

HUN TRIED TO CUT FINGER OFF SOLDIER TO STEAL HIS RING

Sergt. Gibbons Tells How He Was Treated While a Prisoner.

TELLS OF GREAT WAR Recruiting Rally Last Night Was Attended by 1,700 People.

Seventeen hundred people attended the patriotic mass meeting in the Music Theatre last night, when the speaker, addressed by Sergt. Arthur Gibbons of Toronto, a returned soldier, and Rev. Dr. McRae of Cleveland.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Overseas Chapter, I. O. O. F., the proceeds of the collection being donated to the British Red Cross fund, and from the attendance last night \$32.25 was collected.

Col. W. M. Garside acted as chairman, and made an appeal for support for No. 2 Colored Construction Battalion now being recruited in the city.

Sergt. Arthur Gibbons, who delivered the principal address of the evening, outlined his experiences from the time he enlisted in August 1914, until he was exchanged from a German prison camp, Germany, with a number of other prisoners.

A Fine Address. His address was one of the most interesting and thrilling yet listened to by a London audience, and was many times applauded.

Dealing briefly with the time spent at Valenciennes, before proceeding to England, Sergt. Gibbons then described some of the conditions encountered at Salisbury Plain while in training in England.

The rain he described during their stay as a continuous downpour, and the mud beyond description. After four months the contingent went to France to take its place on the firing line.

Taking up the story of his experiences in France, he said: "A good many people have asked me how it feels to go into action for the first time. Well, it's a difficult sensation to describe. We had been in France a week when our captain told us that we were going into the trenches, but that it would be the reserve trenches."

"We got into them all right, and I noticed that we were going up and down the line, and that bullets were whizzing by at what seemed only a few inches from our heads."

"We found a number of British soldiers there, and we asked them what reserve trench we were in. 'Reserve trench,' they said. 'You're in the reserve trench. You're on the firing line, with the Germans over there eighty-five yards away,' they said."

"Imagine our surprise and that we were actually into action before we realized it, but every man in the party was glad to be where he was, so he could get a crack at the Hun. There are many hardships in connection with this great war but also many compensations."

"People ask what compensations are there when we have mud, see nothing and are facing death every minute. Well, we have four days out as well as four days in, and during those four days we used to see a great deal."

"We saw the results in Belgium of the first German invasion, and we saw the results of some of the atrocities practised at that time by the German hordes which swept across heroic little Belgium."

Dealing next with the part that his battalion played at the battle of St. Julien where he was taken prisoner by the Germans on the third day of the battle, Sergt. Gibbons stated that the engagement commenced at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of April 22 in the Ypres salient. The Turks and Hindus were taken to the left, the Canadians and Highlanders to the right.

Were Gassed. "It was here that for the first time the terrible German poison gas was used," continued the speaker, "it comes floating across the field in a greenish yellow cloud about 20 feet high. It entered the trenches of the Turks and Hindus and they broke and ran clutching at their throats gasping for breath and screaming that the Germans were coming."

The Canadians were gassed too, but they held the line and closed the breach made by the Turks, otherwise there would have been a different tale to tell.

"On the morning of April 23 we were ordered to close a breach in another part of the line. We advanced in extended order 20 yards at a time. At 40 yards a great mass of our men had been dropped. I was shot in the thigh by an explosive bullet and taken to a German hospital, where I was afterwards told that I had been shot that 250,000 men had been sent to the front. They used machine guns, taken from battlefields in the Kiel Canal and manned by German gunners. British officers said afterwards that the reason the Canadians held the Ypres line and closed the opening that would have meant a rush to Calais by the Germans was because they had no official notification that they had only been on the battlefield only a few months, and had not yet learned the art of retreat."

Huns Driven Back. "The Germans came on seven times, and on the eighth charge our detachment was overcome. I was dragged behind the German lines, and left for four days without any attention. A German officer came up and spoke to me, and said I was very young to be a soldier."

"A German private came up afterwards, saw who I was by my uniform, and was going to kill me with his sabre when the officer stopped him and saved my life. He then attempted to remove a ring from my finger which he could not manage to move. He was then told to cut off my finger to procure the ring, when the same officer again stopped him."

"It was afterwards taken with a number of German prisoners to a hospital. They shook their fists at me, cursed in German, and said: 'Gott strafe England.' The only reason we could find that they asked God to strafe, meaning punish England, was because they could not."

Sergt. Gibbons then referred to the time he spent in hospitals and afterwards was transferred to Geissen prison camp, Germany. Conditions in the camp, he said, were bad, and the treatment sometimes meted out to prisoners was almost unbelievable.

He was exchanged along with a number of other prisoners, pretending that he was in a great deal worse condition than he really was.

In recognition of his services had been promoted.

Aid Red Cross. In closing, he made a strong appeal for the British Red Cross, telling of the wonderful work done by the society. Rev. Dr. McRae of Cleveland, a former pastor of St. Andrew's Church, spoke for only a few minutes, and characterized the address of Sergt. Gibbons as one of the most thrilling and heroic tales that he had ever listened to.

"I am proud that I was born a Canadian and proud still of the fact to which he said, 'After listening to the address of Sergt. Gibbons I can say that if I was 30 tonight instead of 60, no power on earth or in hell could keep me from doing the khaki!'"

A Great Fight. Dr. McRae, in speaking of the principles of liberty and justice for which, he said, England had taken up the sword, stated an indignation in England, and her allies were fighting for something better than life; they were fighting for the soul, character, liberty and justice for all over the world.

Miss Frances Cullis rendered the patriotic song, "Hats Off to the Flag and the King," and an encore selection, "I Love My Canada." Both were greatly appreciated.

Pte. Walter Neale, attached to the Ordnance Corps, sang "Fall In," a recruiting song, that has been very popular for some months in England, and for an encore sang "Carry On."

George Lethbridge, organist at the First Presbyterian Church, acted as accompanist.

The 118th Battalion Band, under the efficient leadership of Sergt. Bandmaster Lockhart, rendered a splendid program.

"BELGIAN DAYS" ARE NEW SCHEME TO AID COUNTRY

Communities Setting Aside Days To Be Devoted to Allies Benefit.

Various communities all over the world are now setting aside days every once in a while to be known as Belgian days. On these occasions every activity is devoted entirely or in part to the Belgian relief cause.

The civilized world, and particularly British countries, are aware that the British Empire has an obligation to meet, as far as Belgium is concerned, and that the need of meeting that obligation is just now more than it has been or will be after the war is over.

Belgium's heroic little band of soldiers stood between the German forces and the British Empire when Britain was unprepared, and today there are seven million defenceless men, women and little children in Belgium suffering from the ravages of hunger as a result. No wonder British towns and cities are setting aside "Belgian days."

The city of Cardiff, Wales, recently observed its Belgian day—its day devoted to these suffering mothers and emaciated children of Belgium—and by means of it raised \$35,000 to go toward the purchase of food for these destitute people. This money was turned over to the Belgian relief commission.

It is hoped that many Canadian cities and towns will undertake these days, which businessmen will devote a part of their day's proceeds to the cause, and others will give as they wish. The Belgian relief committee, 75 St. Peter street, Montreal, is ready to receive your donation, or send it to the committee in your town.

EDUCATIONAL DAY IN METHODIST CHURCHES

Special Appeals Were Made to Large Congregations by Pastors.

Sermons dealing with the educational movement in connection with the Methodist Church of Canada and appeals for contributions to further the cause were preached in all the city Methodist churches on Sunday. A general exchange of pulpits was made, and the ministers in all the churches explained the urgent need for funds in connection with the work of the educational work of the Methodist Church in Canada, preached in the morning at the First Methodist Church and in the evening at Dundas Centre Methodist.

He appealed to all Methodists to assist with contributions to help the colleges under the auspices of the Methodist body. The need, he explained, was pressing, and Victoria College, he said, was facing a deficit this year of \$20,000. Similar appeals were made in all the Methodist churches.

LIEUT. COL. GRAHAM THANKS CITY FOR GENEROUS GIFTS

Writes Secretary of Recruiting Association, Saying Finances in Good Shape.

Gordon Philip, as secretary of the Recruiting Association of this city, has received letters from Lieut. Col. C. M. Graham of the 142nd Battalion, conveying his thanks and the appreciation of the officers and men for assistance in recruiting, and for the generous gifts of money to assist in organizing the unit. The battalion has enough money to pay all debts, and leave a small balance for its stay in England.

OWNER OF HOTEL MAY TEST THE LAW

Frank McLean Thinks He Should Be Allowed Standard License Privilege.

A test action may take place shortly in connection with the recent closing of the Duke of York bar by Licensing Inspector Keenleyside. The place was made out to be a public house, and a license was issued to the proprietor, it is not valid for Frank McLean, the owner of the property. Mr. McLean put the bailiff in, and was endeavoring to operate the bar, Mr. Cardy having left the city. The inspector claims he cannot do this under the act, Mr. McLean thinks he should be able to keep the place going, and make what money he can since the license was left behind, and it was stated that the advertiser he contemplates testing the law on the matter.

HAS BULLET IN KNEE

Pte. Jeter Jensen Writes Wife He Is in Hospital.

"I am in the hospital at Newcastle with a bullet through the left knee. The Germans got me in a recent scrap on the Somme, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that I have accounted for fifteen of them. I am getting along nicely, although the wound is painful."

The above is an extract from a letter received Saturday by Mrs. P. Jensen of 20 Cartwright street from her husband, Pte. Jeter Jensen of the 18th Battalion. Mrs. Jensen had no official notification that her husband had been hurt. This is the second time he has been in the hospital. A few months ago he was shot through the hand and shoulder while in the trenches.

LONDON WOMEN ARE VOLUNTEERING WELL FOR MUNITION WORK

Twenty-Eight More Register as Ready to Help Country.

Twenty-eight more young women of London and district have registered definitely at the Women's Emergency Corps headquarters in the city hall to make munitions. Their names are consequently being added to the list of 25 girls who a week ago drew up a petition to be allowed to make munitions, and which they presented to the president of the Women's Emergency Corps for action. This makes 33 in all in London who are ready to serve in a munitions factory as soon as there is an opening for them.

The announcement that the Imperial Munitions Board will recognize the services of women in the manufacture of munitions and to this end has issued an official badge to be worn by women so employed, has aroused great interest among the members of the company of London girls who have set their hearts upon thus serving their country.

COLLEGIATE SENDING BOXES TO EVERY ENLISED PUPIL

Teachers, Boys and Girls All Busy Preparing Christmas Presents.

The preparation of Christmas boxes for former students of the London Collegiate Institute who are enlisted for service of King and country, an absorbing occupation to which every spare moment is devoted by pupils, and a committee of teachers at the present time.

It is the desire of the college to send to students to reach at the Christmas season with a token of appreciation every former pupil in any branch of the service. Over four hundred names are now on the honor roll, including several nurses. There are doubtless numbers, however, who have not been enrolled, owing to the fact that the Collegiate has lost track of them or failed to learn of their enlistment.

The staff states that the addresses sent in of former students will be appreciated in case they are not on the list.

The greatest enthusiasm is evinced by the students over the preparation of the boxes. The girls have been knitting industriously and turning out beautiful pairs of socks and trousers, and cannot fail to be appreciated. The young people also have been showering in money into the fund stands at more than two hundred dollars. Each parcel will contain a pair of socks or a trench cap, cigarettes and chocolate, and a greeting card with a design of maple leaves, painted by the art classes under the direction of Miss Betty McCamus, art specialist.

Packing of the boxes begins today after 4 o'clock, and it is expected, will continue each afternoon and evening all week.

The members of the Christmas box committee are: N. R. Gray, convener; F. P. Riddell, H. H. Young, J. F. Calvert, Misses A. C. Kelso, M. V. Nash, Betty McCamus and M. C. MacPherson. The representatives from the commercial department are T. W. Oates and R. J. Blake.

BOARD OF TRADE ASKED TO DISCUSS FIRE INSURANCE

Invited to Meet Judge Master in Toronto—Resolutions Are Ready.

The board of trade has received an invitation from Judge A. C. Masten to meet him in Toronto on November 14th to discuss fire insurance matters. He was named some time ago by the Provincial Government to investigate insurance questions, particularly as to discrimination in rates, and kindred questions. The advisability of naming a commission of insurance will be discussed, having authority to deal with rates, etc.

There will be resolutions presented from the Canadian Fire Chiefs' Association. They will suggest that the rate for fire protection be levied as a separate tax, the same as the school rates, that standard hydrants and facilities, that be in vogue in all municipalities, that fire regulations, against the storing of rubbish in cellars be promulgated, and that fireproof buildings be constructed, as far as possible.

PTE. WM. LYON WRITES FROM ENGLISH CAMP

Friends Have Been Anxious to Locate Him Since Wounding.

A letter was received on Saturday by David McEarg of the Grand Trunk, from William Lyon, formerly of the Stratford G. T. R. shops, who enlisted with the 15th Battalion, to the effect that he was at Sandringham Camp, England, preparing to return to the front.

Pte. Lyon is well known in the city, and has a host of friends here who will be glad to hear that word has been received from him after many futile attempts to locate him.

He was wounded in an engagement on the western front in July and transferred to No. 3 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne.

Efforts since then to locate him have been unsuccessful, and his whereabouts until recent receipt of the letter today by Mr. McEarg.

SOLDIERS AT CHURCH

Three Separate Services Were Held for Men on Sunday.

Three separate church services were held by the troops training in London on Sunday morning. The 118th Battalion attended the First Presbyterian Church. They were addressed by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Knox, and the chaplain of the battalion, Capt. A. L. G. Clarke, assisted in the services.

The 10th Lambton Battalion paraded at Adelaide Street Baptist Church. The men, and the chaplain, Capt. J. A. McGilivray, conducted the service. A fairly large number of citizens attended both services.

The Roman Catholic soldiers of the 1st camp paraded to St. Mary's Church.

DR. JAS. HENRY DEAD

Orangeville, Oct. 29.—Dr. Jas. Henry, the oldest practitioner in Puffin, County, died this morning of apoplexy, aged 78 years. He was five times mayor of this town and filled many other public offices. K. J. Henry of Ottawa is a brother.

Seventeen Freight Cars Jump Tracks, Roll Down Bank

Accident at Scene of St. George Disaster on G. T. R.

Seventeen freight cars on the Grand Trunk line, St. George, left the tracks just west of the depot and rolled down a 20-foot embankment on Saturday. The accident is reported as due to a broken axle.

The scene was the same spot where the St. George disaster of 20 years ago occurred when a passenger train broke through the bridge, tumbled down the embankment and afterwards took fire, resulting in a heavy loss of life.

CITY CLERK BAKER WEDS DURING VISIT TO NEW YORK

Wife Arrived From Old Country Saturday Is School Friend.

City Clerk Sam Baker was married this morning in New York, according to reports received here, to Mrs. M. E. Davis of England, in the Little Church Around the Corner.

Mrs. Davis, who was an old school friend of Mr. Baker's, arrived in New York on Saturday, where she was met by the groom and some friends. The ceremony was performed this morning.

Mr. Baker left a week ago for New York, and was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Baker, who is a friend of his wife's. Mrs. Davis is a widow, the mother of two grown-up boys, who are in the firing line.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker will spend a week in New York, Atlantic City and Washington before returning home.

EXCUSES FOR DRUNKENNESS ALL ALIKE; SO ARE FINES

Four Pay in \$10 and Costs Each—Even Originality Helps Fifth Not At All.

Five drunks and a vagrant comprised the lineup at police court this morning.

The first four that were called all pleaded guilty to drunkenness under the Ontario Temperance Act and each donated \$10 and costs for the privilege of getting intoxicated.

Each one of the quartette told the same story, that he had drunk a goodly portion of the supply stored away before September 16 and the effect in each case had been greater than anticipated.

Each stated that the liquor was consumed in the privacy of his home and each took a walk. While strolling the liquor commenced to work and the consequence was each got a summons to appear in court today.

The fifth one had a different story altogether, that he had got a trench cap, in Port Huron and had succeeded in making it hold out until he reached the city with the result that he was laid up and lodged in the police court cells.

"Ten dollars and costs or one month in jail," said the magistrate. "Thank you, your worship, I am much obliged but I will take a month in jail," replied the prisoner.

The last on the list, a vag, who pleaded guilty to the charge, claiming to have no home or work, and no means of support. He will spend the next thirty days at Castle Carter.

Children's Coughs And How To Cure Them With Veno's Lightning Cough Cure.

The efficacy of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure is the wonder of every mother who uses it for her children. It cures Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Croup, La Grippe, every kind of cough and cold in children, and is so quick and sure that all anxiety is soon set at rest.

There are no dangerous ingredients in Veno's, it suits the constitution of children, and that is why it is so good for them. Prices 30 cents and 60 cents from druggists and stores throughout Canada.

EAT IT! ENJOY IT! NO INDIGESTION OR BAD STOMACH

Never any sour, gassy or acid stomach, heartburn or dyspepsia.

"Pape's Diapiesin" makes weak stomachs strong and healthy at once.

You can eat anything your stomach craves without fear of indigestion, acidity, flatulence or that your food will ferment or sour on your stomach if you will take a little Diapiesin occasionally.

Your meals will taste good, and anything you eat will be digested; nothing can ferment or turn into acid or poison on stomach gas, which causes belching, distension, a feeling of fullness, heartburn, waterbrash, indigestion, like a lump of lead in stomach, bloating, heartburn, waterbrash, pain in stomach and intestines or other symptoms.

Headaches from the stomach are absolutely unknown where this effective remedy is used. Diapiesin really does all the work of a healthy stomach. It keeps your meals well digested all day. A single dose will digest all the food you eat and leave nothing to ferment or sour and upset the stomach.

Get a large 50-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin from your druggist and start taking now, and in a little while you will actually brag about your healthy, strong stomach, for you then digest your meals without any discomfort or misery, and everything you eat and drink is going to be burned away without the slightest pain or any other assistance.

Should you at this moment be suffering from indigestion or any stomach disorder, you can get relief within five minutes.

Fur Fashions The Topic Today

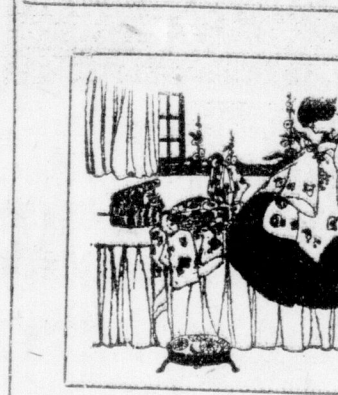
The Fashion Mirror

Fur Fashions an Interesting Topic for These Brief Paragraphs, in Which Mrs. Westermann, the Celebrated Fashion Artist, Tells of Its Many Uses.

In spite of the laws of supply and demand, designers of New York and Paris insist upon fur, fur, fur. (It has been quietly suggested that families who cherish their feline house pets had better have a care upon whose back fence they gambol.)

It is natural to expect that fur would again adorn suits, but now it insists upon appearing upon dainty hand bags and collars, and dresses are fairly surrounded with fur.

Every kind of fur you ever heard of and a great many kinds you never heard of are used for trimming. Near seal, tailless ermine, mink, skunk, mole and beaver are among the more popular trimmings—and, of course, there will be many kinds of hats, trimmed with as many kinds of furs as are worn upon suits and coats.



Many Making Christmas Gifts Now---

It is quite astonishing that there should be so many more women than usual engaged in making their own handwork into gifts. Perhaps many found that they could handle a needle with skill when sewing for the Red Cross.

Then, again, we believe the chief reason is that there are so many, many beautiful, practical gifts that are easy to make, shown in the new embroidery pattern pieces. Right now is the time to begin some pretty thing.

The Art Counter is laden now with pretty things to work for gifts, and will be busier and busier each day from now on.

Kimono Nightgowns, made up and stamped 75c each
Kimono Nightgowns, stamped on nice quality nainsook 85c each

"Pillow Slips, best quality 42-inch circular cotton, several pretty designs. 75c pair
Day Slips, special quality \$1.00 pair
Baby Carriage Covers, nice quality pique, stamped, assortment of designs. 35c each
allows to match at 30c each

Stamped on lawn at 30c each
Linen Centres, stamped in pretty designs, 18-inch, at 19c; 22-inch at 29c
Trays at 29c each
Stamped Linen Tea Cosies 30c each
Stamped Linen Pineushions at, each 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c

At Stationery Counter

Pie Collars for covering pudding dishes of table use, white and delicate shade of pink. Price 2 for 5c
Paper Lace Dollies in different sizes from 5 to 9 inches in diameter, some plain, some with lace edge, also thread lace designs. Prices ranging from 6c to 15c dozen
All shades now in stock in the new Lustre Crepe Paper for decorations and flower making, 10 inches long. Price, 15c fold or two for 25c

Time Now To Order

Give Personal Christmas Greeting Cards. Three books, over 150 pretty designs to choose from. Some military designs for the boys overseas. See these at Stationery Counter.

English Walnut Sandwich, Cup of Tea or Coffee 10c
Lettuce Salad, with Thousand Island Dressing, Brown Bread and Butter, Cup of Tea or Coffee 20c

MRS. WALTER SCOTT FAVORITE IN REGINA

Ex-Premier's Wife Honored by Alexandra Club Before Leaving.

The following in regard to Mrs. Walter Scott, wife of Hon. Walter Scott, who resigned the premiership of Saskatchewan recently owing to ill health, is taken from the Regina Leader of a few days ago:

"The very high regard in which Mrs. Walter Scott is held by the members of the Alexandra Club offered the motive for the club's meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of honoring her on the occasion of her departure from the city and for all the coming months."

"Sincere and general are the regrets expressed over Mrs. Scott's proposed absence of several months from the city. Regina claims Mrs. Scott as one of its most prominent women, and one who is universally loved among those who know her intimately. She belongs very particularly to Regina, for her father was the first postmaster here, and she was here as a girl, and as a bride. She has been one of the leaders in the social life of the town, and in many of the movements for bettering the condition of the less fortunate."

Mrs. Scott's name has been associated with the Alexandra Club since its formation, and hence she has been constantly interested in the welfare of those in the children's home and in the children at the General Hospital. As the wife of the premier of Saskatchewan, Mrs. Scott has fulfilled all duties with grace and kindness. She

has been a true helpmate to Mr. Scott in his public career, and during his prolonged illness has devoted herself to unceasing care of him. All who have known her will have memories of a woman of much charm and graciousness."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Scott are well known in this city, and have a number of relatives in London, Galt, Strathroy and at other points, who will be much interested in the foregoing tribute.

Mrs. Scott visited in London a year ago, and while here gave a short address at a meeting of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, telling of the good work being done by the order in Saskatchewan and throughout the west. It was owing to a suggestion from this address that a motor ambulance was donated by the I. O. O. F. of No. 1 military district.

CAMLACHIE MAN DEAD

George H. Wright, Age 63, Expires Unexpectedly.

CAMLACHIE, Oct. 29.—The funeral of the late Geo. D. Wright took place Saturday at 2 o'clock from the family

residence to Knox Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Simpson conducted the service.

After, though a great sufferer for many years, had lately become somewhat stronger, and his death came unexpectedly. He was 62 years old, and lived in Plympton all his life. His widow and two sons survive him. Thomas and Norman, both of Camlachie.

CREW SAVED WHEN OLD SHIP FOUNDERS

Brought Off in Safety After Ancient Lumber Cruiser Goes Ashore.

[Special to The Advertiser.] STURGEON, BAY, Wis., Oct. 29.—The steamer Philetus Sawyer, one of the old lumber carriers of the Great Lakes, went aground on Washington Island in Lake Michigan today, and will probably be a total loss. The crew of fifteen was taken off in safety and brought here. The Sawyer was carrying lumber from a Michigan port to Chicago, when she sprung a leak and was beached. Capt. Landell endeavored to work his waterlogged craft to port, but the task was too much.



Fur Sets, Odd Muffs and Neck Pieces

The great vogue in fur trimmings is a boon to small furs, muffs and neck-pieces, and we are showing this week a great assortment of styles for children's, misses' and ladies' wear.

FURS IN SETS OR ODD MUFFS AND NECKPIECES. A great assortment of styles and furs for children's, misses' and ladies' wear.

Mink Marmot Muffs, in pillow style, at \$5.50, \$7.50 to \$12.50
Mink Marmot Muffs, in melon or round, at \$10.00 to \$15.00
Black Wolf Neckpieces at \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.50 to \$29.00
Black Wolf Pillow Muffs, plain, at \$15.95 and \$27.50
Black Wolf Pillow Muffs, trimmed, at \$19.50, \$22.50 to \$27.50
Black Wolf Muffs, round or melon shape, at \$20.00, \$22.50 to \$29.00
Natural Wolf Neckpieces at \$8.75, \$13.50 to \$21.00
Natural Wolf Muffs at \$11.50, \$11.75, \$12.50 to