MRS. ASKEY GRANTED PENSION AFTER ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE

S. F. Glass, M.P., Managed To Secure It.

FIRST ATTEMPTS FAILED

And It Was Expected Case Would Be Taken Up In House.

Mrs. Benjamin Askey, 34 Josephine street, widow of Pte. Benjamin Askey, No. 823660, a former member of the 142nd Battalion, who was on August 20, 1918, refused a pension by the board of pension commissioners of Canada, has at last, through the untiring efforts of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, through S. F. Glass, M.P., been granted one, and will receive all back pension money from the date of her husband's death, which occurred at Victoria Hospital on December 22, 1917.

Mr. Glass has received the following letter which confirms this:

January 15, 1919.

S. F. Glass, M. P.,
London, Ont.
No. 823660.
Pte. Benjamin Askey,
142nd Bltn., C. E F.

Sir,—I have the honor, by direction, to refer to your letter of the 26th ult., relative to the claim for pension of the widow of the marginally noted, and to inform you that the commissioners have decided, owing to the report of Dr. W. J. Stevenson, of Nov. 30, 1918, to give Mrs. Askey the benefit of the doubt there might be, and award pension to her, with effect from December 22, 1917, together with an allowance for her child.

2. Proceedings authorizing this have now been signed and check adjusting the account to date will be forwarded in the course of a few days.

3. Trusting this will be satisfactory to you, I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

STANLEY B. CORRESTINE,
Secretary, Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada.

Mr. Glass' Protest.

Mr. Glass, in April, 1918, wrote to the board of pension commissioners on December 22, 1918, regarding the case, in part he wrote, "I am not satisfied with the deduction drawn by the pension board, and even were their deductions warranted (which I cannot accept), it is clearly the duty of the state to take care of this man's family. It is the duty of the pension board when a case such as this is placed before them, and they find the regulations not broad enough to cover it, to present the facts to council and have adequate amendment made, or at least change them so that the governor-in-council may take action.

"If the board is prepared to take the responsibility of ignoring the claims of such a case, and is not prepared to even suggest a remedy, then I say candidly I take exception to such a ruling and will be prepared to discuss the whole matter on the floor of the House when in session.

"Public opinion will never support such side-stepping of duty, and in my opinion, parliament, when it has the opportunity of expressing itself, will roundly condemn the rulings that have been given. I have the complete file of the correspondence and statements of the doctors and clippings of the condemnation by the press, and it does not reflect credit to the Government, the army or the board of pension commissioners."

Everything Refused.

Pte. Askey enlisted with the 142nd Battalion at the time of its organization, being passed as an A-2 man. At Camp Borden he became sick and was sent to Toronto, where he underwent an operation. He left for England with his unit, but there a rupture developed. After being in hospital in England for some months he was sent home, and was in the Central Military Convalescent Hospital. On being discharged, he said that he wished to see a civilian doctor as he did not think he was fit to be discharged. However, he went to work to support his family and as a result died.

Mrs. Askey endeavored to secure a pension through the G. W. V. A., but the board of pensions refused it. As a result the city, which at that time had insured every soldier, also refused to pay her any money. She was forced to go to work to support her little 8-year-old son and her 76-year-old widowed mother. Ill health caused her to quit work.

The pension board refused the pension because, it said her husband's death was not due to his service in the army. Drs. W J. Stevenson and A. Thompson declared that Pte. Askey's death was due to strangulated hernia, which resulted from his experiences in the army. The Soldiers' Aid Commission took up her case and secured these statements from the physicians.

Has To Pay Fine in Spite of the Good Class of Customer

Hanson Graves Handled Some Butter Which Was Under Weight.

Despite the fact that he sells butter to the very "best" families in London, Hanson Graves, farmer, was fined $5 in police court today for selling underweight prints on January 11.

When asked what he had to say in explanation, after pleading guilty, Mr. Graves said: "I sell butter to the best families in London. I sell to Judge Macbeth, one of the finest men that ever drew breath."

"I venture to say that it wasn't under-weight," cut in Magistrate Marshall Graydon, who was back on the bench again after a two-weeks' absence from the flu.

This didn't fizz on Mr. Graves, who went on to tell how he had supplied the late Sir George Gibbons, and even now was supplying his son George. J. M. McEvoy, who found out at this juncture that he was supposed to be defending Graves, advised his client to let him do the talking. However, as Graves had pleaded guilty, he was fined the "V." He declared that he didn't know the weight of the solidified cream. He had bought it from a country storekeeper, who in turn had purchased it from a farmer.

THAT LIVER IS NO GOOD

that is so lazy it lets the skin do part of its work. The skin turns yellow doing it. Such a liver upsets the whole system. Take Hood's Pills; they put the liver to work; best for biliousness, yellowness, constipation. Do not irritate nor gripe. Price 25c. of druggists or C. I. Hood Company, Lowell, Mass.

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GREATER PLAGUE THAN "FLU" AND ATTEMPT TO CUT CANADA FROM MOTHERLAND PROPHESIED

Rev. Lady Jean Hooper Gives Out Her Predictions for 1919—Birds From Hunland Are To Bring Seeds Which Produce Fevers and Other Diseases — War Will Not Be Cleaned Up Till 1922.

Rev. Lady Jean Hooper, pastor of the Church of Psychic Religious Research, as is her custom, has given out her prophecies for 1919. Attention is called to the fact by several who attended the meeting at which her predictions were given out for the year 1918 that a number of these came true.

In her predictions for 1919 the seeress warns concerning the coming of an even greater plague than influenza which first visited Canada in epidemic form in the past year in October. She prophesies danger of fires in business houses and public buildings. There will be a determined effort on the part of enemies to destroy valuable records and government treaties, consequently such papers must be placed in buildings that cannot be destroyed.

Water is to be a great force in disaster this year on the earth. There will be much travel by airships, not only for carrying mail, but passengers as well.

No Graft In Food.

While she does not see famine or distress to any extent for the lack of food, she advises placing on governing seats men who will see there is no graft in the accumulation of food stuffs.

She warns of grave meance from poisoning. She advises agricultural departments of the great world to watch carefully all seed planted and all grass seed sown in the fields for fodder. The prophecy in regard to this is as follows:

"There will be sent birds into our world from the German country which which will spread the Hun frightfulness in typhus, fevers and other sickness by dropping seeds upon the earth, and thus, after the harvest has been gathered, there will be an accumulation of sorrow. She warns of menace of poisoning in imported fruits inoculated at the roots with poison.

Crush Bolsheviks.

A big menace of the year in the United States and Canada will be the propaganda of the Germans under another name Bolsheviki. This must be crushed, she declares.

Between February and May, she states, there will be an attempt in the United States to uprise against the great Canadian government. Between that and August and September, to make the Canadian Government draw away from the motherland. The war, she goes on to say, won't be ended till 1922, though readjustment is beginning.

Teach English Language.

"There will also be an uprising of the Catholics and Protestants," she says, "and you must enforce upon the government that they do not allow anything but the English language to be taught or spoken in the schools, both here and in Germany, both here and in America, both here and in France, they must be taught the Saxon language." They can use their own language in their own houses if they so desire, but nothing but the English language should be taught in the schools. This is the only salvation of the Allies."

Concerning that "greater plague," which Lady Jane perceives is coming, she states that it is all-important to keep the body and its channels clean. The new plague is coming with boils, weakness, black spots in the throat, back and spine, and, "O children of the earth," says the prophetess, "you must see that the channels of your body are kept perfectly clean, and live in the air and sunshine both day and night."

One prediction is to the effect that there is going to be a great upheaval of the Orthodox Church this year.

Do Sales Appeal? Watch the Crowd Along the Street

Sales, mid-winter sales, victory sales, January clearance sales* Did anybody here say "sales?"

Somebody DID remark the other day that the term "bargains" appearing in advertising no longer conveyed any meaning, practically didn't make any appeal. Farther, said the unenlightened person, "sales" didn't attract people.

The unenlightened person requires only to walk down a main street of London, gay with sale signs, which make the store fronts look more or less like frivolous theatres, to find out whether people are interested in sales any more. What are these crowds appearing on the streets? Folks out for an airing these delightful winter days that lightly turn thoughts to spring raiment? These hosts and multitudes of women (no age limit) have hied them forth to the winter sales, alluringly described in the press advertisements, loudly announced by store signs and posters. Watch them hasten through the doorways. Follow them inside. Behold them swoop down upon the garments, furniture, etc., which their souls desire. See them sweep off their finds in triumph, crowing over their bargains.

Then never again would an uninitiated male person pass as sage judgment the opinion that sales no longer appeal.

AMITY BIBLE CLASS ENTERTAINS SOLDIERS AT BANQUET IN CHURCH

Convalescents Had Good Time, With Lots To Eat.

About one hundred returned and convalescent soldiers were entertained by the Amity Bible Class of the First Methodist Church on Thursday evening. A full course meal, including ice cream, was served to the soldiers, and an excellent musical program was given by the class.

A few weeks ago, this same class gave a banquet to returned soldiers, and shortly afterwards received a deluge of letters of appreciation, so it decided to give another. The funds to do this were provided by the making of quilts by the girls of the class.

The men were given a thoroughly enjoyable time, and made right at home, even smoking being permitted. E. W. Gairns is the teacher of this Bible Class.

SCHOOLS RECEIVE MANY BOOKS FROM LIBRARY

System of Circulating Has Doubled Call For Literature.

Figures for the year which have just been compiled at the public library show that during 1918 there were 22,000 volumes of supplementary reading loaned to the various schools of the city. This is an increase of 50 per cent over the figure of 1917.

Under an arrangement with the board of education, this work is handled entirely by the public library, the books being sent out in lots of 40 and 50 to the various grades and returned to the library when the children have read them. In this way the children, during the public school course, get some acquaintance with literature apart from their regular school work.

A large number of the books contained in the supplementary lists now can be found in the East End branch of the public library, and it is the intention of Librarian Fred Landon to place many of them in the new south branch for the convenience of students.

LARGE AUDIENCE AT MUSIC CLUB RECITAL

Interesting and Varied Program Given at Weekly Meeting.

The fortnightly recital of the Woman's Music Club, held Thursday evening, as usual attracted a large audience. On this occasion, the pleasing program was arranged by Mrs. W. G. R. Bartram and Mrs. Line, who secured, as a special treat, Bandsman Sidney Johns, tenor, who contributed a group of numbers; Miss Nettie Jones, mezzo-soprano, who has a voice of much promise, sang for the first time at the club, her offerings including an old English song, "So Sweete is Shee," and "The Wind That Shakes the Valley" (Herbert Browning).

Both the interpretive ability and rich, full mezzo-contralto voice of Mrs. Cummings were revealed to advantage in three numbers, "In Haven," "The Blackbird's Song" (Cyril Scott) and "Mon Coeur s'ouvre a ta voix" (Saint Saens).

Miss Lenore Coughlin, pianist, played with brilliancy and style, "Fantasie Impromptu," Op. 66 (Chopin), Victor Herbert's "Punchinello," and a contrasting final number, "Serenade" (Jensen). Another pianist who made a most favorable impression was Miss Ilene McDougall, contributing "Sous Bois" (Victor Straub) and "Melodie Italienne" (Moszkowski).

Miss Geraldine Regan's violin group added interesting variety. She played a couple of Elgar numbers, "Chanson de Nuit" and "Chanson de Matin."

Announcement was made of the presentation by the Woman's Music Club, on the evening of Jan. 28, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, of Sarto, the celebrated baritone, late of the Metropolitan Opera. Club members will be admitted on their membership tickets.

Quinine That Does Not Affect Head.

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on the box. 30c. y

WESTMINSTER GIRL SHOT THROUGH FACE IN CHICAGO STREET

Believed To Have Been Mistaken For Another.

Although it is said that she will not be fully recovered for several months, Miss Nettie Beattie, daughter of W. H. Beattie, lot 19, concession 19, Westminster Township, is slowly recovering from a wound in the head which was the result of an attempt made on her life by an unknown man on a Chicago street on the night of December 13, 1918.

Miss Beattie, who had gone to Chicago to train as a nurse, but who had later taken a position in the Thomas Hardware Company's office, was going from work to her boardinghouse with a girl who was an employee of the same firm.

She heard someone approaching swiftly and stealthily behind her. She turned around only to find her assailant facing her with a revolver which was levelled at her. Both she and her girl friend screamed and ran. The man followed, and overtaking Miss Beattie, placed the revolver close to the side of her face and fired.

Her left cheek was penetrated by the bullet, which also went through her right cheek. As a result of the screams of the girls and the report of the shot a policeman and several other men were soon on the scene, and seeing the condition of Miss Beattie, who was surrounded by a pool of blood, called an ambulance and sent her to the hospital.

It was 5:30 o'clock when the attack occurred. The electric lights were lit, but there was a heavy mist.

While there, a woman came to see her, who told her that she knew the man who fired the shots, and that she used to often be in his company. She had, she said, left him, and for that reason he had promised to "get" her. She thought that the man mistook Miss Beattie for her, and that he had attempted to kill her. When he was first seen by the girls he had said:

"I've got you. You'll never pull anything more on me."

The woman was afraid to divulge the name of the man. Although the Chicago police have a good description of him and have been tireless in their search, the criminal has not yet been apprehended.

MEDICINE AND DUTY

OUR GALLANT BOYS who have been in the army know the meaning of the two mystic initials, M. & D. They have gone on sick parade to the Medical Officer: he examines them, and if they are able to "carry on" he gives the Medicine and Duty. It is the same way with HACKING'S HEART AND NERVE REMEDY. If you have **Heart Palpitation**, if your **Nerve Force** is all spent, if you feel **Weak, Listless,** and have lost your old-time strength and interest in life, you don't have to lay off work to cure yourself, just start a six-bottle treatment of this Remedy and carry on. Heart will become regular. Nerves will quiet down, and your troubles will disappear, one by one, as if by magic. It's worth a trial. Price 50c or six for $2.50. Sold by all dealers or by mail. C. B. Hacking, Phm.B., Listowel. 95n

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JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Clearance of Dresses That Will Interest All Women

Especially the woman who wants to replenish her wardrobe for the rest of the winter and the early spring season. Forty dresses in this group, including serge, jersey, taffeta and satin, in modes which represent everything new and good for the present season. The materials are in great variety and the colorings are simply beautiful. An inspection early Saturday morning will reveal just the dress you have wished for at a reduction of from one-third to about a half. Here briefly listed are:

Wool Jersey Dresses in taupe, navy, sand and grey, sizes 14 and 16 years and 38, 40 and 42 bust, just one or two in each size, at from one-third to one-half off. Sale prices.....$25.00 and $27.50

Serge Dresses in sand, navy and black, sizes 18 and 20 years, also 36, 38, 40 and 42 bust, at one-third to about one-half off. Prices .....$12.50, $22.00 and $25.00

Satin and Taffeta Dresses, in colors of black, navy, burgundy, brown and grey, broken lines and sizes 16 and 18 years and 36, 38 and 40 bust, about one-third off this group. Sale prices .....$16.50, $18.50, $18.95 and $25.00

What Does This Clearance of Coats Mean To You? Every Winter Coat, Women's and Children's, One-Third or One-Quarter Off

Whether or not your immediate needs suggest the purchase of a superior quality coat, foresight and economy urge upon all women the necessity of investigating this clearance sale. An early visit to our coat section is advised, as the assortments will be quickly depleted at these special low prices. You'll find your color in burgundy, taupe, green, brown, navy or black.

Plush Coats. Sale prices ..... $29.00, $35.00 and $69.00
Matalamb Coats. Sale prices ..... $16.50, $19.50, $29.00 and $39.00
Fur-Collar Coats. Sale prices ..... $35.00, $39.00, $49.00 and $79.00
Whitney, Polo and Frieze Cloth Coats. Sale prices ..... $18.95, $23.50, $25.00 and $35.00
Children's Coats. Sale prices ..... $7.50, $7.95, $8.95 and $10.95

AT SOAP COUNTER.
Special Saturday only,
GENUINE CREST BRAND CASTILE SOAP,
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One only Hudson Seal Coat, sable collar and cuffs, size 40. Price $243.75
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One only Hudson Seal Coat, cape collar, side pockets, size 42. Price $206.25

NAPHTHA SOAP SALE SATURDAY.
Proctor-Gambles P. and G. White Naphtha Laundry Soap. Special....5 for 39c
H-O Ammonia Powder. Special for Saturday.....3 for 25c

SELF - WRINGING MOPS.
7 dozen only Self-Wringing Mops. Special 50c
Wall Mops or Dusters ..$1.25 and $1.50
Basement.

Boudoir Caps, One-Third Off

Dainty Allover Lace Caps with georgette or silk crown, also a few crossbar dimity, with frill edged with lace, and ribbon trimmed. Special....34c each
Fine Allover Lace Cap with lace frill and colored georgette crown, daintily trimmed with ribbon. Special ..... 50c each
Dust Caps of colored muslin (fancy), with white frill. Special.....25c each

Bow Ties, Half-Price

Dainty Bow Ties in silk crepe, velvet, etc., in sky, tan, pink, navy, black or black and white. Special ..... 12½c each
Fine Woven Silk Ties in navy, Copenhagen, heliotrope, black or fawn. Special ..... 19c each

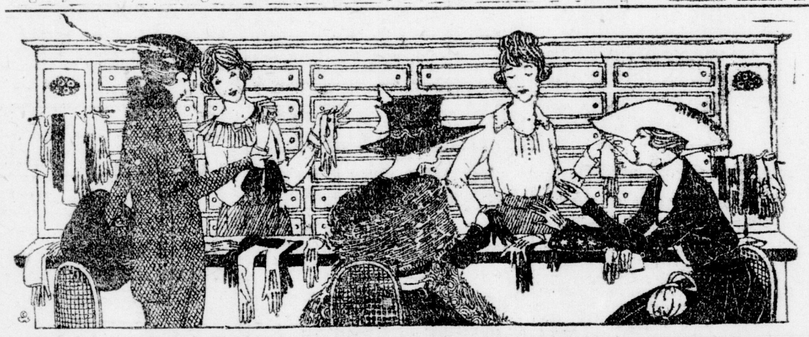
Neckwear, One-Third Off

Georgette, Wash Satin and Organdy Collars and Collar and Cuff Sets, very slightly soiled; clearing out of odd lines. Special from ....34c to $2.00 each

Stocktaking Clearing of French Ivory, 1-3 Off

Clearing of odd lines in Hairbrushes, Long and Ring Handled Mirrors, Military Brushes, Trays, Soap Boxes, etc. Some are very slightly imperfect.

11 only Mirrors from, each .....$2.00, $2.14, $2.50, $3.34, $3.67 and $4.00
18 only Hairbrushes at, each ..... $1.00, $1.67, $1.87 and $2.00
3 pairs only Military Brushes at, per pair ..... $3.34, $4.00 and $4.34
1 only Clock at $2.00
4 only Powder Boxes at, each.....34c and 66c
13 only Soap Boxes at, each..... 16c to 44c
1 Tray at $1.67
12 only Trays at ..... 26c each
6 only Buffers at, each ..... 24c, 30c and 50c
Manicure Pieces, Buttonhooks, Cuticle Knives and Tweezers, each 17c and 23c
1 only Ivory Shaving Set. Special..... $5.77

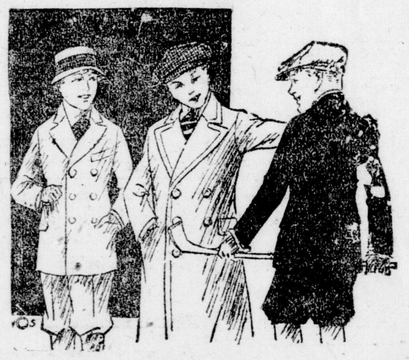


Stocktaking Clearance of Gloves Saturday

Broken lines in Kid and Cape, and a few pairs of Chamois Gloves to be cleared out at about half price Saturday morning. These are mostly in the smaller sizes, but there are a few pairs size 6½, 6¾ and 7 amongst them.

Black, White and Tan Kid Gloves, also White and Natural Chamois .....59c pair
Washable Cape, Black Suede, Chamois, Black or White Kid ..... 98c pair
Also a few pairs of Long Black Suede or Kid Gloves, in sizes 5½ and 5¾. For .....98c pair

Stocktaking Sales in Men's Section Saturday



Boys' Suits and Overcoats $9.95

A splendid opportunity on Saturday to fit out the boys with a suit or overcoat. Extra values in these lines previous to stocktaking.

BOYS' SUITS, about 30 in the lot, for a clearance on Saturday, tweeds and worsteds, in grey and brown shades, the very newest styles, double and single breasted, slash and patch pockets, belt and buckle, odd lines, in sizes 7 to 14 years. Clearing price $9.95

BOYS' OVERCOATS, in all-wool tweeds, in shades of grey and brown, made up with the convertible collar, with or without belt, also a few Trench Coats. These are exceptional value, about 25 coats in the lot, for boys 10 to 15 years. Price $9.95

MEN'S OVERCOATS, $21.75

A fine range of Extra Good Quality Overcoats for men at a very special price Saturday. They include tweeds and meltons, in the best styles and shades, all perfectly tailored and lined. The tweeds are all wool in medium and dark shades of grey and brown, overchecks and mixed patterns, ulster style. The meltons are three-quarter length, with velvet collar, medium and dark grey. All grouped at one price Saturday. The sizes range from 35 to 46. We invite inspection of these coats. Price $21.75

HEAVY WOOL SOCKS, 43c PAIR

Saturday we make a clearing of Men's Heavy Wool Socks, in light, medium and dark grey shades, socks that will wear and be warm and comfortable. They are worth more, but previous to taking stock all these odd lines must be cleared, standard sizes. Saturday price ..... 43c pair

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