THE OPEN FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

Observant Advertiser Readers Witha Grievance, a Suggestion For Reform, a Good Word—Yes, and Sometimes a Grouch, State Their Views on Topics of the Hour in City and Nation and All Creation.

AN EDITORIAL MISUNDERSTOOD.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In your paper of 10th inst. there appeared, for the public, an editorial under the heading, "A Parallel," in which an attempt is made in the two leading paragraphs to draw a parallel between the present war and the civil war. This attempt not only included a comparison of conditions from a military point of view, which might rightly be drawn in many ways, but the effort was enlarged in an endeavor to liken the character of the Southerner to that of the despised Hun of today. As a Southern woman I must protest against such a wrong to my people, and it is most grossly unfair that any editorial room should feel free to deal with any question of this nature in a careless and superficial way, such as shown in your column. In your last paragraph you eulogize the Southerner to the full, in direct contradiction to your preceding statements, in which our people are accused of bearing Teutonic characteristics. Mind you, you have attempted to picture to the public the character of a people, and the newspaper reader, as a rule, has not time, nor does he care to go deeper than the ordinary presentation of a case, or parallel. The rights and wrongs of any question of such a nature as this are such that the greatest care and consideration should be shown in presenting facts or opinions before your readers, as it is the character of a people that is being dealt with. This care is especially incumbent upon a writer when the liberty is taken to compare any person or people with the detestable Hun.

I do not intend here to deal with the rights or wrongs of the Southern view of the conditions leading up to and through the civil war, other than to say that had a British sense of justice been evident on the part of the North during the endeavors to "negotiate" a settlement of the points in dispute (and they were many), there never would have been a war. I will simply deal with your editorial in regard to two statements you make which are particularly offensive. In the first place you state: "The great planters were junkers, despising democracy, priding themselves on their military spirit and for years preparing to attack the North." These are the true characteristics of the Hun, and to which no Southerner could form a parallel, for any history of the South, by a recognized authority, will show to any reader that such a parallel as you have drawn constitutes a gross wrong to our people, who were and are proud, today, to be the descendants of the English and the Scotch. They have ever been noted for their gallantry and peace-loving instincts as is so characteristic of all Anglo-Saxons. They were totally unprepared for war and strove to the uttermost to avoid such a catastrophe as that which finally resulted. The inherited spirit of justice and fair dealing which our people possessed should, and no doubt would, disprove any statements made in an effort to similarize them with the Hun of today. Again you say: "The South, like Germany, misused its prisoners," and you make this sweeping statement without giving expression to the fact that but one instance of abuse of prisoners occurred within the South, during the war. That one instance was at the prison camp at Andersonville, and history now records the fact that the man in charge of this camp was, unfortunately, not a Southerner, nor even an American, but one by the name of "Carl Wirz"—a German, with all the brute instincts of his race. He was hanged in 1865, shortly following the close of the war, for the criminal abuse of his position, as head of the camp, and in which hanging the South was avenged as well as the North.

I will say little further, other than that in my opinion, when any people, or their character, are placed before the public eye by a newspaper or anyone, every care should be exercised in order that no injustice be done—that all facts should be presented in connection with any charge against a race, such as you have seen fit to embody in your editorial. I ask you to again read over your "parallel," and in doing so, I am sure you will realize how lightly and unfairly you have played with the character and history of the southern people.

Yours truly, NANCY SKEY.

Ed. Note.—The Advertiser had certainly no intention of classing the Southerner with the Hun. The Advertiser said nothing in its article against the Southerner, but much at the close in his favor. The Advertiser was quite aware of the Anglo-Saxon descent of the Southern people. What The Advertiser did reflect upon in the earlier paragraphs was the political policy and haughty character of the great planters who controlled the South before the war. There is no "contradiction" between condemning the oligarchic planter ascendancy, "the South" in a political sense, and praising the Southern soldiers in the mass. The Advertiser did not, like the writer of this letter, confuse the planter politician with "a people" or "a race."

The writer misquotes The Advertiser in "The great planters were junkers." The Advertiser wrote, "The great planters were the junkers," meaning obviously that they were the Southern parallel to the German junkers. The omission of the article considerably darkens the shade intended and expressed. Junkers are large land-owners, reactionary and imperious, riding about in spurs, not particularly an intelligentsia. Perhaps the comparison might have been made to the "back-woods squires" of England; but the parallel between "the South" and Germany was the matter in hand.

As for the misuse of prisoners, that cannot be blamed altogether on Herr Wirz (was he not Henry Wirz?)! The Andersonville prison was a graveyard to 13,000 out of 50,000 men confined there in the year 1864-5. And the writer perhaps forgets the Libby prison, another rather doleful and rigorous place of durance vile.

The purpose of The Advertiser's editorial was mainly conveyed in the last sentence of the second paragraph: Lloyd George did well to hang on like Lincoln, resisting the folly of a defeatist peace, determined to win complete victory for humanity, justice and freedom. Of course, the great planter aristocracy was nothing like the Hun, except as limitedly specified in the editorial.

THE PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Living, as I do, on a farm in the county of Lambton, about fifteen miles northwest of the Longwood road, when I motor to London, Chatham or Windsor I first go to the Longwood road, thence to my destination. I know of many still further from the Longwood road who take the same route. The Government today should see the same as the Government nearly a century ago, when this was all a wilderness. The Government then wanted a road through Western Ontario before any railway was thought of, so they selected, as they thought, one that would benefit this western peninsula, all a wilderness then. They then cut down all steep hills and made grades of them, and as the country became settled the Longwood road was always the outlet for many miles on either side. Now, if the Government today look at the facts at all angles they will see their predecessors of about a century ago, had great judgment in selecting this course to benefit Western Ontario, in choosing this site to make a straight road through the wilderness, thus deriving its name, the "Long Wood Road," and if this is the route for the provincial highway it will draw for over 20 miles on either side, especially in a few years, when nearly every farmer will have motor cars.

Now, this southern route on the lake shore would surely be a beautiful route, as the tourist could see the boats sailing much of the way, and for the highway to draw from one side only, except from fishermen, who use boats instead of motor cars. We hope the Government will not be hoodwinked over this southern route, with all its zigzag course, turning at right-angles very few miles and crossing so many railroad crossings, just to satisfy St. Thomas and allow Finlay McDiarmid, minister of public works, to run the highway past his door and through the riding that elected him. We hope the Government will see that when such a big enterprise is gone into, costing millions of money, the same is placed where it will be a credit to Ontario, and do the most good to the majority of this Western Ontario.

J. CAMPBELL.

REPLIES TO SUFFERER.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In answer to and in refutation of some of the remarks of "Sufferer" in your issue of December 11, I would like to remind the critic that to some of us who operate those "stuffy street cars," there seems to be a certain class of individuals whose sole use in life seems to be to criticize the actions or work of others. Now, I would like to know if this critic (more a critic than sufferer) ever noticed how often, in the duration of his 12 or 15 minutes on the stuffy car, both doors are opened to take on and let off passengers, allowing a full circulation of air throughout the car. In the rush hours those doors are never closed for more than three minutes at a time. Will "Sufferer" note these facts?

Another point in proof of the contention that the cars are not so badly ventilated is the rugged health of the men who spend hours for the minutes of the critic in these same stuffy cars. To cap the climax this critic (and there are many like him) finishes up his lame criticism with a slam at the conductors and a choice bit of slang. "Does the manager leave the matter of ventilation to the unrestricted judgment or mere carelessness or indifference that seems to characterize too many of these conductors?" Now, sir, the whole training of a man on either end of those cars demands a constant exercise of care and judgment, without which no one could stay on the job for years, as they have done on their merit. And the appreciation we too often get is an oration from some such patron as the one who signs his article "Sufferer." Or was it suffragette? Yours,

ONE OF THE CONDUCTORS.

A DIFFERENT REASON.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In your issue of December 5 you publish an account of the meeting held by the trades and labor council, at which meeting Delegate Spalding gave his view of the cause of the recent strike of Beatty Bros.' molders, claiming the strike was due to the "great opposition and persecution by the bosses." That is not the cause of the trouble, but it was due to the refusal of the firm to recognize the union. Any grievance against the bosses was only a side issue. A READER.

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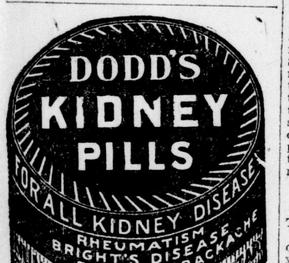
MRS. GRAYSON DEAD.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 13. — Elizabeth Grayson, wife of Arthur Grayson, P. M. brakeman, died at the family residence, 3 Verna street, after a few days' illness of pneumonia. She leaves two sons and one daughter, the youngest 4 weeks old, also her mother, Mrs. Richard Johnson of London, and a sister, Miss Margaret, of London.

She was a member of Cronyn Memorial Church, London, and the remains will be sent there for interment in Woodland Cemetery tomorrow.



SEATTLE POLICE OFFICER TELLS OF HIS GREAT GAIN

Was Almost Down And Out, But Is Back On the Job Since He Took Tanlac.

"A medicine that will do as much for suffering people as this Tanlac has done for me is certainly worth recommending to the public, and I can't say too much for it," said John W. Collins, of 1214 East Columbia street, Seattle, while in a Bartell drug store, recently. Mr. Collins has been a resident of Seattle for the past thirteen years, and is a popular member of the police force.

"When I began taking Tanlac," Mr. Collins continued, "I weighed only 150 pounds, and was in such a bad condition that I could not patrol my beat. But I now weigh 175 pounds—have gained 25 pounds—and am feeling fine. I have had trouble with my stomach for several years. Nearly everything I would eat disagreed with me. My food would almost invariably sour and keep me filled with gas and misery most all the time. Then some time ago I had a fall of about 30 feet, which came near putting me out of commission. On top of this I had an attack of grippe, and I simply got to where I was just about down and out. My whole body seemed full of neuralgia and rheumatism, and I ached all over. Every joint in me ached, and the pain in the left side of my back, over my kidneys, was so severe at times that I could hardly stand it. Nothing did me any good, and finally I just had to give up my position, stop working entirely, and do nothing but try to find relief. My sleep was very poor, and I kept falling off in weight until I got down to 150 pounds.

"Then I got uneasy about my condition, went to Colorado, and stayed there for a while, but never did get any better until I began taking Tanlac, and then I commenced climbing right up. I have used six bottles now, and have gotten rid of all that neuralgia and rheumatism entirely, and never feel an ache or a pain. My appetite is great, and my stomach is in such a good shape that I can eat just anything I want, without the least trouble afterwards. I now sleep like a log every night, and am in splendid condition in every way. I'm going back to work tomorrow, and I cheerfully recommend Tanlac to everybody."

Tanlac is sold in London by Standard Drug, Limited, and by an established agency in every town.

CYRUS AGAIN MADE THINGS LIVELY FOR HIS RIVAL IN LOVE

Returned Soldier Cleared Out House Second Time.

'TWAS EXCITING CHASE

With Two Lightly-Clad Persons in Role of the Pursued.

Cyrus Austin, he of the dusky complexion, and the dark nemesis of Mrs. Palmer, also colored, of 263½ Clarence street, again appeared in police court today, after sojourning at the county jail for the last month. He was fined $10 and costs for being drunk.

Mistah Austin, who served his king and country overseas, put a little pain-killer in his capacious "tummy" last night and conceived the idea that the right and proper thing for him to do before shaking the mud of London from his feet was to call on his friend, Mrs. Palmer, with whom he had been more or less familiar. Besides, she lived close to the Grand Trunk station.

Pays a Visit.

Cy wended his zig-zag course to Mrs. Palmer's domicile about 1 o'clock this morning and entered the domain. When he caught sight of a white man resting his weary bones on the premises, old Cy's ire rose like the Thames in a spring flood. Mr. Austin's specialty is house-wrecking and he did a regular job in record time. Phonographs, pictures, crockery and furniture, they all looked alike to him; and then he started for Mrs. Palmer and her friend.

With those gleaming black eyes glittering with hatred, drawing closer every second, the white man did not stop to consider how he would appear on the street in a shirt that was considerably short on length. No, he did not stop to consider this, nor did he hesitate for even a slipper. Before the white man's eyes rose a vision of the last time Uncle Cy had chased him from Mrs. Palmer's home and he "got," closely followed by Mrs. Palmer, who was also in negligee.

A Merry Chase.

It is a crime that Pte. Cy was wounded before he had a chance to chase the Germans beyond the Rhine. He bounded along Clarence street with whoops that made the fire siren sound like a whisper. However, fear lent wings to the pursued, and besides he didn't carry much weight in the shape of clothes. It was a merry little chase.

According to Constable George Tomlin, who, with Constable William Gow, arrested Austin, it was an awe-inspiring sight to see the dusky soldier swinging along through the rain with an empty whiskey bottle poised aloft, uttering the most blood-curdling threats with the two near Septembers, morn and afternoon, keeping just a jump or two ahead.

Finally the Grand Trunk station platform was reached and Cyrus' advance on the enemy was brought to an untimely end by Tomlin and Gow. He was whisked off to the police station in the "old Maria," while Mrs. Palmer and her friend retraced their steps in bare feet.

Glad Tidings.

Austin explained to the magistrate this morning that he had just gone to the Palmer house for a pair of jumpers he had left there on one of his numerous visits. He had bought a ticket for New Haven, Conn., and had intended leaving on the 4 a.m. train. This was good news to Magistrate Graydon and the police in general, as with the wildest stretch of the imagination Austin could hardly be called a model prisoner while behind the bars. The fact that he had a whiskey bottle, practically empty, in his possession was ignored, as were also the broken phonograph and furniture.

Mr. Austin couldn't wait to get his fine paid, but he was compelled to wait at the police station until his train was almost due. Cy was then accompanied to the station by several of his good friends the cops, and waved a fond farewell as the "choo-choo" pulled out.

About the only ones sorry to see him go were the police court reporters, who have lost one of the best sources of copy that London has had for some time.

OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR HACKETT LODGE

Interesting Evening Spent by L. O. L. Members in Their Hall.

Hackett L. O. B. L., 805, held its regular meeting in the District Orange Hall, Market Lane, on Thursday evening. W. M. J. W. Carson was in the chair. A very enthusiastic meeting followed. Several new applications were received for membership. Wor. Bro. Hall, from the Orange Sentinel, Toronto, was present, and gave an eloquent speech.

The lodge passed a resolution commending Mr. Weir for the able manner in which he is endeavoring to see that the public schools get fair play.

Wor. Bro. Ernest Langford, past master, was presented with a P. M.'s jewel. Wor. Bro. Nevin, Bro. R. Whitehead and W. M. Atkinson won the awards for gaining largest membership.

Bro. A. Gardner, who just returned from France, was given a royal welcome, and a neat present, together with an address from the lodge. Suitable replies were given by these different members.

Dainty refreshments were served and all enjoyed themselves.

The chair was taken by Very Wor. Bro. Jos. Murray, who conducted the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year:

I. P. M.—Wor. Bro. J. W. Carson.
Wor. Master—Wor. Bro. T. B. Fox.
Dep. Master—Bro. W. J. Hodgins.
Chaplain—Bro. P. J. Hudson.
Treasurer—Very Wor. Bro. Jos. Murray, P. C. M.
Recording Secretary—Very Wor. Bro. A. Nevin, P. C. M.
Financial Secretary—Bro. M. J. Abbott.
Director of Ceremonies—Bro. W. M. Atkinson.
First Lecturer—Bro. Geo. Shoebottom.
Second Lecturer—Bro. O. David.
First Committee—Bro. Thos. Cornelius.
Second Committee—Bro. H. Drennan.
Third Committee—Bro. Wm. Aitken.
Fourth Committee—Bro. Wm. Keough.
Fifth Committee—A. Gardner.
Tylers—R. J. Hunter, J. Farrell.
Physician—Dr. A. R. Pingel.
Trustees—Very Wor. Bros. Jos. Murray and A. Nevin.

Several important matters of business were transacted, and the usual charity grants passed. The auditors' report was considered excellent, and spoke very highly for the year's work. The euchre and dance to be held in Duffield Hall next Friday, December 20, is looked forward to with keen anticipation.

TO KEEP STREET CARS IN SANITARY CONDITION

Company Tells M. O. H This Is Being Done.

Some days ago Dr. W. S. Downham, M. O. H., sent an ultimatum to the street railway company re keeping the cars in a sanitary condition and properly ventilating them. Today he has received a letter from Manager C. B. King stating that the company is complying with the order and will see that the cars are kept thoroughly clean and that the crews keep them well ventilated. Asked if he had suggested a uniform method of ventilation, such as is ordered in some of the American cities, namely, requiring that at least two or three windows be kept open, the openings covered by cotton to keep out drafts, Dr. Downham replied: "No, I didn't want to do that. It is up to the street railway to evolve its own plan. Some of the cars have ventilators at the top which can be used instead of the windows."

PREDICTED REVOLT WOULD FOLLOW IN PATH OF DEFEAT

Count Czernin Told Former Emperor Charles What to Expect.

DISAPPOINTED WITH SUBS

Urged That Separate Peace Be Arranged With the United States.

Vienna, Dednesday, Dec. 11.—Count Czernin, the former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, wrote frankly of conditions in his correspondence with Former Emperor Charles, as was shown by letters which were shown the correspondent by Count Czernin today.

One of the letters, written in April, 1917, gave the emperor warning that the central powers was nearing defeat. It read:

"I am thoroughly convinced that the smashing point has been reached. Germany, as well as ourselves, has reached the end of her resources. Responsible political authorities do not deny it, but military circles in Berlin are indulging in self-deceit. I am convinced that, should Germany attempt another winter campaign an upheaval will occur in the empires. That would be far worse than a disadvantageous peace.

Predicted Revolt.

"If the sovereigns of the central empires are unable to conclude peace within a few months, then the peoples of the empires will do it, and a wave of revolt will sweep away all for which our brothers have been fighting. Perhaps months will elapse before America can throw the strength of her battalions into the fight, but her moral support is a very great factor. The central powers cannot hope for new reinforcements. Delay is to our disadvantage, for our enemies have more time and can wait longer than we."

The letter then outlined the plans for the coming offensive against the Italians, French and British, and continued:

"When these offensives are stopped, I urge that an agreement be reached with America before she is able to change the military situation to our disadvantage."

End of Resources.

Count Czernin explained his disbelief in the success of Germany's submarine warfare and recalled to the emperor statements made by Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorff, while on a visit to Vienna. The field marshal said, according to the letter, that England would be checkmated, and that America would be paralyzed by the proposed submarine campaign.

The letter ended with the solemn warning: We are at the end of our resources. Germany cannot count on our support beyond the latter part of the coming summer. Before God and before your people, it is your sacred duty to defend your people, your dynastic ideals and your throne.

BIG SENDOFF FOR WEST ZORRA COUPLE GOING TO WOODSTOCK

EMBRO, Dec. 13.—Last Wednesday night will long be remembered by the hosts of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Clayton, third line of West Zorra. Neighbors gathered to spend a pleasant evening together, as Mr. and Mrs. Clayton intend moving to Woodstock in a few days. Colin Sutherland presided in his usual good manner and called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton to come forward, while an address was read by Robert Wilkerson. John M. Ross and Edwin Mitchell presented Mr. and Mrs. Clayton with a handsome solid oak dining-room suite, which included six chairs, a table and buffet. Mr. Clayton made a reply, thanking them.

Short addresses were given by Dr. Montgomery, Rev. H. B. Atkinson, D. A. McLeod, George Smith, D. I. Rose, Ralph Conke, Robert Ross, James McDonald, Alex Sutherland and H. B. Pelton. Violin selections were rendered by Miss Elva McArthur and Misses D. A. McLeod, Herb. B. Pelton, Clarence Campbell, Robert McDonald and Kaye Rowland; mouth organ selections by Henry Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Ross Bennington; a vocal duet by the Misses Whitaker. Lunch was served, after which both old and young enjoyed dancing immensely.

Baynes Union Sunday school is holding a Christmas tree and entertainment in the town hall here on Monday night, December 23, and is bringing Robert Hanna, elocutionist and entertainer, from London.

J. M. Hinckby, who had enlisted and was training for some time in aviation, has been re-engaged as principal of our school, to begin after Christmas holidays.

Miss Eva Vannattu of Mount Elgin is at her home here, owing to her school being closed on account of cases of diphtheria.

Rev. Mr. Morran of Drumbo will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church on Sunday evening.

Some time in February Knox Church choir intends putting on a play, entitled "The Charity Fair."

Charles Young announces the engagement of his second daughter Frances Irene to George Withey Rowland of West Zorra, the marriage to take place in December.

The annual missionary meeting, held in the basement of Knox Church on Wednesday afternoon, was well attended. The first part of the meeting was the nominating of new officers for the coming year as follows: Secretary, Miss Nellie Green; president, Mrs. W. Kent; first vice-president, Miss Margaret Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. Montgomery; third vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Geddes; organist, Miss Effie Ross; treasurer, Mrs. D. A. McLeod; home helpers' secretary, Mrs. Columbus Ross; magazine secretary, Mrs. A. Campbell; mission to lepers' secretary, Miss M. Smith.

During the meeting Mrs. Leslie Fallis sang a solo, which was enjoyed by all present. Miss Helen Ross was accompanist.

The young people's meeting, held in the basement of Knox Church on Tuesday night, was also well attended. The most interesting part of the program was the discussion on "What Should Be Done With the Kaiser?" The leaders were Rev. W. P. Lane and W. A. Donald, John McLeod. Mrs. Leslie Fallis rendered a solo in good voice. The rest of the evening was spent in games.

AGED GALTONIAN DIES.

GALT, Dec. 13.—Nicholas Wilkins, 16 McKenzie street, one of the city's best-known residents, died this morning after a lingering illness. Deceased was in his seventy-seventh year and was born in Cornwall, England. He came to Canada and to Galt when 6 years of age and had lived here since. For years he was in business on Main street as a merchant tailor. He was an ex-alderman, a Methodist in religion and a member of the Masonic order.

MUST TAKE LICENSE TO DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE

J. H. McCarthy, who has literally been trying to make London citizens clean, will have to take out a license if he is to continue in his praiseworthy object.

McCarthy, who represents a Hamilton soap concern, has been peddling free samples in London, plus a lot of literature. Inspector McCallum didn't object to soap being passed out, but the literature distributing without a license was, in his opinion, against the law. Magistrate Graydon gave it as his opinion in police court today that it was, and J. McCarthy will take out the said license and will go on in his endeavors to keep faces and necks in this city clean.

Fred Bugler didn't know why he started a racket in his father's house yesterday. He was fined $2 and told to keep away from the house.

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NEW SETTLEMENT

on all land acquired in general system. Our board is also to be empowered to purchase stock and equipment for soldiers and will provide soldiers with house and building plans.

Conditions of Sale.

"Lands acquired as above will be sold to soldiers on a mortisation plan 20 years or longer at five per cent interest. Each soldier's allotment of land to be limited by value, not acreage, the suggested limit being $5,000. Each soldier to pay one-tenth down with discretion of the board to rule in very special cases to relieve him of this obligation. The board then provides soldiers with stock and equipment up to $1,500 no interest for two years, and thereafter 5 per cent. short term. As the soldier improves the land, the board may advance up to one thousand dollars' additional repayment on a mortisation plan. Indian lands adequately surrendered and specially available Government lands will be also made available for sale to soldiers who will then be entitled to assistance under the above plan. Soldiers securing land privately, where terms approved by the board, are also entitled to assistance for the equipment, and to additional assistance for improvement as the case may be. A scheme of practical agricultural education has been matured and is now in operation. Majors Ashton and Bailey are overseas now to inaugurate the work there. Most careful provision will be made for testing qualifications of all applicants and only probably successful men will be accepted.

"After a settlement every possible supervision and encouragement will be given. All homesteadable lands or provincial crown lands made available by provinces may be homesteaded, and the soldier given assistance thereon under the plan of present act."

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REFORM OF

Camberwell, in which he objected to the name "Labor party" because it did not represent all the labor of the United Kingdom. It only represented a small part of labor he said, whose votes would very largely be cast for the Government. Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden were not manual workers. The Labor party was not being run by real labor, but by pacifists and Bolshevists pure and simple. It would not be safe to trust the destinies of a great empire to it until it was able to overthrow this clique. He did not wish personally to criticize MacDonald, Snowden, Smillie, or the others, but he could say that if they had had their way Belgium and France would have been overrun and Germany would be now have the whole continent under her cruel heel, and the channel ports would have been in Germany's hands.

Ex-Premier Asquith had another strenuous day yesterday touring East Fife and addressing eight meetings, at most of which he was severely heckled, but votes of confidence submitted to them were passed, except at Ladybank, where the voting was equal. At a meeting at Leven a heckler asked: "Why did your wife visit the German prisoners?" Mr. Asquith replied: "That is a most indecent suggestion. My wife never visited any German prisoners."

Cecil Is Heckled.

At Hitchin, Lord Robert Cecil was heckled by soldiers, and replying to their questions declared that the Government did not hurry the election to escape the soldiers' vote. Mr. Lloyd George's challenge to the Labor party at Camberwell was promptly taken up by Laborites. Robert Clynes, speaking at Nottingham, said that the Labor party was the sole party which four out of five years ago decided to support Lloyd George. The only difference was that it was larger. It was true that in some cases those of the party who took extreme views, which he did not share, had been able to gain undue influence certain local factions, but four out of five Labor candidates now before the country had not been chosen by that small minority of extremists but by the great trades unions.

Arthur Henderson Interviewed.

Arthur Henderson, interviewed, said that nobody knew better than Lloyd George that the Labor party, in conjunction with the Trade Union Congress, was the only party representing organized workers. There was no evidence in proof of Mr. George's assertion that the Labor party were Bolshevists. On the contrary, Mr. Henderson said, he could produce ample evidence that the Labor party sought as earnestly as he for the triumph of democratic principles.

Ramsay MacDonald, speaking at Leicester, said that if the canvass and other indications could be relied upon, his victory was certain.

The Bolshevist, John MacLean, made his first appearance in Glasgow yesterday, and in an impassioned speech claimed to be the standard-bearer of his class in the great fight against capitalism.

"FLU" PREVENTS CONCERT.

WABASH, Dec. 13.—The concert advertised to take place on Christmas night in the Wabash schoolhouse, has been indefinitely postponed. This is due to the outbreak of several more cases of influenza.

The epidemic seems to have taken a turn in the village of Thamesville, as most of the victims are young children, whereas, at the outbreak of the disease, those attacked were mostly young men and women.

Russell Holmes, acting-reeve of Camden, was one of the committee to secure delegates for the meeting held at Toronto regarding the new provincial highway.

S. A. DRIVE GOING OVER.

CHATHAM, Dec. 13.—The Salvation Army drive for funds for war work is progressing very nicely, although no figures as to returns are being made public yet. Tomorrow is to be a tag day, on which the ladies will render special assistance. Eight local businessmen have subscribed $500 each, and others are expected to do the same.

EXPECTED HOME SOON.

WINDSOR, Dec. 3.—Pte. J. S. Boismer of Ojibway, who was taken prisoner during the Canadians drive from Amiens in August last has been repatriated. Official word came today of his release from a German prison camp. Pte. Boismer, with twelve other local men now in Holland, is expected home early in the new year.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. FOR HEADACHE. FOR BILIOUSNESS. FOR CONSTIPATION. FOR COMPLEXION.

PLAINTIFF IN DAMAGE ACTION FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH WAS HERSELF KILLED, BUT ACTION PROGRESSES

Large Damage Actions and One Criminal Charge Slated for the Elgin Assizes.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 13.—Probably be held at the county court house next week, before Justice Middleton of Toronto, is an action by Elmer Nevill of Bayham Township, against the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for $10,000 and costs. Mr. Nevill was injured in a fall from the platform at Klock Station in the Nippissing district on the C. P. R. line from North Bay to Pembroke last year. He was rolled under a locomotive and sustained injuries necessitating the amputation of his leg. He claims it was due to the platform being out of repair. The company alleges negligence on the part of the plaintiff.

V. A. Sinclair of Tillsonburg appears for the plaintiff in this case and MacMurchy & Spence of Toronto for the defendant company.

There are seven other cases, one a criminal action of attempted murder against David Smith of West Lorne, but in the remaining cases there are three actions against railway companies for large sums of money as follows:

Catherine Ormon Gosnell, administratrix of the estate of the late Solomon Gosnell of Highgate, asks the M. C. R. for $10,000 and costs. She charges negligence in connection with Mr. Gosnell's death. He was killed by a locomotive which struck his automobile. The plaintiff herself was killed by an auto at Byron, Ontario this year before she could bring the action into court, and the case has therefore been placed in the hands of the Trusts and Guarantee Company of Chatham, who have charge of the estate. Lewis & Richards of Chatham appear for the plaintiffs and Saunders, Torrance & Kingsmille of Toronto for the defendants.

Charles S. Butler, Southwold, brings action against the M. C. R., for $1,680 and costs, charging negligence when five valuable cattle of the plaintiff's were killed by two engines running light. Cameron & Grant appear for the plaintiff, and Saunders, Torrance & Kingsmill of Toronto for the defendants.

The other actions include an action by Orpha N. Durkee, St. Thomas, against Daniel C. Walker for $1,063.83 and costs of action, alleged to be due on an account for lodging and clothing purchased for Charlotte D. Walker, deceased, a daughter-in-law of the plaintiff. Cameron & Grant for plaintiffs and McCrimmon & McCrimmon for defendants.

The action was adjourned from the spring assizes after having been before the courts on several occasions.

The Charles D. Robbins Company of Chicago bring action against the St. Thomas Packing Company for damages sustained by the loss of 101,255 pounds of dressed cisco es which it is alleged were destroyed by faulty storage. This action was transferred from London to St. Thomas court. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, of London, appear for the plaintiffs, and C. St. Clair Leitch of this city for the defendants.

the most interesting civil case on the large docket entered for the assizes to

Daniel McIntyre, executor of the estate of the late Dugald F. McIntyre of Southwold, brings action against Nancy McCormick, a sister of the deceased, for an account of all dealings between the deceased and herself, and also sums of money belonging to the deceased. Farley & Shaw of St. Thomas appear for the plaintiffs, and C. St. Clair Leitch for the defendant.

Christie A. Black, St. Thomas, John D. McLardy and A. W. McLardy of Yarmouth, and Wilson Blue of Vancouver, B. C., bring action against Jessie Flora McFarlane of Winnipeg, administratrix for the estate of the late John D. McFarlane, for $5,424.35 and interest. J. B. Davidson of this city appears for the plaintiffs, and Goodman & Galbraith of Toronto for the defendant.

STRATFORD CONTRACTOR DIES

STRATFORD, Dec. 13.—George F. Pounder, of the contracting firm of Pounder Bros., died very suddenly yesterday at Collingwood, where he was engaged on a contract. The immediate cause of death was a hemorrhage, following a sever attack of bronchial pneumonia. Word came Thursday that he was seriously ill, but death occurred before his relatives arrived.

He was 39 years of age, and was born in Logan, where he resided up to fifteen years ago, when he came to the city. For a number of years the firm has been erecting exchanges for the Bell Telephone Company.

His wife, one son, five brothers and two sisters survive.

A SLUGGISH LIVER CAUSED SEVERE HEADACHES

The duty of the liver is to prepare and secrete bile and serve as a filter to the blood, cleansing it of all impurities. Healthy bile in sufficient quantity is Nature's provision to secure regular action of the bowels, and when the liver is sluggish it is not working properly, and does not manufacture enough bile to thoroughly act on the bowels and carry off the waste products from the system, hence the bowels become clogged up, the bile gets into the blood, constipation sets in, followed by sick and bilious headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, heartburn, water brash, bad taste in the mouth in the morning, jaundice, floating specks before the eyes, etc.

Miss Dian Clark, Myer's Cave, Ont., writes: "I take pleasure in writing you concerning the good I have received by using Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills for a sluggish liver. When my liver got bad I would have severe headaches, but I got better after I had used a couple of vials of your pills."

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills gently unlock the secretion, clear away all waste and effete matter by acting directly on the liver, and make the bile pass through the bowels, instead of allowing it to get into the blood.

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c a vial at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont.

HIGHWAY DELEGATES TO GO TO TORONTO SOON

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 13.—The deputation appointed a week ago at the meeting of the board of trade will visit Toronto early in the coming week to meet Premier Hearst and Hon. F. G. Macdiarmid regarding the proposed southern route for the provincial highway. The local delegates were appointed to go at a moment's notice, and following the visit some of the delegates yesterday, it was decided to arrange for a day during the coming week.

The mayor, Solicitor Doherty, George Geddes and others who were in Toronto yesterday with the London delegates, report that everything looks favorable for the road passing through St. Thomas. Solicitor Doherty states that in a discussion with Sir Adam Beck the latter admitted to the premier that he did not know where the southern route went. The proposal now being urged by the local representatives is to have a double route, and the decision reached at the meeting held in the office of R. M. Anderson the other night is the one by which the delegates intend to stand.

RAIN PREVENTED LIBERAL FEST; WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY

Ladies' and Men's Night Will Be Staged.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 13.—The bad weather which struck this district yesterday and which was followed by heavy rains, necessitated the cancellation of the meeting of the local Liberal Club, which had been arranged for tonight. Several members arrived at the club rooms early in the expectation of a monster gathering, but owing to conditions several of the speakers were unable to reach the city. It was decided, therefore, to postpone the meeting until Tuesday evening next. This is the regular meeting night of the Ladies' Club, but with their consent it was decided to make a joint gathering of both the ladies' and the men's clubs.

S. S. McDermid of Southwold and ex-Sergt. Thompson, formerly of the 91st, will be the principal speakers. Mr. Thompson was prominent in the last election and during the campaign, owing to the fact that he supported the Liberal cause he was taken to task by a member of the G. W. V. A. He afterwards resigned his membership of that association. Mr. Thompson is a brother of ex-Ald. L. G. Thompson, is probably one of the most enthusiastic Liberals in this district, and is an excellent speaker. His address promises to be interesting. The meeting on Tuesday next will be an open one, and a large crowd is expected.

ANNUAL BAZAAR IS PROVING A SUCCESS

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 13.—The annual bazaar held in the Holy Angel's Church is as usual meeting with great success, large crowds attending each day and during the evening. The various booths in charge of the following ladies are doing a very thriving business: Misses Mae Maxwell, Madaline Maxwell, Marie Swift, Mae Black, Mary Lodato, Mae Cunningham, Kate Clowry, Louise Arlein, Nell Ryan, Nell Fitzpatrick, Stella Moore, Mae Corbett, Ella Lowry, Annie, Handley, McVey, Teresa Salter, Marie Savage, Marie McNabb, Lena Hebert and Mary Mahoney, Mesdames B. McAteer, John King, Charles Corbett, W. Meehan, Oliver, E. J. Butler, J. E. Bridgeman, J. Butler, C. Smith, T. Leakey, Jack Smith, Naedor, Joseph Coffey, Henderson and J. McManus.

MILITARY NOTES

Church parades for Sunday, December 15, 1918, will be as follows, say camp orders:

Protestant Church Parades—Carling Heights, 9:45 a.m.; Queen's Park, 9 a.m.

Roman Catholic Parades—Carling Heights (St. Michael's Church), 10 a.m.; Queen's Park (St. Mary's Church), 8:45 a.m.

RECRUITS WANTED BADLY.

Volunteers for the Canadian Expeditionary Force to Siberia are badly needed, according to Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, A. A. G. of this military district. Men are wanted for all branches of the service.

NINETY FROM GUELPH.

Ninety men from the Guelph Military Hospital arrived in London this afternoon. They proceeded to Carlings Heights, where they will go into hospital.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

A general information bureau for returned soldiers has been opened at the armories, under the supervision of Major F. J. Stanbury, who went overseas with the 91st Battalion. Any and all questions will be cheerfully answered by the major and his staff. The phone number is 6650.

M. C. R. EMPLOYEE DEAD.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 13.—A sad death occurred today at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George White, ninth concession