

## COMING EVENTS

CHRISTADELPHIAN LECTURES.  
See church notices.

COMING. GALT MAPLE LEAF  
QUARTETTE to St. Andrews  
Church, Brant Avenue, Friday, 23  
February. Admission 25c.

"LONDON IN WAR TIME." Re-  
turn engagement of Ada Ward.  
Proceeds in aid of Sailors Fund.  
Victoria Hall, Friday, Feb. 23rd.

BRANT CHAPTER, Daughters of  
the Empire, annual meeting, Mon-  
day, Feb. 19, at 3 p.m. at home of  
Mrs. Harry Cockshutt, Dufferin  
Avenue. Election of officers. Fees  
payable for the coming year. All  
members requested to be present.

PLAN FOR LINCOLN WIRT LEC-  
TURE at Colborne St. Methodist  
Church on February 27th, opens  
at 8 o'clock. Drug store to course  
ticket holders on Tuesday, Febru-  
ary 20th. Be sure and have cou-  
pons exchanged for reserved seat  
tickets. The postponed lecture of  
Dr. Conwell will be given April  
12th.

MISS ADA WARD, the distinguish-  
ed war lecturer and artist, will  
speak in the Wellington St.  
Methodist church, Sunday even-  
ing 18th inst. at 7 o'clock. Sub-  
ject, "The Boys at the Front, the  
Moral and Religious Side of their  
Life."

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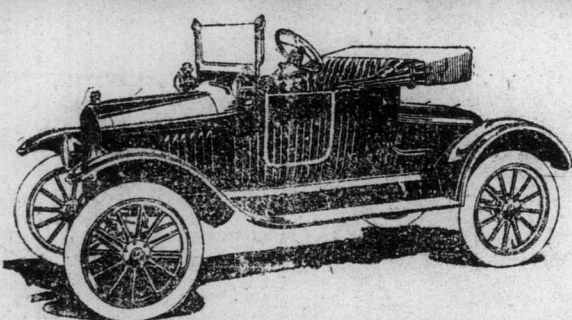
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FLOUR QUESTION  
AND THE H. C. OF L.

Committee on High Cost of  
Living Last Night Inves-  
tigated Milling Busi-  
ness

## NO FIXING OF PRICES

Cultivation of Waste Land  
For Vegetable Growing  
Urged

Three important matters were  
brought up at the meeting of the  
committee dealing with the high  
cost of living, last night at the City  
Hall. Mr. T. L. Wood representing  
the millers appeared before the com-  
mittee and after answering consid-  
erable questioning by Mr. George  
Keen, volunteered some information  
that proved to be a revelation to the  
members present. Ald. Mellen sug-  
gested that an effort be made to in-  
duce the people of the city to culti-  
vate the vacant spaces in the munici-  
pality in order to increase the pro-  
duction of vegetables. A draft of  
the letter written to city clerk H. F.  
Leonard was submitted for the ap-  
proval of the committee, and was  
forwarded to him this morning.

The questions asked Mr. Wood  
were made by Mr. Keen who inquired  
as to the relative prices now be-  
ing paid for flour as compared with  
those existing immediately after the  
outbreak of the war, and it was  
brought to light that while wheat  
then could be purchased for the sum  
of eighty-five cents a bushel, \$1.65  
was the prevailing price to-day.  
However, it was explained that war  
was declared shortly after the crops  
had been harvested, when the com-  
modity was selling at its lowest fig-  
ure. On the other hand flour could  
be purchased wholesale for \$2.60  
then, while \$4.40 was now demand-  
ed. This was almost entirely due  
to the increase in the price of wheat  
the overhead charges involved in the  
manufacture of the finished product  
not having increased, while flour was  
the only important factor influ-  
encing the increase in the cost of  
manufacture. Mr. Wood, how-  
ever, did not think that increase in  
the cost of conversion of wheat into  
flour would amount to more than

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## EXPLOSION VICTIMS HONORED IN DEATH.



The photograph shows sub-officer Vickers and fireman Sell's bodies being  
carried to the cemetery on a motor fire carriage. Both firemen per-  
ished in fighting the fires caused by the big explosion recently in an  
East London munitions plant. Representatives of the Army and  
Navy and high officers of the Metropolitan Police were present at  
the funeral.

five cents per barrel, which, he de-  
clared was a small item in the high  
price for which flour now sells.  
Feed, a product of the manufacture  
of flour enters largely into the de-  
termination of the selling price of the  
flour, and finally, it is the scarci-  
ty of the abundance of feed, that  
governs the price at which the flour  
is sold. The different standards of  
wheat purchased by the millers pre-  
vented them from estimating exactly  
what the actual cost of produc-  
ing flour from a mixed quantity of  
grain.

Mr. Wood made the statement  
that there were no other manufac-  
turers in the City of Brantford who  
had to contend with the many dif-  
ficulties experienced by the millers,  
and then proceeded to enumerate  
some of the obstacles to be over-  
come. Although compelled to set in  
a stock of grain sufficient to work  
on for thirty days, the fluctuating  
prices reduced the situation to prac-  
tically a gamble, and purchases  
could only be made on shrewd guess-  
ing and were based solely on the  
interpretation and anticipation of  
the buyer, of conditions. While  
other manufacturers are able to figure  
out exactly what it will cost them  
to produce the finished product, and  
know at what price they will sell  
it to secure a fair profit, the miller  
is unable to estimate what he will  
have to pay for his flour in the near  
future, and is always at the mercy  
of a sudden raise or drop in the  
markets at Winnipeg and Chicago,  
any radical changes there are re-  
flected here by a corresponding  
sympathetic movement. Transporta-  
tion difficulties were also largely  
problematic, delays, etc., greatly  
affecting the situation.

When questioned as regards the  
alleged control of prices by the Do-  
minion Millers Association, Mr.  
Wood replied that there was abso-  
lutely no truth in such allegations,  
and in explanation declared that this  
organization was composed chiefly  
of Ontario millers with head offices  
at Toronto. The association was  
formed for the purpose of enjoying  
the benefits of co-operative buying of  
Manitoba wheat, which could be  
done far more advantageously by a  
representative on the market who  
was familiar with the conditions pre-  
vailing than by the individual mill-  
ers. This representative also looked  
after the general interests of the  
millers. While he admitted that there  
might be tacit understanding in a  
certain district among the millers as  
to the price of flour, there was ab-  
solutely no fixing of prices, or any  
attempt to force the retailers to sell  
the article at a fixed price. In conclu-  
sion, Mr. Wood stated most emphati-  
cally that it was the most absurd  
and foolish of ideas, that the Do-  
minion Millers' Association made any  
attempt to regulate prices.

The suggestion was offered by  
Ald. Mellen that an appeal be made  
to the city council to impress on the  
citizens of Brantford the necessity of  
cultivating the vacant spaces through-  
out the municipality for the pro-  
duction of vegetables. There  
would be, he said, a never increasing  
demand, both at home and abroad,  
for vegetables, and the situation  
would be eased considerably if lots  
now going to waste were utilized  
for this purpose. Conditions have  
been rendered more acute this year  
owing to the poor weather of the sum-  
mer, and that while even such an  
other season could not be antici-  
pated in the near future, it was quite  
possible that it might recur. The  
other members present concurred  
with the sentiments expressed by  
Ald. Mellen, but it was thought that  
the subject should only require defi-  
nite action after mature deliberation  
and a thorough discussion. Mr.  
Schuyler, district representative of  
the department of agriculture, will  
be interviewed in regard to the mat-  
ter, and will be requested to attend  
the next meeting of the committee  
to discuss the question.

A draft of the letter to be sent to  
City Clerk H. F. Leonard in relating  
to his reply to City Clerk Baker of  
London, was submitted to the com-  
mittee by the corresponding secre-  
tary for their approval, and he was  
authorized to forward it to the city  
clerk. The letter requests the clerk  
to bring the matter before the con-  
sideration of the city council. Mayor  
Bowby, who was present at the  
meeting, stated that the alleged re-  
ply, a copy of which appeared in a  
London paper, and in one of the  
local papers, was written without  
the consent of either himself or  
of the council, and wished this to be  
clearly understood.

This concluded the business trans-  
acted, and the meeting adjourned.  
Those present were George Ward,  
chairman; George Keen, A. G.  
Brown, Ald. W. J. Mellen, Ald. W. J.  
Bragg and Mayor Bowby.

U. S. CONSULS  
DETAINED IN  
GERMANY

Number of American En-  
voys There Unable to  
Leave for Several  
Weeks

## HUNS BROKE PROMISE

Of a Special Train for Use  
of Departing Consuls

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Feb. 17.—The United  
States consuls, who are still in Ger-  
many may be unable to leave the  
empire for some weeks, according to  
an Amsterdam despatch to The  
Times quoting an American who has  
arrived there from Germany. This  
informant said that at the time he  
left Berlin the government had not  
arranged for the special train which  
it had promised for the use of the  
consuls and that it was thought  
some weeks would elapse before the  
arrangements could be made.

Why make any change? To increase  
the number of pool rooms is to de-  
crease the average revenue and to  
make it increasingly difficult for the  
keeper of the pool room to make an  
honest living. Furthermore any in-  
crease in the number of pool rooms  
would mean an increase in the duties  
of our police force, possibly also in  
the number of the police force. The  
law limiting pool room licenses in  
this city to six, was not obtained  
without strenuous efforts on the part  
of the citizens and we feel satisfied  
that the public generally disapprove  
of the action you have taken.

3. We are pleading for recruits  
and charging that young men would  
rather play pool than enlist. Surely  
then, it is rather strange on the part  
of the City Fathers that they should  
make it a little easier for these men  
to hide and a little harder for them  
to enlist.

4. We look to our City Fathers  
for leadership in the campaign for  
thrift and economy when every re-  
source of manhood and money must  
be conserved for winning the war.  
Why, therefore, we ask, increase the  
opportunity for wasting of time and  
money?

We believe that we should, one  
and all, set our faces resolutely  
against all forms of waste. We feel  
satisfied the Council of this city has  
the highest interest of the city and  
Empire deeply at heart, we there-  
fore appeal to you on the grounds of  
loyalty and morals, economy and  
thrift, to reconsider your recent ac-  
tion.

Signed on behalf of  
THE BRANTFORD MINISTERIAL  
ASSOCIATION.

W. Smyth, Secretary.  
Certain of the Aldermen have al-  
ready expressed their views on the  
above, and there is likely to be some  
very plain talk from them at the  
gathering.

## MINISTERS' ALLIANCE

Sends Letter to the City  
Council

Some of the Aldermen Like-  
ly to Come Back

The following letter will be pre-  
sented to the City Council on Mon-  
day night:

To the Mayor and Council of the  
City of Brantford:  
Gentlemen,  
The Brantford Ministerial Associa-  
tion do hereby express their sincere  
and deep regret, at the action taken  
by your honorable body at its last  
meeting, in amending the license by-  
law regarding the number of pool  
rooms that may be opened in our  
city. We feel obliged to protest  
against such action and for the fol-  
lowing reasons.

1. We have not been made aware  
of any demand from public opinion,  
for this serious change in the by-  
law. No warning of this step was  
even whispered to the public. For  
whom did the members in this matter  
act with such precipitous haste? It  
is well known that legislative bodies  
seldom if ever abrogate a satisfac-  
tory, and well established law with-  
out a strong demand from the gen-  
eral public. We are at a loss to un-  
derstand the action of the Council in  
this matter.

2. We believe there is neither  
need nor place for more pool rooms  
in our city. The six we now have  
more than meet the demand. The  
best proof of this is that several of  
the present license holders, because  
of sickness in business, are willing  
to dispose of their entire plant and  
goodwill. The annual report of the  
Chief of Police has for several years  
given our pool rooms a clean sheet.

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## Brant Theatre

## SUNDAY EVENING

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## SPEAKERS:

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Sergt. Armer Amerkhanian

(Will Speak to Armenians)

Mr. Walter Lowes

215th Band in Attendance. W. F. COCKSHUTT, M.P., Chairman

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, at  
8 p.m., at Y.M.C.A., to consider Recruiting and for the  
passing of a resolution asking that the Militia Act be  
put in force. ALL INVITED.

THIRD  
SECTFISH AS A  
DURING

Various Ways  
Produce Da  
Will Welcome

The Lenten season always  
its increased demand for fish  
a household hails the cheap  
pleasure, but many a house-  
wife complains because of the slight  
(see weeks before) in the  
and especially in serving  
food.

When selecting fish, be sure  
you choose is firm not flaccid,  
fins stiff, the gills red and  
full. If the eyes are sunken  
positive sign that the fish is  
fresh enough to be wholesome  
as in the case of cod, haddock  
but and salmon the head is  
absent, judgment must be  
the firmness or flabbiness of  
flesh. Always wash fish in cold  
water before cooking, wiping  
a clean cloth. If it cannot  
as soon as sent home, sprin-  
inside quickly with salt.  
Thus wrapped it will not  
fishy odor to other eatable  
use fish that has the slightest  
disagreeable odor about it—  
odor is quite another matter,  
stale fish is poison. Fresh-  
sometimes have a taste of  
which may be removed by  
the fish for an hour before  
in strong salt water.

With boiled fish is usually  
drawn butter, plain or with  
dill of hard-boiled eggs or  
With broiled or fried fish  
butter, tartare sauce, Hot  
sauce, Italian or tomato sa-  
any of these may be served  
baked fish.

Fish suitable for boiling  
halibut, bass, flounder,  
mackerel and whiting. The  
ones are boiled in a thick  
smaller ones whole. Ten  
to the pound is a fair rule,  
once after the water is really  
Old-fashioned cooks advoca-  
ering the fish with cold water  
ing this to the boil, then boil  
minutes to the pound, but the  
method is to cover with salt  
ing water, boil for 20 minutes  
squeeze in the juice of a lemon  
add two tablespoonfuls of good  
gar and finish cooking. Fish  
is to be boiled whole should  
the inside carefully washed  
dried, then a stuffing of bread  
batter, or bread with the  
of a quarter the quantity of  
ped salt pork put in it, the  
sewed up, and the entire fish  
in a clean napkin. The salt  
should be sewed up in a  
similar fashion and the boiling  
either in a regular fish kettle  
a double bottom, or an  
kettle of large size, used with a  
plate punched full of holes in  
the bottom, the object being  
keep the lower side of the fish  
resting on the hot bottom of  
kettle. By the aid of the nap-  
fish may be neatly transferred  
serving platter, for it will be  
tender and apt to break up.  
The napkin also drains away  
moisture and some cooks have  
one folded compactly in a  
serving platter, laying the fish  
then garnishing with parsley  
serving the sauce in a separate  
also, it is perfectly correct to  
the second napkin and to po-  
sauce over the fish.

Drawn butter is made by  
ing together a cupful of butter  
a tablespoonful of flour, put  
in a porcelain saucepan or a  
casserole, pouring on it half  
ful of boiling water and stir-  
til smooth, cook for two or  
minutes and salt to taste,  
capers are liked stir in a table-  
ful of them, or for egg sauce  
in carefully so as not to break  
sliced or chopped hard-boiled  
The eggs will not slice smooth-  
less they have been boiled  
minutes, then allowed to cool  
same water in which they were  
ed.

Any of the fish mentioned  
able for boiling may also be  
with the possible exception  
flounder, which is too thin for  
preparation, even when lar-  
whole fish should be split a  
backbone removed—the

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BY GINGER, IF HER  
IT'S BEEN A LONG  
ONE OF THEM, AN  
BRING ME

