SANTA CLAUS BUSY WITH CRECHE BABES

Children From Sunny Italy Give Him a Royal Welcome.

A MERRY PARTY

Christmas Doings in the

Ward.

Fifteen soldiers of Toronto battalions have had Christmas honors conferred on them for bravery on the batlefield. They have had Christmas honors conferred on are: Sergts. S. S. Maccherson, Arthur Hogg, Corp. A. B. Coulthard. Ptes. Robt. Lamont, F. Durbin, C. C. Bradley, Son, F. Bradley, A. W. Gardner, J. A. Bertram, J. Cooper, G. Honey and L. Lance-Corp. C. Bradley, when has been awarded the military cross, went overseas with the Eaton Machine Gun been awarded the military cross, went overseas with the Eaton Machine Gun Battery, in the second contingent. He was at the front eight months before being wounded. He returned quickly to firing line had his toe amputated. He lived at 108 Sheridan avenue.

Pte. L. M. Glazier, who has also been decorated, went from Toronto in the first contingent. He is a Hamilton man. Pte. George Honey is an Englishman. When war broke out he was in Toronto and enlisted with the 15th Battalion. He also has been awarded the military medal.

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ZONE. 3.—Americans, no fled from of excitement, waiting for the appearance of the wonderful man who was to come down the chimney to bring them things that would make them happy for ever after.

These were the children of the creche and kindergarten which are creche and kindergarten, which are an extension of the long established kindergarten of William street and a party of their little friends from the Ossington avenue orphanage. from the Ossington avenue orphanage, who provided an entertainment in the interval of waiting for the arrival of Santa. A program of songs in English and Italian was given in spirited style but the feature of the performance was when the star of the company appeared on the stage with one eye bandaged and bearing many signs of abuse and neglect and recited the woes of the old doll of last year. By and by "Tipperary" was sung, and if there is any vagueness in the minds of anyone as to the kind of citizens our little new Canadians are going to make just let the doubters listen to the make just let the doubters listen to the facility with which they acquire the English tongue and the vim with which they take up our patriotic airs, and presto, every doubting Thomas

Splendid Presents. Meantine the advance agents of Santa had arrived in the person of Signora Small, as she was later introduced to the company, altho such introduction was scarcely necessary, as this lady is an old-time friend of many years to the Italian calony. With her she brought one hundred and fifty parcels, everyone tied so securely with bright red ribbon that no one could open them until Santa had put his magic fingers upon them. Later when they had received the open sesame touch it was seen that every package contain a pair of boots, stockings, nots and material for a nice warm dress. But we are getting ahead of our tale. A few minutes after the singtale. A lew minutes after the singing of "Tipperary," a great shout was heard from the back of the room, and out from behind the Christmas tree sprang a little rosy-cheeked man with a great long white beard all dressed in red and with the funniest red cap on his head, and he went about shaking hands with the mothers and habies.

hands with the mothers and babies. and everyone returned his shake most heartily, for even the there is not much snow in the cities of Italy and there are no sleighs nor reindeer, still some of the children had met him last year and the others had probably seen him in those beautiful dreams which the children of Italy dream so often and so jolly old Santa Claus got a great A Riot of Eun.

Then Santa Claus began to distri-bute his presents and didn't the eyes of the mothers shine when they every one received the good sized parcel and didn't the mirth and merriment go out of all bounds when stockings with candies and bugles that blew an arnazing note that sounded to the bables like celestial trumpetings, but to the seniors the musical display was like an orchestra from Pandemonia from the Inferno itself, were distributed. These stockings were there thru the kindness of the Cartan Plaiting Company.

A Picture Taken. But the climax came when the children with their mothers, teachers and triends had their pictures taken. The little ones watched the man as he erected the thing that looked like a state, and put it on the top of three funny looking sticks. Then they were told not to be frightened when the report would go off, and so when the big pour was heard and the white oke curled up to the ceiling and filled the room there wasn't as much as a single 'o-o-o' heard, the whole party was so brave and obedient.

Then the company dispersed, not before mothers smiling expansively came to offer thanks and good wishes to the hostesses of the occasion, among whom was Singnora Bagley, the lady with the lovely white dr, who goes every day to the creche to care for and comfort the babies, and this she does voluntarily with no remuneration except what she gets from have been received, and \$3000 remit-the child-love of her little charges.

CHRISTMAS HONORS FOR TORONTO MEN

Fifteen Members of Local Battalions Are Decorated for Special Service.

A SOBER CHRISTMAS LOOKED FOR HERE

Lack of Facilities for Joviality Will Result in Less Work for the Police.

Officials of the Toronto police department are anticipating a dull and uneventful Christmas. Unlike previous uneventful Christmas. Unlike previous years, the policemen are granted the opportunity of changing their hours of work with each other. This will afford the married men on the force the opportunity of spending Christmas at home with their families.

The closing of the bars will mean considerably less work for the police. Deputy Chief of Police Archibald stated that the number of cases of drunked that the number of cases of drunk-enness and disorderlies this year is

less than expected. "In other years a man became intoxicated thru an over supply of good nature," said the chief. "He would go into the bar after his day's work, have one drink, and perhaps start for home. The Christmas season was an excuse for him to meet a friend and they would keep on treating till they were intoxicated.

RAILWAYS WERE BUSY WITH HOLIDAY RUSH

Equipment Proved Inadequate to Cope With the Storm and Crowds.

Friday's heavy snowstorm added considerably to the general transportation chaos which always hits Toronto at Christmas. Friday and Saturday trains,

Christmas. Friday and Saturday trains, regular and special, pulled out many minutes, sometimes hours, behind schedule time.

Usually 164 trains pull out of the stadion daily. In the Christmas rush this number is increased nearly 50 per cent. And instead of six and eight coaches per train there are 10 and more.

Main 441 might as well have been disconnected. Probably one passenger in ten was able to get information between the "lines busy" signal.

THE MAYOR'S GREETINGS.

Passes Compliments All Round and Hopes the Best for the Soldiers.

Mayor Church on Saturday extended Mayor Church on Saturday extended to all the citizens a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "This is the third Christmas," he said, in his message. "that our brave soldiers have been fighting for civilization. I hope the ideals for which they are fighting will be obtained before another Christmas comes around."

Ford street; Corp. L. H. Mansell, 487 East Main street; Pte. C. Matthews, 23 Galley avenue; Bombardier J. Oliver, 459 Dundas street; Pte. T. Polton, 459 Dundas street; Pte. E. Perry, 797 Euclid avenue; Sergt. J. Samson, 334 Osler avenue; Sergt. F. P. Simpson, 399 East King street; Pte. G. Smith, 165 Kendall avenue: Pte. G. Smith, 355

VISITS SICK CHILDREN.

At the Sick Children's Hospital on Saturday, the little white-faced children were given a delightful time when Santa Claus came to them in

NEW MONTREAL CHAPTER.

A new chapter of the LOD.E., A new chapter of the LUDE, known as the "Grace Aguilar," formed of Jewish women, has been formed in Montreal. Its chief work will be to assist Montreal's Jewish battalion. The meeting was held for organization by Managell of the chief was selected to the chief with the control of the chief was held for organization. tion by Mrs. A. W. McDougall, or-ganizing secretary for Quebec.

St. Margaret's Camp. Daughters of Scotland, have donated to the Veter-ans' Club \$100; Sanitarium' for Re-turned Consumptive Soldiers, \$100; cot in Scottish Women's Hospital, \$50.

MURRAY- KAY, LIMITED Wishing Our Patrons

All Good Things

at Christmastide

MURRAY-KAY, Limited

FORTY SOLDIERS **HOME CHRISTMAS**

Their Arrival a First-Rate Sir John Hendrie Sends Out Present to Their Families.

TEN RECRUITS OFFER

Of These Ten Were Accepted Remember, We Are Fighting and They Were Alotted.

Ten recruits were examined on Sat-urday afternoon at the Toronto Recruting Depot in the armories. Of this number 6 were accepted and curned over to the following units preparing to go overseas: Royal Canadian Dragoons, 1; C.A.S.C., 2; 69th Battery, 1; C.A.M.C., 2.

P. R. Station. Among the party is Bomber Jimmie Oliver, who was shot thru the hip on the Somme front. Pte. Oliver is a son of John Oliver, for many years a stereotyper on The World. Following are the names of those re-

Pte. B. Airhart, 28 Edwin avenue;
Pte. A. A. Ashleigh, general delivery;
Sergt, M. Bell, 604 Yonge street; Pte.
S. Betts, 12 Hamilton street; Pte. S.
M. Crickmore, 70 Orehead Michigan. M. Crickmore, 70 Orchard View boule-vard; Pte. C. Davies, 27 East Baltic avenue; Pte. J. Fox, 11 Worts avenue; Corp. G. S. Freeman, 15 Ashbridge avenue; Pte. W. T. Jemmett, 44 West Ford street; Corp. L. H. Mansell. 487

Kendall avenue; Pte. G. Smith, 355 Church street; Pte. J. H. Rothwell, Sinclair street; Pte. J. H. Rothwell, 354 Sinclair street; Pte. J. Thomas, general delivery; Pte. G. Ward, 1711-2 Spadina avenue; Pte. A. C. White, 257 Vaughan road; Pte. H. G. Williams, 776 Dufferin street; Pte. R. Williams, 12 Hayden street; Pte. G. Diebs, 264 the person of J. Ross Robertson, and 776 Dufferin street; Pte. R. Williams, gave all a real taste of the joys of St. Clarens avenue.

Other Points Hamilton-Pte. Art Dickenson, Pte C. Dowdy, Sapper R. S. Martin. Sunderland-Pte. D. King. Paris-Gunner B. Leishman. Oakville-Pte, J. McCrandy. Frankford—S. Johnson, Brantford—H. B. Magill. Clarkson-Pte. H. G. Pullin. Welland-Pte. J. Threfall, Smith's Falls-Special treatment

Nurses, patients and dectors, num bering 250, were entertained at the Grace Hospital Christmas tree. A fire musical program was given. The presentation of a silver coffee service

Sergt. J. Cuchway.

GOVERNOR GREETS ONTARIO PEOPLE

His Christmas Message.

A CALL TO SERVE

With, Not for, Great Britain.

His honor, the lieut-governor, Sir John Hendrie, has given out the following Christmas message to the

people of Ontario: "I do not know that I can do bette to go overseas: Royal Canadian Dragoons, 1; C.A.S.C., 2; 69th Battery, 1; at the present time than to recall at least one thought I expressed, Christmas, 1914, viz., that we were fighting in France and Flanders for Canada and for our Canadian homes, just as truly as if we were defending then ties can possibly arrange it, the Toronto against the common of the honds then ties can possibly arrange it, the Toronto men will be home Christmas morning.
There are 30 in the Toronto contingent which will arrive at the North Toronto it were well to keep that fact ever in

"Looking back on the past two years, we can take courage; and we can rightly take pride in what the men who have gone forth from us to the front have done. The work and service of our soldiers will ever be one of our most cherished national remembrances, and ought to be the strongest incentive to our young men who are still available to follow their

example.
"To the women who are on oversea service, we owe a debt of grati-tude as we also do to those who are doing their best in many and various

ways at home.

"As for the present and the present and the future. It is being pressed upon us that a forward step must now be taken in order to bring all our resources to bear on the war. Those in a position to speak, urge the necessity of co-operation and coordination with respect to men, munitions and money. It is clear that Canadian Divisions must be kept up to full strength by reinforcements of men; and it is also true that while the province has done well, so far as munitions are concerned, a largely increased supply must be obtained, in the future. The object in view is to end the war successfully and every effort we can make must be put forth, in man-power and in financial power. It is estimated that Ontario has already contributed about fifteen million dollars from all sources, but as the need is daily increasing, financial support must be forthcoming to meet that need. It is, therefore, obvious that public and private economy should go hand in hand; that, for instance, public works requiring large expenditures of money should not be proceeded with while the war lasts, as a psychic demonstrator, who was All our resources should be carefully husbanded and utilized for the one

The honorary treasurer of Lady Limerick's free buffet fund reports that subscriptions amounting to \$3147 bave been received, and \$3000 remitted to England.

presentation of a silver coffee service was made to Mrs. R. B. Hamilton my proved their devotion to the cause and their confidence in its triumph. Their hope, however, can only be preciation of her excellent work for the hospital during the past 25 years. The people of Ontario have already

These Splendid Values in Fur Sets Will Prove Uncommonly Interesting "Buy yourself something with it." These words accompanying a welcome gift of money, have suggested

> sets that we describe herewith. These sets are made of very fine pelts, all carefully chosen, and modelled into scarfs and muffs with the utmost skill. The values in all cases are exceedingly good. Black Wolf Barrel Muffs, finished with head and tail. Special price \$23.00 Black Wolf Scarf, animal style, finished with head, tail and paws

to you that you would get yourself a much-longed-for Set of Furs. We want you to see the exceptionally fine

Natural Skunk Stoles, in variety of styles.....\$22.50, \$35.00, \$42.00 Skunk Barrel Muffs. .\$42.00, \$43.50 Skunk Pillow Muffs...... \$31.50 Natural Grey Wolf Animal-shaped

Stole and Larg Muff. The set, special \$25.00 Natural Grey Wolf Animal-shaped Stole, finished with head, tail and paws \$11.25

Natural Grey Wolf Muff to match Civet Fur Sets, each consisting of new ball must and high choker col-lar. The value, \$40.00. On sale in our Fur Section, each set... \$19.75

Here Are to \$1 Doylies at 50c And \$2.00 Fancy Linens for \$1.00

Perhaps, Madam Out-of-town, you've often been tantalized by various sale offers in our Linen Room which wound up with the words, "No mail orders." Now you're in town for the holiday season, and you will be able to share in these exceptionally attractive Linen Room specials planned for Tuesday:

Japanese Embroidered and Drawn Lunch Cloths, also suitable for afternoon tea tables. Sizes 30" x 30" and 36" x 36". Regularly \$2.00. Sale price for each, Tueslay

Wool Eiderdown Flannels At \$1.25 and \$1.50 a Yard

Wool Eiderdown Flannels, which are now numbered among "scarce goods," may be had in wide variety in our Wash Goods Section in attractive shades of rose, blue, red, grey, as well as in white.

Plain Elderdown Weave, 54 in. wide. Ripple Eiderdown Weave, 54 in. wide. Per yard \$1.50
Chinchilla Eiderdown, 54 in. wide, in cardinal, pink and blue. Per yard \$2.25
Chinchilla Eiderdown, 54 in. wide, in cream. Per yard \$1.75
Among other fabrics difficult to procure we must mention our fine range of Zenana Cloths, silk outside, soft woolly reverse side, for handsome negligees, etc. May be had in pink, rose, yellow, cadet, grey, mauve and cream. Worth to-day \$6.00 a yard. Our prices, \$3.50 and \$4.00

Sale Women's Fur-Trimmed Paris Suits

Each the Original Model From a Famous Designer, The Import Prices \$125 to \$200, Tuesday, Each at

French Fur-Trimmed Model Suits at \$35.00 Each

Here's a remarkable Tuesday offer that will interest visitors in town as well as Toronto women. These are original models from the foremost Parisian designers, the import prices being from \$125.00 to \$200.00. The fur used in trimming these suits is alone worth more than our Tuesday price for the superb costume.

No space for elaborate description. We'll simply say that there are just twenty-four models in the lot, and each is a beauty. One model by Bernard is made of terra cotta wool eponge, with deep collar, cuffs and pockets of Hudson seal. Another by Jeanne Lanvin is of plum-colored velours, with deep collar of chinchila squirrel. A third of Burgundy velours, with mole collar, is an original of Cheruit's. Still another model, by Georgette, is made of plum-colored Duchess satin, with taupe fox collar and cuffs. Others come from the ateliers of Maurice, & Avadis, Doeuillet and Michel. Each of these models is worth many times our Tuesday sale price......



CHICAGO SEERESS FREED. Brockway Effriended Psychic Scientists.

London, Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.-Mme Elmira Brockway of Chicago, known British College of Psychic Science.
They also engaged counsel to defend campaign to secure 600 new members.
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The subject of license reciprocity will be the chief topic of discussion at the meeting.

recently, a general tound-up of persons found telling fortunes, had been

MOTOR LEAGUE MEETING.

arrested in London a few days ago, League are preparing for their annual and only great cause to which we charged with fortune-telling. Was re-are irrevocably committed.

charged with fortune-telling. Was re-leased from the Brixton Prison today. 15th, in the King Edward Hotel. The Bail was furnished by members of the league at present has a membership

ARREST J. A. FOSTER.

Wife Charges Him With Assault and Threatening to Kill Her.

John A. Foster, a teamster, living at 121A Duchess street, was arrested Saturday afternoon by Detective Taylor, on a warrant charging him with beating and threatening to kill his wife, Reta Foster. Mrs. Foster stated to the police that her husband, in addition to beating her, fixed a shot at her from a gun which he had in the house.

house.

Detective Taylor made a thoro search of the house, but wes unable to find the gun or any bullets.

Polly and Her Pals

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Merry Xmas for Pa, Polly and All

By Sterrett

