

RAINFALL IN MAY WAS 4.93 INCHES

The rainfall during May totaled 4.93 inches as compared with 6.21 inches in the same month a year ago. The highest temperature last month was 80 on May 19, and the lowest 28 on May 4. A year ago the highest temperature was 82 on May 24, and the lowest 31 on May 20. The rainfall yesterday afternoon was one of the heaviest of the month and was general throughout Western Ontario.

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

PRESUMED DEAD

OIL SPRINGS.
Pte. H. Willoughby.

DIED OF WOUNDS

OWEN SOUND.
Pte. James Ryan.

SCALDED TO DEATH.

Weston, Ont., May 31.—Geo. Nicholls, fireman with the Canada Cycle Company here, met instant death this afternoon as a result of a pipe bursting in the boilerhouse of the plant about 4:30 o'clock, and Engineer Bradshaw and the electrician, Robinson, were severely scalded.

BULGAR ATTEMPT AT A SEPARATE PEACE

D. Rizov, Minister to Berlin, Makes Concrete Proposals.

PETROGRAD, May 31.—Via London, June 1.—Maxim Gorky, the noted Russian author, publishes a sensational account of an endeavor by D. Rizov, the Bulgarian minister to Berlin, to inveigle him into clandestine negotiations for a separate peace. In the Novaya Zhizn, of which Gorky is the editor, he prints Rizov's secret dispatch, occupying three columns, with concrete peace proposals, and although he himself is an almost fanatic advocate of peace, denounces Rizov.

FATHER AND MOTHER CHARGED WITH MURDER OF LITTLE DAUGHTER

Child Was Strangled by Placing Sawdust in Mouth and Nose.

Melrose, Mass., June 1.—Joseph Wakefield and his wife were arrested early today charged with the murder of their 7-year-old daughter Loretta, who died today. Pending a hearing in the district court, the authorities declined to discuss their reasons for causing the arrests to be made at this time. It was learned, however, that when District Attorney Tutis Middlesex County assumed office this year, he thought that a renewed investigation should be made in an effort to solve the mystery of the death of the little girl, who was strangled, according to the medical examiner's report, by sawdust or a cereal stuffed in her nose and mouth. An assistant district attorney was directed to look into the facts, and as a result found evidence which he considered warranted the arrest of the child's parents. The Wakefield home is in a lonely section of the city. On the morning of the murder Loretta was sent home by her school teacher to get a book. She did not return to school, and later in the day her father found her body in the woods a mile from his house. Several arrests were made, but the inquest did not develop sufficient evidence to enable the authorities to bring anyone to trial.

MUST RULE BELGIUM. VON BISSING'S POLICY UNTIL HIS LAST HOUR

Copenhagen, Via London, June 1.—The late Governor General Bissing of Belgium maintained until the day of his death his belief in the necessity of the complete annexation of Belgium to Germany. German advocates of moderate peace have been asserting that Von Bissing changed the views he expressed in the memorandum he addressed to the emperor advocating annexation. This is disproved by a letter written by von Bissing on January 14 to the Reichstag deputy, Dr. Stresemann.

In this letter General von Bissing declared that the war was lost if Belgium at the end was not chained to Germany to be ruled and exploited in Germany's interest. He chides those "superficial thinkers who wish to content themselves with guarantees of a paper nature or who consider the Mouse line an adequate frontier, a line which can never constitute the frontier which we need."

PHONE EMPLOYEES OF MANITOBA ACCEPT THE ARBITRATORS' AWARD

Winnipeg, June 1.—The strike of the Manitoba Government telephone operators and plant men has been averted by their acceptance of the recommendations of the board of arbitration, which was submitted last evening. The employees were awarded an increase in wage rates and better working conditions. The operators asking a minimum wage of \$40 per month, and the plant men a 25 per cent increase. The finding of the board gives the operators an eight-hour day, while the plant men are awarded an increase of 18 1/2 per cent. The report also recommends an eight-hour day, with two weeks' holidays each year with pay.

ADMIRAL AND SAILORS OF BLACK SEA FLEET SETTLE DIFFERENCES

Petrograd, June 1.—Via London.—The conflict between Vice-Admiral Koltchak, commander-in-chief of the Black Sea fleet, and the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates has been settled, the official news agency announces, the admiral remaining at his post at Sebastopol.

RANSACKED AND SUNK AN AMERICAN SHIP

London, Thursday, May 31 (Delayed).—A 3,200-ton American sailing ship Dirigo has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew has been landed, with the exception of John Ray, third mate, who was drowned when the boats were being launched. The boat was attacked without warning.

A statement issued by the British Admiralty says that the Dirigo was attacked by gunfire by a German submarine, which gave no warning. The vessel was subsequently sunk by bombs after it had been ransacked by the crew of the submarine. The sinking occurred on May 31, and the crew was landed at Plymouth.

HOE CROPS CAUSE UNEASINESS.

SARINIA, May 31.—Farmers are praying for a continuation of favorable growing weather. Those who have planted hoe crops are uneasy lest the seed rot, while those who delayed these operations realize that not a day longer should be lost if possible.

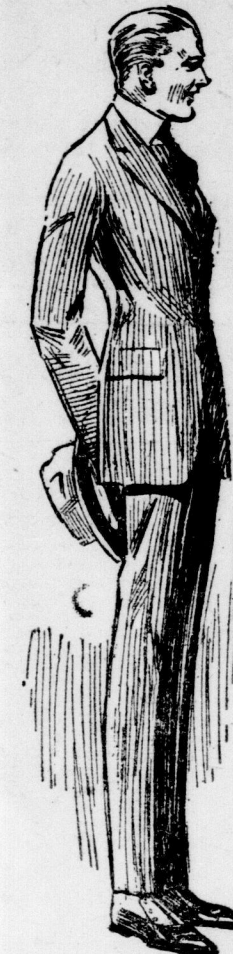
Spring grains are looking remarkably well, despite cold and wet conditions, but warm sunshine is needed for all. Town and country alike are hoping for better weather and a bumper harvest.

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Fine Silk and Fancy Shirts.

June Wedding Suits

Panama and Straw Hats.



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Boys' Stockings .35c and 25c
Boys' Special Shirts 50c
Boys' Shirts 65c and 50c
Boys' Bloomers, 4 to 12 years 50c
Over 1,800 pairs of Boys' Big Bloomers 75c, 90c, \$1.15-\$2.50

Trousers---Extra Specials

Over Twenty-Six Hundred Pairs of Trousers in stock and reserve, bought before even a shadow of advance, from the fine dress fabrics to the durable work trousers. We feel proud of the qualities we have to offer in every line. It's a good time to secure a reserve supply.

London's Best \$3.00 Trousers \$2.39
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Fine Dress Trousers \$4.00 and \$4.50

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Combinations and Two-Piece Balbriggans.

Fine Lisle Threads.

White and Natural Spring-Needle, Elastic Knit.

50 dozen Merino Shirts and Drawers 45c

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At the Peoples Shoe Store

June is the month for a change of footwear, from the heavy, warm lines to the nice, light, cool and snappy styles that are to be found at this store. We are offering many tempting bargains in all departments for Friday and Saturday. Only a few of our money-savers are listed here.

75 pairs Women's High-Cut White Canvas Lace Shoes, enameled semi-Louis heels, a real beauty, \$4.00 value. Go at 2.98

A splendid line of Women's High-Cut White Canvas Lace Shoes, with rubber soles and heels, \$2.75 value. 1.98
Go at 1.98

A big range of Women's White Canvas Strap Slippers and Pumps, \$2.50 value. Go at 1.98

White Canvas Oxfords for Children, with solid rubber soles and heels, \$1.50 value. For 98c

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Misses' White Canvas Oxfords, with solid rubber soles and heels, \$2.00 value. Go at 1.33

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Outing and Sporting Shoes for every member of the family at the lowest prices.

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DIAMONDS AND FURS FOR MONTREAL COPS

Montreal, May 31.—"When officers on a police force can sport diamonds as large as waistcoat buttons and wear mink-lined fur coats worth \$400, all on a salary of \$1,300 a year, it is time that there was an investigation," said Controller Villeneuve, at a meeting of the board of control today. It is probable an investigation will be done upon it. It is alleged certain police officers give protection to gambling machines in cigar stores.

RED CROSS EXHIBITION.

INGERSOLL, May 31.—It has been decided by the local Red Cross Society to hold an exhibition of its work on the afternoon and evening of June 8 in the town hall. The exhibition will be an open one, not only to those of the surrounding districts who are interested in Red Cross work.

DELEGATES WELCOMED.

Winnipeg, June 1.—Delegates to the twenty-third annual convention of the National Council of Women were tendered a reception at Government House last evening by Lady Aikens. The first formal session of the council will be held this afternoon and the address of the president, Mrs. Torrington, be received.

COWDRAY RESIGNS.

London, June 1.—According to the Daily Mirror, Viscount Cowdray, chairman of the air board, has resigned his post for private business reasons. It will be recalled that when Viscount Cowdray accepted the chairmanship of the air board five months ago, he stipulated that he would accept no salary for his work.

TWO REPORTED MISSING.

WOODSTOCK, May 31.—Two former members of the 168th Battalion were reported missing in messages received in the city today. They are Ptes. Frank Turner and Norman Weekley. Both men were formerly employees of the Bain Wagon Company.

FORMER ASYLUM SUPT. DEAD.

HAMILTON, May 31.—Dr. James Russell died this evening at his home in this city in his 73rd year, after an illness of about six months. For twenty years he had been medical superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane in this city and figured in many important cases. In 1911 he opposed Sir Liberal candidate.

All-Reed Baby Carriages Reduced 10% for Saturday Only

This announcement is remarkable in face of the war conditions. The United States and Canada are taking the reed and willow workers for the manufacture of shell baskets. Many Baby Carriage firms have been forced to close their doors, and the price on Reed Baby Carriages, Chairs and Rockers are jumping on every shipment. We stocked heavily at the old prices and now find ourselves with too much money tied up in Baby Carriages; so, to reduce this stock at once, we sacrifice our profits for Saturday only. Every Reed Baby Carriage now in stock reduced 10 per cent.

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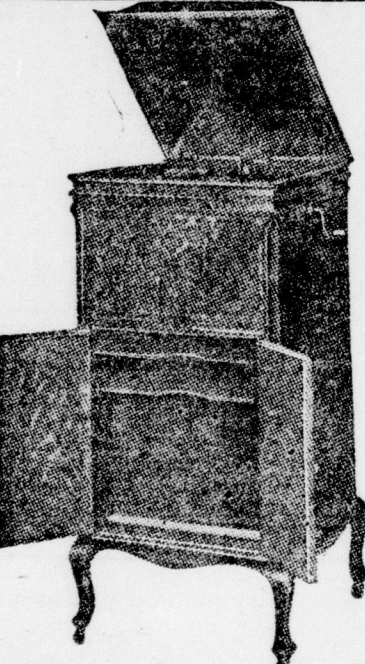
Ice-Saving Refrigerators, \$8 up

These Magnificent All-Hardwood Refrigerators keep the ice bill down. Every home should have one. With butter, meat and provisions so expensive, no home should be without one. They will pay for themselves in one season by saving the food waste. Remember, these Refrigerators are made to keep the ice bill down.

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NOTE.—We have been advised that an advance of \$15 is coming on this price without notice. This may be your last chance to get this wonderful machine for \$125. Don't delay. Come now.



LIKE CUT, \$125.

3-Hour Sale

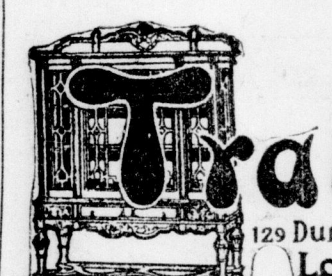
Saturday, 9 to 12 a.m.

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Tomorrow—Saturday The Grand Clearance of the Remaining 65 Cloth Suits At Almost Half Price

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REG. \$20.00 SUITS	REG. \$25.00 SUITS
\$12.75	\$14.98
REG. \$30.00 SUITS	REG. \$37.50 SUITS
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