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MULTIPLE SCHEME FOR PHONE TALKING.

When the phone was first invented it was only possible to talk over the wire one way. Prof. Bell has related the circumstances under which the initial experiment for which distance was conducted between this city and Mt. Pleasant.

Prof Bell was not able to answer; he had to drive back in order to convey the wonderful tidings that human articulation had been successfully and understandingly conveyed over what was then an unparalleled distance.

Now the announcement is made that a multiple scheme has been completed whereby five phone conversations can be carried on instantaneously over the same wires.

John C. Koons, who as first assistant Postmaster General in the States has supervision of the telegraph and telephone systems, said recently in referring to the matter: "The benefits to be reaped from the development just completed by the Bell experts cannot now be measured."

"It would seem under the circumstances as if those memorable and exasperating words "line busy" may soon become as extinct as the late lamented doo.

WHO SPLIT THE LIBERAL PARTY.

This is the caption of a leading editorial in the Toronto Globe and the answer it gives is Laurier. The paper in question says in part: "The split in the Liberal party was due, as Mr. Rowell's statement shows, not to any base intrigue against its leader by aspirants for his position, but to the fact that Sir Wilfrid was prepared to see the Canadian army in the field become depleted and its effectiveness as a fighting force destroyed rather than consent to the application of the policy of conscription."

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NEW ZEALAND AND THE WAR

With a population of slightly over a million whites and a little over 40,000 Maories, a recent report shows that New Zealand sent 19,650 troops of all ranks to the European front and had 10,080 more men, in training camp at home.

In the New Zealand division, apart from the numerous New Zealanders in the Imperial and Australian units and in the navy, seven Victoria Crosses have been won and other honors awarded included 108 D.S.O. badges, 370 Military Crosses, 256 D. C. M's, 1,532 Military Medals, and 51 bars to medals, 114 meritorious service medals, while 1,090 were mentioned in dispatches.

These figures however, do not exhaust the war service of New Zealand. It contributed to the Red Cross \$1,290,000, and for other Red Cross purposes \$575,000.

It is interesting to find, too, that the South Seas islands attached to New Zealand did their bit in the war. The Fiji group sent a full platoon to the front; the Gilbert Islands sent 25 men; the Niue Islands 148 men, and Barotonga, famous in missionary annals, 308 men.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The United Farmers of Ontario want holes shot in the tariff. Perhaps they want the tax burden placed on the land.

Bolshevism has, apparently shot its bolt in Germany. If some of the leaders who advocated wholesale anarchy were also shot, it would be a good thing.

Anxiety is manifested in certain quarters that Italy is going to ask too much in connection with peace terms. That country should remember that at one period, had it not been for the Allies, there would have been a defection which would have resulted in no terms for her at all.

A despatch announces that the surprise of the recent elections was the "heavy woman vote quietly recorded." Was said surprise with regard to the latter quality?

If there is any other country on earth that can beat this for December weather, it had not been heard of up to the time of going to press.

SOLDIERS RETURNED. Several soldiers returned to the city last night on the radial from Hamilton. They arrived in Hamilton on the C. P. R., and being unable to make any other connections for Brantford, were obliged to take that route. The result was that there was no one at the station to meet them, and to noon to-day Secretary McDonnell of the Soldiers' Aid Commission has been able to ascertain the name of one only, Sergt. Coborough of 11 Bowes Avenue.

ALEXANDER WITH CUBS. Chicago, Dec. 18.—The roster for the coming season of the Chicago National League team has been so far completed that it was said today at the club's headquarters, Manager Fred Mitchell, would probably enter the pennant race with the same players he had at the close of last season with the addition of Cleveland Alexander, star pitcher.

Your Problems Solved

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D. (All rights reserved.)

Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social, financial and every other anxious case that perplexes you.

Another Love Problem: Hattie Mc writes in part as follows: "I met a sailor from a battle ship who had a few days' furlough while his ship was in port, and before he went away he asked me if I loved him; I found I did, and told him so. We agreed to get married as soon as he got his discharge. Did I do right to fall in love with a man on a week's acquaintance? But, besides there is a soldier in France whom I promised to marry when he came home, what shall I do? I love the sailor better than I do the soldier."

Improper Proposals: A young woman asks how she ought to treat her sister's husband who, while a guest in their home, made improper proposals to her. It may be that you were somewhat to blame, for he mistook your sisterly affection for something else.

Knowing the Future: "An interested reader" is puzzled to know how God can tell what will happen in the future. He made man with a free will that he could not know the contingencies in his own mind.

Sporting Comment

INDOOR BASEBALL

Results at the Y. M. C. A. last night were: Massey Harris... 4 4 0 0 0 1-3; Verity Plov... 0 1 0 1 0 1-2; Battersby, Gorgo and Cook, Sears and Baird, Umpires, Wright and Crawley.

Group Games Competition

Dowling... 4 2 4 3-13; Calhoun... 2 1 1 1-6; Fitzpatrick... 3 1 3 2-6; Mulr... 1 3 1 1-6; Junior Employed—Chandler... 3 4 4 1-14; Chilson... 3 3 1 4-2-14; Perry... 4 4 2 1-6; Stewart... 1 1 3 2-9; Junior School—Walsh... 3 4 3 4-13; Frank... 4 3 4 1-14; Ballach... 2 2 2 1-6; Whittaker... 1 2 1 2-9; Final standing for year of 1918.

PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT

By Courier Leased Wire. Lisbon, Dec. 16.—Documents found on one of those arrested in connection with the assassination of President Paes last Saturday show that an extensive plot had been organized, the participants in it drawing lots to see who should strike the blow against the President.

BUFFALO CATTLE MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire. East Buffalo, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts 359; good steady; light and common easier. Calves—Receipts 150; steady, \$5 to \$19.50. Hogs—Receipts 5,500; slow and lower; heavy, mixed and Yorkers \$17.75; few \$17.80; light Yorkers and pigs, \$17; roughs, \$12 to \$16.80; stags, \$10 to \$13. Sheep and lambs—Receipts \$4.00; slow; lambs lower; others steady; some \$2.90 to \$3.50, a few \$15.25; others unchanged.

The family footwear gift store—Chas. Cole's Shoe Company, 122 Colborne street.

FORMER PARIS PASTOR DEAD

Rev. Canon Brown Was For Many Years at St. James' Church

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

From our own Correspondent. Paris, Dec. 18.—Word was received in town this afternoon of the death of Rev. Canon Brown, who died at his home in Wallville, N.S., on Friday, December 13th, of Rev. Canon Brown. The gentleman was for 25 years the esteemed pastor of St. James' church, Halifax, N.S., and was in England on May 26th, 1911. He was born at Halifax, N.S., in May, 1842. Upon retiring from the pastorate of St. James' with his wife, the Canon went to his native town, where he resided until a few months ago. During his twenty-five years sojourn in Paris he always took an active interest in the welfare of the English people's Association, now a society with branches in all parts of the Dominion. He was married in 1869 to Miss Sarah W. Anable, daughter of W. H. Anable, banker, of New York city, who survives him, as also two sons, Edward Clarence and William Ernest, whom the sympathy of a wide circle of friends here will be extended.

The funeral of the late Robert H. McKie, who passed away in Woodstock from pneumonia, took place yesterday afternoon from the G. T. R. station to the family plot in the Paris cemetery. Deceased was in his 30th year, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McKie. In 1916 he was married to Miss Annie Denby, who, with one little child, survives, and two brothers, William and James, and a sister, Miss Margaret McKie, all of Hamilton.

The Ford car that was stolen from the garage of Mr. John Pickering, Fairview Terrace, on Sunday evening, was found by the Brantford police in that city. So far the guilty parties have not been found.

The Paris branch of the Red Cross Society beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations from Miss Young's Bible class of the Brantford High School for the Belgian refugees: 1 quilt and also clothing for children, consisting of 6 dresses, 13 woolen vests, 9 petticoats, 1 pair of hose, 2 pair rompers, one pair of hose, 2 shirts and four coats; donations are valued at \$40.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Cotton received a cablegram from her son, Flight Lieut. H. Cotton, who had been a prisoner in Germany since May, 1917, stating that he was now in Portsmouth, England, and well.

At the regular meeting of Derbyshire Lodge, Sons of England, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Worthy President, A. Jackson; past president, F. H. Drake; vice-president, J. McBride; chaplain, W. Burton; secretary, W. A. Briggs; treasurer, R. Bloomfield; first committeeman, Jos. Bee; second committeeman, H. Row; third committeeman, J. Clay; inner guard, F. Bragg; outer guard, J. Eberington; musician, Dr. Gould; organist, T. P. Blackhurst.

The Rev. Mr. H. H. Bingham, formerly of Paris, but now of Tabernacle Church, London, has accepted the call extended him by the First Baptist Church, Calgary. The Rev. Mr. Bingham is a brother of Mrs. A. L. Lovett.

INFLUENZA VICTIMS

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—(Canadian Press via Reuters)—The Times' medical correspondent says that it seems reasonable to believe that about 6,000,000 persons perished from influenza, pneumonia during the past twelve weeks. It has been estimated that the war caused the death of twenty millions of persons in Europe, and that influenza has proved a deadlier than war, because in the same period at its epidemic rate, influenza would have killed 100,000,000. Never since the Black Death, has such a plague swept over the world. The need of a new survey of public health measures has never been more forcibly illustrated.

CATALONIA ASKS HOME RULE

By Courier Leased Wire. Madrid, Dec. 18.—The Government has submitted to the deputies from the Catalonia district an offer to refer Catalonia's demand for autonomy to an extra parliamentary commission, whose report will be submitted to the Cortes for its approval. The right is reserved to the Cortes to suspend the grant of autonomy if experience proves that the conduct of Government through the regional method does not work satisfactorily.

DROWNED MAN FOUND NEAR PARIS

Body of Frank Carmodie Recovered by Searchers Yesterday

Paris, Dec. 18.—Searching parties this afternoon found the body of Frank Carmodie, the unfortunate young man who lost his life on Saturday night, when the swollen waters of the Grand River broke through the sluice boards on the old dam at the point of construction of a concrete dam for the Penman Co., here. It was thought that the body would be among the wreckage of machinery and cribwork below the new dam. The terrible force of the current had carried the body to Cavau's Mats, upwards of two miles below Paris, where the remains were found entangled with a wheelbarrow that had also been washed down with him. Carmodie was an expert swimmer and he must have been stunned when the volume of water took him under. His watch was stopped at 8.40 p.m. In his pocket book were over \$50. The body was brought to McCammon's undertaking parlors this evening. An inquest will be held.

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Fresh Eggs, per doz. 70c
Pure Lard, per lb. 55c
Dom. Shortening, special, per lb. 28c
Allen Sweet Cider, quart 15c
Molasses, per can 20c
5 lb. pail syrup 55c
10 lb. pail syrup 95c
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EQUAL TREATMENT FOR DEAD. By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 11.—Whatever military rank or position in civil life England's dead in France and Belgium have had, they will have equal treatment in their graves. This is the keynote of a plan outlined in a report to the Imperial War Graves Commission by Lieut. Col. Sir Frederick Kenyon, director of the British Museum.

BOSTON ARENA BURNED. By Courier Leased Wire. Boston, Dec. 18.—The Boston Arena, a brick structure built in 1909 with a seating capacity of nearly 12,000 was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at \$400,000. The fire is believed to have started from a lighted cigar of cigarette thrown on the floor by someone in the crowd which attended a boxing exhibition there last night.

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