Simpson, Admiral road.

## MONTENEGRO RESOLVED TO BATTLE TO FINISH

No Formal Negotiations for Peace Entered Upon—Government at Scutari.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—An official French statement received by wireless from Paris, says the Montenegrin army never capitulated, and, in fact, that no formal negotiations for peace were entered upon. King Nicholas is said to be at Podgoritz with his troops.

Sir John Roper Parkinson, consul-general in London for Montenegro, today received official confirmation of the report that King Nicholas of Montenegro, and his sons, would remain at the head of their troops, determined to fight to the last. Queen Minea and two of her daughters, the despatch adds, have reached Italy on their way to France.

The Montenegrin Government is reported to have been installed at Scutari.

### TODAY AT OSGOODE HALL.

Chief Justice Mulock Will Sit in the Non-jury Assize Court.

The following is today's list for the second divisional appellate court: McIlwain v. Molwain, Marshall Brick Co. v. Irving, Bressette v. Roy.

Chief Justice Mulock will sit in the non-jury assize court at Osgoode Hall today, when the following cases will be heard: William v. Sparks, Colonial v. Du Vernet, Boyle v. Curtis.

## LITTLE THINGS COUNT

Even in a match you should consider the "little things"—the wood, the composition, the strikeability, the flame.

## EDDY'S MATCHES

are made of strong, dry pine stems, with a secret perfected composition that guarantees "every match a lighter." Sixty-five years of knowing how—that's the reason.

All EDDY products are dependable—always.

## BRITISH RED CROSS HAS MORE THAN A MILLION

Total Contributions From Province Include Large Amounts.

The central committee of the British Red Cross fund practically closed up its office yesterday and announced a grand total from the province of \$1,512,437.26. In this amount is included about \$15,000, subscribed by some municipalities, but which will not be included in Dr. Abbott's report because the money arrived too late. Among this class is Windsor's donation of \$12,000. The money is too late for the

Ontario contribution will be sent by the provincial treasurer to the London fund.

## RYNDAM REFLOATED NOW AT HOLE HAVEN

LONDON, Jan. 20, 4 p.m.—The Holland-America line steamship Ryndam, which after an accident, resulting in the death of three stokers and the injury of four others, ran aground at Gravesend yesterday, was floated today. The vessel is anchored at Hole Haven.

The Ryndam left New York Jan. 5 for Rotterdam with 151 passengers and a crew of 200 men.

# FACTS

## VERSUS

# FALLACIES

Nothing has hurt the cause of Temperance so seriously as the delusion that a law on the statute books will prohibit the sale of liquor.

STAND BY THE LICENSE SYSTEM

"Prohibition prevents the regulation of the liquor traffic and the collection of the public revenue; it does not prevent excessive and most demoralizing use of liquor in secret and exultant violation of the law."

Geo. E. Waring, Jr.,—"OUTLOOK"

In the campaign being waged to force the issue of prohibition throughout Ontario, it is not surprising to find that a weak case is being bolstered up with misleading quotations and statements.

For example, an advertisement has appeared over the signature of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred headed, "The Tragedy of Ontario," purporting to give the proportion of Crime due to drink. For its Ontario "Facts" the Committee has drawn on its imagination—as there are no statistics, Federal or Provincial, on this point—and for its American "Facts" it relies on "Drink to be Sober," by Vance Thompson, a rabid prohibitionist, who quotes, incorrectly, from a Massachusetts Report of twenty years ago, the information in which was derived from criminals.

The Personal Liberty League can safely rest its case on actual Government statistics.

## Government Statistics on Insanity

Alcohol was attributed as the cause in 76 cases only—or 5.63 per cent.

Now you see why those in favor of Prohibition prefer to make a general statement, rather than present true facts—they realize that less than 6 per cent. of the cases is not sufficient basis for their attack upon the use of these beverages.

The Report upon Ontario Hospitals for the Insane for the year 1914 gives the following figures: 1,351 cases were admitted during the year, of these

## Government Statistics on Mortality

possible for thousands of deaths every year in the Province of Ontario.

In the year 1914, according to the Registrar-General's Report of Deaths in Ontario, only 89 out of a total of 32,440 were attributed to alcoholism, acute and chronic. This is less than one-third of one per cent.

The small number of deaths actually due to Alcohol comes as a surprise to those who have heard Prohibitionists loudly allege that liquor is responsible

# A Just Cause Does Not Need Exaggeration

When those in charge of the Prohibition Movement find it necessary to use, in support of their arguments, figures which do not exist or are not in accordance with the Government statistics, they acknowledge that the true facts do not justify their campaign. For instance, they quote that drink is responsible for ninety per cent. of the Crime in Ontario, although, as we have shown in an earlier paragraph, there are no statistics on the subject.

## Drunkenness Increases Under Prohibitory Legislation

The 1914 report of the Ontario Liquor License Bureau reveals the fact that with an ever increasing growth of Territory under Local Option in the Province, there also is a steady increase in the number of commitments for drunkenness. Here are the actual figures:

Year	Total Number Licenses	Commitments for Drunkenness
1900	2,948	2,282
1905	2,691	3,941
1910	1,938	5,291
1911	1,841	5,827
1912	1,774	6,613
1913	1,680	8,363
1914	1,593	8,848

The number of commitments for Drunkenness is EXCLUSIVE of the great number of charges that were not pressed because the accused gave evidence against the illicit dealers. The Government of Canada and of Ontario will furnish you with these reports. Study them and form your own opinions. You will realize that

# PROHIBITION is NOT in the Public Interest

THE PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE OF ONTARIO