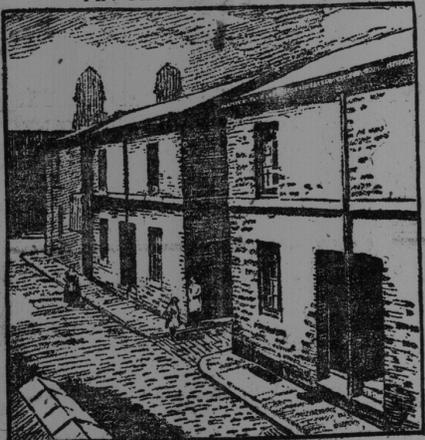


AN HISTORIC COTTAGE



Lloyd George's birthplace in Manchester, England, No. 5 New York Place (the middle building in the picture). It was recently sold by auction and a movement is on foot to have it preserved as a national memorial of the premier, who fought the Great War to a victorious conclusion.

HELIGOLAND

What Will the Peace Conference do With This German Stronghold?

(By La Marquise De Fontenay.) Among the many difficult questions which will engage the attention of the peace conference at Versailles will be the disposal of Heligoland. The German, realizing that neither England nor France will ever consent to their retaining possession thereof, have already started an insidious campaign through a number of different channels with a view to its being restored to Denmark, to whom it belonged prior to its seizure by Great Britain in 1807, and its assignment to that power by the Congress of Vienna in 1814. The Germans point out that in olden times it was a fief of the Sovereign Dukes of Schleswig and Holstein, and that when these were brought to the throne of Denmark it passed into the ownership of that kingdom.

If they are anxious for its return to the Danish crown it is because they believe that either through political intrigue or through armed force they may eventually recover control of the island if it belongs to a small and weak country like Denmark, and it would be far more difficult to recover possession thereof, and it would constitute a strong menace to their overseas trade, commanding as it does the entrance to the ports of Hamburg and of Bremen, as well as the mouths of the rivers Elbe and Weser, and the western entrance to the Kiel canal.

Might Destroy Island. It is unlikely that either Great Britain or France will consent to the German-engineered disposition of Heligoland, the extraordinary value which Heligoland has been to Germany in the past war in serving as a base for raiding expeditions on the British and French coasts, as well as for German aviators and for submarine warfare. It is Heligoland, moreover, that prevented the Entente blockade of the German coast from ever attaining its full efficiency, and it is no exaggeration to assert that had it not been for Heligoland the war would have been ended victoriously for the Entente long ere this.

Ex-Emperor William realized all this when on a memorable occasion he remarked that Heligoland was the truncheon that held together the entire German Empire.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS BAXTER—On December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. John O. Baxter, 60 High Street—a daughter. FITZ—On December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pitt, 223 Watson street, West St. John, a son. TAYLOR—To Mr. and Mrs. Alton D. Taylor, 809 George street, Fredericton, N. B., on December 2—a daughter.

DEATHS BUTLER—On December 5, 1918, at Fairville, Michael Collins, infant son of Frederick and Maude Butler, aged two years and six months. FOUNTAINE—At Lowell, Mass., on Nov. 29, after a short illness, Rose, wife of G. M. Fountaine and daughter of John and Margaret Dawson, of this city, leaving her husband, parents, four sisters and two brothers to mourn. Funeral Friday morning at 8.45 from her parents' residence, 155 Acadia street to St. Peter's church for requiem high mass. Friends invited. HOWES—At Sussex, on Dec. 5, 1918, Alice, daughter of Sarah and Joseph, nee sister and four brothers to mourn. MORRIS—At the General Public Hospital on the 4th inst. of Mr. E. Hospital on the 7th inst. at 8.45 o'clock, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for requiem mass.

LOCAL NEWS

A DISTINCTIVE GIFT. Most things can be anybody's Christmas gift—your portrait is distinctively yours. Let us have your sitting now to insure Xmas delivery. The Keith Studio, corner Charlotte and King streets. 12-8

POTATO INQUIRY. The inquiry into the patriotic potato transactions of the late government was resumed this afternoon by the commissioner, J. A. McQueen, K. C., in the court house.

BOTH OVERSEAS MEN. Among those introduced to the Governor-General yesterday were Lieut. Col. Good and Major Barnes. His excellency expressed a desire to have a talk with the two and by arrangement they met him again before his departure from the city.

STEAMERS TIED UP. Nothing new developed today regarding the strike of the Coal Handlers and Timmers' Union and the men are still out, demanding seventy cents an hour. As a result of the strike a large ocean liner, Tydlus, is unable to proceed to sea despite the fact that she has her cargo on board. Other liners in all probability will be held up unless a settlement is reached and the men return to work.

P. H. HAMPTON. Many will learn with regret of the death of Paul H. Hampton, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hampton, Fairville Plateau, which occurred in the Montreal hospital on December 1, after a short illness of influenza. He was seventeen years old and was employed in Montreal with the C. P. R. Besides his parents he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Aubrey McCumber, Mrs. Joseph Brown and Miss Louise Hampton; three brothers, George, overseas, and Hunter and Percy at home.

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E. P. BRADT IS NEW SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE. Fredericton, Dec. 5.—E. P. Bradt, for some years representative with the Ontario agricultural department, has been appointed deputy minister of agriculture. He returned to Ontario last night. Mr. Bradt was born on a farm and took a course at the Ontario Agricultural College.

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Corset Specialty Shop Selling Stock Before Returning to Former Quarters

With their former premises nearing completion, the Corset Specialty Shop, now located in the Imperial Theatre lobby, find themselves with a small stock of blouses, corsets, hosiery, camisoles and brassieres on hand which, rather than move into their new store, they are disposing of at very deep price reductions. This affords an excellent opportunity to secure goods of worth at attractive prices, which will appeal to the Christmas shopper.

The Corset Specialty Shop have been temporarily located in the Imperial lobby since the fire of a few weeks ago, and expect to move back to their former store Monday or Tuesday of next week, hence the present little clearance sale.

SPECIAL CARE FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

C. P. R. Circular Asks Employees to Care Like Fathers for Those Who Have Fought for Them

The Canadian Pacific Railway officials are looking forward to a heavy movement of returned soldiers, women and children through this port during the winter-peak season, and are arranging their plans accordingly. In order to facilitate transportation and furnish accommodation for the anticipated heavy travel, every official and employee who will come in contact with the troops and passengers has been given a circular of instructions.

Christmas Prepare For

By Making Your Purchases on Friday and Saturday for Cash

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GOVERNMENT IS READY TO HELP

Builders Pleased With Its Attitude on the Housing Question—Prices and Wages Will Stay Up

(Toronto Star) Owing to the difficulty of obtaining loans the feeling of the men who attended the first conference of Canadian building industries in Ottawa, was that the government should provide the money if necessary, according to Fred Armstrong, general manager of the Home Hope Sanitary Manufacturing Co., who has just returned to the city. This is outside the housing problem proper. This opinion was not presented to the government as it was considered a financial matter for them to handle themselves.

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Present Aspects of Prohibition

(Christian Science Monitor) Fourteen states of the American Union, out of the thirty-six necessary, have already ratified the amendment to the federal constitution making the manufacture or sale of liquor within the boundaries of the republic illegal. More than enough of the state legislatures will assemble in January of the coming year to complete the ratification, if they shall decide so to do. It is, therefore, among the possibilities that before the spring is well advanced the amendment will have become a part of the organic law of the land. Not for one year after the last of the necessary three-fourths of the states shall have ratified the amendment, however, will prohibition of the liquor traffic go into effect.

CONDENSED NEWS

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